

# God uses our national laws

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(Acts 25: 1-12)

God uses the National Laws to protect Paul, God's Apostle, from the Jews who wanted to kill him.

Over two thousand years ago, after 400 years of silence from God to His chosen Jewish people, God seeks to awaken the hearts and minds of the people, whom God had chosen, by crying His message of Love, through Jesus and His Apostles.



The Hebrew people of God refused to hear John the Baptist. They refused to hear Jesus, God's only begotten Son. Jesus then sent out the twelve Apostles with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, to the Jews first, and then to the Samaritans, and then to the Gentile people.

After this, Jesus met Paul on the Damascus Road and called Paul to be an Apostle to the Gentile people. God had chosen Paul in the Name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to carry the Gospel message of Jesus to the hearts of the Gentile people.

In the book of Acts, we see Jewish leaders and their cohorts trying to kill the Apostle Paul, Jesus' chosen Apostle to the world, outside of God's first chosen people, the Jews.

We can be accused, but we cannot be found guilty, when we are spreading the truth of salvation from sin in the Name of Jesus Christ to the whole world.

Paul goes before Felix and Festus, Roman government officials, who find him not guilty, just like Jesus was found not guilty by the Jewish officials, before Jesus went to the Cross and died for all humanity.

Festus faces the Jewish leaders after hearing Paul give his defense in verse 8, and Paul answered

for himself, "Neither against the Jews, neither the Temple, nor yet against Caesar have I offended anything at all." Festus tries to please the Jewish leaders by asking Paul if he would go with him up to Jerusalem and there be judged." (verse 9)

But God led Paul to take his final step for protection by claiming his Roman citizenship for protection from all the false accusations by his physical human world he lived in as a human being.

Paul says in verse 11 of chapter 25, "For if I be an offender or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die, but if there be none of these things, whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them, I appeal to Caesar."

Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "Hast thou appealed to Caesar? Unto Caesar shalt thou go." (verse 11)

We today, as Christian believers in Jesus Christ, have the same protection that Paul had in his day and time in Rome. We have the freedom to worship Jesus Christ as our Saviour from our sins against God and mankind.

We all must obey the laws of the land of our nation, the United States of America, when the laws do not keep us from worshipping Jesus Christ as our Saviour from our sins against God, mankind, our nation, and our world.

We all have the freedom of Salvation from our sins by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, from eternal damnation, for the sins of mankind that we commit during our physical life on Earth.

We as Christians and non-Christians must obey the laws of our land, passed by our human government, and suffer the punishment required by the laws of our land when we break them.

But this does not mean that we cannot be forgiven by God for our sins against God, mankind, nations, and world, by repenting of our sins and accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour from our sins as we are led by the Holy Spirit of God.



The Pope Center, contact the City of Washington at 706-678-3277 or visit City Hall located at 102 E. Liberty Street.

The Wilkes County Sunday School Union meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Are you about to turn 65? Need help with Medicare? The Wilkes County Senior Center

## VINTAGE WILKES

## Greek influences in Washington

By SKEET WILLINGHAM  
Local Historian

"It's all Greek to me" could have been an apt description for some of Washington's downtown business district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Greek settlers were active and exuberant citizens whose stays here are still recalled.



The earliest of the Greek immigrants to find his way to Washington, Georgia was the un-Greekly named, Clive D. Frankinson. He had arrived in New York City circuitously making his way from his home in Magnisia, Thessalia (yes, St. Paul's Thessalonians), Greece to Naples, Italy, then westward by ship to America. His name was Kleanthis Dimitrious Fragkos. His parents, Dimitrious and Sarah Karadimos Fragkos, remained in Greece. His brother Aristides would arrive at Ellis Island in 1907 and join him down South.

Comfortable with his anglicized name and talent as a confectioner and chef, C.D. Frankinson found our bustling town much to his liking. He was hired by Dr. Cicero Singleton Lucas, local pharmacist and business entrepreneur, as a candy maker in the mid-1890s. Not long after his arrival, he met young Frances Elizabeth Rhodes (perhaps attracted because her last name was also the name of one of the islands of Greece!), daughter of James Samuel and Nora Smith Rhodes of Wilkes County. The Rhodes family was a large one with one of Frances' sisters being Stella Blanche (called Lulu) who married Dr. Lucas about 1898. James Samuel

offers free help through the Georgia Cares State Health Insurance Assistance Program every first Wednesday from 10 a.m.-noon. The next session will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, January 5. For additional Medicare counseling services, call 866-552-4464 and select option 4.

The Don't Forget column deadline is 5 p.m. Mondays. Please check with your organization for any scheduling changes.

The V.F.W. Post 5899 now has a community can recycling cage. Please take all alumi-

num cans behind the V.F.W. (240 Andrew Drive in Washington) and drop them into the cage for recycling purposes.

Services at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator are now being conducted by Rev. John Keeler of the Elberton Church thru March. Everyone is invited to coffee at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House prior to church services that begin in the sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. The Mediator is located at 212 E Robert Toombs Ave and messages may be left at 706-678-7226. Look for the red door.

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Rhodes was living in Tyrone when registered for the 1900 Census.

Frankinson loved his adopted country, serving in the Spanish-American War with Lt. Anson King's brigade in Tampa and then Cuba. He even named his son, born June 23, 1898, Cicero Dewey for his employer Dr. Lucas and Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay! Briefly after the war he worked in Porto Principe, Cuba, to establish a business but soon was home to Georgia. He added a Greek friend Papadopoulos to his staff in 1898, then Nick Eleopolos and Marsh Boatwright who succeeded him as candymaker-in-chief when the Frankinsons moved to Mississippi.

