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## The Cancer Within

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article, by the district health officer, is one in a series of guest editorials, written by public officials.)

JET planes, rocket power, atomic bombs, hydrogen bombs, guided missiles — every day our newspapers bring us a growing list of more horrible forms of destruction. Our fears grow as we can only guess at the newer weapons which our President terms "fantastic." We continue to pour more billions into the military hopper in our frenzy to kill, or be killed. Yet we complacently allow ourselves to be destroyed by a cancer from within.

What is the nature of this cancer? "Two school boys kill their teacher"; "Boy sentenced to twenty years imprisonment for murder of his father." Are we such fools as to believe that the punishment of these boys will cure their illness, or the illness of the society which has spawned them?

This is the cancer which eats at the entrails of our civilization. It is a disease characterized by faulty growth and development of the mind and the emotions. It is a disease which is fostered by a society which substitutes penance and punishment for prevention and cure. It is a disease which spreads from individuals to communities to governments.

What is the cure? As in all cancers, preventive medicine is more effective than curative; early cases are more readily treated than those that have progressed. We must build anew, and begin with our children. We must offer them, in the home, love and security; in school, faithful guidance and instruction in living, one with another; in business and government, honor and integrity; in law, equal justice.

What is the name of this cure? In Public Health we call it "Mental Hygiene"; in our religion, we call it Christian tolerance and brotherhood.

DR. CARL C. JANOWSKY.

## The Editorial Contest

There are many persons who believe—and they cite rather convincing evidence—that Macon County is an exceptionally good place to live; that it is virtually unique in this respect.

If that is true, then we who live here would be wise to try to keep it a good place to live. But in a period of change such as this, we can do that only if we consciously set out to preserve those things that give Macon this distinction. And certainly we cannot preserve those things that make this such a good place to live without first determining what they are.

Undoubtedly there are others who believe Macon is not an ideal place to live; they, too, cite some evidence—among other things, the fact that many of Macon's young people feel they have to leave home in order to earn a living. If that is true, then it is a situation we surely need to study and seek to do something about.

This matter of employment for youth poses a double-barreled question: What is the point in a county's being a good place to live if people can't earn a living there? and, on the other hand, what is the point in transforming it into a land flowing with money and jobs if, in so doing, we destroy the things that make life worth living?

In any case, two important facts stand out:

1. Macon is not such a good place to live that it cannot be made a better one.
2. Macon cannot escape the changes that are

## Our American Civilization

Assuming that all the world is interested in our "symptoms"; changing the subject when the other fellow tries to talk about his.

Doing what is no more than our duty for our children; being disappointed that they don't spend the rest of their lives thanking us for it.

Using our right to freedom of speech to destroy the freedoms of others—by forcing them, via the loudspeaker, to hear what we want them to hear.

Feeling financially unable, during a relative's life, to provide him adequate medical care; spending, when he is dead, twice as much for his funeral as the care that might have kept him alive would have cost.

sweeping the world so swiftly.

This county is changing, too; and it will change either for better or for worse. We can take advantage of the fact that we live in a changing world to make this a better place to live; or we can drift with the tide, and become standardized—identical with every other small, rural county in America.

Questions and considerations such as these prompted The Press to offer prizes for the best editorials related to the general subject of Macon County as a good place to live, with the thought that individuals might select whatever phase or phases of that general subject they wished.

We can keep Macon a good place to live; or, if it isn't one, we can make it a good place to live; and, in either case, we can make it a better place to live. But we can do it only if we do some thinking. It is our hope that this contest will stimulate such thinking, and it is this newspaper's conviction that whoever does some real thinking on this problem, and then gives the public the benefit of his views, will have contributed toward the building of a better Macon County.

## Unusual

There is something refreshingly unusual about what Arnold Rogers did the other day.

Mr. Rogers made the mistake of permitting a tip board to be placed in his store, and then allowing it to be played; thereby he violated the law. But when Mr. Rogers was fleeced of \$500 on this tip board scheme, he promptly reported it to the officers.

From the standpoint of strict discretion, he might have done better to take his loss and keep his mouth shut. He already was in trouble. Why, he might have asked himself, get into more by admitting that he had violated the law?

That would have been the attitude of many Americans in today's widespread atmosphere of "the main chance" and "looking out for No. 1". But there is enough of an indefinable British quality left in this region that Mr. Rogers reacted differently.

