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A TIME FOR COURAGE

As the school year comes to a close again, all over the nation youth is turning its eyes to the future.

There is not a doubt that, for most, this time so long looked forward to bring with it a good deal of dread. The school gates closing behind the graduating class no longer appear as barriers to a beckoning world.

It is easy to say: Be brave! Let that be the one sure thing that must be said.

Intelligence is needed and always will be, to judge how best to attack the obstacles that block the path, but these are not, after all, so hard to understand.

In many parts of the world young people are facing problems of incredible difficulty. They are being forced to find some way in their tired minds and starving bodies the will to strive against almost insuperable odds.

In the South where our own young people face the world, the obstacles that block their path are not so visible. Not so dramatic are the temptations and corruptions against which they will have to fight.

Which will be the brave ones among the young people graduating this year? Which will be the ones to lead the way?

Of which ones will it be said, for instance, in the future: "This man dared to fight for freedom and justice for all the people of his state, black or white?"

There have been few failures of this State to meet its responsibility. And as Governor Cherry said on last Friday, it has been demonstrated that "North Carolina will not tolerate lynchings and mob violence."

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JUSTICE BETRAYED

The comment in some papers on the acquittal of Greensville, S. C., last week, is symptomatic of the general attitude toward the South. The fact that the trial was held at all was considered so extraordinary that the shocking

outcome has been almost overlooked.

This would be a sorry attitude indeed for Southerners to adopt. It is true that Governor Thurmond, Judge Martin, Prosecutor Watt, and Sheriff Beardson and their assistants deserve every commendation for their courage and for the dignity with which the trial was conducted.

Violence and lawlessness, even murder, performed in hot blood, though they cannot be condoned may at least be understood. But how shall we feel toward these men of the Greenville jury who, in pronouncing his self-confessed murderers "not guilty," in effect repeated the murder of Willie Earle in the solemnity of a court found to uphold liberty and justice?

In shame at this deliberate betrayal of justice, few thoughtful Southerners can find cause for congratulations that, at least, a trial was held.

It is well that it should be so. We cannot afford to rest in the degrading position of having done all that could be expected of a backward land. No true Southerner, with the fire of his ancient heritage in his veins and noble aspirations for his land in his heart, will accept such a position, while, already, thoughtful men are recognizing the terribly dangerous precedent that has been set for the menace that it is.

Out of this attempt that failed must arise a determination that there shall be no more failure: that no longer shall men be able to point the finger of scorn and horror at our fair land.

Out of this failure of a few must come the determination of the many that the scarf that binds the eyes of Justice shall be as impermeable in the South as elsewhere; that a murder is a murder, whether the victim's skin be black or white; and that, in the South as in every other section of our nation, the Law shall be upheld.

ATTACK ON THE STATE (From the Raleigh News and Observer)

All good citizens will rejoice that North Carolina has been saved the horror of its first lynching since 1935.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has once more demonstrated its efficiency by its quick work in locating and taking into protective custody Godwin (Buddy) Bush, the Negro who was taken forcibly from the Northampton County jail early Friday morning and was believed to have been lynched by the mob which escorted him from the jail—where he was being held for trial and punishment for any crime he might have committed.

But the happy circumstances that the Negro escaped from his would be murderers does not alter the fact that the State of North Carolina has again been the victim of mob violence.

The North Carolina policy was correctly stated by the late Governor A. W. McLean, when executive clemency was requested for four white men who had been imprisoned following convictions for participating in an unsuccessful attempt in 1925 to remove a Negro from the Buncombe County jail. In denying the request for clemency, Governor McLean said: "When the State of North Carolina takes a prisoner into custody, it then becomes responsible for his safety, and that responsibility remains until his case is disposed of in accordance with law. A prisoner in custody of the law is entitled to the same protection as is the judge on the bench, or the solicitor who represents the State in the prosecution."

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Veterans no longer have to hold their National Service Life Insurance term policies with Veterans Administration one year before converting them to permanent plans; they may convert immediately under present laws.

OPEN COVENANTS

(From The Charlotte Observer) British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin would do well to catch from Secretary of State George Marshall the fundamental importance of reporting fully to the peoples of the world the deliberations among the great powers.

