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### BIBLE THOUGHT

He sayeth unto him, Feed my lambs.—St. John 21:15.

Politics is babies.—George Bernard Shaw.

### Another School Year Begins

**D**URING the next few days Macon county's army of 4,000 children will begin the work of another school year. That these young inheritors of this generation deserve the best that parents, school authorities and teachers can give goes without saying.

Never before has so much aid to young people come from federal and state sources. That every boy and girl receive this benefit—especially those whose parents are unable to give them all they need—is the first responsibility of superintendent, teachers, National Youth Administration supervisor, state and county health officers and the county welfare department. It is the responsibility of the school board, school committees, Parent-Teacher Associations and citizens generally to see that the children of this county receive all that the county, state and federal government are paying for.

The health department offers its services to look after the health of all school children, and to see that eyes, ears, noses, throats and lungs are treated free of charge when necessary. Vaccination for diphtheria, smallpox, typhoid and whooping cough are offered. Further, N. Y. A. offers aid to older boys and girls who could not otherwise go to school at all. School and town libraries have been greatly improved for reference work.

The youth of Macon county need all their elders can give them. Macon county needs the best possible advantages for its children. It is plainly up to all to lend heart, hand, strength and intelligence to this most important job.

### We Need Straight Talk

**L**ETTERS of acknowledgment of the petition sent to Senator Reynolds and Representative Weaver by Macon county citizens are printed on the front page.

Mr. Weaver says, "I am thoroughly in favor of assisting Britain just as far as we can, and you may be assured of my continued and thorough cooperation in this connection."

Mr. Reynolds, who is a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate states that "this matter is being given my most sincere and careful study and consideration."

From these quotations we know exactly where our representative in the lower house stands. Not so with our junior senator.

It is just cause for disappointment that a North Carolina senator who is also a member of the foreign relations committee does not yet know, or does not wish to say, where he stands in the matter of material aid to Britain as the best insurance against war in America. With all of the torrent of words and every conceivable opportunity to obtain information on the subject, it would seem that Senator Reynolds has had time to progress beyond the "careful study" stage.

And having decided, it would seem that he would take this opportunity to set himself straight with the voters in this part of the state whom he has the honor to represent. While his public utterances before war came made clear that Mr. Reynolds had no particular liking for Britain, and the alleged requirement of the German-American Bund members that they subscribe to "The Vindicator" (at one dollar a year) would indicate some friendly relation in that direction, it would seem that a public servant in a high place owes it to his constituency to state unequivocally where he stands at this critical time.

### Pro And Con

**I**T is always stimulating and usually clarifying to hear both sides of a vital question.

We therefore welcome a request from our good Republican friend, Mrs. John S. Sewell, of Highlands, to print "the other side" in regard to Willkie's challenge of President Roosevelt to debate.

Mrs. Sewell is of the opinion that the president is also the New Deal candidate for office, and as such should accept the invitation to debate with Mr. Willkie on the Town Hall broadcast.

Mrs. Sewell says "The Town Hall debate is, I think, one of the most important and desirable things we could have in our political system: a debate face to face, where statements and policies could be challenged and discussed at the time they are made. So was it done in the earliest beginning

### Along the Concrete



### Clippings

#### WHILE FIREMEN ARGUE

(Christian Science Monitor)  
Democracy's house is afire. The flames of totalitarian aggression have swept through six lebensraums of free peoples. They are scouring the coasts of Britain, first home of self-government and last barrier between the Nazi war machine and the Americas. And Senators of the United States argue as to whether World War destroyers can be transferred to Britain without their passing a new law!  
Other measures are under way for fighting the fire should it break through the final fire-wall: Billions for ships, planes, and guns; action to check Fifth Columns; taxes to raise defense funds; draft plans; diplomatic defense arrangements with the Latin Americans—all preparations for turning on the water when the fire comes one room closer. But it is a certainty that there will be no full stream of water in any of these hoses in the next few months. And fifty destroyers might prove just the needed bricks for the top of that fire-wall called Britain.  
But these firemen are still only half awake and full of questions. Is it legal to fight fire this way? Will it be neutral? What will the Nazis say? So long as they were not built to sell to Britain (only to help her in another war, does international law sanction the sale of these destroyers? And if they first went through the hands of private contractors? We sold old army planes to Britain two months ago, but are destroyers the same as planes? Will it weaken our power to fight the fire when it gets here? Will Britain trade us some naval bases for these destroyers? Will the people understand?

Spoken or unspoken, those are the arguments in which the firemen are enmeshed—as if the fire were not in their house, as if the Atlantic would still be a barrier were the British fleet beaten or immobilized. Is the dictators' charge correct? Are democracies unable to see danger and move quickly to forestall it? Are they too stupid and torn by conflicting selfish interests to unite and act? Do they lack the courage and insight to take the smaller of two risks?  
We do not think so. We believe the American people are largely awake, that they understand even the military strategy of the present position, see that even defense of South America under the Monroe Doctrine is less important than maintaining the British Navy as their first line of defense. Every poll of public opinion has shown a majority for aid to Britain. The people would like to see the firemen fight the fire where the fire

of democracies. . . ."

