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AN ABATED NUISANCE

Regardless of what personal opinion may be on the matter of prohibition, or what it accomplished, or failed to accomplish, the Democrat has been quite thoroughly convinced that it is possible to control the public effects of liquor in a community.

A LESSENEED NEED

The firemen, at the last minute, got together plenty of Christmas cheer for the destitute, and to spare, it is noted, the people of the town having responded quite generously, as they always do, to the last minute appeal for empty stocking contributions, but the element of need this year was overestimated.

One fellow, whose habit has been to bestow his Christmas cheer in the form of silver, to kiddies who are noticeably underprivileged, found that most all the folks in town the day before Christmas, had some change—the grown-ups, children, the well-dressed and the ragged—all seemed to be able to buy something for themselves.

The firemen still have some packages on hand, we think, and a little money too, despite the fact that the budget was less this year, and the needy and the near-needy had a good Christmas.

All this is preliminary to the declaration that times are bound to be better. Whether one thinks the New Deal out a figure in the upturn or that recovery came in spite of the New Deal; whether one believes in the letter of the constitution or in a slight stretching of the historic document, the fact remains that the tender-hearted found less this Christmas to touch the heart-strings than in any recent year.

ON REFORESTATION

A reader of the Democrat, intensely interested in the mountains and the preservation of their native loveliness, calls attention to the following press dispatch, indicating the efforts being made in Spain to retrieve the benefits taken away from that nation years ago by the indiscriminate use of the woodsman's axe:

"A determined effort to convert millions of acres of desolate mountainsides into flourishing forests is being made by the Spanish Government. Centuries of devastating wars and needless cutting of trees have left one-fourth of the country's area barren and sterile.

"To bring back some of Spain's ancient forest heritage the government has appropriated 100,000,000 pesetas (about \$13,000,000) to be

spent over a period of ten years to reforest thousands of acres of national preserves and to aid private owners to reforest their own lands.

"It is hoped that reforestation will help change Spain's climate to the extent of increasing rainfall in the sun-baked areas affected and of conserving the rain that does fall to enrich the land.

"As conditions now are there are vast areas where rain comes but rarely. When it does come, it drains off rapidly without being able to sink into the baked earth. With forests, this rain would find more receptive soil and would be conserved for the surrounding land.

"The seriousness of Spain's aridity, blamed in great part on the destruction of her forests, can be seen in comparative population figures with other European countries of similar area. Germany, with an area of 186,647 square miles, has a population of 63,118,000, while Spain with an area of 194,783 square miles has a population of 28,719,000."

The clipping quoted, indicates quite clearly a situation which has reached alarming proportions right here in Watauga county. Watersheds are denuded of their natural verdure, and droughts result from seasons of scant or moderate rainfall. The condition in this respect is bound to become more serious, along with the loss from the destruction of young and growing timber, through indiscreet selection of trees for a wood supply. Interested farmers could constantly enhance the value of their plantations and at the same time contribute to the betterment of the country roundabout, if they would occasionally plant small forest trees in the place of those cut. These seedlings may be secured either from State or Federal nurseries, and through their use, there may be a never-ending supply of timber as well as an improved condition as to climate and water supply.

OPEN FORUM

Readers are invited to contribute to this department. Profit may be derived from these letters. Name of writer must accompany all manuscript and brevity is urged.

ON AMERICANISM

Editor Watauga Democrat: Will you give me a little space in your esteemed paper for a few scattering remarks on Americanism. The Government was founded by our fore fathers guaranteed protection to its citizens! But what have we got today? Take for instance the Lindbergh case. He won his way into the hearts of America his own native land, by one of the bravest and most daring acts in history: it is useless to rehearse the loss of his son. We know it was a foreigner that the courts have condemned and now what do we find. Col. Lindbergh and family must leave America to get the protection that America should grant him. It is a shame on America to protect these aliens and Communists in this country and let our own citizens find safety in a foreign land. What is the matter with this country?

For one thing we have too many Communists in the Government employment. Take the Great Brain Trust; see who they are. Madam Secretary Perkins, foreign minded, and her birthplace not known; she, in spite of the Federal law making it a felony to allow permit or assist in any way, any alien anarchist to enter United States, gave written permits to the once deported anarchist, Emma Goldman and to such world-wide recognized Communist leaders as Strachy, Munsberg, man and Barbusse. She also invited Communist leaders from the Communist Trade Union Unity League to sit in conference on proposed labor strikes. The T. U. U. L. is Moscow controlled. Is there any wonder our own citizens have to hunt safety abroad? I say down with all such as she is and her associates, such as D. W. McCormick, McCormick's foreign born. He is training inspectors to learn 13 languages, stock questions and answers so as to eliminate interpreters. He is commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization under Secretary Perkins. See what the atrocious Kerr bill is Mrs. Caroline O'Day, N. Y. congresswoman, who introduced the infamous house resolution No. 350 which approved the Secretary of Labor's defiance of law requiring deportation of undesirable aliens lives with the Secretary, reintroduced the Griffin bill which would permit naturalization of aliens on the understanding that they would not have to fight in time of war.

