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Noble Record

Few men have ever made a greater record in so short a time as has Frank P. Graham during his few months in the United States Senate. But, instead of giving him deserved credit for a noble and able record, the opposition would resort to smearing, falsehoods, warped truth and cheap politics in an effort to defeat him and to tighten their hold on the throats of the common masses.

Drew Pearson, the Washington columnist who has fought for good government and associated himself with the cause of the common people of this country, had the following to say about Frank Graham a few weeks ago:

A modest little man who looks like a small-town hardware merchant has completely won the heart of a cynical Capitol Hill in less than a year.

He is Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, now Senator from that state. Graham is as friendly and disarming as a puppy, has a lively twinkle in his dark eyes, and has sparse gray hair that looks as though he'd just come in from a windstorm.

When Dr. Graham was appointed to the Senate last March, John Bricker, right-wing Republican raised the clamor that the newcomer was a "radical."

Senator Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, a conscientious conservative, asked his GOP colleague, Wayne Morse, "What kind of a fellow is Graham? You served with him on the War Labor Board."

To the deeply religious Donnell, Sen. Morse replied, "Forrest, I have often said you were the most Christian man I know. Frank Graham is the most Christlike man I know."

Months later, Donnell remarked to Morse: "Remember what you said about Frank Graham being the most Christlike man you know? Well I share your opinion."

Whenever Sen. Graham rises from a Senate desk that almost swallows him—he is the shortest man on the floor—Senators come back from the cloakrooms to listen. This is a tribute few men in Senate history have won. Frank Graham is not an orator, in the manner of dramatic Arthur Vandenberg. He speaks in a soft drawl, but he is able to put in simple words the great problems of the day, and point the way clearly to their answers.

After his Senate speech on the Atlantic Pact, Republican Sen. Charles Tobey, himself a vivid phrase-maker, remarked in awe: "Frank Graham's speech was the greatest I have ever heard in the Senate. The Senator has given us a pattern, not for my party, or his party, but a pattern for America. I commend his state for having given him to us as a Senator."

After another Graham talk, Senator Vandenberg said thoughtfully, "I was profoundly impressed by his grasp of the subject."

Despite the praise showered on him, Frank Graham is still a modest, unassuming man with a great affection for people. He will spot a friend, a Senator, an elevator boy working his way through college, or a reporter, and trot up to him. "Hey, there," he will say, "got something to talk to you about."

Sen. Graham is one of the most conscientious men in Washington, and a story is told of how President Roosevelt exploited this. Dr. Graham's university trustees had asked him to resign from the War Labor Board and give all his time to the university. Graham stayed up all night writing and rewriting his letter of resignation to the President.

When he arrived at the White House, Mr. Roosevelt, who had been tipped off, got in the first word. He said, "Frank, what would you think of a man who deserts his nation in time of war? I have a businessman here who wants to resign from the War Production Board and go back to his company."

Later, when Dr. Graham returned to his hotel, a friend asked, "Well, did you resign?" Meekly, Graham drew from his pocket the rumbled but still unopened letter of resignation.

No Socialized Medicine Advocates In Greenville

After reading an editorial in a Greenville, South Carolina, paper, one is almost dead certain there are no socialized medicine advocates in that town. Why? Well, the following editorial, written as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Fletcher Jordan, tells why:

He Went About Doing Good

Thoughts that lie too deep for tears are in the minds of Greenville friends this afternoon as they prepare to cradle into the earth of his beloved city all that is mortal of Dr. Fletcher Jordan.

They are humble in the contemplation of his years of devotion to others and of the unselfish way in which, seeking to preserve the health and lives of his people, he had laid down his own.

Few persons at any time anywhere have been as beloved of so many men and women and children as he, an affection that was mutual. The great outpouring of gratitude that attended the patients' party in his honor four years ago betokened it.

In every respect he measured up to the finest traditions of that blessed American institution, the family doctor. More than 3,500 babies were delivered by him, and around the clock literally he ministered to the sick. Each received the best that was in him. Was the patient too poor to pay? No matter; Dr. Jordan never asked. Was the hour 4 o'clock of a bitter wintry morning when the doctor himself was ill from the fatigue of a 20-hour grind? It made no difference; if the patient really needed him, he would come—and quickly.

It was his life, his love, his own individual interpretation from his strong mind and his deeply spiritual nature of what constituted his duty to mankind. And in his view it was simple: there was work to be done; he felt fortunate that some of it fell to his lot.

Through it all he was gentle and kind and patient, rarely hurried, always eager for a cheerful word with his cherished family and friends. He never lost a priceless sense of humor. He had lived three score years and ten, all too short for a life of such usefulness, but always young was the age of his heart.

In beautiful Christ Church cemetery as the shadows lengthen this afternoon Greenville says goodbye to a good man and a good friend—a fortunate Greenville whose generations to come will be the better because Fletcher Jordan passed this way.

