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Without An Enemy

Should Franklin D. Roosevelt choose not to run for a third term what in the world will the Republicans do? They have directed their bitter attacks against the one man so often and for so long a time that one would think the Republicans would be satisfied with the state of the country were he to retire from public life next January.

Possibly the Republicans see the value of many New Deal policies and are not directing their bitter criticism against many of the features they would very likely retain were they to get in the driver's seat. They don't like to see Mr. Roosevelt and the Democrats holding the reins. They realize that the pots and pans filled by graft under the old Republican regimes are fast getting empty and that they need refilling.

It is likely that quite a few Democrats will follow the Republicans if the Old Guard can face the issues and offer promising solutions, but as long as the attacks are directed after a personal fashion against one man the Old Guard will attract no strong support from ranks other than their own.

If and when Mr. Roosevelt renounces his claim to a third term, who will the Republicans denounce. It appears they will be without an enemy.

Will Merely Shift The Burden

A thorough study of the complete taxing system of federal, state and local government units is being proposed in some quarters. Experience in the past has proved that a study or investigation has proved of little value to the common taxpayer.

North Carolina set out some time ago to change its taxing system. Its system was possibly altered, but the old burden still rests on the shoulder of the common people. At the very best, a change in the taxing system will relieve the little fellow for a short time, the records showing that he will again be made the goat at the next meeting of the tax lords.

If the powers-that-be want to relieve the tax-burdened folks, let them investigate the graft and leaks that require such heavy taxes and pay less attention to the methods that are less painful in sucking the life blood out of the common man.

Enforcement Counts

The value of a strict enforcement of the law has been well established in the case against slot machines. Working with what has been termed a haphazard law for the control of slot machines, officers have effected a pretty good job in holding the gambling devices in check.

From the start, Martin County officers have enforced the law and saved thousands of nickels for distribution among little children and checked the flow of dollars into the pockets of the machine distributors. Officers in many counties hesitated to enforce the law and reports claim that the machines, illegal as well as legal, scooped up the nickels by the hundreds. They invited robberies.

Starting in a few counties, enforcement work gradually spread to other sections of the State and now the machine racket is under a fairly effective control. Reports state that several machine distributors are facing bankruptcy, that machines valued at more than \$100,000 have been impounded in the State.

Possibly the law has held back in too many cases for public opinion to stir them to action. It is an established fact that in those counties where public sentiment was indifferent to the prosecution of the law, the machines were operated illegally on a large scale. But when the public got behind the movement and voiced its opposition, officers began to act. Demonstrating how much could be accomplished, public opinion should awaken and spur officers to action in the enforcement of all laws.

Republican Prayer Book

Compiled by Glenn Frank and about 200 other Old Guard intellectuals, a 33,000-word prayer book is about ready to be submitted to the Republican National Committee which will submit it to the Resolutions Committee which will submit it to the Republican Convention in Philadelphia next June when it will be submitted to the voters.

Characteristic of the opposition, the prayer book directs a broad-sided attack against President Roosevelt. Despite its liberal word construction it is, for the most part, just plain old Republican stuff without the mention of a solution to any one or group of problems.

A few of the declarations in the prayer book follow:

The farmer must have his markets increased instead of his production curtailed.

The wages-and-hours law must be abolished in industries with collective bargaining but preserved elsewhere.

There must be "selective adjustments" of the tariffs but they must not increase prices or encourage monopoly.

The declarations are striking indeed, but what Mr. Frank and his intellectuals fail to include in their little book is the solution. How are markets going to be increased? Will the Republicans turn their backs on their stubborn tariff policies so long a menace to the trade and welfare of America's millions?

Cornered Again

A marked increase was reported in the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in this country last year, one company stating that it paid ninety million dollars for the fresh produce or twenty per cent more than its 1938 payments. While the company was increasing its payments 20 per cent, the farmer furnished 50 per cent more products than he did in 1938. In other words, the company bought last year half as many more products as it did the year before and paid only 20 per cent more for the increased purchases. The report doesn't give the price the consumer paid.

It is quite apparent that the farmer was cornered again.

The English Bible

By REV. JAMES H. SMITH
Pastor, Williamston Memorial Baptist Church.

That he must give the Word of God to his fellowmen was a heavenly born conviction with William Tyndale and he determined to be true to it at whatever the sacrifice. Little did he think, however, that a supposedly good friend living in the house with him would betray him for execution. One day, Mr. Phillips, a man to whom he had given money and with whom he had often gone to walk, enticed him quite a distance from the house and presented him to his lurking associates who seized him and rushed him to the black dungeons of the Vilvorden castle. After a period of loneliness in this cold, cruel prison, he was made to realize his own foreboding — "If they burn me also, they shall do none other thing than I look for."

On Friday, October 6, 1536, he was strangled at the stake and then burned to ashes. His last words during the physical torment were "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

There were many religionists whose eyes were closed. They argued that when a farmer read, "No man that layeth his hand to the plough and looketh back is fit for the kingdom of God" he would actually from fear, quit cultivating the land; that when the bakers read "A little leaveneth the whole lump" they would be too sparing in the use of leaven to the great injury of health; that the county would be filled with blind people when they read "If thine eyes offend thee, pluck it out." But the word which is sharper than a two-edged sword was reaching the minds and hearts of the people and soon both their eyes and the king's were opened.

