

# Editorial and Opinion

## The First Hat In

Last week's announcement of his intention to seek reelection as Orange County's representative in the General Assembly placed John W. Umstead in the forefront of candidates in this Spring's primary. The statement itself, by its timing as well as content, was typical of the man, who by his vigorous activity in the interest of the people and the advancement of North Carolina, is usually in the forefront in any activities in which he takes part. It is doubtful if he will face any serious opposition.

In Mr. Umstead Orange County has had an able representative for five terms. And unlike our eccentric, albeit plain spoken governor, we don't necessarily feel that changes should be made just to let in a little fresh air. Orange County will profit by the incumbent's experience, energy and legislative seniority. His desire to return, unless challenged by more able and constructive opposition, should be gratified by general support throughout the county.

## A Course For Governors

Mr. John Umstead's candidacy brings to mind his faithful support of the Governor's program in the last Assembly and his labors since that time in behalf of the Scott program. The general wonder recently has been whether this same strong support will be continued in view of the Governor's uncalled for attack on the sincerity his brother, William B. Umstead, the distinguished former Senator.

The latter Mr. Umstead recently in announcing his decision not to seek the senatorial post now held by Senator Graham gave poor health and a recent operation as reasons for his decision. Although no remark from the Governor was needed, the man in the mansion, as though under some compulsion, came forth with another of those unnecessary, caustic and ill-advised statements which became his trademark during the early part of his tenure, to the effect that the term "poor health" had been over-worked in politics and Mr. Umstead's statement would have appeared more sincere if made at the time he left the hospital in December.

The best guess is that Orange's Umstead, knowing politics and the Governor, both for what they are, will ignore the deliberate insult and continue to follow the course he sees best, personalities notwithstanding. If he can muster the necessary influence to require a course in public relations for future governors, he will perform a distinct service.

## A State Problem

Orange County has been the subject of distasteful publicity during the past week in the publication of a series of articles on the State Penal System in the *Durham Morning Herald*. The subject was the solitary confinement cell at the Prison Camp located just outside of Hillsboro, described as the "most dispicable hole" in the State.

Of course, Orange County and its citizens are in no way responsible for the operation of this State institution within its bounds. The prison system reforms, if needed, are the responsibility of the whole citizenry of North Carolina, but thoughtless readers no doubt will unconsciously associate the condition and its location together, to our discredit.

If our penal system indeed needs overhauling, it should receive the attention of the next legislature and the time to begin making a decision on its needs is now.

Senator Frank P. Graham, whose permanent legal residence is Orange County, has won the enthusiastic praise of Drew Pearson, who rarely praises anybody. In a recent column the scourge of political Washington, wrote that Graham "has completely won the heart of cynical Capitol Hill in less than a year." He quotes the conservative senator Donnell of Missouri and the liberal Senator Morse of Oregon both as describing him as "the most Christlike man" they knew.

A man in the White House from Orange County wouldn't be a bad idea at all, would it?

Approximately 80 per cent of individuals in this country develop antibodies against one or more poliomyelitis viruses by the time they reach adolescence. Presence of such antibodies in the blood is thought to reflect past infections with the virus. It is believed that loss of antibodies approximates 3 per cent of the population per year. From these facts it can be calculated that for every single recognized case of the disease as many as 700 other individuals have been unknowingly infected with virus.

You can see how close polio comes to each of us. Your dimes and quarters and dollars in the little iron lungs in every store will bring big dividends in human suffering prevented, in Orange County and elsewhere.

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### PRESS COMMENT

## Charge To My Grandchild

(An editorial from the Forest City Courier).

The Federal Government ran over five and a half billion dollars in the red last year. It spent that much more than it took out of the pockets and pay envelopes of the American people. Some of these expenditures can justifiably be charged to future generations, because they will benefit from them. Much of the cost of government on the federal level was spent on the present generation, and we have no more moral right to postpone payment than we have to buy today's luncheon or purchase a suit of clothes for ourselves and ask the merchant to charge it to our grandchildren. That is what we are doing when we permit our representatives in Washington to spend money on projects that are politically expedient and popular without having the courage to levy the taxes necessary to meet the payments.

The individual's urge to buy some desired article or service is always tempered by his willingness to pay the price asked. If the desire is sufficiently strong and the need evident the individual will find some way to pay cash for what he wants. When desire is stronger than common sense he buys on the installment plan. When desire is mixed with irresponsibility the individual buys, enjoys the benefits, asks for long term credit, and then mortgages his home to pay the bill.

## A 7 1-2 Cent Coin

(An editorial from the Gates County Index).

The straw that broke the camel's back has fallen. Those folks who have been hoping for a return to the "good old days" particularly in an economic way may as well give up the ghost.

The foreclosure to such hopes came last week when Senator Downey of California introduced a bill in Congress providing for a 7 1-2 cent coin.

