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BIBLE THOUGHT

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. —I Corinthians 6:13.

"The glory of our kind of government is that it permits us to wage a continual fight against its abuses."

We Need Street Improvement

WITH increased taxes necessary to raise astronomical sums for defense, it is natural that no one should want to see the local tax rate raised. It is therefore reassuring to have the present proposal for street improvements explained by Mayor Harrison and Town Clerk Dean. Their conservative guidance of town finances justifies confidence in their judgment and advice.

Voting for the calling of a bond election that will sponsor WPA funds in the amount of \$30,000 will not appreciably raise the tax rate for two reasons.

First, the trucks, road machinery and quarry that the town owns would be counted for cash in the 75-25 per cent arrangement for financing the work. Second, the retirement this year of \$32,000 of six per cent bonds would save enough to warrant the issuance of \$10,000 of bonds at three and one-half per cent over a period of 20 years without raising the present rate.

It is safe to say that \$30,000 will not come our way again. Some of our streets have been left with rock and no surfacing; others are badly in need of both. The present proposals will give to other citizens what some are already enjoying in paved streets and curbs. There can be no valid reason why this referendum should not approve the necessary bonds to complete Franklin's program for street improvement.

Defense Bonds And Stamps

ON May first United States Savings Bonds will be placed on sale in post offices from coast to coast. The government's press release giving full information is on another page of this issue.

The Post Office Department has been designated as the sales agency in the field for the handling of these Defense Bonds and Stamps. These are ideal savings bonds for the ordinary citizen, who wishes to invest in small amounts at a time. The amount to be bought by any one person in one year is limited to \$5,000. The bonds are sold in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$1,000, which are sold for 75 per cent of their maturity value in ten years. For instance a \$25 bond is purchased for \$18.50.

The post office will also have a new series of Postal Savings Stamps from 10 cents to \$5. By buying bonds and stamps, every man, woman and child in the United States can help to render a real service to their country.

Meat For Britain

CITIZENS of the United States are being rapidly forced into a more intelligent state of mind than that emphasized by the "safety first" and "short of war" philosophers. Every day during the last appalling months and each day that now passes even the blind can see that safety has gone out of the window and we are no longer short of war.

While still removed from physical danger the immediate task ahead is to feed the fighters. We have the land, the sun, the rain and the human strength to produce enough for British needs as well as our own.

Macon county's Defense Council is part of a nationwide movement to do just this service. Our farmers and farm women and their leaders are setting about the task in a practical and wholehearted way. They are backing up the president in his words spoken recently, "From America Britain needs food. From America they will get food."

If meat is to go to Britain leaders are telling farmers that they will have to raise more and more corn to feed more and more pigs; they must increase products most needed—beef, pork, eggs, poultry, butter. "The corn crop of the United States will determine whether or not the farmers will meet this challenge."

Death On The Highways

NORTH CAROLINA streets and highways ran red with the blood of traffic accident victims last month, as the death toll showed an 81 per cent increase over that of last March, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Records of the division list 96 traffic deaths last month, against 53 for March, 1940. This is the greatest increase on record in this state. The traf-

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fic toll for the first three months of this year was 275 persons killed, against 188 killed in the same period last year, an increase of 46 per cent.

"These shocking figures challenge every citizen of our state and every agency having anything to do with accident prevention to devote more time, more thought and more hard work to the accident problem than ever before," declared Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

Traffic deaths in the 20-24 age group showed an even 100 per cent increase, from 22 the first quarter of last year to 44 the first quarter of this year. Fatalities among children under ten years of age also were up nearly 100 per cent, from ten last year to 19 this year. Of the 275 persons killed, 211 were males.

Large increases were noted in the numbers of persons killed in railroad crossing crashes, bicycle accidents, pedestrian accidents, and in cars that struck fixed objects or ran off the roadway.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:
Please make this correction. In last week's Press the statement was made that Howard Moses and Houston were from the Walnut Creek section. There are no Houstons or Moses living on Walnut Creek proper. The section (where these two boys live) is known as Pine Grove. I was glad you wrote as you did about the matter.
Sincerely yours,
A Citizen.
(We are glad to make this correction. Editor).

Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.
Dear Mr. Johnson:
Please change my Press address from 956 Pingree to 1500 Taylor Avenue, Apt. 109.
I enjoy reading The Press and the home town news, and look forward to receiving it every week.
Thanking you,
Sincerely,
George R. Anderson

Detroit, Mich.
Mr. W. S. Johnson,
Publisher The Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.
Dear Sir:
More than a year ago A. D. McKinney, friend and former Macon county boy, urged me to write an historical sketch of early Highlands for The Franklin Press. After long delay I yielded and am writing you concerning its publication.

The communication to which I refer will have the caption, "Some Early Highlands Days," and traces the early history of education at Highlands carrying along contemporary notes of village life calculated to make it of greater interest to older citizens and the new generation alike. Shown in it is a fact unknown, probably, to the most of us, namely, that Franklin citizens of that time had a definite part in the building of Highlands. My paper will be ready in about two weeks and is planned to reach you typewritten and proofread. Its length is approximately 4000 words and I am presuming, if published, you will want it to run in several numbers. I am expecting also that you will wish to see the copy before committing The Franklin Press to its publication. I am hoping that you will deem it something that promises to be of genuine interest to your readers and assure you, on my part, it will be a pleasure to contribute it.

I have been away from the South for many years. My subscription to your paper dates back only six months while friend McKinney, mentioned (now a Birmingham citizen) has been your subscriber for many years. Like him, however, I claim loyalty to Macon county, to North Carolina and to the traditions of the South.
Very sincerely yours,
Elias D. White.

April 7, 1941.
St. La Verne, Calif.

Press Comment

"WALKING GOLD MINE"
In advocating more and better milk cows in North Carolina the Shelby Daily Star has called the cow the "walking gold mine." The Star's designation was suggested by figures released by the extension specialists at N. C. State college reveal that the greatest growth ever made by the dairy industry in any one year was last year.

Much of increase resulted from greater production of milk for processing in the plants of concerns which make ice cream, evaporated milk, butter, cheese and other products.

Counting everything, the extension department of the college estimates that \$14,320,000 was paid in cash for milk in North Carolina during the year and that people on the farms themselves consumed between \$8,000,000 and \$12,000,000 worth.

The cow is actually a gold mine, a money-making machine. Given decent attention, the cow thrives in any part of North Carolina. With the increasing development of milk processing plants, she will play a greater part in feeding people, in stabilizing income, in enabling them to make a living. She will help in replacing the money formerly received for cotton and tobacco.

And, along with the dairy industry, the beef cattle industry is also growing in the county every year. That is a good sign. It means more cash money for the farmer, better land and better crops. It means the beginning of the emancipation from the slavery of cotton.—Morganton News-Herald.

Muse's Corner

SUNDOWN
(A Southern Poem to Memorize)
While the hellish noises of war and greed and hate all but overwhelm the earth, these sunset lines of North Carolina's favorite poet keep echoing in our minds like the soft chimes of some far-off cathedral... or like the peace-bestowing benediction of some great-souled man of God who knows that somehow in the end, He will yet make the wrath of man to praise Him:
Hills, wrapped in gray, standing along the west;
Clouds, dimly lighted, gathering slowly;
The star of peace at watch above the crest—
Oh, holy, holy, holy!
We know, O Lord, so little what is best;
Wingless we move so lowly;
But in Thy calm all-knowledge let us rest,
Oh, holy, holy, holy!
—John Charles McNeill in The Progressive Farmer

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Rummage Sale
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