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Why?

Roy E. Larsen, president of Time, Inc., and chairman of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, made a speech some weeks ago in which he referred to North Carolina in rather glowing terms. He stressed its progress, declaring that it was a leader not only in the South but also in the nation. Mr. Larsen told about the great industrial development that had taken place in recent years.

Mr. Larsen's references to our State are appreciated, and we are proud of our State. But why does the State rate near the bottom in per capita income? There are a few hazy spots Mr. Larsen was good enough to overlook.

Possibly he could have rendered the State and its people a great service if he had told about the low per capita income, and admitted that the State's legislators chose not to pass a minimum wage law, as low as it was.

Do Not Feel Their Own Punches

In their mad drive to save themselves tax dollars, President Eisenhower's industrialists and the mighty politicians are cutting the foundation from under the nation's defense, closing hospital doors in the face of the sick, and suggesting that farmers plow on Sunday as a means of patching up their own economy after freedom's pattern.

Surely, the tax burden has been and is still heavy. So far the people of this country have been able to pay taxes and have enough to live on; yes, even enough left to enjoy a few other necessities in life along with a few pleasures.

Th men who are lopping off \$25 million from the hospital appropriations will never be turned away from a hospital door. But the reduction will mean that no hospital door will be open to many who cannot command a knock at Bethesda or at a private or at a public hospital.

If Mr. Eisenhower is going to give the country more for less, he should explain the Houdini stunt. If he can't pull one of those stunts, then it is advisable to go along with the Air Force. For, if he fails, the big guy could go down with the little one.

So far the axe wielders have not felt the force of their own blows.

More In Than Out

A recent report maintains that the nation's more than 14,000 banks have assets in the amount of two hundred and fifteen billion dollars. The report did not say so, but it could have pointed out that while the banks are bulging, money is getting scarcer and scarcer on the outside.

Back in the early thirties the grain barns were bulging and many people were hungry.

Now, the banks are bulging and borrowing is increasing, the report explaining that farmers were at the business to the tune of billions last year.

Man's ability to head off a depression may be questioned, but there is little doubt but what man can make a depression, and it is fairly apparent that some men in this country today are working to create a depression monster.

What Is Freedom?

By Ruth Taylor

Freedom—the word meets us every time we twist the radio dials, or pick up a newspaper. It has a way of slipping into every serious conversation. Even in the lightest fiction today, we find the characters delivering monologues on the importance of freedom.

But what is this freedom which is our

dearest possession?

Freedom is to speak and think without restriction and without fear.

Freedom is to associate with men of all races and creeds in the fellowship of cooperative effort for the good of all.

Freedom is to be tolerant, to grant to others the right and consideration we want for ourselves.

Freedom is to have the right to work, and to change our work or place of working as we deem best.

Freedom is the sovereignty of man as against the domination of the State.

Freedom is the right to choose our own government in a fair and open election—not in an auction of men.

Freedom is rule by reason, not rule by force.

Freedom is to have reliance and trust in the pledged word, the control of men through that intangible thing called honor, which lifts a man to his rightful stature.

Freedom is to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Freedom is a belief in the individual and in his ability to so conduct himself that his neighbor may not suffer from any act or neglect of his.

Freedom is to seek the truth, not to be swayed by the prejudice and hatred preached by a demagogue.

Freedom is to dream of an ideal and to work for its fulfillment on this earth.

This is freedom—the freedom for which our forefathers fought and died, the freedom for which they worked to make this country out of a virgin wilderness. It is our most precious inheritance—and we will guard it to the end.

A Splendid Record

Alford Sweatt, executive director of the Williamston Boosters for the past four years, has gone with the Rocky Mount Merchants' Association, leaving behind a splendid record here in Williamston.

It is not claimed that Mr. Sweatt "set the world on fire" during his stay in Williamston, but he contributed much to the community, adding to its material being and enhancing its civic and spiritual life.

Carefully, handling every injury and earnestly working to solve the many problems focused on the job, Mr. Sweatt was always ready and willing to extend a helping hand to every worthy project. He "plugged" for the bloodmobile, worked for and supported the various campaigns and drives, aided others in handling community and personal tasks. When conditions looked dark, he lent encouragement.

He enters upon his new position with the slate clean in his old job. All bills have been paid and there's a balance in the bank. All transactions have been handled in a sympathetic and business-like manner, and all dealings have been conducted on a high plane.

