

November

Cold and gray November What do you give, pray? I give abundant wealth, and too I bring Thanksgiving Day.

Rich and full the harvest, Though winter's winds blow cold, For winter soon is coming, When fields turn white with snow.

The birds have long since left us, The sheep are in the fold; For little lambs were bleating Because their feet were cold.

And so we give them shelter And cover from the blast, Just as our Heavenly Father Calls us home at last.

Calls us home at last, Into the Heavenly fold; When we come crying lonely, Because the world is cold.

—Nina Pride Hoag.

Don't expect too much of any code. Think how long it is taking to put over that one Moses presented—Tucson Citizen.

Another Epidemic?

Are we to have another epidemic of homicides in Wilkes? That is a question the sober-minded folks are asking themselves at this time and not without reason.

As the evidence points in that direction, there is no use for us to evade the issue and pay homage to the gods of silence. Wilkes has received some unfortunate publicity during the past several months. It does no good, however, to blame anyone for the publicity. The thing that calls for the attention of the best minds is a cure for this cancerous growth. What is the underlying cause? What is it that is making murderers out of men who in ordinary life appear to be normal people? That is the question that is forced upon us as a series of tragedies and semi-tragedies are noted.

A Liberty To Be Preserved

Two hundred years ago Peter Zenger, publisher of the New York Gazette, was imprisoned by the Royal Governor of the Colony of New York because he dared to criticize the Governor's actions in his newspaper.

A jury set Zenger free after he had lain in jail for several days, and declared it to be the right of every free man to speak and write his opinions freely on any subject, even the Royal Governor.

From that day on the freedom of the press has been one of America's most cherished traditions. Numerous attempts have been made to place the newspapers of the nation under Governmental control. Under the infamous Alien and Sedition Act, at the beginning of the last century, many editors were imprisoned for saying what they thought of those in authority and their actions. But so greatly was public opinion aroused by these high-handed proceedings, that the very first amendment to the Constitution of the United States was the one guaranteeing the right of free speech and a free press.

Lately there have been renewed efforts in many quarters to control the Press of America. Not only local and state authorities have tried to dictate what shall and shall not be printed, but there have been hints and threats from those high in the Federal Government itself. Not long ago an agent of the Department of Labor threatened to prosecute for treason a newspaper which printed a criticism of the effort to unionize certain industries. His threat was promptly disavowed by his superiors, but since then similar threats to "clamp down" on newspapers and reporters which dare to criticize the NRA have been voiced by General Johnson himself.

The United States has not yet become a despotism. We are not ruled by a Dictator. The first act of those who usurp power is always to try to control the Press. It is time now, when the trial of Peter Zenger is being celebrated as a great historical event, to declare once more that neither this newspaper nor any other newspaper in America will tolerate any effort by Authority to say what it may or may not print.

Drainage Campaign

We are witnessing dramatic changes in the banking system of the nation and only experience with the new provisions will establish definitely the progress that has been made.

The need for some changes that would prevent a recurrence of the losses incurred by depositors through bank failures has been rather generally recognized by the public. That the new code of fair competition fills the need is the belief in well informed circles.

The reduction in interest rate paid on time deposits will be more than offset by the guarantee that hereafter the depositor, particularly the small one, will not in the future see his life's savings go up like a bubble, never to be seen again. Frankly, most of us had rather have a few hundred on interest at three per cent and know that we will get it back than to have the same amount at four per cent and lie awake at night wondering whether a bank failure would place us back where we started earlier in life.

The service charges are not unreasonable. If banks have been making a gross mistake in any particular line, it has been in the matter of free service. No institution, whether it be a store, newspaper or bank, can hope to survive without making a profit. It cannot render service at a loss. And it is far better to pay for the service a bank renders—and it must be remembered that banking is necessary to the life of business—than to have no bank at all. It was in that direction we have headed in the dark days of the latter part of 1932 and the early days of 1933.

The changes, we are convinced, will prove beneficial to the banks and should encourage, rather than discourage, the people to place their money in the banks. Of a certainty, these changes will restore confidence in banking.

Patience Is The World

The evidence increases from day to day that business is picking up everywhere, in almost every line. Producers, whether of foodstuffs and other farm products, of manufactured goods of all kinds, are getting better prices for their products. More men and women are back at work, money is beginning to circulate more freely, all the evidences that the upturn has begun are at hand.

Yet we hear many people grumbling, declaring that the President's recovery program is a failure, because it has not performed a miracle over night. No sensible person who has stopped to think about it ever imagined that this great nation could jump back instantly into its former prosperity. It took us nearly four years to slide down the hill; we cannot hope to leap back to the top in one bound. We do not believe it will take four years, or anything like it, to get back on Prosperity Peak; but we do feel sure that it will take more time than some of the kickers are willing to allow.

It is hard to be patient when one is up against it for ready cash and the means of livelihood. But patience is the word that needs to be impressed upon everybody in these days. If the return of prosperity has not made itself manifest to any particular reader of these lines, be patient, for it is surely on the way. Of that we have not the slightest doubt.

