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That The Lame May Walk

NOTHING so touches most of us as the sight of a sick child.

Nothing, that is, except the sight of one who has been maimed.

We see that eager young face, look into those trusting, hopeful eyes. Then we catch of a vision of long years ahead, years of dragging a crippled body about.

It gives us a queer, choking sensation.

We wish we could do something about it.

But do we wish it?

For if we do, we can.

Infantile paralysis no longer need remain the Great Crippler. As a result of medical research, and thanks to the generosity of the American people, more and more young persons who are struck down by this feared disease rise again—to walk, erect.

You and I can help.

The March of Dimes is our opportunity to do so.

What's A Hick Town, Anyway?

The latter part of last week most of the great cities of the United States either had no telephone service, or stood in dire fear of what would happen if the threat of a telephone strike materialized. For life in a city can hardly go on without telephones.

In Macon county, meanwhile, there was no wild scramble to get our telephoning done today, in fear that the phones tomorrow might be dead. Life went on as usual—would have even if the phone service here had been interrupted.

Yet there are people who never refer to a small town without preceding it with the adjective "hick."

Cherokee Moving Forward

Because the progress of a newspaper—especially a community newspaper—necessarily is an index to the progress of the community, it is obvious that Cherokee county is going forward.

For The Cherokee Scout has just moved into its own new building in Murphy, a 26 x 75-foot structure built of native flagstone. At the same time, The Scout comes out in new dress, an attractive new body type.

Incidentally, The Scout's new home embodies an idea all Western North Carolina might well ponder, and act upon. For the owner, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, has built with things we have right here at home, rather than merely aping what is done elsewhere. After using native stone for the exterior, she went a step farther and used Cherokee marble for the floor of the front office. That's both attractive and different—it would be prohibitive in most communities; yet it makes the building indigenous to the community.

Not only is The Scout to be congratulated, but the Cherokee community, for the county-wide progress The Scout's growth reflects.

They Can't Explain Away Facts

The army and navy continue to offer new and frequently contradictory explanations of the demobilization policy. And those explanations generally continue unconvincing.

For, no matter what arguments they may advance, the fact remains that a slow-down in discharges has been ordered; and that slow-down comes at a time when there is "absolutely no reason for such a policy", to quote Senator Hoey. As pointed out by the North Carolina senator in Washington Monday: "There are 4,000,000 still in the army, and the War department admits it needs only 1,500,000. There are still 3,000,000 in the navy, and officials say they will need only 1,000,000."

The heads of the armed forces also continue to warn against "hysteria", overlooking the fact that their constantly contradictory statements and vacillating policies are responsible for the hysteria, if hysteria it is.

But the most alarming factor in the situation is the fact that President Truman acts as though we still were in the middle of a war, surrendering to virtually every demand of the War and Navy departments.

Our government is set up on the theory that the civilian authority is superior to the military, and it is high time the President and congress set up a definite, general policy, and then see that the army and navy conform to it.

LETTERS

APPRECIATE IMPROVEMENT

Gentlemen:  
We appreciate the improvement in the paper and would be glad to see more community news. Couldn't you sort of punch the correspondents up so they'd write a little more regularly? We especially miss the Walnut Creek items. Wishing you success in the coming year, we remain,  
Yours truly,  
Mrs. James L. Moore and Family.

Lake Helen, Fla.  
January 8, 1946.

OFFERS FELICITATIONS

Dear Mr. Jones:  
Please accept my sincerest felicitations on your promotion as editor of The Franklin Press. Enclosed is a subscription to The Franklin Press in my name, beginning with the next issue. Wishing you every continued success and happiness, I am  
Cordially yours,  
Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher

St. John's Catholic Church,  
Waynesville, N. C.,  
January 11, 1946.

LIKES EDITORIAL

Dear Sir:  
It was with great pleasure that I read your editorial of Jan. 3, entitled "Gold Through Our Fingers". It is the type of constructive, well developed thought that we have been needing for some time. Further, it is so well written that I venture to predict that more and more of your subscribers will be paying more attention to the editorial page. I hope that the numeral "1" at the head of the column indicates that this is but the beginning of a long series of Editorials on the text "Gold Through Our Fingers". Congratulations have poured in to you on news selection, local coverage and general appearance. And certainly you are getting out a readable written paper. Allow me to offer my congratulations on all counts.  
Very truly yours,  
John A. Johnson,

Franklin, N. C.  
January 7, 1946.

THE FIFTH FREEDOM

EVERY good American cherishes the Four Freedoms contained in the now-famous Atlantic Charter: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear.

There is another freedom for which all humanity is fighting: Freedom from Disease.

One of the most feared and most insidious diseases that annually threatens this nation is infantile paralysis. It is high on the list of Public Enemies because its victims are chiefly children under 16.

Infantile paralysis—the Great Crippler—is no respecter of persons. It strikes rich and poor alike, white and black, Catholic, Protestant and Jew.

Through contributions to the March of Dimes, conducted January 14-31 by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, you can help bring the Fifth Freedom closer.  
—Marion Progress.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Ellen Cabe, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of January, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 12th day of January, 1946.

Fred P. Cabe,  
Executor.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator with will annexed of Ethel Stanard, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the

22nd day of December, 1946 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 22nd day of December, 1945

R. S. JONES,  
Administrator

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FERR'S DRUG STORE  
PRESS ADS PAY

Farmers and Woodmen

The prices on Dogwood for shuttles has been raised for this season. Anyone having Dogwood to cut should contact W. H. Waldroop at the mill for specifications before cutting.

We have several boundaries of Dogwood stumpage bought. If interested in contract-cutting, see us.

We are also buying good grade Persimmon wood for shuttles at top prices.

Highlands Briar, Inc.

Phone 1303 — 1305



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This is not Aladdin's lamp. It's just an ordinary railroad lantern. And yet...

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Loaded into the cars will be vast quantities of things to fulfill the wishes of folks in the South. There will be building materials, food, coal, clothing, machinery... all kinds of supplies and equipment for farms, factories, stores and homes.

Yes, a wave of the lantern at night... or hand and flag signals in daytime... sets in motion the magic of mass transportation... the dependable, economical,

all-weather transportation service of the Southern Railway System. And that isn't all...

The Southern also "Serves the South"... and helps it to grow and prosper... by giving jobs to 50,000 Southerners... by paying taxes that help support police and fire departments, schools and other public services... and by purchasing the products of Southern mines, forests, factories and farms.

That's why we say "make a wish"—and if you wish for an even better and greater Southland, you'll find that the Southern Railway System is working with you... helping to make your wish come true.

Ernest S. Norris  
President

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

