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### BIBLE THOUGHT

Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof, that opened not the house of his prisoners?—Isaiah 14:16,17.

Beyond the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow  
Keeping watch above His own.  
—James Russell Lowell

### Books for the Boys

**KEEP 'EM FLYING** is a moving slogan that has swept the country and fired the nation's imagination. Now, there is the companion slogan, "Keep 'em Reading," adopted by the Victory Book Campaign. The country's answer to the appeal of the United Service Organizations for National Defense has resulted in USO buildings at many military camps and fronts. Now the call for books for these buildings, as well as for camps and ships wherever they may be in many lands and on the seven seas, is a spur to those on the home front to give spontaneous response.

Here is something definite, concrete, practical, and calling for immediate action that every individual and group can get busy about. Franklin, Highlands and Macon county will lose no time in joining other communities, large and small, in this new campaign. A book to supply the needs of every Service man is the goal set by V. B. C. "Be a Book Buddy" is one way they put it. "Give V. B. C. the book you are reading now" is another timely suggestion of this campaign's promoters. All at home will unite in the campaign's purpose to "Keep 'em Reading."

### M. D. Billings

**M. D. BILLINGS** occupied a unique position in this county. He was known and honored by perhaps a greater number of people than any other Macon citizen. His place will not easily nor soon be filled. Two generations of school children remember him, some of them helped by him in a quiet way to continue their education.

An educator and a scholar, his keen and sagacious mind kept a native brilliancy through constant and thoughtful reading. His temperament was a rare combination of the artistic and practical, with a sense of humor aptly applied to every problem and situation. A lover of music and art and a brilliant talker, Mr. Billings' outstanding talent was in the field of finance. His mathematical acumen stretched out from the classroom to the practical affairs of banking and business. His intellectual integrity was the kind needed to untangle the snarls of his county bank's credit and debit sheets when a general bank panic forced the closing of its doors. This task, successfully accomplished through months of arduous labor, was deserving of the gratitude of all whose fortunes were more or less involved.

Apparently in good health, Mr. Billings looked forward to useful years of service to his community. His passing is a loss that will be felt by a multitude of friends who enjoyed his company and valued his quality of friendship that never failed in loyalty.

### The President's Birthday

**ANSWERING** the query whether the usual President's Birthday parties for raising funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, should be held this year, prompt answer has come from the national chairman, Keith Morgan. The first good reason to keep up this good work in the established way comes to the mind of every informed citizen—namely, that all health agencies must go on as a vital part of home defense.

This county experienced during the past year a sample of what the presence of this dread disease can mean to the community. War increases danger from the dread "Horsemen of the Apocalypse"—pestilence and death—so the war against disease can not falter now.

As to the birthday parties, there is almost universal approval of the keeping up of wholesome recreation in times of stress and anxiety. And Mr. Keith has given us these additional good reasons

## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

**FERNS**  
GROW 50 FEET HIGH IN JAVA—THE ALSOPHILA GLAUCH, A SPECIES OF TREE-FERN, ATTAINS THIS HEIGHT, YET THE STEM IS ONLY A FEW INCHES THICK.

**AVERAGE EQUIPMENT FOR EVERY U. S. SOLDIER REQUIRES 250 POUNDS OF COTTON A YEAR AS AGAINST 25 POUNDS FOR THE AVERAGE CIVILIAN**

**THE FIRST CASH REGISTER LOOKED LIKE A CLOCK—THE LONG HAND REGISTERED CENTS, AND THE SHORT HAND, DOLLARS**

**BRINGING BACK THE BARREL—SHORTAGES OF METAL AND PAPER BOARD ARE RESULTING IN INCREASED PRODUCTION IN THE BARREL INDUSTRY**

**AMERICA TODAY HAS MORE THAN 200 STEEL COMPANIES WITH PLANTS IN 28 STATES**

to carry on with this good work: "There is another very important angle as to why the Birthday Parties, whether these be dances, motion picture activities or other gatherings, must be vastly more successful than ever before, and that is because it will show the world how firmly we stand with and behind our President.

"We show the world through our Birthday Parties and our efforts, that while we are getting ready to deliver the knock-out punch to Japan and the Axis, we can also pause to honor the man in the White House, not at the command of storm troopers or machine guns, but because we Americans do things worthwhile because we want to do them—we are built that way.

So go ahead—give the campaign this year everything you've got. Ask every man, woman and child in your communities to do his bit to participate in this great tribute to our Commander-in-Chief. Let us cheer him up and lighten his burden by showing him how much we think of him and his fight against Infantile Paralysis which is so close to his heart, and to our hearts."

