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### An Appreciation

So often men go away and gain prestige in other sections and life in the small town they left behind grows dim. It belongs to the past. But not so with Judge Frank Smathers. While he has had marked success in two large cities, Atlantic City and Miami, he has chosen to cast his lot for the greater part of the year "back home" with us.

Frank Smathers is one of the ablest men ever reared in this community. We would like to see him write the story of his life. It is full of encouragement to ambitious youth.

Judge Smathers left college and entered the law office of an eminent firm in Atlantic City. He had no particular pull, other than his own determination to get from life the things he wanted.

He made up his mind early not to shun work, but to hunt for it. For a number of years he labored apparently without any noticable results.

Then death made a vacancy in the firm, and he was suddenly lifted from his minor position in the office to a partnership, with an income many times that of the salary he formerly drew as a clerk. It was not mere luck, it was because during those years he had made himsen ready when golden opportunity should arrive. He was chosen for the reason that it was felt that he could handle the task which the promotion carried better than anyone else connected with the firm.

Though stricken with a physical handicap that would have been a justifiable alibi for even the most strong minded, he carried on for years until he was forced to retire from

He holds a keen interest in matters of local, state and national concern and his opinions are the result of deep and constructive

We have valued his contributions to this paper and look forward to a reappearance of his column. We take this opportunity on behalf of ourselves and our readers to thank him. We have appreciated his writings not only for their merit, but for the fact that with all the prestige he has gained in high places, he still wanted to "lend a hand" at

# "Weep No More"

The "young folks" doubtless are happy about it-"all merry, and happy, and bright." They couldn't have been better pleased, or their elders, either. For he is an old, old friend, and all of them sing his songs, from the time they are able to watch a pitch from a tuning fork and to follow the teacher's beat.

Yes, at long last, Stephen Collins Foster, the untutored genius who touched the hearts of his countrymen-and of the world - as have but two or three writers of songs, has been awarded a niche in the Hall of Fame at New York University. It is ninety-eight years since he wrote his first song and three quarters of a century since he laid down his pen, ignored asi neglected.

Now, will "my lady" please "weep no more," and likewise "all de darkies" "down in de cornfield"? This is a time for rejoicing. O Susanna, don't you cry for me! Uncle Ned, Louisiana Belle, 'et's have a little quick music, and maybe a breakdown! Old Black Joe, call back the days when your heart was young and gay! The one who made you to live has found a place among America's "immortals." The world gave him sorry return while he sang, but today-from Sydney to Saskatoon-that world pays him tribute. A bust in a marble colonnade merely proclaims that fact. -Christian Science Monitor.

Anyway an atlas just off the press shows the oceans as we remember them.

# Let's Keep It Up

The Waynesville High School Band has come of age. It is a recognized success. It represents one of the finest pieces of cooperation ever staged in this community, both from the standpoint of the support of the public and the response of the band students with many tedious hours of practice, that hold offer many interesting viewhave given the group the reputation it enjoys

It is becoming more or less a pattern for reaching vision . . . it is our pleastoday. bands in this part of the state. It was learned upon good authority that the quick manner in which the local group was uniformed days beyond our own experience has had influence in getting other bands in with the older generation . . . as uniforms,

At the game this fall in Hendersonville when the Waynesville band led the parade in uniforms, the Hendersonville group or- only to contemplate the present ganized long before the group here, carried a banner with "We want uniforms too". The tion . . , and catch the tempo and fact that the visiting band was dressed for spirit of a new world . . . at times the part is said to have hastened the work of putting the Hendersonville musicians in uniforms. The Waynesville band was also in uniform before the Canton band, though both were organized about the same time.

The band played several times during the past season for Lake Junaluska. Had the sides . . . and we find ourselves local group not been up to a definite standard, the authorities would not have been willing to include the group in their summer get the truths . . . eternal of life willing to include the group in their summer get the truths . . . there program of attractions. The band also gave concerts on the courthouse grounds.

A good band is an asset to any town. It is one of the finest advertisements a town tomorrow . . . often we are miscan publicize. No public gathering today is lead by appearance . . . and do complete without the stirring strains of a band. The athletic association of the high school can testify what the band has meant to the football season just closed,

It is one thing to acquire something good and another matter to maintain it. Anything worth while must be cared for and fostered to keep what is already gained and to make improvements.

