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Education Week and Book Week

THIS is Education Week and next week is Book Week, throughout the nation.

Dr. Frank A. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, whose leadership in matters of human welfare has extended far beyond the boundaries of this state, brought a timely message to the library rally at Murphy last Friday, attended by 700 people of this section.

"Intelligence produces wealth," said Dr. Graham. "If the economic condition of the South is the nation's No. 1 problem, then it appears that increased library and school facilities in North Carolina is our solution to the problem."

Speaking on the subject of "State and Federal Aid of Public Libraries," Dr. Graham cited figures to show that "the most American thing about America is its educational undertaking. Yet our schools and libraries are not American because they are practically the only things without federal aid."

He urged local support for libraries, then state aid, and national aid, saying, "when this happens, the South will come into its own."

As we observe the many movements and agencies that are carrying knowledge and books to those who will take them, we are witnessing a greater safeguard to our democratic way of life than any other force, greater by far than armaments or material wealth.

The eager minds of youth are being fed as never before, and mature men and women are finding out that they are "never too old to learn." Both are being guided to know that education and all that an enlarged mental and spiritual horizon brings can be theirs for the asking.

The Asheville Citizen-Times, speaking in praise of the President's action in reducing the postage on books from seven cents a pound to a cent and a half, says, "We like the reason given by Mr. Roosevelt for his proclamation—that 'the lowering of the mailing cost of books is necessary for the promotion of the cultural growth, education and development of the American people'—there never was a time when mass education was more needed, for there never was a period when democratic institutions were under such direct challenge."

A Change in Political Trend

THE results of Tuesday's election in several pivotal states would seem to indicate that the political trend which has prevailed since 1932 has undergone a decided change.

The substantial gains made by the Republican party in the national congress will not give them a majority in either house, but it will give them a greatly augmented fighting force which, joined with recalcitrant Democrats who have no love for the New Deal, will give the administration plenty of trouble during the coming session of the 76th Congress.

It is safe to assume that all administration-supported measures will be very closely scanned, and that a determined effort will be made to curtail the emergency powers given the President by the overwhelming Democratic majorities in the national assembly since 1932. It may also mean an attempt to put all the New Deal spending agencies under the direct control of congress; and it will certainly mean that specific rules will be laid down as to how all new appropriations shall be expended.

Anyway, there will be plenty of fireworks and fun when the next merry-go-round gets going on Capitol Hill.

"Calling All Americans..."



American Red Cross Roll Call Poster for 1938.



SCHOOL CELEBRATES NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

National Book Week is being celebrated in the Franklin school by a book drive, the purpose of which is to add to the small library. The grades of both the high school and grammar school are competing in the drive. The room that turns in the most books receives passes to Friday's game. Reports from each room were posted Wednesday to show how the rooms were standing. The finals will be announced Friday.

If the people of Franklin are interested in this book drive and wish to contribute books, they may leave them at Angel's Drug store. It makes no difference if the books are torn or damaged as long as all the leaves are there, because the PWA will mend them for the school.

FIRST AID COURSE BEING TAUGHT

A first aid course is being given to pupils who are 17 years old or older. The first-aiders see the need and realize the benefit of this course. Forty pupils are now enrolled and others are expected to come in later. S. L. Sanders, who is teaching the course, hopes to give a junior course here as soon as this one ends and an advanced course in the Agricultural building for adults who haven't had an opportunity to take such a course. Certificates will be awarded upon passing the examination. This course is being taught in colleges to enable teachers and others to administer emergency aid to the injured.

MRS. JOHNSTON ILL

Mrs. Johnston, the librarian of Franklin high school, who is very ill with inflammatory rheumatism, is being missed, and it is hoped that she will be able to return soon.

FRANKLIN SENIORS ACCEPT INVITATION TO CHAPEL HILL

To learn more about their state university, and to represent their class on senior day at Chapel Hill Saturday, 12 seniors from Franklin high left Friday for the week-end.

Of the more than 23,000 high school seniors who accepted the invitation to see the college and attend the V. P. I. - Carolina game, Franklin's group, led by Mr. Wells,

Mr. Overcash, and Miss Gilliam, went the longest distance. To give this group special recognition, it was allowed to sing "Maple on the Hill" over the loudspeaker to the delegations from all over North Carolina.