Before April 1905, C.D., wife Frances, son C.D., and daughter Vola Celeste found Meridian, Mississippi a welcoming place as well, though they had soon settled in the state capital in Jackson. By 1909 there were three more children. In Jackson

a strong Greek community gave support and he rose to civic importance even chairing a committee to establish a National Greek Hospital. He raised considerable funds to support Greece in its 1912 war with Turkey.

In 1910 he opened the Bon Ton Cafe as Jackson's largest and most fashionable restaurant. Even today it is considered one of the great dining establishments of its time. It boasted the city's first electric sign and hosted celebrities, even President Theodore Roosevelt, and state elite. Jackson's first movie theater was next door and the elegant King Edward Hotel was just down the block. In the late 1920s he opened the White House Cafe and Park View Cafe assisted by sons Dewey, Henry, and John Rhodes Frankinson.

His beloved Frances died in 1928 and C.D. on Sept. 2, 1934, age 64. He was buried in Jackson at Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

eteries: Resthaven, Old School, and City West, by the end of January. This is also to include any other out of date seasonal arrangements and all faded flowers.

Yard Sale at Roy C. Burns Senior Center, 108 Marshall Rd Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## ACROSS THE SAVANNAH

### The great dividing line

By TOM POLAND  
A Southern Writer

Yet another dud weather storm forecast teaches me something. When the next Ice Age arrives, its frozen sheet will grind to a halt where I-20 crosses the Southeast. (Assuming civilization lasts that long.) Winter forecasts prove over and over that I-20 forms a great dividing line as snow goes. Like some bullily holding candy out to a kid then snatching it back, snow teases those along the shadow of I-20.



Winter after winter, radar reveals blue, pink, and white blotches rolling north of I-20. Below it? Green blotches of rain. Southerners who live along or south of that band of asphalt can forget snow. It's a latitude thing.

No snow. That delights folks who hate snow. It disheartens Southerners who yearn for the white stuff. As Izzy, that lame name for a winter storm, churned through, I looked for flakes. Nothing. Then I noticed ice coating pine needles. Great. While those north of the dividing line enjoy snow we to the south get raw cold rain and possibly a destructive ice storm.

Over and over, dud winter forecasts build us up, then let us down. When winter radar and forecasts set snow to swirling in the heads of children and a few adults, me among them, I think of good things. One, the way snow softens and smoothes the landscape. Second, how snow revives

childhood memories. I'd wake up on a morning when bluish light seeped through windows. Pulling back the curtain, there it was—that crystalline miracle. Fresh snow meant a walk through woods. With boughs crusted white, creaking branches sporting a white meringue, the woods seemed magical.

My boots crunched and squeaked as creatures of the woods revealed their trails. Dad and I tracked a rabbit. We found it still as stone melding into leaves of brown. Seeing it came as a shock. Raccoons and birds stenciled wintry patterns onto snow, that powdery wildlife preserve where animal prints reveal how alive the woods are.

Those memories retain their magic to this day. And it's good I have them because I-20 is a killjoy, a spoilsport, a wet blanket of cold rain. Were I a weatherman, I'd never predict snow south of I-20 in the classic Deep South. I'd strike a country twang and say, "Here's your forecast. No snow for those of you below I-20. You can wait a month of Sundays. No way snow's gonna happen."

But here we are deep into January with February, the coldest month of all, yet to come. They're already predicting another winter "event" next weekend. Is there a chance we'll have

snow? No. Whatever lame name the next weather event sports, I assure you it won't drop flakes south of I-20. It's the wrong latitude for snow. It's the wall that stops flakes in their tracks. It's the great dividing line.

I recall not one white Christmas. I remember at most a handful of decent snows. So, when I want to see snow down South I look forward to dogwood's blizzard of white. When all those ivory bracts tumble to the ground, it's a snow I can count on year after year, above and below the great dividing line. And best of all you can enjoy the show without getting cold. Dogwoods, the South's real snowstorm.

### Super Crossword

Answers

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## Back in the day

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and country ham at \$1.29 a pound. The Washington-Wilkes Garden Club Council is offering free seedlings of dog wood and yellow poplar trees, along with advice on where and how to plant them for best effect. The trees will be available at the Chamber of Commerce.

### 25 years ago this week

The Mary Willis Library staff invites the public to, "come surf the Net" with them. The library will be offering several classes to introduce the public to Peachnet/Internet services available at the library.

SCT Yarns, Inc., one of Washington's premiere industrial plants, is apparently doing quite well after weathering bankruptcy and acquisition by a new owner. A diversified spinner and process of yarn, SCT has agreed to purchase the mercerized sales yarn business from American & Efrid Inc. of Mount Holly, North Carolina. A&E is a subsidiary of the Ruddick Corporation.

Ingles Markets Inc., a six-state southeastern supermarket chain with a store located in Washington, has announced

that it will not carry the tabloid newspaper Globe which features photographs of the Jon Benet Ramsey murder in any of its 194 stores.

A special gift from the Paul Guerry family of South Carolina will allow the Mary Willis Library to sponsor a series of lectures on the history of American art. The six lectures will be led by Alison Hardwick, local art historian, each Wednesday at 4 p.m., beginning January 29 in the Pope Community Room of the library. The lectures are free to anyone wishing to participate.

Thanks largely to the intervention of State Representative Tom McCall, the historic Robert Toombs House in Washington will continue to be operated as usual by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. It had been previously announced that DNR funding for staffing the Toombs Historic Site would be lost as part of a 5 per cent cutback in department expenses. News of the restored funding came January 16 from the Georgia General Assembly, where McCall is representing the 90th state house district, which includes Wilkes County.