

# Editorial and Opinion

PRESS COMMENT

## On Widening Tryon Street

The time is long past for the State Highway and Public Works Commission or the Town of Hillsboro to take some corrective action in connection with Tryon Street. One of the most used streets in town, it is the main artery of traffic for the school and two churches. Because of its narrowness, it constitutes a distinct hazard to users, especially during periods of heavy school traffic and church services.

With parking allowed on both sides of the street, to traverse it on Sunday mornings is a tedious task, requiring all the skill of the best drivers among us. Yet for the town of Hillsboro to restrict parking on only one side or to eliminate it altogether would work a hardship on many people.

The County Commissioners some months back placed its approval on a petition of school and church officials and residents calling upon the Highway Commission to widen this part of its system but no action has yet been taken. The time has now arrived when some corrective action is almost a necessity and that already proposed to the Highway Commission is most logical.

## Frank Graham's Future

The News is glad, but not surprised, that Frank Graham shunned any consideration of his name in connection with the presidency of the American Red Cross. And for that matter, the much lesser discussed job as a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Since his defeat by Willis Smith last June in the political surprise of the decade, friends of the Senator have been zealous in their curiosity as to what would be his course at the end of his Senate term. In some respects, the Red Cross presidency was a juicy plum indeed, high salary, little work, much prestige. However, it has too many aspects of the honorary post, built especially for retired men.

Frank Graham's talents are many and his refusal to consider such jobs as have been proposed for him were doubtless prompted by a belief within himself that he can still render valuable service to humanity in other fields more in keeping with his background and previous accomplishments. The opportunities of real and genuine service to the people for a man of Frank Graham's abilities are many here in North Carolina and throughout the world.

His actions to date certainly confirm our previously expressed belief that the June defeat was no loss to Graham, the man. His life of service will continue toward even greater goals as the years go by.

## Court Action Not Answer

We in Orange County continue to hear of the proposed suit which a group of Negro citizens of Chapel Hill seem bent on filing to force the end of "discrimination" in the school system of that community. Until that action has been taken formally, this newspaper will continue to hope that this drastic action will not be taken, for surely the community as a whole has nothing to gain from it.

The people of Chapel Hill and Orange County have shown by their votes in the past year that they want better schools and intend to have them. The money appropriated to the various county units was the limit it was felt the economy could stand, and certainly no voice was raised at the distribution of money to be voted during the bond campaign.

Those who have appraised the situation in Chapel Hill have pointed out that in many respects the Negro school situation is better than the White. This is not true in many other parts of the county, where a wholesome cooperative attitude exists because citizens of both races have faith in one another and are cognizant of the sincere efforts that are being made to bring our schools to equitable levels.

While neither race is satisfied with the present state of our school building program, they realize that neither our school boards or the county commissioners are responsible for the Korean War and the resulting inflationary spiral which has accompanied it. Except in Chapel Hill, there appears to be unity of thinking by leaders of both races which augurs well for future accomplishments. The county and its citizens are committed to a program of equal schooling of Negro children and for better schools for all children. Such distractions as the issue being raised by the Chapel Hill group can do naught but harm.

There is an old saying about court decisions following public opinion, and it appears this adage will be borne out if and when the unwise move of attempting court compulsion is brought to its climax.

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## Boys On Front

### Eye Home Too

Note On Circulation

The Robersonville Herald recently published a letter home from Korea from Cpl. Dixie Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Warren of that town. He had an interesting story to tell in the language of a local boy to his old neighbors. As a member of the 34th Infantry Regiment, Warren arrived in Korea on July 3, within a week after the fighting started. "The 5th of July we were fighting... We were up there 51 days before we were relieved." The Herald suggests that the news in this letter was a statement that "I think that by September or October this thing will be over."

