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BIBLE THOUGHT

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.—Psalms 43:3.

Some defeats are only installments to victory.—Jacob A. Riis.

Family Affairs and Good Business

A county, humanly speaking, is made up of families and individuals living in that area, who constitute the county family. The management of the affairs of a county follows the pattern of the smaller family unit. There must be sufficient support for all, and the heads of families must manage their affairs in a wise, as well as thrifty manner if the present and future is to be provided for intelligently.

The affairs of Macon county are directed by three commissioners elected by the people. The decisions of these three at their monthly meetings vitally affect the lives of thousands of citizens—directly or indirectly. Most of these decisions have to do with the finances of running expenses which involve long-range fiscal policies. But because we are, primarily, a large family of men, women and children, all having the same basic needs, the commissioners should be guided by the human aspect of their problems in making decisions. The commissioners represent the people and it is a poor citizen who does not know what is happening to his county's finances. During the past few months much has happened that is of vital importance to the present and future of hundreds of citizens.

We all know that to receive the full benefit of federal funds and projects, a county must put up a small percentage of the free money poured in to aid those in need. Uncle Sam helps only those who show an effort to help themselves. This is as it should be. But, recently, intelligent citizens have been amazed by the shortsighted action of the commissioners that has abandoned projects giving opportunity for training and livelihood to hundreds who need it.

In another column is an article giving facts concerning the discontinuance of the WPA sewing rooms that have been giving employment to 45 women and bringing about \$150,000 into the county annually. Another lost opportunity for hundreds of young people whose families are on relief and who are eligible for work under NYA is the failure of the county to provide a small amount for a building to house machinery where training in cabinet work could be given by an experienced teacher paid out of federal funds. There has been offered for this purpose the material in three buildings on the site formerly occupied by the CCC camp in Horse Cove—buildings in sections easily removable—labor being furnished by NYA. All that is necessary is the comparatively small expense of transportation to Franklin and the nails, wiring, roofing and plumbing. For the lack of this, hundreds of boys who might be trained to earn a living as skilled workmen are left to furnish future relief rolls.

The reason for the refusal to provide the necessary funds for these projects is that there would have to be an increase in the tax rate to take care of them.

Here is a brief statement of facts as we have been able to learn them, for the information of our readers.

Of the approximately 15,000 people in Macon county about 6,000 pay direct taxes.

The tax rate in the new budget is \$1.28 per \$100 valuation in the county, with an additional 34 cents in Franklin township for road and bridge debt service. On \$5,000,000 estimated taxable property an increase of 10 cents on the \$100 would bring in \$5,000, which, in turn, would bring into the county federal funds amounting to \$50,000. What business man would not put out five dollars on the surety of gaining fifty? Why should not county affairs be run on plain business principles, so that all may enjoy a maximum of advantage?

But this is not all. Look at the other side of the picture. What will happen if the federal funds available are not accepted? Is Macon county willing to revert to the old "root hog or die" days when people existed in pitiful poverty without a chance, or even allowed to starve? What about the relief problem that will mount with this stupid neglect of opportunity?

There are worse evils than a slightly increased tax rate. Every dollar expended in taxes helps create values for property owners as well as life for

many of our less fortunate neighbors. The man who objects to this increase because he owns property is as much an enemy to society as if he were a law breaker, because he is denying his brother a chance. Instead of the old saying that "death and taxes" are certain evils, the reverse is equally true, namely that without taxes we are decreeing death to progress, which means people, in the final analysis.

A dangerous situation is created when there is lack of an adequate policy in dealing with present needs or building for a better future. Even if there are debts to be paid, and interest on past debts to be met, there is all the more need to increase material values by creating an increased power of production.

At present there is an over-developed hindsight that has completely obscured any foresight. Our commissioners and certain of their advisors at their present state of obscured vision need to ascend a mental Wayah Bald and look at their job in the light of day—of this new day in which we live.

Artists Come to Highlands

WE note with interest the announcement of two artistic performances to be held on two successive Monday evenings in Highlands.