### Press Comment

**M. D. BILLINGS**  
(Asheville Citizen-Times)

First as principal of the Franklin High School, then for twenty-five years Superintendent of the County Schools, Marcus Devereux Billings, who died Friday at his home in Franklin, was an educational leader whose work in Macon County was a noteworthy service to the whole state.

Mr. Billings' temperament and character represented a fine blending of the ideal and the practical. A school teacher, possessing little of this world's goods, must have sound judgment and talents for

thrift and industry if he is to acquire a reasonable competence and to become a bank official. Mr. Billings had these traits and yet his chief delights were books and good music.

Coming to Franklin a stranger, he knew most of Macon's citizenship by name in his later years. His sense of humor and his robust common sense brought to him many seeking advice on questions ranging from college education for boys and girls to investments in timber and mineral lands.

Mr. Billings brought the Macon county schools into the front rank of the state's public school system. He was one of the leaders in the state movement for compulsory school attendance. He was, all in all, a most useful citizen and his influence will persist after him.



**For  
Defense**

Buy your Pure Bred Baby Chicks for early layers now at the Farmers Federation. Also Full-o-Pep Chicken Feeds, Brooders, Feeders, and other poultry needs.

**To the Farmers  
of Macon County . . .**

We are starting a scrap metal pile at the back of our building. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross when the metal is sold. We hope each and every one will donate some scrap metal for this purpose.

**FARMERS FEDERATION**

HORACE T. NOLEN, Manager  
Palmer Street Franklin, N. C.

### Letters to Editor

The Franklin Press:  
I would like to subscribe for the Franklin Press for a year starting with your next issue.

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Wishing the Franklin Press a successful year.

Yours truly,  
John McCoy

3149 N. 23rd St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

### State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Much is being written and said about the importance of Vitamin G or riboflavin in a poultry ration. What are the chief sources of this important vitamin?

A. In poultry feeds, the principal carriers of Vitamin G are milk by-products, dried liver meal, alfalfa products, succulent green feed, yeast, and alcoholic distillers' by-products, the last mentioned offering an excellent opportunity from the standpoint of Vitamin G to compensate for the loss of milk products. Roy Dearstyn, head of the college poultry department, explains that Vitamin G is essential for growth, livability, and reproduction of the fowl.

Q. Is there any such disease of cattle as "hollow tail" or "hollow horn?"

A. To many who have asked this question, Fred M. Haig, professor of animal husbandry and dairying, has answered an emphatic "no". He says some people have been known to split the tail and bore holes in the horns of a sick cow, supposed to have an imaginary disease called "hollow tail" or "hollow horn." This is superstition belonging to the Dark Ages, Professor Haig says, is terribly cruel, and should never be practiced.

Q. Will any new farm machinery be available in 1942?

A. David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer, says some new farm machinery will be available in 1942, but the supply will not be nearly as much as the demand. For this reason, he is urging farmers to repair as much of their present equipment as possible and to take good care of what they have on hand. Also he is urging that all scrap iron and steel be collected and sold to junk dealers.

### Macon County Bull Wins National Recognition

Office of the Macon County Agent has received special information from the American Guernsey Cattle Club that A. B. Stagle, Guernsey breeder of Franklin, N. C., has just won national recogni-

tion on a pure bred Guernsey bull Wanda's Sentry of Garden Creek 217912.

This bull, having six daughters which have made creditable official records, has been entered in the Advanced Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club. Wanda's Sentry of Garden Creek 217912 will be known hereafter as an Advanced Register Sire. Only Guernsey which met high production requirements are eligible for entry. The six daughters which have completed official records are Heliotrope of Belmont View 560847, Hannah of Belmont View 639306, Glory of Belmont View 539515, Hally of Belmont View 636114, Heart of Belmont View 636826 and Gretchen of Belmont View 636046.

### Young People Organize At Union Hill Church

The young people of the Union Hill community met recently and organized a society for the betterment of the youth in the surrounding country side. Boyd Clark was elected president.

The church at Union Hill, in keeping with its name, is a union of all denominations. This church is not owned by any denomination and every body in the community feels welcome and are urged to take part in the programs which the officers of this new organization plans to conduct.

The youth and young adults are coming to realize their duties and obligations to society, as well as their privileges and opportunities and are endeavoring to contribute something to the betterment of their respective communities.

### The Party Line

**WHY IS YOUR BAKING ALWAYS TOPS?**

**I'M JEALOUS OF YOUR PAST ENDURANCE!**

**YOU NEVER HAVE THE USUAL FLOPS...**

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