

Re-elect Prince Preston

(The Savannah Morning News)

IN 1829 Henry Clay in a public address declared that "Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people." With those words he gave expression to the underlying principle of our American democracy—a principle which Grover Cleveland, at a later date, emphasized when he declared that "though the people support the government the government should not support the people."

These ideals voiced by two eminent Americans remind us that the essence of statesmanship is the trust which is given to a public servant and fulfilled by him.

We offer these thoughts in connection with the announcement the other day by Rep. Prince Preston of Georgia's First Congressional District that he will be a candidate for re-election this year. In our opinion, Mr. Preston in his past career has fulfilled the confidence and the trust that the voters of the district have placed in him, and The Morning News sincerely hopes he will be returned to Congress.

During his tenure in the Eightieth and Eighty-first Congresses the First District representative has proved himself to be a public servant of sound judgment and one who has been unwilling to surrender his governmental principles to expediency. This newspaper has been especially impressed by his attitude on questions in which the Truman administration has been interested. Invariably, he has upheld the traditions and the thinking of the intelligent people of the South and of the district he represents.

The citizens of this community have a particular reason for being impressed by Rep. Preston's work in the two Congresses to which he has been elected. He has been an unfailing co-operative and alert in connection with causes of special interest to Savannah. This has been true of his deep interest in our fortunes connected with the local port. It has been true of his efforts in connection with the establishment here of the Chatham Air Force Base and later in connection with the

transfer of the Air Force from Chatham Field to Hunter Field. He has performed countless acts of courtesy and helpfulness for individual citizens in this community and in his district. No Georgia congressional office in Washington has been more ready to respond to the legitimate appeals of his constituents than has the office of Prince Preston.

The First District representative is an excellent public speaker and it is characteristic of him that he is forthright in expressing his opinion on public questions clearly and without fear. There may have been times when some of our citizens have not always seen eye-to-eye with our congressman in regard to issues that have arisen in Washington. But of one thing they could be sure: Prince Preston has worked and voted in the National Capitol in accordance with his principles and in accordance with his conscience.

He is a veteran of the Second World War, having entered the Army as a private and come out a captain. He took part in the invasion of France and Germany, and when the conflict ended he was connected with a combat outfit in Munich, Germany. He knows thoroughly the difficult problems involved in the establishment and maintenance of our armed forces.

Rep. Preston is a public servant who believes in economy in government, and he has disclosed this fact by his public addresses and by his votes in Congress. He believes in a reasonable and just tax system. He is opposed to unnecessary Federal bureaus and agencies. He advocates a reasonable national defense program, and by his public utterances is on record as favoring any sensible move by the American government in the direction of world peace.

The Morning News wholeheartedly recommends Prince Preston for re-election in the sincere belief that he has served his district with wisdom and distinction, with a consistent regard for the best interests of the people of his district, of his state and of his nation. Our voters cannot go wrong by continuing to place their full confidence in his integrity and his ability.

Well Done!

A DIRTY TASK WELL DONE!

We believe we are speaking for the citizens of this community and section when we say, "A dirty task, well done."

We say it to the city volunteer fire department, to our neighbor's fire departments who answered our calls, the city street department, the city police, the city's insurance agents, the Georgia Power Company, the Statesboro Telephone Company, and to all who offered their services following the explosion which wrecked nearly a city block last Saturday morning.

There has been only praise for the magnificent manner in which the city's major catastrophe was handled by all those who brought them close to it.

It was just a matter of hours before the street was cleared, another few hours and the sidewalks were clear. Telephone service, temporarily knocked out, back in, power lines cleared, traffic controlled, and by the next morning many of the plate glass store fronts had been replaced.

It's a hardy community which takes such a stroke in stride.

Do You Want the Pilots?

DO THE PEOPLE of Statesboro want a baseball team this summer?

The question will be decided tomorrow night when the directors of the Statesboro Pilots meet in the Bulloch county court house.