While most of his work has not attracted the public spotlight, his job has been well done, and it is certain that his efforts will pay a dividend to the town and all its people in the future.

That the pleasant things will far outnumber the unpleasant ones surrounding his work is certain, and that his work during the past four years will be reflected in future events and development is certain, too.

He leaves Williamston appreciative of the support and cooperation accorded him, and with a friendly feeling and keen interest in its future. He also leaves with the good will and respect of the people here.

In parting he pleads for continued support and cooperation for his successor.

60 Second Sermons

BY FRED DODGE

TEXT: "Man can be cured of every folly but vanity."—Rousseau.

George Washington Carver, the great negro scientist, once told of a man in his community who kept a mule so lean and hungry that it could scarcely stand.

One day when this fellow drove his mule to town, the animal was observed wearing a new straw bonnet.

"Well, Uncle Mose," someone observed, "your mule would be much better off with less millinery and more oats."

Benjamin Franklin put more emphasis on economy than extravagance. Even when he could afford better, Franklin dressed and ate simply, to earn the esteem of associates. Today, we have reversed the thinking of Franklin's day. Men are judged more by the elegance of the bonnet on the mule than on the health of the mule. Perhaps that is why so many human "mules" collapse and die at an early age. The simple, sound practice of feeding the mule is forgotten. We tie on a new bonnet and race for a new show-piece to parade before our neighbors.

Social News

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Aleck Jackson of 316 Poole Street, Norfolk, Virginia, announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Frances, to James Robert McClendon, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McClendon of Norfolk. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 6, at 8:00 p. m. in the Central Baptist Church, Norfolk. The public is invited.

CORINTH LADIES' AID

The Corinth Ladies' Aid will meet Saturday, June 6, at 3:00 o'clock with Mrs. Carrie Fagan. All members are asked to be present.

HOME DECORATOR WILL BE IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW

Miss Carole Winslow, noted authority on home decorating, room planning and color coordination, will be at G. W. Walker and Sons in Washington tomorrow, Wednesday, June 3.

Miss Winslow will be with the firm from 9:00 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. Private appointments may be made by calling telephone 56 in Washington. A public demonstration will be given at 3:00 p. m.

PIANO RECITAL

A piano recital will be presented by the pupils of Mrs. J. M. Ward in the Williamston High School auditorium on Wednesday evening, June 3, at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Griffin of West End announce the birth of a son, Robert Benjamin, at home on Friday, May 22, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin also have another son, Henry Dossie, three years old.

Visit in Raleigh

Miss Essie Leggett, Mrs. Charlie Frances Leggett and her two sons, and Ward and Eddie Dean, visited Mr. B. W. Leggett in a Raleigh hospital last week-end.

Visiting in Jamesville

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Held and daughter, Mrs. John Larkin of New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Askew in Jamesville.

Here from Rocky Mount

Mrs. Lillian Lane and daughter of Rocky Mount visited their sister and aunt, Mrs. Lyda Sexton, who is being treated in Brown's Community Hospital.

Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Sam Zemon underwent major surgery in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday morning and was reported to be getting along very well today.

Visits in Raleigh

Mrs. Daisey Pope was in Raleigh last week-end visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Yelverton, and family.

Cooler Chest

The Cooler Chest, given free each Saturday by Courtney's, was won last Saturday by Miss Jean Nicholson, route 3 Williamston. Everyone is invited to register each week for this drawing.

Legion Nominates Officers for 1953-54

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, May 26, in the Legion Hux.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Carlyle Langley. Pledge of allegiance was given and the preamble repeated in unison. Following the devotional by Mrs. J. Sam Getsinger, the group stood in silence for thirty seconds in memory of our War Dead.

All business matters were attended to, and all reports were submitted.

Mrs. W. O. Griffin, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the following officers for 1953-54:

President, Mrs. Claude Hardison; first vice president, Mrs. Carlyle Langley, second vice president, Mrs. W. O. Griffin; secretary, Mrs. Betty Coltrin, treasurer, Mrs. A. R. White; chaplain, Mrs. J. Sam Getsinger; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. John A. Ward, historian, Mrs. Bruce Peel.

A motion was made and seconded that the officers for 1953-54 would be installed at the June meeting. The motion was carried.

The American Legion Auxiliary wishes to thank all who helped with the Poppy Day program, especially Little Miss Linda Harrell and the Girl Scouts. All members are urged to attend the June meeting.—Reported.

