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### Just The Beginning

In a period of six weeks, Macon County has been given notable recognition in three different fields.

Macon is said to be the first county in the state to approach completion of its school building program, and on March 25 the governor and state superintendent of public instruction honored the county by visiting every school in Macon—the first time such a thing ever had occurred in this (perhaps in any) state.

April 23 this county was honored for being one of the 10 best Green Pastures counties in North Carolina.

And the day before yesterday Macon County and its two towns were given unique citations for their 1950 traffic safety records.

These honors are deserved; otherwise they would not have come to us.

And they are a much needed shot-in-the-arm to Macon County morale; they suggest what we can accomplish.

What we have done can be, and should be, merely the beginning.

### Speaking Of Conservation . . .

Not in a long time have we seen so much sense put in so little space as a passage that appeared in Roy L. Smith's "Sidewalk Sermons" column in The Asheville Citizen one day last week.

He puts it all in just three sentences:

**It is always so easy to toss valuables out with the trash. This generation has been doing it at an accelerated pace during the last twenty years.**

**In our almost frantic search for thrills and sensational entertainment we have tossed a very great deal of modesty, delicacy, good taste, and real beauty into the discard.**

### Would Be Nice 'Payroll'

Fontana Village reports that conventions are becoming an integral item in the community economy.

Put in ordinary English, conventions held at Fontana leave a lot of money there.

That is a tip for Franklin. A series of small conventions here, starting in the spring and continuing into the fall, would give Franklin a "payroll" that probably would dwarf what we get from every present industry, plus all our farming.

There is no reason why Franklin couldn't have such a series of conventions.

No reason, that is, except that there's no place for them to meet.

We need an auditorium.

### A Matter Of Policy

This calls attention to a long-standing policy of The Press on political advertising: This newspaper publishes no political advertising in the last issue before an election.

The purpose, of course, is to forestall the possibility of use of the paper's advertising columns to

### A Lift For Today

(Furnished by The Raleigh Times)

★ **Wealth maketh many friends.**—Prov. 19: 4.

**FALSE FRIENDS** are like our shadow; keeping close to us while we walk in the sunshine, but leaving us the instant we cross into the shade.—Bovee.

**Our Father, enrich us with knowledge and virtue that we may be friends to those about us, for Thy sake.**

spread charges or insinuations at a time when they could not be answered.

Candidates in the May 31 primary who may wish to publish political advertisements in The Press, therefore, are asked to get them in for the issues of May 15 or 22. The advertising deadline is Tuesday noon of the week of publication.

### Mrs. C. A. Cabe

The death last week of Mrs. C. A. Cabe broke another of the few remaining links with a Macon County past that was indelibly marked by character, loyalty, neighborliness, and respect for goodness.

Mrs. Cabe was typical of the period.

While she and her husband put first emphasis on home and the rearing of their children, she found time for labor in her church and community; most of all, always there was time for her to mother all within her reach who needed mothering.

Unknown beyond the confines of her own county, she won in her 79 years something those who have fame would gladly exchange for—the love of all those who knew her.

### Sad News For Men

Scre-e-e-e-e-ch!

Your brakes stop you just in time. You've missed the other car by a hair. You breathe again.

And then you say to your companion:

"A woman driver—of course!"

That "woman driver" reaction is practically unanimous among male motorists. Take all the women drivers off the road, most men will tell you, and you'll eliminate the bulk of the accidents. Well, brother, think again!

When did you ever win an argument with a woman? That's right; you never did. And you can't win this one, either; because the ladies have the statistics on their side.

The N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles has just sent out to newspapers as a filler—as a filler, mind you!—a bit of news that is headline material in any man's newspaper.

Here it is; read it, brother—read it and weep:

"Male drivers were responsible for nearly nine times more traffic accidents than women last year in North Carolina."

### Whisperers

(Reprinted from The Press of May 6, 1948)

This primary campaign, unless it is different from most, will be marked by a certain amount of whispering—whispering aimed at discrediting one or more candidates.

A citizen who wishes intelligently to vote his own convictions, rather than being misled by someone who has a selfish motive, would be wise, when he hears these whispers, to ask a few questions.

Before he believes what he hears, he might well ask himself:

Who started this report? how reliable is he? and what is his motive in spreading it?

Is it reasonable to believe that the charge is true? is it in line with the known character and past actions of the person accused? and has the accused had a chance to disprove it?

Then the voter should ask the whisperer a question or two:

How do you know this is true?

If it is true, why whisper it?—the truth should be said publicly.

Are you willing, right now, to go with me to see the person you are accusing, and say this to his face?

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Usually, the whisperer will have disappeared before you get around to the last question.

### Our American Civilization

Holding heated Presidential preference primaries; then letting a few politicians pick the candidates.

Southerners boasting of Dixie cooking; Southern cooks getting their recipes out of damnyankee cookbooks.

Saying, by our words, that we put our faith in intellect and spirit; saying, by our actions, that our real god is physical power.

Failing, ourselves, to produce great music; assuming, nevertheless, that we are capable of improving the great music of the past—by modernizing it.

### OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

#### EACH ACCORDING TO HIS FAITH

AMERICA'S FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED IN VIRGINIA IN 1785.