Mr. Bevin is unaccustomed to a free press—in the sense we understand it in the United States. So when American newsmen at the recent Moscow Foreign Ministers conference reported a blow-by-blow account of the discussions, the British Foreign Secretary felt impeded. He complained later that "one cannot even think out loud or make preliminary suggestions to one's colleagues without it is hurled into headlines." He inveighed against "the United States power of the press."

It is true the Moscow conference led to little in the way of tangible agreements, but not even Mr. Bevin suggests that anything else would have come out of it if the ministers of the four great powers had met in absolute secrecy. It wasn't the press that stood in the way of agreement. It might be said with much reason that the absence of a free press in Russia was a major impeding factor. The difficulties at Moscow may have been much less perplexing and have lent themselves more easily to solution if the press of the world had reported freely the deliberations which took place at Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam (save that which pertained to wartime security).

Fortunately, Secretary Marshall doesn't agree with Mr. Bevin—and in that disagreement between the two one sees a revelation of the bigness of the man now in charge of this country's foreign relations. Though his entire background is military, and thus given to much secrecy, Secretary Marshall seems to embrace the philosophy of a free press in the same sense which led President Woodrow Wilson to plead for "open covenants openly arrived at" after World War I. Mr. Marshall told his news conference in Washington a few days ago that he considers general news coverage of conferences among the world powers to be very important.

The Foreign Ministers at Moscow twice tried secret sessions, Secretary Marshall revealed, and both were wholly unproductive.

JACQUES BUSBEE

Jugtown Pottery is known far and wide, in this country and in foreign lands. Yet the man who created it was comparatively little known.

It is the way Jacques Busbee would have wished. Instinctively retiring, pouring his whole soul into the art which was his joy, his thought was always of the creation, never of the hand or the eye that did the work.

He would show his designs without the slightest pride, and never were they "his" designs. Always it was "modelled after an ancient Chinese jar," or "the Egyptians made their ewers in this shape." He was a keen student of his art or trade. . . probably he would have preferred the latter term for he disdained anything that smacked of being "arty." He learned how the earliest pottery had been made in this country and kept to the old ways, while, going back again into the east, he studied the different types of glazes used and experimented to see which would be most suitable for Moore County clay. The results of his labors had a rare beauty; purity of line, soft glow of tint; a strong feeling of the orient.

Jacques Busbee was more than an artist in the making of pottery. In his charming house in the clay country back of Steeds are many of the sketches and etchings he made before he came to Moore county. They show undoubted talent of a high order. And near the rambling old house is the iris garden which was his great joy, and which brought such joy to all those fortunate enough to see it in iris time. Its fame was widespread, flower-lovers botanists, and just plain gardeners coming to see and study the innumerable varieties of iris growing there.

In the death of this man, Moore county has lost a valuable friend. Many interesting people have lived in the county, but none more colorful, none who put his talents to greater use for his community than Jacques Busbee, artist, potter, scholar, botanist, good citizen.

PICKLE DEMONSTRATION

Miss Ruby Schols, specialist in food conservation from State college, will give a pickle making demonstration in the home agent's office at Carthage, Tuesday at 3 p. m.

The public is invited, according to announcement by Miss Flora McDonald, home demonstration agent.

STUMPS IN THE WAY OF FOOD PRODUCTION



Clubwomen Work For Prevention Home Accidents

The Moore county home demonstrations clubs recently held a contest on the removal of hazards from inside and around the homes with prizes awarded to one member of each club who had removed the most hazards.

Two women in the county reported removal of a total of 63 hazards. Mrs. Bertha Stone of the Stanton Hill club removed 37 and Miss Lola Thomasson, also of the Stanton Hill club removed 26, it was reported by Miss Flora McDonald, home demonstration agent.

The program was built around the program, sanitation in relation to health.

"About half of the accidents that occur in our county happen in our homes," warns Miss McDonald, "and nearly all home accidents can be prevented by common sense and forethought. They are usually caused by carelessness, haste, fatigue, poor house-keeping practices and poor judgment. Home hazards are costly in pain, grief and money."

Some of the hazards removed from the two homes were as follows: Fire Hazards: 1. Careful with ash trays. 2. Checked coffee pot and kettle handles. 3. Kept kettle of boiling water in safe place on stove. 4. Kept matches where small children could not get to them. 5. Kept kerosene out of hot stove or heater. 6. Was careful with pressure cooker. 7. Careful to put out fire at wash pot when washing. 8. Kept lamp away from curtains. 9. Didn't leave hot iron on ironing board.

