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One Thing Lacking

AMONG the wealthiest and most highly civilized countries in the world are some that are poor in natural resources.

The explanation, of course, is that they have developed the most important resource of all — their people. For, as Charles D. McIver once pointed out, it is "people — not rocks and rivers and imaginary boundary lines" that make a state, or a nation, or a country.

Dr. McIver added that "a state (or a nation or a county) is great just in proportion as its people are educated"; and he might well have gone on to say that the poorer the natural resources, the more important education becomes.

Here in Macon County we are not without natural resources, of course; but certainly we are not as fortunate in that respect as many other areas. For that reason, our schools are doubly important.

Macon County, however, is blessed indeed in the one resource that is indispensable—people. For nobody could live here long without being impressed by the quality of this county's citizenship, by the generally high level of character. Furthermore, hardly a week passes without providing new proof of the vast amount of talent that is here.

Unfortunately, it also is true that no visitor could fail to be impressed by something else: The number of persons of fine character and great native ability who lack the training to do anything really well.

Nowhere are there basically finer people—ask the man who moved here from elsewhere! Nowhere, perhaps, is there more latent talent. On that foundation, we can create wealth here. And on that foundation we can build a Macon County community—can build it in a single generation!—that would be a model for the whole nation.

We have the character.
And we have the talent.
All that is lacking is training.
But we cannot do it by being satisfied with schools that "will do".

We cannot do it by justifying ourselves because some other county may have worse schools than ours.

We cannot do it by making our goal the state average, or the Southern average, or even the national average—they are all too low. And there is nobody to say we must be satisfied with any mythical average.

We can do it. But we can do it **only** if we make up our minds not just to have better schools, but to have the best schools possible—and then keep on improving them.

Among community enterprises, schools come first. Without them, all our other efforts will be fruitless.

Our best opportunity lies in the development of the one resource in which we are rich.

And we are so rich in that resource—the most important one of all — that our possibilities are almost limitless.

It is considerations such as these that have prompted this newspaper, in season and out, to talk schools.

What is much more important, it is due to considerations such as these that so many Macon County people stand ready to do whatever may be necessary—to make any sacrifice, to pay any taxes, to push aside anything or anybody that stands in the way—to get really good schools.

Consistency!

North Carolina dries who always have insisted on local option yelling their heads off for a statewide referendum on the liquor question.

Wets who never before have given a hand about local self-government yelling their heads off for "home rule."

And dries, a few years ago, and wets, today, prating of democracy in one breath and loudly

arguing in the next that the people should not be given a chance to vote on the question.

We Make A Start

Late last year Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, county superintendent of public welfare, gave fair warning that early in 1949 she would start indicting parents who kept their children out of school without a legitimate excuse.

Mrs. Potts has been as good as her word, and to date four convictions have been obtained.

That proves several things.

It proves, first of all, that the welfare superintendent intends to discharge her responsibility to enforce the compulsory school attendance law.

It proves, in the second place, that we have at least made a start toward eliminating illiteracy in this county — and we could eliminate it completely, among young and old, within a few years, if we really set our minds to it.

It proves, too, that this is a better county than the local cynics and pessimists thought. They solemnly assured us, a few months ago, that nobody ever had been convicted in Macon County of violating the compulsory school attendance law, and nobody could be convicted now — public opinion just wouldn't stand for it. "Better pussyfoot," they suggested; "don't actually carry a case into court."

We'd been pussyfooting for decades, and had got exactly nowhere on this problem. So what's happened proved, finally, that bold action, backed by faith in one's community, is safer in the long run than a timid course of always playing safe.

An Envious Reputation

Macon County people are fast winning a reputation for being progressive and community-minded — and for doing extremely well whatever they set out to do.

A list of community accomplishments, even for the past year, would be widely varied and surprisingly long. To mention only a few:

We didn't stop buying U. S. bonds when the war ended, but are still buying more than our proportion, according to population, and many more than our proportion, according to wealth.

A group here decided we should have a full-time athletic coach and physical education director and a stadium at the Macon County school that is situated in Franklin — and promptly got both.

We were assigned a polio quota double that of last year — and oversubscribed it.

And now indications are that a community project of a different nature but quite as important is going to be put over in typical Macon County fashion — the N. C. Little Symphony concerts. The orchestra's appearances here are financed through memberships, and far more memberships have been obtained so far than at the same period in any of three previous years the orchestra has been brought to Franklin; the situation, as of today, suggests that seats may be at a premium for the evening concert March 22.