Three years after Tyndale's death the Bible was authorized by the king, commended by the clergy and placed in every parish church in England. Twenty years later, in the reception London gave to the new queen, Elizabeth, the queen kissed the Book and held it against her heart.

In 1604 King James began the direction of the English Bible translation which gave to the world, in 1611, the most beautiful version we have ever had. This King James version, even though it is the most beautiful, is not the most accurate. The Revised Version has the advantage over the King James in that it is based on the old Hebrew and Greek manuscripts discovered since King James did his work. You can understand how easy it was for Bible copyists to make errors when you realize how easy it is for stenographers and printers to make them today.

These manuscripts and old Bibles which take scholars back nearer to the original scriptures are blessings from God who has said in Christ "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not." Notice how the King James version is explained by the Revised: "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life." (King James). "You search the scripture because in them ye think you have eternal life." (Revised Version). This first reading of John 5:39 is confusing with the next verse, but when you read it in the Revised Version you can see what Jesus meant when he said in the next verse, "And you will not come to me that you may have life." Literally Jesus was saying "You keep

on searching the law and the prophets because you think you will find life in them; you must come to me if you ever have life eternal or life spelled with a capital letter. The writings of Moses and the Prophets are merely to guide you into life."

Naturally, after looking briefly at a very few interesting things about the Bible, you get anxious to look into the Bible. That's what we did in the last paragraph. It is important to know about the Book of all books; it is imperative to study the Book. You may have difficulty in understanding many of its passages, but remember that you can profitably devote all your days to the familiar passages easily understood—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." "Bear ye one another's burdens." "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." These and many other familiar passages can be translated into human experiences by the least educated.

The only way any of us will ever know the Book is to practice its teachings. It is the Heavenly Blueprint for mortal man with immortal spirit. To practice its principles is to declare your love for God, its author. Read it often and with sincerity. When you are sick or in pain, read Psalm 91; when your business is poor, read Psalm 37; when you are discouraged, read John 14; when you are planning to make an investment, read Matt. 6; and if you have sinned, read I John 1, John 3:1-21 and make Psalm 51 your prayer.

Holy Bible, Book Divine
Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came,
Mine to tell me what I am.

Mine to chide me when I rove,
Mine to show a Saviour's love.

Mine to comfort in distress,
Suffering in this wilderness;
Mine to show, by living faith,
Man can triumph over death.

Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
O thou holy Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine.
—John Burton.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP

North Carolina, Martin County. Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between J. G. Barnhill, H. L. Barnhill and A. P. Barnhill, trading as Barnhill Brothers and Company, at Williamston, North Carolina, operating a clothing and ladies' and gents' furnishings store, was dissolved as of February 2, 1940, by mutual consent of the partners. The interest of the said T. L. Barnhill and A. P. Barnhill in said business was sold to and taken over by J. G. Barnhill, and the said J. G. Barnhill assumed the payment of the partnership obligations, and whatever debts may be due the firm are payable to J. G. Barnhill, and the firm of Barnhill Brothers and Company composed of J. G. Barnhill, H. L. Barnhill and A. P. Barnhill is dissolved and no longer exists.

This the 2nd day of Feb., 1940.
J. G. BARNHILL,
H. L. BARNHILL,
A. P. BARNHILL.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST

Please Note Date Changes
Bethel office, Rives Drug Store, Monday morning, March 4, 9 to 12 M. Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, March 5. Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, Every Wed., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plymouth office, Liverman's Drug Store, Every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Tarboro Every Saturday.

CHURCH NEWS

PRESBYTERIAN

Regular services will be held at all points this Sunday. The sermon thought will be happiness. Does every person have the right to be happy? If so, why aren't all of us happy? Why is it there are so many unhappy persons? Can an unhappy person recover lost happiness? How? Begin to renew and continue your happiness by worshipping with us next Sunday.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. The subject of the sermon is "How to Put the Original Meaning in Present-Day Discipleship." The Training Union meeting, 6:30 p. m. A new union for young men and women, both married and single, is being organized Sunday evening. Be sure to come. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. The sermon-subject is, "If We Have a Revival."

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services will be held at Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday. All members are urged to attend.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Classes for all. You are invited to be present.

Morning worship and Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Sermon subject: "The Finest Fellowship-on Earth." Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject: "The Most Deceitful Thing on Earth."

Services at Holly Springs at 3 p. m. Young People meet in Epworth

League at 6:45.

Beginning Monday afternoon the regular Yearly mission study course will be conducted. The first meeting will be held in connection with the joint meeting of the circles of the missionary society. Classes will be held each day during the week through Friday. We invite you to be sure and attend each class, beginning at 3:30 Monday.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

4th Sunday in Lent. Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on Monday afternoon at 3:30.

Litany Tuesday afternoon, 5:15.

Litany and sermon, Wednesday night at 7:30.

St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary will meet in the church immediately following the service Wednesday night.

Celebration of the Holy Communion, Thursday morning at 10:30.

Litany with junior choir on Friday afternoon at 5:15.

St. Martin's, Hamilton Evening prayer and sermon, Sunday night at 7:30.

Litany and sermon Tuesday night at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN

The regular schedule of services will be held at the Christian Church Sunday.

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