And the answer can, in part, be determined by our baseball-minded citizens. The hint was dropped by Pilot President C. B. McAllister when he announced the meeting. He stated that if enough interest is manifested at the meeting tomorrow night by the people of this community they would get a ball club.

Baseball is an American institution. It is a community institution. Citizens take ball players into their hearts—that is, except in the ninth inning when the home team is on the short end and it looks like

they are not pepping it up out on the infield.

Community youth desert Roy Rogers and Hopalong Cassidy during the summer months for "Stinky" and "Pickles" and the others.

The head of the house gets a chance to blow his top, with no more serious consequences than an "Ah, shaddup!" from the fan above him.

Yes, a summer without the Pilots would be a dull one indeed.

So, if you want baseball this summer—the Pilots—be at the courthouse tomorrow night at 6:30 and let the pilot directors know that.

And, if you don't go and we don't get baseball, let's not hear your voice being raised in protest to your empty summer evenings.

Could've Been Your Place

DON'T EVER SAY it couldn't have happened to you.

But you can take steps that will go a long way in preventing it from happening to you.

The big explosion last week focuses attention on the condition of our own front doors.

And it's a good time to have a checking up.

Have a conference with your fire chief. Have him inspect your place of business for all fire hazards—and make arrangements to correct them immediately.

For it could just as easily have been your place, or your place.

But we are now warned, and to be warned is to be armed.

Do it today.

Verse for This Week

Gentle Spring! — in sunshine clad,
Well dost thou thy power display!
For Winter maketh the light heart sad,

And thou, — thou makest the sad heart gay.
—Charles D'Orleans.

Life's Greatest Gamble



Editor's Uneasy Chair

THE BIG EXPLOSION caught us by surprise, and what the doctor diagnosed as "a fine case of the flu," which, to us, is the number one understatement of 1950. Had we been the doctor and had he been us, we would have said, "The nastiest case of the flu we've seen in many a year!"

We did not feel the explosion. We did not see the explosion. And it was not until after the explosion that we were with an explosion spurring every second on the second, in every joint in our body, and we're supposed to rouse up and shout, "Hooryay!" over the report of an explosion.

And it was not until Sunday that we rode into town and saw the devastation which had been wrought in the middle of our fair city.

We must have been pretty sick. For there was the biggest news event in the thirteen years we've been in the newspaper game and

we hadn't even felt the tug of the compelling urgency that pulls at a newspaperman when big things happen.

It was with a feeling of relief that we remembered that Worth McDougald had come home for the spring holidays and so it is that you will read his account of the "Big Explosion" in this week's Herald.

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ALL'S FAIR

WORTH McDOUGALD, ace reporter, steps into big story here during the week end. Can it be that unusual event, the steps of a reporter as crime follows a detective on holiday in mystery novels?

Anyway, too much cannot be written about the boys from the fire department who fought so valiantly to rescue Emmitt Anderson and Kenneth Womack, trapped in the blazing inferno. There was no hysteria, no disorder, no confusion. Everybody moved to check the licking, greedy flames, and to save human life. We must not forget the other agencies of the city police force, the street men who cleared streets literally paved with glass. In a matter of hours, insurance adjusters, plate glass representatives, were at the spot and work of reconstruction had begun.

Traffic could pass along U.S. 301 with only a yawning gap and plumes of discouraged smoke to remind passersby that death had threatened and fire had desolated a city block—all between breakfast and noon. Kenneth Womack and Kenneth Anderson and Kenneth Womack have experienced something akin to those who have been through bombings during the war with one difference: they were not apprehensive and fearful in advance. To an imaginative and sensitive person this tension leads them to suffer a thousand deaths if it comes. All reactions in time of stress tend to reflect the occupation or character of the person.