The Soco Gap dancers, well known as Western North Carolina's contribution to the entertainment at the White House of the King and Queen of Great Britain, on their recent visit to the United States, will give a performance on next Monday evening.

On the following Monday evening the Barter Theater, originating a few years ago in Abington, Virginia, will give a play under the auspices of the Highlands Little Theater. We would have been in the dark as to the meaning of this novel enterprise had we not read the last issue of "Life". The story therein entitled "Barter Theater Trades Drama for Ham and Eggs" tells how a Virginia boy—Robert Porterfield—used his imagination to practical purpose to create this unique institution.

Discovering many hungry actors in New York while searching in vain for a job himself, young Porterfield enticed some of these unemployed artists to try their fortune in his home town of Abingdon. He promised them food and lodging in return for dramatic performances during the summer. Using the buildings of a deserted college, plays were produced for audiences who came from the countryside, far and wide, bringing all manner of farm and garden produce as barter for admission. Everything from hams to marble cake were traded for theater tickets, which, in turn went to feed the actors. A farmer nearby brought his cow and milked enough to pay for tickets. Director Porterfield has been known to extend the barter feature to the payment of playwrights; it is reported that he once sent a Smithfield ham to George Bernard Shaw—who, by the way, is a vegetarian.

We hope that these performances will receive the patronage they deserve and that they may be the beginning of annual pilgrimages by artists who may, in turn, enjoy the beauties of our mountains.

West's Mill

Charles Owens, from Cullowhee, spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. G. Owens.

Mrs. A. L. McLean is visiting her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McLean, in Raleigh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, from Rio Grande, Texas, spent several days visiting relatives here. Mr. Morrison has been away from North Carolina 11 years.

Ruth and Lewis, Jr., Smith, from Cullowhee, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Vonnice West returned home from the University of North Carolina last Thursday, where she has been in summer school.

Ada Ruth West had a birthday party last Thursday. She entertained her many little friends with music, games and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Cero Martin and son, James, from Biltmore, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan.

Dr. and Mrs. Carter and Miss Morrison, from San Antonio, Texas, spent last Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. West and daughter, Ada Ruth, Mrs. J. L. West, Jr., Miss Marvill West and Freddy West went to Asheville on a short visit last Sunday.

Mountain Grove

By Miss Fannie Mae Dillard
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Shope were visiting friends and relatives at Mountain Grove last week-end.

Mrs. Johnnie Cogdill and granddaughter, Ruth Deets, were visiting Mrs. Cogdill's father, Philip Williams, last week.

Billie Rankin has returned to his home after spending several days at Speedwell.

Ed Adams and Jim Keener made a business trip to Haywood last week.

Rev. Bill Breedlove, of Glenville, filled his regular appointment at the Mountain Grove Church last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Carlin have moved into the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, of Haywood, were visiting their father

and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Williams, last week.

Alice Adams and Edison Ammons were the guests of Eva Dillard Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Taylor is seriously ill at her home at Mountain Grove.

Charlie Cogdill was visiting his brother, Willie Cogdill, last week.

The Rev. Bill Breedlove preached at P. B. Williams' Friday night. J. M. Williams has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Leonard Honeycutt of Franklin.

Parker Adams has returned to his home from Bend, Ore., where he has been visiting his children.

Mrs. John Ammons and children, of East Bend, were visiting their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Williams, recently.

Mrs. Willie Cogdill is visiting Mrs. Johnnie Cogdill, of Addie.

Franklin Surgeons Write For Surgical Journal

The name of Franklin takes a very prominent position in the medical world this week. On the very first reading page of The American Journal of Surgery, the name of Franklin appears in an article written by John O. Bower and Harold Mengle, of Philadelphia and Franklin. Dr. Mengle was Dr. Furman Angel's former assistant.

In the next article in this international journal of surgery is an article by Dr. Furman Angel, surgeon in chief of the Angel hospital and Harold Mengle.