Often in a community there is enthusiasm for a project and when it has been realized those sponsoring and working for it feel that the project has arrived and can travel alone. This is not a healthy policy for any civic development that depends upon the public for hurrying to meet the years . . . support and encouragement. The band will continue to be just as good as the community demands. If the adults of this community fail to continue to show their interest in the organization there will inevitably be a lapse in the good work of the band.

There is also a continued expense to the up the appreciation of the finer operation of the band, not again soon for things of the spirit . . . that the large sums of money as for the initial uniforming, but for new music and incidentals.

Next week the band will give the first con- and the gentleman . . . of that day cert for which an admission charge will be developed . . . and say to the youngmade. It will offer the people of the community who have given so generously, an disi lusionments" opportunity to show their appreciation of the fact that the band is now on its own.

While the band needs the small admission fee that will be charged, it needs far more the moral support of your presence to give the students encouragement to continue the splendid record they have made.

It is your band. It is my band. Let's be on hand next Monday night to show them that we are still backing them one hundred per

#### Fickle Football Fans

Movie stars and politicians have known for a long time that the dear old public is a rather fickle thing to deal with. Now managers of college football teams are bginning to realize that loyalty to the alma mater is not as profitable as a winning team.

Figures just released for the past gridiron season shows that almost every team in the south had less customers than last year. North Carolina and State in the Tar Heel division showed the only gains.

Last year Carolina had 96,000 customers, while this year 119,000 paid their way.

At Duke it was quite the opposite. 1939 when things were rosy with the Blue Devils, they drew 102,000 customers, but this year, only 82,000 were attracted.

North Carolina State showed a net gain of 6,000, for a grand total of 57,000 for the season just ended as against 51,000 last year.

Louisiana State and Vanderbilt the only other recorded teams in the South to show a gain. Louisiana's gain was 20,000 more than the 120,000 last year, while Vanderbilt picked up about 4,000.

Tulane had about 83,000 less: Kentucky fell short 5,500; Florida lacked 2,000 having 1939's figure, while Georgia Tech was 41,000 in the red.

Even at that, the teams are drawing good crowds, and are making lots more than expense money, yet there is enough difference in the let-down to give business managers some worry over what the future does or does not hold for them.

# Here and There

\_By-HILDA WAY GWYN

Three generations in one house . . we often think that being the "middle one," so to speak . . gives one quite a broad and far ure and responsibility . . . often to look back over the years that have gone by . . . even the childhood and young womanhood . and then in the next momen't we are jerked back . . . not

he future with the rising generawe get almost breathless . . bridging the gap between the two . . they are so far apart in so many ways . . . so much has happened since the beginning of life for the older generation as com-pared to that of the younger . . . it is necessary that we see both

sifting down through the years and changing customs . . . trying to separate the non essentials and is so much in this streamlined age . . that underneath was the same yesterday . . . today and will be not size up the situation in its true light. .

When we find ourselves practica great fascinating mystery . . . . realities and experience . . . we, been of considerable value." who watch . . , feel that the pace does seem a bit rushed . . . time off with . . . we find ourselves wishhands of the younger generation

rian he of the older generation formalities and its out dated customs . . . and perhaps its false conceptions of pride . . . but they had something . . . that would do well to keep . . . we long to gather age of poetry and the tedious memorizing of good literature . . . hat so bespoke the gentlewoman he generation in between know . that there is not insurance . . . even today . . . against this inevitable battling against the human eart and its ideals) . . . for here is much of the golden days

of the gay 90's and even back . .

that could serve as a spiritual

pasis in this fast moving present

day . . . to those growing up . . .

with their eyes and minds tuned in

on the future. . . . But there comes the thought . . and we stop . . . such idle wishing . . each life is a separate unit . we can tell them . . . we can show them . . . but the destiny in the end is their own making . . we can coach them . . . we may be on the side lines at most of the games . . . and root with all our hearts and souls . . . that no uncertain tones . . . 'This is abour team may win . . . but it is he team and not the cheer leaders who will win . . . but anyway we like being the "middle man" t keeps one from getting in a mental rut . . . with fixed ideas about things . . . it is the finest the season that the styles were intidote we know of against that dead certain feeling, that one is ilways right" . . . that so often our judgment . . , or we have benakes a "wet blanket" . . . and levelops a superior complex in incidently we have never noticed he "middle generation" . . . that s often prone to know it all . . . a aids in keeping one's viewpoint things a woman can wear . . . is π a resilient state to cope with the to so many people . . . take for changing tide. . . .