The symphony movement is fortunate this year, too, in several other respects. In past years, the Macon Theatre management has graciously made the theatre available for the concerts. By using the Methodist church, however, it will be possible to hold the evening concert for members at 8 o'clock instead of 6 or 6:30. And by using the larger Friendship tabernacle, approximately 400 more school children can be accommodated for the free children's program.

It is noteworthy, also, that assurance has been received from state school authorities that school buses legally may be used to transport children from the schools to the concert, which will make it possible for many more rural children to hear the children's program than has been true in previous years.

Letters

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Editor, The Press:

You are so enterprising! Congratulations on enlargement and improvement of The Press; it is a fine paper.

Compulsory school attendance comes very late indeed, but better late than never.

Franklin is very fortunate indeed to have such a fine officer who has made such and so many important arrests. His record could not be bettered anywhere. Keep up the good work!

Yours truly,
RENWICK WHITE.

Ajo, Arizona,
February 21, 1949.

Others' Opinions

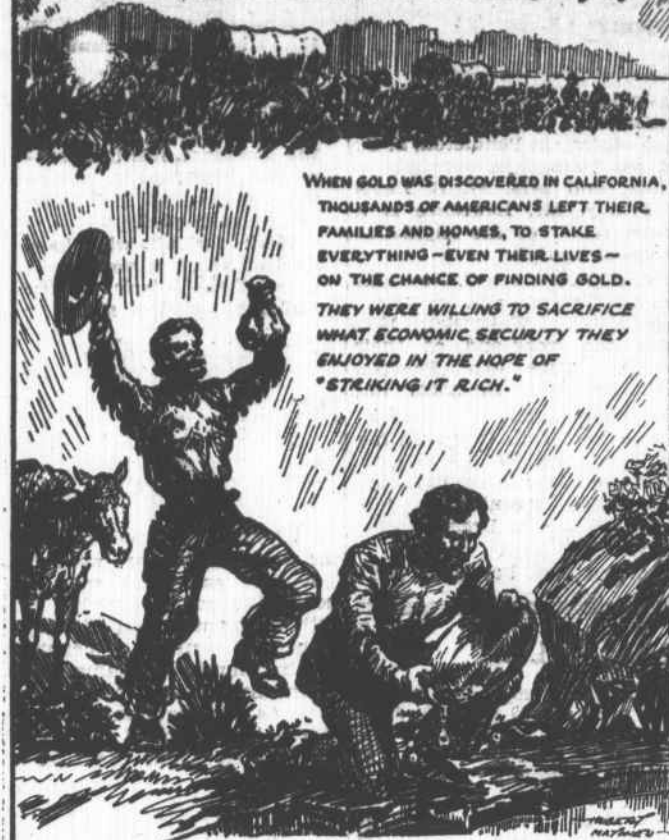
THE WHOLE TRUTH

So long as newspapers "give truth to the public," declares James M. Cox, "we can depend on the common-sense and patriotism of the mass of the people to keep us free."

The former Governor of Ohio and one-time Democratic nominee for President, was speaking at the dedication of a new plant in Atlanta, Georgia. He expressed the wish that the new press never "carry into the printed sheet an untruth deliberately." He quoted the remark of Thomas Jefferson that, if he

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THE 'FORTY-NINERS'... 1849-1949



WHEN GOLD WAS DISCOVERED IN CALIFORNIA, THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS LEFT THEIR FAMILIES AND HOMES, TO STAKE EVERYTHING—EVEN THEIR LIVES—ON THE CHANCE OF FINDING GOLD. THEY WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE WHAT ECONOMIC SECURITY THEY ENJOYED IN THE HOPE OF "STRIKING IT RICH."

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE—OF TAKING A CHANCE—REMAINS STRONG IN AMERICA. SINCE 1849, HOWEVER, OUR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BROADENED GREATLY.

THE MODERN "FORTY-NINER," IN SEEKING NEW FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR, PLACES LESS RELIANCE ON CHANCE AND MORE ON THE MEASURED RISK—GREATER RELIANCE ON THE FACTORS OF HARD WORK, INGENUITY AND THRIFT.

had to choose between the press and government, he would say that the press should come first.

We are in thorough accord with the ideal expounded by Mr. Cox but, it is necessary for the press of the nation to go further than merely to refrain from printing something untrue. The truth, upon which people can depend, must not only include facts but they must be presented in such a balanced manner as to give the reader a correct impression of the whole picture involved. It is quite possible for propagandists to print nothing but the truth yet distort the correct conclusion by suppressing other facts which are also true.

