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**LET US RETURN THANKS**

Thanksgiving calls for an appreciation of the Divine goodness of God. It is to be participated in only by those who believe in a Supreme Being interested in His children and extending them favors.

Those who do not think that God takes a particular interest in the affairs of mankind should not return hypocritical thanks to Him for something they do not recognize as His blessing. Those who believe in a material universe, uninfluenced by a Deity, are not called upon to return thanks to their material elements. The observance of Thanksgiving in this country, is a public recognition of the faith of America in a living, personal, benevolent God.

Let us not suppose, however, that Thanksgiving is intended only to extend thanks for material prosperity. We enjoy many blessings that have little to do with wealth or poverty. They abound in everyday life, and many of them are enjoyed by millions of men and women together, but, individually, at the same time.

**A DECISION AND A WARNING**

Considerable interest attaches to the reasons assigned by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for deciding to make contributions hereafter mainly to "specific projects, chiefly interdenominational or non-denominational in character."

He plans to support undertakings "which interpret the Christian task in the light of present-day needs and which are based not so much on denominational affiliation as on broad, forward-looking principles of co-operation."

Mr. Rockefeller has been a liberal contributor to the Northern Baptist Convention and for many years conducted a Bible class in New York. Regardless of what one may think about his views on some issues, he has impressed the public with an early acceptance of an obligation to society, so often entirely absent from the heart of the very rich.

His decision should serve as a warning, not only to his denomination but to all others, that the public as a whole is not now interested in the non-essentials of denominationalism but rather in the progress made of undertaking the Christian task in a society that has tremendous problems to solve.

**SUNSHINE SAYINGS**

(From Sunshine Magazine)

It's still true that the unspoken harsh word never starts a quarrel.

Rest is nothing but rust if you take too much of it at one time.

The right time to have courage is when others have lost theirs.

You'll never have indigestion from swallowing your pride.

You can't push yourself ahead by patting yourself on the back.

Trees are beautiful, yet they wear the same styles each year.

Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, but it is usually pretty suspicious.

A word to the wise is sufficient, but it takes a lot more than that to the otherwise.

They tell us that there is honor among the outlaws, but we don't believe that they are any better than the rest of us.

If you sneer at the ideas of older and more experienced people, your case is hopeless.

Thanksgiving will mean a hunting holiday to many thousands of persons, but not every hunter is unkindly or unappreciative of the blessings that have been enjoyed during the past year.

Santa Claus is already hearing numerous young people who have an idea he will give them what they want.

Farmers have about made up their minds that it is time for them to be getting a good living out of the soil.

"THE CRUSADES" will be shown at Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

**THIS WEEK**

Last week E. P. Sams, field engineer for the WPA, set a new hunting record as to percentage of birds killed per shot. He got his bird without so much as pulling the trigger—in fact, he didn't even have one to pull. While driving his car along the highway just outside of Marion, the vehicle, answering the purposes of both dog and gun, flushed a covey which rose directly in the path of the automobile, and one was taken on the windshield. "The bird made a good meal," stated the driver.

The passion for knitting is passing from bad to worse. No longer is it merely a disturbing sight to those of a more ambitious nature, it is beginning to carry with it a susceptibility to obsession. Saturday the report was in circulation that one person of Old Fort, who visits in Marion frequently, was seen riding the cowcatcher of the train between the two towns knitting away with a passion. Further details were not available.

At least one person of note is convinced of the worth of the local county newspaper. Former Governor Francis of Missouri has this to say on the subject:

"Each year the local paper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his own town than any other ten men, and in all fairness he ought to be supported, not because you like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. Today the editors of the local papers do the most for the least money of any people on earth."

Avoiding the local bill collector used to be a necessity. Now it's a hobby. One especially adept collection avoider uses the following philosophy: "When the bill collector calls on you, the thing to do is to be nice to him. Give him all the bills you have."

**YOUNG PEOPLE to ILLUSTRATE USE OF DRAMA IN TEACHING THE BIBLE, WEDNESDAY EVE.**

The young people of the First Presbyterian Church of Marion will illustrate the use of drama in teaching the Bible at the regular Wednesday evening service.

An Old Testament story will be dramatized under the caption, "A Young Man Leaves Home". The Wednesday evening program is a part of a series of lessons on how to teach religion.

**BLAKE ATTENDS CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH—STUDY TRIPLE A**

J. Gordon Blake, county agent, attended an extension conference in Raleigh last week where a study was made by county agents of the state of the AAA. It was learned that potato control has been definitely passed and will be put in operation. No information is being given out yet, however, concerning its operation.

**PARKER-DAVIS**

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Dora Mae Parker and Carl Davis, both of Marion, which took place in Gaffney, S. C., on Sept. 22. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. George Hemphill of Union Mills and is a graduate of Glenwood High School. The groom is a son of Mrs. Ella Davis of Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home in Marion.

Miss Marjorie Glenn, who is in school at the Woman's College in Greensboro, has been chosen to participate in the sophomore pageant, traditional religious play scheduled for December 18. Assisting in the direction of the pageant is Miss Virginia Wilson, also of Marion. The performance is directed and produced entirely by the members of the sophomore class.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

The First Baptist Church will hold its Thanksgiving service Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

**THANKSGIVING**

Let us pause a moment in our daily deliberations and give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Thankful for our health, our good friends and the community and nation whose prosperity is our ever-present concern.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express to our friends our deepest appreciation for their kindness and sympathy during our bereavement.

The Gladden Family.

