

# LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Tuesday, October 20, 1964

## The Klan Rally

Saturday, for some, was a big day. The Klu Klux Klan held a rally here. For others, as one expressed it, it was a day of embarrassment. Some rathered the Klan had not come.

Franklin County is made up of fine people. Like other areas, some favor one thing, some another. The Klan has been strong in this county for many years. By the nature of the organization, this has been kept secret. It will undoubtedly gain strength now following the rally.

The secrecy of the Klan may well be one of its appealing points for some. And perhaps, days gone by, there was some reason for this secrecy. But not today. If the members are proud of their organization and what it stands for, as they say they are, they should not need to hide it. On the other hand, if they want to keep secret their work, they cannot expect to find support from the general public. Over 600 people, including a

number of children, attended the local rally to learn of the Klan work. These may or may not be more enlightened now than before. We could sense a dedication to the principles of the organization by the guards and members. This is their privilege. They were critical of news media for their reporting. Yet, while they talked of Freedom of the Press, guards stood inches away from two news reporters, to make sure that this Freedom was not exercised at a Klan rally.

This brings up a grave question in the minds of many. How can Freedom stand the protection of secrecy? How do the thousands, who do not attend these rallies, learn of the Klan, if newsmen are not allowed to tell the story.

If the Klan is to have a place in America consistent with what they desire, they must build a better public image. To do this, they will need the Free Press.

## GRASSROOTS OPINION

THREE FORKS, MONT., HERALD: "In a Jan. 15 speech in the White House, LBJ said: 'We are going to try to take all of the money that we think is unnecessarily being spent and take it from the 'haves' and give it to the 'have nots' that need it so much.' Now that quote raises a lot of questions—some that might get rather loud. Just what 'have nots' are the 'haves'? The tenant farmers on his wife's plantation? The Yugoslavs? The registered Democratic voters in New York's Harlem? The starving Cubans? And what is 'money that we think is unnecessarily being spent'? Who decides what is unnecessary spending? Bureaucrats or taxpayers? Internal Revenue officials, maybe? A \$25,000-a-year federal judge? A jury? And, finally, who are the 'haves'? Until there's some clarification, we'll have to think that the gentleman is talking about our own bank account savings and pocketbook. And yours. You know, we just read that quote again, and now we have a whole new set of questions to ask about it. Haven't you?"

EMPORIA, KAN., GAZETTE: "... a young widow who is left to rear two small daughters alone came to The Gazette with a request. . . . She asked that the paper publish a warning about the poison gas that killed her 23-year-old husband. . . . The man had rented a gasoline pump to suck the sludge from the bottom of a water well. They lowered the pump into the well. . . . They waited 30 minutes for the air in the well to clear and then the young woman's husband climbed to the bottom to clean out the remaining sludge by hand. A few minutes later he was dead. . . . The young wife thinks that a similar tragedy could be avoided if only people knew more about deadly carbon monoxide."

BROOKVILLE, PA., AMERICAN: "The average American would explode in righteous indignation if someone suddenly told him he didn't have the right to vote. The sad fact is, however, that far too many who have the privilege are letting it go to waste. Estimates are that unless somebody shakes them out of their apathy and indifference, some 40 million eligibles will neglect to cast ballots in November."

## Franklin Mem. Hospital Notes

The following patients were in the hospital Tuesday morning:

