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Good Teaching

"We visited Indian graves on top of one of the highest hills . . .", read the article, published in The Press last week, on the early history of Smith-bridge township. The article, second prize-winner in the Macon County Historical Society's contest, was prepared by fifth grade children of the Otto school, under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Cagle, teacher.

The judges said, by their decision, that it was a good article. We should like to add that having the children gather the data and prepare the article was an excellent piece of teaching.

How better interest children in the subject of history than to start with local history? And how better make local history mean something than to visit landmarks?

For many of these children, Mrs. Cagle undoubtedly has made history what it is—not dry-as-dust names, dates, and facts about a dead past, but knowledge of a past that is the parent, and therefore the explanation, of the living, pulsing present.

Bouquet

At the northeast corner of the intersection of the Atlanta and Murphy highways is an unoccupied plot of ground. It easily might have been permitted to grow up in weeds; or it might have been used as a dumping ground for rubbish; or it might have become the depository for empty bottles and tin cans, to hold water and breed mosquitoes.

But it hasn't!

The plot, an irregular triangle, is grassed. Around it is an attractive border of low flowers. And in the center is a bed of gladioli and other higher flowers. It is a delight to the eye.

A visitor undoubtedly would take it for the work of a civic club, or perhaps of the town itself.

But it isn't.

This bit of beautification is the work of Mrs. Roy F. Cunningham, whose husband's business establishment it adjoins.

Mrs. Cunningham not only has done something worth-while toward making Franklin a more attractive place, for home folk and visitors alike; she also has shown the rest of us what a single individual can do.

Compulsory Salvation?

In the "Others' Opinions" column on this page is an interesting article by an American lawyer, Bigelow Boysen, just back from two years in Germany. Mr. Boysen makes this arresting comment:

American occupational and educational policies have had no effect in making the German people democratic; the only Nazi Germans who have been regenerated have changed their attitudes as a result of reading the Bible.

As a matter of fact, that statement should not come as a surprise; for most Christians give lip service, at least, to the doctrine that the primary purpose of the Christian religion is to regenerate human hearts, and that a better world can be created only by changing individual human beings. The fact that the observation is surprising is indicative of how little most persons who call themselves Christians really believe what they say they do.

Mr. Boysen reaches a conclusion, however, that it will be hard for most Americans to go along with. In order to create a new Germany, he suggests that Bible study be made compulsory.

We question whether anybody's salvation, spiritual or political, has ever been brought about through compulsion.

Often those who cry loudest for tolerance possess little of that virtue. What they really want is for other people to be tolerant of their intolerance.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Met

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THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE SERVICE OF THEIR FELLOW MEN ARE WELL REWARDED IN SUCCESS AND SATISFACTION IN OUR DEMOCRACY.

Mr. Redden And The Poll Tax

While this newspaper sees no excuse for the poll tax, it has scant sympathy with the movement to outlaw it by federal legislation.

Aside from the fact that the Constitution of the United States seems to leave the question of voters' qualifications to the states, we are inclined to question the motives of many—though certainly not all—of the leaders in the movement for a federal anti-poll tax law. With many political leaders, it is an obvious bid for the Negro vote in the North; many other proponents give evidence of being sentimentalists on the subject of the Negro.

It is highly improbable, however, that either of these reasons would influence a Southern legislator to back the federal anti-poll tax bill, and the purpose of this is to comment on the stand taken by this district's Rep. Monroe Redden. Mr. Redden has gone on record as favoring the measure.

That, we suspect, wasn't an easy decision. And while we completely disagree with Mr. Redden, we congratulate him on his courage. There is so little moral courage exhibited today, it is refreshing to find it among our legislators.

Letters

THIS BOY WANTS SOME MAIL!

Dear Editor: I want to thank you for my paper and say "hello" to my friends around Franklin and especially to all my friends and buddies around Oak Grove.

I enjoy reading the paper very much. I don't have but one gripe: It's all Franklin news and not much community news. But I can say it is a very good paper and helps a lot when you are away from home.

I got a letter from my old pal I joined the Army with, which is C. L. (Pude) Parrish. He is in Guam.

Joe Bradley is in the 9th Infantry regiment and Gay Fouts is in the 23rd Infantry regiment. I see them once in a while and we talk of Franklin.