**MARION THEATRE BRINGS ROMANTIC SPECTACLE—"THE CRUSADES" DEC. 2-3**

The screen's new sensation is Cecil B. DeMille's "The Crusades", which will be at the Marion Theatre Monday and Tuesday, December 1-2. It is a mighty and worthy successor to DeMille's "Cleopatra", and will undoubtedly be more popular than that highly successful picture of last season.

"The Crusades" can be numbered among the great religious-historical romances produced by DeMille which include "The Ten Commandments", "The Sign of the Cross", and "The King of Kings". It tells the story of supercharged conflicts in history arising at times of great crisis in the human race. The picture is set in the Twelfth Century when all Christendom went on the inspired mission of rescuing the Holy Land, especially Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulcher, from Islam.

The daring venture aroused millions to a pitch of ecstasy and excitement which communicate themselves powerfully to audiences watching the vast armies of knights in armor, the tremendous war machines, the war galleys, the Siege of Acre, the cavalry battle under the walls of Jerusalem, and all the pomp and splendor of the holy war against the infidels.

Henry Wilcoxon and Loretta Young have the leading roles playing Richard the Lion Hearted and Berengaria, Princess of Navarre. Their part is as live and glowing as any modern love story. "The Crusades" is a milestone in motion picture achievement.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES**

Junior and intermediate members of the B. T. U. are enjoying a week of Mission study courses. The Juniors meet at the church each afternoon at 3:30 and learn about "Trail Makers in Other Lands." The Intermediates meet at 6:30 and study "Messages of Light."

The secretary's report of B. T. U. on last Sunday evening showed 129 enrolled, 120 present. Their goal is 150 by January 1st.

The True Blue Class is making plans for a lovely Christmas party for children of Marion who otherwise might be overlooked by "Santa". Miss Ruth Cuthbertson is the chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The Edna Bray Senior Union which suffered in loss of membership when our young people left for their various colleges, has recently taken on new life, under the splendid leadership of Miss Mary Frances Austelle. Truly it is a delight to church leaders to have such efficient service given by one of our capable High School teachers.

The Cradle Roll, Beginners, and Primary Department of the Sunday School are much more comfortable since recent improvements were made were made by adding three attractive new classrooms.

The Business Woman's Circle is to have their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Connor at Glenwood on Next Sunday afternoon.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL**

There will be a Thanksgiving service at St. John's Episcopal Church Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

The BIG picture of the year,— Cecil B. DeMille's production "THE CRUSADES", will be at the Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.

**MRS. SPRINKLE ENTERTAINS GLENWOOD TEACHERS FRIDAY**

Mrs. Ida L. Sprinkle entertained the teachers boarding at her home in Glenwood, and their friends at a buffet supper Friday evening at seven o'clock. The celebration was in honor of those of the household whose birthdays come this month.

The tables were covered with a vast array of good things to eat, and the many guests enjoyed a delicious supper. Afterward, the guests were entertained with music, and engaged in a number of parlor tricks.

Those present at the evening's entertainment were Misses Lois Eagle, Lillie Pyatt, Mary Bess Van Landingham, Zora Yarborough, Chicora Calhoun, Ruby Brannon, Douglas McDonald, Eugenia Randolph, Edna Mae Cranford, and Messrs. Glen Morris, J. N. Morris, L. F. McAlhane, Carlton Gilkey, Wilbur Queene, M. C. Reeves, W. L. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Snipes, J. W. Winborne, and D. C. Mosteller.

**HAMMETT-WILSON NUPTIALS**

A wedding of quiet beauty and simplicity was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock when Miss Mary Helen Hammett became the bride of Mr. Herman Wilson. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. G. H. Ross, with whom she has made her home for the past twelve years. Close friends and relatives filled the spacious rooms to witness the vows spoken by the bride's pastor, Dr. B. F. Bray, who used the impressive ring ceremony of the Baptist church. Of unusual beauty was the arrangement of flowers and greenery with the color scheme of green and white predominating. White candles in silver holders added to the rooms where the guests were assembled. Preceding the ceremony Miss Ruth Wiley at the piano rendered a beautiful selection and at the first strains of Lohengrin bridal chorus the bride and groom entered unattended. Following the marriage vows Rev. Thomas R. Whitmire of Greenville, S. C., offered the wedding prayer. During the ceremony "To a Wild Rose" was softly played, and Mendelssohn's wedding march as a recessional.

The bride's wedding dress was of dark blue crepe with silver trimmings and accessories to match. Her going away suit was a navy blue ensemble.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mollie Hammett of this city. She received her education at the local high school and finished in the 1930 class of Asheville Normal. She has many friends in Marion and was shown many courtesies preceding her marriage.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson of Marion, and received his education at the Marion High School and for several years has been employed at the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company.

After a motor trip through the two Carolinas the young couple will be at home in Clinchfield.

Miss Margaret Lisenbee, Miss Mary Ross and Mrs. R. L. Phillips were in charge of the dining room where an ice course was served immediately following the ceremony.

Out of town guests were Misses Ruth and Mildred Early, Asheville; Miss Catherine Finch, Old Fort; Mr. Thomas Q. Whitmire, Greenville, S. C., and Mr. L. R. Ursich, New York

**PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

There will be a Thanksgiving sunrise service at the First Presbyterian Church Thursday morning at 7:30, according to Rev. A. R. Batchelor, pastor. The public is invited to attend.

**DAUGHTER BORN**

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Logan announce the birth of a daughter, Suzanne, Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Marion General Hospital.

Be sure to see "THE CRUSADES" at Marion Theatre Monday or Tuesday.

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