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Flood Control Fight Should Be Constant

The flood control meeting held here Thursday night and attended by about 150 key citizens of several counties on the Yadkin River watershed is ample evidence that the people strongly favor protection of the valley from floods.

The flood control fight has been enlarged to take in soil conservation, reforestation, forest protection from fires, terracing and many other practices which are good for the soil and in turn are good for everybody.

But the experts here for the meeting, and which included the top authorities on flood control and soil use, all agreed that erection of detention dams for early protection against floods is very necessary. Flood control by soil practices could not become effective for many years and would not protect from disaster in event of a recurrence of such cloudbursts as hit the valley in 1940.

The Flood Control committee is enlarging its membership and taking in everybody from the head of the Yadkin to the sea who want flood control, and welcomes cooperation from other peoples and groups not in the valley but who want to see soil conservation and reforestation promoted.

The immediate aim is to secure congressional appropriation for erection of the four planned detention dams, two on the Yadkin and two on the Reddies River, but the committee wishes to see a complete program of flood control with reforestation and all desirable soil practices put into effect throughout the area.

No Place For Young People

The avowed purpose of socialism is to equitably distribute a nation's wealth. What it actually does is to spread the poverty. And, in the process, it does an extremely effective job of destroying incentive, opportunity, and ambition, as well as wealth.

An illuminating example of that is found in a recent editorial in the Portland Oregonian. Some time ago the Oregonian's circulation manager carried on a correspondence with a printer in Dorset, England, and sent him a number of the paper's big Sunday issues. Now, the printer writes, he and his family have decided to emigrate to Oregon. They plan to come in January, even though he has no assurance of finding a job and will be confronted by a severe housing shortage when he reaches his new home. His reason for making so long and difficult a move is stated in this paragraph: "England today is no place for young people such as mine, who are ambitious. The days of private enterprise over here are numbered. Frustration and inertia have come in with a rush, and everyone emulates Mr. Micawber, just 'waiting for something to turn up.' It is a sorry picture, and not all due to the war. We shall be glad to pull out."

The simple declaration goes straight to the heart of Britain's decay, and cuts deeper than reams of statistics and volumes of economic theory. Socialism means the triumph of the bureaucrat. It means that all the energies and resources of the nation become the property of the politicians in power. It means that the poor, no less than the rich, are getting poorer. Worst of all, it means that the individual spirit and drive which created an empire on which the sun never sets is rapidly being throttled to death.

So the printer from Dorset is bringing his family to a nation where free enterprise still exists, and opportunity is open to all. Other English men and women are emigrating by the thousands to Canada

and elsewhere. They love the soil of England still, but they cannot bear to watch the disintegration of the qualities that made her great.

The duty of the American people is to maintain a nation and a political system which will not tolerate the political forces that are destroying England.

Borrowed Comment

TIME FOR PATRIOTISM (Lenoir News Topic)

The Congress of the United States has been called to meet in special session by President Harry S. Truman, to take action concerning two problems, which the President described as (1) high prices at home and (2) hunger and cold abroad.

There will be general agreement with the conclusion of the Chief Executive that "timely and forthright action" is necessary. Moreover, it has been clear, in recent weeks, that Mr. Truman wished to avoid a special session if possible.

Every American should understand the serious questions that confront the Members of Congress. The responsibility of the present crisis does not belong to the Chief Executive alone; it is shared by the Congress. The people have a right to expect an exhibition of statesmanship on a non-partisan level. Unless this is possible one has a right to question the ability of Democratic government to meet modern perils.

Aside from the income which a national guard company provides, which is substantial over a period of a year, the military company adds prestige to any community and is a valuable asset in event of disaster or trouble.

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RECOGNIZING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Someone has said, "What a difference it makes in our manner of living and doing things if we recognize the presence of God. Our singing takes on new life and our prayers new inspiration; our works are more than a mere labor of duty—they have force and power behind them. To forget the presence of God, to regard Him as at a distance, is to detach ourselves from the source of power, and our souls will droop."

