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BIBLE THOUGHT

And when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now are they hid from thine eyes.—St. Luke 19:41,42

Good Neighbors

SOMETIMES a major disaster is necessary to reveal the depth of the spirit of neighborliness that lies between man and man.

It doesn't require a very vivid imagination to conjecture the results of the fire which destroyed the Bank of Franklin building here Sunday, had it not been for the gallant and resolute work of the Franklin volunteer fire department, and had it not been for the fire departments of Bryson City, Sylva, Waynesville, Clayton and Cornelia who responded promptly and willingly to the call for aid.

The volunteer fireman is often underrated. Poorly trained and lacking recompense for his services, he is nevertheless willing to drop whatever he is doing to risk life and limb in saving a neighbor's property.

Too much recognition can not be given the fire departments of our neighboring cities for their generous part in preventing the flames from wreaking more damage than they did. Franklin is fortunate to have such good neighbors, both within her own city limits, and abroad.

Armistice

THOSE who remember Armistice Day, 1918—the overpowering of joy and thanksgiving that possessed surging, cheering throngs in every city—can experience nothing but sadness and even a sense of humiliation on Armistice Day, 1940.

On that first Day when the dark curtain of war was lifted from the minds and hearts of millions, even with the burden of grief under which so many were bowed, there was an uplifting relief that the slaughter had stopped. In France our soldiers felt the elation of victory in the presence of the overwhelming gratitude of the French people.

A thoughtful Christian teacher has thus compared that Armistice Day with this:

"It was a mood of hope, of joy, that now a new opportunity was offered to men to build on the ruins of the past a firm and lasting Peace.

"It is now a Day of Humiliation that there has not been enough intelligent good will to organize the world against such disaster."

The Christian Science Monitor observes that for Europe and America alike experience with the kind of "peace" we have had, must make us determine to have something better, and to lay aside those preconceptions that have been shattered by events. It is suggested that our minds be open to this sort of questioning:

"If that determination is strong enough Armistice Day ought to be a good time to lay aside such preconceptions as have not been shattered by events, and open our minds to such questioning:

"Beyond the immediate necessity of stopping the brutalities, how are we to uproot brutality? In all the Axis world? In ourselves? If we do not wish to see Europe federated by force what will we do to promote federation by reason? Will we co-operate for war but not for peace? If Britain can win only a truce what will America do to win peace? If we don't want dictatorship what will we do to make democracy work? If we don't believe democracy can live with dictatorship how shall we make it possible for peoples in the dictatorships to live with democracy? If we don't like brutality, are we ready to practice brotherhood?"

The Curb Market

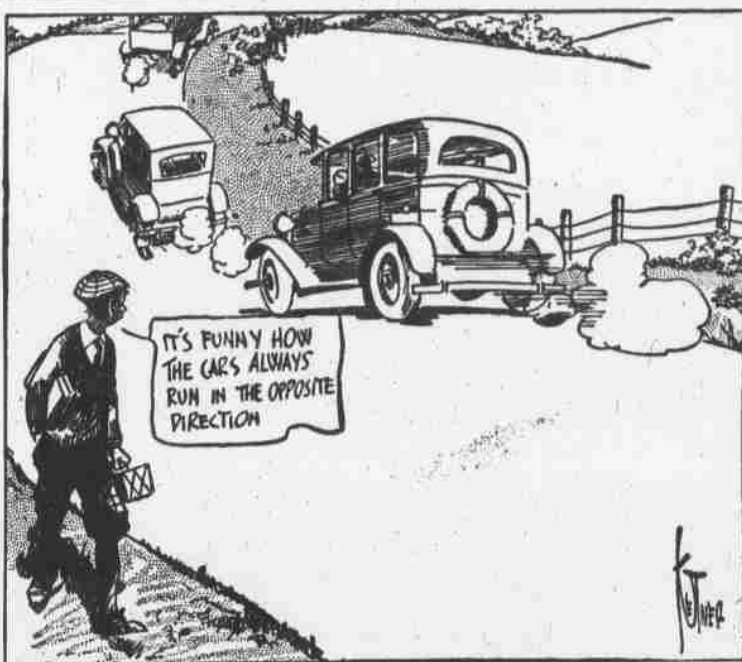
IF there are any housewives in Franklin who have not yet visited the curb market, the day before Thanksgiving is a very good time to get acquainted. Those who patronize the market in summer are reminded that their friends who bring fresh products to market during these months will also appreciate their patronage through the winter.

Besides selling things that grow these housekeepers from Macon farms are good cooks, and not only market their raw milk, butter, cream and eggs, but supply them in the form of cakes, bread and pies as well.

This business venture of a large group of the women of the county deserves the support of their town neighbors. These women buy their supplies from home merchants. They bring to market finished food products of a high standard and sell at a small profit. At the same time truckloads of food-stuffs produced in large commercial bakeries and canneries are brought in to supply the Franklin trade.

Now, the curb market could not begin to meet the demand that is supplied through the regular channels of trade. As yet, this undertaking is a modest one and in no way competes with the re-

Along the Concrete



LAW LIBRARY LOST IN FIRE

Jones And Jones Valuable
Document Collection
60 Years Old

With the destruction of the law offices of Jones and Jones in the Bank building Sunday night, many documents of historic value, and that cannot be duplicated, went up in flames. In the room adjoining the law firm's outer office was housed a law library second to none in Western North Carolina, containing over a thousand volumes, which were all destroyed.

