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Weekly Bible Thought

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up: and a cloud received Him out of their sight."—Acts: 1-9.

Macon County's Financial Status

THE REPORT of R. C. Birmingham, county accountant, which is published in full on another page of this issue contains information which should be gratifying to every taxpayer in Macon county. It also presents problems which should receive the careful consideration of voters as well as of the county commissioners.

The audit, covering the eight months ended February 29, this year, shows an operating surplus for the period of \$1,353.69. In some of the funds, the most notable being those set aside for court expenses and for public health work, expenditures exceeded the budget allotments; while, on the other hand, some of the funds showed an allotment surplus. Most noticeable in the latter class was a surplus in the debt service fund of \$2,113.95 after the payment of \$31,219.38 on bond maturities and interest.

Many local government bodies are finding it extremely difficult in this time of financial stress to meet their obligations, and some of them have been forced to default. So it is encouraging to know that our county, despite slow tax collections and a "frozen" bank deposit, has met its bond payments and kept its credit unscathed.

Mr. Birmingham summarized the situation with the statement that "the position of the budget accounts was found to be very favorable and clearly indicated a most economical and conservative administration." In his conclusions, he commented:

"In order to maintain this high standard of governmental function for the remainder of the year, it will be necessary that a severe curtailment of expenditures be made in the division of health, and if within your power, that a drastic curtailment of expenditures be put into effect with respect to the heavy operating costs of the Department of the Courts.

"With the exception of the very slow and dragging process of tax collections, (and this condition prevails throughout the state) the financial condition of your county is very good and reflects much credit upon your administration."

Macon county taxpayers will be inclined to agree with most of Mr. Birmingham's economical advice; but couldn't he have gone a little further and suggested a reduction in the allotment of \$2,420 set aside for the county accountant for the year. There is one of the largest items in the budget, exceeded only by the appropriations for the General Government, Pauper Fund, Courts Fund and Debt Service.

Instead, the accountant proposed a heavy curtailment in expenditures for public health. The allotment for this purpose for the year was \$850 and the expenditures for the first eight months was \$1,613, leaving a deficit of \$1,046.33. There is a very plausible explanation for this, however. The health fund deficit was due to the program of vaccination that was carried out last Autumn.

All expenditures, of course, should be held as low as possible; but we sincerely hope the tendency toward economy will not result in any curtailment of the already too limited activities in public health. No sane, well informed person would advise against the public duty of vaccinations. There are other public health functions equally as important. If anything, Macon county needs more public health work, not less of it.

But it does seem that the county's books could be audited for less than \$2,420. This sum represents more than three per cent of the county's total appropriations for the year.

While the county's finances are in "favorable" condition, let it be remembered that the county, like many of its individual residents, is existing on a hand-to-mouth basis. It doesn't carry a large bank balance.

The county has been meeting its bond obligations in the face of difficulties and, if the taxpayers in any great number withhold or even delay settlement of their taxes the county will be faced with a grave situation. In normal times a temporary treasury deficiency can be handled through a short-term loan; but loans now are even more difficult for a county to obtain than for individuals.

The county cannot function without tax money. Let every taxpayer think of the county's obligations as part of his own, and act accordingly in good conscience. Of course, if you haven't any money, you can't pay taxes. The county commissioners have adopted a lenient policy with regard to tax foreclosures, realizing that in many cases it would mean the loss of means of support. Taxes must be paid, however, and unless those who are able to pay them now do so, the county will be in a most embarrassing situation and tax foreclosures will be a matter of absolute necessity.

If a taxpayer cannot pay his taxes in full, he should at least try to pay part of them.

Public Opinion

OPPOSES MR. HARRISON

March 29, 1932.

To the Editor of The Press:— In reply to Mr. G. T. Stiles' letter which appeared in The Press last week, advocating Mr. John O. Harrison for representative in the legislature or for chairman of the county commissioners.

I wish to offer this suggestion: that if Mr. Harrison can convince us that he fully understands the financial condition of Macon county and its people as individuals, we will all be glad to vote for him. But we have known him for many years and we are yet to be convinced that he comprehends the real situation. We have full confidence in his integrity, but we sincerely feel, without any reflection on Mr. Harrison, that someone who has a greater appreciation of current conditions and is more capable of coping with present-day problems.

