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A LIFT FOR TODAY

(Furnished by The Raleigh Times)

★ He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.—Ps. 91:2.

GOD MOVES—always forward, never backward. Out of the current fear and uncertainty, he can—and will bring a better world.

Sustain and strengthen Thy people, Our Father, and help us to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Two Ways

There are two ways to look at a membership in the Franklin or the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

One way is to say:

"The chamber of commerce is far from perfect. I don't approve of some things it has done, and I think it ought to do some things it doesn't do.

"Therefore, I'll give 'em nothing."

The other way is to say:

"The chamber of commerce is far from perfect. I don't approve of some things it has done, and I think it ought to do some things it doesn't do.

"But no organization is perfect. We need a chamber of commerce. And ours can do a better job only if it gets the moral and financial support of the people of the community.

"Therefore, I'm going to invest a little money in this community enterprise."

Damning

The most damning indictment of the administration of North Carolina's state prison is contained in a scarcely noticed detail revealed by last week's prisoner rebellion at Raleigh.

It was the prisoners' demand that, when they are placed in solitary confinement, their allotment of beans be a "heaping spoonful". A solitary confinement meal in the past, it seems, has been less than a spoonful—exactly nine beans, say the prisoners.

Our American Civilization

Secretly worshipping money, fame, and power; professing contempt for those who get these things.

Making no distinction between the imperialist communism of Russia and the democratic socialism of England.

Tolerating crass lewdness in newspapers, magazines, books, and movies; expressing shocked-surprise at the sex crimes that have become common in America.

Leading our young people to believe that marriage is nothing but one long, sweet song of love; wondering why so many of them, when they find it isn't, renege on their bargains.

Letters

FIGHTING VALLEY NEWS

Dear Mr. Jones:

Years ago, when I was a young one, I sent news to The Press entitled "Patton Valley News". Now an old, old lady, I send this entitled "Fighting Valley News".

This valley, in time gone by, was the most peaceful place on earth. Everybody worked; all were real neighbors and got along together, lending a helping hand always in times of distress.

I was born and, until I was 20, lived in the same place, overlooking the beautiful valley below. Then, as so many have

Welcome, Friend Motorist! By King



FRANK KING
THE RALEIGH TIMES

done before and since, I went to Eastern Carolina to teach school, married, and settled there—but always my mind and heart were here in this valley, with the good folks and the little white church.

Long afterward, I came back here to die in peace and quiet. But in late years the valley has been in turmoil; families fighting, husbands and wives and in-laws fighting.

I sometimes wonder if countries are not the same as folks, since folks make up countries; and if all have gone mad worshipping the dollar.

We who have dear boys in the army and navy, and air force, fighting for freedom and home, at least should try to have real homes for them to come back to.

I've been reading The Press every week for nearly 53 years. I would do without biscuits before I'd do without The Press. We get news in it that is really interesting to us at home, and to the folks who are away.

I want to thank you for the good work you and your staff are doing, and to tell you how much I really enjoy reading my little home paper.

Yours truly,

Franklin, Route 1.

LEONA DUNCAN EMORY

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Dear Mr. Jones:

Sometime ago you ran a series of articles on Why Macon County is a Good Place to Live.

I would like to say it is a grand place to live, and I would like to say why.

I was called to the bedside of my father May 21, and was away two weeks. While I was gone, my good neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Bates, Mrs. Mary Tallent, her son, Joe, and Mrs. Mary Green, took over the chores of caring for my cows, pigs, and chickens; they also worked my garden and two acres of corn. I couldn't have kept things going any better if I had been at home.

Where would you find such grand neighbors?

MRS. HARRIETT W. ECHOLS.

Franklin, Route 2.

STRICTLY

PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

"I've always made it a point", a man said to me the other day, "never to form any habits."

I wondered a little about that unusual remark at the time, and I've wondered a lot more since.

What about the habit of eating? and sleeping? What about the habit of working to earn a living? The habit of going to church? The habit of telling the truth? The habit of being considerate of others? The habit of being a good citizen?

What he meant, of course, was that he had tried to steer clear of BAD habits.

The incident, it seems to me, after thinking about it a while, was typical of the way most of us consider goodness; of the way we think of goodness as being simply the absence of badness, a purely negative thing.

That, of course, is a false idea. Goodness, like all desirable qualities, is a very positive thing indeed. If it's the real thing, it is something with tremendous force. It is the evils in the world, such as untruth and cowardice and badness, that are negative.

A GOOD habit is even stronger than a bad one. But most of us forget that.

NEEDED: A competent city manager for Franklin. Also NEEDED: An adequate auditorium in Franklin.

P. S. We might get the auditorium—and a lot of other things Franklin needs—if we had the city manager. A big part of a city manager's job would be to devise ways and means to get these things we all know we need, but which few of us have the time to figure out HOW to get.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How many silos are there in North Carolina?

A. The 1950 agricultural census showed that there were 3,615 upright silos and 757 trench or pit silos in the Tar Heel state. Quite a few silos have, of course, been constructed during the past two years.

On the basis of the 1950 figures, North Carolina has one silo for every 89 dairy cows. In the great dairy states, the ratio of silos is considerably higher. For example, Wisconsin has one silo for every 18 dairy cows, Pennsylvania one for every 22 cows, and New York one for every 24 cows.