The News and Observer begs to differ with its Martin County contemporary. The most interesting news in Corporal Warren's letter was his concluding sentence: "I have been getting the weekly Herald pretty regularly since I have been here, and I do enjoy reading it." It throws a night light on modern war to note that a boy at the front in Korea gets his home paper "pretty regularly," even in the lines before the Communist armies. Also it emphasizes that not only are we watching the news from the front but that men there have their eyes on what we are doing at home. —The News and Observer.

## HARSH OLD DAYS

(Morganton News-Herald)

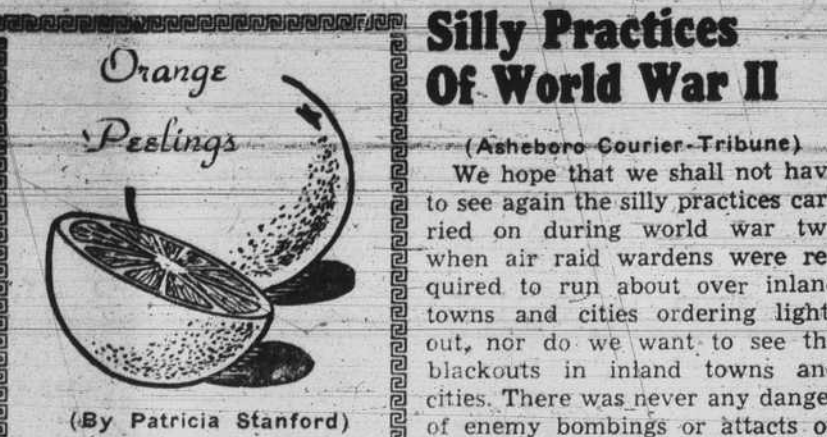
A quip in one of the current magazines was to the effect that at least "grandmother didn't have to defrost the old spring house." Grandfather didn't have to pay electric bills either, but somebody in the household had the "smelly" job of cleaning and filling the old oil lamps and keeping their wicks trimmed. When we speak of the "good old days" we are apt to recall the pleasant things they gave us and forget the unpleasant details and discomforts of life in the yester-year.

## ETRIX IS ORIGINAL

(Zebulon Record)

It was pleasant to see Etrix Brantley (Mrs. Oscar) when she came to Zebulon for Miss Madeline Brantley's funeral; and I was glad to see her looking so well. She had been too thin when I saw her last, and I told her she looks so much better now that she is plump.

"Yes," she said with dissatisfied satisfaction; "flesh helps hide age, but it is inconvenient. You



(By Patricia Stanford)

Football special—especially for the early games when the weather is not so cold—a corduroy suit. Just precious and inexpensive. Although corduroy never seems to me to be as warm as a wool suit, this kind of weather is just perfect for the corduroy suit alone. When it gets colder—put on your overcoat. One of the nice things about a corduroy suit is that you can afford it. Under \$16.

By the way, I hope that once this football season you are fortunate enough to receive from some ardent admirer one of the lovely chrysanthemum corsages. The flowers and the cool weather make you feel in the swing of things.

New gadgets—these are some old ideas with new twists—umbrellas with different covers to go with different costumes.

see, sometimes I forget how large I am and try to get into little places like I used to; and now and then I get stuck, and that's embarrassing." This was to me an absolutely new objection to putting on weight; but Etrix was always original.

## Silly Practices Of World War II

(Asheboro Courier-Tribune)

We hope that we shall not have to see again the silly practices carried on during world war two when air raid wardens were required to run about over inland towns and cities ordering lights out, nor do we want to see the blackouts in inland towns and cities. There was never any danger of enemy bombings or attacks on small inland towns the last war, towns in which there were located no war-producing plants. But we had the blackouts and all the emergency precautions, whereas if the enemy had chosen to bomb the vast expanses of the United States, he'd have had a heck of a time pinpointing any certain spot unless maybe some large war-producing center of vital rail or large seaport.

The man who turns out the light in your refrigerator when you close the door is at work again. We hear that an electric light which goes off automatically when you close the closet door is now being manufactured.

