

# The Franklin Press

and

# The Highlands Maconian

Published every Thursday by The Franklin Press  
At Franklin, North Carolina  
Telephone No. 24

VOL. LIX Number Twelve

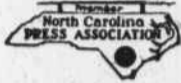
Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson and W. S. Johnson.....Publishers

Entered at the Post Office, Franklin, N. C., as second class matter

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

One Year .....	\$2.00
Six Months .....	\$1.00
Three Months .....	.60
Single Copy .....	.05

Obituary notices, cards of thanks, tributes of respect, by individuals, lodges, churches, organizations or societies, will be regarded as advertising and inserted at regular classified advertising rates. Such notices will be marked "adv." in compliance with the postal regulations.



### BIBLE THOUGHT

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessities of saints, given to hospitality.

Bless them which persecute you, bless, and curse not. —Romans 12:12-14.

When suffering comes, the great question is, How to face it? Suppose we are injured or years have been taken out of our life by the war. How shall we face this?

Avoid bitterness—a self-centered attitude that shrivels the soul and keeps us from expanding.

Avoid self-pity—likewise essentially self-centered. Christ suffered more than any of us will and there is suffering all around us. Both these attitudes are refusals to accept our cross.

To accept our cross is to "grasp the nettle of life." In our Lord's life there was no trace of bitterness or complaint. He said, "I MUST suffer" and to his disciples, "You WILL suffer," passing on a cross to all His followers down to us today. Christians must suffer and fight for a new world "on earth as it is in heaven."

### A Basic Necessity

IT is encouraging to note that both Major Gregg Cherry and Dr. Ralph McDonald, democratic candidates for governor, are highlighting their campaigns with constructive programs for the improvement and progress of North Carolina's school system. Both have strong records in public service in the field of education and both stand for a definite postwar program to improve present conditions, including teachers' salaries and equal opportunities to the children of this state with every other state.

There is a general feeling that the existing order of things must remain the same at home until the war is won. However, this does not mean that citizens of every county should not see that existing faults as are remedied, and plans for the future clearly laid.

Hardly a week passes that some friend does not pose to the editor the challenge, "You stand for better schools, why don't you write an editorial about" this situation and that situation? And there is no doubt that there are many conditions that exist with no excuse. The fact that there are yet schools with leaky roofs, without water supply and sanitary facilities, without enough daylight, is because there has been no planning and not enough caring in the past and present.

There are those who deplore the fact that "Our schools are in politics, What can we do about it?" To this question our answer is the same and unequivocal. Every parent should get into politics and not expect the other fellow to do the improving and reforming.

We are assured a good governor during the next term, but that won't change our local situation. Are we going to have the men and women who will allocate the people's tax money into the direction of better schools? Are we going to appoint those who care enough to give their time and thought to the cause because they love every single little child?

Are we going to have those represent us who possess a burning zeal to give every child in Macon county a chance—those who are growing up right now who do not go to school at all, as well as your

Since our schools, being public schools in a land of self-governing people, supported by public funds, must needs be in politics, what is to be the character of the politics? Who is going to select the men and—by all that is wise—the women, who are going to represent us in authority in the improving of our schools?

We do not have to wait until after the war to answer these questions. Indeed, the war in its terrible realities should quicken thought and action in this basic necessity of democracy. own cherished child?

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



OUR ARMED FORCES FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR — WE WORK TO HELP THEM WIN IT.  
BY CONVERTING WHAT WE REAP FROM OUR LABOR INTO WAR BONDS, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, LIFE INSURANCE — WE DO OUR PART TO MAKE A BETTER TOMORROW FOR THEM AND FOR OURSELVES.

### Press Comment

#### A SPLENDID RECORD (Asheville Citizen).

Farm Security Administration borrowers in Western North Carolina contracted to pay \$69,000 on land purchase loans in 1943. But when the year was up they had paid back nearly twice that sum. FSA is properly exultant as it cites this record of the nearly 500 former tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers in the mountain region who have been established on their own land by its efforts.

Financial soundness, of course, is not the only attribute of FSA's nationwide farm aid program. Its farm clients here and in other parts of North Carolina are making an enormous contribution to the war food effort. Crop increases from 10 to 105 per cent were recorded for FSA producers in this state last year. As FSA Administrator Frank S. Hancock told his group over a statewide radio network Saturday night, "You are hastening victory on the battlefield, and at the same time building security on the home front — security not only for yourselves but for your communities."

In these times when every government program is submitted to the test of practical economics, FSA could enjoy no better justification. The late Governor Bickett used to say that his credo was "To make life on the farm just as profitable and just as attractive as life in town." By every index the FSA program is helping to do just that.

#### Soldiers To Vote

(Christian Science Monitor) The compromise reached on the servicemen's vote is cumbersome. Yet, it seems to be the best that Congress can do, and it does contain within itself pressures on the States to effect improvements.