This is in no sense a defense of Mr. Rogers' violation of the gambling laws. But more power to him for throwing discretion to the wind in order to make sure that a crooked scheme was exposed and punished, thus protecting others. So long as that attitude prevails in this mountain region, we are not likely to surrender control to the gambling crooks who have taken over in some areas of the United States.

## Bouquet

Congratulations to Macon County's law enforcement officers for abundant evidence that they are on the job. As someone waggishly remarked the other day, "Sheriff Thomas surely hasn't had much chance to sleep since his election".

Fortunately for the rest of us, the Sheriff and other law enforcement officers who have worked with him appear to have considered sleep a secondary matter; instead, they have put first emphasis on making crime unprofitable in Macon County.

An unusually large number of puzzling cases have confronted them in recent months, and their battling average in solving these cases and getting the alleged law-breakers behind bars has been high indeed.

One explanation—and they surely are due bouquets for this!—is the fine cooperation between the sheriff and other good officers, notably Highway Patrolmen C. M. Byrd and Sid Carter and P. R. Kitchen, of the State Bureau of Investigation.

Beware of the man who says "honestly". Chances are he's telling a fish story!

What is so rare as a day in June, wondered the poet. We know the answer: A man who wants work, instead of just the pay for it.

Then there was the case of the Scottish bridegroom who insisted, in the presence of the bride, that the preacher fix the marriage fee, only to be told: "Well, you just pay me what it is worth to you".

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### FINISHING WHAT THEY'VE STARTED

OF THE MILLIONS OF CHILDREN ENTERING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, 1 OUT OF 2, STATISTICIANS ESTIMATE, WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL—1 OUT OF 8 WILL GO ON THROUGH COLLEGE. A GENERATION AGO ONLY 1 BEGINNER OUT OF 6 FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL—ONLY 1 OUT OF 32 COMPLETED COLLEGE.



MORE AND BETTER SCHOOLS—AND THE FACT THAT MORE FAMILIES HAVE MADE HIGHER EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH THEIR SAVINGS AND LIFE INSURANCE—RESULT IN MORE EDUCATION FOR MORE CHILDREN. THIS MEANS A BETTER-TRAINED CITIZENRY FOR OUR DEMOCRACY.

## Letters

### AN APPEAL FROM KOREA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In a letter to a friend here, Sgt. Woodrow Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cunningham, of Franklin, Route 2, who has been in Korea for the past 10 months, appealed for reading matter for his men. Below is an excerpt from his letter, just received here.)

How would I go about putting an ad in The Franklin Press asking the people to send reading material to the boys in my platoon? They sure do need it. We have been up here four days now and haven't done a thing but sit around.

If they could get Life, Saturday Evening Post and Look and books like that it would give them something to do, and keep a lot of this war off their minds.

If anybody would like to send some, just address:  
3rd Platoon  
Co. B, 32 Inf. Regt.  
7 Div. APO 7  
c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, Calif.

It sure helps to have something to read or look at when you are up on one of the highest mountains in Korea and nothing to do.

### "CRAZY FOOLS ON THE HIGHWAY"

Editor, The Press:

The Safety Council at Chicago has at long last seen fit to take notice of what they correctly term "The Crazy Fools on the Highway" and have set about to do something to correct it. They define the "crazy fool" as that driver who deliberately disregards the value of human safety and sets out to go as fast as he pleases and where he pleases, regardless of the outcome.

Why is it that some drivers can drive for years without the slightest trouble, and others cannot? An example: Zeb Angel, my oldest brother, brought the first car into Macon County, a White Steamer, in 1910. The most that we could get out of her was 22 miles an hour on the old Watson lane. Since that day he has driven millions of miles. He shot the busses through snow, rain and mud, but never a mishap. In 40 years no passenger ever made a claim.

A clear eye, calm, capable muscles and a splendid respect for other people's rights made him a master driver. Zeb may have had his fun. When he called Haille Selassie on the telephone and offered to raise an American legion to assist him against the aggressor, Benito Mussolini, he was having fun, yet he was deadly right; far more right than the cowardly appeaser, Austin Chamberlain. He had a proper respect for the oppressed Ethiopians. History now shows he was correct.

Zeb Angel may have had his fun, his wholesome joke, but he knew his automobiles and always had a proper regard for the other fellow's rights on the highway. Without it, he could not have driven 40 straight years and not have touched another car or been touched. It comes right back to one point; the one and only way to stop the "highway crazy fools" is through an aroused public. Public opinion is a powerful weapon and when the "highway crazy fool" and the "road hog" knows that his fellow citizens are looking on him with a critical and discerning eye, he will perhaps stop to think.

