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The Day of Days

(From an Editorial by W. C. Manning) The great celebration on Saturday of this week pushes all other celebrations combined

into utter insignificance when it is compared to its influence on the world.

It centers on a helpless babe born in humbleness and lowliness so far as prestige goes. Parents from a humble home and a plain workshop in Nazareth traveled by the slow toilsome methods of that day 68 miles to Bethlehem, where there were no accommodiations except an inn in which travelers and their beasts of burden were housed and fed. And it was in the manger of a stable there that the little Lord

Wise men were led to the place by a shining star and were made glad by the angels' songs, which gave them cheer and hope for the newborn king. Joy reigned supreme with most people, but not with King Herod, who swore to kill him. Joseph was warned in due time, and the next morning, with Mary and the child, set out for the long journey down into Egypt, where they remained until the death of Herod.

Following the life and work of the Master until his trial, crucifixion and resurrection, we find nothing but service and love; yet that service and love has had a moving influence on the world and touches every field of human activity, moral, social, civic, religion and business.

The world counted this event as of such importance that it was fixed as the proper event from which to count time. The time prior to this blessed event was counted as Before Christ, while all time afterwards has been called Anno Domini, or After Christ.

When we reach the point where we are willing to worship Christ as the Sevior of the world. we will be more careful to celebrate Christmas in reverence and thanksgiving. To desecrate the day in a boisterous and careless way is to dishonor the Father who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that men

Let us not desecrate Christmas in a selfish, loud and intemperate manner, but calmly think of the Christ whose life advanced peace and good will among men. It is really the day of days, one that should be devoted to contemplation of things that will tend to make this a better world to live in.

Sectional and Group Legislation

Sectional and group legislation stands in the way of real progress in this county today. The manipulators stand in the middle directing one end against the other, the farmer against the laborer and the two against progressive policies that hold promise for the masses. Because one happens to be a peanut farmer he is not included in the farm program. Because one is a rice farmer he is included in the program. High prices to the farmer, the manipulators say, will impoverish the laborer. High wages to the laborer will place the farmer on the short end.

Today, industry steps in to incite the farmer to opposition against the worker, and it is quite evident that the farmer cares little about the lot of the factory worker or that the factory worker cares little about the farmer

In this connection it has been said:

We cannot stop the recession if each group attacks the prices and returns of the others. If farmers block the efforts of labor to maintain fair wages, they themselves will be the losers when the workers have less money to spend for farm products. If workers carry on strikes against fair prices for food, then they will be the losers when farmers have less money to spend for industrial products. If business is to strive above all to pay smaller taxes and to keep wages and farm prices down, then business will lose the market for the thing it has to sell. No; we found out in 1932 that recovery does not lie along that road. Let us not take that road today. There are practical ways to end this

While some business smen may not agree it is vital for Congress at an early date to pass legislation protecting the prices and incomes of farmers and the pay envelopes and working conditions of labor. A practical ever-normal-granary act for agriculture will not only guard consumers against the extreme hazards of shortage resulting from droughts and pests, but it will give the small businessmen of the Middle West and South confidence in the stability of income of farmers. In like manner a well-drawn wages-and-hours law will be a defense against a continued downward business spiral.

But, in addition to these measures, others are essential. Farmers and laboring men must realize the vital importance of capital to the general welfare. Today we are witnessing a refusal of capital to invest similar to that of several years ago. It may be that hazards to investment, real and imaginary, are so great that capital either will not or cannot come out of hiding and take the risks inherent in all investment. But if our system is to endure, business must take the government's word that government wishes it well and business must assume those responsibilities of leadership which business claims. Otherwise government will be forced to step into the breach.

Curious Logic-

Greenville News-Leader

It is a curious lgoic by which individuals determine their own capacity in responsibility and arrive at the conclusion that public officials are responsible for the morality of the citizenship, law being one thingmorality another, and the two in no way related other than in a remote and vague inter-dependence in which the law is preponderant in its dependence upon morality for the very substance with which law perpetuates itself in organized society.