Moreover, it is possible that in actual application the Army and Navy will find ways to help their members to meet requirements for voting.

As it stands, the compromise, which presumably will now be adopted by both houses shortly, permits Federal authorities to act as little more than mailmen. If soldiers applying for ballots from their states do not receive them by Oct. 1, they may be given a Federal ballot, provided, however, that the Governor of the state concerned has advised service chiefs by Aug. 1 that the Federal ballot is acceptable for counting.

Federal authorities can then collect the ballots and transmit them to the States, where local officials will pass on the eligibility of each voter and count those deemed qualified.

The compromise provision calling for an expression from each Governor on the validity of the Federal ballot in his own state fixes a responsibility that many might usefully transfer to their State legislatures. These might be asked not only to approve the Federal ballot but simultaneously to accede to the previous Federal suspension of registration and poll-tax requirements

for those in the services.

Decisive action on the part of the States in facilitating use of the Federal ballots, while at the same time extending every effort to supply State ballots to those desiring them, appears to be the only remaining way to clear up soldiers' vote entanglements.

Speedy action would be a great thing for the morale of the servicemen.

#### "IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDMOTHER"

Mrs. Mary Wright Rogers

She's gone away now, we shall miss her to be sure, but we shall never forget her.

We remember her's as being a simple, modest, life, living in her own little world for almost a century, a life that was based principally on being a good neighbor, and having a good home with many friends.

We think of her's as being a small world, nevertheless, her kindness was great and far reaching. Writing these few words, thousands of miles from where she lived, attests to the fact.

In an unsettled busy world, far away from the beautiful hills of North Carolina that always seemed so peaceful, and we still speak of as home—we pause a brief moment from our tasks to say farewell to one whom we loved—we shall miss our grandmother, now that she's gone away, but we shall never forget her.

A GRANDSON—  
Ensign Ralph McConnell.

DID YOU BUY THAT EXTRA WAR BOND?

### Poet's Corner

#### A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

If I should die before this task is through  
And never know the answer—why we died—  
There are some things I hope my people do,  
Some things that Christian men have never tried,

One is the act of kindness to the young,  
Give them the best in nature and in care,  
Remembering that their lives are yet unsung,  
Give them the best, this is a soldier's prayer.

Give them a leadership that will not still,  
When petty men with selfishness and guile  
Cry, we must this dollar save,  
To earn some worthless politician's smile.

Help them to find in courage, (nature's light),  
Some little answer to men's upward climb,  
Aid them to see that courage, and not might  
Often can solve the problems of their time.

Teach them that tolerance is a kinder way  
That out of difference come the paths of right,  
Blood is not spilled when tolerance can hold sway,  
Then men can meet, and great. They need not fight.

Teach them that gold and honor are not kin,  
That power should humble men, not make them lust.  
Point them to what is noble from within  
Mention the Master, he was kind and just.

If you would build some monumental thing,  
To men who in this war have been defiled,  
Do not pile granite in some public ring.  
Build it in purpose. Build it in the child.

Use  
Press  
Want Ads  
To  
Buy It  
To  
Sell It

★ IMPARTIAL, EFFICIENT SERVICE ★

It costs less to call us — We never overcharge  
Quality Merchandise — Good Facilities

POTTS FUNERAL HOME

Phone 164

Franklin, N. C.

### IN MEMORIAM

In Sad but Loving Memory of Our Precious Brother, Pvt. Lester Harding Carpenter, who gave his life for his country one year ago, March 29, 1943.

Our hearts are sad and nothing can fill the emptiness and loneliness his sad passing has brought us. But the memory we have of the few months he spent in training at Camp Croft, S. C., and the time he spent with us while off duty, have meant so much to us. A soldier never fought on our front lines who was more brave, willing or proud of the privilege of fighting for his country.

It's sad to know he can't return to us, but we have a Divine assurance that soon we'll go to meet him, for;

"We cannot say—and will not say  
That he is dead — he is just away.

With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand,  
He has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there,

And you— Oh you—who the mildest year  
For the old-step and the glad return,

Think of him faring on—as dear  
In the love of There—as the love of Here.

Think of him still as the same, I say,  
He isn't dead—he is just away.

His brother and sister-in-law  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carpenter,  
1 Gallon Street,  
Greenville, S. C.

WAR BONDS  
in action



# Announcement . . .



I wish to thank all my customers and friends for their patronage during the years I have been in business.

As I am leaving to join the United States Navy, I have sold out my grocery and feed store to Baldwin and Liner, who will continue to operate in the same place. L. B. Liner will be in charge.

I ask the same loyal support for my successors that you accorded me. I am sure they will strive to serve your needs in their line of business. Looking forward to coming home again as soon as this war is over, I am

Yours for Victory.

# GLENN RAY