We should constantly and always keep in mind that God is present. He sees us, knows us, watches over and cares for us when we put our trust in Him entirely and seek to do His will at all times. We should realize that He is not a God afar off, but a God that is present here and now. He is present when the sun shines brightly, or when the clouds gather over us. He is present when things are quiet and peaceful, or when there is disquietude, strife, hatred and warfare, if we love and serve, worship and adore Him, and keep all bitterness, evil, sin and wickedness out of our hearts, minds, souls and spirits, by His marvelous and wondrous grace. Hallelujah!

We should realize that He is present when we go through hard and trying places as well as when we go along smoothly. If we walk in the Spirit, talk in the Spirit, sing and pray in the Spirit, work and toil in the Spirit, and live daily, hourly, and minute by minute in the Spirit, we know He is ever present to lead, guide and direct us, shield and protect us. He is even present, regardless of how we live, though it may be to convict and lead to repentance, or to save the sinner or reclaim the backslider, or to sanctify the believer. Regardless of how wicked people may be, God is present. He may be there to punish, and certainly there to save, if men call upon Him out of broken hearts and contrite spirits. But to the Christian we may recognize His presence to own and to bless. Amen.

When Jacob had his vision in the wilderness as he was fleeing from his brother Esau, he awoke and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not." (Gen. 28:16). Yes, the Lord is in every place, but oftentimes we don't realize it. However, we should recognize His presence everywhere as His children, and talk to Him, obey, love and serve Him, as though we could see Him with our natural eyes. To truly recognize His presence means that we are far more careful how we live, what we say and do, where we go, how we deport ourselves, and the way we serve and worship God, otherwise it might be.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES



By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

A TYPICAL EDUCATION—

John and Mary had been reared and educated in the city. After their marriage, they decided to buy a farm and move to the country. John brought in what he called a milking stool which he picked up and hiked off to the barn to milk. After so long he returned with his face all bruised up and his clothing soiled and torn. "Why John," said Mary, "What in the world is the matter?" "Well Mary," said John, "I could see nothing wrong with that stool, but I could not make that blamed old cow sit on it."

Next morning, while Mary prepared breakfast, John went to look over the garden and was gone quite a while. When he returned he said, "Mary we planted our beans wrong end up, but they are all right now, I've just finished pulling them up and turning them over."

Mary set a hen and she had come off with ten biddies. The old hen had lost several of her biddies, when a neighboring lady came to visit Mary. "What do you think is wrong with my biddies," she asked of her guest. "They keep dieing." "What do you feed them?" she asked. "Feed them," said Mary, "I thought a large hen could nurse ten little biddies."

MILKING A BEAR—

An old negro preacher down in Arkansas, as the story goes, who could neither read nor write, had to depend upon his daughter to read the scriptures for him.

One day she read the story of Nahor and his wife, Milcah, closing with the words "She seven sons did Milcah bear to Nahor."

The next Sunday morning the preacher said: "Brethren and sisters my text this morning gives an idea of the trouble they had getting milk for family use. It says giving the names of the seven boys of old man Nahor. These seven did milk a bear. I ask you brothers and sisters, jos' sponin' you had to go out and kotch a bear every morning and milk it before breakfast? Where would you be at?"

TOUGH JOB—

City farm hand—I'm not going to stay here and work for you another minute. You can have your old country. I'm going back to the city.

Farmer—Why what's the matter?

New hand—I don't know what it was that bit me, but it happened when I started to clean out those boxes you call beehives.

ALL THE WAY—

"How far down do you want to sit?" asked the ticket man of a woman at the box office window.

"Why, all the way, of course," she snapped.—Copied.

QUITE NATURAL—

Lady: Doctor, why does a small cavity feel so large to the tongue?

Dentist: Just the natural tendency of your tongue to exaggerate, I suppose.—Ex.

WHERE IS IT?—

"Use your noodle, lady; use your noodle," roared the traffic cop.

"Oh, my goodness! Will you show me where it is? I've pushed and pulled everything in this car."—Copied.

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