nt hours which people . . . who tailored suit and we will have to admit . . . to bed and early to rise . . . makes a man healthy and wealthy and wise" . . as infallible . . shortly after the foregoing discussion . . . held here by the rural women of the were talking to a man about the held here by the rural women of the held here by the rural women of the held here by the rural women of the here by the rural women of the held he



Do you think Compulsory Mill- National Defense and increasing tion Bill is adequate for National to cope with foreign isms and sa-

W. C. Boutwell-"Under the

Conscripton Bill will give us ade- sory Military training. I feel that quate national defense."

ally skipping to catch in step with the army and how the boys are equipped." the younger generation . . . now equipped. I think it is too bad at that teen age . . . when life is that all young men in American have not had military training, draft have the right kind of trainjust ahead . . . and emotions and Personally I regret that I did not ing under the right kind of leaderideas are beginning to stir . . . that have the advantage of military ship the army should be adequate in time will soon crystalize into training, as I am sure it would have for national defense. I think that in other countries. A few years a

is in such a hurry to be done and feel that the compulsory military Most Americans are naturally metraining under the Conscription chanically minded.' ing that we could put into the Bill is adequate for national defense. I feel that we are just beginning our program of national have 18 months or two years invent a new kind. some of the things of that Victo- defense. Personally I feel that in before the attack, the Conscription view of the critical times, we are Bill is adequate for national de-. . for we may smile at its staid moving too slowly. We can no fense, but if attack of this country longer consider ourselves non be- should come sooner, it is not. The ligerents. If we found ourselves needs must meet the situation." in war in the near future with such short training, what defense we have would be inadequate to com- the Conscription Bill is adequate bat what we would have to face."

> White Mease-"No. I think he present draft plan should be

tary Training under the Conscrip- personnel of the FBI to enable it botage."

Captain W. F. Swift-"I approve present condition, I feel that the the Conscription Bill and Compulthe selective draft will in time raise a sufficient army, to meet the R. V. Erk-"It all depends on needs, if properly trained and

Bill Prevost-"If the men in the the average American citizen is capable of learning a great deal in Mrs. W. T. Hannah-"I do not year's time, if taught correctly.

Major J. Harden Howell-"If we

Carleton E. Weatherby-'T think for national defense in peacetime, but in an emergency it would not

Lt. Paul Martin-"I do not think scarced on with, as their unit, supplemented by the training of the present Conscription Bill pro- peso, equivalent to about 94 cents men not fit for military training vides for enough men for adequate our lankee donar. The person we

## CLIPPINGS

TRIALS DEVELOPED GREAT CHARACTERS

A man's ability unfolds as the years roll on; his life's character is built on a succession of events. The trials and tribulations of life heat and temper the metal of which he is made. Personal hardships, misery, sadness, up and down, if met and mastered with fortitude and their spirits. determination determine the true fibre of the man.

We often hear folks say, if I town . . . we don't recall just how the subject came up . . . but we were amused when he said Would you like to know when I get up in the morning? . . . it is frighten away haif the audience. dustries will soon find themself when I hear my wife say . . solutely the last time I am going to call you' . . . then I know I simply must get up . . . or I will be late for my work." . . .

We thought at the begining of going to be the "limit" . . . but either we were very much off in come accustomed to them . . . how becoming black . . . which is one of the most distinctive instance how well Josephine Coman Cook looks in black . . . then Isn't getting up these cold morn-ngs a real hardship . . . in a cently we saw Jewell Hipps Ketecent informal group . . . it was ner in a black velvet frock . . nlightening to learn the differ- Rosalyn Ray Collins in a black tailored suit . . . All Mease in a . . . but of course ives . . . get up in the morning there are others who never look better than in color . . , take Lib contrary to our generally estab- Massie in the blue she is wearing ished views on the subject . . . we this winer . . . Florence Bowles were rather surprised to find out and Mary Emma Weatherby in that there are just about as many shades of brown . . . Joe Gay in people who accomplish a great Gold . . . we could name a lengthy deal during the run of the day list . . , and of course there is Mil-.. who rise at a late hour ... as dred Crawford ... who, as far as hose who get up at an unearthly this community is concerned has a time . . . we have always been corner on purple . . . and speaking more or less inclined . . . to consider the old rhyme . . . "Early their clothes . . . you coulin't find

could only write like that man, if I sentry had assued so much pape could only speak like that man, if what the peso s buying power sump I only had an even disposition and ed to ress than on-hair it nom

