

Journey to Bethlehem Not Like Today's Travel

ACQUETOMED to our swift and modern transportation, it is difficult to visualize the hardships of that journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem...

Behind them now was the Sea of Galilee and Mt. Tabor. Through the plain of Estraelon they labored; then came the rough and uneven trail through Samaria...

First Christmas Carol When Christ Was Born

CHRISTMAS is the time when men are drawn together in a great unity. Much of this may be attributed to our response to familiar songs, sung year after year to commemorate the advent of a little child on earth...

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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

IF YOUR Christmas tree is a baler—and that is the loveliest kind of all, both for appearance and for fragrance—then when you first light it a cheerful old superstition urges a glance at your shadow on the wall—if you dare...

Paint Brightens Toys In the basement or the attic many of us will find old toys the children have discarded. Christmas is almost here and much joy can be brought into the lives of less fortunate youngsters if we get out these toys...

In England's Wassail Bowls Brewed in England's Yuletide wassail bowls are baked apples, hot ale seasoned with spice, orange juice and rind and whipped eggs.

Plan Christmas Dinner Plan to prepare as much of the meal as possible on the day prior to Christmas so that the housewife can enjoy the day with her family.

Attack By Chuch On Wet Officials Draws Hot Reply

Action of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in going on record with a demand for the scalp of "every public official who has consented directly or indirectly to the betrayal of public trust" by "promoting the sale of liquor" in the State, has not won general support.

"The wisdom of such a demand may be greatly doubted," says Charlotte News. "If ever there was a dylan horse on earth, that horse is the effort to make anything sacrosanct out of Prohibition. And the horse is lying—because opportunist politicians have sold out to the devil and betrayed public trust?"

"Rats and nonsense! It is dying purely and simply because the people of North Carolina have found out Prohibition for what it is—a colossal failure, a breeder of crime and a seed bed of hypocrisy."

"And somehow we can't see much reason in swearing vengeance on politicians because they haven't the nerve to fly in the face of the evidence of thirty years and contend that Prohibition yet, somehow, can be made to work. That is merely to maintain merit resides in a refusal to face facts, to place a premium on obtuseness."

Claimants Failing To Apply S. S. Payments

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 3.—The number of workers who have reached 65 or relatives of workers who have died since January 1, 1937 filing claims is much smaller than the number anticipated, Mr. Jeffrey, Manager of the Wilmington Field Office of the Social Security Board said today.

Title II of the Social Security Act provides that a lump-sum payment of 3 1/2 percent of the total wages earned since January 1, 1937, shall be paid to those workers reaching the age of 65 after January 1 and to the relatives of such workers who die. "The number of claims filed in Region IV up to November 26 was 2,695; 2,376 of these claims have been certified to the United States Treasury for payment. The balance are in the process of being adjudicated," Mr. Jeffrey said.

The Social Security Board now has 323 field offices open to serve local communities. One of the major purposes of these field offices is to assist prospective claimants in obtaining the money that is rightfully due them. The Social Security Board has made it very simple for those entitled to these lump-sum cash payments to make their claims, which are being paid now.

Figures recently published show that Martin County has been making about \$20,000 a month net profit from the operation of four liquor

stores over a period of 26 months. It also shown that in Martin County is also shown liquor amounting to \$270,750.47 was sold at retail during that period. In the quarter ending last December 31, liquor was sold to the amount of \$44,720.

During that time the state collected about \$10,000 in sales taxes, and 20 per cent of the net profits of \$52,000 was paid to the towns of Williams ton, Robersonville, Oak City, and Jamesville. Sales are now averaging in excess of \$10,000 a month, and \$3,311.87 has been set aside for law enforcement.

The figures are interesting when one considers that fully as much as \$135,000 must have been spent annually in Martin county during prohibition days for whiskey, which went into the hands of a class of people who did not hesitate to break the law for its income. A group of people taking in that much money per year had a considerable power. Divested of this income, these people have found themselves in bad circumstances, and if this condition prevails throughout the state, one can see that the moonshiners and bootleggers are fast losing their standing and influence.

Methodists Opposed to Local Option Liquor Laws

The conference which met in Raleigh recently went on record as being opposed to the local option liquor law enacted by the 1937 General Assembly. A resolution blamed liquor for the 41 per cent increase in motor vehicle accidents in North Carolina since repeal.

"Legalization has lent respectability among some of our people to the whole nefarious business," the resolution said.

The five-point resolution also: 1. Implored repealists "to return to the well established truth that the only duty of the state in regard to this evil is to seek to prohibit it." 2. Asserted the Methodists would "stand in back" of the program to teach school children the "evils of drink."

3. Put delegates on record as refusing to support "for public office any person who do hereafter advocate the legalization of alcoholic beverages."

4. Implored all pastors and other church officers not to recommend for church office any person who used, advertised, sold or promoted the sale of liquor.

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5. Named the seven presiding elders as a committee to fight for prohibition and authorized Bishop Kern to designate one of the elders as a chairman of the temperance

It's Hog-Killing Time In Carolina

RALEIGH, Dec. 8.—"Hog-killing time. How this expression stirs the activity of the farm family as cold weather arrives!"

"It means plenty of hard work, but it also means fresh pork, sausage, spare ribs, liver pudding, cracklin' corn bread—filling the smoke-house," said Prof. R. E. Nance, of State College.

A moderately cool day, with the weather above freezing, is better than a bitter cold day for hog-killing, he continued.

Stop feeding the hogs 24 hours before they are to be slaughtered. It is easier to clean and dress the carcass when the digestive tract is empty. And when the system is not gorged with food, the blood will drain out more readily.

Don't overheat or excite the animals before killing. Getting the hog

wrought-up produces a feverish condition that prevents proper bleeding and causes the meat to sour while in cure.

For scalding the carcass, Professor Nance said that water at a temperature of 150 is best. In cold weather, add a bucket of cold water to half a barrel of boiling water, and this will give about the right temperature.

Or dip the finger into the water quickly. If it burns severely the first time, it is too hot. But if the finger can be dipped in three times in quick succession, with the water burning severely the third time, the temperature is about right.

A vat sunk into the ground beside a platform close to the ground level provides a convenient place to scald the carcass and scrape off the hair.

Tools that will aid in dressing the carcass are: A common six or eight-inch butcher knife, a six-inch skinning knife, a smooth steel for sharpening knives, several hog gambrel sticks, two bell shaped hog scrapers and a 28-inch meat saw.

Producers of beef cattle in Halifax County are finding a profitable business in selling their surplus breeding animals to other North Carolina farmers.

The Clear Springs Dairy Farm of Concord, Route 2, Cabarrus County, has seeded 50 acres of an old pasture to Kentucky Blue Grass and White Dutch clover and 50 additional acres of new pasture to the same seed mixture.

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