Roosevelt belittled the Constitution when he wrote Rep. Hill of Washington during Guffey Coat Bill debate that members of Congress should not let doubts of the constitutionality deter them from voting for his bill. Reckless ambition has no respect for a Constitution that guards the people in their rights.

I am calling on all true one hundred per cent. Americans to come with me and take a peak at the Brain Trust. See who they are and what they are doing; what they stand for. I am calling on all Protestant

ministers to get into the fight before we are like Soviet Russia from whence comes all this Devilry. Think of it—with a man in the White House who, in order to keep on the good side of all this stuff, has willingly violated his oath. Protestant America should demand that the President sever relations with Russia at once if you have any doubts the Democratic Party has been stolen by radicals and the real Democrats thrown out of control, read over the national platform of the Socialist Party for 1932. Then note how every plank has been fulfilled by the New Deal. There has been a few slip-ups such as failure to enter the World Court. But that was not the fault of the administration. We have recognized Soviet Russia and have done or attempted to do everything else that the radicals planned. All true Americans, lets down this unAmericanism.

Respectfully, M. E. HOLTZCLAW, Boone, N. C.

"THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Suppose we notice the explanation of Sampson's strength. How much of the New Testament lies in the old? "The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him." Is not that gloriously true today, the only hope for a clean heart and a pure life in this country is the Spirit of Jesus Christ coming mightily upon us. And let us bless God for it, that in this awful and rugged crisis of our soul's there is something always nearer to us than the spring of a lion or tiger—and that is, the spring of the ever-watching Spirit of God. There is One nearer to us than the precipice, even when it yawns at our very feet. There is always a way of escape, a door opened, or a strong deliverer—greater on our behalf than those raging beasts that can be against us—The Spirit of the Lord. See how Heaven and earth are mingled in that conflict. In order to tell this story completely, we will have to bring the supernatural in. The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon Sampson. There is philosophy in our minds about the operations of the Holy Spirit. All we know is, God knows the secret, and we do not. When mild reaches mind, God knows the secret in which it is accomplished, but we do not. We do not know why the soul of man, like a complex instrument of wondrous scope, is played upon by words and music that make their hearts dance within them, making up the whole scale of their being. We do not know how the mother pours her affection on her child's heart; but she does. Two stars never shone into each other as two loving souls ablie into each other, but we know it is so; but we don't know why it is so. We do not know why soul touches soul, how thought touches thought, or how feeling touches feeling; but we know it does.

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Bruce Barton Says . . .

Mrs. President, Unlucky A woman who had obtained a job as co-pilot on an air-mail line resigned because she could not enter the Pilot's Union and so was not permitted to fly passengers in bad weather. This caused Amelia Earhart to suggest the raising of a fund to break down the barriers against women in aviation.

Miss Earhart has done much herself to break down such barriers, but it will take a long time to destroy the prejudice inherited through many generations in which men have managed transportation. No woman drove chariots through the streets of Rome or commanded galleons on the Mediterranean. No Indian squaw captained a canoe.

These are sad historical facts, and I do not blame the self-reliant maidens of the present from being rebellious toward them. But there is an even sadder fact, which is this—the real despots who keep women out of the top positions are not the men but the women themselves.

A leading feminist refused to have a woman doctor when her children were born. "I like women," she said, "and I battle for them. But when I am sick I don't want one fussing around me." Another woman, successful in business, refused an interview to a woman bond-salesman. "I work hard for my money," she exclaimed. "Do you think I want to let a woman invest it?"

An organization which proposes to elect a woman President of the United States asks me to write in favor of it. "The men will not of their movement, but I answer that put up much of a fight," I say, "but you never will be successful. No woman will be President because the women will vote against her."

For some millions of years wives have turned to husbands in emergencies and cried: "What shall I do?" Some day doubtless this habit will pass away—in just about as many million years as it has taken the habit to be formed.

Faith Is Greater Than Hope "Billy Sunday is dead—had something worth more than money or fame or the splendor of kings. If you are a very sophisticated person you may have thought him an emotional



Business Talks Planned On Farm Radio Program

The first in a new series of talks on the buying and selling of farm products co-operatively for the Carolina Farm Features radio program Wednesday.