Nails, glass: 1. Picked up 160 pieces of broken glass. 2. Picked up nails found in pards and car routes. 3. Picked up boards with nails in them. 4. Beat down all nail heads in hog pens and stables. 5. Threw away broken and cracked dishes. 6. Buried razor blades.

Others: 1. Kept the yard clear of wire and wire hoops. 2. Put rakes, pitch forks, hoes and shovels under house with prongs down. 3. Kept door steps in good condition. 4. Repainted and repaired porch floors. 5. Labeled all poisonous medicines. 6. Kept well top always closed. 7. Kept rugs smooth on floor.

"Arabian Fantasy" To Be Colorful Class Night Play

The colorful theme, "Arabian Fantasy," will present the talents, toasts and testament of the Southern Pines High school senior class, in an original Class Night play by Lewis Pate, president, to be presented at the school Monday at 8:15 p. m.

The public is invited to what promises to be an evening of rare entertainment, with undercurrents of sentiment and sadness as the students say farewell to high school fun.

The place is Arabia—the Oasis City of Southern Pines, Highstanbul; the time—June, 1947; the plot, a potpourri of legend and fairy tale into which school-book subjects wander strangely.

A production group has been busy all week on a stage set which is called a medley of color and charm, a background for the following characters who will play out the Class Night theme: Reader, Jean Schaefer (salutatorian); queen of the village, Joyce Anderson; Abdul Weavo, Bobby Harrington; Dr. Sinbad Herr, Alton Blue; Prime Minister, T. K. Campbell; peddler, Robert McLeod; baker, Elmer Renegar; snake charmer, Stephen Van Camp; prophet, Tommy

A Tribute To Flora Shaw Page

1866—1947

Another club year is about to begin. As we come to the close of this year, we pause to pay tribute to our oldest member who will be with us no more, to our dear Flora Shaw Page, who has gone to her reward.

Her fine Christian character and never-failing interest in this, her club, the Walter Hines Page Book club, always gave us pleasure and encouragement.

Let us not grieve because she is gone. Let us rejoice for having had her with us so long. She gave her last full measure of devotion to her church, her club and to humanity.

As we pause to pay this last tribute to her life of unselfish service, may we take from her "the torch and lift it high." Sorrows and illness, which so often interrupt the joy of living, need not make us lose courage. She was always courageous in her affiliations. Strength is given to break the storm, as well as to sail the Ship of Life on the calm waters of a tranquil sea. With unfaltering trust in God's wisdom, we can have courage to keep on, to think, and plan to preserve and fulfill.

Beyond the Horizon When men go down to the sea in ships, 'Tis not to the sea they go; Some isle or pole, the mariner's goal, When down to the sea they go.

When SOULS go down to the sea by ships, And the dark ship's name is Death, Why mourn and wail at the vanishing sail? Though outward bound, God's world is round, And only a ship is Death.

—Bertha O. Bowman WALTER HINES PAGE BOOK CLUB Aberdeen

PACK MEETING

Southern Pines' first Cub Scout pack meeting will be held at 7:30 tonight (Friday) at the school building, according to announcement by A. L. Burney, cubmaster, who added that all friends and parents, and most especially the dads, are asked to attend.

A cake will be given the den having the largest attendance of parents. Articles made at den meetings will be displayed, and official Cub Scout pins indicating the Bobcat rank will be given the boys.

Four dens compose the pack. They have been in operation about six weeks.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

State Senator Wilbur H. Currie, of Carthage, spent Tuesday at State college, Raleigh, attending a meeting of the board of trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina, to which he was appointed by the 1947 General Assembly. He was installed as a member at this meeting, along with 27 other new appointees who will fill vacancies created by the expiration of terms of their predecessors on the 100-man board.

Grey; Shelah the singer, Jean Olive; algebra, Audrey West Brown; Geometry, Burton Perham; Spanish, Nellie Ward; Bookkeeping, Ruth Guin; Chemistry, Anne Perkinson; messenger, Rebecca McCue; historian, Carolyn Hearn; chief of police, Bobby Straka; page, Betty Harrington; valedictorian, Jean Olive; citizens, Peggy Jean Cameron, Jeanne Sadler, Ruth Kleinspehn, Ollie Mae Bowers, Emma Louise Hackney, Kathleen McDonald, Geraldine Smith.



On this happy occasion we want to express our pride in our school and the splendid young people who are graduating from it.

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