The American Journal of Surgery has a world-wide circulation and is the outstanding publication of the surgical profession.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for the kindness and sympathy shown during the sickness and death of my sister, Ella Cunningham.
JOHN CUNNINGHAM

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We wish to express our deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the sickness and death of our dear husband and father.
MRS. DEE BUCHANAN AND CHILDREN

Baptist

Association To Meet At Clear Creek Aug. 10

The Macon County Baptist association will meet at the Clear Creek Baptist church, six miles south of Highlands, on Highway 28 toward Walhalla, on Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11.

All Baptist churches in the association are expected to send representatives, and all Baptists are invited to attend.

Comments On Press Souvenir Edition

Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson and B. W. Johnson, publishers of The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian, on July 20 put out a special summer souvenir edition full of interesting stories, pictures, and good advertising. The edition was a big success.—Publishers' Auxiliary, Chicago, Ill.

THE FRANKLIN (N. C.) PRESS SUMMER SOUVENIR EDITION

Thursday July 20 The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian, consolidated, published at Franklin, N. C., issued a splendid "Summer Souvenir Edition." This number carries 24 pages and is filled with generous patronage of ads. Many interesting and refreshing mountain scenes in the Blue Ridge familiar to many in this section are given in connection with news stories and features of this popular mountain resort.

—Tugalo Tribune, Westminster, S. C.

Mrs. John Byrne, of Columbus, Ga., in a personal letter to Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, had the following to say concerning the Souvenir Edition:

"I'm so proud of the special edition of The Press, and wish to congratulate you and the Press staff for your splendid endeavor. The pictures are excellent, the reading well done and the layout most pleasing."

Singing Convention At Tellico August 12

The northern division of the Macon county annual singing convention will meet with the Tellico Baptist church on Saturday, August 12, at 10 a. m., it has been announced by Theron A. Slagle, president.

All choirs, quartets, duets, soloists and all interested in singing are invited to attend.

Box Supper At Clark's Chapel Saturday Night

Announcement has been made that a box and pie supper will be given at Clark's Chapel schoolhouse next Saturday night, August 5. Everybody is invited to attend.

M. E. Porter, a young Columbus county farmer, has just marketed eight pigs that were raised under the sanitary method, clearing \$3.80 per 100 pounds of live pork.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT IT

Funeral Benefit Insurance Costs Are Surprisingly Small Rates From 2 1/2c Month Up According To Age Benefits are Provided in the Amount of \$100 for Persons Over 10 Years of Age and in the Amount of \$50 for Persons Under 10 Years of Age.
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Clippings

"MEAT WITHOUT BONE"

(Asheville Citizen-Times)
To say that the United States is becoming soy bean conscious is putting the matter mildly. After centuries of neglect of a plant that has long been a mainstay of China's millions, this country is doing its best to make up for lost time. American missionaries have carried many American seeds and plants to China, some of which have become staple parts of the Chinese diet—sweet potatoes and peanuts especially have been incorporated into Oriental food habits, and Indian corn is rapidly winning a place of its own.

In return we have received from China the tung oil tree, from which modern paint makers derive some of their best ingredients, and the soy bean, which is such a wonderful source of protein that it bears the ancient Chinese nickname of "meat without bone."

The uses to which soy can be put in the catalogue of human food is varied in the extreme. Besides flour for bread and another flour for pancakes, there is a breakfast food cereal, a milk-like drink, an artificial coffee, and a sort of cheese-like substance called bran-curd, which forms part of all Chinese cooking. For cattle there are the pressed bean cakes used as fodder and bean milk for young calves.

According to a late dispatch from the Christian Science Monitor, planting of soy beans in the United States is increasing by leaps and bounds, especially in the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Although farmers here have been learning the importance of soy beans for livestock feeding since the World War, other uses are just coming to the fore. Large potato growers are using soy as a legume to be plowed under for soil building. Fruit growers are using soy between the rows in vineyards and orchards. Says the Monitor: "One large producer of alfalfa meal is processing soy bean hay through his drier and grinder and many farmers consider it equal to alfalfa meal for poultry and stock feeding." Clever people, the Chinese. They have known about soy for centuries.

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