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A Lift For Today

★... The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. . . II Tim. 2:19.

CHRISTIANITY makes men truer, purer, nobler. It is not more wealth that the world needs—it is more character; not more investments, but more integrity; not more money, but manhood; not regal places of abode, but regal souls.

We thank Thee, O God, that our country was founded by Christians. Give us the courage and wisdom to build worthily upon this foundation, looking to Thee for guidance.

Land Of Opportunity

A remarkable man died last week in Durham.

Born of humble, uneducated Columbus county parents, in the dire poverty that marked the South of the Reconstruction period, when he died at 78 he was one of the South's wealthiest men.

He started out as a \$10-a-month dishwasher, but in 1899 changed jobs to join the insurance company he headed at his death. He often recalled that the company's first office rented for \$2 a month, and that, at the start:

"When I came into the office early in the morning, I rolled up my sleeves and swept the place as janitor. Then I rolled down my sleeves and was an agent, and later I put on my coat and became general manager."

Today his company employs more than 800 agents, in eight states and the District of Columbia, and has assets listed at 33 million dollars. In addition, it operates a Durham bank, a building and loan association, and several smaller insurance companies.

But this poor Columbus county boy won more than wealth.

Respected and admired by people of all classes, he was asked to serve on a number of Durham boards, including the selective service and the Red Cross.

Because of his passionate devotion to the cause of education, he was a trustee of three institutions of higher learning, and was given honorary degrees by several colleges and universities. Three schools were named for him.

Last year he was honored by the Freedom Foundation, at Valley Forge, Penn., for his contribution to Freedom.

Grateful, as are all really big men, for the opportunities others provided for him, he never ceased to be thankful that his ancestors were transplanted to North America, and he referred to the United States as "the best place in the world I have found to live and leave one's mark".

He had such a deep-seated faith in the possibilities of cooperation, between races and other groups, that he often was called "Mr. Cooperation".

This remarkable North Carolinian, was Dr. Charles Clinton Spaulding, a Negro, the son of former slaves.

It appears that General MacArthur was right—perhaps even righter than he thought—when he intimated he might just "fade away".

It's always been tough for parents who insist their children make good grades in school. Usually, they have had to fall back on the stock argument that good grades in school are forerunners of success in life. But now look what's happened to that argument! For General Eisenhower was far down the list in his class at West Point, and Governor Stevenson once was dropped from Harvard law school for poor grades—and one of those two poor students is going to be President!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the people of Highlands on their "Hillbilly Day" celebration.

There was a time when those of us who were born and reared in the mountains might have resented such an observance, as poking fun at us. The "hillbilly" has been so exaggerated, however, that he has become a purely fictional character—as fictional as "Lil Abner"—and bearing no faint resemblance to the hayseediest hillbilly of even half a century ago.

Here in Macon County we have long needed something for the tourist to do. Last week's program in Highlands supplied that need—and provided something different. It was a long step in the right direction, if we are to attract tourists, and keep them for a while.

Perhaps even more significant, it was a project that appears to have won the almost unanimous support of Highlands people. And thus it may mark the beginning of accomplishments by that community; because, as a prominent Highlander remarked recently:

"The people of a town can do almost anything they want to do, if they all want to do it."

It's our guess that the press photographers the other day missed the best news picture of the year. They were not present to get a close-up of the face of Walter White (secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) when he got news that Omaha Negroes were trying to bar a white family from moving into their neighborhood.

Our American Civilization

Boasting of our universal democracy; denying the voter any voice in the selection of Presidential nominees.

Our words, in the criminal courts, always shouting loudly of "justice"; our actions, many times, shouting even more loudly of "vengeance".

Newspaper publishers prating of freedom of the press; many of those publishers proving, by their publications, that what they mean is personal license.

His teacher telling little Johnny that the only things that really count are the imponderables of the mind and the spirit; that same teacher deserting the school room because another job will pay more.

