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"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."—II Peter 3: 10.

We have great faith in expert opinions but not much in the selection of some experts.

Congress, like most reformers, never works upon itself.

A man can stand a lot of punishment if you don't tax his pocketbook.

Never worry about what other people do with their money—have your own problems.

If money can buy recovery the national government ought to have it.

Many a woman walks in the sun when she should stand in the shade.

The old swimming hole has its attractions, bathing suit or no bathing suit.

In case of doubt, friend, compliment the lady and live to compliment her again.

So far we haven't met a man who hasn't a good idea about what will save the nation.

The more we read the large newspapers the more convinced we are that less ought to be printed.

Vacations ought to be restful but usually they are rushed into, rushed through and rushed over.

The average politician can scent support and hostility quicker than a bloodhound can get the trail.

Life is clogged up with people who stand on the side-lines, or use typewriters, to tell us how bad we are.

If farmers of the nation begin to make profits regularly the nation will soon see a return of better business.

We see by the papers that our friends, the Drys, are beginning to talk about another campaign for prohibition.

Now that the U. S. fleet is going back to the Pacific ocean the Japanese feel sure that we are about to attack them.

If you want to see how gullible the average buyer is, read some of the junk put out as advertising by the reducing rackets.

The population of this country is divided into two classes: those anxious to get away from home and those anxious to get back.

If you haven't read a new book this year the summer months might be a good time to try the experiment and see if the brain still functions.

Building Few New Schools

The crisis which exists in education in the United States today is evident when one considers the fact, reported by the National Committee for Federal Emergency Aid for Education, that school building has practically been abandoned as a public enterprise in this country. Expenditures for school buildings are about 75 per cent lower than five years ago and thousands of children, all over the nation, are improperly housed. Cities, towns and communities, which looked with pride upon modern educational facilities, exhibit a tendency to rest upon their laurels and make out with what exists.

We would not be truthful if we did not point out that some school districts have apparently been extravagant in their housing programs, setting up elaborate plants instead of providing essentials. This is to be expected but no school district in the United States should be satisfied unless its pupils are comfortably housed and provided with the plant facilities that are vital to proper educational processes.

A way out, where buildings are overcrowded and money unavailable would be to rearrange school hours and thus broaden the use of existing structures. This may be inconvenient to families but it is better than permitting school work to be handicapped. Details would have to be worked out by each district to suit its own needs.

Will Neal And The NRA

Williamston Enterprise. Those who know the school of thought that dominates the mind of Will Neal, our own North Carolina capitalist, of Marion, are not surprised in the least at his hating the NRA.

The NRA has done much to take care of that class of people who were shot up in his town several years ago; because they asked for a fish, they were fed a serpent instead—just as millions of others have been fed throughout the land by fellows of the same type, who seem to have but one standard of thought and that is a dividend.

Mr. Neal complains that the NRA has caused industry to lose \$140,000,000, which seems to worry him. But he fails to give NRA credit for putting 7,000,000 persons back to work. Perhaps he does not care whether the people live or die, just so his mills and other mills can make big profits.

Personally, we are glad indeed to see the 3 per cent of the people who have made hundreds of billions out of the other 97 per cent lose money, if it will save the life and liberty of the down-trodden poverty-stricken multitudes.

Mr. Neal doesn't seem to understand the purpose of the NRA. He evidently thinks it is to build up dividends for the few, when indeed it is only a life preserver for the many.

The Will To Kill

News and Observer. "I want to be in on the death of the NRA," says W. W. Neal, of Marion, who, by the resignation of Clarence Darrow, has become chairman of the NRA review board.

Mr. Neal talks in the language of fox hunt. He talks in terms of the joy of hounding the quarry to death and not in the least in terms of a man seeking to discover mistakes and point out remedies. Anciently known as an old order, right wing conservative, Mr. Neal has joined hands with those equally well known as old order, left wing radicals to damn NRA.

Insofar as the review board pointed dangerous tendencies toward monopoly in the present NRA set-up, the review board performed valuable services. There was need that errors be made clear so that remedies could be sought and clearly applied. But it is difficult to see how any good can come of the will to kill which Mr. Neal expresses in his desire to be in at the death.

Mr. Neal may be in at the death of NRA. He may be in at the death of the AAA, the CWA, the PWA, the FERA, the TVA and FDR. If he is, however, there is the chance, not to be underestimated, that he will also be in at the death of the USA. The will to kill in the economic and social advance of America today is dangerously like that of Sampson in the temple and the certainty is that if the temple is pulled down it will not be only the Neals who are smashed.

Monument Or Chain?

News and Observer. On December 11, 1924, James Buchanan Duke, tobacco and water power millionaire, created by indenture a trust of water power, tobacco factory, cotton mill and other stocks and bonds, the income from which was to be devoted to the support of colleges, hospitals, orphanages and other good works in the Carolinas. The trust was accepted by the people of the States as a blessing and a blessing it has been. They accepted it as a trust wholly devoted to benevolence. They believe it should be that today.

Unfortunately for the trust and for the States, however, it has been formally made by its director an institution devoted not only to benevolence but also to the interests of the Duke Power Company and an agency for the mobilization of those who received the foundation's benevolence, behind the vested property interests of the power company and in opposition to the Rooseveltian program of the more abundant life.

Opposing the grant of a Public Works Administration loan to the people of a South Carolina community who want to build a power plant of their own, Dr. W. S. Rankin, director of the Endowment lined up squarely behind corporate wealth and against the administration's ideal of public welfare when he declared that "the Federal Government is pursuing policies which, unless abandoned, will seriously cripple, if not destroy the Duke Power Company."