The Highway Patrol boys are a splendid police force, but these men are few in number and they cannot be everywhere. One terrible factor enters into most highway mishaps, and that thing is speed. During World War 2 when the speed of all cars was slowed to 45 miles an hour, there were practically no wrecks. It may be necessary to do it again, and with a federal law, limiting the speed on all interstate highways to 45 miles an hour.

DR. FURMAN ANGEL.

Franklin, N. C.

## Place 11 Men

### In A-1 Category At Draft Board Meeting

Eleven Macon County men were placed in the 1-A classification at a recent meeting of the local selective service board.

A total of 55 men were classified in different categories at the meeting.

Those classified 1-A (available for military service) were Ralph E. Baldwin, Kenneth Buchanan, Eldon O. Holland, Franklin Q. Lequire, Hez Dills, Claude Allen, R. D. Queen, James G. Willis, Thomas L. McCall, Allen H. Deits, and Lawrence C. Howard, Jr.

Classified 1-C, discharged, were Erwin C. Rickman, James W. Hicks, Ralph Bell, Don Gillespie, Lawrence G. Brendle, Lee Downs, Dona L. Henson, Horace E. Ledford, Richard B. Stevens.

Placed in 1-C (member of armed forces) were James H. Norton, Earl F. Baty, Howard H. Shuler, Morgan H. Bateman, Joseph C. Bradley, Jack F. Tilley, T. J. Williams, Cecil C. Rickman, Albert H. Edwards, James D. Conley, Edgar E. Welch, Maurice E. Norton, James W. Passmore, Paul D. Dean, Jesse I. Beck, Frederick A. Slagle, Roy M. Cabe, Robert M. Campbell, Frank I. Murray, Woodrow R. Cunningham, Thad G. Watts, Eulis M. Bishop, Lee R. Roper, George H. Reece, Denis C. Ledford, James C. Saunders, Harley P. Holden, James W. Stewart.

Classified 2-A (deferred because of civilian employment, except agriculture) Randolph M. Bulgin; 3-A (deferred because of dependents) Claude N. Curtis; 4-F (physically, mentally, or morally unfit for duty) Clyde Norton, James R. Smith, Turner O. Williamson, Ivan H. Hyatt, Daniel R. McCall.

Paul L. Plemmons, General J. Carnes, Roy Dills, Verlis J. Grant, Crud A. Clark, Herman R. Ledford, and Charles M. Stiles were classified 5-A (over age of liability).

Registration of Clinton E. Campbell and Ernest H. Brendle was cancelled.

## West's Mill

Mrs. H. T. Potts and son, Michael, of Clawson, Mich., visited Mrs. Cora Potts and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorrells and daughter, Carlene, over the week-end.

Alvin Cowen, of Jackson County, and Marcellas Cowen, of Bristol, Va., visited Mrs. L. W. Deitz and family last week. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Matlock and family, of Marietta, Ga., spent the week-end with Mrs. Fred McGaha.

Mrs. Frank Holbrook, of West Asheville, is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. John Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Potts and daughter, Linda, of Detroit, Mich., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorrells.

Mrs. J. M. Morgan spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Parrish, and Mr. Parrish and family in Bryson City.

Pvt. Oliver W. Allen, of Fort Jackson, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Allen.

Miss June Bond, of Waynesville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mattack, of Dallas, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cantrell and family.

Mrs. Grace Tathem and daughter, Patricia, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGaha.

Mrs. W. W. Potts, of Bryson City, spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Cora Potts, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorrells and family.

Miss Gail Bryson spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Howell, of Hayesville.

Mrs. Thad C. Bryson and son, Romney, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Howell, of Waynesville.

Miss Charlotte Darnell, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week with her sister, Mrs. John Hurst, and Mr. Hurst and family.

Mrs. Grady Mozley and grandson, Eddie Mozley, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with Miss Vallie West and Mrs. W. J. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Brookshire, of Pontiac, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Cora Potts and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorrells.

C. N. West and Miss Ruth West made a business trip to Asheville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Gibson visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holbrook in Asheville recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith and family are visiting relatives in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. W. T. Laws visited relatives in Bryson City recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Laws have returned to Cromerton after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Laws. Mr. Laws, who have been ill, is improving.