Weekly Devotional Column

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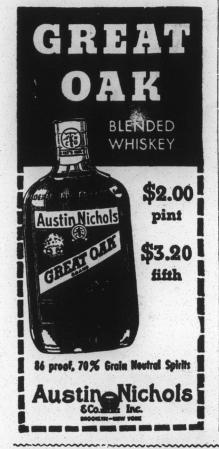
One of the most dramatic pages of all history is that which records the brief, tragic appearance on the world's clustered stage of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, pretender to the throne of Scotland, known to those who loved him and served him as Bonnie Prince Charlie. In one short year, from 1745 to 1746, this dashing, daring fairy-tale prince led a small, poorly armed, untrained army of loyal highlanders into the very heart of England. Indeed, he would have seized London, and the British crown, making himself undisputed ruler of the British Empire, had not some of his men, discouraged and homesick, insisted on turning back.

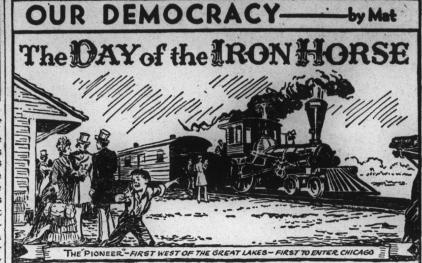
The English were able then to organize an army, and they hunted the unfortunate prince from one end of Scotland to the other. But though they placed a price of thirty-thousand pounds (\$150,000) on his head, the simple, faithful Scottish peasant folk scorned the ransom to shelter their prince. Finally he escaped to France, dressed as the maid-servant of Lady Flora MacDonald. Because of this, Flora MacDonald was forced to live in exile here in North Carolina, where to this day stands a college that bears her honored name. In her old age she was permitted to return home to die in the Scotland she loved, and for which she had sacrificed so much. Bonnie Prince Charlie, however, never returned to his homeland, but died a sad, frustrated, defeated man, on an alien shore. Nevertheless, his people missed their prince, and looked earnestly for him to return and deliver them from the hated oppressor. Much of the haunting, plaintive, beautiful Scottish folk-music centers around him, including this song that longs for his return:

Bonnie Charlie noo awa, Safely o'ev the friendly main; Mony a hairt will break in twa, Should ye ne'er come back again:

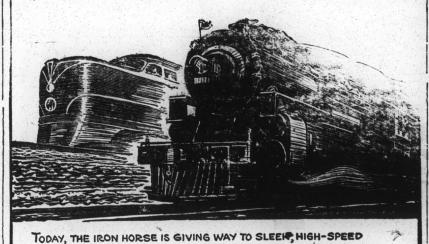
Will ye no come back again? Will ye no come back again? Better loved ye'll never be; Will ye no come back again?

But theirs was a forlorn hope, hopeless hope. For they knew full well in their inner hearts they would sin unto salvation;" for: never see their beloved prince again. But we as Christians can look forward with certainty and assurance to the return of our Prince, for just as sure as there is day and night, springtime and harvest, summer and winter, so





A CENTURY OR SO AGO THE IRON HORSE ROLLED PROUDLY WEST ACROSS THE FLAT LANDS, BELCHING WHITE RAGS OF STEAM AND SHOWERING SPARKS -AN AWESOME SIGHT. STRADDLING RIVERS, TUNNELING MOUNTAINS, RUNNING OUT OVER PRAIRIES, THE DURABLE AND POWERFUL STEAM -HELPED OPEN UP THE CONTINENT.



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shall the Lord Himself descend from heaven to receive unto Himself all those whose trust and whose hope is in Him, and in Him only. Our Lord will come again as He said, and "unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without

He is faithful that has promised,

And He'll surely come again. Some of you who read these lines are not at all prepared for the return of the Lord Jesus, and you are well aware of it. Were He to come today, you would not rise to meet Him in the air, but would be left behind. Your trust is in your "good works," your church-membership, in something other than Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made for you upon the cross. Do not think you may rise to greet Him garbed in the filthy rags of your own smug self-righteousness. The ascension robes in that day will be worn by those clothed in the white-robed righteousness of Christ. O hasten to come to Him before it is too late. Pour out your heart to Him in prayer, confess to Him your sins, trust Hin and receive Him as your own personal Saviour. And you who are Christians, "abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." (I John 2: 28).

He's coming back again, He's coming back again; He went away, but not to stay; He's coming back again.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Diplomacy

Prof: "Mr. Smith, will you tell me why you look at your timepiece so

Smith (suavely): "Yes, sir! I was afraid, sir, that you wouldn't have time to finish your interesting lec-

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES Services at the First Christian hurch have been announced as folows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C.

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at :30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.;

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

January 5, 1953.
The Board of Education held its

The reports of the county treasurer and the local school fund treasurer were read and same were adopted as read upon motion made and passed.

The question of purchasing a light weight truck was discussed, and it was finally decided to repair the cab of the old truck at this time rather than make further expenditures.

The superintendent read the bills

regular meeting January 5, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning with the chairman, G. B. Potter presiding.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, with the following members present: D. H. Berryman, Carey Evans, J. I. Boyce, G. E. Nixon, Conroy Perry and G. B. Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and same were approved upon motion made and passed.

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NOTICE! To Chowan County **TAXPAYERS**

The Tax Books for the year 1952 are now in my hands for the collection of taxes. We urge you to pay your taxes now and thus avoid the penalty which will begin on February 1.

A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1952 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. AN-OTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

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SHERIFF OF CHOWAN COUNTY



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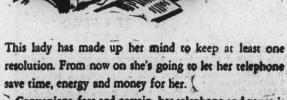


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