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## No Comment On 'Snub'

President Truman refused to comment at his press conference during the week on charges that he intentionally snubbed Gov. J. Strom Thurmond at the state in the recent inauguration parade.

Suffice to say it was an act of smallness and discourtesy, and a distinct rudeness for a man holding the highest office in the gift of the American people.

## A Timely Question

Advocates of "fair employment practices" have had a great deal to say about discrimination in employment because of race, color and creed.

In lieu of the agitation by President Truman and others, this timely question is asked, "How about the growing discrimination against people who are denied their constitutionally guaranteed right to work because they don't belong to a union?"

There is no longer such a thing as consistency.

## A Commendable Program

Members of the Clinton Garden club are to be commended on their recent program for beautification of our city. The project in which the city officials and street department are cooperating is deserving of the attention of all citizens.

Already certain committees have sponsored a clean-up of cemeteries and other areas where attention was needed to improve the view. The Garden club has promoted the sale of white dogwood and was instrumental in securing the trees at a nominal fee. 1656 trees have been sold and will be planted beginning Monday to help beautify Clinton.

These steps are the first in the overall program to make the city more attractive for residents and visitors, and each individual should willingly contribute some thought, time, and effort for the promotion of the worthwhile program. Let our slogan be—Beautify Clinton!

## Boy Scout Week

Did you know that citizenship-training can be an adventure?

Take time out during Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, which marks the 39th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, to observe in action the theme, "Adventure—that's Scouting!" and see its far-reaching effects. Community service projects, emergency training, safety education, and conservation practices—all of these challenging activities are undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America.

Institutions which sponsor Boy Scouts have found many advantages in giving their boys Scouting opportunities. It enables them to add a program of youth-centered character and citizenship activities, under the general auspices and atmosphere of the institution. This tends to strengthen the loyalties of youth toward the institution, because Scouting has been willing to lose itself in the institution, and thus become part of the institution. All this brings benefits for the whole community, and stimulating satisfaction for our boys.

"Adventure—that's Scouting" is a phrase—with meaning—for all of us!

## So Easy To Forget

In his inauguration address President Truman said "the American people stand firm in the faith which has inspired this nation from the beginning."

These faiths are many and sacred, but most of them are now gone as more and more we have entered into a socialized state with government both as the player and umpire.

Let's take individual liberty as an example, and what do we see? Through the strength and bossism of labor unions, men must present cards to secure jobs and then pay dues to hold their jobs. Is that liberty for which our forebears stood? Farmers are told what to plant. Labor bosses, highly paid and living in luxury at employees' expense, tell men and women when to work and when to strike and picket. Employers are told how much they must pay their employees, and business men have been turned into government tax collectors. On down the line in our daily lives we have been made into a regimented people with a socialized state from Washington right on down to the individualized states. And what about taxation without representation? Where has that liberty gone? The President was completely off

base with that declaration as every person with average intelligence well knows.

## Still A Closed Shop

A member of the general assembly was elected to a judgeship last week. Other vacancies in the judiciary because of retirement are expected to be filled by members of that body, a hotly-contested contest now being on between several aspirants of the house and senate for a vacancy in the Spartanburg circuit. Outsiders don't dare to offer for these "plums," they know they are defeated before they start.

The practice of electing its own members to judgeships, commissions and other offices has become the order of the day in this state. It is the usual procedure, and the candidate without senate or house membership, regardless of his qualifications, training, ability and character, doesn't have a Chinaman's chance. Outsiders know they can't win against strong pressure, lobbying and commitments and trading on the inside.

The only remedy to correct this ugly and selfish practice is the passage of an anti-office trapping bill which is not likely to occur. It might pass the house but when it gets to the senate it will be pigeonholed and put to sleep. Truly, the legislature is a "closed shop," and in fairness to all citizens it cannot be claimed that it has a monopoly on "brains and ability."

## Let's Respond Liberally

The people of Joanna have responded to the March of Dimes appeal by contributing \$1,173.67, which Chairman W. K. Waites states is more than twice as much as was raised last year. This is a fine example for the rest of the county, and shows a fine spirit of interest and liberality on the part of that community.

The campaign in Clinton will continue several days, Chairman J. C. Thomas stated yesterday, with the response thus far quite gratifying. Last year approximately \$1200 was raised in the city and it is hoped that this amount will be exceeded when the canvass is closed.

Giving to a nation-wide fund to continue the fight upon dread polio, or infantile paralysis, has a strong human appeal, especially to fathers and mothers of young children. Dimes will help care for victims of the disease, will help buy expensive equipment, provide nurses and aides in case of an epidemic as we witnessed last summer, and help promote research in laboratories and medical centers.

We should feel a pride in having a part in this battle against the Great Crippler, and do our part gladly and generously.

## Neglecting Our Youth

On all sides, and from nationwide surveys being made, we are told that juvenile delinquency is on the increase, especially among boys between the ages of 10 and 17. And the tragedy is that a large majority of these law offenders come from good families.

The most common denominator in youth delinquency is found in paternal neglect. Broken homes, alcoholism, gambling, divorces and other factors enter into most of the cases, but the chief fault appears to lie with parents who turn their children loose on the streets without guidance and the exercise of paternal authority.

The assault on family life from every side today is prodigious. The people have become indifferent to what is going on to tear down and destroy good citizenship. Look at the liquor business as an example which we have tied up with our youth in order to produce revenue for their public school education.

The answer to the appalling number of boys and girls in trouble lies, in arousing parents to the need for providing their children with interests and ideals more real, more satisfying, and more companionable than those hawked by the unscrupulous vendors of sensation. The responsibility first is on the shoulders of parents, and this responsibility cannot be shifted to the church, school or government, and that is what we are attempting to do.

## CHORAL CLUB TO PRACTICE

A practice of the Choral club will be held Monday evening, February 7, at 8 o'clock at Clinton high school.

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## SIX-INCH SERMON

By Rev. Robert H. Harper

### JESUS' EARLY TEACHING AND HEALING

Lesson for February 6: Mark 1: 14-15, 32-39; Luke 4:16-21.

Memory Selection: Matthew 4:23. Galilee was the scene of our Lord's first preaching and healing. The first two verses of the lesson text give us a pattern of his ministry throughout Galilee.

Jesus at once became, the Great Physician—healing the bodies of men that he might reach their souls. His miracles were usually those of healing. They also demonstrated his divine power and won adherents. Many people were so deranged by sin and disease that they were said to be possessed with demons. One of the great works of Jesus was casting the demons out of afflicted ones. Capernaum was the place of many healings. On the notable day "when ministry of healing.

the sun did set" all the diseased and those possessed with devils were brought unto Jesus. "And all the city was gathered at the door." Afterward he went into the synagogues throughout Galilee with his gracious

In his native Nazareth he declared himself fully. In the synagogue, given the book of Isaiah, he read a prophecy and claimed it had been fulfilled in Himself. The spirit of the Lord was upon Him first to preach the gospel, for in the order of time and importance, preaching the good news comes first. There is a wide need of great preaching today. Let the blessed gospel sound from our pulpits. And let every Christian be aware that men are reading the

gospel according to Him. Does the gospel which men read in you square with that which Jesus preached? It does, if it is saving you.

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