The Duke Endowment does not only own stock in the Duke Power Company, it also owns stock in tobacco companies, cotton mills, aluminum plants, steamboat lines and railroads. Having taken the first step in opposition to the New Deal as to one of its holdings, will Dr. Rankin oppose also the elimination of child labor and sweatshop conditions because such elimination might cut his Endowment's dividends? Will he continue to make his Endowment, which ought to be a great benevolent institution, an agency in defense of every practice that can add any dollar to the corporate dividends his Endowment receives?

If he does, then the Duke Endowment will cease to be a blessing to the States which it is presumed to serve. It will become instead a curse to the people of those States, buying their manhood, their independence, their future with charity and devoting itself to keeping in economic bondage the people whom it should be aiding to be whole and secure and free.

Those who hold in honor the memory of James Buchanan Duke should hasten to save his benevolence from distortion. He left millions behind him to bless the people from whom he rose and the people from whom he made his millions. He left behind a monument, not a chain.

Clark's Comment

In The Greensboro Daily News.

HE DOESN'T SHOW THE WAY

Mr. Brummitt observes that neither the corrupt practices act nor other laws can be enforced on somebody's complaint; that investigations must be made, as Congress does, to get the evidence. He asked the last legislature for \$5,000 for investigating purposes. It is unnecessary for him to say he didn't get a red. Nor will he or any other attorney general get money from the average North Carolina legislature to investigate the corrupt practices act. If the legislators knew that was in Mr. Brummitt's mind some of them would wonder what he thought they were to vote him money to get some of their friends in trouble or maybe involve them. They remembered his zeal in the Surry case. He would no doubt be as zealous in other cases.

If he had the money to investigate the attorney general admits that he couldn't go over the solicitor's head and send bills to grand juries. He can only make a showing. Nothing happened after his showing in the Surry case. The solicitor didn't choose to prosecute his friends, as solicitors generally would not. They have to be elected. When anybody discovers a North Carolina solicitor who voluntarily prosecutes election frauds, unless the frauds are against him or some of his friends, calling him to attention will be appreciated.

Mr. Brummitt thinks that difficulty might be bridged if the law was "so written as to place upon every law enforcement officer definite, positive and specific requirements with respects to his duties." When law enforcement is mentioned we generally get around to suggesting another law before we get through. Mr. Brummitt would have a law that would require the solicitor to send a bill of indictment upon adequate evidence, without waiting for a warrant or presentment by a grand jury. His law would also "require every officer who has the power to make arrests to take out warrants for violations of the law within his knowledge, or respect to which he has adequate evidence."

They are expected to do that now theoretically they are required to do it under their oath. But you will note that Mr. Brummitt expects action only on "adequate evidence." Who is the judge of the "adequate" evidence? If solicitors and arresting officers choose to ignore infractions coming to their attention, for any reason that seems to them good, they can say, as they do, that the evidence isn't "adequate." Another law on the subject wouldn't help if they were left to be the sole judge of the adequacy of the evidence.

This column has harbored the notion that the attorney general should have supervisory and directory authority over solicitors. If he thought they were too meticulous about "adequate" evidence in some cases his office could take a look and if the situation warranted he should have the authority to send bills and take over the prosecution in particular cases. Solicitors

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wouldn't care for that to happen and if they knew the attorney general would "crack down" without fear or favor they would have less difficulty in finding adequate evidence. They might not hesitate to prosecute friends, even.

But giving the attorney general's office that authority would suggest centralization of power. Then, too, attorney generals are elective officers with the ambitions and frailties common to humankind. An attorney general might have friends to look out for, especially if he was thinking about his job or a better one. The solicitor who didn't crack down in the Surry case has been promoted. So difficulties are encountered at every turn. Always will be encountered in the administration of the law so long as personal and political considerations abound; and they probably will abound while the world stands.

Cost of our "home" governments totaled \$9,662,615,000 in 1932.

Roscoe Griffin goes down in defeat, But you'll still find him on Main Street Still smiling and doing all he can to fit your feet! He wanted to serve his county and state in a patriotic way, And says it was not all for the little pay. You'll find him to be a real man— He told you he was opposed to the Sales Tax Plan, Now it's up to us to do the best we can. So buy Good Used Furniture, Store and Office Fixtures from G. F. HARRELL and be satisfied. He is still on Sunset Avenue at the same old stand.

VAGABOND VERSES

By J. Gaskill McDaniel

DAWN

A touch of pink shows faintly in the east, To bid the world get ready for the sun; The last star fades, a song bird softly chirps, Then rays break thru, a new day has begun. What will the hours mean to lonely hearts, Will gladness chase away some throbbing pain; What searching soul will find the light of life, Before the night and stars come, once again?

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.

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Once on a time, Love, Death and Reputation, Three travelers a tour together went;

And after many a long perambulation Agreed to part by mutual consent.

Death said: "My fellow tourists, I am going To seek harvests in th' embattled plain

Where drums are beating, and loud trumpets blowing, There you'll be sure to meet with me again."

Love said: "My friends, I mean to spend my leisure With some young couple, fresh in Hymen's bands,

Or 'mongst relations who, in equal measure, Have had bequeathed to them house or lands."

But Reputation said: "If once we sever, Our chance of future meeting is but vain;

Who parts from me must look to part forever, For Reputation lost comes not again."

—Farmerette.

'CHUTE JUMPER KILLED

New York.—After successfully guiding his parachute through a gusty 25-mile an hour wind from a height of eleven thousand feet, Jerry Wessling, 21, met death as he touched the ground. A stiff breeze, catching the parachute, threw him off his balance and his head struck the ground. He died of a fractured skull.

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