Referring to our county commissioners, we wish to express confidence in their administration. However, we feel that the county's business could be carried out without the payment of a large salary to the chairman. Why should the taxpayers be put to the expense of \$1,800 a year for this office-holder? In past years the work has been accomplished without this heavy expenditure. Why can't it be done now?

The chairman of the board could set aside one or two days a week—say Tuesdays and Saturdays—for signing vouchers and attending to other routine business. Of course, he should be paid for this on the regular basis that all of the commissioners are paid—\$4 a day and per diem.

This would effect an appreciable saving to the taxpayers, and in these hard times every saving counts.

JOHN H. DALTON.

Franklin, N. C.
March 26, 1932.

Editor The Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.

My dear Sir:

I want to second Mr. Stiles' recommendation of Mr. J. O. Harrison for the legislature. I believe Mr. Harrison has proved by his services as county commissioner that he has the interest of the whole county at heart.

I also agree with Mr. Stiles in regard to the commissioners. We need men for that office who will serve the interest of all the people rather than become the tools of a clique or party. The predicament we are now in has been brought about, in a measure, by serving a party or a clique rather than by serving the larger interest of the whole people.

So I favor running Mr. G. T. Stiles for county commissioner on the independent ticket.

Very truly yours,
JOHN C. FERGUSON.

J. O. U. A. M. News Corral

Edited by
JOHN W. EDWARDS

CULLASAJA COUNCIL

Cullasaja Council No. 158, met Thursday evening, March 24, with a house capacity.

Ed Dean, of Ellijay, was elected as a new member. Rev. N. C. Duncan, pastor of the Episcopal church, was elected into the council on a transfer card from Washington Council No. 191, Erwin, North Carolina.

Fred M. Arnold took the second degree. The second degree team was composed of: counselor, E. B.

Are You Using Time To Shape Your Future Opportunities?

The aim of the Athens Business College is to train bright, eager and industrious young men and young women who are anxious to make the most of their time and opportunity. It is inspirational to note the vigor and enthusiasm with which such students tackle their work. They realize that they are shaping the future—that they are building for tomorrow, and they are anxious to build well.

Many of the young people who read this advertisement should be in this school forging ahead. They would not only enjoy the work but would find it profitable in the highest degree.

Ten years hence factories, department stores, railroads, corporations and banks will be in the hands of the boys and girls of today. How many young people are consciously selecting the places they will occupy ten years from this date? How many are drifting? It hardly needs to be said that the drifters will eventually find

DeHart; vice counselor, Frank L. Murray; warden, Sam J. Murray; outside sentinel, Carey Patton; inside sentinel, John Jones and G. P. Wade Arvey.

J. H. Carelock, A. R. Todd and Fred M. Arnold were introduced into the third degree. The third degree team were: captain, Bill Myers; cor. of the guard, Sam J. Murray; post No. 4, John W. Jones; inside sentinel, R. D. Sisk; soldiers, Tom McCollum, Oliver Hall, J. D. Franks and George Reece; W. B. John Bingham and counselor, E. B. DeHart.

J. H. Carelock made an interesting talk; while Fred M. Arnold made a witty speech, with himself getting as many laughs as the members. A. R. Todd is slated to make a speech for next meeting, March 31.

MILLSHOAL COUNCIL NO. 246

Met on Saturday night, March 26, with a full house, in fact one of the largest crowds present in years.

Jerry R. Franklin and family were called to Waynesville on Sunday, March 27, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Edwards, an aunt of Mr. Franklin. Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of the Waynesville Methodist district, was in charge of the funeral.

COWEE COUNCIL NO. 493

Met on Saturday night, March 26, with a full house—Mr. Wade Arvey says a larger crowd than he had ever seen at Cullasaja council at a regular meeting.

Before I go any farther I want to give all you Juniors a warning—Cowie council won't ever need it again. "Be sure and always have some one to bring a key for the hall on meeting nights."

At Cowee on Saturday the yard of the schoolhouse was full of milling Juniors and they had a foolish look on their faces—since the lack of a little key kept a large crowd out of the building. Finally one good squirrelish type of Junior climbed in at a window, and the boys took the doors off their hinges—then a triumphant entry.

