

FOR THE SAKE OF TRUTH

In the interest of truth and justice, we feel compelled to make a statement concerning a recent attack upon our Pastor and Church, in a local newspaper article.

In the first place, Bro. Isenhower, having received a unanimous call, came to this church, not as an evangelist, but as a pastor. This position he has filled in a manner entirely acceptable to the church. In the two months that he has been with us he has shown himself to be a man of strength, sweet spirit, wisdom, tact and spiritual power. As a preacher he has impressed us as one who digs deep into God's word, and unearths for his congregation beautiful and profound truths. Presenting them so

with us he has met every call made upon him as a pastor, in a fitting manner and conducted himself on all occasions as becomes a Christian gentleman and a minister of the gospel.

In the second place, it is well known to those who attended church regularly that the evangelistic note has been sounded strongly and continuously in his sermons, almost no service having passed without an invitation being given. Moreover, a month ago the church began to plan for its annual revival meeting, August being named as the time, and brother Isenhower, at the request of the church agreed to do the preaching, which was greatly appreciated.

The article in question was, we regret to say, written by a member of our church, a minor. We do not believe that he intended to cast this reflection upon his church and pastor, which his words plainly imply. Hasty and unfounded conclusions rather than clear thinking and sound judgments are characteristic of youth and inexperience, and it is our belief that the latter should be considered of prime importance in an editorial writer. Indeed a facile pen and a knack of turning phrases without a real understanding of their meaning, may prove a great menace in that capacity. We furthermore believe that a town is fortunate when the local press is enlisted on the side of justice, truth and community up-building, and where those responsible for its policy and opinions are men of discernment, conviction and mature judgment. We deeply regret this attack which was entirely without foundation, unprovoked and uncalled for. A grievous mistake has been made and a good man maligned. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we assure our pastor of our confidence in him, our appreciation and our desire to hold up his hands.

2. That we commend him to those who do not know him, as an earnest and fearless gospel preacher, a sincere seeker after the truth and a lover of it, a man who loves his fellow men and has the shepherd heart.

3. That we deplore the spirit that has made our church a target for criticism in the local press and elsewhere. We accept a part of it as a legitimate result of taking a high stand on moral questions, the reformer's penalty or reward. But when pastor and church are taken to task for the non-performance of those very things toward which they are bending their energies, it would seem that criticism of them is neither honest nor intelligent, but has become a habit or fashion. We are loth to believe that the young men responsible for the editorial utterances of the local paper are at heart enemies of the church of God. We invite the co-operation of all who are sincere in their efforts to build up the community, who love good and hate evil, and especially of all Christians of what ever creed, who are working or should be working, for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of our pastor, a copy recorded in the records of our church, and that a copy be presented to the Hertford County Herald for publication.

By order of Conference, this June 25th, 1922. Ahoakie Baptist Church, Ahoakie, N. C.

C. G. POWELL,
Assistant Moderator.
F. G. TAYLOR, Clerk.

THREE LIBERATORS

Vice President Coolidge has become a writer of fiction. e says the last year has been one of "incredible achievement."

Perhaps he meant to endorse the view of the man who said the three greatest men in the world were Lincoln, Ford and Harding. Asked why, he replied:

"Lincoln freed the negro, Ford freed the mule. Harding freed the white man." The unemployment of the past year did make it a year without precedent.—News and Observer.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

New Orleans, July 5.—When the tumult and shouting died away and the American Legion hosts prepared to leave Kansas City, following the national convention there last fall, the general feeling was that there would never be another convention of similar magnitude and general good times.

Faced by the necessity of living up to the high mark established by Kansas City, the 1922 convention committee started work immediately following the 1921 gathering. The result of this activity is the formation of a program for entertainment of the 150,000 visitors expected, which will eclipse in originality and spontaneity all previous conventions.

In New Orleans convention authorities have been to provide certain types of amusement to satisfy the various tastes of visitors. Each man will be able to take advantage of the kind of entertainment he desires.

Way back in the minds of most veterans is the desire to revisit the scenes of their best times during the World War. To the man who went to France there is perhaps the memory of a leave in Paris, a sojourn behind the lines in a picturesque village where the corpulent madam who ran the cafe was kind and where the mademoiselles were not hard to look upon. The soldier and sailor who did not go to France has heard his comrades hold forth at Legion posts meetings upon the joys of days spent behind the lines, and is no less eager than his buddy who went overseas to live again the old, care-free life.

For five days, starting October 16, New Orleans will cast aside its modern American ways and will revert to the days of French and Spanish domination. The famous carnival atmosphere of the Mardi Gras will prevail, bringing to every visitor that spontaneity which dominated the streets of Kansas City.

Arriving in New Orleans, the doughty visitor will be transported to a cosmopolitan atmosphere. He will meet Creole and French girls, attired in the headdress and garb of Brittany, Normandy and other picturesque French provinces. At the street corner, he will see on sale a special La Vie Parisienne edition of a local newspaper. If the train arrives at night his journey to the hotel will be down a great White Way. Thirteen thousand electric lights will make the downtown streets a memorable display.

There are no descendants of Jesse James among the hotel proprietors of New Orleans. Co-operating with the convention committee to the fullest extent, all principal hostellers have agreed to give the visitor a bunk for \$1.50 a day, minus bath, and for \$2.50 a day with the porcelain tub. Every man gets a bed too. The hotels and housing committee is prepared to take care of all visitors. Those who prefer to live in the residential district far removed from the sounds of merriment will be entertained in the best homes of the city.

