



Bill Umstead Roundup

Umstead
It is becoming more and more evident that over half the voters are not the only ones around eager for his Umstead to have opposition as candidate for Governor.

The printing companies, the advertising firms, the radio stations, newspapers, office supply stores, and even many of the Umstead supporters would like to see him have an opponent.

The candidate who has an opposition spends no money for posters, for newspaper and radio advertising, for office rent, and for supplies of all kinds to further his ambitions. Politics is often a big business in North Carolina. Nobody yet knows how much money was spent in the Graham-Smith campaign for the U. S. Senate.

A goodly number of those who are out-and-out for Umstead are now paying a heavy price privately for opposition—namely, if it is only of the token variety. Why? Well, if he doesn't have somebody running against him, they won't get any credit for having been for him. They will have no opportunity to hear their skills and to be rewarded with good political connections later. If he has no opposition, everybody will be for him and the goats will be right in there with the sheep. That, of course, would be terrible. Perish the thought.

This is an ironical situation, but doubly true at this time, for many of Umstead's friends for three years now have had no more influence with the State administration than a steer at a dairy convention.

Difference
There is so much difference between no opposition and opposition of any kind. Any little pipsqueak can cause an elected official to spend money for re-election. If the incumbent has important opposition, his friends will raise funds for him. However, in many cases where the opponent is taken lightly, the official has to dig down in his pocket and use a year's salary for re-election. That's why State and county officeholders lose hours of sleep until the filing date has passed.

Secretary of State Thad Eure always has opposition. He would be much happier financially and otherwise if, some year, he could get by without it. He will have an opponent in 1952.

So, if Bill Umstead has somebody in there against him, don't give all the credit or blame to Kerr Scott. Much of the impetus for the opposition may stem from those who want to raise money, contact friends, and go all-out to show Bill Umstead just how strong they are for him. We are betting that Umstead will have an opponent. And that the opponent will be Hubert Olive of Lexington in Davidson County.

Bligs Britt
The Associated Press might editor in Charlotte last week confided to friends that he might be coming to Raleigh around February 12. Could

Chapel Hill. Of course, and and not think the world of Jim Tatum.

Carmichael might consider resigning his position with the University if Jim Tatum should come there as coach. He knows that a lot of people would come up with the old "family affair" cry. His loss would be much worse for the University than having several poor football teams to account for.

Opinion
As you read the above, you might have said: "Well, that's just your opinion."

Maybe. Which reminds us of the time that the late Criss Alexander Wolcott was talking to a group of club women. After it was over, they all came gushing and jabbering to Wolcott. They asked him a lot of questions and he tried to answer them as patiently and tolerantly as was possible under the circumstances.

He must not have given the reply one dowager expected, for she said too sweetly, "Well, after all, Mr. Wolcott, that is merely your opinion."

"Yes," he said firmly, "that's my opinion. Whatnail did you expect to get, my hair-combings?"

Notes
Evangelist Billy Graham lived at the Governor's Mansion during his three-day preaching mission in Raleigh this past week end. . . . You read in this column several months ago that Carolina Power and Light company would purchase Tidewater. Now they've done it. . . . Although most members of North Carolina's Congressional delegation are at home, they aren't getting much rest—Speeches, etc.—Sen. Willis Smith spent a large portion of last week in preparation of his speech for boyhood friends in Elizabeth City celebrating this week the sesquicentennial of that thriving, attractive and aggressive community. . . . He was in Washington on Saturday and Sunday doing special committee work. . . . Sen. Clyde R. Hoey will be in Washington next week for extra duties. . . . Congressman C. B. Deane's "vacation" is being delayed to close this talk all over the Eighth District. . . . You can tell there's a primary on the way.

Christmas Spirit
A survey just completed indicates that the Christmas spirit is still in the air in North Carolina this year will have their Christmas parties and formal Christmas openings and promotions after Thanksgiving. While it is true that Charlotte and Asheville had pre-Christmas events last week, these were but the autumn shopping season. Asheville connected its event with the busy tobacco harvest. Charlotte receives cooperation with its Carolina's Carrousel from nearby cities in North and South Carolina and could not wait until after Thanksgiving for fear of interfering with the Christmas pageantry of these cities. The Charlotte event was a part of the Defense Bond drive in the Charlotte area.