Dr. Floyd, calling on a patient about two miles from the scene, witnessed the wreckage and flames pierce the sky like a mammoth rocket in space. To him the terrifying spectacle was a call to duty and he sped toward the hospital. There was a job to be done. Billy Simmons, a little further on the other side of town, was already at work unearthing stumps that had repeatedly broken bottom plows. Hearing the blast, he rushed to his laboratory. "That's what we need, some dynamite," Solly Hunnicutt was milked his cow. He finished his job, not sending any emergency. And, having known Solly a long time, we expected him to do just that—Solly came to town to see what he

so it is that we are using the editorial that the Morning News used on Prince. Oftentimes we and "Ole Betty" don't see eye to eye on some things, but here is one thing we'll go along and even toss up our hat with our neighbor, The Morning News.

YOU CAN'T EVER TELL DEPARTMENT—There's no plausible explanation for teenagers' about-face-interest in the singing of hillbilly Eddie Arnold for the syrup-singer Vaughn Monroe.

WE CAN'T get any work done here for watching a man trying to throw a length of rope over a piece of pipe extending from the wall on Bill Bowen's new furniture place across the street from our office. He made four attempts and then gave up. The rope was too long. The pipe was too short.

Most of the Atlanta club members lived out in town, but several of them stayed at the "Y," and it was fun to listen to them rehearse those meetings. The impromptu was more than trouble to the prepared ones. They'd laugh about the way Bill rocked back and forth on his feet and wonder why Hugh kept pulling his ear while he was talking, or say, "I'm sure glad those chairs are substantial. I couldn't stand up there without something to lean on occasionally."

Ease in speaking comes with practice and Toastmasters gives you an opportunity to do just that. The groups are congenial and, since each individual is striving for the same goal, members lose that self-conscious feeling which ties tongues and causes the sturdiest knees to shake.

Evaluators serve at Toastmaster meetings. They are charged with the responsibility of evaluating a speaker and give constructive and destructive criticism, mentioning everything from posture to enunciation. As the members' speaking improves, they become more conscious of the small things which detract from a speaker. They strive for perfection.

The men who take part in this club will benefit. Statesboro will benefit. And, if you ladies envy the men this opportunity to become better public speakers, let them know. They can get details on a Toastmasters club which operates on the same principle for the ladies!

To be a U.S. Army Field Forces soldier requires teamwork, leadership, self-reliance, and ingenuity, coupled with superb technical training.

FOR "THE SOMETHING" that's buried in her wedding, Virginia Durden tucked one of baby Lee Bowman's tiny blue socks in the bodice of her wedding gown.

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET! Statesboro's Genevieve Guardia is listed for honorable mention in awards given by the Presbyterian Church. Genevieve is first honor graduate at Statesboro High. . . . Alfred Merle Saue, president of the Junior Woman's Club—hostess this week to First District Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, was elected treasurer in this district. . . .

AT THE P.T.A. district meeting held in Claxton, Miss Maude White was made assistant director of the Parent-Teacher group. . . . Up at Shorter, Mary Jeanette Ayres, PET Statesboro's Genevieve Guardia is listed for honorable mention in awards given by the Presbyterian Church. Genevieve is first honor graduate at Statesboro High. . . . Alfred Merle Saue, president of the Junior Woman's Club—hostess this week to First District Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, was elected treasurer in this district. . . .

Dottie Hargrove's .DOTS.

HOORAY FOR TOASTMASTERS

Can you stand up before a crowd of your friends and make an announcement without stammering? Or do it scare you to death? Do your palms get clammy? Do your knees shake and does your voice sound like an old gramophone recording?

Most folks are ill at ease when talking in front of people unless they've been doing it long enough to be confident and have enough practice to get their thoughts lined up in a hurry.

This business of speaking before groups is no easy thing. Ease comes with confidence and practice, and unless you have had training or practice it's a terrible thing to get up in Sunday School and announce the date of a spaghetti supper. It's a vicious cycle. You need practice to speak effectively and unless you can speak effectively you will not make an effort to practice, so you sit at meetings, silent and stiff, not even daring to second a motion which would adjourn a boring evening.

