

# Idle Comment

By FRANK STONE

Life is a struggle after all. One is brought into this world, with his family until he reaches manhood, and after a few years of living, learning, and earning, passes on. Some are remembered for deeds they have done, others are remembered for the person themselves. In the age of childhood, and young manhood, one makes the friends that will go with him through life. Attaining manhood, he makes other friends that will go on through the years, with those other friends, made in the earlier years of life.

Sometimes one reminisces of the fellows he used to know. Where are they now? This one has gone on to his reward. That one, far away. T. J. who used to play second base on the ball team, in business in another state. So in this mood, one counts on into time, and wonders what the future holds.

There are pleasant memories. There are sad memories. There are memories that bring a smile to one's face, as a boyhood scene passes through the mind, of a humorous incident. For instance, the time when you struck out at bat with the bases loaded, but tipped the catcher's mitt with the bat, causing him to lose the ball. When the umpire ruled against you, you and your teammates, did some fast-talking (and used a little intimidating) to have him see the error of his ways, and rule in your favor.

Then on a hot weekend you receive word of the death of a long-time friend, a friend made in adult manhood. You have memories then that are both happy and sad.

Word came last Saturday that Talmage Newton had died that

morning. It was not surprising news, but since he was on the mend, so to speak, we had looked forward to seeing him again this July.

Newt, as we called him, was a friend indeed. When he was promoted into the home office of the Woodmen of the World, we rejoiced with him. When he was named to the Board of Directors, we again shared his happiness, for we were the first to be apprised of his elevation to the board.

Then word came on that Thanksgiving Day in 1950 that Newt had had a stroke. Our heart was saddened. Newt would not be around again as he was in the old times. But he was a man of strong will and mind. He overcame the illness to the extent he was on the job again. But this enthusiasm and strong-mindedness of Newt's shortened his days. This we are convinced.

Talmage Newton came to North Carolina in the middle of December 1933. He was a Texan, every inch of his six-two frame. He loved his native state, but ere long he was as much a North Carolinian as some of the native born were.

Newt loved Kinston. Although his job as State Manager of the Woodmen of the World called him to every corner of the State, Newt was always a Kinstonian first.

He came here on a promotion from the Assistant State Manager's post in Texas to the leadership of North Carolina Woodcraft. Under his guidance the State made such gains in membership that it was not long before North Carolina was on top of the heap.

For ten years, he served this State as the Woodmen head. In that time he served as Head Consul of North Carolina. Three times he was elected to the presidency of the North Carolina State Fraternal Congress. Then came his elevation to the post of Assistant Field Manager of the Society. This meant his leaving Kinston and going to Omaha, Nebraska, headquarters of the order.

Soon after his arrival in Omaha, he was made a member of

the Board. This appointment was a climax to Newt's capabilities, a reward for his long years of service, but most of all his general knowledge of the operation of the order and his keen knowledge of the insurance field. It was indeed a befitting recognition for one so capable.

Then three years ago the fateful illness struck. Through it all he never whimpered. He never begged for sympathy. He stood on his own. He stood on his own to the last.

If we have been a little personal in this notation today, we ask forgiveness. A loss of a friend sometimes brings to realization that man is born of woman, fills his niche in the scheme of life's span, and passes on, to be either forgotten or remembered by the things he did or did not do.

Probably John Greenleaf Whittier phrase fit when he said: "Of all the words of tongue or pen, The saddest of all are, It might have been."

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All banks, not only in North Carolina, but all over the nation will be closed all day Saturday in observance of Memorial Day. Local banking officials urge everyone to keep this in mind and if they are in need of banking services to remember to attend to them on Friday. Kinston banks remain open until 5 each Friday afternoon.

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husband's objectivity.

The reversal of the building inspector in the hospital decision marked the first time that such a step had been taken. Heretofore the Zoning Board has insisted that the letter as well as the spirit of the law be complied with. In the hospital case the longwinded resolution Dudley was handed to read asserted that the "spirit of the law" was followed.

Many citizen who watch such matters went in another direction in commenting upon the board's Friday night action and declared that the decision "to all good purposes and intents kills off the zoning ordinance." City Attorney George Greene said in comment upon this aspect of the situation that this did not mean that private citizens could ignore the zoning laws as completely as the architect for the hospital had. Green asserted that those who deliberately set about to violate the ordinance because the hospital group was given the right to violate the law will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

One prominent citizen said Saturday that he would be happy to sign an appeal from the board's decision along with several other representative citizens but he did not want to stick his neck out alone on such a volatile proposition.

Some of those who favor remodeling the hospital still look with some question upon the failure of the hospital architect

to study and to comply with the zoning laws of Kinston and also wonder if the precedence set by the board in its Friday night decision might not have knocked the zoning plan of the entire community into a cocked hat.

With three more weeks left for people to consider and decide the question of whether to appeal or not to appeal it is easy to see that the head that wears the hospital crown is still not "resting easy."

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raise its head among the victors as a respectable party I just don't think that an intellectual housewife with lots of money, Cadillacs and the world's largest press organization sits very well.

In America the woman is the boss, but in no other country in the world does mama occupy such a formidable position. We have made the psychological mistake of slurring a proud people by sending them a female in such a high and important position.

I could sit here at this typewriter for a half day and keep on finding fault with Mrs. Luce—as an ambassador. But boiled down to its essence, I guess the biggest objection I have to her is the fact that she is a Republican. Which is not a good reason but to me it is a sufficient reason.

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