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One of the oldest, strongest and best institutions in American life is the weekly newspaper. Almost anyone will agree that a town without a newspaper doesn't amount to much. The weekly is a running record of history—of life and death, of tragedy and achievement, of change and progress. It is a fighter of battles in causes it holds to be right—in politics, economics, civic problems of many kinds. It s close to the people who read it and whose activities make it. More than any other factor, probably, it binds the community together, providing purpose, coherence and direction.

Yet, like so many other good and essential things, most of us take the country paper for granted. Year in and year out, without fail, it comes to us each week. It is not likely that many think of what life would be like without it.

Now and then, however, the weekly gets some of the credit it deserves .That has happened on several occasions in recent months. An interesting example is found in a bill introduced by Senator Daniel of Texas, on behalf of himself and Senator Johnson, the new majority leader, providing the establishment of a National Library of Weekly Newspapers. A companion bill was introduced in the House by Representative Gentry of Tyler, Texas.

In a spech on the Senate Floor, Senator Daniel said: "This bill would help to preserve that great portion of the true history of our Nation which is recorded in pioneer weeky newspapers and in currently published weekly papers of the United States .... During the early years of our Nation's history we had only weekly newspapers. Even today, the educational, social, political, and religious history of a great portion of our population can be found only in the files of these weekly publications .... There are thousands of weekly newspaper files which have been preserved. Others have been destroyed, and in the future there is likely to be continued loss of this valuable historical material unless something is done to encourage its preservation."

Another tribute camefrom a big-daily newspaper—Lloyd Taft, son of the late SenatorRobertTaft, and assistant publisher of the Cincinnati Times. He told a press association gathering that "Big city papers talk more and more about editorial influence and exercise less and less of it, while weeklies continue to gain an advantage...."

An extraordinary example of this influence occured last November inSouth Carolina a state in which nomination on the Democratic ticket has always been tantamount to election. Due to certain political developments, a feeling grew that this time the voters were getting a bad deal. A campaign was started urging that voters write-in the name of J. Strom Thurmond instead of marking the ballot for the regular Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate. This campaign was supported by 73 of the states 86 non-dailies, along with all but two of the 16 dailies. Even though former Governor Thurmond is a popular figure in the South, success seemed impossible—no U.S. Senator had ever been elected by write-ins;the established political organizations were naturally 100 per cent against the movement, and South Carolina alloting methods make the write-in process mechanically difficult. But the press shot the works on Thurmond's behalf. The result: There was an avalanche of write-ins and he won by a majoriy which, under the circumstances, was all but unbelievable—143,444 to 83,525. The papers were so decisive a factor in bringing this about that Editor & Publisher wrote: "When J. Strom Thurmond took his place in the United States Senate ... he could have raised his good right hand, if he were so inclined, and sworn truthfully that he represented the Fourth Estate."



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IN EQUITY

No. 25 Adoption

Ex Parte: Alexander Ayers and Helen T. Ayers, his wife, petition for the adoption of a minor child.

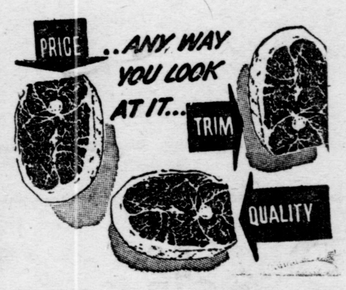
The object of this Petition is the adoption by Alexander Ayers and Helen Ayers, his wife, of a minor child, the daughter of Antonio Adona, a Filipino, of the Roman Catholic Faith, resident of 6912 George Falmer Highway, Seat Pleasant, Prince Georges County, Maryland, and Isabella Adona, of African Descent, of the Methodist Faith, who for several years past has been an inmate of The Pilgrim State Hospital, West Brentwood, Long Island, New York; that the petitioner, Alexander Ayers is the owner and operator of a public school bus, resides in Centreville, Maryland, that Helen T. Ayers, resides with him, teaches in the elementary Schools in said town, both of African descent and are of The MethodistFaith, and they with said minor child, who has resided with them since 1950 constitutes their entire family, and that said minor child has been under the supervision of The Board of Child's Welfare for Queen Anne's County, since 1950, and that said minor child consents to said adoption and is not a member of any denomination.

ORDERED that Antonio Adona, a resident of the State of Maryland but who has been returned non est on two summons issued for him at his residence 6912 George Palmer Highway ,Seat Pleasant, Prince Georges County, be and he is hereby warned to be and appear, either in person or by solicitor, in this Court on or before the 28th day of March, 1955, to show cause if any he has why the petition should not be granted, provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper printed and published in Queen Anne's County, once a week for four successive weeks on or before the 12th day of March, 1955.

T. SORDEN PIPPIN,
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