The article in a recent Herald announcing that there is to be a Toastmasters Club in Statesboro took me back to 1943 when the first Toastmasters Club in Atlanta was started at the Y.M.C.A. on Luckie Street where I worked.

I recalled the enthusiasm of "Y" membership Secretary Jerry Larson, who pushed its organization, the numerous Toastmaster bulletins I mimeographed for their weekly meetings and the delicious about-face-interest in the singing of hillbilly Eddie Arnold for the syrup-singer Vaughn Monroe.

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By Jane

Brooklet News

Mrs. Lenwood McElveen Entertains W.S.C.S. of Brooklet Methodist Church

By Mrs. John A. Robertson

Last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Lenwood McElveen entertained the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, with Mrs. George Chance as co-hostess.

Mrs. W. B. Parrish conducted an interesting lesson, using as her topic "The Responsibility of Mothers." Mrs. J. H. Griffith and Mrs. W. D. Lee are in charge of donations for the "orphan boy" at the Methodist Orphan Home in Macon. Twice each year members of the society send a substantial donation to this boy whom the society "adopted" several years ago.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. McElveen and Mrs. Chance served refreshments.

Mrs. J. B. Joiner, president of the Brooklet P.T.A., spent Saturday in Claxton attending a meeting of the district P.T.A. convention.

Mrs. T. R. Bryan spent last week in Ormond Beach, Fla., with her daughter, Miss Jill Bryan, who is in college there.

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Hatcher, Miss Martha Lee Hatcher, and Walter Hatcher Jr., of Beaufort, S. C., visited relatives here last week end.

Mrs. J. N. Shearouse spent several days last week in Savannah

with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shearouse. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rozier and children, Frank and Julie, visited relatives at Waycross last week end.

Miss Jean Garrick spent last week end in Atlanta with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Garrick Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robertson, of Beaufort, S. C., spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rushing Sr.

Miss Barbara Griffith, and Ronnie Griffith visited relatives in Colbert during the spring holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams announce the birth of a son at Brown's Clinic in Guyton March 14, who has been named Richard Lee Jr., C. W. Zetterower, and John Thackston entered the corn contest.

Miss Betty Upchurch spent the spring holidays in Greenville with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchell.

Miss Maude White, Bulloch county visiting teacher, was at the school here Thursday and Friday and gave the "hearing test" to the students.

Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau Receives Credit For Holding Up Prices of Farm Products

Prices of farm products would have dropped following the last war, just as they did in 1920, had it not been for the efforts of the Farm Bureau. E. O. Harden, Farm Bureau field man from Athens, told the Ogeechee group at their regular meeting on Tuesday night.

Mr. Harden pointed out that the present price support program is not perfect, by any means, but that they were adequate to avoid such declines as were experienced in 1920 when cotton went from 47 cents to 7 cents in about 20 days. The present legislative program of the Georgia and National Farm Bureaus was outlined and the need for a continued effort to improve existing programs was discussed by Mr. Harden to the some 160 present.

James Purcell, agricultural agent for the Central of Georgia Railway, urged local farmers to get their livestock programs on a sound basis and told numerous instances where livestock farmers from other sections had come here to buy land on which to raise livestock. Mr. Purcell pointed out the trend toward cotton moving westward and cattle moving eastward. There is no moving yard.

Mr. D. Shaw, I. V. Simmons, B. C. Lee Jr., C. W. Zetterower, and John Thackston entered the corn contest.

A. S. DODD IS SPEAKER AT REGISTER F.B. MEET

A. S. Dodd, member of the state legislature from Bulloch county, discussed the recent session in Atlanta with the Register Farm Bureau group last Thursday night.

Mr. Dodd stated that some of the legislation asked for by the Farm Bureau would have passed had the organization been more active on certain committees. He predicted that a reorganization of the present tax program for Georgia would be made prior to September and said that he thought a sales tax would be necessary. The group present endorsed the move.

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THE BAND STAND

STATESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

By Ann Evans

It was a great day for the Irish!

