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New Water Plant Must Be Built Here Soon

The official report from the North Carolina State Health officer who inspected our filter plant is published this week; and just like his oral report to Council, it is full of hard knocks at our water system.

The report restates in stronger language what Council heard immediately after the water filter was inspected. The report asserts that the chlorine dumped into our drinking water is "a thin line" of defense.

It is not unusual for a chlorine feeder to miss its timing or stop operating altogether. Until the malfunction is found, the reports point out, we are drinking raw water straight from the river.

Council has stepped up the amount of chlorine fed into the water and new sand for the filter beds has been ordered.

But the fact still remains that our filter plant is overworked far beyond its capacity. Murphy has outgrown its water system and the State Health Department tells us it is past time to build a new one.

The only answer lies in floating a bond issue as soon as possible to raise the needed construction money. The tax increase will be slight and the savings will be untold.

Another factor to be considered—other than the welfare of those who drink the water—is the fact that new industry thinking of coming to this section can be assured of plenty of water if we build a new filter plant.

Of course, the greatest saving will be the health measure. The health officer pointed out that he was surprised the Murphy water plant has not caused some sort of epidemic before now.

We need to vote in the bond issue as soon as possible so that construction can start before some sickness does hit Murphy.

Parking Problems Can Be Solved By Meters

The Town of Murphy is faced with two pressing needs—a new filter plant and parking meters. It will take a fair sum of money for the filter plant and Council will need the people's go-ahead before construction can begin.

But there is no reason under the sun why Murphy can not beat its growing parking problems immediately with the installation of parking meters.

During the rain last Saturday there were two autos and one truck double parked and a third auto blocking a fire plug, all inside less than half a block on one of the main streets.

The out dated system of marking parked cars with chalk takes more police officers than Murphy now employs or can afford to employ. The Department is doing its best but it can not keep up with the parking problem on four main streets with the chalk system.

It is shameful that Murphy does not have parking meters when we realize that installation of the machine will cost the town not one red cent. The meter companies will install the meters and share in the revenue until the machines are paid for.

It is not fair to the local merchants to hold out on meters when a dead parking place in front of their building means customers will travel on. Council owes it to the merchants to see that each gets a fair chance at parking spaces.

It is bad for business to allow autos to pull into a parking space and stay for hours, keeping potential customers from parking in front of the store they want to patronize.

Besides the merchant angle the Town of Murphy needs the revenue meters would bring in.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H Brown had as their guest Labor Day week end A-2c and Mrs. James J. Brown and daughter Sandy of Greenville, S. C.; Sgt. Bud L. Brown of Atlanta; and Sgt. and Mrs. Ben A. Brown. Sgt. Brown was recently married to Miss Eva Nell Brown of Murphy.

McDonnell-Linn Marriage Told
Mildred McDonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonnell of Asheville, became the bride of Clifford Linn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker, on Sept. 1 in Asheville.
Dr. A. J. Hedrick will attend a short course for veterinarians Sept. 17-19 at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

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VALLEY VIEWS

By Evelyn Baker

Three Cheers to the Andrews Football Team which received much praise from local fans for their outstanding performance on Friday night when they played a favored Murphy team to a 6-6 tie. A GOOD START TEAM . . . we will be cheering for you Friday Night when you meet Franklin at the local field.
The Lions Club will have its regular meeting Thursday Night, Sept. 10th, at the Shell Dining Room.

The Rotary Club will meet Thursday noon, Sept. 10th at the Shell Dining Room with L. B. Nichols in charge of the program.

PINCKEY ORR left Tuesday for Arden where he will attend the Christ School for Boys.

WILLIAM WALKER is reported improving after undergoing a minor operation.

The following Servicemen were

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moses of Charleston, West Va.

Dr. and Mrs. Grady Coker and son of Canton, Ga. were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Quay Ketter.

Mrs. Eula G. Hurt of Washington D. C. has been the guest of Mrs. J. B. Gray and Elizabeth and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Moore and family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swain of Miami, Fla are visiting her father T. J. Barnett at Peachtree.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Donley spent the week end in Asheville with Mr. Donley's sister, Mrs. Don Byrne.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hinshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hinshaw and daughter, Trudy, of Valdosta, Ga., visited friends here over the week end.

