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A Doctors' Memorial

THE proposal that Macon County people build a memorial to the county's "horseback doctors"—Drs. Siler, Lyle, Rogers, and Fouts—appears to have been widely discussed. And out of the discussion, two concrete suggestions have been made to The Press:

1. A community hospital, providing what few if any private hospitals can provide—hospital care for all who need it, regardless of their financial status, with a provision that the man of limited means may obtain such care at a cost he can pay, without having to be classed as a charity patient.

2. A scholarship loan fund, to aid worthy Macon County young men and women who need assistance in obtaining education for service in the medical profession.

Both suggestions are worthy of study.

Meanwhile, the columns of The Press are open for other ideas.

The Governor Takes Sides

Regardless of who was right or wrong in the management-employee controversy that resulted in the telephone strike, both sides have been inclined to ignore the public interest.

The workers said to management, in substance: Give us what we want, or we will not work. And management replied: You will work on our terms or none, even if there is no telephone service.

So Governor Cherry, quite properly, took the position last week that the public has a stake in the matter, and that it was his duty to protect the interests of the North Carolina public by trying to get telephone service back to normal in this state.

The governor appears to have little legal authority in a case of this kind. But the North Carolina public would have applauded him had he demanded that the quarrel be submitted to arbitration; the public probably would have supported him even had he taken over the telephone facilities in the name of the state.

He would have been subject, however, to criticism had he demanded that the company, in order to protect the public, comply with the demands of the strikers. That would have been sheer favoritism.

By the same token, he threw himself open to criticism by demanding, in effect, that the striking telephone employes go back to work on the company's terms. When he served notice that he would use the weight of his official position to see that telephone service in North Carolina was restored immediately, "first by the present employes, but if they fail to return to work", then by others who would take over their jobs—when the governor said that, he was quite as guilty of favoritism as he would have been had he championed the strikers' cause against management.

Democracy: A Definition

Since the days of Jefferson, Americans have been trying to define what we in the United States mean by democracy. And perhaps the best definition yet evolved comes from a North Carolina Negro.

"Democracy", says Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, "is that audacious belief of our people that in the most ordinary men are resident the most extraordinary possibilities, and that if we keep the doors of opportunity open to them, they will amaze us with their achievements".

What else is there left to say?

If you do not believe that, you cannot honestly believe in democratic processes. If you do believe it, then your faith in democracy is based on something solid.

And the very fact that this definition should have come from a Negro offers substantial grounds for our "audacious belief".

The childhood shows the man
As morning shows the day.
—Milton.

LETTERS

PRAISES MR. HOUK

Gentlemen:

The reelection of Guy Houk as Superintendent of Macon County schools is conclusive proof that the recent "smear campaign" carried little weight.

It would appear that a minority, although knowing Mr. Houk's unquestionable qualifications as an educator, did for selfish purposes attempt to undermine a character that its jealous heart envied.

It is gratifying to me—a student for ten years while Mr. Houk was principal of Franklin schools—to know that there are others who appreciate the value of such an outstanding man and trust to his guidance the future men and women of Macon County.

Very truly yours,

(MISS) AUDREY B. CONLEY

Raleigh, N. C.

May 2, 1947.

RACE RELATIONS AND CHRISTIANITY

Dear Weimar,

I want to congratulate The Press on the high quality of the letters it received in answer to Mr. Sorrells' questions, as well as your editorial on the same subject.

After these really inspiring answers written in terms of Christian philosophy, your editorial ("England's Race Problem" in The Press of April 10) on race relations was rather a surprise. You say that some church publications are among the worst offenders in preaching race equality. This sounds as if you think the church is the last place one should expect to hear about the brotherhood of man.

You can't blame the churches which preach the equality of men. You will have to blame the Christian religion.

ANNIEWILL SILER.

New York, N. Y.

April 15, 1947.

Others' Opinions

UNLIMITED MARKET

Trucks pulling huge gasoline tankers haul thousands of dollars worth of raw milk into Western North Carolina from the big dairy farms of Minnesota each year, milk that should be produced right here on our own farms, which would put these thousands of dollars in North Carolina pockets to be spent in our own stores and shops, instead of lining the pockets of the Northern farmer.

Dairy specialists have long considered North Carolina ideal for profitable milk production. This is made so by the mild climate, fertile soil, and long growing season for crops and grazing. The Southern farmer can maintain his cow at high production at much less cost than the farmer in Minnesota where the winters are severe. In the face of all this the Northern farmer is producing milk and selling it at a profit to dairymen in North Carolina, who in turn retail it to the consumer.

This is a wide open field for unlimited market for milk and milk products. Not only here in Western North Carolina but over the line in Georgia and Florida. They, too, are buying milk from Minnesota—why not produce enough for our own use and some to sell our neighbors?—Sylvia Herald.