TODAY, OUR NATION HAS OVER 215,000 SUNDAY SCHOOLS WITH 25 MILLION PUPILS AND 2 MILLION TEACHERS. IN ADDITION TO THE SPIRITUAL TRAINING IT GIVES, THIS ONE-DAY-IN-SEVEN SCHOOL IS TREMENDOUSLY POTENT IN BUILDING HONOR, FAITH AND MORAL STAMINA INTO THE CHARACTER OF TODAY'S YOUTH—TOMORROW'S CITIZENS.



SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK—APRIL 14-20

### Poetry

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The last born sense is a knowing heart  
Singing clearly in every tongue.

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE.

### Others' Opinions

#### 'MAKE TIME YOUR ALLY'

Dutch Princess Juliana on her visit to the United States said to President Truman: "Let us take time and cultivate patience and yet be always on the alert". That's good advice in anyone's language. And she said further: "Make time your ally; it is a safe one." Insight and energy are quite necessary to our continued advancement. Too many of us try the short cut, the quick way, without waiting for the fruit to ripen.—Fort Meade (Md.) Leader.

#### WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH WOMEN?

The death notice of a 75-year-old former North Carolina teacher contained the item that she was "the first woman principal of a North Carolina high school—at Chapel Hill." This statement somehow suggests that after the first one

there were many more. Actually in the State today there is only one woman high school principal, Miss Kate Finley of Rockingham. In the whole State also there are only three county school superintendents, Mrs. Mary L. Evans of Dare, Miss Lucy Jones of Haywood, and Miss Clyde Fields of Alleghany. There is not a single woman city superintendent. Also, though the higher education of women has greatly grown in the last half century, there does not come to mind the name of a single woman as president of a woman's college in this State at this time.

In a profession largely composed of women this seems unfortunate. For more than half a century women have been educated as teachers in North Carolina. If a good job in education in this State has been done, women have largely accomplished it. Yet apparently there is some barrier against the promotion of women to the higher places in the teaching hierarchy.

In other fields women have not been held back from the higher positions. A woman today is superintendent of public

welfare in North Carolina. Other women preceded her in that post. In education, however, the field in which most women are engaged, practically all of the higher jobs are held by men, though it is often said that the best men cannot be attracted to the field of public school education because of the low pay.

Maybe women are not capable of advancing to higher administrative posts in education. Maybe on the other hand there is a silly, old-fashioned prejudice at work against them. After more than half a century of educating women to teach, it would seem about time that some of them got a chance at the better jobs. If women are going to teach, the abler and more ambitious ones of them should not be scared away from the profession by the knowledge that, even if they are good, they hardly hope for a chance at the better job.—Raleigh-News and Observer.

Fame is a vapor. Popularity is an accident. Riches take wings. Those who cheer today will curse tomorrow. Only one thing endures—character!—Horace Greeley.

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### PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

There are two things we all have to learn to get along with this modern world. One is people. The other is machines.

And they present completely different problems.

People can be the most warmly lovable, the most heroic, the most godlike beings imaginable. But they also can be other ways . . . Most of us are ornery, cowardly, and even devilish some of the time, and some of us most of the time.

But the thing that makes people so hard to get along with is their unpredictability. None of us ever does the same thing exactly the same way; and often we react to exactly the same treatment in completely different ways. What the old song said about women is true of all human beings:

"You never can tell about a Woman,  
Perhaps that's why we think they are so nice;  
You never see two alike any one time,  
And you never see one alike twice."

As the song says, this unpredictability of human beings is one of the reasons "we think they are so nice"—or, at least, why they are so interesting. But what a strain it puts on us as we try to get along with them! Machines are different.

There's nothing warm and lovable, nothing heroic or godlike about them. You'll never get any solace for the soul, any inspiration, any companionship from machines.

But they ARE predictable. You know just what to expect of them. They will do exactly the same thing in exactly the same way in exactly the same time—every time, and all the time.

They will, that is, if they are properly adjusted. Machines are things of precision. They operate perfectly—or they are operating wrong. The best example of that is the adding machine; either it adds correctly EVERY time, or we can't trust it.

One of the main reasons we have machines is because they can be made to operate to perfection, so that we know exactly what to expect. When they do not operate to perfection, we are wasting a large share of the millions we spend on automobiles and washing machines and the thousand and one other gadgets we use today.

Yet how many of us go through life worrying along with machines we can't trust! And most of the time the ex-

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### Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Hon. Garland S. Ferguson expects to be here Saturday to deliver the annual address at the veteran's meeting.

The mercury went up to 90 degrees in the shade Sunday afternoon.

If young men would start out with the intention of earning their board instead of seeking their fortunes they would be better prepared to meet what follows.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

At the St. Agnes church last Sunday the Rev. E. J. Pipes announced to his audience that he has accepted a call to Manistee, Michigan, and will leave here the last of May to assume his duties in that city.

At the meeting at Pinehurst last week Miss Lizzie Kelly was honored by being elected vice-president of the Court Reporters' association.

Election day passed off without any excitement excepting a fierce dog fight between a collie and bull dog.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, of Raleigh, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the commencement address to 75 graduates at the Franklin high school Friday evening, May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Houk and Mrs. J. E. Perry attended the district Rotary convention meeting in Asheville on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Horace Mann, who is working on a defense project at Durham, spent a few days here visiting his family and relatives.