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A Fair For Macon

As the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the community, consider launching a county fair here, it seems to us these observations are both true and pertinent:

A fair, properly conducted, would be one of the finest things we could have.

A fair, improperly conducted, would be one of the worst.

Why All The Cost

Washington dispatches report that the new Congress proposes to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on investigations.

And this, mind you, by an "economy" congress!

That criticism is not a partisan one, because certainly the Democrats spent plenty, when they were in power, on investigations.

Nor would this newspaper suggest that the new Congress forego all investigations—some of them are salutary.

To the layman, though, it does seem that the Republican majority might take a tip from one of its own members.

One of the most effective—and certainly one of the most politically devastating—investigations conducted in many a year was that dealing with the internal revenue bureau. And that investigation was done by one man, Republican Senator Williams, without benefit of a committee, of a staff, or of an appropriation!

Back Of The Order

Thousands of words have been, and continue to be, spoken and written about President Eisenhower's Formosa policy.

How significant is his order to the U. S. Seventh Fleet to stand aside and permit the Chinese Nationalists on the island to attack, if they can, the Communist mainland still is the subject of debate.

But what has received little attention, and what may prove far more significant than the order itself, are circumstances under which it was issued.

Three things stand out:

1. In his long State of the Union message, of which announcement of the new Formosa policy was a highlight, any mention of the United Nations is purely and strictly incidental. The only two times in the entire message, in fact, that there is reference to the UN, it simply could not be avoided.

2. Our allies were not consulted about the new policy, merely notified.

3. Democratic leaders in Congress were not even notified in advance, informed sources report.

All these things could be coincidence.

But, taken together, they could mean that the Eisenhower administration proposes that the United States move ahead on its own, with little or no reference to the UN as a world organization. They could mean that, in future, we are going to tell our allies, not advise with them. They could mean the end of even the appearance of a bi-partisan foreign policy.

And what makes them most alarming is that such an attitude would fit in perfectly with the military background and training of the new President.

It is possible we are entering a new kind of isolationism.

Others' Opinions

TESTS OF WEALTH

(Louis Graves, in Chapel Hill Weekly)

There are many measures of affluence. Of course the most familiar one is money. Then there are houses, jewels, race horses, automobiles. One day this week I heard of a measure I had never heard of before. A den of Cub Scouts visited a certain home in the village. Charlie Shaffer, reporting on the visit to his mother, said: "Those people must be mighty rich," . . . "What makes you think so? she asked. . . . He said: "They've got five garbage cans."

DEALING WITH SATAN

(Hawkeye in Stanly News & Press)

Bill was pastor of the church where I was superintendent of the Sunday school. And I used to say to him: "Wish you'd look after Sunday school for me Sunday . . . I want to go fishing."

And he'd say: "O. K., I will, if you'll bring me a mess of fish."

That eased my feelings some if matters came to the worse and I just HAD to do a little fishing on Sunday. I figured if the devil got too hot in behind me, I could argue that I was trying to catch some fish . . .

For Bill!

TEXAS BAPTIST

(King's Mountain Herald)

Again, for the Duke dinner speech, the press drew a minister, and again the address was one of the highlights of the program. If the preachin' products prove as good as the preacher-teacher models the press has been hearing at Duke the past two seasons, then the Methodists have some comers in store for their pulpits. Waldo Beach, a youthful looking drink-of-water with a doctor in front of his name, reminded the press in humorous satire that theirs is an interesting and near-impossible duty to report facts, unbiased, unslanted, unprejudiced. Dr. Beach told one of the best stories of the week-end about avid Texas Baptist who, in his dying days joined the Catholic church. His friends, who heard about this unheard-of change-over, visited him in wonder and amazement. Finally, one was bond enough to ask the reason. "Well, I'll tell you," the Baptist-turned-Catholic replied, "I'm going to die pretty soon, and I'd much rather they'd lose one than us."

NEXT CHANGE IN THE CLASSROOM?

(Durham Morning Herald)

It is not unlikely that the next major change in school classroom administration will come in a more widespread institution of the continuing teacher plan or the ungraded elementary school or some similar plan. Some schools are already experimenting with such plans. Such a forecast for future elementary school administration seems a logical conclusion to draw from the preponderance of endorsement to such a plan in answers to a question raised in the October NEA Journal: "Should a teacher move with her class when it is promoted to the next grade?"

There are some negative answers among the letters published in the December and January issues of the NEA Journal, but most of the answers are in the affirmative and, what is more, are enthusiastic about the change where it has been tried. Objections center around the possible personality clashes of some teachers and pupils; there is scarcely an educator who would not say that for some, a change each year is eminently desirable, and that some teachers and pupils should not be required to remain together in same classroom for one session.

As a general rule, however, the plan which has the teacher remain with pupils for two to three sessions has considerable merit. Of primary consideration is the fact that the teacher knows the pupils; and the pupils know the teacher. Exploratory work at the beginning of each session, to ascertain the needs of the pupils, is reduced to a minimum; and the process of learning to understand the individual pupil, which sometimes requires several months, does not constitute a disadvantage to the pupil each year of his schooling. The testimony in letters to the NEA Journal of greater pupil progress during the second and third years with the teacher is a consideration not to be overlooked or considered lightly.

In some respects the ungraded system, in which a pupil has only two or three teachers during his elementary education, seems to offer the best results. But there are modifications which facilitate pupil progress. If some such system is introduced, however, it must be recognized that it calls for teachers of unusual personality and caliber. This need is another indication of the need to recruit for the teaching profession, if education is to continue to make the necessary progress to keep abreast of the times, the cream of the youth crop.