According to the news release the bill was introduced at the desire of "a number of business interests including some newspaper publishers in California and elsewhere" and because "some vending machine people were also interested."

Just what the interests of these groups are we are not told. Not that it makes much difference. To us the 7 1-2 cent coin portends the end of a return to the so-called "good old days."

If this bill passes, future generations will probably say: "What this country needs is a good 7 1-2 cent cigar! And think of the approaching days of the 7 1-2 cent bag of popcorn and the 7 1-2 cent bar of candy—not to speak of the 7 1-2 cent hot dog."

Just think, in addition to the atomic age, we can now anticipate the age of the 7 1-2 cent piece. Buddy, I need a cup of coffee. Can you spare 7 1-2 cents?

### WISE AND OTHERWISE

**Perplexing**  
Laws ban television sets in automobiles and yet we always put up with billboards that clamor for attention along the highways. —Christian Science Monitor.

**Oblong Steer**  
Science also has its constructive sides, as in livestock breeding, and in another five years we confidently predict the perfectly oblong prize steer. —Washington Evening Star.

**We Shouldn't**  
The fact is, we wouldn't like Tito very much, either, if it weren't for the fact that Stalin dislikes him. —Wichita Falls Times.

**Trying**  
You can't fool all of the people all the time, but somebody is trying it all the time. —Savannah Morning News.

## SCHENLEY RESERVE

The straight whiskies in this product are 5 years or more old. 35% straight whisky, 65% grain neutral spirits. 10% straight whisky 5 years old, 10% straight whisky 6 years old, 15% straight whisky 7 years old.

\$3.40 4-5 Qt.  
\$2.10 Pt.  
Schenley Distributors Inc., Louisville, Ky., Blended Whisky.



WATCH YOUR STEP!  
Courtesy Soil Conservation Service.

## New Hope

By ELIZABETH KIRKLAND

The Blackwood New Hope Home

Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, January 24, at 2 p.m. with Mrs. John Freeland. New officers will be in charge; president, Mrs. Clyde Hogan; vice-president, Miss Janie Blackwood; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Homer Tapp.

W. G. Strayhorn is taking treatment in Watts Hospital.

**Camp Meeting**  
Members of the committee on Evangelism in Orange Presbytery will meet at Camp New Hope Thursday, January 19.

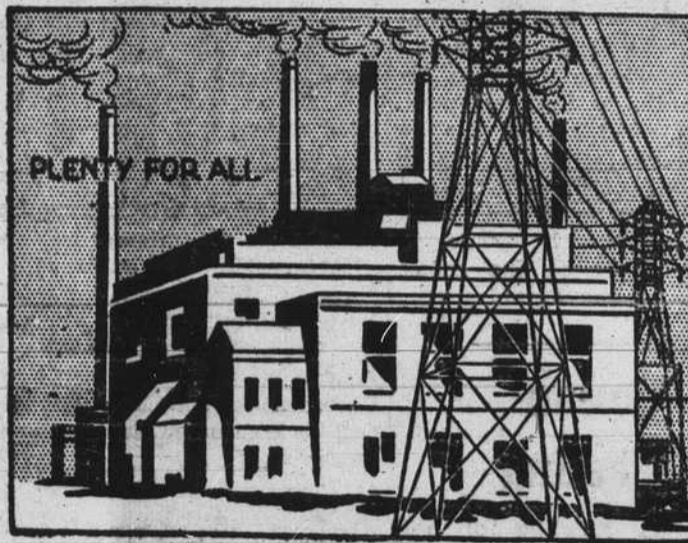
Mrs. Winder Bishop returned home Wednesday, January 11 from Watts Hospital where she had an operation.

The Viola Powell Circle met with Mrs. Thomas Powell in Dur-

ham Tuesday, January 3 at 7:30. Present were: Mrs. Kenneth Strayhorn, Mrs. John Ensign, Mrs. J. R. Pulley, Mrs. Herman Strayhorn, Mrs. Wallie Strayhorn, Mrs. Elmer Johnson and Mrs. O'Neil Sharpe.

The Nannie Kirkland Circle met with Mrs. Alexander Freeland Monday, January 9, at 2 p.m. Present were: Mrs. W. A. Craig, Mrs. Homer Tapp, Mrs. W. S. Nunn, Mrs. John Freeland, Mrs. Louis Freeland, Mrs. Henry Tapp, Mrs. Foster Tapp, Mrs. John Ensign, Mrs. John Kirkland, Elizabeth Kirkland, Margaret Tapp and one visitor, Mrs. Lloyd Overcash. Mrs. Alexander Freeland, chairman, presided and the Bible study was led by Mrs. John Ensign.