John B. Martin was duly introduced into the first degree. Gaston Breedlove, of Needmore, Wade Pickens, Earl Gibson and a Mr. Hurst took third degree.

This lodge has a contest on and some night in May will see the boys gathered at a feast of food and fun. The next meeting is Saturday night, April 9, and plenty of degree work.

John E. Rickman, postmaster of Franklin and a member of the Cowee council, had a write up in the Sunday Citizen Times. If Mr. Rickman had worn a smile it would have been a good matrimonial advertisement.

Cowie council has reinstated 5 members and 8 new members have been added to the membership.

Since the first of the year the attendance has been growing until now every meeting has a full house.

Called to Rest

MRS. J. A. PARRISH

Mrs. J. R. Parrish, 51, died at her home at West's Mill Tuesday night at 8 o'clock after an illness of near one year. Death resulted from ulcer of the stomach.

Funeral services were held at the Cowee Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. A. S. Solesbee conducting the final rites.

Mrs. Parrish was formerly Miss Callie Downs. She was a member of the Burningtown Baptist church. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Dwight and Carl Parrish, and a host of near relatives and friends.

ST. AGNES

Episcopal Church
Franklin, N. C.
Rev. Norvin C. Duncan
Priest-in-charge

SUNDAY

11 A. M.—Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, Holy Communion and sermon.

7:30 P. M.—St. Agnes Church, Evening Prayer and sermon.

TUESDAY

10 A. M.—Holy Communion and special intercessions for the sick and troubled.

BY REV. NORVIN C. DUNCAN

The following from a clipping, credited to William R. Ninder, is something which should have wide circulation. Subscribing most heartily to the sentiments expressed, I wish, to pass it on:

"The Author of Ecclesiastes was a wise old man of the world. Here is a statement of his which should be printed on the front page of every newspaper in the country. It should be done in large type with plenty of space around it, until every man, woman and child in the nation had not only learned the words, but also the meaning and the truth of it. 'BECAUSE SENTENCE AGAINST AN EVIL WORK IS NOT EXECUTED SPEEDILY, THEREFORE THE HEART OF THE SONS OF MEN IS FULLY SET IN THEM TO DO EVIL.'"

When the individuals of a nation set out to do anything and everything that each can get away with, the result is an astonishing and fearful chaos, yet this is the actual, accepted and practiced philosophy of America. Business, politics, education and religion are dominated by the folly of this philosophy. The result is a loss of confidence in every institution for which our fathers fought, and which we claim to hold dear and sacred. We are today sceptical of government—city, state, and national. We are represented in government by the kind of people the majority of us are. We have succeeded in making a mad-house of democracy. We do not govern ourselves and we refuse to be governed. The streets are not safe. Property rights are infringed—children are not safe in their own homes—Fathers and mothers are compelled to appeal from police to gangsters for help. The opinion of an Al Capone is given consideration of space in the newspaper. Newspapers have sunk lower than I had thought possible.

"BECAUSE SENTENCE AGAINST AN EVIL WORK IS EXECUTED SPEEDILY, THEREFORE THE HEART OF THE SONS OF MEN IS FULLY SET IN THEM TO DO EVIL."

MUSE'S CORNER

REV. W. L. GRIGGS

We have had a meeting here, A man to preach with Godly fear; A self-made man from N. C. sent Who is strong and forward bent To make his life a shining star For God, whom we owe all we are.

So I am taking off my hat To this great man who's standing pat

With Christ, and holding satan down Because he's worthy of a crown Fearless, he is not afraid While bravely climbing up the grade.

He mounts the pulpit bright and fair Filled with love divine and prayer

To save the world from loss of life In this great field of mortal strife; Then I must say he's mighty meek, 'Tis Preacher Griggs of whom I speak.

—TROY F. HORN.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

West's Mill, N. C., March 26, 1932.

Whereas, on March 9, 1932 death entered the home of Brother A. L. Raby and claimed as its victim his daughter, Miss Alma Raby, and while we speak with the deepest sympathy, we realize that each of us have a mission to fill in this world and Alma has faithfully fulfilled hers.