Early Christmas openings began during World War II when it was necessary for parents and sweethearts to get their presents early in November in order for them to reach the men overseas in time for Christmas. Also, goods were scarce and customers demanded Christmas products early in November. They were afraid that delay in buying would necessitate their having to do with second or third-rate left-overs or going without entirely.

Since merchants have no Government subsidies, no price floors, no unemployment compensation, and no Government payment of any kind to lean on, they must strive to please the customer. This year they are making an effort to hold off the Christmas rush until the week following Thanksgiving.

THIRD TAKES ADVICE
Fortmouth, N. H.—When a holding man demanded all the money in the cash register, Mrs. Anthony Kriak responded with: "Get out and earn your money the hard way—the way I do." The man took the advice and left Mrs. Kriak's grocery store empty-handed.

FRESHMAN YEAP 57
Storrs, Conn.—The newly elected vice-president of the freshman class at the University of Connecticut is Edward F. Stevenson, 57-year-old retired army colonel. Stevenson enrolled at the college this fall to prepare for law school.

DOG SAVES CHILD
New York—While playing in the hallway outside his family apartment, Louis de Rouse, 6, slipped and fell five stories down a stairwell—and lived to tell the tale. He landed on a dog's back and suffered only eyes and bruises. The dog, a year-old German shepherd named Price, was dazed but otherwise unharmed.

FAKE CALL ENDS IN THEFT
Nashville, Tenn.—A fake phone call lured Miss Martha Turner, 19-year-old bank teller, away from her cage. While she was gone, one of two well-dressed men diverted the attention of another teller while his companion reached in the opening and took about \$1,500 in three packages of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

RETURNS STOLEN CAR
Wichita, Kan.—The thief who stole a new Cadillac from an automobile agency a year ago, brought it back the other day—with thanks. The car was in good condition—repainted, the engine steam-cleaned and the interior cleaned. The speedometer showed it had been driven 201,000 miles.

POOR THANKS
Cambridge, Mass.—When Attorney Charles H. Savage left the courthouse, after successfully defending a man charged with car theft, he found that someone had stolen his car.

FIND BABY ON STEPS
Smithville, Tenn.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas opened their front door, expecting to find Halloween gobblins. Instead they found a year-old baby girl. The childless couple were delighted and will keep her.

GIFT TOO LATE
Lincoln, Ill.—While in Germany on war duty in 1945, Jack Bushnell ordered some Bavarian china as a gift to his mother. His mother died in 1948. The china arrived only recently.

DON'T LIKE SCHOOL
Inglewood, Cal. if.—Because he doesn't like school, Donald Henderson, 12, took 25 sleeping pills and then wrote a note to his mother, which read: "Dear Mom: I took the easy way out. I just didn't want to go to school."

He is recovering in a hospital.

SYMPATHETIC DOG
Defant, Mich.—When his master, P. S. McDougall, court clerk, missed twelve shots in a row, his dog, Berkeley, evidently felt sorry for him. Just as they were preparing to return home empty-handed, Berkeley trotted up with a live bird in her mouth and laid it at McDougall's feet.

BEARS DOWN ON BEAR
Great Falls, Mont.—When his hunting companion flushed a 175 pound bear in the woods, Joe Mack, deer hunter, climbed up a tree and onto a limb. The limb broke and dumped Mack about 10 feet from the bear. Mack shot and killed it.

BLIND MAN SAVES CHILD
Louvain, Belgium.—With encookers shouting directions, Karl Timmermans, blind, was able to find a child, who had fallen into the River Byie, and bring the child to shore.

DRIVES STOLEN CAR TO OWNER
El Dorado, Ark.—A few hours after reporting his car stolen, Colon Watson recognized a car driven into his service station. He called the sheriff, who arrested the driver, Raymond Charles Phillips. The car was Watson's.