### WHITE PATIENTS

Mrs. Fannie Andrews, Louisville; Mrs. Zelma Ball, Louisville; Joseph (Mack) Beckham, Franklinton; Mrs. Nell B. Bennett, Louisville; Edward L. Bryant, Warrenton; Bronis Burnette, Louisville; Mrs. Gala P. Cash, Louisville; Joseph W. Champion, Louisville; Willie Clay, Louisville; Herbert Collins, Castalia; Dwayne Currin, Louisville; Wayne Currin, Louisville; Walter Debnam, Louisville; Donald Ayscue Flood, Bunn; Mrs. He'en Godwin, Louisville; William Goodwin, Franklinton; Mrs. Nora Harper, Louisville; James M. (Jim) Harris, Spring Hope; Miss Jessie Taylor Harris, Louisville; Paul Hensley, Louisville; Mrs. Ann H. Hight, Louisville; Mrs. Luna M. Joyner, Louisville; Clyde Moseley, Louisville; Mrs. Hettie Jeanette Nelms, Castalia; Mrs. Maggie Osborne, Louisville; Mrs. Beatrice Pendleton, Franklinton; Mrs. Helda Ray Perdue, Zebulon; Mrs. Laura H. Perry, Louisville; Mrs. Annie Radford, Butner; Mrs. Geneva J. Richards, Youngsville; Mrs. Lula Swanson Rowe, Louisville; Charlie H. Tharrington, Louisville; Jim William Thompson, Louisville; Mrs. Alma C. Thorne, Castalia; Thomas Wheelless, Louisville; Mrs. Charlotte Wilson, Louisville; Mrs. Betsy Lavender, Louisville.

### COLORED PATIENTS

Annie B. Alston, Franklinton; Henry Lewis Alston, Louisville; Sinda Mae Bailey, Youngsville; Pattie Bullock, Louisville; Artella Cooke, Louisville; Charles Burt Evans, Louisville; Eugene Foster, Louisville; Chester Freeman, Louisville; James Anthony Harris, Louisville; Willie Davis Hazelwood, Louisville; Shepherd Johnson, Spring Hope; Charlie Perry, Louisville; Thurman Yarborough, Louisville.

### A Good Performance

Dear Dad -- We wish you could have come to the school concert. We did 'Hamlet.' A lot of parents came. Some of them had seen it before, but laughed just the same."

## IN THE SERVICE OF UNCLE SAM

Fort Sill, Okla.--Pvt. Furman R. Peace, 21, son of Willie L. Peace, 304 Bullock St., Franklinton, N. C., completed advanced training as a cannoneer at the Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla., October 16.

Peace was trained as a member of artillery gun or howitzer crews.

He entered the Army in May of this year and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. Peace is a 1962 graduate of Franklinton High School.

Fort Sill, Okla. --Sergeant First Class Henry S. Allen, son of Mrs. Sarah A. Allen, Route 1, Louisville, N. C., was graduated from the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at the Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill,

Okla., Oct. 13. Sergeant Allen received four weeks of rigorous refresher training in leadership and exercise of command, map reading, the history of weapons and military teaching methods. The sergeant entered the Army in January 1946.

### Thanks

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to my neighbors, friends and the staff of Franklin Memorial Hospital for the kindness, help, cards, flowers, prayers and every thoughtful deed that was shown to me during my recent stay at the hospital.

Each and every one will always be remembered by me.

Mrs. Estelle Murray

## Revival

A revival is now in progress at the Church of God in Louisville on Kenmore Ave. Brother and Sister Webb of Nashville, N. C., are holding this revival. There is special singing at each service. Everyone is invited to come. Services start at 7:30 p.m.

## U.S. Dollars Abroad

The flow of U. S. dollars abroad, which had been held in check for nine months, zoomed to an annual rate of almost \$3 billion in the April-June period, the Commerce Department said. The United States had had a deficit in its international balance of payments almost every year for the past decade.

B. O. A. C. wants to cut order for British jets.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

### Dead End Road

Mount Olive Tribune  
Mount Olive, N. C.  
Friday, October 16

Charles Edison's years of public service included such high positions as Governor of New Jersey and Secretary of the Navy.

Recently he was asked this question: "What has happened to America?" His answer: "The empty philosophy of Socialism is replacing the rich and free traditions of America. . . . The strength of the American people has been sapped. . . . We have become a country where self-reliance, pride, hard work and thrift are being replaced by ideas of dependency on government, pleasure before duty, higher pay for less work and the right to government handouts."

