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Easter, 1955

Once again we come to the season of Easter . . . Easter, with Nature's symbolic promise in the vernal renewal of life . . . Easter, with its religious promise — an answer to man's age-old hope — of life after death . . . And Easter, with its corollary promise for day-to-day living.

For is not the story of the Resurrection an assertion, that has rung down through the centuries, that spirit can overcome matter? that a force that can triumph over death is mightier than any physical energy?

That this-life message is there. But how many have learned it? How many of us in a nation we call Christian believe it?

It is our actions, not our words, that betray our real beliefs. And our actions say that we Americans, in today's troubled world, put our trust in the physical — in the power of bombs. If we really believed the message of Easter, would not our first reliance, our first line of defense, be the miraculously transforming power of love and understanding and faith? Yet that is not our first, nor our second, nor our third, nor even our fourth line of defense! Though our mouths may speak of love, our minds and our hands have no time for anything but bombs.

Is it any wonder the so-called heathen in Red China and the so-called atheists in Red Russia ask sneeringly: "Is America really Christian?" If we were, there could be no doubt. Because if we really believed what we say we believe, we should possess a power the rulers of the Kremlin could not comprehend, and so a power that would paralyze them with fear.

Could It Be?

Now Franklin's highway artery to the south is closed!

Detour signs tell the motorist he no longer may go direct to Clayton, Ga., and south, but must reach Clayton via Highlands, Highway 28, and the Pine Mountain road.

The explanation, of course, is that the road between the North Carolina-Georgia state line and Mountain City is under construction.

So what? If the road across Cowee could be kept open a major part of the time it was under construction, the comparatively level stretch in north Georgia could, surely, be kept open all the time.

The "so what?" question is emphasized by the report that the road is easily passable. Could it be that a contractor is considering his own, rather than the public's, convenience?

The 49th State

Spread out a map of the United States. Now take a piece of twine. Put one end on Franklin and swing the other end around in a circle, counter-clockwise.

You'll find Franklin is closer to the capitals of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina than it is to Raleigh, its own state capital.

Lengthen the twine a bit, and swing around again. You'll find Franklin is closer to Alexandria, Va., Pittsburgh, Pa., Sandusky, Ohio — up on Lake Erie — Fort Wayne, Ind., Jonesboro, Ark., Jackson, Miss., Mobile, Ala., and Ocala, Fla., than it is to Manteo, at North Carolina's eastern tip.

But Franklin is not unique in being "a fur piece" from most of its own state. The town of Mountain City, in northeast Tennessee, also is closer to the capitals of six other states than it is to its own. And Jonesville, in southwest Virginia, is closer to seven other capitals than it is to Richmond! A sim-

ilar situation applies to points in the mountains of Kentucky, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Furthermore, in topography and soil, in customs and manners, and in thinking, this Southern Appalachian region is much closer to Vermont than it is to the lowlands of the six states in which it lies. Long isolated and even today often neglected, it has nothing in common with the low country.

It probably won't happen, but the 49th state should be neither Hawaii nor Alaska, but "the State of Appalachia", made up of the mountain counties of North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Congratulations!

To Mr. Frank B. Duncan, congratulations on the opening of his fine new motel. It is a credit to this community. It is proof of Mr. Duncan's faith in Franklin's future, and as such is a compliment to the community.

It is a compliment to the community, too, that it was built largely through local purchases and by local labor. Of 14 chief providers of materials and services, eight are in Franklin. And almost all of the smaller ones are Franklin firms or individuals.

Others' Opinions

APPOINTING SCHOOL BOARDS

(Shelby Star)

The Legislature should divest itself of the power to countermand the choice of a county electorate in the appointment of county school boards.

Under the present law, school board members are nominated in county primaries. These nominations are not final, however. They are only suggestive.

Under the Legislature's authority, elected nominees may be

FROM THE FOUR GOSPELS

'BE NOT AFFRIGHTED: HE IS RISEN'

The Story of The First Easter

AND now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, an honorable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

And he brought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus beheld where he was laid.

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying,

"Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, 'After three days I will rise again'.

"Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, 'He is risen from the dead': so the last error shall be worse than the first."

Pilate said unto them,

"Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can."

So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he said unto them,

"Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen: he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests, all of the things that were done.

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying,

"Say ye, 'His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept'. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you."

So they took the money and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed . . . Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her,

"Woman, why weepest thou?" She saith unto them,

appointed, part approved and part disapproved, ignored completely or added to in any number.