GETTING ALONG

(Southern Pines Pilot)

In a recent trade magazine appeared a list of rules by a writer who called himself only "An Old Timer." The list was titled: "The Art of Getting Along." They refer principally to getting along in business but most are applicable to all phases of life.

Whether these coincide with your resolutions or not, or whether you make any at all, these offer food for serious contemplation as a new year begins:

Sooner or later, a man, if he is wise, discovers that business life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul—that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

ACROSS THE YEARS



"We cannot escape history...The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation...We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last, best hope of earth. The way is plain, peaceful, generous, just—a way which, if followed, the world will for ever applaud, and God must for ever bless." Abraham Lincoln—Message to Congress

and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get in a fight.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business as a whole shows a profit.

He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly well without him.

He learns that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good morning," even if it is raining.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better and that hard work and not cleverness is the secret to success.

He learns to sympathize with the youngster coming into the business because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out.

He learns not to worry when he makes a mistake, because experience has shown that if he always gives his best his average will break pretty well.

He learns that bosses are not monsters trying to get the last ounce of work out of him for the least amount of pay, but that they are usually pretty fine folks, who have succeeded through hard work and who want to do the right thing.

He learns that the gang is not any harder to get along with in one place than another and that "getting along" depends about 98 per cent on his own behavior.

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed.—Socrates.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

SOME IDLE THOUGHTS WHILE SHAVING . . .

Wonder when and why men ever started shaving?

It's not a new custom. Think the Old Testament refers to it. And I believe I've read where they've discovered crude razors the scientists say are far older than recorded history.

Funny they ever started it. In animal life, the male preens his feathers . . . or his fur, or whatever he has . . . to make himself attractive to the female. You'd think prehistoric man would have considered a fine flowing beard an attraction to the ladies of that day; more of an attraction, at least, than a hacked up face . . .

Anyway, who ever had the bright idea surely started a grand nuisance. . . . Wonder how He'd have handled the gossips? Of course nobody HAS to listen to gossip. You can always ask 'em, "how do you KNOW it's so?" And if that question doesn't stop 'em, this one will: "Don't you just LOVE to repeat these nasty things . . . because they are exactly what YOU'D like, in your heart, to do yourself—if you had the courage?"

That, of course, might not be a very tolerant question to ask . . . But that's beside the point; because in that case I would be the one to lack the courage . . . to ask it. . . . In emphasizing the other things about Him, maybe we UNDER emphasize Jesus as a master psychologist . . .

Take the time that gang of

hoodlums had gathered to stone—here in the mountains, in the old days, we'd say "rock"—that woman of unsavory reputation. When he stooped down and wrote in the sand and, apparently agreeing with what they were about to do, suggested that the man who was without sin have the honor of throwing the first rock . . . and when he looked up a little later, and exactly what he knew would happen had happened . . . they had all slunk away! How he must have laughed, inwardly!

But that's beside the point; because in that case I would be the one to lack the courage . . . to ask it. . . . Golly, it's time I was on my way to work!

News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

By BOB SLOAN

Concerning the Cowee Mountain-Sylva road again. As one person remarked the other day, "It sure would be a mighty good time for some of the local political leaders to show their real colors." In other words, "Boys, if you really have any influence now is the time to use it. If work isn't started on the Jackson County portion of the road until after the stretch from here to the Georgia line is finished the road from here to Sylva will be closed for about four year (if not closed, undesirable for tourist travel) and Franklin will lose close to a million dollars in revenue.

Merchandising in Franklin is on the upswing. Many stores are now remodeling in order to make their stores more attractive. They are also stocking better quality merchandise and giving the customers a larger variety to choose from. One thing the people can do to help continue this growth of better merchandising is back the local merchants. Show the merchant that you appreciate his confidence—the confidence he shows when he modernizes his store or offers a better selection of merchandise. Your best way of showing it is to trade at home. Granted, you can't buy it here if the local stores don't carry the item, but check the local stores first.

I haven't heard anything lately concerning the community improvement contest. This is one project that should not be dropped. It pays off in every way, cash, civic pride, and spiritual improvement. Let's all get behind it and try to see that every community in Macon County enters.

The Jaycees have picked their man of the year. Congratulations to the man, who ever he is. I am writing this before the announcement has been made. In turn, I think that we should all take our hats off to the Franklin Jaycees as the organization of the year in Macon County. They have really showed hustle and drive and have completed some projects that older and better established organizations had only been willing to talk about as "something that needed doing." For example, the Franklin swimming pool. Again, congratulations. As the old high school cheer goes: "Your pep, you have got it, now keep it, doggone it don't loose it."

Parents of Macon County school children who are interested in their children having a well balanced lunch might

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Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK Miss Mary Gary, of Smith's Bridge, left this morning to enter school at Asheville.

Rev. J. A. Deal and wife and daughter, Annie, left Friday for Florida to spend a month.

Mr. H. L. Anderson went to Andrews last Friday to work at the carpenter's trade for the tannic acid factory men.

25 YEARS AGO An aeroplane circling over town for the past few days gives us an inkling of the future. Ten years from now the sight of an airship will be no novelty.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Joines, of Brevard, and son, Rufus, a student at Bingham Military academy, visited friends here last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Phillips are motoring through Florida on a combined business and pleasure trip.

10 YEARS AGO The Rev. J. F. Marchman, new pastor of the Franklin Baptist Church, delivered his first sermon in the church Sunday morning.

Miss Edith Miller left this week to work in the Ecusta plant in Brevard.

Mrs. Fred Suchy, of Detroit, Mich., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Greene.

The 1953 national spring pig crop is estimated at 48 million head.