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Merely Big?

The bloodmobile of the American Red Cross, which visits Franklin and other small communities in Western North Carolina, by-passes Briston, Va.-Tenn.

When citizens of Bristol protested against being denied an opportunity to give blood, the first explanation offered by the Red Cross was that Bristol (population 32,000) was one of the smaller communities it could not get around to. Later, what appears to be the real explanation came out.

The bloodmobile, a Red Cross official explained, will not visit a community unless that community has a Red Cross chapter. And Bristol, though it previously had a very active chapter, has none now. The reason it has none now is that the Bristol chapter's charter was revoked by national headquarters of the Red Cross.

And the reason it was revoked was that the Bristol chapter joined other agencies in Bristol in a one-package fund-raising campaign. The Red Cross insists upon conducting its own, separate fund-raising drives, and it revoked the Bristol chapter's charter for violating that rule.

Whether the one-package, community chest-type of campaign is desirable is a debatable question. But is it the business of the national headquarters of the Red Cross to tell the people of Bristol, or Asheville or Franklin, how they shall raise the funds for the various agencies they contribute to?

Who, after all, owns the Red Cross—the people who contribute to it, or its national officials?

And, which is more important, the regulations and prestige of the Red Cross or blood for the men in Korea?

The American Red Cross in the past has been a great agency. It has the opportunity to be a great agency again. But to do so, it must recapture the self-forgetfulness that is the basis of all real service. Without that self-forgetfulness, it will be merely big.

Congratulations

The move of the Nantahala Power and Light company into its fine new home is the occasion for felicitations all around.

The company, of course, is to be congratulated upon the completion of such attractive and well-designed quarters. Whether it be a business or a family, it always is a delightful experience to move into a new home, built to our own specifications; and the entire community is happy that this pleasant experience is being enjoyed by the Nantahala company and its employees.

Franklin and Macon County are to be congratulated, too; for the construction of this handsome structure means much to town and county. Not chiefly because a valuable piece of property will go on the tax books, or even because this beautiful new building so greatly improves the appearance of Main street, important as both of those are. The really significant thing is that this building is the material evidence that the Nantahala company plans to make its headquarters here for a long, long time. That means a steady, permanent pay roll of no mean importance; even more to the point, it means the permanent location here of a business that, by its very nature, attracts a high type of personnel.

Finally, the power company is to be congratulated for showing discrimination in selecting for its headquarters what both observation and experience lead us—and, obviously, lead them—to believe is one of the finest communities to be found anywhere.

A Lift For Today

★ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.—Matt. 5:9.

THE PEACE to which Christ refers is not merely the cessation of fighting and forcing other peoples into submission; we must replace enmity with understanding and hate with love. Are we making as complete sacrifice to spreading love and peace, as we did to winning the war?

May we, O Lord, as a nation dedicate ourselves to walk in the ways of peace and justice, that others may follow until Peace shall come to all mankind.

Today Is Momentous Day

Today is the day!
Will the groundhog see his shadow? or won't he?

On the answer to those momentous questions hangs the problem of whether it's going to be necessary to buy more coal or fuel oil, or chop more wood, to last through the winter. And on whether it's time to get down the seed catalogue and start planning this year's plantings and sowings, or whether spring is so far away that nobody could really get interested in a seed catalogue.

Yes, sir, today is the day. For today is Ground Hog Day.

February 2 Ground Hog Day?

It's nothing of the kind! That's a Yankee notion. Maybe they think, in Maine or Illinois or Kansas, that the Groundhog comes out on February 2, but shucks! anybody brought up in the mountains knows better. It's February 14.

And just to prove that those Yankees don't know what they're talking about, they call the groundhog a woodchuck!

Our American Civilization

Mistaking cleverness for humor.

Virtually deifying a hero today; completely forgetting him tomorrow.

Professing impatience with anything but democracy; reading every line the newspapers print about royalty.

Others' Opinions

SCRATCH AND GROW THIN

L. A. Burris was talking one day about guineas: Turn a flock of guineas out with a flock of chickens and the chickens would likely starve. Guineaes work all the time, hunting and finding what there is to eat. Which may be why they don't grow big and fat, but keep lean and rangy. Chickens might do the same, if they had to forage, instead of being penned and pampered. . . . So might people.—Stanly News and Press.

DEMOCRACY MOURNS PASSING OF KING

Most of us Americans think kings are relics of the ancient past, though we have to confess that we like to read about the doings of members of royal families.

