

Editorial and Opinion

By Way of Recommendation

The Greensboro Daily News took a long look down Orange County way earlier this week, taking cognizance of a recent action of the Board of Commissioners as reported in this journal last week. It opined:

"As a simpler wayfaring North Carolinian, who more often negotiates the 12 miles between Chapel Hill and Durham to visit a seasoned friend than to become part and/or appurtenance of the football season, we desire to hail the action of the Orange County Board of Commissioners in refusing to intervene in connection with the routing of the proposed super-highway from Durham to Chapel Hill as not only seemly but tremendously encouraging to those who believe popular government is capable of developing a sense of proportion.

"It may be—although we doubt it—essential that there be a boulevard constructed to tie the Universities of North Carolina and Duke more tightly together. We speak of Duke and Carolina as the highway objective, because as things now stand there are at least three roads leading from Chapel Hill to Durham or vice versa which sideswipe liquor stores and there is hourly bus service for those who neither drink while they drive nor drive while they drink.

"What we are driving at is the simple ascription that with the current ingress and egress what it is a Chapel Hill-Durham boulevard is a matter for the State of North Carolina to undertake and Orange County to let alone.

"There must be somebody connected or conversant with the Orange Board of Commissioners who has something approaching horse-sense."

To which we say: there is, and at the same time are reminded that an election is coming up very shortly now. 'Nuff said.

Speed, The Killer

One of the sorriest symbols of our times is America's automobile accident record. North Carolina's record recently is even more alarming.

The summing up for 1949 has just reached us from one of the major insurance companies who each year publish an almanac of crash data. Of all the facts about auto accidents in their booklet, the most significant, it seems to us, is this:

More than 400,000 casualties in 1949 were the direct result of speeding. One out of every three Americans who lost their lives in last year's wrecks were killed because someone was driving too fast.

Speed has been causing a greater percentage of accidents year after year. In 1949, speed was a greater factor in traffic casualties than at any time in history.

Traffic laws and law enforcement are part of the answer. Engineering will help some. But with perfect roads and perfect police work, the man behind the wheel can still exceed the limit if he wants to or if he isn't thinking.

Keep this in mind when you drive. Stay within speed limits and you'll be doing your full part in a crusade to reduce automobile accidents by one third.

A Man Misrepresented

"Irresponsible and malicious misrepresentations concerning your record and views on government and business motivate me to enlist in the front lines with those determined to give such falsities the lie they so deserve." Thus was quoted H. L. Riddle, prominent Morganton banker, in a statement in behalf of the candidacy of Senator Frank Graham for reelection.

We give that quotation because of its unusual pertinence at this time. Very rarely has a man of such basic sincerity been misrepresented more than Dr. Frank in his long career. This has come about because of his passionate belief that only in a free education system, in a free society can man develop the initiative to invent, to develop new ideas and to progress. By espousing and upholding the cause of freedom of thought and action he has been identified as favoring ideas when his only connection therewith was upholding the right to express those ideas. Thus, for Dr. Graham an innocent contribution to some organization sending books to the heathen Japanese in pre-war days may now have become a very bad thing to have done. Such actions according to present-day detractors, make him a subversive.

Since we are vitally interested in his present endeavor, we hope he has refrained from contributing to the Red Cross this year as it could easily return to haunt him in his current campaign.

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PRESS COMMENT

HOW ABOUT IT, BILLY?

(Thompson Greenwood in the Forest City Courier)

FOR SALE . . . The rumor was around Raleigh last week that "The State", weekly Carl Goerch magazine on doings in North Carolina, is up for sale. Reports have it that Billie Carmichael, now acting president of the University of North Carolina, may purchase the publication for around \$50,000.

The magazine has a class circulation of 18,000, or thereabouts, and is widely regarded as the most readable periodical of its type in the country. There may be nothing to the for sale talk, but it is known that Goerch is in great demand throughout the South as an after-dinner speaker and radio commentator. His Sunday evening broadcasts on the BC Network pull in heavy mail; and his talks bring in the long green.

Nobody has heretofore looked on Carmichael as the literary type. However, he has the North Carolina approach, and the fact that he is not one of the scholars of literature should assure his success with "The State" if he becomes associated with it.

LOOK ON PAGE TWO

(Cleveland Times, Shelby, N. C.)

The other day a man rebuked us for printing a story on the front page which seemed to him to present unfavorably an organization of which he is a member.

Although we had presented in the story only facts, he declared, "I see now how you stand on our organization."

We explained to him that the front page of a newspaper is supposed—if it is honest—to present to its readers the facts as they develop on those subjects in which the community as a whole is most interested at the moment.

Another man present who overheard commented, "In spite of popular opinion, a newspaper is not operated to cover up for its friends and expose its enemies."

In case that man didn't understand us at the time of our explanation—and for the purpose of re-stating our policy as a newspaper—the news as we gather it will be reported on our front page or on our inside pages in proportion to its worth as timely and important news to the community.

Anyone who wants to know our opinion on an organization, an event or another's opinion will please look on page two—our editorial page.

PROMOTED

Valley Forge Military Academy Cadet John M. Roberts, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bryan N. Roberts, of Tryon St., Hillsboro, has won a temporary appointment at the academy as cadet sergeant.

Promotions are made by the academy as evidence of the cadet's fitness for further responsibility in leadership training.