STRUCK BY TRAIN; LIVES
Portland, Ore.—Although Dickie Starna, 9, was struck by a train and knocked 30 feet into a gulley, he suffered only a broken arm and a lump on his head.

PERFORMS THE "IMPOSSIBLE"
Veedersburg, Ind.—Mrs. Willis Drummond, who can't swim a stroke, plunged into a creek near her home,

polled her year-old son from 7 feet of water and rescued him with complete respiration. While doing her rescue work, Mrs. Drummond missed little Johnny. Rushing outside, she located the child when she saw his feet sticking out of the creek bank leading into the water.

ANNUAL EYE CLINIC HELD FOR GREENE COUNTY SCHOOLS
The annual eye clinic for the Greene County Schools is being held this week in the American Legion building in Snow Hill. For the past several weeks a screening process by the teachers and the nurses of the county has revealed numerous children needing further examinations by eye specialists. The eye clinic is a joint undertaking of the Greene County Schools, the Greene County Health Department, and the State Commission for the Blind. It is just another attempt to provide for the welfare of the child.

Circle 6, W.S.C.S.
Mrs. Dan H. Jones was hostess to Circle 6 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on Monday night at her home.

Mrs. A. W. Smith, Jr., new member, and Mrs. Ed Davenport, visitor, were welcomed by the chairman, Mrs. J. R. Harris.

Mrs. Harris presided over the business and Mrs. Carroll D. Oglesby gave the treasurer's report. A budget for the coming year and a Sweet Sale were discussed.

Mrs. Howard Harris had charge of the devotional and brought an inspiring message based on the theme, "The Foundation of God Standeth Sure."

BRIEF ITEMS

CAVE GUIDE AT 8
San Marcos, Texas—Although Herbert Holland Rowland is only eight years old, he is a guide in the Wonder Cave, which goes 150 feet underground. His father, H. H. Rowland, maintains the cave.

COSTLY "DRIVING" LESSON
Suffolk, Va.—When Elbert Davenport's car skidded into a ditch, his troubles really started. Picked up by police, Davenport was taken to court, where the judge gave him: a \$150 fine for drunk driving; a \$50 fine and 30 days for driving without a permit; a \$100 fine and 10 days for falsely using a State inspection sticker; a \$20 fine for driving without proper registration and, to top it all, he revoked Davenport's permit to drive for three years.

PLENTY MILITARY
San Francisco, Calif.—Although Leslie V. Quinn spent nine years in uniform and made 45 parachute jumps, including a leap over Normandy on D-day, he found he isn't immune to the draft. Quinn, only 24, recently joined the Army, after his draft board had classified him I-A. All of his military experience was in the Irish and British armies. He came to this country in February.

99-YEAR-OLD PATIENT
Asheville, N. C.—Although Mrs. Jane Clark is 99, she successfully underwent a serious surgical operation and is recuperating at a local hospital. Doctors say it is most unusual for a patient of her age to undergo surgery so successfully. Mrs. Clark lives on a small farm near Barnardville, N. C.