Livestock leaders say North Carolina needs many more silos to provide feed for dry summer periods and for the winter months.

Do You Remember?
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
In the absence of candidates for county offices it might be well for candidates for matrimony to make announcements.

Miss Bessie Gaston, who has a position as music teacher in High Point, arrived home Saturday to spend her vacation.

At the veterans' meeting last week, W. A. Curtis, J. W. Moffitt, and C. L. Luther were elected delegates to the State Reunion at Greensboro, and Hon. B. F. Dixon was elected orator for the annual meeting next year.

25 YEARS AGO
Mr. Henderson Calloway, first assistant postmaster at Franklin, and Mr. Lawrence Limer, first assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank, left last Friday for Washington, New York, and other parts of the country.

Some folks are grumbling about hard times, but there is sufficient money in circulation to buy gasoline.

There are enough tin cans in Franklin's back alleys to feed several carloads of goats for an indefinite length of time. Judging from their appearance some of these cans were brought to Franklin long about 1830.

10 YEARS AGO
It sounds confusing but it seems that the principal fear of the Germans in Russia is that a front may be opened in their rear. (Frankie Macon).

The Franklin All-Stars won their third and fourth straight games Sunday and are now perched on top of the Smoky Mountain League as a result of their double win over Hayesville by the score of 3-2 and 10-3.

Others' Opinions

12 LOVELIEST THINGS

(Miss Beatrice Cobb in Morganton News-Herald)

A little Scotch girl is said to have made a list of "My Twelve Loveliest Things, People Not Counted." They were:

1. The scrunch of dry leaves as you walk through them.
2. The feel of clean clothes.
3. Water running into the bath.
4. The cold of ice cream.
5. Cool wind on a hot day.
6. Climbing up and looking back.
7. Honey in your mouth.
8. Smell of a drug store.
9. Hot-water bottle in bed.
10. Babies smiling.
11. The feeling inside when you sing.
12. Baby kittens.

STOP CRIME DRAMAS!

(Oneida (N. Y.) Democratic Union)

It is about time that the American people rise up in their wrath and demand action to stop putting an emphasis on crime. Over the radio, TV, in movies, there are numerous crime programs, shootings, robberies and every form of crime. The youth of the land are filled with such tales and crazy ideas enter their minds and grow. Of course, such shows always end with the downfall of the villain and the admonition, "Crime does not pay." The sad part is that these same youths also learn that many crimes go unpunished. Many think they can out-smart the officials and some do. Others learn to their sorrow.

Such pictures and radio broadcasts are not educational, are not interesting and accomplish only harm. They should be banned permanently.

'YOU CAN CANCEL MY SUBSCRIPTION'

(Southern Pines Pilot)

Once in a long while someone comes into the Pilot office and asks to have his name kept out of the Recorder's Court news. He has run into difficulties with the law and, naturally, would prefer that the fact be kept quiet. In every case, and we emphasize that there are very few, the Pilot replies that it is the custom of this paper to carry the weekly summary of Recorder's Court cases and that they are always published in full. Generally the caller understands that preferential treatment is impossible, and would be unjust, and takes it in good part, but sometimes of course, this is not the case. Then we hear, with regret: "Then you can cancel my subscription."

This happened fairly recently, in a case of arrest for speeding and reckless driving. The man involved stated that lots of people were guilty of such conduct and he thought it "unfair" to publish the names of those who got caught. This point of view struck us as at least interesting, though we have no way of knowing how right he is about the number who don't get caught, and, obviously, all we can do is to print the full list of court cases, but the discussion led us to consider just why it is, in our estimation, important to print this court news.

The main reason, it appears to us, why all court news should be given full coverage is that it constitutes such an important part of our lives. Those taking part in the weekly court are chosen by us; they are doing our business carrying out the laws that we, the people, have made to protect our society. Surely it is the first business of that society to know how well they do their job. If they are lax in their duties, we shall suffer and it is up to us to take proper measures; and if they are doing a fine job, it is just as important that we know about it and give them our strong support.

Right now, when everyone's thoughts are on finding some way to cut down on the fearful number of traffic accidents, it seems particularly important that full coverage be given to all such violations and the arrests that are made. Not on account of the offenders: it is comparatively unimportant to know their names, but on account of the men who are in charge of this work and their successful performance of their duties.

Every Monday at Recorder's Court session may be found a good many of the law enforcement officers not only of the county but of this and neighboring towns, as well as the highway patrolmen. These men have a hard and often dangerous work to perform for the public's benefit. They work long hours, take big chances, they receive much abuse from the drivers they must chase and arrest who are sometimes drunk and violent. They would probably be the first to agree with the Pilot's visitor that many traffic offenders are not caught; the highway force is way below the number needed to do an adequate job. But wouldn't it be too bad not to allow these men credit for the arrests they do make, just because they aren't able to catch everyone? The answer is obvious.

The Pilot has often wished that more people would attend the sessions of Recorder's Court at Carthage. We think they would come away, though saddened by the sordidness and tragedy of many of the cases, impressed by the earnestness with which the court is conducted by our judge and solicitor, and by the excellent work being done by our enforcement officers. We believe they would feel that, in printing the full record of this very important public institution, the Pilot was carrying out its duty as a newspaper working for the best interest of its community.