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Sundown

Hills, wrapped in gray, standing along the west;
Clouds, dimly lighted, gathering slowly;
The star of peace at watch above the crest—
Oh, holy, holy, holy!

We know, O Lord, so little what is best;
Wingless, we move so lowly;
But in Thy calm all—knowledge let us rest—
Oh, holy, holy, holy!

—John Charles McNeill.

Children are often no dumber than their parents.

Nearly every candidate runs on a platform of justice.

Study is all right but to be valuable it should lead to results.

Nearly everybody that we know has a good opinion of himself.

It's about time to page the expert who said we would have no winter weather.

Things must be getting better fast—we heard of a bank that made a loan the other day.

Now that the government is stabilizing gold it is time for individuals to stabilize their own expenses.

Traffic Murders

Nearly 30,000 lives were lost in 1933 as a result of automobile accidents.

Some of these were unavoidable, but the greater majority of the fatalities could have been avoided had the motorists involved exercised proper safety and care in the operation of their vehicles.

While the deaths were accidental, some of them were the result of such carelessness as to justify the charge of murder against the operators of the cars. Increased effort to reduce the number of automobile accidents will be undertaken and an effort will be made to secure the adoption of uniform traffic laws and operating rules throughout the nation.

Helping the Farmer

All in all, nearly two billion dollars in process taxes have been levied on the consumers of the United States and all of this vast sum will be distributed back into the hands of the producers of wheat, cotton, corn, hogs and tobacco.

Realizing the inability of any voluntary method of cooperation between farmers to succeed, the Roosevelt Administration has attempted to devise plans and provide the necessary money to work out some proper agricultural plan so that prosperity may be possible for American farmers.

While there may be temporary mistakes and errors made, requiring correction, the fundamental fact remains that the farmers have an administration which has sponsored and is carrying out an ambitious program for agriculture, designed to give the farmer the benefit of a fair price for his products and to protect him against over-production.

Watch Out for the Big Talkers

From State.
A week or so ago we had something to say in these columns relative to candidates for the legislature who were advocating certain measures of tax reform. We'd like to say just a few more words on the same subject.

DON'T be misled by the candidate who promises you tax reduction along any particular line, because there can be no reduction in taxes during the forthcoming year. Or, if there should be any such reduction, it could be but very little.

Don't be fooled by the candidate who tells that he is opposed to the sales tax or that he is opposed to the present fee being charged for auto license tags, or that he is in favor of a reduction in the gasoline tax.

Keep this one point in mind:
Whenever a candidate tells you that he is in favor of eliminating or reducing any form of taxation, ask him to tell you definitely what kind of a tax he is going to favor in its stead.

And please! DON'T let him get by with the assertion: "Oh, I favor a general reduction and strict economy along all lines." That doesn't mean a thing. Make him be specific and concrete. If he tells you that the State can get along without some other tax to take the place of the sales tax, or gasoline tax, or tax on auto license plates, tell him he's either a fool or a liar.

Taking Care of Friends

The Hon. Edward M. Gill, private secretary of former Gov. O. Max Gardner, was succeeded in office by Mr. Charles G. Powell, appointed by Governor Ehringhaus. On January 9th, we are informed that the present Governor created the office of Legislative assistant, to which the Hon. Edward M. Gill was appointed in order to take care of him whose duties, we are informed, were to be contact man or messenger from the Governor's office to members of the General Assembly, sometimes called executive lobbyist, at a lucrative salary. At the close of the legislature the duties of this office, having become unnecessary because of the adjournment of the Legislature which left this ex-secretary without a job.

A new office was created with the CWA with the supposed duties of handling compensation cases, to which position this former ex-secretary then being without a job, was appointed, pending the negotiations of the Hon. Tyree Taylor, looking toward the procuring of him a job in Washington. Within a short while he secured the job at a lucrative salary under the recommendation of former National Committeeman, O. Max Gardner before our President rebuked national committeemen for their lobbying propensities. When Mr. Tyree Taylor received this appointment, this former ex-secretary Gill was then appointed Pardon Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Mr. Taylor to Washington for his national duties, giving him four positions within a year's time without the loss of one day's pay. As his first appointment related back to January 1st so as to take care of his livelihood during the interim of his appointment. Mr. Brantley Aycock was then given the job under the CWA of Workmens Compensation created for Mr. Gill. Negotiations then were pending to take care of Mr. Aycock in Washington. Mr. Aycock filled this position pending these negotiations. Soon he received his appointment which left this new creative position unfilled with the CWA. Recently Mr. Jimmie Massenburg of Polk County, a county in which there were serious complaints made as to the handling and manipulation of the absentee ballots in the last primary election. This newly created position has already taken care of three gentlemen who were out of employment. The writer is not advised whether there is any negotiations pending now in Washington to give Mr. Massenburg a better job yet. But it is exceedingly hard on Mrs. O'Berry not to be able to have an experienced officer in this work to fill this job, as the changes take place so fast even though it has been suggested that the largest part of the duties is to draw the salaries thereto.