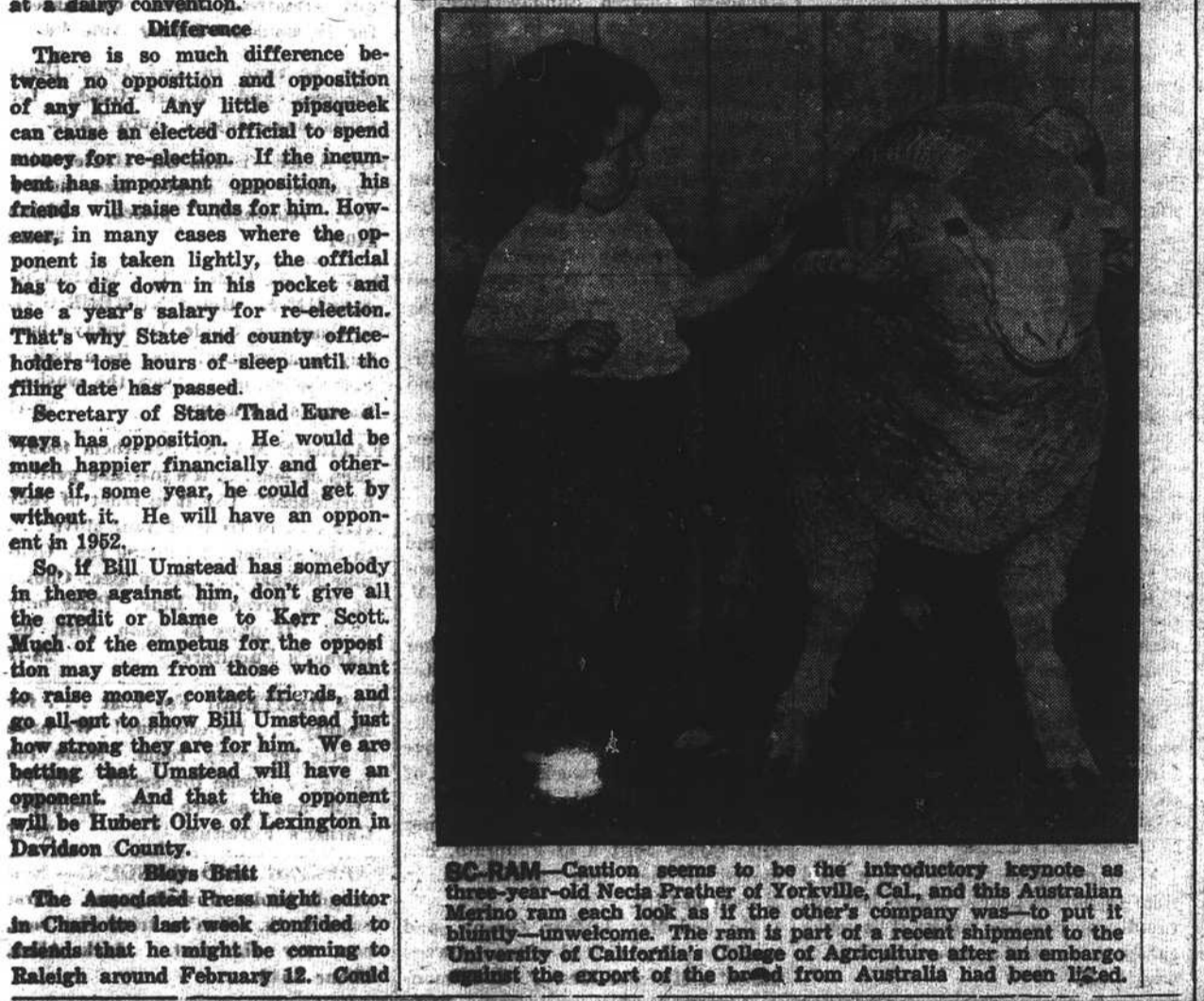
DROWNS IN MILK COOLER
Union Bridge, Md.—Missing his son, Charles U. Messler, Jr., for several minutes, the elder Messler went into their dairy house and found Charles' head and body under water in an 18-inch-deep-spring-fed milk cooler. The medical examiner said death was due to accidental drowning.

\$1 FOR 98 PENNIES
Norristown, Pa.—To help the Treasury Department cope with a copper shortage by luring penny collections back into circulation, the People's National Bank recently handed out a silver dollar for each 98 pennies. One man turned in 4,625 pennies, claiming he didn't realize he had so many until the bank made its offer.

MAN WRESTLES DEER
Birmingham, Ala.—E. E. Gillian, 51-year-old zoo caretaker, entered the deer pen at feeding time. He had to wrestle with an eight-point deer, which charged him, for fifteen minutes before police killed the animal. The 19-pound buck gored Gillian in the thigh and hand before Gillian could catch the deer's snout. He finally bulldozed the animal's nose to the ground, meantime yelling for help. A passerby summoned police.

DON'T LIKE DENTIST
Maywood, N. J.—Tommy Bolger, 12, had an appointment after school with the dentist. He never arrived and didn't go home, either. The next morning, a bakery driver opened a break box in front of a store in nearby Saddle River township and out jumped Tommy and landed for the woods. He was finally found by his grandfather, and after a night in the rain, was taken to a hospital and treated for exposure.