As a special act of courtesy to the Legion hosts a celebrated French carnival parade will be held by a number of French societies who have made the Mardi Gras a national event. The festivities will be held in the evening.

During the World War the rolls of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps carried the names of many famous athletes. To a Legionaire sports have always proved to be of exceptional interest. During the New Orleans convention, the greatest World War athletes of the United States will compete in track and field, marksmanship, wrestling and boxing contest. They will endeavor to bring the championships in their chosen sports to their Legion departments.

Dreadnaughts, cruisers, submarines and sub-chasers will frolic in the port of New Orleans for the amusement of the doughboy. The convention's water carnival is expected to be one of the most unique features on the program. All the great naval powers of the world have been invited to send ships to participate in the carnival. There will be British, French, Italian, Mexican and Brazilian craft, while our Cuban allies, who hold forth at a comparative stone's throw for New Orleans, will send a number of vessels.

Swarming about the sides of the great ocean vessels will be hundreds of yachts and small pleasure craft, decorated in festive colors. There will be an opportunity for all visitors to take a trip about the harbor and to sail on Lake Pontchartrain, one of the most beautiful bodies of water in the United States.

Excitement will reign and recollections of past perils will come to the convention visitor on one of the convention nights. A spectacular air raid will be staged over the center of business district. Squadrons of bombing planes will drop flares and illuminating bombs, while powerful searchlights from the vessels in the harbor will play upon the air craft and reveal to the thousands of spectators the spiral dives, loops and daring

CONGRESSMAN WARD WARD OPPOSES BILL

BY DAVID F. ST. CLAIR
Washington, July 5.—Hon. H. S. Ward is by far the best speaker of the North Carolina delegation in Congress. In fact he is one of the orators of the House. For a new member he has distinguished himself in the number of speeches he has made. His latest speech is that opposing the bill to establish bird preserves and make hunters pay a license of \$1.00 each or go to jail for six months.

Mr. Ward felt it his duty to oppose this bill because the waters of his district abound with many varieties of migratory birds and furnish a hunter's paradise. He could not see the

citizens of his district to pay a license to hunt birds on their own land. He regards such legislation as favoritism to the rich sportsmen and clubmen. Mr. Ward summarized the purpose of the bill in the following language:

"What, now, is the real purpose and intent of this bill, and why was it inspired? Is it this: The sportsman, whose inherited fortunes have removed him far from life's duties, responsibilities, and cares, has purchased an island in the waters, say, of Currituck Sound, N. C.—and other waters are similar—and in it he has built a home and stocked it with all the things that luxury and ease and sport and revelry can suggest. In this island home he "tastes the spices of Arabia, but feels not the sun or showers that produce them." Around this island for several miles it may be, is very shallow water and shoals. His riparian and other rights extend far out to deep water. He has difficulty in using the local courts to enforce protection of his shooting ground. He wants to turn these islands and shooting grounds over to the United States, pay his license, and get the United States Government to protect them by its regulation and through its courts. I know whereof I speak. I have been in touch with just these conditions, and for several years I did my best to enforce rigid State laws for the protection of migratory birds and the property rights of those who enjoyed peculiar privileges in the shooting of them. I found it difficult. Juries act reluctantly and call for, sometimes, most too much proof before the convict on such indictments. But pass this bill and the club owner and sporting man will raise the song of the southern negro, "All 'er my troubles am done away. It will turn these waters over to the Government and go to the Agriculture Department and get a network of regulations governing shooting on the them and get an agent of the Agriculture Department to come down here and wine and dine with me and he will pick up these fellows—he will not need any warrant—and carry them away to a United States commissioner and have him bound over to the Federal court and make him come to that court to get a trial three or four times, 100 miles from his home, and by that time I have done enough to him not to care whether he is convicted." That is what is in this bill. It is a piece of tyranny and of sportsman depotism that no English lord would have asked for the protection of his manor in the thirteenth century."

A community cow, rented out at \$1 a week to families in the congregation who have children, is the property of the Church-by-the-Side-of-the-Road in Greensboro. The proceeds realized from this rental are being saved to buy other cows and eventually there will be a community herd to supply milk in large quantities for all the children in the congregation.

movements executed by the pilots. Women visitors who attend the American Legion Auxiliary convention, to be held in conjunction with the Legion gathering, will face a barrage of French fetes, yacht reviews, teas, luncheons and automobile tours. They will join their Legion comrades in dances on the roped-off downtown streets. Music will be provided by numerous jazz orchestras composed of New Orleans negroes who claim responsibility for the syncopated tunes of the American ballroom. The Pickwick, Boston, Louisiana clubs and other historic and exclusive organizations are to open the doors to the Legion and Auxiliary guests. Amusement parks, theatres and all permanent entertainments enterprises of New Orleans have arranged special programs for convention week.

Volumes could be written of New Orleans and the many attractions the stranger finds with its gates. The architectural uniqueness of the buildings; its inviting parks and driveways, and its unusual historical associations, are features that appeal to all classes. An experienced hostess, Miss New Orleans is preparing to demonstrate her hospitality to the Legion visitors and to send them back to their homes with happiest memories of the fourth annual national convention of the American Legion.

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