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BIBLE THOUGHT

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6:8.

(A favorite passage of Governor Broughton where the Bible was opened upon which he took the oath of office last week.)

Governor Broughton Takes Over

GOVERNOR BROUGHTON is fortunate in taking over the reins of government after the able administration of Governor Hoey, with a spirit of harmony and good feeling among all factions.

The aim of his program as outlined clearly during his campaign and as stated more fully and definitely in his inaugural address is guided by a principle stated in one sentence in his address: "Sound government is the truest liberalism; sane progress, the best conservatism."

There can be no doubt on two important points as far as the new governor's leadership is concerned: he will stand for a balanced budget and sound progress in state affairs and for complete cooperation with President Roosevelt's foreign policy and program for national defense.

While there will be the usual battles of the lawmakers over various controversial measures to come before the legislature, the political prophets predict that the budget and revenue bills as presented by the governor and the advisory budget commission with the advice of Governor Hoey will be followed with minor changes.

Emphasis is placed on education in these words, "Supreme in importance among all our state activities and agencies are the public schools." "Early attainment" of a nine months term and a twelfth grade for high schools, and the expansion of vocational training is urged. Provision for a state retirement fund for all teachers is recommended and provided for in the proposed budget.

Secondary roads in the state highway system is another emphasis that the people in this section will welcome. With the large sum that will be available from highway funds—twenty millions more than the schools—would appear that the purpose to improve many country roads could be realized, and main roads "revamped and rebuilt."

Diversion of highway funds if necessary to find additional revenue, not recommended by the governor, but necessary as an alternative to cutting appropriations, is liable to become one issue.

"Nothing in our entire program of state activities will be more important during the next few years than our agricultural development," Governor Broughton stated. He pledged support to President Roosevelt, placing at the head of the list of specific measures the need for rural electrification. This is noted in connection with the agricultural program, as promising for the future, considering the fact that the Federal rural electrification agency has not met with the support deserved in view of the state's huge power resources.

Removal of the sales tax from all food for home consumption is recommended, and provision for this change taken into account in the revenue bill.

The General Assembly was admonished to reapportion the membership of the Senate and House of Representatives on the basis of the 1940 census, and to redistrict the state to provide a twelfth district for the additional congressman to which the state is entitled by census figures.

A Lasting Inheritance

WE welcome the tribute, printed in another column, to the late W. L. Higdon by an old friend whose work for education was helped by citizens of vision like Mr. Higdon.

Others will second what Mr. Billings has expressed and recognize that a lasting inheritance is pressed and recognize that a lasting inheritance is be said, "this is a better community because he lived here."

Julius S. Robinson

THE quick step and kindly greeting of "Jule Robinson" will be missed by his friends accustomed to meeting him daily on Franklin's Main street. He possessed that love for his native town that comes from roots deep in her soil and a knowledge of her history and people. His old home welcomed him back several years ago when he returned to take up his residence in the old family home, "Dixie Hall." Around this beautiful landmark of earlier days clustered many memories of older citizens with the record of a family prominent in county and state.

One who was close to him for many years has written the following appreciation:

Jule Robinson spent a large part of his life rendering unspectacular, and often anonymous, service to others.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



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As a young man in Franklin he was never too busy to give his time, and energy and money as well, to any public cause. The Franklin public library was an enterprise that was particularly close to his heart. And his efforts were largely responsible for this town's having a library at a period when such institutions were rare in North Carolina.

But his friends will remember him best for the little, thoughtful things he did for individuals. He often inspired—and sometimes cooked—a surprise birthday party for some elderly person. And he found his greatest joy in doing something to bring happiness into the life of an under-privileged child or shut-in.

It has been said that it is the little things that make life worth while. If this is true—and who can question it?—then Jule Robinson added much to the happiness of many.

Communications

TRIBUTE TO W. L. HIGDON

To the Editor Franklin Press:

In the death of W. L. Higdon, this community has lost one of its builders. He belonged, definitely, to that class of individuals who, by their planning and foresight, have made it possible for all the others to enjoy modern life as it now is. The daily life of such a man is not spectacular. The public knows little of the work he does and the risks he takes of life and property in creating the things that make modern civilization, but all the other callings, professions, and occupations are dependent for their material existence on the exertions of the business man.

Until his health failed, Mr. Higdon was one of the outstanding business men in this part of the state, and few men were his equal when it came to a question of level-headed business judgment. His activities were by no means circumscribed nor limited by his own direct personal interests. He was a loyal supporter of public education. In the early days, 25 to 30 years ago, when efforts were being made to establish better schools by means of higher taxes, he was always found in the front ranks of those who were fighting for the good of the school children. Though one of the largest tax payers, the taxes were never too high for that purpose.

And so it was in all matters for public good. Whatever was best for the most people, there was found Will Higdon giving his time and his money to make it a success, that the community as a whole might be a better place in which to live.

His was truly a life of work; work for his family; for his neighborhood; for any worthy cause that presented itself. He believed in and practiced the simple virtues of the good citizen: hard work, good conduct, neighborliness, thrift, ability to stand on his own feet, and glad and willing to help others do the same.

Will Higdon was of that class of men on whom the material welfare of the nation is founded. The man who knows that success can be achieved only by honest toil of mind and body. He was a true and loyal friend whose life was a source of help and comfort to all who knew him.

This is a better community because he lived here, and his going is a distinct personal loss to us all.

M. D. BILLINGS

Press Comment

MILLIONS BUILD HIS MONUMENT

(Christain Science Monitor)

Although half the world is at war and the other half preparing for it, on six continents today men and women will pay mental tribute to a General who worked for peace. The Boy Scout movement, founded by Lord Baden-Powell, has had a profound influence for good on the lives and character of millions of persons in the thirty years of its existence. Boy Scouts, along with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, numbered 4,500,000 in forty countries, before totalitarianism perverted youth groups into militaristic or political ad-

Benefit For Dryman's Chapel

Wade Mainier and his Mountaineers will be at the Macon county courthouse on Saturday night, January 18, to give a performance, sponsored by the Dryman's Chapel Methodist church. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church. The public is invited to attend.

To Relieve
Misery of
COLDS
Take **666**
LIQUID, TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

The United States is now rated about 75 per cent self-sufficient in nitrates, an important factor in the manufacture of explosives, according to late estimates.

Loyal Order of Moose

Franklin Lodge, No. 452
Meets
In American Legion Hall
Every Thursday Night
7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.
J. J. Mann, Secretary

IF You Want to Sell Them... Tell Them!

PEOPLE are curious because they're human. Men and women, boys and girls ALL WANT TO KNOW. Half the world's knowledge started with curiosity. Satisfy that curiosity. Tell them! And you'll SELL THEM!

DO YOU run a store? Then pick out something—a new style dress, a shirt, an electric refrigerator, a beauty lotion, furniture, etc. Something you KNOW people would want if they knew as much about it as you do! Write about it. ADVERTISE it! Describe it—tell what it's for—what it will do. Don't spare details. People WANT to know!

Then place the ad in THE PRESS! Let us illustrate it with pictures that sell. If your price is right—and if you've told the whole story—YOU can't fail to get more business!

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