There is a new gadget on the market which will come to the aid of the button-sewer. It's now an easy matter to sew a button so its just right, "not too tight nor too loose."

Here is an untried trick for the home canner—when your hands are discolored with vegetable or fruit stains, wash them in cool water and dry them slightly. Then put your moist hands over a burned match. The stain should leave.

# CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Advisory Budget Commission hearings have pointed to one fact: the State is going to have dig up more money to operate on during the coming biennium.

Conservative estimates put the additional cost of operation during the coming two years—1951-53—at \$20,000,000 more than this biennium's record expenditures.

All of which brings up one big question—where's the extra money going to be found.

Privately, at least, members of the budget commission are talking about a straight across the board sales tax. Elimination of all sales tax exemptions, they believe, would probably bring in enough money to keep from raising taxes. And that's one thing that they want to avoid—at least the more conservative members are bitterly opposed to new taxes.

But the new building upkeep, plus new personnel needed for expanded services, means that more revenue must come from somewhere. Everybody wants a raise, too. And the general feeling is that eliminating sales tax exemptions would be the most painless method.

You can expect a big fight over that in the coming General Assembly, anyhow.

John Vernon of Burlington, a member of the Young Democrats' committee arranging for the Alamance rally says everything is ready for the big do. It'll be held at Governor Scott's Haw River home at 5 p. m. October 6. Party leaders—including Senator-Nominee Willis Smith—have been invited and are expected to attend the barbecue and speaking. Preparations are being made for an expected 3,000 folks.

Some of the Governor's firmest supporters were afraid he would not go all out in promotion of party harmony at the recent YDC convention in Asheville. But even his severest critics were enthusiastic about his introduction of Willis Smith and his call for a united Democratic party in the November general election.

Reports from those attending the convention are that Kerr Scott was by far the most enthusiastic booster of party harmony on the convention program.

It seems to this corner that no other Democrat can do otherwise. Registration as a Democrat, and voting as a Democrat in the primary commits the voter to abide by the majority decision. Whether he likes the decision or not is beside the point, if he is a believer

in the little "d" democratic way of doing things.

You hear a lot of talk over the State by disgruntled Democrats. Some are talking of staying away from the polls. Some are talking of voting for the Republican candidate. Some are talking of writing in defeated Frank Graham's name on the ballot.

I feel sure that Frank Graham would be the first to decry the latter.

The best way for North Carolina Democrats to show that they are believers in democracy is to cast a unanimous vote for their party candidate November 7.

They may not like their party candidate. They may not approve of campaign methods in the primary. But they implied a willingness to abide by the majority wishes when they voted in the primary.

If they aren't willing to abide by that majority decision, no matter how distasteful, they ought to get out of the Democratic party. But they should remember the rule—regardless of how the decision was reached—the fundamental precept of democracy. If you don't like what the party has done, the only way to change it is to stay in the party and fight out your battles. After that there will be other primaries.

While on the subject of politics here are the latest trial balloons being floated in the 1952 gubernatorial maneuvers. Bob Hanes and Gordon Gray now are being mentioned. Both are natives of Winston-Salem—and incidentally smoke the same brand of cigarettes. Hanes is president of Wachovia Bank and "acceptable" to conservatives, while Gray, the president of the University of North Carolina, would find backing among liberals. Actually, either of the two would make a good Governor for the State, and it's not too far-fetched an idea that two could have an all-Winston-Salem primary. Probably would be a mighty calm campaign though, because it would be almost impossible to find anything in either's record on which to base mud-slinging propaganda.

Here's a little behind-the-scenes report on the teachers bonus.

Last Wednesday, a revised estimate of State revenues was presented to the Advisory Budget Commission. Revenue Commissioner Gene Shaw told the commission that indications are that the General Fund will net \$137,500,000 instead of the previously estimated \$129,000,000.

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