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The War Comes Home

KOREA lies on the other side of the world from Macon County. But last week-end the war in Korea was brought close home to Macon County by the announcement that a Franklin boy, Pvt. Robert L. Rogers, Jr., had died of wounds received in action in that far-off land.

Why did this 18-year old boy have to die?

If Bobby Rogers had been asked what he was fighting for, he probably would have said simply, "for my country". A good reason! And so long as freedom lives in America, Bobby Rogers, and all the others who have died, and will die, in Korea—yes, and those who died in World War 2, and a generation earlier, in World War 1; so long as freedom lives, these young men will not have died entirely in vain.

But shall we go on, generation after generation, sending our finest young men out to die—merely so that still others, in succeeding generations, may also die to save freedom?

To Bobby Rogers, and to all those others who have died in three wars in a little more than 30 years, every citizen of Macon County, and of America, owes a debt.

It is for us who live to make sure that these young men shall not have died in vain. It is for us, first, to make sure that freedom shall not die. And then it is for us to make sure that their sacrifice did more than a mere negative saving of freedom from destruction; that, by dying, they helped to create something new and good—a world in which freedom constantly expands, and in which there is peace.

It is your job and mine to sacrifice and fight for those two aims. It is for us to be willing to pay, in tax dollars, for freedom and a better world. It is for us to be willing for America, if necessary, to oppose aggression with force, as she did in Korea. It is for us to be willing to surrender some of our national sovereignty, if need be, to a federation of the world. It is for us to be willing to keep constantly before us the recognition that, though we may have to arm now, and possibly to fight, war is a stupid way to settle things—and never really settles anything. And it is for us to keep working, to keep fighting, never to give up hope that world peace can and will be won.

That is our debt to the dead. We owe that—you and I—to those who died in 1917 and 1918, to the far larger number who died in the 1940's, and now to Bobby Rogers and his comrades who have died in Korea.

Confusion About The County Lot

There are many good arguments, pro and con, on the proposal to sell the county's West Main street lot, bought a number of years ago as the site for a new courthouse, to the Nantahala Power and Light company for that firm's new home.

The final decision rests with the county commissioners. It is their responsibility to determine whether it is wise or unwise for the county to dispose of the lot; whether another suitable lot is likely to be available, when the time comes that Macon County can afford to build a new courthouse; whether the price offered is adequate; and other pertinent questions. The commissioners, quite properly, it seems to us, have been delaying action to learn what the public wants them to do.

And among the general public there is considerable confusion on the whole issue.

The purpose of this piece is not to argue for or against sale of the lot. The purpose is to comment on the confusion over the proposal.

The reason there is confusion is that we have no long-range, carefully worked out plan for our public buildings and community generally.

If we had laid definite plans, 20, or 10, or five years ago, for a new courthouse at such-and-such

a spot, for a jail at such-and-such a spot, and for the disposition of the present courthouse at that time—to tear it down, to sell it, or to put it to other use—we could have said, when the offer for the courthouse lot was made: "That fits into our permanent plans"; or "that does not fit into our permanent plans". That would have made the decision easy.

Since we have no plan (except a rather vague plan, sometime to build a courthouse somewhere, maybe on the lot bought for the purpose), the decision is not easy. And because we have no plan, the chances are much greater that the decision that finally is reached may be the wrong one.

In all Macon County, the only business that is operated without long-range future plans is the public business. And that applies to the towns as well as the county.

It is high time we did something about it.

We Like It Now

It is human nature to fear the strange and to like the familiar. The perfect illustration of our love for the familiar is the way most children prefer the story they have heard many times to one that is new.

Another illustration is the popularity of many of the so-called hit tunes on the radio and record players. Nobody in the world could be made to like some of this music except by being forced to hear it over and over; that its constant repetition is the only thing that makes it popular is proved by the fact that most of it is forgotten in a matter of weeks or months.

And the way some people shy away from good music illustrates our fear of the strange.

Fortunately, however, our love of the familiar works with good music as well as bad.

When the North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra was to make its first appearance here, back in 1946, there was a serious question as to whether the money could be raised to bring it here, and an equally serious one as to whether an audience would come out to hear the concerts, even if the orchestra were brought here. There was a widespread opinion that its music would all be "high brow", and that no man—and very few women—really liked that kind of music. Certainly, it was felt, the orchestra would never get back for the second season.

Today, five years later, music has become an integral part of our community life. We have public school music in the school here. The public has contributed money to buy band instruments and uniforms, and the school band is the pride of the community. And people of all walks of life make a point of never missing a band concert—often featuring classical music.