There was "green" everywhere. The people in the parade all wore something green, many wore the "shamrock," and many carried walking canes.

And there were more than 50,000 people there to see it all.

It was St. Patrick's Day in Savannah and the Statesboro High School Band was right there all day long in Blue and White.

We left here in a chartered Greyhound bus early last Friday morning. Everybody was feeling fine, singing and talking.

We borrowed two members of the T. C. band to fill out for two members of the Blue Devil Band who could not go.

We played with all the other bands in a mass formation before we stepped off in the parade. Other schools included Waycross, Savannah High, several military bands, and bands from South Carolina.

The parade route was over three miles long.

Before we had lunch at the Hotel Savannah, the various band groups sang their high school songs and then later everyone joined in singing Irish songs.

During the afternoon we were on our own. Some of us went shopping . . . some just looked around.

And at 5:30, "bus-time," everyone was tired, but happy . . . and ready to come home.

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Miss Louise Wilson Weds Gene Coleman In Double Ring Ceremony March 15

Of cordial interest is the marriage of Miss Louise Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wilson, to Lamar Gene Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coleman, of Garfield. The impressive home ceremony took place at noon Wednesday, March 15, with the Rev. John Lough performing the double ring ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and close friends.

Bridal decorations of white carnations, white gladioli, and snapdragons interspersed with lighted candles were used against a background of palms.

Miss Nell Lee, aunt of the bride, rendered traditional nuptial music. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was becomingly attired in a navy suit with sheer white blouse worn with matching accessories. Her bouquet was of white orchids.

Miss Dorothy Wilson, her sister's maid of honor, wore an aqua suit with a corsage of yellow Dutch iris. Rufus Wilson, brother of the bride, was best man.

The bride's mother wore a navy sheers and her corsage was of red roses. The groom's mother wore purple Dutch iris with her green suit.

A wedding breakfast was served immediately after the ceremony with Mrs. Garland Fields, of Swainsboro, Mrs. Neil Mitchell, of Millen, Mrs. Jack Tillman, and Miss Gwen Wilson serving.

Mrs. Coleman is a graduate of the Statesboro High School and attended Georgia Teachers College. Mr. Coleman is a graduate of the University of Georgia and served in the U.S. Navy.

After a wedding trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman will be at home in Swainsboro.

Music Club Meets With Mrs. Dodd

The Statesboro Music Club met at the home of Mrs. Sidney Dodd on Tuesday, March 21, at 8 o'clock. The club enjoyed an evening with Handel, Haydn, and Mozart. Miss Nona Hodges was in charge of the program.

Jr. Woman's Club Sponsor Dist. Meet

The Junior Woman's Club of Statesboro sponsored the spring convocation of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs of the First District as the organization met here Tuesday, March 14. The luncheon meeting took place at the Forest Heights Country Club with 80 club women in attendance.

The new officers named at this meeting include: Mrs. T. Q. Vann, of Vidalia, president; Mrs. R. L. Lovett, Savannah, vice president; Mrs. Earl Hill, Savannah, recording secretary; and Mrs. Paul Saue, Statesboro, treasurer. Mrs. Vann has named Mrs. Leigh Humphrey of Vidalia as corresponding secretary.

Representatives from federated clubs at Savannah, Millen, Sylva, Clayton, Vidalia and Statesboro made reports at this meeting.

The Statesboro Junior Woman's Club is the only junior club in the district and Mrs. Paul Saue is the first junior club member who has been elected as an officer in the General Federation of Women's Clubs in the First District.

After lunch visitors were conducted on a tour of Georgia Teachers College, the Bulloch County Library, and the Recreation Center.

Deborah Hagins Is Baby Show Winner

The annual baby show sponsored by the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held Thursday afternoon, March 16, at the elementary school auditorium.