Mr. Massenburg, it will be recalled, opposed in the last legislature the bill which required Commissioner Hood to make public attorney's fees in his department which fees have totaled more than \$323,000.00, and Mr. Massenburg at the time while a member of the legislature, was on Mr. Hood's attorneys list and has since remained on the list, drawing large fees.

Note to Alumni

News and Observer.

Frank Graham's opposition to the victory-at-all-costs trend in college athletics is well known but by officially stating his position in his report as president of the Consolidated University he has given formal warning to enthusiastic alumni that professionalism is not wanted and will not be tolerated at Carolina and State College.

The athlete at Chapel Hill and West Raleigh, if Frank Graham has his way, is going to be just another student. There will be no special privileges, no fat scholarships, no jobs paying athletes a ten dollar bill for jumping over a chair, no unusual consideration at the hands of professors. That such privileges for the athlete do exist in colleges, and perhaps at colleges within North Carolina, goes without saying. That they exist is difficult to prove. It is certain, however, that they cannot exist without some official or officials of the colleges themselves knowing all about them.

There are some North Carolinians who doubt that it is the mere scholastic fame of our educational institutions which has attracted many highly touted athletes to the State from other sections of the country. These skeptics even speak of "missionaries" who go from North Carolina colleges with both a proselyting zeal and a promise of free tuition, or free tuition and board, or, so it is said, even more.

All these reports Dr. Graham has heard. An idealist he is, but not an innocent. That is what makes his statement important. It is nothing new for a college president to deplore the subsidizing of athletes. But, unlike some college heads, Dr. Graham has taken stands on various occasions which indicate that his attitude is not merely reserved for oratory. Indeed, Frank Graham is listened to with probably more attention than any other man who speaks in North Carolina, not only because he can speak far better than most public speakers, but also because when he opens his mouth he says what he means and, afterwards, can be depended upon to do what he says.

Most people are so busy trying to take care of their neighbors that they haven't the time to take care of themselves.

Russia and Japan are talking like a pair of school boys who are each afraid the other might start a scrap.

Women ought to make good detectives. They usually get their men.

Public Forum

To what artifices will not some people resort in the deviltry to mislead us!

It appears that even newspapers, sometimes, likewise, get victimized and are unable to protect the people from the misfortunes that confront them.

The Evening Telegram, of Rocky Mount, N. C., that ever watchful beacon and guide of the dear people in matters of public welfare, has allowed itself to become the champion of the Yankee cad from Republican Pennsylvania, to succeed Chief Hedgepeth as head of the police department of the City of Rocky Mount.

The Telegram of Saturday, as often before, was fulsome in praise of the fine record made by him.

On the editorial page of the Evening Telegram of Monday, February the fifth, I quote the following:

"This newspaper has no desire to meddle in the affairs of the Public Safety committee, into whose hands will fall the task of choosing a successor for the retiring chief, but it is our hope that the committee will keep in mind the changing aspects of law enforcement and the constantly growing difficulties that confront officers in charge of protecting the public from the ravages of thieves and plunderers and men who prey on society. Certainly records of achievement are to be considered and weighed. And the efficiency of a police department is measured in terms of the efficiency of the officers who direct it."

It is almost incomprehensible that the Evening Telegram would willingly urge for the post of Chief of Police of Rocky Mount a man unworthy in any sense; but the sirens of Yankee-doodle seem to have gotten in their work with Ulysses. However, nobody will disagree that record should be considered and weighed.

What is the record of the anointed. One item, at least, is too ugly and sickening even to relate.

By his own confession he cloaked thievery and robbery for a number of years. By his own sworn testimony he conspired to get people to violate the law. How much more, O Lord, do you want.