But despite our anti-king bias, we have managed to hold a warm spot in our hearts for the King of England, whoever he may be. Perhaps we have felt we could afford to look with favor on the British monarch because our school teachers have told us repeatedly that he is a harmless ruler—a mere symbol, a figurehead, a concession to tradition, a king in name only, without power to overrule the democratic processes in his kingdom.

And so it is that we can and do, deeply and sincerely, share the sorrow of the people of Britain in the hour of the passing of King George VI.

There are Americans who insist that George VI has been famous chiefly as the brother of the king who abdicated his throne for an American divorcee. There are those who predict that his future fame will rest upon the fact that he was the father of the second Queen Elizabeth.

But the British people will tell us that George VI is entitled to an honorable place in the annals of Britain in his own right.

The British monarch symbolizes the unity of the people of the British Commonwealth of Nations. But his function is more than symbolizing the ties of divergent peoples. He is a force, for strength or weakness, in the important task of maintaining national morale. He is a reminder that the true character of a nation is above partisan politics.

In meeting his responsibilities of holding high the British esprit de corps, George VI was glowingly successful. His reign lasted only 15 years, but they were 15 of the most strenuous years in the history of Britain.

George VI moved in and out of armament factories during World War II, cheering the workers and stressing the importance of every job in overcoming the grave emergency. In the days of the heavy bombing attacks by Hitler's planes, the King refused to flee from the danger and stuck to his post of duty, thus setting an example that was needed in Britain in the fearful days.

If there is such a thing as a democratic king—and the British insist that there is—then George VI will go down in the record books as exactly that, for in war or peace he seemed to be imbued with the democratic spirit in his relations with his people. And they loved him for his attitude.

Thus does the passing of a king become a blow to a democratic people. But if the spirit of the father has been captured by the young daughter who succeeds to the throne, the crown will continue to serve a useful purpose in Britain even if to most Americans the recognition of royalty in the middle of the twentieth century seems an anachronism.

Long live the Queen!—Smithfield Herald.

ESTES AND THE FAVORITE SONS

Undaunted by President Truman's multiple maneuvers to sow up Democratic delegations through manipulations of "favorite sons," until he makes up his mind, Estes Kefauver is continuing his vigorous pre-convention campaign to take the election of the Democratic party's nominee to the people, where it really belongs.

The lanky Tennessee crime-buster has now entered six state

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

The LONG ROAD of RESEARCH

THE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE LENGTHENING LIFE-SPAN OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE THE FRUITS OF THE PATIENT AND EVEN LABORIOUS PROCESSES OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH. SUCH RESEARCH IS THE MEANS BY WHICH SCIENCE HAS FOUND THE SPECIFIC FOR MANY SERIOUS ILLS—BUT MANY PROBLEMS OF HEART DISEASE ARE STILL TO BE SOLVED.



AS PART OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS GREATEST OF KILLERS, THE LIFE INSURANCE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND HAS CONTRIBUTED NEARLY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS TO THIS FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH. THIS IS A LONG-RANGE PROJECT WHICH EXPECTS NO SUDDEN WONDERS—BUT ONLY THE GAINING OF KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY HELP TO CONQUER.

primaries—Ohio, Illinois, New Hampshire, California, Florida and Massachusetts.

His entry in the Massachusetts primary of April 11 came after President Truman cracked that the present presidential primary system is just so much eye-wash. In view of Truman's withdrawal of his name from a contest with Kefauver in the New Hampshire March 11th primary, that sounded like whistling in the dark to show no spooks could scare Harry. More likely it was just another slap in the face for the amateur voter, making it painfully plain that the professional politicians pick the candidates and run the country, since the President as partisan head can usually have the nomination for the asking. (Mr. Truman has since decided not to withdraw in New Hampshire.—Editor.)

The state presidential primaries are actually just a demonstration of popular preference and in very few instances binding on convention delegates. The primaries are, however, the only means, feeble as they are, by which the amateur voters can express themselves on their parties' candidates. To say the least, Kefauver is demonstrating a far more charitable attitude toward the voters than is Truman, who can't or won't make up his mind, who refuses to risk a test against Kefauver, but who, like the dog in the manger, doesn't want a willing and bold candidate to get the hay.

Truman's delaying tactics and favorite sons strategy could backfire. Kefauver is meanwhile busy exploiting every opportunity. Already he has bluffed Truman out of two state primaries, the Truman-inspired McMahon challenge of Kefauver in Illinois having been withdrawn, in addition to the fact that Truman declined to face the Senator in Connecticut.