The stage was attractively decorated in an Easter motif. The floor was grass covered, and large Easter rabbits were at each end of the stage. In the foreground, marking the center, was a man-moth basket of Easter eggs and bunnies. Around the footlights cutouts of Easter eggs were used and the drop curtain at the rear held the Greek letters in gold for Beta Sigma Phi, surrounded by a profusion of Easter eggs.

Children furniture and toys were used on the stage.

Winners in the six month to one year group were David Tillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tillman Jr. first place; Cathy Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morris, placed second. In the one to two year division Deborah Hagins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Hargraves Fetes Novelty Club

On Thursday afternoon at her lovely home on Oliff street, Mrs. J. A. Hargraves was hostess to the Novelty Club. Spring flowers were attractively arranged in the living and dining rooms. The hostess served strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and coffee. In a cake walk Mrs. George Lee won a prize. Mrs. Ellis Belach won an ash tray. Mrs. Claxton is a new member. Others present were Mrs. Arthur Howard, Mrs. H. M. Teis, Mrs. Hugh Turner, Mrs. Frank Upchurch, and Mrs. O. M. Lanier.

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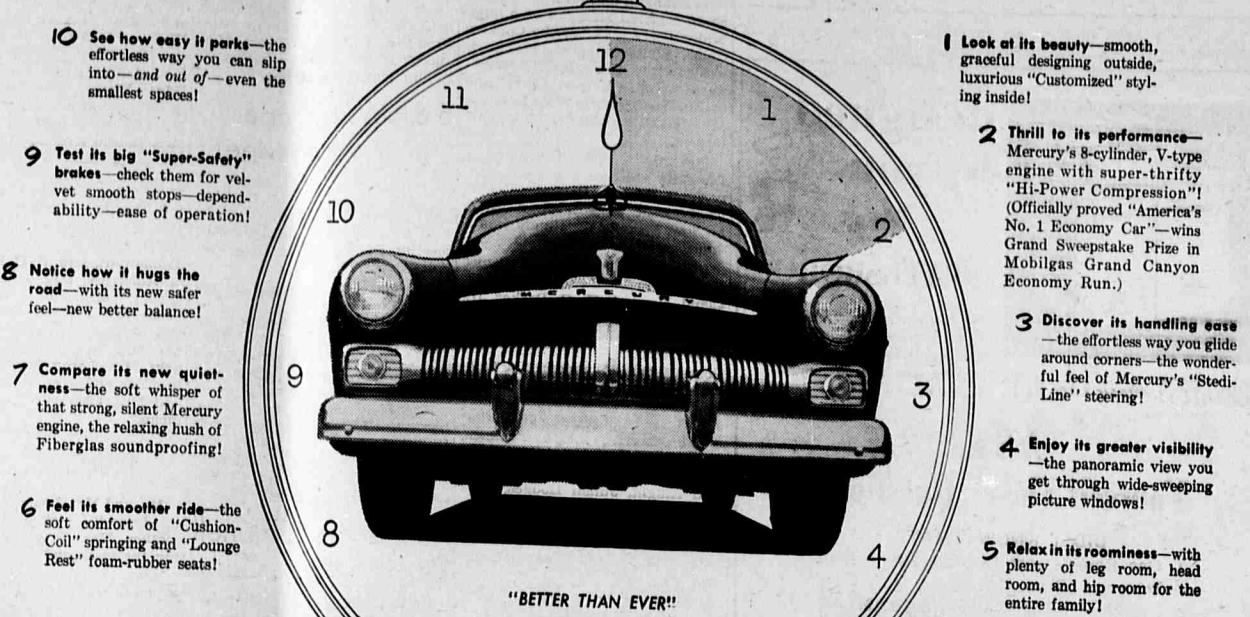
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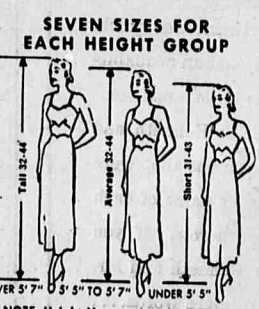
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