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Some Old 'Saws'

'You are no older than you think you are' and 'Know thyself' are two adages that are often used in giving advice to people.

However, by paraphrasing the first to read, 'A town is just as progressive as the people who live there think it is,' and combining it with the second, the town of Franklin could obtain a good guiding principle.

We are not near so backward as many of us are inclined to think.

A great deal of this 'small hick town' feeling stems from the fact that the majority of us do not know Franklin. We do not really know what the various business firms and institutions produce, or how good they are in comparison with similar concerns elsewhere.

For example, how many Franklin residents are aware that a lumber concern here produces a modern wood wall paneling that utilizes short pieces of lumber previously regarded as waste, and that this product is in large demand in the nation's lumber market because of the ease with which it is put up; or that wood parquet flooring is made here.

Take the case of vermiculite. How many people in Franklin know that it is found only in North Carolina, South Carolina, Montana in the United States; that its three main uses are for insulation, soil conditioner, and as an aggregate in building materials where lightness is highly desirable; that more than 50,000 bags were produced in Franklin last year; and that in Macon County there is a reserve of more than two million tons of this material.

There are many other examples here that most of us do not have sufficient knowledge with which to inform a stranger of our merits.

By combining the two old saws of being no more backward than we think we are and knowing ourselves we can really make a merry tune to sing to people who want to know about Franklin.

'Toe-Hole' Diggin'

With the idea of getting things on a solid foundation, reducing those inevitable last-minute headaches, talk already is of the county fair here in the fall.

Cooperation, it seems is going to be the key to its success. Cooperation between everyone, not just a handful of individuals.

What better illustration does one need of what cooperation can accomplish than last year's Franklin Centennial Celebration. Everyone pooled energy, enthusiasm, and time to make the homespun birthday party for the county seat a show that made even the professional promoters pass out reluctant laurels.

This selfsame cooperation can produce for Macon County the best fair in the area; or a lack of cooperation can quickly kill the whole idea.

Although small, last year's embryo fair showed promise of what can be done. Those with vision already talk of a week-long fair on a county-owned fair ground with permanent buildings for exhibits and stock shows. And the wonderful thing about the whole idea is, if folks here decide that's what they want, that's what they'll have!

Of course, it's going to be a 'tough row to hoe', but what successful venture isn't?

With last year's success, this year's fair is going to just be a case of making the 'best' just a little bit better.

Cooperation will dig the 'toe-hole' — hard work will be needed for the climb to the top.

Bows And Bouquets

Our lowest bows and biggest bouquets to:

The Franklin Garden Club for reaching the "second plateau" in its beautification project for Rankin Square by setting out 32 rose bushes, and to the large number of citizens who contributed to the rose fund.

Frank B. Duncan and T. W. Angel, Jr., for their faith in Franklin's future, reflected in their proposed \$20,000 investment in a swimming pool and recreational facilities for the public at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course.

The American Legion and all those assisting with the Little League Baseball program. The stagnation of juvenile delinquency can never spread here so long as organizations and individuals take a little time to work with the community's young people. It's a refreshing sight to see the love for the great American game dancing in the eyes of 104 eager boys.

The P. T. A. committee, headed by H. H. Gnuse, Jr., probing the school system's financial ailments. After diagnosing the illness, it has come up with some plausible cures, which the county would do well to consider when budget-making time rolls around.

The V. F. W. for its ambitious and expensive project to properly drain the high school athletic field; particularly for its attitude that "anything worth doing is worth doing right", regardless of the cost.

Poetry

Editor EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE Weaverville, North Carolina

INFINITE RAYS

Out of the mist Of a far away planet Into the gloom of Our Earth's darkest days, Spirits of mercy Came down from Heaven Reflecting the light Of its infinite rays.

ELIZABETH FIELD

Asheville, N. C.

Others' Opinions

On Pay Raises For Teachers

(Mount Holly News)

The suggestion by Governor Luther Hodges that each county take care of its own pay raises for teachers did not meet with widespread approval. Had the Governor any serious opposition in his candidacy for reelection the suggestion would most certainly have been jumped on by his opponent. We think that the Governor was sincere in his remarks and as usual had the gumption to state his mind and to throw out his suggestion for public approval. That is one of the really great attributes of Governor Hodges—he doesn't make wishy-washy statements or hide behind a big bunch of "if's", "and's", and "wherefore".

However, we do not believe in leaving the teachers pay up

IT'S NOTHING NEW TO COUNTRY --

Interposition's History Is Study Of Political Philosophy

Editor's Note: 'Interposition' is a word appearing more and more frequently in print as the segregation issue probes for a way out of its entanglements. This article, written by Felix Morley, explains the word from the time of its origin with the first 'interpositionist,' Thomas Jefferson. His article appears in the March issue of 'We the People of North Carolina.'

Alexis de Tocqueville, in his classic study, Democracy in America, confessed himself "startled by the variety of information and the amount of discernment" necessary to understand our Federal system. Its constitutional complexity, he predicted in 1832, would eventually subject the nominally sovereign States to "the yoke of a centralized administration."

The prophecy of this brilliant French observer is recalled by the general lack of information and discernment in regard to "interposition," a political device almost as old as the Republic.

After long obscurity, interposition is back in the news now because several Southern States are employing it in an effort to maintain segregation in their public schools. Yet it has been, and still could be, applied in issues devoid of racial content. The attorney general of Texas, for instance, was recently quoted as suggesting that it could be used in that State to prevent Federal regulation of gas and oil production.