Current Day Holds Advantage

Every now and then, if not more frequently, a disgruntled Republican or some antagonistic reactionary reminds us that today's dollar isn't worth but about half as much as the dollar was worth back yonder. They point out that taxes are mighty high.

It is well remembered that back yonder a dollar was three times as hard to run down as it is now, that it was harder to pay \$1 in taxes than it is to pay \$5 now.

The old grumblers also forget that without cheap dollars now, the nation would be choked by depression's iron grip. They also forget that by taking out of circulation all the money released by this or that agency, depression would strike with pounding force almost overnight.

The old grumblers may claim they are patriotic and maintain they are shouting for the good of the country. There is good reason to believe they are shouting contemptible falsehoods, that they have some selfish motive down deep in their greedy hearts.

Socialism Vacuum

Addressing a meeting of Young Democrats in Greenville a few days ago, Vice President Alben Barkley reviewed briefly the history of the Democratic Party, declaring that it had served all the people well down through the years. He cited all the accomplishments, pointing out that the Rural Free Delivery mail service was inaugurated by the Democrats, and that some opposed it because they said it was socialistic.

Paying his respects to the opposition party, the Vice President quoted Teddy Roosevelt who said that if this country ever went socialistic, it would be because of the Republican Party.

Mr. Barkley, while pointing out that the national debt is large, did not see any great danger, because the income is above two billion dollars and the savings are in excess of one hundred billion. "Any nation that has an income like that and with that much in savings is not bankrupt," he declared.

He also said that big business ran to Washington urging action be taken to get it back on its feet, that as soon as big business recovered it would deny little business and the masses the same consideration.

Interesting Bits Of Things To Watch Business in U. S. For In the Future

The total count of America's motor vehicles has soared to 43,000,000. Before the war the number was only 30,000,000. More than 530,000 cars are owned by federal, state and local government agencies, not counting the military. Biggest owner among federal agencies is the Agriculture Department, with 20,280 vehicles. U. S. industry, surprisingly, is providing leading medical innovations with the answers to many disease problems. A survey shows that electronic and other instruments originally intended for measuring and controlling textiles, petroleum, and other industrial processes are now being used successfully in diagnosis and in finding advanced knowledge of heart, respiratory, cancer, and other diseases, and in measuring the efficacy of treatments of them. Much of the trend is due to the increased sensitivity of the new instruments.

The construction industry came through the winter with the "most spectacular" home building record in history, according to Ewan Clague, head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In both January and February 80,000 new dwellings were started. Last year's figure for each of these months was only 50,000. The housing shortage won't be over this year, though, says Clague. It will take more than a million homes a year "for several years" to do the job. Television production is climbing fast as more consumers everyday get bitten by the TV bug. February output topped January's peak by nearly 10 per cent. Phony product claims, bad food, and "cure-all" drugs that won't cure are keeping Food and Drug Administration sleuths hopping. In the fiscal year ended in June they cracked down on 1,972 illegal products and prosecuted 341 cases against 341 individuals or companies. Number of verdicts won: 341.

Installment buyers are helping to speed up auto sales. Time-buying has jumped over 20 per cent since last year. Used car prices, meanwhile, have stopped dropping. A spring buying spree has suddenly boomed sales, bounced prices 10 per cent above 1949 marks. Auto prices aren't the only ones climbing back up again: metals, gasoline, building materials, and several other lines have also reported price boosts. As might be expected, the recent record-cracking activity in home building is proving a boon to furniture, appliance, television and other household-supply dealers. It's also been a strong employment prop in these fields, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hushpuppies, now a favorite hot bread in North Carolina, are a development of a cornmeal cake fried in fish fat to be fed to hunting dogs when they howled. Hence the name.

Potato yields in 1949 were the second highest in history.

A pump-action grass-seed gun keeps you from "scattering your shot," insures uniform planting of that spring lawn. It also works with insecticide and fertilizer. . . . This summer's beach beauties may be wearing a new type of "glamour goggle": glare-adjustable sun glasses with a set of rotating Polaroid lenses. Just twist a tab to get any degree of brightness from dusk-like to high-noonish. . . . A newly marketed, quilted plastic apron is made in "carpenter style," with capacious pockets just below waist level. Adjustable shoulder straps make it fit any housewife, fat or thin.

Annual May Day Roundup Will Be Held On May 12

Martin County Negro 4-H clubs will hold their annual May roundup on Friday of this week in the Robersonville school.

Crowning of the queen and king for "Miss" and "Mr. Martin County 4-H Member" on the stoop of the main building will be followed by a parade with club members from each club escorting the king and queen. The Williams-ton Colored High School Band is expected to furnish the music. The parade will begin at one o'clock. Back at the school, the girls' dress revue and elimination in the boys' and girls' team demonstration will be had.

The home agent will accept votes until 11:00 a. m. Friday, May 12.

Stubborn

Teacher: Haven't you finished washing that black-board? You've been working on it for an hour.

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