Mrs. Sewell cites these words written by David Lawrence in his column, "Today in Washington," which champions Mr. Willkie's candidacy:

"The idea that it would be undignified for the President of the United States to participate in one of the fundamental processes of a democracy will come as a shock to many Americans who are inclined to think that at a time when slavish worship of the Fuehrer is offered to the world as the modern way of extolling leadership, America could well give a dramatic example of just the opposite."

It is interesting to quote another noted columnist, Walter Lippman, in his column, "Today and Tomorrow," which has not yet committed its author in favor of either candidate:

"... Until Mr. Willkie brings his own party to the support of his own pledges, he is plainly in no position to challenge the president on any issue or to criticize the efficiency of what is now being done for national defense. The first condition of leadership is to be able to lead one's own followers. We live under a system of party government, and before a presidential candidate can challenge the other party he must have established himself as the leader of his own party."

And so it goes. We thank Mrs. Sewell for her contribution. We hope she has "started something" and that others will follow suit with points pro and con that we can present on both sides.

is—with measures which might well keep it from ever coming nearer.

#### Throngs Visiting Franklin Area This Season

(The Asheville Citizen and The Times)  
FRANKLIN. — Since the first white explorer, Hernando De Soto, with his army, crossed the Little Tennessee river in Franklin 1540, people have been making expeditions through this mountainous region, searching for unexplored scenic attractions. Here are found superb views, which many believe excel all others in Eastern America.

As Western North Carolina becomes better known, many prominent persons are attracted here. Today an unlimited number of people are visiting this section. Many are stopping at the numerous hotels which furnish excellent accommodations to the weary traveler, while camping seems to have a universal appeal for a number of the vacationists. For the campers, rustic picnic tables and attractive log benches, built along side the open fireplaces, have been made available.

**Remain For Autumn**  
So enthralled have the visitors been with the scenic beauties of the extreme western portion of North Carolina that many come in the spring and early summer, during the flower season, and remain until late fall, when the autumnal coloration of the leaves stretches out mile after mile of contrasting colors, making this one of the most beautiful places in America to spend a vacation.

The mountain scenery is the main magnet that attracts the visitors to this section. There are many short and long tours, but all of them are over the finest of constructed and guarded highways. Among these are Wayah Bald, 17 miles west of Franklin. From the John B. Byrne Memorial tower, constructed of rustic stone masonry that rises 54 feet above the top of the mountain, the visitor will be able to look off the mountain into Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina. Another famous point is Standing Indian mountain, often called "Grandstand seat of the Blue Ridge." It is noted for its exceptional view of the Blue Ridge mountains. This mountain peak, with an elevation of 5,600 feet may be reached over U. S. Highway No. 64 near Rainbow Springs.  
The history of the Macon county minerals dates back to the 18th century, it has been related, when Englishmen came to the United States in search of fine clay and ended their search by taking several tons of kaolin from the Frank-

lin and Macon county area. This kaolin was eventually shipped to England and used in making of fine china.

**Fine Specimen Found**  
What is said to be one of the finest specimens of emerald green crystallized corundum in the world was placed in the Morgan-Bennett collection in New York. This was taken from the Corundum Hill mines on the Franklin-Highlands road. Today mica is one of the chief mining industries in Macon county. Other minerals and precious stones found here are ruby, sapphire, beryl, aquamarine, quartz, amethyst, garnet and rhodolite.

Hunting squirrel is also a popular sport in this section. This season is open from October 1 until January 15.

The quail, ruffed grouse and turkey season in this section opens on November and closes on February 15, with a bag limit of 10 per day. For the first time in the history of hunting, there has been a limit to the number of rabbits killed per day. Today the limit has been set at 10. The season is open from November 28 to February 15. The bear season is from October 1 to January 1. The opossum, raccoon, mink and muskrat season (with gun or dog) is from October 15 to February 15.

**Golf Course Available**  
At the Franklin Golf and Country club there is a nine-hole golf course that is only one mile from the heart of the little city of Franklin. Here one finds a glorious panorama of mountains visible from nearly every tee. There are also tennis and croquet available to the visitors and excellent swimming pools, natural and man-made, open to the public.

### Muse's Corner

#### HILLS OF HOME

"Mine own people . . ."  
On earth there are  
No dearer words than these . . .  
Mine own people, and Home—the old  
Families  
Of time and place and friends  
we love—  
How often, when away,  
My thoughts return  
And pull the heart  
And move the lips to pray  
God's blessing on the ones  
at home . . .

Wherever I may go  
Mine own people, and Hills of Home  
Are the dearest words I know . . .  
—Bess H. Hines

### FOR THE THRIFTY BUYER

- Red Head Flour, 48 lbs. .... \$1.25
- Sourwood Honey, 1/2-gal. .... 90c
- Selox, large size ..... 15c
- Chicken Soup, 6 cans ..... 25c

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### Stiles Reunion To Be Held September 8

The annual Stiles reunion will be held on Sunday, September 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stiles on Franklin Route 2. All the relatives are invited to attend and bring picnic lunch.

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