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BIBLE THOUGHT

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
—Psalm 27:1.

The County Tickets

IT is wholesome for local government when there are two party tickets nominated for a general election.

This country has based its political faith and practise on the two-party system. There has been growth and prosperity, often in spite of the corrupt politics of one party or another.

One effect of a live opposition is to spur both parties to nominate strong candidates, while a wide awake minority party keeps the winners on their "ps and qs."

The principle of "checks and balances" serves well the spirit of democracy as first one group and then another, guides the public welfare.

If the majority party is trustworthy, it is apt to stay in power, regardless of national issues, which may or may not affect local needs.

Both parties in Macon county have nominated good men. The race is worthy of the interest of all citizens, and a lively campaign is bound to make for better county government.

National Newspaper Week

SINCE the earliest days of the republic, freedom of the press has been one of our most vaunted traditions.

Today, a glance abroad at the government-controlled newspapers of the totalitarian countries is all that is necessary to demonstrate how important that freedom has become in the present stress of changing world orders.

For freedom of the press is not, as the average citizen might sometimes be apt to believe, an unlimited license by virtue of which a newspaper may launch unwarranted, muck-raking attacks on any and everything. Far from being the sole prerogative of the newspapers, freedom of the press in reality belongs to the people themselves.

Your newspaper, whether county seat weekly or metropolitan daily, is published for and controlled by you, its subscribers. In order that you may judge for yourself, it brings you accurate, unbiased accounts of happenings beyond the limits of your everyday life, but happenings that nevertheless concern you. Through its columns, you express your criticisms or approval of the acts of your government or your neighbors. It is your voice, and a voice that is heeded by those in authority.

A free press is the guarantee of a free people. Absolute control of the press was one of the first steps taken by each of the European dictators in their march to power. As newspapers over the United States this week celebrate National Newspaper Week, you as a newspaper subscriber might well reflect how much freedom of the press means to you, the ultimate guardian of that freedom.

The Bluff That Failed

GERMANY, Italy and Japan... undertake to assist one another with all political, economic and military means when one of the three powers is attacked by a power not at present involved in the European war or in the Chinese-Japanese conflict."

So reads the principal clause in a treaty signed in Berlin last Friday by the emissaries of the three nations, and obviously aimed at bluffing the United States into abandoning aid to Britain and recalling trade restriction on Japan.

Thus far the total effect of the treaty has been nil. Before it was two hours old, Secretary Hull had issued a statement saying that the treaty had been expected and was fully taken into account by the government of the United States in determining of this country's policies—which, by implication, would include continuation of aid to England and China.

The increasing friendliness of Japan and the Axis partners has long been suspected by the state department, and the possibility of a Japanese attack on our west coast included in our defense plans against the eventuality of this country's becoming involved in a war with the European totalitarian powers.

The extent to which the three powers will aid each other in the future is rather uncertain. Germany, Italy and Japan have each demonstrated the high regard they have for treaties, time and again. No doubt they will come to each other's aid if it is to their own advantage to do so, but, like Mussolini's part in the present conflict, that aid may be limited to minor bushwhacking expeditions against unimportant and undefended lands of their declared common enemy.

Along the Concrete



Press Comment

BENEFACTRESS

(Mountain Echo of Franklin High School)

The school was honored last Monday by the visit of Mrs. Angie W. Cox, who for the last year has made the libraries of Macon county much richer by her continuous donations. By sending them books and other materials, she has increased their activities a great deal.

Everyone does not have the opportunity to do what Mrs. Cox has done, but each one of us, perhaps, in a smaller way can help to make the conditions of the institutions around us better. One of the best ways of doing this is to try to preserve and maintain those books and materials Mrs. Cox has so kindly given us. For example we notice that the magazines in the school library are not kept as well as they might be and that some of the latest editions are already tattered and torn. This no doubt is the result of misuses by those people who give no thought to others but think selfishly of themselves. We hope that in the future more thought will be given to this and everyone will try to cooperate to, make this a better and more progressive high school.

State Traffic Death Toll Shows 7% Decrease

One of the 498 street and highway fatalities in North Carolina the first eight months of 1940 occurred in Macon county, the highway safety division reported this week.

Only 11 of the 100 counties in the state had a clear record in traffic deaths at the close of the eight month, these being Camden, Caswell, Chowan, Clay, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Mitchell, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Yancey.

Mecklenburg topped the state with an eight-months traffic toll of 25, followed closely by Guilford and Robeson with 22 each, Forsyth with 21 and Buncombe with 19. Sixteen counties reported only one fatality each for the eight-months period.

The state's eight-months traffic toll of 498 deaths, subject to the possible addition of a few delayed deaths, was a decrease of seven per cent from the 539 traffic deaths in the state the first eight months of 1939.

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for this year, in comparison with that of last year, but our percentage of decrease has slipped in two months from 10 per cent to 7 per cent," stated Ronald Hocut, director of the safety division. "The fact that we are showing a decrease in the face of a nationwide increase is gratifying, of course, but eternal vigilance and care on the part of every North Carolina motorist, pedestrian and bicycle rider must be exercised throughout the remainder of the year if we are not to lose what we have gained."

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