Is anybody, the Telegram too, so glib as to be mislead and seduced to suppose that official integrity or "the problem of crime detection" can be promoted or the public welfare protected by dishonest brawn clothed in the majesty of the law.

A bouquet was also thrown at our celebrated and ubiquitous "assistant state solicitor."

He is long on evidential love, With the requisite fund always in store,

He's got the bloodhound "skirt," He knows whither the culprit was bound,

And even the trail he went.

Let's demand more honor and character and a better record, or better records.

K. T. KNIGHT.

VAGABOND VERSES

By J. Gaskill McDaniel

REQUISITION

My aunt, who weighs four forty-six,

Has ventured into politics To get some legislation of her own;

Of course, she likes the bonus bill,

That improved tariff's good, but still

These do not fit the needs she has known:

There've been reductions here and there,

Yes, cutting down most everywhere,

And yet, my aunt is overcome with grief;

Each night she pens this mournful prayer

To Roosevelt, in his swivel chair,

"Please, Frankie, send me down some form relief."

Editor's Note: You may secure a personally autographed copy of Vagabond Verses by sending fifteen cents in stamps to the author in care of the Herald. This pocket sized edition contains McDaniel's best liked poems of the past five years, as well as a photograph of the Vagabond Poet.

Cotton growers planting five acres or less may reduce their crop by two acres or grow no cotton at all this year and receive rental and parity payments for the reduction.

DR. W. R. CULLOM'S CORNER

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America met in Washington, D. C., a little more than a month ago to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. One of the main addresses of the meeting was made by President Albert W. Palmer of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Palmer believes that a consciousness of God in the minds and hearts of people today is our most pressing need. The following paragraphs from this great address speak for themselves:

"Godlessness is the greatest peril of the present hour! I mean by Godlessness just what the word means in its barest outline: to be godless is to have God abstracted from you. To be without God is to have a world-view in which there is no unifying power and no central intelligence; it is to have no moral code beyond the passing whim or temporary expediency; to live a life within which there glows no larger hope and beneath which lies no undergirding purpose. It is a fundamental weakness of our age that too many people have no sense of accountability to anything beyond themselves. They go through life without having felt reverence and awe in the presence of an eternal glory. For them there is no Great Spirit—only countless little spirits clothed in the frailties and limitations of humanity!"

"Why have we fallen upon such a godless day in human history? The plain answer is that the confused and blurred thinking about God so current today is the inevitable result of our changing cosmic ideas and the failure of the great mass of people to adjust their religious conceptions as yet to the world order revealed by modern science. But the adjustment is on the way, and it grows apace. A new sense of the reality and contemporaneity of God is just about to burst upon the world. Greater than any other recovery act will be an adequate and convinced recovery of God!"

Scientists Are Seers
"Naturally and properly, the prophets and seers of this modern recovery of God are among the philosophers and scientists themselves: Bergson, Whitehead, Pringle-Pattison, Streeter, Eddington, Jeans, Smuts, Morgan, Overstreet, Montague, Wieman, Millikan, Compton, Walter Horton and a host of others stand like the last three majestic figures in Sargent's great frieze of the prophets pointing toward the dawn! 'God is not dead nor doth he sleep,' they all say in varying fashion. The universe is not a chaos nor a wandering hulk upon an unknown sea. God is here, a contemporary fact and purpose, a power making for integration on ever higher and higher levels, producing beauty, truth, intelligence and moral law.

There is a God!
"Now such a God is no far-off traditional figure, however venerable, handed down from the long ago, about whom we may calmly debate as to whether we believe in him or not. Quite the contrary! He is one from whom we cannot possibly escape and to whose laws and activity we are constantly adjusting our lives. This becomes startlingly true when we suddenly realize that just as potent and inexorable as the laws of mathematics or the natural sciences, though less adequately explored or understood, are the laws of the social sciences, the exact workings of which are becoming clearer every day.