If anyone would be interested in writing, my address is:
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Others' Opinions

WNC TELEPHONY

In last Sunday's issue of the Asheville Citizen-Times, staff writer C. R. Sumner had an article titled, "WNC Rural Phone Service Is Expanding."

The article pointed out that rural telephones in the area of Western North Carolina served by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company had increased from 575 to 3,914 in the past four years. As an example of this expansion, Mr. Sumner cited an increase from 23 to 330 in the Waynesville area, 62 to 620 in the Canton area, 6 to 542 in the Hendersonville area and several more communities accordingly.

It was pointed out that the Western Carolina Telephone Company, which serves Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties, has increased rural telephones from 1,058 to 2,066 in the past three years.

From this it is gathered that Jackson, Macon and Swain were

The Battle of Sugartown — 1782

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is one of the entries in the Macon County Historical Society's contest for articles on Macon County history.)

By MARIE JENNINGS

With the signing of the treaties between the Cherokee Indians living in this section and the white men, settlers came to live here, but many of the Indians were still living and hiding out in the mountains. To protect the settlers from the attacks of these Indians, United States soldiers had to be used.

There was a tribe of Indians camping at what was later called the Town House Field, and still later the property of Dave Rogers, a well known citizen, and what is now the property of Western Carolina Teachers College. Picken's Brigade, consisting of U. S. soldiers, roused the Indians from their camping grounds there, causing them to flee into Macon County.

The soldiers came through Cullowhee Gap in pursuit of the Indians, making the next stand on the John Ledford place, near what is now Sugarfork Baptist Church. The Indians attacked them near the present location of the old Higdon Mill, falling back to the John Ledford field, which lies on the North side of the Sugarfork River. The soldiers, being on the opposite side and unable to cross, could not charge.

Among the Regulars, as these soldiers were called, was Corporal White, who was killed in the battle that ensued, and whose

grave is marked by a tombstone on the bank of the river. His solitary grave has always been an object of great curiosity and interest, although little is known of his life and death except for the fact that he was killed in the Battle of Sugartown, as Sugarfork was then called, on September 10, 1782. When his death occurred he was behind a large rock on the south side of the river, near the present location of John Tyler's house, although his lone grave is directly across the river on the North bank, at the edge of the John Ledford field, now owned by Claude Arnold. Undoubtedly there were other casualties among the soldiers, but this is the only grave that has been marked.

After the soldiers found a crossing they came down upon the Indians, who fled, with the soldiers pursuing them, to the Valley River near Murphy, where the Red Men in frustration were captured or surrendered. Later they were taken to the reservation.

It is said that Indians hid at what is now the Cherokee Indian Reservation and when the government discovered them living there the land was set aside as a reservation rather than to cause more trouble to grow out of any attempt to remove them elsewhere.

In recent years a tombstone has been erected at the grave of Corporal White by the contributions of a group of people who had a picnic near by one Fourth of July.

a little better equipped with rural phones before the expansion than were surrounding areas, but that they are now falling behind. Whereas expansion in neighboring vicinities has been eight and ten-fold, new phones in this area have only doubled.

Although Mr. Sumner gives no figures for Franklin, Bryson City, Cullowhee, Highlands, Cashiers and Sylva, the absence of the same supports the growing feeling that Bryson City and Swain County constitutes one of the most neglected areas, insofar as telephone facilities is concerned, in all of Western North Carolina.

We are happy to note such general progress throughout this part of the state. We are also happy to note recent improvements in long-distance service at Bryson City. But, we would welcome some assurance that Swain County is getting her full share of new telephones.—Smoky Mountain Times.

NAZI THINKING UNALTERED

(Excerpts from an article in the Washington, D. C., Sunday Star by Bigelow Boysen, a lawyer just back from Germany, where he was assigned to defend 13 Nazi war criminals and prosecute 13 others.)

Are there any Americans so gullible as to believe that the United States' occupation of Germany has converted a single German Nazi into a peace-loving citizen? I hope not, because in spite of all the cigarettes and well-intended effort which symbolize our policy in Germany, a physical occupation which leaves moral regeneration out of the prescription has not yet and never will transform the state of mind called "German Nationalism" into charitable, democratic thinking.