In the natural order of things it would seem that law is predicated upon the presumption of morality, and moves forward from that point in its function of protection and justice in the world. It has nothing to do with the creation of morality, the formation of human character, or its accomplishments in the motives which it engineers in the rights and wrongs in which human beings engage themselves. It concerns itself fundamentally, everlastingly, with the results of morality in the character of men. Its function in human relationship therefore, begins where morality

Thus, in a theory that is not wholly without the realm of practical application in Pitt as well as elsewhere, when the recent and now steaming vice crusade first left Pitt's hearthstones, its schools, and its churches to become a flaming issue in Pitt's social and political life, it fittingly amounted to not so much an indictment of law enforcement agencies as it amounted to an indictment of hearthstones, churches and

When modern parenthood tossed its hickory limb into the decaying heap of medievalism it threw away a mighty force for good in the world, particularly where vice and officers of the law are concerned

Compulsory Crop Control Is Vital Necessity

Scotland Neck Commonwealth

As Congress proceeds to handle an agricultural bill which apparently is little understood by congressmen themselves and even less by 'the people, it becomes increasingly clear that things in Washington are in right much of a muddle. A committee which sends in a 97 page bill for consideration, as the senate agriculture committee did, and then its members are forced to confess that the bill is so complex they don't know what it will do to agriculture or what it will cost, is certainly not much of a committee. Congressmen said the farmers did not know what they wanted themselves, but it begins to look as though Congress doesn't know much more htan the farmers- and prob-

There is one factor which is crystal-clear, however, to all who have given the matter any consideration, and that is there must be compulsory crop control. The far ners must be protected in their right to earn a decest living, must be protected if you please from one are her. It is absolutely absurd to say that the soil cos ervation program will take care of the situation. It ill not, and the surest proof is that it has not.

Some folks argue that there must be no control of agriculture. Well, the same folks didn't see anything wrong about it when the textile mills of which there are hundreds in North Carolina, got together several years ago and worked out a plan for control of their production. They did it to save the textile business which was running in the red year after year. Folks who argue against agricultural control don't appear to se aneything wrong in th type of control practiced by automobile manufacturers when they suit production to meet demand and close their factories when there are more automobiles on hand than they can sell. Some folks who think farmers should be allowed to plant whatever they choose and glut the markets with their products apparently do not stop to think about the effect of such over-production on the farmers themselves, an over-production which in its ultimate effect is no different from over-production of automobiles or textile goods or any other manufactured products where the law of supply and demand governs.

We have heard some people talk about taking about the sacred rights of the farmers by telling them what to plant and what not to plant. Well, the farm ers we know would rather have enough money to buy the necessities and luxuries of life for themselves and their children and not so many "sacred rights" and the poverty which the exercise of these "sacred rights" has brought them. If they must choose between full pocketbooks and complete freedom of action in planting, they want the full pocketbooks. The freedom of action is not so valuable when you are starving and your family is in want.

We have heard others say that the philosophy of the folks who argue for compulsory control is a program of scarcity. It is nothing of the sort. The extreme from a program of too much is a program of scarcity, and the farmers do not wish either extreme. All they want is the middle program between the two extremes, a program of enough to meet the demand at a fair price for their work.

Public Library Committee, for the generous space you have given to our recent undertaking, for much of its success was due to the fine way in which the public was informed of our aims and purposes.

