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THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1937

They held another election in Russia and no doubt any who opposed the present dictator will be visited about midnight. Dead men tell no tales, and do no more voting against.

Christmas Lighting

Soon the shortest days and longest nights of the year will be upon us. But they promise to be the brightest, cheeriest, and most colorful nights of this or any other year.

Galaxies of star-like incandescent lamps will again sparkle from windows, doorways, house roofs, and shrubbery. It is the modern world's way of carrying the Christmas spirit outdoors—through a most appropriate medium, light—and for all the world to share.

Each succeeding year over the past two decades has seen this modern vogue—of illuminating one's "Peace on Earth . . ." with gem-like lights—grow into a custom almost as far-reaching and beautiful as the Christmas spirit itself.

This year, new thousands of homes will doubtless swell the countless millions of outdoor lighting displays and so enhance the beauty of the magnificent spectacle that is America at Yuletide. A veritable fairyland of multi-colored lights!

Weeks before Christmas, shoppers everywhere find a wide variety of new decorative lighting equipment in local stores which carry electrical merchandise. Among the ornamental equipments available, one finds all sorts of lamp-studded wreathes, bells, stars and "flaming" candles—designed for window and doorway decoration—and also light-bejeweled festoons—for edging or to be strung among evergreen sprigs or along the garden hedge. Not only are these new ornamental pieces inexpensive, but they're in better taste and more practical than ever before.

Of course, greater dependability may be expected from these electrical Christmas decorations offered by reputable American manufacturers. True, this merchandise may cost a few cents more than similar appearing equipment of foreign make, but repeated experience has shown that a few pennies more buys a considerable saving in time, effort and inconvenience.

A fetching outdoor display may be installed these days in less than half an hour. All it takes is a small cash outlay and a little ingenuity. The "fairyland" is fun to create; it's a genuine satisfaction to own; and it's a source of joy for all passersby.

Firecrackers

There is a peculiar complex in this makeup we call human nature that makes people want to make a lot of noise at Christmas time. If noise were all, it would not be so bad.

Mayor McNeil has issued a warning about firing firecrackers. Firecrackers in themselves are just implements of noise, but when used carelessly can be implements of death. We read only a few days ago of a boy who lost one eye in a firecracker explosion. Better that there were no firecrackers in the country than that any person should lose an eye and be maimed for life.

The odds are 1,000 to 1 against no one being killed because of firecrackers before January 1. Why play with anything so dangerous?

Of course, firecrackers can be handled in a safe manner, but they never have, and for that reason should be prohibited.

Dorothy Dix deplors the scarcity of "safe husbands". Somewhere we heard about rolling pins being used adeptly by the fair sex.

Calmness Necessary

The bombing of a United States gunboat by Japanese planes and several other incidents in the Orient could easily start a war. In ages past, such happenings would have already started the international fracas.

But in this age when we realize the futility of war, calmness is needed in dealing with the desperate situation. The sinking of the ship was due to the zeal, carelessness, and indifference of Japanese fliers. We have lost a gunboat, one or more lives, several injured, and what Japan offers is her "profound regrets."

How America can protect the interests of its citizens and the citizens themselves in the war torn area is a problem yet to be solved. One should consider that Americans do not have to stay in the war zone. In fact, they have been warned to move.

We do not know whether or not it is absolutely necessary for the soldiers to remain in China. But it does look as if civilians whose citizenship belong in the United States might get out and refrain from being the possible cause of international calamity. War is nothing less than General Sherman said it was, and we may expect other happenings to arouse indignation against Japan.

We could go over and give Japan a good licking, but in so doing we might lose a million lives, billions in money, and with suffering and loss inestimable.

The Cost of Relief

In the first nine months of 1937 the payments to needy persons from Federal, state and local tax funds was \$152,416,000 less than in the corresponding period of 1936, the Social Security Board reports. The total of such payments is still high enough, running to a bit more than a billion and a half dollars, or over \$17,000,000 a month. The lowest month in two years was September, 1937, when the relief outlay was 159 millions.

Those figures include wages paid to W. P. A. workers, subsistence grants under the Farm Security Administration, old-age assistance to the blind, aid to dependent children, old age pensions to nearly a million and a half aged men and women, and state and local relief payments to everyone unable to earn a living. The total for the year, at that rate, will run above two thousand million dollars.

Uncle Sam certainly takes good care of his dependent nephews and nieces. The question in everybody's mind is how long can he keep it up on the present scale. Nobody wants anybody in America to starve. We have never let anybody starve, if we knew it. Long before the Federal government went into the philanthropic enterprises in which it is now engaged, private and public individuals and organized charities saw to it that nobody in their respective communities was allowed to suffer for the necessities of life, and nearly all the states had taken upon themselves responsibility for maintaining the needy old people in comfort.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Lesson for December 19th. Luke 2:8-20
GOLDEN TEXT: LUKE 2:11

"She laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn." We can picture to ourselves the various sorts of folk in that inn, stout Jewish farmers a couple of petty governors, a half-dozen brutal Roman soldiers, some priests, a rabbi, and idlers hanging about the door or lounging by the fire. All were unmindful of Mary and her divine treasure about to be born.

This is typical of that coldness of heart Jesus encountered. "He came unto His own, and His own received him not." Today this drama of the renunciation of the Master is being repeated. The world is full of its own interests, and there is no room for the Master. Even at Christmas time, when the whole world is reminded of His blessed coming, He is crowded out. There is always danger of a Christmas without Christ. When one thinks about our Christmas shopping, the pushing crowds, the commercialized Santa Clauses, the tired nerves of store and postal clerks, and the conventional artificiality of so much Christmas giving one wonders what Jesus thinks of it all. It is often hard to find the real Christmas spirit in all this hurly-burly.