Interposition is official action on the part of a State government to question the constitutionality

of a policy approved by the Federal Government. This action literally interposes the sovereignty of the State between its citizens and the authority of Washington.

Demand for Clarification

It says, in effect, that the people of the interposing State should at least question, and perhaps even oppose, the Federal policy until or unless the moot question of its constitutionality is resolved. The device has been used both to demand that the Supreme Court rule on the constitutionality of an act of Congress and — as now — to demand that the Congress clarify the constitutionality of a Supreme Court decision.

The theory of interposition rests on the indisputable fact that the Union was formed by the States, on the terms of a contract, revisable by amendment, which we call the Constitution. While the States by this contract ceded certain powers, such as control of foreign policy, to the National Government, all undelegated powers, including control of education, were retained.

To make this crystal clear the 10th amendment was in 1792 written into the Constitution, saying: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

This amendment rounds off the so-called Bill of Rights — the first 10 amendments to the Constitution — which is a solemn assertion of the rights of the States as well as of the rights of individuals. But while the courts

Heart Of The Effort



BE IT COMMUNITY development work, planning for a county fair, holding "Clean-Up Week", or just working for the betterment of Macon County in general, the very heart of the effort is in COOPERATION between everyone.

to each county and city. The State of North Carolina should raise the salaries to a level that is in keeping with most other States. The fallacy of leaving raises up to Counties or Cities look to us to be many. In the first place if the counties all gave pay raises you would have some 100 Boards paying different salaries in accordance to the whims of a Board, which in most instances would be based on what they thought might be in keeping with the wealth of the county. This would mean that right within our own State boundaries there would be counties vying with each other to secure the best teachers. Who got them would be the county with the liberal Board or the county with the money-bags.

Another fallacy, in our opinion, of the Governors suggestion to do justice to our teachers is that in effect his plan is already open to the counties and has been for years. Any county can vote a special tax and raise teachers pay in almost any given period and some of them have. Mecklenburg, for instance, has a higher pay scale, because they supplement the teachers salary, than we do here in Gaston.

We are already competing with other States to secure teachers and if each of our counties start out fighting each other with one paying one figure and one another it just doesn't seem like a workable plan. It is the State's responsibility to set our standards and pay rates for teachers. The State took over the Schools and in our judgment its certainly up to the State to set the salaries.

We think, most certainly, that the teachers should have a raise. We think, too, that the entire problem of modern education, rules and standards should be studied and brought up to date in regard to teachers and regulations.

Wonder who it is that makes the rounds of local post office writing tables to blunt the points of the post office pens each day?—Elkin Tribune.

VIEW'S

By BOB SLOAN



Gentleness and goodness were combined with an absolute faith in and love for her church in Mrs. George A. Jones, "Aunt Hattie" to me, to a greater degree than in any other person I have ever known. Much is spoken and written of Christian living today. Through the years when ever I, and I am sure many others, wanted to think of a living example of Christ's teachings this was the person who came to our minds. Perhaps there is no such thing as the irreplaceable person. But to me, no one will replace the example of Aunt Hattie's life as the personification of Christian living.

Sometimes a person has to back up on what they have said or written. Such is the case with me this week. Last week I said I hoped the town of Franklin could someday furnish water to all their potential customers at low, low rates without having to "sit up nights cooking up such schemes as sewer charges and tap on fees."

I would like to change that to say that I hope that the town officials will never charge water rates that make a profit that is used to support other phases of the city government. And I hope some day that we have a more adequate water supply.

Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

A plank kiln was burned Wednesday night about 9 o'clock in town near the Kope Elias buildings. It contained about 2200 feet of lumber belonging to the county, that was being dried for repair of the court house.

Major N. P. Rankin went to Haywood County yesterday to attend the Presbytery at Bethel which begins today.

Miss Florence Dillard has gone to Speedwell, Jackson County, on a two months' visit with relatives.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold entertained a number of their friends with a square dance last Friday evening at their home on Harrison Avenue.

Misses Mildred Cozad and Florence Stalcup returned to N. C. C. W. at Greensboro last Monday, after spending the Easter holidays here with their parents.

Mr. Crawford McCoy, who is making his home in Miami, Fla., spent several days here the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCoy.

10 YEARS AGO

After 31 months in the navy, 19 of which were spent in the South Pacific, Louis Eugene Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Potts, has received his discharge and returned home last Friday. —Highlands item.

Doyle W. DeHart, who has been in the navy for about five years, is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. E. B. DeHart, at their home on White Oak Street.

Mrs. Ray Swanson, of Newport News, Va., is spending several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Welch, at their home on Iotla Street.

served to the States by the Constitution.

No matter how carefully worded, a resolution of interposition must by its very nature be defiant of Federal authority, which means that 1 of 3 consequences will follow. Either the central Government will tacitly back down, or the resisting State will, or a mutually acceptable solution will be found by clear-cut constitutional amendment, which was the method advocated by Jefferson and now again by his State today.

In both of the cases cited here, however, the recalcitrant States made their point. Wisconsin maintained its position until the Civil War swept the whole issue of fugitive slaves. Earlier, Kentucky and Virginia opposed the Alien and Sedition Acts until their expiration, in 1801. Jefferson was elected President partly because he had led that opposition. The political effect of the present in-

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