And if we wanted to pose as prophets, which is a rather useless, not to say thankless, sort of endeavor, we would hint that the next peak of prosperity is going to be even higher and more attractive than the last one was.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

PAUL IN JERUSALEM

Lesson for November 5th. Acts 15:1-35. Golden Text: 2 Corinthians 3:17.

We have arrived at one of the most critical moments in the life of the early church. Both Peter and Paul had preached the gospel to Gentiles with gratifying results. But the Christian Jews, in their zeal for the Mosaic law, insisted that while Gentiles could be received into the church, they must first be circumcised. This demand Paul and Barnabas, in the name of freedom, vehemently resisted. They did not want the Society of Christ to be a mere Jewish sect, but a universal community embracing all men sharing the Master's faith. How far-sighted they were! We cannot be too thankful that, at this early stage, the fortunes of the church were moulded by men of such liberal sympathies. If the narrow "Judaizers" had triumphed, the Christian movement might have been condemned to perpetual obscurity. Fortunately, by the historic decision of the Jerusalem council, a broad and generous strategy determined the future expansion of the church. Instead of becoming the private possession of a Jewish clan, zealous for the legal tradition of the old covenant, Christianity grew into a world religion animated with the spirit of a new and living way. Thus was faith saved.

Note that both sides of the question were presented in the course of the debate. Then James, the Master's brother, proposed an honorable compromise. The Gentiles, he suggested, should be asked to observe only four reasonable regulations embodied in the Mosaic law. This judgment, really a victory for Paul, but also recognizing a certain merit in the position of his opponents, was adopted and sent, in the form of a letter, to the Gentile brethren of Antioch and vicinity.

We have the right to consider this letter a Magna Charta of our Christian Liberties. The follower of Jesus is not under the yoke of any ceremonial system, be it Mosaic or otherwise. "A Christian man," said Luther, the 450th anniversary of whose birth falls on November 10th, "is the most free lord of all, and subject to none."

The Old Tory Oak

Identifying the town is like beginning work on one's place. There is so much that seems most necessary, that one scarcely knows where to begin. There is the Old Tory Oak. Everyone knows the history of that old tree, and there is little use in going into that; but the old tree is rapidly decaying, and unless taken in hand immediately, it will soon be gone. We all know the effort that attorney Frank Hendren made to keep the old tree a living landmark. It needs immediate attention. Two sides of the plot of ground about it have been concreted, but the remaining two sides are breaking down, and if it costs too much to have them concreted, they could be built up with rock. A rock wall if nicely built would serve the purpose, would be more artistic, and more in keeping with the age of the tree.

After the wall is built up, a planting of English ivy completely around the base of the tree, and well attended to, would in about two years cover the tree, and that would preserve what is left of the tree for another generation or two. It would not take many Queen of Sheba violet plants to border the little plot, and one dozen each of crocus, golden emperor jonquills, Darwin breeder tulips, white narcissi, (the poet's narcissi that blooms in May) mixed hyacinths, one or two dozen pansy plants, a few roots of purple verbena, and some portulaca plants. . . . these two bloom for about six months, and the first named plants bloom from February on until about the middle of May. That would give a blooming season of about nine or ten months, depending on climatic conditions. Yes . . . and let us not forget the birds . . . put a few bird baths close to the cement or rock foundation . . . they could be placed so that they would not be in the way of anything . . . and the court house caretaker might keep them filled for us.

The Old Tory Oak has been held before the public for so long as a means of death . . . now let us preserve what remains of it and keep it before the public as a resting place for God's first musicians . . . the song birds.

THE COURT HOUSE

Is it necessary for the house where justice is meted out to the county's offenders to be so bleak and severe as it greets the public eye? A very little bit of dignified and stately shrubbery (what I have in mind is the Irish Juniper I think) about the corners of the front of that building on either side of the steps, with a flush of lower growing blooming shrubbery, would add much to the appearance of the building. There is much more that could improve the public square, but it can wait awhile.

OUR COMMUNITY HOUSE

Soon the highway workmen will have finished the work of changing the street at the intersection of the streets in the eastern approach to the town. Then what? A broad open space of red mud for many weeks. I do not know what that space belongs to, the town or the state, but part of it belongs to the town, and we could get the other part from whoever it belongs to.

That plot of ground is about a central section of the town, and we could use it well . . . one of the things we could use it for would be a community house and town library, with reading room, and recreation place for our young people. Have we ever thought why our young people go to so many places they should not go, or why they do so much of their visiting along the highway in parked cars? It is largely because there is no other place for them to go.

It would not cost so very much to begin a library. I have in mind a building something on the style of an old fashioned cottage, with a wide hall and open fire place, and on one side of the hall a large, long room, or what could be divided into two rooms . . . this would serve for library and reading room, and on the other side of the hall have a combination kitchen, workshop, and office, (that would be a part of the long room divided) and have the larger section of that room for entertaining clubs, and other organizations, or where the young folks could have parties if they desired to.

We could do this. The women of this town, in their various denominations have made much money for church and other religious work, and I feel confident that if the women put their efforts together in one common cause, to make money for this library we can do it. It might be that we could get the building through the Building and Loan Association.