"This, then, is the bugle call of courage and good cheer which religion brings to men in this present hour: There is a God! And he is here—a living, inescapable, contemporary reality!"
"There is something in the universe which is on the side of decency, honor and good will; something which is urging men on to see the wisdom of replacing greed and cruelty by an orderly and just society; something which increasingly arouses the conscience of the world against war and pushes on toward an organized and peaceful world. That something is God! We live in the day of a new revelation coming to men in terms of these great social goals and ideals. God did not say all he had to say day before yesterday; he is saying new and larger things today as he calls on men to write new codes of social welfare and replace the crude and cruel disorder of the past with better civilization built on human values and obedient to the moral law. Men are saying that we are in the midst of a great revolution. The religious truth is that we are in the midst

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of a great revelation, if our eyes are not too blind to see and our ears too deaf to hear!"

Transforming Results
"From this awakening sensitivity to God as an im present reality behind the world in which we live, certain transforming results are sure to arise. One of these results will be a new emphasis upon the importance of social research. If God is a living God, actually present in the struggle for social betterment, then here is a thrilling opportunity to get better acquainted with him! Social research under such a quest becomes an inspiring quest to learn the will of God.

"If social research takes on new religious meaning in the light of such a recovery of God, so also does what we have been accustomed to call the consecrated life. You can use your life as a great creative adventure with God! This is the call of religion to the souls of men today. Not since the days when the Pilgrim fathers sailed across the sea to found the commonwealth of God, perhaps not since the day when Jesus called men to forsake all and follow him because the kingdom of heaven was at hand, has so clear and direct a call to human consecration come to the individual soul as is inherent in this idea that God is actually here and at work on the growing edge of social ethics.

"We really ought to have a spontaneous far-spread revival of religion as this conception of the contemporary living God takes fire among our clergy and kindles to a flame in the mind of youth. Once we realize that life need not be a dreary routine, a tiresome round of tawdry pleasures, a mere slavery to economic necessity, but may become a creative adventuring in behalf of God and in company with him, new arts may bloom and new explorations be made into hitherto undreamed of nobility of living. 'All things are possible with God!' Almost anything may happen if we recover him.

"Every vital religion must have some doctrine of the real presence of God. The ancient Hebrews symbolized it with the Shekinah above the ark in the holy of holies and the Roman Catholics keep the idea alive with their doctrine of the mass. One almost trembles with excitement and spiritual joy to think what might happen to Protestantism if it once really penetrated to our millions of adherents that the living God is really present, not on some candle-lit altar amid incense and ritual, but out there in the street on the main highways of life where questions of politics, wages, social justice, racial fair play, and war and peace are to be decided.

A Parting of the Ways
"Protestantism really faces a great parting of the ways today. The opportunity is hers to lift up a great doctrine of the real presence of God in the vast sacrament of life and summon men to go out into all the issues and difficulties of the modern world as those who deal with sacred things and are fellow-workers with God. This would be to find God on the altar of every struggle for better farming, better industry, better cities, better international relations and to proclaim him so that men shall

devote their lives to these high causes with a deep sense of religious consecration and mystical comradeship with God. Not to take this road would be to slip back toward yesterday's religion, from which the real presence of God has now escaped, and thus succumb to that moral paralysis which a great prophet of our day has stingingly described as 'a condition of pious irrelevancy!'

"But we are not going to sink back into being merely the private chaplains of a dim receding glory. The living church, of whatever denomination, quickened by a new and vibrant sense of the ever-living God, is going forward with new joy to proclaim the ringing message that there is a God, that he is here, that we can know his will and feel the thrill of his mighty purpose for the world. It is no accident that the Greek word 'enthusiasm' and the Hebrew word 'Immanuel' both mean essentially 'God with us.' A dawning realization that God is really with us will put a new enthusiasm into religion, and a church with such a message will go out with joy in spite of opposition, poverty, or even persecution."

Dedicated to My Mother

Heaven is very near today
Three years ago she slipped away,
Heaven opened wide its door
To let her in with several more.

The hours many have passed away
Since she left me here to stay,
While she on high with Him abides
I'm left here, my life to guide.

May I live it pure and sublime
To meet her in that great divine—
For Heaven is very near today,
I miss her since she went away.
—A DAUGHTER.

Candidates' Cards

NOTICE

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Rocky Mount on May 4, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.
H. LYNWOOD ELMORE.

NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Judge of Recorders Court for the City of Rocky Mount, and will appreciate the support of the citizenship of Rocky Mount.
S. L. ARRINGTON.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Rocky Mount.
(May 4) NORMAN GOLD.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Judge of Recorder's Court for the City of Rocky Mount.
(May 4) BEN H. THOMAS.