Truman has also gotten Senator Humphrey to make a "favorite son" race in the Minnesota primary on March 18, to hold that state's delegates in case Truman decides he wants to run again. Humphrey, however, made it clear that he did not want to make a test with Kefauver, whom he admires and who is a friend, in Minnesota's primary. He is on record as ready to support the party leader if he seeks another term, but he also told the president "that if he isn't a candidate, my sentiment and that of a lot of people in my state will be friendly toward Senator Kefauver for the nomination." So, Harry's maneuvers in Minnesota may backfire in favor of Kefauver, rather than add support to a Truman-picked candidate.

Kefauver's entry into the Massachusetts primary followed a visit by a group of Massachusetts Democratic leaders who invited him to seek delegates from that state to the party convention.

Meanwhile, in Ohio, where the primary law requires delegates to be pledged to both a first and second choice, the Trumans planned to volunteer "generously" a top Democrat to run as alternate on the Kefauver slate with the intention of withdrawing him at the last minute and thus invalidating the Tennessean's entry. Kefauver blocked this tactic by persuading a trusted friend to run as his second on the Ohio ticket.

Those who want a continuation of the Truman regime in the Democratic party and those who don't want the Republican nominee facing Kefauver in the elections, continue to minimize the Tennessean's chances on the grounds that crime-affiliated politicians from the big cities will block his nomination at the convention. It could happen. But, those who take the gloomy view of Kefauver's odds will have to admit that the Senator doesn't see any insurmountable obstacle in his embarrassment of metropolitan politicians. On the contrary, he is making the kind of all-out fight to the finish against all comers which he promised when he announced his candidacy, and he is the only Democrat who thus far has dared to challenge openly the Truman party command.

From all evidence he is making constant and daily gains in strength, and shrewdly outwitting the wiles of the Truman professionals.

Demagogues who really want a renovated and revitalized party should locate some of the guts and optimism that characterizes Kefauver and his campaign and help spark a real stateside Democratic nomination. Cleveland (County, N. C.) Times.

Business Making News

By BOB SLOAN

According to the folks in Loganville things haven't changed so much in the last hundred or so years. Here is their reason for that rather unique stand. Way back in 1776 folks were crying that taxation without representation is tyranny. Now the only difference is, cry the folks who live in Franklin's most highly industrialized section, is that taxation without sanitation is tyranny also. What they mean is that if they have to pay the same tax as anyone else in the town of Franklin then they should be furnished equal facilities including a sewer line.

Speaking of Loganville, the new building rapidly nearing completion there will be a chicken hatchery instead of a feed mill. They will also sell Purina brand feeds.

There is considerable talk in the county at this time concerning school needs. We have two suggestions concerning ways to finance the program suggested by the United Forces for Education: 1. Originally all funds from sale of timber on forest service lands was divided between roads and schools. That was the intention of the federal act when it was passed. Several years ago a special act applying to Macon County only, was put through the legislature dividing this money between all the county funds in the same proportion that the tax rate is divided. We suggest that this money be shifted back to the schools in the same fashion that the other counties of the state use their money derived from this source.

We further suggest that this money be used only for capital outlay purposes in the school fund. 2. The other suggestion we have to make is the question we have raised several times before—why shouldn't we have a reevaluation and equalization of property values here in Macon County? I started out with only two suggestions in mind but would like to add a third. We suggest that no more taxes be levied for debt service until the debt service fund surplus is reduced to \$40,000.00. At the end of the year, last year according to the county audit this figure stood at well over \$100,000.00. Quote a lot of money to be lying idle.

Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

A citizen who lives up the river has two pockets which he has named "The Round World" and "Creation." When a neighbor asks him for a chew of tobacco, he replies, "I have not a bit in creation." At the same time "the round world" may be full.

Mrs. Mary Roane, who has spent the winter with her son, Sheriff C. T. Roane here, left Monday for her home in Cherokee county.

It is an opinion in the minds of some of our citizens that Macon Sam L. Kelly has committed burnside.

25 YEARS AGO

"A Commercial Hotel For Franklin" no longer appears at the masthead of the editorial column of The Franklin Press. The recent opening of the Scott Griffin hotel has made this plank in the platform of The Press unnecessary.

J. W. Gurney, of Walhalla, was a business visitor to Franklin last week. Mr. Gurney is a former citizen of Franklin and has many friends here who would be glad to see him locate at Franklin again.

Zeb Conley has recently installed a fine water system at his country home just west of Franklin.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Edwards entertained with a family dinner party last Sunday honoring their nephew, I. L. A. Edwards, who left Wednesday for duty at Fort Bannock, Ga.