In addition to seeing the football game and the university, the group also visited State college at Raleigh and the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, both parts of the greater university of North Carolina.

Those enjoying the trip were: Doris Corbin, Mary Joe Setser, Edith Cabe, John Slagle, Bill Wilkie, Joe Pattillo, George Patton, Harry Higgins, Eugene Furr, Charles Hunnicutt, J. C. Jacobs, and Esta Mae Childers. Mr. Wells, Mr. Overcash, and Miss Gilliam took cars.

TEAM MASCOTS ATTEND GAME

At the Franklin-Long Creek game the cheering squad was led on to the field, between halves, by George Wells and Graydon Shuford, mascots of the team. Dressed in their football suits, the blond-headed youngsters made quite a picture. The football team, as well as the cheering squad, is looking forward to having the mascots with them during the coming games.

DECLINE

A steady decline in the mortgage and other indebtedness of farmers has been noted for the 20 years ending with 1937. The reduction since 1920 was accompanied by a decrease of almost one-half in the number of banks operating in the agricultural areas.

UNIQUE

Quick frozen strawberries are now being preserved by chilling them in cold sugar syrup. The freezing agent is sugar solution kept cold by cooling coils in the freezing container.

FAVORABLE

A rather favorable outlook for tobacco growers for the 1939 season has been indicated by the Federal bureau of agricultural economics in its annual outlook report on tobacco.

PANTHERS TIE ANDREWS 7-7

Game Full Of Thrills;
Play Murphy Here
Tomorrow

In a game packed with thrills the Franklin Panthers held the strong Andrews team to a 7-7 tie last Thursday on the Franklin field. In the second quarter Franklin moved 46 yards in two plays for their first and only touchdown in the game. Higdon, taking the ball on Andrews' 46 yard line, raced 40 yards before being brought down. On the following play, Higdon carried the ball over for a touchdown. John Slagle crashed over center for the extra point.

Andrews scored in the last half after a 15 yard penalty on Franklin placed the ball on the one-yard line. Parker drove off tackle for the score. The kick from placement was successful. Both teams tried desperately to break the deadlock but were without success. On one occasion, Andrews attempted a field goal which was partially blocked and fell short of the uprights.

The performance of the entire Franklin team deserves recognition. A large part of the success of the team was dependent on the masterful manner in which Slagle selected his plays.

Play Murphy Friday

The Franklin Panthers have been working hard perfecting their plays to upset Murphy in Franklin Friday.

This promises to be an interesting game since Murphy has lost only one game this season. Their team is a strong one, and it has had good experience working out with the Murphy town team. They triumphed over the Cherokee Indians last Friday.

Although the Franklin team has been showing up well on the defense, the backfield has never been noticeably strong on account of a series of handicaps; however, new backs are developing each day and some startling surprises may enliven the game Friday.

Charles Setser, captain, will not be able to play on account of a knee injury.

Max Raby, promising reserve, will probably see action as well as Joe Pattillo, speedy half-back, who has had opportunity to play in several games.

Muse's Corner

BLUE VALLEY

(A few miles from Highlands)
In the beautiful Blue Valley
Let us linger long, let us dally;

There by the laughing water
I am a pine tree's daughter,

There in the forest isles
Green growing nature smiles.

Deep in the heart of hills,
Haunt of whippoorwills

Lies the lovely amethyst,
Lilac as October mist:

Lilac as the Autumn haze
Yet clarid as her crystal days.

Within a cave whose spreading
might
Is east to west, like wings of night.

Be a brother to the fern,
Build your campfire, let it burn.

While you dream of days primeval,
Picturing Earth's dark upheaval...

Through your dreams a silver call
Will be the valley's waterfall,

From the cliff in notes and bars
It falls like music from the stars!
Bess H. Hines.

Loyal Order of Moose

Franklin Lodge, No. 452

Meets

In Americal Legion Hall
Every Friday Night

7:30 O'CLOCK

Billy Bryson, Secretary