Franklin Press File Lost

A complete file of The Franklin Press that Gilmer A. Jones has preserved since 1925, and that was the only file outside of The Press files covering that period, was lost.

Three volumes of maps made by the late C. W. Slagle, W. B. McGuire, and many other surveyors and engineers, were destroyed. These included valuable grant maps, section maps and maps of the towns of Franklin and Highlands. Most of these cannot be replaced, as the information from which they were made is no longer available.

County Records Destroyed

Of particular interests were 45 volumes of abstracts which had been carefully compiled and preserved. The first 10 volumes consisted of work done by the late Judge George A. Jones, the late F. S. Johnston and G. L. Jones. The last 35 volumes were compiled by the present members of the firm. It is estimated that it would take one man at least 10 years to compile this work alone.

The law library included many volumes of especial historical and reference value that it would be impracticable, if not impossible, to replace. The senior member of the firm states that each revision of the statute law of North Carolina, beginning with the revised statutes of 1837, had been preserved, also the Acts of North Carolina beginning with the year 1841.

It is probable that nowhere else in the state other than in the Supreme Court Library can these two sets of books be found, it was stated. There were also numerous other legislative documents of interest and value pertaining to Reconstruction days, including the impeachment of Governor Holden and other books of like nature. The remainder of the library consisted of more modern but likewise valuable works.

Valuable Manuscript Burned

Gilmer A. Jones, senior member of the firm, well known throughout the state by the legal profession as the author of "Jones's Quizzer", a text used by law students, had just completed the manuscript of the fourth edition of this work, for which there has been a steady demand since the first edition was published. Upon inquiry, we learn from Mr. Jones that this work of revision covers

tail stores. But it is well for all to know that a larger consumption of homemade products would not only encourage the farm women to bring more to market, but would help the finest citizens in the county to improve their economic status.

There is no single group that contributes more in creative ability, hard work, spiritual quality and all-round high class citizenship than the women on the farms. As yet no politician has been so brash as to promise a 40 hour week or a minimum wage to the mothers on the farm who bear and raise children, cook and keep house, work the garden, milk the cows, make the clothes, can and preserve food to feed the family through the winter, nurse the sick, go to church and pound the preacher. They never go on strike, they never desert, they receive little if any material reward.

To get back to the curb market that is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of this county's farm women. As yet there is only a small percentage of the membership who are sellers on the market. The women of Franklin have it in their power to enlarge this enterprise to benefit more women. Give the curb market an even break.

Letters to Editor Fire Is Horrible

Last Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. I left Franklin on a buying trip. Everything about the town was peaceable and quiet as usual. On Monday the 11th I heard of the horrible fire which had started just after I left Franklin. My feelings were undecipherable.

I helped fight fire in Franklin for 14 years as fire chief. I know what a hard task and the problems the boys had Sunday in fighting the fire and at the same time trying to keep it from spreading to other buildings. A well trained and properly equipped fire department means success in controlling fires.

I am very grateful to providence and to the good work which was done by the fire departments. This will prove to me that our good neighbors are very essential, and a man without good neighbors is helpless and lost.

My deepest and sincere sympathy to the ones who suffered losses in last Sunday's fire. Long stories are not necessary, but we all feel the loss in this community. Sincerely,
JOS. ASHEAR.

a period of several years, and that the destroyed manuscript would take at least two years of steady work to replace. Mr. Jones has added to the practise of law and work of author the instruction of law students. Members of the bar of Franklin who have been resident in the county since beginning their practise studied under him.

Long Record

This law firm has a long record of service to the county and citizens of this section, dating from 1878 when the late George A. Jones, father of the members of the present firm opened an office in Franklin. With the exception of one year the office has not been closed since that time. Mr. Jones practised a short time by himself then formed a partnership with W. W. Zachary. Shortly afterward, Mr. Zachary's place was taken by C. C. Daniels, now of New York, and a brother of the Honorable Josephus Daniels. Mr. Daniels left to make his home in Oklahoma shortly afterward, when he was succeeded by the late F. S. Johnston, forming the firm of Jones and Johnston. Upon the death of George A. Jones in 1906, the firm was carried on by his sons, G. L. Jones, now of Asheville and Gilmer A. Jones. Later, Richard S. Jones became the junior member of the firm.

It was natural that a legal firm of such long continuous existence should become the custodian of many valuable historical records and legal documents over a sixty year period. All these had not only been carefully preserved but had been methodically added to, augmenting their permanent value.

In addition to the private files and records of the firm, many personal mementoes perished. These last had been kept for many years in an old walnut desk, which was treasured not only for its intrinsic worth as an antique of unusual beauty, but for historical associa-

Adult Education Supervisor Visits Franklin And Otto

Mrs. Mary R. Cowan, assistant supervisor of Adult Education in District 9, with Mrs. Leona P. Duncan, head of adult education in Macon county, visited the CCC camp at Otto last Tuesday. A second teacher is being placed at the camp at the request of the authorities, on account of the increase of enrollees desiring instruction. Miss Nora Leach is serving as one teacher, and Mrs. Nannie Moore Burrell will be the second teacher.

Mrs. Cowan serves all counties west of Jackson as supervisor of the professional and service division of WPA, which includes all women's projects. District No. 9 includes 13 western counties, of which Mrs. Edith Morgan, with offices in Asheville is supervisor.

tion. Originally serving the now distinguished Josephus Daniels as his first editorial desk in the office of the Wilson Advance, and later used by his brother in Franklin, the latter sold it when he went West to the mother of Gilmer A. Jones who gave it to her husband for a Christmas present.

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