Wilkes county has its share of illustrious dead! They did not all die on the battle field, but they are no less illustrious! There

ting tribute to the memory of one dead than a Community House and Town Library dedicated to them? And to the numerous women, our boys and girls with a profitable place in which to spend their leisure hours?

Surely there would be less crime and whiskey drinking if more time and thought were given to providing a place not only for the young folks, but for the older folks as well, to spend their leisure time. Some people get into trouble not because they are really wicked; but because there is nothing for entertainment during leisure hours, and most people have to be entertained.

What could serve the purpose better than a Community House and Town Library?

Seeks Federal Aid In Making Ocean Airways

Washington, Oct. 30.—From America to the capitals of Europe in fast planes flying on regular schedule and touching at giant floating islands of steel in the Atlantic—that was the plan outlined today to the public works technical board of review.

The floating-airports would be operated by the Seadrome Ocean Dock corporation, of Wilmington, Del., which seeks a \$30,000,000 loan from the public works administration for construction of five such islands.

They would be strung across the Atlantic at intervals of approximately 450 miles. The Azores would serve one, with four located on the American side of the Azores and one on the other.

Each seadrome would be equipped with hotel accommodations for 200 persons together with a restaurant, barber shop, beauty parlor, swimming pool, gymnasium, fishing accommodations and regular stock quotations.

Advocates of the project, led by E. R. Armstrong, inventor of the sea-dromes, claim that with their use regular 24-hour flights could be made between the United States and points in Europe.

Appearing before the board today, Armstrong said his plan was "feasible and practical."

The seadromes would be similar to aircraft carriers used by the navy, but with "legs" 200 feet long extending down into the sea to assist in stabilizing the landing platform and keep it afloat high above the water's surface.

Armstrong would agree to repay the loan by 1945. Tolls would be charged for use of the dromes, which would be available to airplanes of all nations.

BETTY COMPSON WILL APPEAR IN TWIN CITY

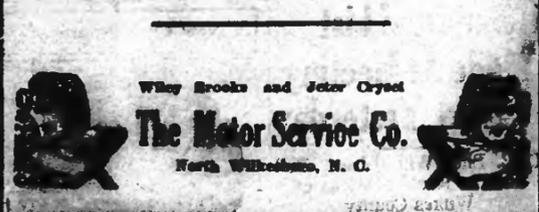
Betty Compton, famous and popular star of stage and screen will make her personal appearance at the State Theatre, Winston-Salem Tuesday night, Nov. 7, only in the elaborate Variety Revue, High-Lites of 1934. Miss Compton has more successful pictures to her credit than any other Hollywood celebrity. Her return to her first love, the legitimate theatre, will be one of the outstanding theatrical events of the season. Among Miss Compton's excellent and versatile company of 60 players are: Frank Gaby, leading comedian of Artists & Models, Gay Paree, A Night in Venice and many other successes. Gale & Carson, well-known vaudeville headliners and featured in Sidewalks of New York and other Musical Comedies; Bert Matthews and Beth Clarke, featured players in Good Boy, Lucky, Marx Bros. Animal Crackers and Spring Is Here; Federico & Francine, Continental Dancing Stars; Irene Cody, a really funny comedienne; Lucille Matthews, leading ingenue and a dainty Hollywood Product; Lee Kramer, winner of Paul White-man's radio coast to coast contest, Winona, featured dancer with Paul White-man and Ben Bernie; Ned Wayburn's all American beauties noted as the world's greatest dancing ensemble; Al Johnston & Company's Xylophonia, musical novelty from Cochran's Revue, London, England and Harry Underwood's Silver-tone Radio Grenadiers Band and Orchestra, long favorites of the Radio Audiences.

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Singers Of Blue Ridge Group Met At Summit Sunday

Nine Chorus Participants In Program; J. C. McNeill Is Elected Chairman

SUMMIT, Oct. 30.—The greatest and best session of the Blue Ridge Singing Association met at Yellow Hill church Sunday. There were seven classes present besides Yellow Hill, which had two, making a total of nine who took an active part in the singing. The classes were as follows: Yellow Hill Nos. one and two, Stony Fork, Big Ivy, Blue Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Cricket postoffice, Arbor Grove and a visiting class from West Hickory, led by Mr. M. M. Phillips, a great leader of singing and a highly esteemed former resident of this section. All the classes except the class from Hickory belong to the association. Besides the classes there were the following quartets who sang: Yellow Hill male quartet, Big Ivy male quartet and a mixed quartet from Blue Ridge and West Hickory. The classes and quartets sang only one song each before noon and after lunch on three each. One of the largest crowds ever seen together in this section were entertained by the singing classes and all were unanimous in praise of this session of the association.

The next regular session of the association will be held with Mt. Pleasant church, near Champion, the fifth Sunday in December, this year.

Mr. J. C. McNeill, of Champion, was unanimously re-elected as chairman.

There will be a county-wide singing at the court house Thanksgiving day.

Reading that the United States has a total of 3,040,000 miles of highway, the holiday motorist is inclined to wonder why some of the other 3,039,999 miles are not in use.—Christian Science Monitor.

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