Where our treasures are there will our hearts be also. Alma can not return unto her father but he can go into her and we are persuaded that Brother Raby's treasures are in safe keeping and that his temporary loss is heaven's eternal gain.

Therefore be it resolved:

1st—That Cowee Council No. 493 Jr. O. U. A. M. extend our deepest sympathy to Brother Raby and family in this hour of their saddest bereavement, and

2nd—That we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well.

3rd—That a copy of this resolution be entered on the minutes of this Council, and that a copy be

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Is It Too Late to Come In?"
"No, Come In and Make Yourself at Home!"

delivered to the bereaved family, also a copy be mailed to The Franklin Press for publication.
S. C. LEATHERMAN
H. R. MORRISON
Committee.

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Use Floex for Colds and Flu

This effective new medicine should be found in every home. Take a dose as soon as the first symptoms of cold or influenza appear. It will save you much worry, discomfort and illness. But even in advanced stages of colds, influenza and related respiratory infections brings relief. Sold in 50 cent bottles. Made by a secret process, this new, scientifically prepared medicine is sold only at ANGEL'S DRUG STORE, FRANKLIN, N. C. —Adv.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE

North Carolina,
Macon County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BANK OF FRANKLIN

Whereas, Gurney P. Hood, State Commissioner of Banks, did on the 28th day of November, 1931, direct the Board of Directors of the Bank of Franklin to levy an assessment against the stockholders of the said Bank of Franklin in the sum of \$100.00 per share;

And whereas, the said Directors and Stockholders did on the 14th day of December, 1931, levy an assessment of \$100.00 per share as directed by the said Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks;

And whereas, said assessment has not been paid or arranged to be

paid by the persons and upon the number of shares hereinafter set forth:

I will, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of North Carolina, sell at the office of The Bank of Franklin at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1932, the number of shares of the capital stock of The Bank of Franklin hereinafter set forth as follows:

Bradley, L. M., 1 share.

Bryson, S. A., 1 share.

Bryson, W. M., 1 share.

Franks, E. H., 5 shares.

Franks, Sam L., 2 shares.

Hardman, Mrs. J. B., 2 shares.

Higdon, T. B., 1 share.

Higdon, W. L., 12 shares.

Conley, J. S., Trustee, 17 1/2 shares.

Jamison, Grover, 20 shares.

Moore, W. T., 2 shares.

Moore, Alex, 2 shares.

Murray, Frank L., 6 shares.

Porter, Jas. A., 15 shares.

Porter, Jas. A., Exec., 20 shares.

Ramsey, Mrs. Rebecca, 1 share.

Ramsey, Robert, 2 shares.

Ramsey, J. R., 1 share.

Rickman, Everett, 1 share.

Rogers, Mamie A., 90 shares.

Roane, Mrs. Minnie, 5 shares.

Sanders, M. E., 1 share.

Slagle, Louise Arthur, 2 shares.

Smart, Mary, 1 share.

Smart, Ada & Marinda Brown, 1 share.

Wright, Mrs. John C., 12 1/2 shares.

This the 30th day of March, 1932.

By order of the Commissioner of Banks of North Carolina, and the Board of Directors of The Bank of Franklin.

Cashier of The Bank of Franklin.

H. W. CABE.

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INSURE YOUR HAPPINESS

WOULD you be interested in a plan which would cancel the mortgage on your property or home, should you be taken away, and would gradually pay it off if you lived?

Would you like to definitely arrange matters so that your children will receive the advantages of a college education?

Would you like to make certain that your wife would receive a check, every month of her life, if you were taken out of the picture?

Would you like to pension yourself and enjoy a leisurely old age when your responsibilities are over?

I have a plan to help you finance your happiness and the happiness of your family so that your dreams will surely come true. This plan is backed by the total assets of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company aggregating over \$977,000,000.

Let me talk over with you your present problems and ambitions, and help you to arrange a financial program which will answer these questions. This service involves no obligation on your part.

Careful selection of risks, judicious investment of funds and low cost of management have resulted in the Northwestern's demonstrating itself as—

—The Dividend Paying Company of America—High Quality at Low Cost

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