Other's Opinions

NEW BERLIN LIBRARY

(Providence Journal)

For less than the cost of a modern bomber, the United States Government is providing one of the most effective weapons in the cold war in Berlin. The weapon is a library with 850,000 volumes, the first American type, open-stack library to be built in Germany.

Books are dangerous objects. Worse than bombs. They keep exploding in people's minds and encouraging them to think—frequently to think for themselves. And the wisest thing any dictator can do is to burn all of them he can lay hands on, knowing how quickly unrecorded knowledge evaporates. Then he can rewrite history to suit himself and dictate his own truth. All this sounds like something out of the dark ages, but less than a decade ago it was going on. The spot where the new Berlin library is to stand isn't very far from where Hitler's followers burned books in their time, and not too far from where the Russians are burning them now—9,000,000 volumes so far, it is estimated.

This new library is to stand as a memorial to the Allied air-men who lost their lives in the Berlin airlift.

The books in the memorial library are not simply for the use of scholars and students, as library books have been throughout Germany hitherto. They are for the people.

SUMMER IS FOR SILENCE

(From Vineyard (Mass.) Gazette)

It is too bad, but one must admit that the beginning of summer is the beginning of the noisy season.

A good deal of the racket that is going to disturb our vacationing friends and patrons in the weeks to come will be made by automobile horns, racing engines, and other mechanical contrivances, but we must all recognize the fact that, basically and primevally, it is people who are noisy. If we could get rid of people, we could get rid of noise. Well, yes, it might not work out, so the next best thing is to persuade the human race to go easy.

Especially in summer, and especially on the Vineyard, we should like to see respect for the silences, the peace and tranquility carved by visitors from the modern Babylons of concrete and steel.

All sounds are not noise. Laughter is not noise, and the cries of small children are usually not noise, grumpy dissenters to the contrary. The incidental, lively sounds, properly spaced in

WHO'S ZOO—ON THE HIGHWAY



DONT BE A SHEEPDOG. Be sure you can see ahead. Keep your windows and windshield clear and your lights adjusted.

daylight hours, are a necessary and desirable accompaniment of living. To a certain extent they go with the cries of gulls, the pounding of surf, and the far off eeriness of hoot owl and whippoorwill.

The point of this reflection is an important one, for it means that no real constraint is needed to avoid noise. People may be natural and happy without so much as a ripple of this kind of nuisance—and therefore it's asking very little in the way of effort, and no sacrifice whatever, to suggest that they avoid din and racket and all the unpleasant clamor that adds nothing to their proper self-expression yet afflicts the privacy of their fellow-citizens.

STAY WHERE YOUR ROOTS ARE

(Asheville Citizen-Times)

The urge of American young men, brought up on farms and in small towns, to leave their native surroundings and seek fame and fortune in great centers of population has, for many generations, been very strong. Some decades ago they were urged to "Go West." Today, in a rapidly changing world of confusion, instability and insecurity, some competent authorities are advising youth to "brighten the corner where you are" and work out their destiny on home grounds unless there are compelling reasons to do otherwise.

Those whose sole objective is to make fancy money right away, or within a few years, should perhaps—if they think they can swing it—go where there are lush opportunities for big and quick financial rewards. But those who are searching for true security and happiness must think in terms of what they can "put in" the community of their choice no less—and even above—what they can "take out."

Arthur Gordon, who at 19 left his little home town for New York and achieved noteworthy success as writer and editor, now believes he probably made a "gigantic mistake." In the current Reader's Digest Gordon writes that "while I had been chasing my gilded rainbows, prosperity had come to the seemingly impoverished area I ran away from as a youth." Upon his return to his native haunts a short time ago Gordon found the community humming with new industries and its citizens were not only prosperous but happy. The people who had remained there, and accepted the challenge to better themselves and their surroundings, had earned a spiritual reward Gordon had never known.

"Stay where you've got some roots," Gordon now advises. "For through those roots will come the strength to do a good job in the best of all possible surroundings for you—your own home town."