Those are hard and pessimistic words. But they are justified. The loss of individual liberty has been a step by step affair—a gradual erosion. So, it has happened almost unnoticed by multitudes. But its sour fruits are found in the way these multitudes almost automatically turn to a super state in the search for solutions to almost every human problem. Lost, forgotten and tramped under are the responsibilities that used to belong to the family, to local initiative and generosity, to the kind of self-reliance that created the nation.

That is the record. The overriding, unanswered question is: "Will we take another course before it is too late?" The road we are traveling is easy—but it has a dead end.

## NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### End Of The Draft

President Johnson may be on sound ground in forecasting the possibility of an end to the peacetime draft, in favor of voluntary military service, when the present draft law expires in 1967.

Current figures presented to Congress indicate some 500,000 youths are enlisting in one branch or other of the service every year, with only the Army needing to depend to any degree on the military draft. It is calling now for only about 90,000 a year from the draft.

With two military pay hikes voted in less than two years, service life certainly offers more inducement than was the case not too long ago. This image could be enhanced with

the implementation of recommendations likely to come from a White House-ordered study of ways to improve medical care and other fringe benefits for the GI.

Added to this is the fact that a post World War II baby boom produced a bumper crop of youths just now reaching military age. About 1.9 million fall into that category next year, about double the figure of 1963. Many will be looking for either a permanent career in uniform or at least a taste of service life with its travel and security.

The draft has served an essential purpose. But no one will mourn its passing when the need no longer exists.

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## FRANKLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

Franklinton, North Carolina  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 1964	Total			
	Cash Balance	Current Expense	Capital Outlay	Capital Fund
July 1, 1963	\$36,892.40	\$ 5,315.79	\$ 6,510.80	\$25,066.01
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes				
Current Levy	\$38,054.80	\$13,623.62	\$24,431.18	
Prior Levies	3,012.20	1,186.56	1,825.64	
Poll Tax	723.32			
Intangible Tax	2,011.53	720.13	1,291.40	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	3,216.74	3,216.74		
Rent	250.00	250.00		
Sale of School Properties	2,825.75		2,825.75	
Refunds & Reimbursements	740.20	740.20		
State and Federal Aid:				
Textbook Clerical Assistance	345.23	345.23		
Driver Training	3,417.20	3,417.20		
Agriculture	5,633.07	5,633.07		
Home Economics	4,356.00	4,356.00		
Lunchrooms	6,269.47	6,269.47		
Interest	982.64			982.64
Gift-Senior Classes	476.34	476.34		
Contribution by Schools for NDEA	700.00	700.00		
Total Receipts:	\$ 73,014.49	\$41,657.88	\$30,373.97	\$ 982.64
Total Receipts and Balance	\$109,906.89	\$46,973.67	\$36,844.57	\$26,048.65
Disbursements:				
Appropriation	\$ 62,317.00	\$40,303.16	\$22,013.84	
Total Disbursements	\$ 62,317.00	\$40,303.16	\$22,013.84	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1964 (To Exhibit "A")	\$ 47,589.89	\$ 6,670.51	\$14,870.73	\$26,048.65

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INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL FUNDS  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 1964	Total			
	Balance 7-1-63	Receipts and Transfers	Disbursements and Transfers	Balance 6-30-64
White Schools:				
Franklinton High School (Schedule 9-A)	\$ 1,902.64	\$ 21,365.71	\$ 19,908.06	\$ 3,360.29
Franklinton High School Cafeteria (Schedule 9-B)	2,879.69	23,638.30	21,769.69	4,748.30
Total White	\$ 4,782.33	\$ 45,004.01	\$ 41,677.75	\$ 8,108.59
Negro Schools:				
B. F. Person Albion (Schedule 9-C)	95.50	15,462.61	15,589.82	( 31.81)
B. F. Person Albion Cafeteria (Schedule 9-D)	116.18	10,675.38	10,549.27	242.29
Total Negro	\$ 211.68	\$ 26,137.99	\$ 26,139.19	\$ 210.48
Total All Schools	\$ 4,994.01	\$ 71,142.00	\$ 67,816.94	\$ 8,319.07

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