HEAVY SUGAR PRODUCER

In an area less than that of New York City, Hawaii grows 25 percent of all sugar produced under the United States flag, says the National Geographic Society.

Miss Rogerson and Paramore Family Jerry Savage Wed Annual Reunion



A quiet impressive ceremony before the immediate families and friends united Miss Betty Lou Rogerson of Bear Grass and Mr. Jerry Savage of Williamston in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Savage Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The Reverend E. Gordon Conklin, pastor of the groom, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The living room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with summer flowers and candles. The mantle, embanked with greenery, white gladioli and burning tapers, formed an improvised altar. The bride was wearing a blue silk acetate dress with white accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of sweetheart roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for a wedding trip to unannounced point. Upon their return, they will make their home in Williamston.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rogerson of Bear Grass and Mr. Savage is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Savage of Williamston.

Plan Meeting In Hamilton Church

A revival meeting will be held in the Hamilton Methodist Church beginning Sunday morning, June 14, at 11 A. M. Services will also be held Sunday evening and every night Friday, June 19th.

The regular pastor, the Rev. J. Bascome Hurley will be assisted in this meeting by Rev. N. W. Grant of Bethel who will do the preaching.

Special meetings in preparation for this revival will be held in the church on Tuesday and Thursday nights, June 2 and June 4th at 8 o'clock. This particular time for the preparatory meetings was selected because the regular pastor will be in a meeting at Parmele the week prior to the revival in Hamilton.

Mr. Hurley pointed out that these preparation meetings would be more than just prayer meetings. "Although great emphasis would be devoted to prayer, time will be given to preaching, song practice and general planning," Rev. Hurley stated.

"We want everybody to attend these services. Not only just members of the Methodist Church but all denominations." Vacation Bible school is being held jointly this week by all the Hamilton churches and all pastors and

Paramore's Family Reunion was at Jesse Clark near Spring Green Church May 17. A very nice dinner was served in the yard; everybody enjoyed barbecue, slaw, salads, fried chicken, ham and all kind of cakes, pies, pickles, corn bread, sweet potatoes, all home cooked. Seventy-five people from different towns were at the dinner, including Mr. and Mrs. Rex A. Paramore, Marcia, Sherry Paramore of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paramore of Selma, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clark, Sally Mae Clark, S. L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Dossie Jenkins, Ethel Moore, Randolph Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Moore, Hazel Moore, Joyce Moore, George Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry, Rosy Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Donaldson, Judy, Chappie, Otis Donaldson, Ernest Bonds of Williamston, Bernice Mae Clark, Robersonville, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Paramore, Jr., Walter Paramore 3rd, of Raleigh, Mrs. Vance Moore, Annie Lee Moore, Pete Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitehurst, June Whitehurst of Tarboro, Mary Dixon, Robert Dixon, Murphyboro, Mr. and Mrs. Claudia Paramore, Evelyn, Jeanette, Rudolph, Hugh, Leggett and Claudia Paramore 3rd of Scotland Neck, Maggie Lane, Gertrude and Hope Ross of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brooks, Nash Edwards, Mrs. C. W. Paramore, Earl Boyd, Justice and Mary, Neza and Bessie Boyd, T. C. Elks, Edna and Tommy Elks, of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Herbert Leary, Jaunita and Bettie and Herbie Leary of Jacksonville, Sallie Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spence and Becky of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Max Leary, Fern and Tommy Leary of Edenton.

Bear Grass Club Holds Meeting

The Bear Grass Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting on May 20 with Mrs. Ethel Rogerson. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Chesley Jones, and the members sang, "Fairest, Lord Jesus" and "It's a Good Time to Get Together." The devotional was given by Mrs. Jones.

There were thirteen members present. The club house committee gave its report.

A very interesting account was given on the tour to New York by Mrs. Chesley Jones, Mrs. Tempie Keel and Mrs. Harrison.

Three project reports were given. Sunday School superintendents are asked to make announcements relative to this meeting.

gn. Mrs. Noah Rogerson reported "It's smart to be well fed. Mrs. Ethel Rogerson reported on gardening, and Mrs. Lester Bryant reported on art. Farm and home week, June 8-11 was announced. For the demonstration, Mrs. Harrison made a delicious vegetable casserole.

The 4-H girls will be in charge of the next meeting. Recreation was enjoyed by all. The hostess served cookies, potato chips, candy and mixed drinks. Installation buying in March was at record 19 billions.



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