Phillips Brooks gives two reasons for this pushing aside of Jesus. First of all, he says, the world does not feel in need of Him. Secondly, the world is conscious of shame and sin. It finds no space in its evil atmosphere for the high, majestic Christ.

Both of these explanations are familiar to us all. We feel their force. We know how indifferent men and nations are to the message of the incarnation. And we understand full well how sin crowds out the Saviors, making its victims deaf to the call of Jesus. But thank God for the passionate minority who give our Lord all the room he wants, who take the manger and make it a throne in their hearts.

Various Soils Need Various Treatments

It's hard for a farmer to adopt the kind of erosion control practices that would be most effective on his land unless he knows what type of soil covers his fields, said Dean I. O. Schaum, of State College.

He needs to consider the thickness and texture of the topsoil and also the subsoil underneath. He needs to consider the slope of the land over each field, how badly the soil tends to erode, and how much soil has been washed away already.

In parts of the State, the dean continued, so much topsoil has been washed away that the farmers on it have to eke out a living as best they can by virtually tilling the subsoil.

There are soils now being cultivated that are better suited to making brick than to producing crops.

Within a single field there may be big differences in the type of soil found in various places. Or differences in the slope over a field cause it to be badly eroded in some places while in others there is still a fairly good layer of topsoil.

The badly eroded places should be retired to thick-growing cover crops, but the more level places may still be good for careful farming.

A striking example of differences in soil may be gained by examining the thin top soil on a place where row crops have been grown for a long time, then compare it with the thick, spongy soil in a wooded area nearby.

A careful study of the soil on each farm has proved one of the most important steps in the "whole-farm" method of controlling erosion now being demonstrated in erosion control areas over the state, Dean Schaum added.

POSING OF CO-ED CREATES FURORE

Madison, Wis., Dec. 10.—Discovery that a University of Wisconsin co-ed had been posing in the nude before students in the university's "Life" art classes created a hubbub today on the campus.

Professor William H. Varnum, director of the art department, instructed Prof. Roland S. Stebbins, head of the "Life" class, to cease using the girl as a model. She had been posing to help earn her way through school.

LEGAL NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of J. A. Johnston, deceased, with the will annexed, this is to notify all persons who have claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of December, 1938, or this notice will be plead in bar of payment. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of Dec., 1937.
W. D. HALFACRE,
Administrator of the estate of J. A. Johnston, Deceased, with the will annexed.
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Whicker & Whicker, Attorneys.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Under and pursuant to and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 22nd day of September, 1936 by A. L. Griffing, and wife Mrs. A. L. Griffing to the undersigned trustee, the said deed of trust being given to secure the payment of certain notes of even date therewith, and default having been made in the payment of the notes under the terms thereof, the undersigned trustee will therefore offer for sale, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Thursday, the 23rd day of December, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the following described lands or lots, to-wit: Being Lot No. One in Block No. Two as shown on the map of the T. B. Finley Park Addition to the town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, recorded in Book No. 132, at Page 154.

Done this the 23rd day of November, 1937.
W. H. McELWEE,
Trustee.

SALE OF LAND UNDER DEED OF TRUST

North Carolina, Wilkes County. By virtue of authority contained in a deed of trust executed on the 7th day of July, 1928, by Tom Poteat and wife Mae Poteat to Fred S. Hutchins, Trustee, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Yadkin County in Book 45, page 44, an increased bid having been placed upon prior sale held thereunder on November 22, 1937, I will offer for resale and sell at public auction for cash at the court house door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock noon on Thursday, December 23, 1937, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a stone at the foot of a fallen oak tree and runs south 16 degrees 30 minutes west 25.75 chains to a dogwood; thence south 3 degrees 30 minutes west 9.57 chains; thence south 27 degrees east 20 chains to a pile of stone, Putnam's corner in current's line; thence with Putnam's line south 3 degrees west 28.50 chains to a post oak; thence north 57 degrees west with Mitchell's line 20 chains to a

Why Not?

by A. B. CHAPIN



thence south 3 deg. west with Mitchell's line 53.25 chains to a post oak (dead) on the north bank of Hunting Creek; thence up said creek 50 chains to the mouth of a branch, thence up said branch north 63 deg. east 4.75 chains to a crook of branch, north 17 deg. east 4.75 chains to a post oak corner; thence with her line north 17 deg. east 13.90 chains to a stake, north 15 deg. east 6.45 chains to a stake; north 3 deg. east 8.10 chains to a stake; north 18 deg. west 11.65 chains to a stake; north 10 deg. west 30 minutes west 3 chains to a stake; north 24 deg. east 1.48 chains to a stake; north 44 deg. east 3.43 chains to a stake, north 49 deg. east 2.95 chains to a stake, north 19 deg. 30 minutes west 2.50 chains to a stake, north 3 deg. east 20.52 chains to a stone; thence north 87 deg. west 3.12 chains to W. C. Myers line; thence with his line north 3 deg. east 20.80 chains to a stone in Gregory's line; thence south 81 deg. 30 minutes east with Gregory's line 29.60 chains to the beginning and containing 330 acres, more or less. This conveyance is made pursuant to an agreement of sale entered into by the grantor with the grantee on the 21st day of June, 1917, recorded in the Register of Deeds of Yadkin County, Book 6, page 568.

This 7th day of December, 1937.
FRED S. HUTCHINS,
Trustee.
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