THREE BELIEVE IN IT

When the United Nations was brought into being, most people for the first time breathed free, feeling that the era of a warless world was in the offing. But since nearly two years have gone by without perfecting the agency, and manana and debating have seemed dominant, and demands that Uncle Sam police and support the world and join in grabbing territory—since delay and doubt have gained power, an era of skepticism has taken hold of many people.

Three men have shown by their works that their faith is still strong. The first is a New York carpenter who built the ballot box for the United Nations, declined any compensation, and scrawled his personal prayer for the success of the Council. The second is a New York trucker who hauled 28 loads of papers to Lake Success and declined to accept compensation because he wished to contribute toward permanent peace. The third was John D. Rockefeller, who gave \$8,500,000 for a permanent site of the United Nations because, as he sent word by his son: "In it lies the hope of the people of the world."

These mustard seeds of faith and hope should cause others to rally to the support of the United Nations and urge all members to do less talking and hasten to fashion a permanent house of peace.—Raleigh News and Observer.

WATCH FOR DENTAL DEFECTS

At the present time almost everyone recognizes the close relationship between dental health and physical wellbeing. Persons with unclean mouths, and broken down or badly infected teeth can scarcely expect to maintain healthy well-nourished bodies free from systemic infections.

Experience has shown that most people, including young children, are victims of dental decay. Since this decay starts soon after teeth appear in the mouth, it is important to begin dental care early in life. The only known way to find and correct dental defects as they occur is by means of routine visits to a dentist.

Parents have a definite responsibility in establishing the dental examination habit in children. Most parents realize the importance of giving their children a good start in life by providing adequate dental care, but there still remain too many children who never receive dental care. It is difficult to predict what effect this lack of care will have on the health of such children as they grow to adults, but it is fairly safe to assume that early regular dental attention could help reduce the number of chronic diseases of the heart, eyes, kidneys or joints.

Dental defects are not only a decided health hazard, but dental disease which goes untreated in childhood leads to more extensive dental damage in later life. This damage is permanent, because, unlike other body tissues, the teeth cannot repair themselves once decay sets in.—N. C. Health Bulletin.

LESSON FROM THE SOIL

From Haywood county comes the inspiring story of decision by 4-H clubs to landscape and beautify the grounds of every rural school. With full support from farm and home agents and school authorities and with the guidance of a landscape architect, work has already been launched at three institutions.

The project is most praiseworthy. It will train boys and girls in responsibilities of citizenship and will make their communities more attractive places in which to live.

It is not always easy to make a good living on a mountain farm. Much of the soil is thin. It is not naturally endowed with limestone; it must constantly be fed. Big marketing centers are far away.

But this project in Haywood is typical of cooperative efforts in hundreds of Western North Carolina communities to bring a richer life to the men, women and children who draw their sustenance directly from the soil. These people are learning to play together, preserve their food together, thresh their wheat cooperatively, study together their common problems. By so doing, they are becoming better neighbors and citizens, are saving money, are opening the way for raising permanently the economic level on which they live.

The rural folk, supported intelligently by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, the Tennessee Valley authority and other agencies, are setting an example in cooperation

which might well be made a pattern for all the people of Western North Carolina. Towns must pull together, town and country must pull together, government agencies and civic organizations must join hands in common effort if the goals which have been set for the mountain country are to be met.

Attainment of these objectives will not be easy. There have been disappointments and there will be many more. When funds are slashed our dreams of completed Blue Ridge parkway suffer heavily. The fight for full development of the Great Smoky Mountains National park will be long and trying. Facilities for making this the playground which it should rightfully become are still far from adequate. More roads must be built. New schools are needed.

Our hardy farm folk, struggling year after year with the soil, learned long ago that few battles are won overnight. But they also learned that where there is cooperation and vision eventual victory is assured. It is a lesson for all of us.—Asheville Citizen.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Wm. G. Culbertson, 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 at Highlands, N. C., on or before the 16th day of April, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 16th day of April, 1947.
MARIAN A. NORTON,
Administratrix.

A24-6tp—May29

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. W. T. McDonald, 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 23rd day of April, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 23rd day of April, 1947.
R. H. HOLDEN,
Administrator

A24-6tp—May29

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
Grace Owenby Queen
Plaintiff

VS.
Ralph Wayne Queen
Defendant

The defendant above named, Ralph Wayne Queen, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina by the plaintiff to obtain a divorce from bed and board on the ground of wrongful abandonment, for custody of their children, and support for herself and said children, and other relief; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court in Macon County at his office in the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on or before the 16th day of June, 1947 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This the 22nd day of April, 1947.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court.
A24-4tc—May15

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of Annie Slagle, 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 at 200 Grandin Road, Charlotte, N. C., on or before the 16th day of April, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 16th day of April, 1947.
KATHERINE SILER ZACHARY
Executrix.

A24-6tp—May29

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Betty McGee, 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 29th day of April, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 29th day of April, 1947.
G. W. MCGEE,
Administrator.

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