

**RAMBLING SKETCHES OF OAK GROVE NEWS**  
By Mrs. William Wright

Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching service immediately after by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Fogleman of Kings Mountain.

Mr. John B. Ware of Washington, D. C., spent several days the past week with his brothers Messrs James S. and Frank C. Ware and their families.

Mrs. Alex McMillan of Bessemer City spent Wednesday at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Bell who has been quite ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lovelace and children were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Ledford and family.

Mrs. W. F. Stone, Jr., of Maxton spent several days the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware. Mr. Stone joined her here during the week end. They returned home Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Stone's mother, Mrs. Frank Ware

and children, Annette and Michael Ware.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Wright and son, Stokes, were Sunday guests in the home of their former pastor, Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Kanipe of Charlotte and attended service at Rev. Kanipe's church, Independence Hill, where another former pastor, Dr. C. J. Black was licensed and ordained into the ministry.

**John R. Bridges Serving In Japan**

With The Eighth Army in Hakodate, Japan (Delayed—Sergeant John R. Bridges, 20 years old, of Kings Mountain, N. C., is an infantryman in the 11th Arborne Division. His unit, the 1st Battalion, 187th Glider Infantry Regiment, is stationed in Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan, and his occupational duty is message center chief for his battalion.

If sugar is lacking, try drying some of the fruit on hand. Peaches can be dried in the oven or out in the sun successfully, and delicious pies can be made from the dried fruit.



**Public Good**  
Freedom of the press has been talked about more in the last few months than in the previous few years. Comment began when the Supreme Court ruled in favor of an editor who had been haled into court by a notable who felt (perhaps justifiably) injured by something the editor had published. Not everybody thought the case would turn out as it did. Many were surprised.

case here, even if there were room for it, but I am glad the Supreme Court surprised a lot of good people and set them studying and talking about this purely American liberty, freedom of the press. Let me say this: You don't publish stories in the old country that hurt the feelings of potentates and get away with it.

**America Is Different**  
In this country, it is assumed that a man is not fit for public office unless he can take all the razzing and criticism that goes with it and still hold his temper and do a good job. Think how long a crooked official might stay in office if he could protect himself from criticism all the time, and yet encourage newspapers to magnify the faults of other men who ran for his office.

Editors better not get careless and publish uncomplimentary statements about their neighbors, or about things their neighbors have to sell; courts make them pay for the damage, if any. Editors dare not get mean and print malicious lies about people because courts send writers to jail for that. Publishers can't do whatever they please. That's apart from freedom of the press.

**For the Public Good**  
It is recognized by law in the United States that the people are entitled to know what goes on. Public information is for the public good. In line with this very principle, the Post Office Department will move 60 times more news tonnage for the money than letters which are private, not public. Our government considers spreading news an important public service.

If a publisher makes known things that are true and in the people's interest, it is for the public good and he has the protection of law. When the keen lash of publicity strikes the corrupt deeds of public payrollers, let the hit dog yelp. The press is a vocation of "checks and balances." Publishers have power they don't have to use, but if they use it they must use it for the public good.

**A Parallel Case**  
Some day, I believe, these same checks and balances will control the enormous powers of labor unions which have done more to improve the living standards of the American people than any other organized movement. They have enhanced American freedom. The right of collective bargaining is as sacred as the right to vote, but some labor leaders have been known to abuse their power.

In a republic, power is abused when it is used destructively, in a manner that injures, rather than benefits, the public. The famous Case Bill is dead with all its miscellaneous regulations for labor unions. Many conservative thinkers will concede that it will be better if the unions regulate themselves for the public good, rather than having it done by law. Industrial peace must be achieved. Reform is inevitable. The workers can do it better than some bureau.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
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