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BIBLE THOUGHT BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy mind, with all thy soul and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.

Lincoln's Birthday — February 12

That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

—From President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The Wealth of Our Forests

An interesting report from National Forest lands in North Carolina was printed in last week's issue of this paper. It showed that of the \$19,654.17 paid to the state by the U. S. Treasury for timber sales last year, the Nantahala Forest contributed \$13,100.89 of the amount. This is more than two-thirds of the total sum, although the acreage of this forest is only about one-third of N. C. National Forest lands.

Macon county's schools and roads will receive one-fourth of the amount paid for timber cut in the county from forest lands, which will be approximately \$5,410.17. This is more than the amount received last year.

This report is significant from several standpoints. It is interesting to know that a substantial sum is coming back to the county directly from this source for the specific use of school and road improvement besides the profits made by citizens from timber sales. Indeed this is only one phase of the many benefits accruing from the National Forests that the public should know and appreciate. The location of C. C. C. camps in this area has been due to the government's program of development of the forests for recreational and other benefits to those living in the county and to the increasing number of tourists. There are many intangible assets, for instance, the improvement of game and fishing areas, and the numerous roads which make hitherto inaccessible places within easy reach.

The forests are one of the country's sources of wealth which now assume greater importance than ever in the face of war needs. This is brought out also in the appeal of the county game warden in last week's issue for fire protection.

Protecting the forests against fire is an imperative necessity now. Last year the state's forests suffered an estimated loss of one million dollars from forest fires. Now that the nation is at war and wood is a vital war need, fire losses cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

Macon Has Lost a Leader

The life and character of Laura Cunningham Byrd will remain as a common heritage to those among whom she lived and worked. Not only her family, but all who knew her will "rise up and call her blessed." It may truly be said that Macon county is a better place because this busy wife, mother and citizen lived and labored here. We would do well to have many more with the vision, enterprise and keen interest in life's problems and their solution as this unselfish woman. Her earthly life was no doubt shortened by her untiring activities for the good of others and her unwillingness to lapse into inactivity. But its fullness has contributed in a permanent way to this community's general welfare.

The following tribute by Mrs. Florence Sherrill is expressed in the name of the home demonstration club members throughout the county:

"Macon County has lost an outstanding leader with the passing of Mrs. Ed Byrd. Not only was Mrs. Byrd interested in any activity that would mean the upbuilding of her community, she was interested in the upbuilding of the entire county. Toward such a program she gave her unlimited time and energy.

"Her keen sense of humor, her frankness of manner, and her genuine sincerity won her numberless friends that valued such a friendship. Truly the Collect of the club women was a part of her forceful personality. Her co-workers of the county home demonstration clubs know her as one who lived their often repeated prayer—'Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deeds; Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.'"

Press Comment

JOSEPHUS DANIELS
(Catawba News-Enterprise)

There was some doubt expressed at the time Jonathan Daniels became editor of the News and Observer, that he would be able to continue the spicy editorial pages that his illustrious father had maintained for almost a generation. That doubt has been quelled, for Jonathan Daniels has demonstrated his ability as an editorial writer, and in the meantime has found time to write several interesting books dealing with the south.

Josephus Daniels, 79-year-old distinguished son of North Carolina and renowned as a world figure, has again returned to the editorial desk as a result of his son, Jonathan, being called to Washington to join the office of Civilian Defense.

Few North Carolinians have been more discussed, criticized, praised or loved than Josephus Daniels, and were it left to a vote of the people to select a man to take the place of the former Editor of the News and Observer 95 per cent would vote for the Hon. Josephus Daniels, who has assumed the editorship for the "duration." We hope he will continue to maintain that youthful outlook on life until he reaches at least the century mark.

Letters to Editor

A SUGGESTION

Don't be taken by surprise, but remember— Pearl Harbor, Gen. MacArthur, the gallant men of Wake, and all the God-fearing and peace-loving Democratic Nations!

And last but not least, the protection of your homes. And then remember the next Primary when you choose some one to look after the interest of all the people.

And now may I suggest the name of one who has the ability and courage to do the job and do it well, your friend and my old time adversary, A. Bert Slagle.

Let's all, regardless of political affiliations rally to the front and nominate and elect our present and beloved Sheriff. Bert has been tried, and found not wanting, so why change in these dark days of a world catastrophe.

Hoping that the Republicans will not call a convention this Spring, as it will consume time with no pay in sight. Just wait until a more opportune time.

As to the small size fellows wanting office on the Demo. ticket you had better hold your mule.

As to any conventions South of the Mason and Dixon line, the Rep. need not bother about it unless you want a job as a J. P. or Township Baliff, and then the Dist. might be jerry-mandered and you'd lose, so let's stay out this time. There's too much at stake Nationally to fool with peanut politics.

Respt.,

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The Editor
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Franklin, N. C.

It seems that Franklin is getting behind in civilian defense preparations. Several near-by towns have already prepared for air raids by having practice blackouts. Franklin has been kept lit up like a Christmas tree.

Just what city officials are to blame for this?

We would like to see some action on this vitally important matter.

Yours very truly,
R. M. Welch.

(Mrs. Coffey, who lives on Palmer street, has been an invalid for some time. She addresses this letter to her friends who read the Press, and wants them to have this message from her. Editor).

Pray for peace and God will hear us. Blessed are those who watch and pray and blessed are the peace makers. My dearly beloved, for my joy and crown stand fast in the Lord. Let us win victory with our prayers. O God, answer our prayers and have mercy on the poor boys in this awful wicked war; in Jesus name, is my prayer.