This situation has led to many abuses. In one instance, a legislator disapproved of a school superintendent. During the General Assembly he was able to get through the legislative mills enough additional members on the county school board to cause the ouster of the superintendent.

The evil in this kind of maneuvering is that the voters had expressed their choices, but their selection of school board members was in effect cancelled by a lone legislator.

The appointment of county school boards under the present awkward arrangement combines both elective and appointive selection.

If the office is elective, no authority should have the power to alter the nominees.

STRICTLY

PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

"What is it makes Legislatures like they are?" I asked my old friend, Zed, the other day.

Born and raised at the head of a cove, Zed served through World War I as a private. Later he went to the Legislature for a term. He'd tell you he was a private there, too; knowing him, though, I'd guess mighty little went on he didn't know about.

A farmer now, in an adjoining county, he isn't given to much talk. But when he says something, there's no mistaking his meaning.

"Most legislators are decent, honest, sensible fellows at home," I explained. "But when they get together at the state capital . . .

"Why is it", he interrupted, "when they get to the Legislature, in a pack, as you might

say, most of 'em 've got about as much starch as somethin' the cat drug in? and when they do rare up on their hind legs, it's liable to be about somethin' childish — is that what you mean?"

Simultaneously, he shifted his position and his chew of tobacco.

"Ever know any 2nd lieutenants?" he asked.

I admitted I had.

"Well now, bein' a 2nd lieutenant is a sort of a sickness, like the mumps or the measles. And most men — mind, they's some don't get it — but most men, when they get to the Legislature, ketch the 2nd lieutenant-itis.

"And, Bud, when you get 170 cases of 2nd lieutenant-itis, all together, you've got a mess of sickness."

News Making As It Looks To A Maconite

By BOB SLOAN

Just what the intent is of the 17 point tax program submitted to the legislature by the Joint Finance Committee is a question I would not attempt to answer. There are those who think that the tax levied against newspapers, television, and radio advertising is a measure born of vindictiveness.

There are, also, those who say that the bill is legislation conceived in desperation. These persons feel that the legislators, anxious to get home, rather than face a long drawn out battle with the powerful tobacco and soft drink groups came up with this proposal which will raise the needed revenue and, they hope, avoid a row.

The question that comes to my mind is do the legislators, or the people of North Carolina, realize who will pay a tax levied on advertising or how damaging such a measure can be to the American economic system?

In regard to the first part of my question, certainly anyone who stops and thinks will realize that ultimately the tax will be passed on to the consumer. The various advertising mediums will add the tax to their bills, in most, if not all cases, and the merchant will adjust his prices to meet the increase in the cost of his advertising. If the tax had been placed instead on tobacco or soft drinks those who consumed the goods taxed would have paid the tax, but under the advertising tax you will help pay for it whether or not you ever read or run an ad.

The part of this bill that worries me most is that it is an attack on advertising. Few people, I believe, realize the vital role that advertising has played in the development of the American economic system.

Bruce Barton, in the current (See Back Page, 1st Section)

Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Three Indian squaws were in town Wednesday, selling split baskets of their manufacture.

Gen. J. S. Carr will deliver the annual address to the Confederate Veterans here May 3.

Town Marshall I. J. Ashe, with a number of hands, is paying his respects to the streets of the town, putting them in decent shape.

Mrs. W. A. Ramsey has an old coin which was presented to her by her husband last summer. He found it on their Iotla farm and it was made in the Third Period Colonial Growth, and is 166 years old.

25 YEARS AGO

George Carpenter, Jr., student at W. C. T. C. gave a piano selection over WWNC, Asheville radio station, last Tuesday night. Other W.C.T.C. students, including Miss Ada Burnette Trotter, were also on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, of Tampa, Fla., spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. F. S. Johnston.

Mrs. Minnie Z. Edwards, accompanied by Miss Mary Edwards, of Horse Cove, recently returned from a motor trip to Central, S. C. — Highlands item.

10 YEARS AGO

Ensign Donald P. Jones, who has just graduated from the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y., is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones.

Miss Byrda Nell Southards has returned from Miami Beach, Fla., where she spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Clark and two children, of Raleigh, spent several days last week on Oak Grove with Mr. Clark's mother, Mrs. Carrie Clark, and other relatives.

Thirty-two children of the Baptist Church enjoyed an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon under the supervision of Mrs. Pearl Potts, Mrs. Joe Baty, and Dr. Thom Carter. — Highlands item.

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