For many years, North Carolina has been losing great numbers of its most ambitious and best educated young men who figured the big cities in the North offered far better opportunities for success than their old Tar Heel communities. Today, North Carolina's economy is expanding rapidly on all fronts and the outlook for young men and women of ambition, initiative and intelligence is as good, or better, than in any other state.

The new "frontier" now is in the old South and North Carolina is one of the happiest hunting grounds in the nation for young men interested in both financial and spiritual rewards.

Poetry

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MY MOUNTAIN VIEW

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The verses below are by Elizabeth Waldrop, aged 13. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Waldrop, of Cartoogechaye.)

Often I climb up my mountain so high
And look below with a happy sigh.
Far from my seat beneath a tree
Wonders down in the valley I see.

I see our Father's great creation—
Houses and people with an earth foundation.
I see the cars traveling the roads
Bearing people with vacation loads.

I see the trees standing straight and tall,
The leaves green now, but brown in the fall.
I see birds gliding through the air—
Little hungry mouths their only care.

The grass is around me, a tender sheen,
And sitting there, I feel like a queen.
I see a great many different flowers,
Waiting in patience for sunshine and showers.

Yes, from my mountain, earth's beauty I see,
That God created for you and me.

News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

By BOB SLOAN

There are two characteristics of Dwight Eisenhower's presidential campaign which are becoming obvious even at this early date:

1. Mr. Eisenhower is out to do and say what ever is necessary to win the election. If he is leading a crusade—it is for votes and not to promote principals. We can think of no other explanation for Mr. Eisenhower's statement that he would work for GOP nominees for Congress regardless of whether he agreed with their views or not. That is the thought of a politician—not the leader of a great crusade as he so described himself. To the independent voter who wants to vote for what he thinks is right how does he know where the Republican presidential nominee stands if he says he is for a strong international foreign policy and then at the same time works for the elections of such men as Jenner, Ind., Dirckson, Ill., and Bricker of Ohio, men who have continually worked against the establishment of a strong international foreign policy.

2. Mr. Eisenhower is either letting someone else run his campaign or he has decided to go after northern vote and forget the South. We say this after reading that top GOP leader's signed statement which said that they believed that FEPC and other federal legislation against discrimination and aggression to be entirely constitutional. They further added that the Republican party was the party which could achieve this legislation. This statement is signed by Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Eisenhower's convention campaign manager, and 15 other leading Republicans. We feel that the statement was not made without first conferring with the presidential nominee. Is the Republican party going to be under the leadership of Eisenhower or is it to be a party of many tongues and many policies? Is Eisenhower the head of the party or are the people being asked to vote for a mouthpiece?

Duke Professor Collecting In Highlands Area

Dr. Lewis Anderson, professor of botany at Duke university, has arrived at the Highlands Biological station. He is an authority on mosses and is making collections from strategic localities in the area.

On Tuesday Dr. Anderson worked in Transylvania county and had as his companion Byron Simonson. On Wednesday Dr. Anderson, Henry Wright, and Dr. Ralph Sargent made a trip to the Thompson River gorge for important collecting for the station. On Friday's trip, Dr. Anderson lead a group composed of Henry Wright, R. M. Sargent, Mrs. Ralph Sargent, and Miss Thelma Howell to areas in Transylvania and Haywood counties that had not been carefully worked for botanical specimens since the days of early botanists.

General Extends Highlands Visit; Much Decorated

Major General and Mrs. Willard Irvine, who have occupied the Harcombe cottage on Mirror Lake, Highlands, through July, are now planning to continue their stay through September.

General Irvine is president of the Antiaircraft Association for the United States and until his retirement from the army, May 1, was commanding general of the Army Antiaircraft command with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Col.

General Irvine has had a long and distinguished career in the Army and has three times been decorated by the President for outstanding war service. He is an authority on air defense and antiaircraft artillery, having lectured and written on the subject.

General and Mrs. Irvine are much impressed with Highlands. Since the General's retirement, they have made their home in Atlanta, Ga.

LIBRARY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hudson library association will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 o'clock in the library. Election of officers for the coming year will be a feature of the meeting.