We greatly admire newspapers of the United States and the journalists who present them to the public. Nevertheless, there has developed quite a tendency, both on the part of newspapers and on the part of radio stations, and those connected with them, to over-emphasize incidental facts and occasional occurrences so that the net result is an untrue picture of the situation as an entity. Herford County Herald.

Music And Happiness

By FRED WARING

In The American Press

America is alarmed because there are so many signs of disorders among our people. Crimes of violence are increasing, divorce is common, juvenile delinquency is a problem of the whole nation, our mental hospitals are filled to overflowing and the mental disorders not serious enough for confinement are widespread.

All this is the result of our living at a faster and faster pace . . . developing more and more problems to which the individual must adjust himself — without proper preparation for life's emotional problems. Our children take scientific miracles and ease of living for granted. They need to experience the primitive, the wonders of simple things, the thrill of feeling a kinship with the natural forces in the world. They need to plant a seed and marvel at its growth, to feel the accomplishment of creating something for themselves. They have the finest educational system in the world, but it is not preparing them for all the problems of life. Emphasis is on making a living and "getting ahead" . . . not on finding happiness and peace of mind in the turmoil of modern existence.

The seriousness of this was brought out in a recent nationwide survey. The people of America clearly indicated they know every child needs training in self-expression, in the discipline of creating something of his own, in the teamwork of group activities. An overwhelming number of people said music would help provide that training. They thought the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument should be given to every child. Yet it was found that less than five per cent of all children get that opportunity in school now . . . only one in 20 is being helped in developing his emotional and social personality through music.

Music has been an outlet for the emotional expression of people since prehistoric times. It is universal, enjoyed by the most primitive savage tribes as well as the most cultured people in our civilization. Those who cannot read a line, write their names or add two small numbers enjoy music and find a way to express themselves in song—yet the study of music is unavailable to a substantial portion of our children in the schools.

In modern living, there is scarcely a day when we do not encounter music. It is the lifeblood of radio, an integral part of every motion picture, and essential in almost every church service, a theme at weddings and funerals, a pleasant background in restaurants, a feature of most public entertainment. The sad fact is few of us learn enough about music in school to appreciate fully all that we hear, and fewer still benefit from the pleasure and emotional outlet of playing music ourselves.

America is re-evaluating its educational system. The need for better buildings, facilities and teachers is a matter of national importance. The whole concept of education is undergoing change, with increasing emphasis on the development of the child's personality. In making plans for the future of our children . . . for the future of the world . . . we must make certain that the personality builders are placed high on the list of essentials in education. Among all the personality builders one of the most effective is music.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
North Carolina
Macon County

C. D. McHENRY

—VS—
LOUISE McHENRY

The defendant, Louise McHenry, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant, and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County in the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 24 day of March, 1949, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 19th day of February, 1949.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE
Clerk Superior Court,
Macon County, N. C.
F24-4-M17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

M. P. KEENER and wife
DIXIE KEENER, et al

vs.

E. D. CHASTAIN, et al

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

The defendant, Tom Chastain, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of selling for partition lands in which the defendant has an interest and is a proper party thereto.

The defendant, Tom Chastain, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, in Franklin, on the 14th day of March, 1949, and answer or demure to the petition of the petitioners, or the relief demanded in said petition will be granted.

This 4th day of February, 1949.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court,
Macon County, N. C.
F10-4c-JJ-M3

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

BELLE TURPIN

vs.

ZEB TURPIN

NOTICE

The defendant, Zeb Turpin, will take notice that an action for absolute divorce, entitled as above, has been instituted by the plaintiff above named in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina.

The defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County on April 3, 1949, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

This the 8th day of February, 1949.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
Clerk Superior Court,
Macon County, North Carolina.
F10-4c-GLH-M3

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Huntsville, Ala., is a famous cotton manufacturing point.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust executed by O. W. Dills and wife Bell Dills, dated August 18, 1948, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 42, page 201, said deed of trust having been executed to secure certain indebtedness therein set forth, and default in the payment of said indebtedness having been made, I will on Thursday, March 17, 1949, at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Court House door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

All the land described in a deed from L. L. Shoek and wife Ollie Shoek to O. W. Dills and wife Belle Dills, said deed bearing date of March 10, 1948, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book V-5 of Deeds, page 89.

This the 14th day of February, 1949.

R. S. JONES, Trustee.

F17-4c-JJ-M10

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