I searched the western zone for two solid years, looking for a converted, enlightened regenerated German and never found a single specimen whose transformation could be traced to our occupation of his country. Those few who have broken away from the mystic belief of German racial superiority, with the selfishness and ruthlessness which go with it, have invariably found their new freedom through the Bible. Only insofar as our occupation policies have guaranteed to the German people free use of their Bible and other religious activities, can we consider our presence in Germany to have been effectual in even these isolated cases.

Whether our occupation has been a waste of money and effort depends upon the point of view from which we regard its purpose. If that purpose was to restore Germany industrially for the relief of the American taxpayer and at the same time to hold Communist influence in western Europe to a minimum, then our occupation must be voted a success. But if our real purpose (and this must certainly have been the original purpose) was to seek out, uproot, and destroy the evil seed of Germanism, which has regularly erupted (through Bismarck, Kaiser Wilhelm, and Hitler), in just for world domination, then our occupation must be regarded as a total failure.

Perhaps our first step to bring forth in Germany a respect for other nations should begin by obliging her youngsters to study the Bible. Legal refinements which have developed recently in the United States regarding constitutionality of compulsory Bible study in public schools may be proper for the people of America, born and bred as they are to think for themselves. But no such technicality at this early stage in the democratic re-education of Germany should be permitted to stand in the way of transforming the great numbers of her militarist-minded people into progressively charitable "citizens of the world." Certainly, we need God's help to this end, and what better tool could we find to gain that help than the Luther Bible that was given to the world by Germany when her spiritual impulses made her great?

LAW AND PRIDE

George Carson says we were a day late on the ragweed cutting on the post office vacant lot. Said he cut it July 4th. So we congratulated him. There are still about 75 rag weeds about four or five inches tall uncut. Don't know how much damage they can do to hay fever sufferers. The railroad crews have done a good job cutting weeds in the park and trimming the hedge in front of the depot. If some way could be found to impress people with the importance of not throwing anything in the streets. Cigarette cartons, chewing gum and candy wrappers and paper cups all make a mess that looks unsightly, shows bad housekeeping and lets all who pass know what kind of community this is. The fact that it is against the law to throw trash in the streets or within hundreds of feet of any public highway should stop some, but community pride should stop us all, for if we love our community, we will try to keep it attractive.—Tryon Daily Bulletin.

WHAT WE REALLY WANT

A local pastor stated in his pulpit several Sundays ago that, if a First Century Christian were to return to earth and come to Shelby to instruct us in the meanings and responsibilities of Christianity, we would not tolerate him but would probably ride him out of town on a rail.

"No," continued the preacher, "what you want is a nice, easy-going, agreeable fellow who never says anything to disturb you—just like me."—Cleveland (County) Times.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NOTICE OF MOTION
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
CHARLES E. PALMER,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LOUISA E. PALMER,
Defendant.
TO CHARLES E. PALMER and
JONES & JONES, HIS ATTOR-
NEYS,
Sirs:

Please take notice that the defendant, LOUISA E. PALMER, is appearing specially for the purpose of this Motion, and for no other purpose, and is filing a written Motion, copy of which is hereto attached, requesting an order striking out the judgment heretofore made, at the December Term, 1948, of the Superior Court of Macon County, and dismissing the above entitled action, for the reasons set forth in said Motion.

Take further notice, that the defendant will cause said Motion to be presented to the Honorable Judge holding the regular August Term of the Superior Court for Macon County, at the Court House, Franklin, North Carolina, on the 22nd day of August, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard for argument and determination.

This the 6th day of July, 1949.
/s/ T. A. UZZELL, Jr.
/s/ J. M. HORN, R.
Attorneys for Defendant
Jly14-4tc-A4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NOTICE OF OPENING OF
DEPOSITION
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY
JOS. D. FARRISH, AS EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE UNDER THE
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF ARTHUR K. WOODMAN,
DECEASED

vs.
JEAN GOULD, NANCY PARKS,
ALBERT T. CLARK and RUTH
CLARK ROWE

The defendants, Jean Gould, Nancy Parks, Albert T. Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe, and Ruth Alberta Clark, Attorney for the defendants, Albert T. Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe, will take notice that at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 1949, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, I will open the deposition of Dr. James Edgar Paulin, Miss Wilna Walton and Caroline Kline.

This the 28th day of July, 1949.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,
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