Meanwhile, the annual concerts of the N. C. Little Symphony have come to be taken for granted. Many of the people who were most dubious five years ago would be the first, today, as the annual membership campaign approaches, to say "we must have the Symphony." Even if they themselves do not care for the adult concerts, they recognize the value of the free performances for the school children. They realize, too, that the appearances of the Symphony in Franklin have had a lot to do with this community's awakened interest in music.

"Dirty-faced Marine Hoists U. S. Flag", reads a headline. Which moves us to comment that some people never learn. It's been hardly more than a matter of days since the President of the United States was in hot water for calling the Marines names, but here's a mere headline writer trying it already.

Others' Opinions

GETTING THE JUMP ON THE SLEEPERS

George Washington could broadjump 23 feet, which was a record in his day. Doesn't this offer some place a chance to put up a historical marker saying, "George Washington Slipped Here?"—Greensboro Daily News.

WRONG NUMBER

The Zebulon boy marched into the Marine Recruiting Office in Raleigh, looked intrepidly at the recruiting sergeant, and asked:

"Am I in the office of the Fighting Marines or the reserve?"
"You are in the office of the Fighting Marines," the sergeant told him.

"Well, excuse me," our hero replied. "I'm in the wrong place."
—Zebulon Record.

OUTWITTING GRANDMA

One evening at the supper table Grandpa became very serious and said he had mislaid \$50 from a check he had cashed that afternoon. Grandma immediately berated him for his careless habits.

On the front porch after supper his granddaughter was sympathizing with him because of his loss and for his being raked over the coals by Grandma when Grandpa up and said: "Don't worry, daughter, I'll lay my hands on it in four or five days, and by that time Grandma will have a good scold at me, and that always perks her up, and then, too, that gold-darned sale will be over. She was fixin' to buy a new coat she doesn't need. A man has got to use his head—his tongue's no good against a woman."—Winston-Salem Journal.

WAYNESVILLE ADOPTS ZONING

Citizens wanting to build, or repair within the town limits of Waynesville will do so now subject to the new zoning laws.

These new regulations have been enacted as a means of looking to the present as well as the future growth of the area. It is a far-reaching step, which should have been taken some twenty-five years ago.

The regulations are not designed to make a hardship on anyone—in fact, just the opposite. The ordinance is designed to

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL

IF HIS WAGON BOGS DOWN OR HIS CAR IS Mired, THE SELF-RELIANT MAN PUTS HIS OWN SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.



—AND AS WE WORK TOGETHER, EACH OF US DOING HIS SHARE, IT IS THIS SHOULDER-TO-THE-WHEEL PHILOSOPHY, THIS DOCTRINE OF PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT GIVES AMERICAN DEMOCRACY ITS RESILIENT STRENGTH.



NOW, AS IN THE PAST, WHEN OUR DEMOCRACY IS ALERTED AGAINST AGGRESSION, THE NATION'S SLOGAN FOR ALL OF US, IS — "SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL!"

protect property holders against the encroachment of undesirable buildings and operations in their neighborhood.

Our town would have far fewer headaches today if this same ordinance had been enacted long ago. But that is neither here nor there now. The thing we must look and work towards is the fact that the zoning laws are for protection. We should look upon them as such, and gladly abide by them in the same light.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

DEVOTED TEACHERS

Not all of those who have gone into public school work leave it just as soon as they can find a better job, or a "man". Many presently employed teachers and principals have devoted the greater portion of their lives to the "cause", and occasionally we learn of a person who has retired after having served the State in this field for a long period of years.

Recently, we saw where a teacher down in Bladen County, Miss Mattie Melvin, had "retired after 45 years of devoted service to public education in Bladen County". In reminiscence, Miss Melvin made this significant statement:

"It's been one long pull, but I wouldn't have had it otherwise. First, the schoolhouse somehow beat its way to the rural farmhouse, but now the youngsters come in freely in their thirst to key themselves to better things ahead."

There are many others who have similar records. They work quietly, year after year, for the improvement of the school and for the children of the State. Oftentimes, two generations are taught by the same teacher.

We should not forget these teachers who have served so long and so well. They should not be hastily retired or forced out, but should be allowed to remain at their work as long as they continue to give satisfactory service.

"When a teacher walks with you to school, and makes the world seem nearer and brighter while she does it, then she's a teacher and worthy of the name"—N. C. Public School Bulletin.

