

Heritage Waits On Doorstep

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for humans where all else is wild. It may be good and true instinct leading the growing number of those who are learning the old crafts. It may be that there is more true family history in the rhythm of a working loom than in all the books.

We have with us those who walked the old trails to markets and coon hunts and neighboring cabins. We have those who lived the lives and understood with their hearts these things that we are now searching for. Those who learned the values of our pioneer fathers and mothers and sharing their lives. They can echo truly the voices they heard that sang and spoke and cried in the old ways and suffered no change for so long in these hills.

Too soon these voices will be heard no longer. The lovely old accents are being blurred and altered by the influence of radio and television. The old songs are being set to new tunes and sung in accents that the old fiddlers would have found strange.

This change is not corruption, it is not disloyal or unkind. It is the thing that happens, willy-nilly, to everyone and everything. The fragrant spice of local speech all over the country is giving way to a new standard and we are all beginning to speak like the newscasters we hear on television who study hard in order to sound as though they sprang up fully formed and able to pronounce Bechuanaland without southern softening or western hesitation.

But there are some who can still speak from the times living in their memories; of people who were also searching but who found no life ready made for them anywhere and were forced to create it anew from their own courage and faith, desperation and love for one another.

Take thought of the true business of your life. Don't let the busyness of your days keep you too long. Don't miss the say, happy, loving old tales and musical stories with the old sounds and old words. They are becoming lost or distorted in the maelstrom of modern non-stories pouring forth ceaselessly into our lives. Stories not born of love and long trails and vast night of low stars and trackless miles surrounding the small groups of humans dedicated to live and to each other.

In one very real way our mountain beginnings live only as long as a living person remains who looked on those scenes and heard those voices speaking the twilight of a mountain cabin.

Take someone who remembers and search out the faintly marked trail that leads up the mountain through the laurels to the fastness of cove or hollow. You may find the heritage that has eluded you sitting on the worn doorstep of a vanished cabin.

First Union Shows Increased Income

First Union Corporation (NASDAQ:FUNC) today reported unaudited income before security transactions and extraordinary item of \$2,414,000, or 40 cents per share, for the first quarter of 1977. This was a 28 percent increase over the \$1,881,000, or 31 cents per share, earned in the first quarter of 1976. Approximately three cents of the earnings improvement over the first quarter of 1976 is attributable to investment tax carryforwards and from recording full tax benefits arising from Cameron-Brown Company's losses.

Unaudited net income for the first quarter of 1977 was \$2,501,000, or 41 cents per share in 1977, compared to \$4,719,000 or 77 cents, in the first quarter of 1976. Net income for the first quarter of 1976 included an extraordinary, non-recurring gain of \$2,738,000, or 45 cents per share, resulting from the successful conclusion of a debenture exchange offering.

Both major subsidiaries of the corporation showed improvement over the prior year. First Union National Bank had income before security transactions of \$2,620,000 for the first quarter of 1977.

Heard and seen

By POP

Sometimes in the regular schedule of an editor very little is going on.... and at other times, things get a bit rushy... such was the case last Sunday.... following Sunday school, I "pinch-hitted" as an usher at the morning worship service at the Marshall Baptist Church, where incidentally the revival started.... in the meantime, I had been invited to the Marshall United Methodist Church for the Memorial Service in tribute to the late Rev. W. C. Clark, former pastor.... I was also invited to luncheon in the Fellowship Room following the service..... I remained throughout the service at the Baptist Church but during the Invitational Hymn I decided to "slip out" since it was after 12 o'clock and rush down to the Methodist church for picture-taking and lunch.... fortunately I arrived just in time to take a few pictures..... I then rushed back to the Baptist church, picked up "Bill" and rushed back down to the Methodist church where we enjoyed the fellowship and luncheon.... then, a Fellowship Supper was held at the Baptist church at 6 p.m., and I was asked to play the piano for a "Happy Birthday" to Kathy Young.... after a delicious supper, the evening worship service was held.... incidentally, I want to thank Sibyl Davis for fixing me a pineapple up-side-down cake and Charles Huey (at the request of Louise) for fixing me macaroni and cheese..... Sibyl and Louise always remember my favorite dishes when we have suppers or picnics.... bless them.

Incidentally, the revival continues through Friday evening and you are invited to attend.... the Rev. Roy Young, father of Vincent, our pastor, is the visiting minister and is very impressive.... seems sorta strange at the local post office not seeing Roger Wood around... he's serving on a Manpower Utilization Team inspecting city delivery post offices in WNC at the present.... while away, Raymond Stines is serving as postal operations administrator....



1977 WINNERS of the Susan Britt Citizenship Awards, pictured above, left to right, are Russell Lambert, Robbie Waites, Ronald Rice, Beverly Bruce, Jana Lou Williams and Terri Ingle Fox. The trophies were presented in a ceremony in the Madison High Gymnasium on Friday, April 15. The trophies were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Britt and their daughter, Cheryl. Guest speaker was the Rev. Billy Cline of the Merrimon Avenue Baptist.

Medical Training Program Extends Registration Date

Due to the fine response of applicants on April 13-14, the dates have been extended for further applicants interested in the emergency medical training program which has been instituted for Madison County, it was announced this week.

Madison County ambulance personnel and other interested persons may apply at the Manpower Office on Main Street in Marshall on April 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The program will be conducted at Madison High School with classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Both audit and stypen slots will be accommodated it was announced. For further information, call 649-2873.

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Food Stamps

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have to pay for them, but the food stamps always represent some savings to them. For example they may pay \$60 for \$100 worth of stamps. That \$40 they save can be spent on other items, thus putting more money into the retail section of the county.

The Community Nutrition Institute in Washington, D. C., estimated that for every dollar of tax money spent on food stamps, between \$3 and \$5 are generated in local economies.

As far as the food stamp office is concerned, when people are being fed in the bargain, that's not a bad investment of tax dollars.

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