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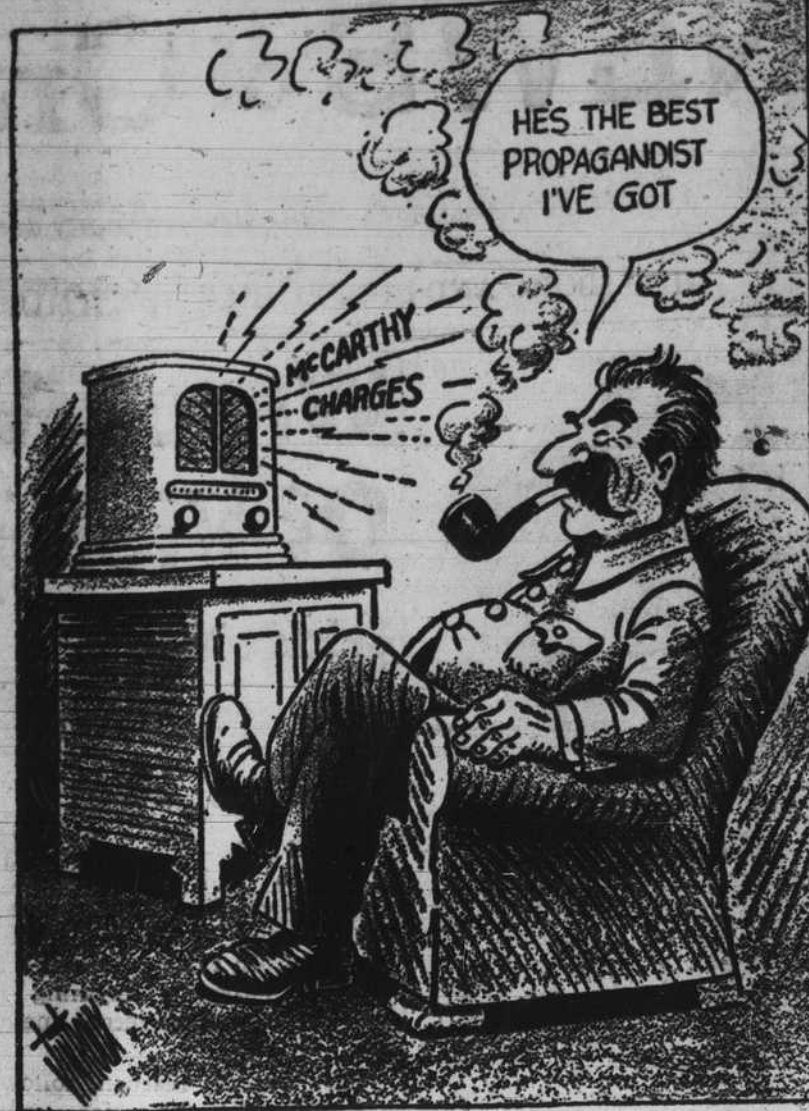
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Candidacy

Subject to the Democratic Primary on May 27th, 1950 I hereby announce my candidacy for The House of Representatives from Orange County.

J. W. Umstead, Jr.

JOE TO JOE



New Hope

By ELIZABETH KIRKLAND

New Members

At the Easter 11 o'clock service at New Hope 9 persons were received into the membership of the Church. They were Louis Freeland, Jr., Kenneth Brown, Margaret Brown, Billy Barker, Bryan Cates, Sam Joyner Blackwood, Bob Blackwood, John Blackwood, and Mrs. S. C. Blackwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Helms visited at C. J. Freeland's Easter Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Craig visited her sister, Mrs. Nannie Long Lloyd at Blue's Creek Easter Monday.

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Charles Lockhart of Tarboro spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lockhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tapp visited Mrs. Foster Andrews recently.

Mrs. John Kirkland and Irving Kirkland visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkland in Durham last week.

Mrs. Tom Hogan is ill with pneumonia at her home.

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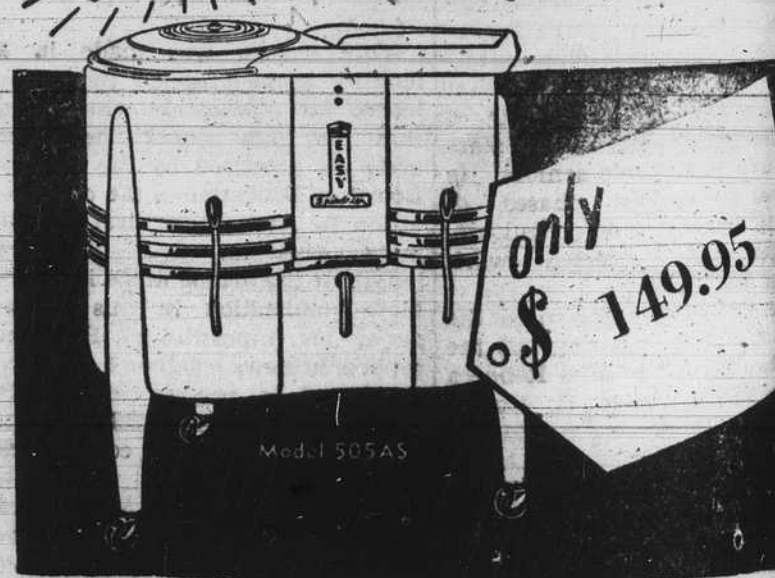
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