Mostly this is idle talk. One doesn't always know how much the other man has given to develop the ability by which with tongue or pen ary, I'm no judge of innation. he sways multitudes of men, and drives the fires of hope and faith prognosticators as Leon Henderand courage and inspiration into son, to mention a pro-new por

The actor who succeeds in the show always carries on, no matter the ache in his heart, or the pain in his muscles. One never knows the misery that may exist in the actor's body or mind and which may amount to agony that would But if he ever revealed it gone would be his power to charm and to If so, there's like y to be an account inspire, and to smooth away the snortage of processed suff to st

the world draws its inspiration are Correspondingly our peace indus those who are tried often and much trial toilers, back in jobs again, by the fires of life. Think of this will have increased consumity when you are inspired by some capacity, and our conscripts will noble persons. You can better ap- have to eat, wear crothes and ocpreciate such people if you can cupy barracks like sixty. realize that which you so lightly receive was bought by pain and costly sacrifice.-Dare County Times.

THINGS THAT MONEY CAN'T RUY

Money can't buy real friendship friendship must be earned. Money can't buy clear conscience

square dealings is the price tag. Money can't buy the glow of good health-right living is the secret. Money can't buy happiness-hap-

piness is a mental attribute and one may be as happy in a cottage as in Money can't buy sunsets, singing

birds, and the music of the wind in the trees these are as free as the air we breathe. Money can't buy character-char-

acter is what we are alone with ourselves in the dark.—Exchange.

Determined Collegians
Police have banned hitchhiking in eepolis, but Winston Oberg and hil Swanson live too far from the University of Minnesota to walk and neither has a car. So they built a kayhk and now paddle up the Mississippi river to school in 35 minutes.

# Stewart Says-New Deal Begins

To Worry About Rising Prices DESPITE ALL the national



onists.

For

eon Hender our defense con cil chief mist, is, opposing it vigorously. consumers' spokesmen and spok women in our various defensives economic units also are appeal strenuously to our wholesal organizations to put brakes up any violent rise in our living cor because naturally consumen must feel the first effects of and wholesalers generally prof compliant intentions. The qu tion is, though, can they m good on them, if the bulge cont ues and gains greater and great

proportions? The New Dealers' contention that our government's def spending, its unprecedented nation at debt and the increase in limit, asked for by Treasury Secr tary Morgentiau, invoive no.hi inflationary. Said, a government can overstrain its credit, in whi event its money shrinks in buyy power-that is, prices sky-hoof. Not Near Limit?

Maybe we haven's reached to point yet, or a point anywhere ne

it happened throughout German so that a man with a several-the sand-mark bank account could draw all his cash out and buy decent meat with it. Finally if Germans had to abandon their or rasmoned marks anogether a

I've observed the same thing i some of the Latin Americas. In tratively. Paraguay basn't as money at all, or as own, toat any body'il accept. Business is tran

acted there in Englisa, Yackee, Ar gentine or Brazinan currency. Of course we snan't so even ourseives. All the same, perhal we can overdo ourseives somewh Even as substantial a republica

Argestina did it. The Argentine reaccemante on a basis of lot pe entayos Hus the gover could keep from getting upset like value. Accordingly, many year this man or that, how much I would ago, the Buenos Anes congress an connect: "Hencetorward on Be Will be redeemable at only 44 cet tavos per peso. ' L's been that wa ever since. If that wasn't mastice

> here in the United States soo authoray, see peril of a different sort of inflation of living costs. Cut linemployment

Unemployment's being stopped up very rapidly. The hitherto unemployed, Lnough, are going large ly into military preparedness pro duction or into our conscriptor army. Possib.y our peace time in with an actual scarcity of workers pain of those who come to see him. and wear, to sneiter us, to run ou The great characters from whom street cars and railroads, et ceters

> With consumption thus competitively expanded and peace production probably short handed, with a skimpy supply and a vastly greater demand, why won't prices go sky-ward? They will, is the expert prediction.

To be sure, the industrial crowd doubtless will see to it that they're taken care of. As prices rise the workingmen's unions will insist on correspondingly advanced wares and they'll get 'em. They're start ing to attend to it arready.

Boosts in the white collar elemen.s, incomes will lag. They al-

Ditto the incomes of folk depend ent on invested money's returns. The farmers' outlook is probabimade. They have so large a sur-

plus on hand already that presumably it will be a long while before it's exhausted. At best, it looks like a boom ahead. A boom is what Leon Headerson is afraid of. He's observed one or two and doesn't like what

follows them.

A soft mushroom can force its way through asphalt street paring