LET'S STAY AWAKE THIS TIME

The signs so far bear out reports that Russia has decided—or is on the verge of deciding—to write off South Korea as an incident of little consequence.

If that be true, the dangerous period for this country will be after the Korean conflict has been won. There will be cries from many quarters to cut down on arms spending, eliminate controls and get back to a peacetime basis.

It is that very impatience—encouraged by the Communists with all the propaganda at their disposal—which led to premature demobilization after World War II. Then the cry was, "Bring the boys home." Congressmen, fearing political repercussions, brought pressure on the military to do just that. The result was that the finest war machine in the world deteriorated quickly. The process was helped along by a program of false economy which cut our strength further.

We ought to make certain we are not lulled into any similar move if a Russian phony peace offensive should brighten the outlook after Korea.

Right now Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky is going out of his way to be—for a Russian—affable and conciliatory. There has been a notable lessening of Soviet denunciation at the United Nations meeting.

Russian "peace offensives" always are put out to further the end of aggression by imparting hope of a real peace to the democratic countries. By this time we ought to know that actually the Russians respect nothing but force. To prevent aggression we must be prepared to defeat it.

The present news from Korea is good. If Russia or Communist China do not complicate the situation, the prospects are for a continued, winning offensive by United Nations troops.

But that news does not mean there can be any letup in our defense efforts. We must continue to rearm at top speed, and persuade our friends in Europe to do likewise, against the day when Russia decides it is time to march. We are not engaged in any temporary feud with Russia. Korea was but a warning—and most probably a very, lucky one at that.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer expressed what is hoped will be the view of the Administration and the Congress when he said Sunday that the offensive in Korea will not ease the pressure at home. Controls not only must be kept, but they must be extended. By so doing this country can maintain the highest standard of living in the world and still finance an unprecedented armament program.

The free world is badly under strength. Western Europe, which is still the primary goal of the Kremlin, could be overrun in a matter of days. If we relax our efforts the friendly countries there will relax theirs, not only because we furnish the spark of leadership, but because it is up to us also to supply a good portion of the material. If we lose Western Europe, a gaping hole will be torn in Western civilization. It is doubtful that our liberties could survive. It is certain our standard of living could not.

We must guard against being put to sleep again by Russian talk of peace. Moscow turns such talk on or off at will, but Soviet ambitions to dominate the world never waver. We must, somehow, translate into long-term determination the quick enthusiasm which supported intervention in Korea. Let's stay awake this time.—Atlanta Constitution.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

MACON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA Under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust executed by George H. Novitz and wife Dorothy L. Novitz, dated April 10, 1948, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust E & L No. 2, page 217, 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, the 19th day of October, 1950, at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

About 2 1/2 miles West of the Town of Franklin, on the Louisa Chapel Road, BEGINNING at a large white oak which is situated about 30 feet West of the T. S. Waldroop house; runs thence North 28 East 3 poles to a white oak; then South 73 East 12 poles to a stake; thence South 4 West 4 poles to a stake; thence North 89 West 35 poles to a stake; thence North 37 East 19 poles to the BEGINNING. This 18th day of September, 1950.

GILMER A. JONES, Trustee S21-4tc-012

NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust executed by James W. Beck and wife Beulah E. Beck, dated May 17, 1947, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust E & L No. 2, page 167, 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, the 19th day of October, 1950, at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land:

All the land described in a deed from George Wilson and wife Louise Wilson, to James W. Beck and wife Beulah E. Beck, dated April 24, 1941, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book G-5, at page 53; and being all of Lot No. 312 and part of Lot No. 310 and 314 in the Town of Highlands, North Carolina, on the South side of Chestnut Street. This 18th day of September, 1950.

GILMER A. JONES, Trustee S21-4tc-012

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Estena G. Bidwell, 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 8th day of September, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 8th day of September, 1950.
W. N. SLOAN, Executor S14-6tp-019

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of E. C. Wood, 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 11th day of September, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 11th day of September, 1950.
H. S. TALLEY, Administrator. S14-6tp-019

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator C. T. A. of W. J. West, 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 20 day of September, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 20 day of September, 1950.
EMILY WEST, Administrator, C.T.A. S21-4tc-026

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A Lift For Today

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children.—Prov. 13:22.

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up occasionally and make sure we haven't lost the things that money can't buy.—O. H. Lorimer.

Our Heavenly Father, may we impress upon the youth of today the importance of following Thee, emphasizing the fact that only the righteous can have Thy favor.