Court of Martin County, within thirty days after the completion of service of summons by publication herein, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

In trying to make available cerain splendid facilities for our community the only way appearing pos sible was that of soliciting the sup port of the community. The respons to that appeal has been most en-

A word of commendation must be said for the teams representing the Woman's Club, the Junior Woman's Club, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Lion's Club, and the Kiwanis club for their fine work and with the continuation of such loyal With every good wish for you in the coming year, I am. support the Williamston Public Library will be what we want it to

the coming year, I am,

Very truly yours John L. Goff, Chairman Williamston Public Library Committee

AN APPRECIATION

Clouds of sorrow have hovered ver our home for weeks and months and finally overwhelmed us in the death of our sister and aunt Della Smithwick. We have received many expressions of sympathy through the gentle touch of the hand, through kind words, either written or spok. en, and through the lovely flora gifts, as well as many other kind favors from far and near. These kind expressions have met deer responses in our hearts, and most sincerely give thanks to God and his images here on earth who have thus expressed themselves.

Members of Della Smithwicks' family

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the judgment of the Superior Court in an action entitled "D. G. Matthews, Administrator of General Williams v Mac Williams et al" the undersign ed Commissioners will, on Monday. January 3, 1937, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door, Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the follow-ing described tract of land: A tract of land in Hamilton Town

ship, Martin County, North Carolina and beginning at Virge Lynch's corner in the Winston or Williams line thence along Virge Lynch's line to Pugh line; thence along the Pugh line to Henry Jordan line; thence with Henry Jordan's line to Wins-ton or Williams line; thence the said line to the beginning. Contain-ling, 28, acres were or less and ing 28 acres, more or less, and known in the division as Lot No. 5.

This 30th day of November, 1937.

B. A. CRITCHER,
H. B. HARLOW,
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Commissioners.

NOTICE OF SALE

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the Superior Court
North Carolina, Martin County. In
John D. Biggs vs. Mary Eliza Huff.
Vernice Huggins, Maggie Jane
Bonds and husband, James Bonds,
Elizabeth Huff, Lucinda Hassell,
and husband, Willie Hassell, An
nie Florence Huff, Sadie Mae Huff
and Noah Huff, Jr.
The defendants. Lucinda Hassell

The defendants Lucinda Hassell and husband, Willie Hassell, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been com-

THE LETTER-BOX

Enterprise Publishing Company,
Williamston, North Carolina.

Gentlemen:—

I want to take this opportunity of expressing both my personal appreciation and that of the Williamston Public Library Committee, for the generous space you have given to the public to the superior Court of Martin County in Book Q-2 at page 216, said defendants having an interest in said land described in said deed of trust; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are requested to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, within the purpose of foreclosing deed of trust of fursit of Martin County in the purpose of foreclosing deed of trust of fursit o

in said con This the 8th day of December, 1937.

L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Elizabeth Peel, deceas ed, late of Hamilton, N. C., Martin ed, late of Hamilton, N. C., Martin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston on or before the 17th day of November, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE Having qualified as Administra-trix of the estate of J. L. Lilley, de-ceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate of

deceased to exhibit them to the un-dersigned at Williamston, R. F. D., North Carolina, on or before the 30th day of November, 1938, or this no-tice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immed-iste recovery.

said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 30th day of November, 1937.

LULA A. LILLEY,

Administratrix of J. L. Lilley

B. A. Critcher, Attorney d5-6t

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court Mrs. R. W. Higdon vs. R. W. Higdon. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon two years separation; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County. the Superior Court of Martin County, at his office in Williamston, N. C., within thirty (30) days and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. anded in said complaint.

This the 20 day of December, 1937. L. B. WYNNE. Clerk Superior Court for Martin County

NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the pow-er of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Cottie

DR. V. H. MEWBORN

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Bounded on the North by A. P. Modlin and the lands belonging to the late S. L. Wallace and Alice V. Stallings; on the East by L. D. Gard-

tract of land:

Bounded on the North by A. F. Modlin and the lands belonging to the late S. L. Wallace and Alice V. Stallings; on the East by L. D. Gardner and J. W. Gardner; on the South by W. H. Martin heirs and E. B. Hardison and the late E. N. Simpson; on the West by E. H. Lilley, Jr., and Lewis Modlin, and being the same land that A. B. Mariner inherited

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