CAUGHT BY CURIOSITY
Santa Clara, Calif.—With Christ-

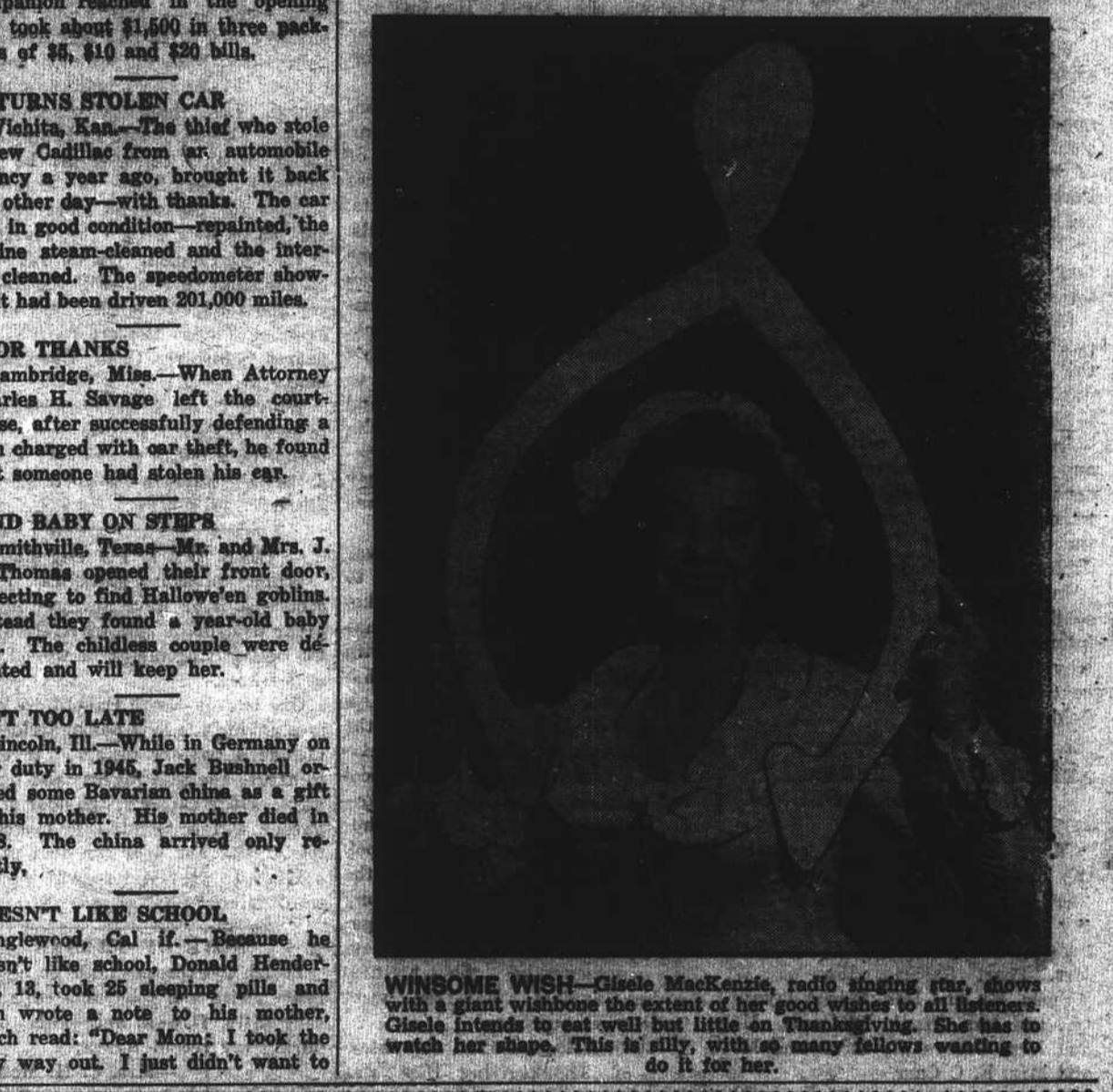


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