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home for Labor Day week end . . . **LOWEN TRUETT, BOBBY WEST and BROWNIE PARKER.**

The Konnaheeta Club will meet September 17th at the Nantahala Village. The program will be on International Relations. MISS JEAN CHRISTY will give a report on her trip to the United Nations in New York. Also MRS. DAVID MURPHY the former VIRGINIA TATHAM and wife of Major David Murphy who has been stationed in Germany for the past four years will show a film made in Germany. . . LUKE ELLIS and DOC (HANCOCK) DAVIS have been released from the Hospital and both are reported to be improving.

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THE BIBLE SPE
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1-14; 2:1-15
Devotional Reading: Psalm 27:1-3, 7-14.
Christian Courage
Lesson for Sept. 13, 1963

NOBODY loves a coward. But Christian courage is a very special kind. A brave man may be a mean one; a brave man may be a selfish and cruel man too. But not a brave Christian! Christian courage is not something unconnected with the rest of life. Christian courage is one of a chain of virtues, not a loose jewel by itself. The courage of a Christian is (like that of others) sometimes of the body, sometimes of the mind and spirit. It is different from ordinary courage both in the why and the how.

Why Courage?
Some persons who do not understand Christianity have called this way of life "a slave-morality." Perhaps we Christians are to blame for this, because we have sometimes rated humility as the top virtue, and also because we have not always set the example of a courageous life. But a true Christian is not a dish-rag sort of person, a worm without backbone. He finds need for bravery quite as much as any hero in the world. First of all he needs courage for his tasks, as Paul pointed out to his young friend Timothy. The everyday tasks, of course; but Paul meant something specially Christian. Paul was an experienced missionary, and a very brave one; Timothy was a much younger missionary, and apparently not a naturally brave man. The work to which Timothy had been called is, after all, the same to which all Christians are called. Let us name two items: personal witness to Christ, and sharing the gospel with the world. Isn't it just these two tasks that scare the "average" Christian to death? Most church members would rather do almost anything else but go out and make calls on strangers inviting them to unite with Christ.



Dr. Foreman

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Lashes and Laughter

The Christian has other needs for courage, as Paul pointed out. One is in order to endure hardship, the other is to endure ridicule. It is tough to be a real Christian. The toughness is not felt always here in comfortable America; but in other lands it can be very tough indeed. There are Mohammedan villages in India where any one who openly becomes a Christian is denied even the use of the public well, and if he is not assassinated he will be left to starve to death or forced to seek a beggar's living in strange villages. There are places in Africa where to be known as a Christian and friend of white missionaries means constant danger of torture and death at the hands of murderous heathen mobs. There are places under the hammer-and-sickle where to be known as a Christian is to be cut off from normal ways of making a living. These things are not done to Christians in America—yet; but there is another weapon many Christians have to face—the saw-edged dagger of laughter. Christians are told by some highly-educated and impressive atheists that all religion is "infantilism," that no one can call himself mature if he leans on a God or even believes in one, that all religion including Christianity is a relic of superstitious ignorance. It takes a certain amount of iron in the blood to stand up against this sort of belittling. It takes inner courage to say as Paul did often: "I am not ashamed."

How Courage Comes

Paul would not have helped Timothy if all he had said was: Be brave! He goes on to show him how. He points to himself as an example—not by way of conceit but simply to demonstrate that he knew whereof he spoke. First he says "I know him . . . I am persuaded that he is able . . ." Christian courage is based on God, not ourselves. As John expressed it, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Then Paul urges Timothy to look to God, not to man, for final approval. This always works. On the other hand, Christian courage is not hoping God will do it all. We have to combine faith with action. "Stir to a flame," says Paul, "the gift that is in you." God endows us with ability to do all we need to do and to be all we need to be; but it is up to us.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. O. O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Red all, Mrs. Fred and Knox Hall attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. B. Roberts Hall last Saturday near Tellico Plains, Tenn.