The talks, which will be prepared by J. W. Johansen, extension agriculturist at State College, are to extend over a period of twelve weeks, and will cover the subject of co-operative buying and selling. Mr. Johansen is of the opinion that farm people will find these talks highly instructive since co-operatives are just now finding their rightful place in the national agricultural scheme. It was not so long ago, he said, that co-operatives were constantly beset with difficulties due to an almost mass ignorance on the subject and because everyone looked with suspicion and distrust on this new system. Now the situation has been altered and people are beginning to overlook the petty flaws in co-operatives and to see the many of their advantages.

The full schedule for the week includes: Monday R. H. Ruffner, "The Importance of Water in the Cow's Diet During the Winter"; Tuesday, Dr. B. W. Wells, "Plants Don't Lie"; Wednesday, J. W. Johansen, "The Co-operative Purchasing of Farm Supplies"; Thursday, Home Demonstration Department; Friday, C. J. Maupin, "The Baby Chick Season"; and Saturday, Agronomy Department.

Winston-Salem.—The stork and an ambulance raced and the stork won. Billy Joyce Varden, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Varden of Burlington was born in an ambulance at Kernersville, 12 miles from here, while she and her mother were enroute to a local hospital.

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

My nearest neighbor is a grandmother since quite recently. Her youngest son's baby is now 3 months old. The mother of the infant is not fully recovered from an exhausting confinement and she is with her mother, recuperating. The infant's father is in contract employment, hence he is away and hence grandma with her vast experience, comes in handy.

Two days ago, I was called by telephone. "Baby was sneezing, and the tiny nose was getting red; there was some restlessness in this unusually good baby. What to do?"

Did I go into a medical fit and give this baby calomel, aconite, and other poisons? I did not. I told the grandmother to keep the room at a steady temperature and to give baby plenty of pure water. I advised a very simple laxative that was clearly indicated for elimination. Then, be quiet please, I recommended red onion-juice, a drop on a little sugar every hour or so.

I just telephoned this hour, before I turned to my typewriter. "Baby is all right," was the welcome message. Just a word more about keeping up elimination through bowels and kidneys and a caution about feeding a 3-months baby too much starches. Also a final injunction to use just plain horse sense with the perfectly new youngster, the pride of the neighborhood.

The incident is closed. I wonder just how many young mothers and older grandmothers will pick up a grain of practical utility out of my discourse this week?

Miss Roxanna Williams of Cumberland county will start 250 acres of pines under management as the result of a thinning demonstration given in the county by the Extension Forester.

Hero Of World War Is Taken By Death

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Lieut. Gen. Hunter K. Liggett, 78, world war hero who served more than 42 years with the United States army, died today after a year's illness.

Physicians said death was caused by heart disease due to a complication of ailments.

His wife, Mrs. Harriet Lane Liggett, although frail herself, remained at his bedside.

The officer was awarded the distinguished service medal for his service in France as commander of the first army of the American expeditionary forces. He also received the highest decorations from Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Portugal.

Judge's Son Dies Of Monoxide Poisoning

Kinston, Dec. 29.—Alton Frizzelle, 29, son of Superior Court Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, died at a hospital today after he was found suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning and exposure in his stalled automobile.

The youth left home Christmas eve, and was found unconscious in his automobile two days later on a remote road in Greene county. Young Frizzelle, a student at V. P. I., was home for the holidays. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

LODGE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Snow Lodge No. 363 A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers on December 28 for the year 1936:

A. D. Wilson, master; M. G. Barnes, senior warden; Joe Mast, junior warden; Martin Harmon, secretary; O. J. Harmon, treasurer; Don Shull, senior deacon; Dewitt Brown, junior deacon.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

A number of splendid articles for the housewife, in which suggestions for new recipes and labor-saving methods are given. A regular feature in the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN.

Advertisement for Vicks VapoRub and Vicks Va-tro-nol. Text: 'Helping Your Family to Better CONTROL of COLDS'. Includes images of a person using the product and a child. Text: 'When Colds Threaten... Vicks Va-tro-nol helps Prevent many Colds'. 'If a Cold Strikes... Vicks VapoRub helps End a Cold sooner'. 'Follow Vicks Plan for Better Control of Colds'. 'A helpful guide to fewer colds and shorter colds. Developed by Vicks Chemists and Medical Staff; tested in extensive clinics by practicing physicians—further proved in everyday home use by millions. The Plan is fully explained in each Vicks package.' Price: 1/32 Over 17 Million Vicks Aids Used Yearly for Better Control of Colds.