Mrs. R. M. Coffey
Franklin, N. C.
Feb. 6, 1942.

Men In Service

Walter Fox, of Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Fox of the Mountain Grove section, has been recalled to the U. S. Army. He is located at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Mack Bryson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryson of Cullasaja, has joined the U. S. Marines and is stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

Rull Austin Holland, U. S. Naval Seaman, son of Mrs. Pearl Holland of Franklin, writes his mother that he is safe in Panama. He enlisted in the Navy November 27, 1941.

Pvt. Lewis Holland, son of Mr.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE



and Mrs. Luther Holland is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas.

John L. Palmer of the Army Air Corps has recently been transferred from Jefferson Barracks, Mo. to Patterson Field, Ohio.

Pvt. Wade E. Setser, son of Mrs. Buena Setser and the late Edd Setser, now serving in the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg, has been visiting home folk, and his sister, Mrs. W. G. Rhodamer in Waynesville hospital.

Pvt. Willard B. Sanders has recently been transferred from Kessler Field, Miss., to the Army Air Base at Tallahassee, Fla.

John Shope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shope of Otto, has recently been transferred from the Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Miss., to the 36th Air Base Group, San Francisco, Calif.

Kenneth Dowdle, of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Bragg, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dowdle, Franklin, Route 1.

GNEISS SENDS MANY TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY

The son of Mrs. Frank Moss of the Pine Grove section, Pvt. Gernell Moss, APO 105 Infantry, U. S. Army, is stationed at Monterey, Calif.

1st Class Pvt. Clyde Dendy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dendy of Gold Mine, has been home on furlough. He is stationed at Charlotte Air Base in the chemical department.

Grover Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watts is stationed at Eglin Field, Fla., Air Base. His brother, Riley Watts, has been home on a furlough from Fort Bragg.

Howard Moses, of the U. S. Army, Honolulu, Hawaii, is doing his bit in this war. He wrote recently that when he was still in California, there were six other Macon county boys in the same station. He said that a copy of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian came while they were there, and the Macon boys almost fought over it.

JACOBS STATIONED IN NEW ORLEANS

J. C. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jacobs of Iotla, made his rating last week as Corporal. He has been in the U. S. Army for seven months and has been stationed in New Orleans, La.

LANCASTER BOYS IN TRAINING

Gartrell Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster, of Hendersonville, who spent his boyhood in this county, joined the Marines last August and, after training at Parris Island, S. C., was sent to Norfolk Navy yard and assigned to guard duty. He won a medal for rifle shooting and has also been promoted to private first class.

The name of John Earl Lancaster, also son of Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, formerly of Franklin, was drawn in the first draft in 1941 but was deferred as he was an engineer student at the University of Tennessee. He is now doing defense work with the Worthington Pump and Machinery company at Harrison, N. J. John Earl was born

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WILSON JONES IN AIR CORPS AT TUSKEGEE, ALA.

Wilson Jones who was a teacher in the colored school in Franklin has written Prof. H. R. Kemp that he has almost completed his 60 hours preliminary training in the Air Corps at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

AIR CORPS PROMOTES WILLIAM F. JOHNSON

Sloan Field, Midland, Texas, Jan. 31.—William F. Johnson, a former resident of Franklin, has been promoted to the grade of corporal in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Stationed here only two weeks, Johnson is one of the first enlisted men to gain an advancement at this largest training school for bombardiers in the nation.

Formerly a private, with a rating of specialist, fourth class, Johnson is on duty with the 489th School Squadron.

Sloan Field, newest addition to the ever-expanding Air Corps program, is a training school for Aviation Cadet bombardiers. At the completion of the twelve-week course here, cadets will receive commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Air Corps.

DR. DICK SLAGLE STATIONED AT SAN JUAN; FAMILY IN N. C.

Mrs. Dick Slagle, wife of Dr. Slagle, who is a surgeon in the Navy stationed at San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been ordered out of the island with their two small children, and is making her home at Chapel Hill.

KENNETH CRUSE ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Kenneth Cruse, who has been stationed in the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg, has recently been transferred to Camp Gordon, Ga. He has been home on a ten day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cruse of Prentiss.

GLENN PATTON AVIATION MECHANIC

Sheppard Field, Texas, February 10.—Glenn A. Patton, son of Mrs. Erwin Patton, of Franklin, today is enrolled in the world's largest Air Corps Technical School at Sheppard Field, Texas, where he is working toward a rating as an aviation mechanic.

Pvt. Patton, attached to the 417th Technical School Squadron, began class work February 2 and is scheduled to be graduated in June. He attended N. C. State college.

At present, he is in the first phase of school and is studying basic material. Before he qualifies as one of the eight specialists necessary to keep one plane in the sky, he will have undergone intensive training designed to give him a complete working knowledge of the battle birds.

Mrs. Lola Barrington, chairman Junior Red Cross, adds the following teachers' names who enrolled their rooms in the Roll Call had not been listed: Norman West, Sanford Smith and Mrs. Myrtle Keener. She requests that she be notified of any other omissions that may have been made.

North Carolina now ranks fourth in the nation in hydro-electric capacity.

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NOTICE

Last Call To List Your Property and Give in Your Farm Census Report for Franklin Township!

All persons who own property and fail to list it, and all who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

I will be at the courthouse Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, 1942.

HARLEY STEWART,
List Taker