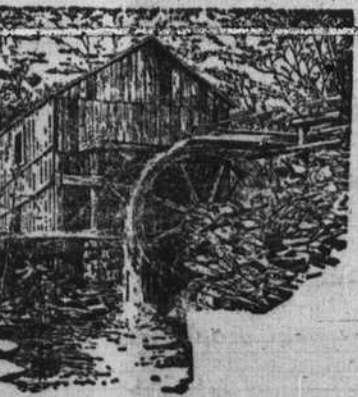
**Can They?**  
Czechoslovakia is preparing a war game for children to be staged near Prague. Are the grownups all in the mines, jails and slave-labor camps? Or can't they be trusted with firearms? —Now Orleans Times-Picayune.



## UP FROM THE OLD MILL STREAM



Most of the industry in our Piedmont Carolinas was "down by the Old Mill Stream" when this century began. The rains came, and sometimes the little riverside plant went out with the flood.



Then adventuresome engineers began to turn power-wasting falls and shoals into "electricity." They transmitted it to sites located a safe distance from the rivers. These sites rapidly grew into towns. Factory loss by flood ended.

Such river sites as could be reached and profitably developed were "used up." Too, it was found that in time of drought, streams proved inadequate to power needs in the awakened Piedmont.

By 1920, facilities for steam generation were begun and have continued steadily until today they provide most of the power delivered by the Duke System. One plant now under construction, the third in our present expansion program, will produce more than one-sixth as much power as was used last year in all the territory served by the Duke Power Company.

## DUKE POWER COMPANY

Serving the Piedmont Carolinas

# TAX LISTING

Make Your Return Early Before The Rush Starts

# NOW UNDERWAY

ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESS FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS OF ALAMANCE COUNTY WHO OWN OR HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION EITHER PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE, ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

## THE TAX LAW PROVIDES

Under Section 900 of the 1943 Machinery Act that "Every person owning property, real or personal, is required to list and shall make out, sign and deliver to the Assistant Supervisor, list taker or assessor, a statement verified by his oath, of all the real and personal property, and the value of all improvements on or changes in real property, since same was assessed at the last quadrennial assessment, which was in the possession or control of such person or persons on the first day of January either as owner or holder thereof or as parent, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, agent, factor or in any other capacity."

## POLL TAX

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to file a poll tax return in the county of their legal residence.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY Exemptions

All items of personal property in your possession must be listed for taxation whether paid for or not, or any goods on consignment. The \$300 exemption covers only certain items of personal property.

THE MINIMUM PENALTY AS SPECIFIED IN THE TAX LAW WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL ACCOUNTS LISTED AFTER JANUARY 31, 1950.

## Appointments Month of January 1950

The Tax List Takers for the various townships of Orange County will hold appointments as follows for the purpose of taking tax lists for the year 1950:

- CEDAR GROVE TOWNSHIP**—R. Cooper Compton, List Taker
  - At Carr—on the 11th and 28th days of January, 1950.
  - At Lynch's Store—on the 20th day of January, 1950.
  - At Harmony—on the 21st day of January, 1950.
  - At Chandler's Store—on the 25th day of January, 1950.
  - At Sam McDade's Store—on the 30th day of January, 1950.

- CHEEKS TOWNSHIP**—H. R. Heath, List Taker
  - At Forrest Store, Efland—on the 7th, 13th, 21st and 27th days of January, 1950.
  - At Pender's Store, Cheeks Crossing—on the 6th, 14th and 20th days of January, 1950.
  - At Town Hall, Mebane—on the 11th and 28th days of January, 1950.
  - At Graves Store—on the afternoon of the 25th of January, 1950.

- CHAPEL HILL TOWNSHIP**—L. R. Cheek, List Taker
  - At Town Hall, Chapel Hill—all the other week days of January, 1950.

- BINGHAM TOWNSHIP**—Jesse G. Lloyd, List Taker
  - At Louis Allen's Store—on the 19th day of January, 1950.
  - At Joe McCauley's Store—on the 24th day of January, 1950.

- HILLSBORO TOWNSHIP**—Carlton McKee, List Taker
  - At Betty Riley's Store—on the 13th and 27th days of January, 1950.
  - At Coleman-Laws Store—on the other week days of January, 1950.

- ENO TOWNSHIP**—Mrs. Marion R. Cates, List Taker
  - At Sparrow's Store—on the 19th day of January, 1950.
  - At St. Mary's—on the 25th day of January, 1950.
- LITTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP**—A. E. Wilson, List Taker
  - At Flint Hamlin's Store—on the 20th day of January, 1950.
  - At Bob Gate's Store—on the 24th day of January, 1950.
  - At Mincey's Store—on the 26th day of January, 1950.

It will be necessary for each person who owns a tract of land of three (3) acres or more to provide the list taker with Farm Census information. This is required by the State of North Carolina and your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.