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Maybe, It's Not So Bad After All

Many of those who have been holding up their hands in holy horror because the national debt has about gone out of bounds will live to see the time when they will realize that the spending program or orgy, if you like, has not been in vain.

Attacking the budget for the next fiscal year, the House Appropriations committee has done some deep carving with a big butcher knife, proving that it could be possibly even more heartless and short-sighted than the budget makers themselves. The committee pared the farm program, cutting adrift the tenant farmer who would re-establish himself and his wandering brood in some little spot and call it home. The surplus-crop stamp plan apparently is doomed, and those who have paid the freight are being sacrificed while a Democratic group, playing the same role that Hoover played eight years ago, is edging to return the country to Wall Street. How vividly it is recalled here when Mr. Hoover denied help to exactly the same people who are most in need of it today.

Mr. Hoover's economic squeeze did not help the country. In fact, it has taken all those billions now recognized as debt to get the country back on its feet.

We have glued our eyes on the debt figures and forgotten what the cost would have been in human misery had no debt been accumulated.

At some time along the way maybe we will realize that a big debt is not so bad after all especially when the debt is set up on the ledger of human advancement.

Hope In The Machine For The Future

While many well-known figures charge the machine with unemployment, others see in the machine a certain hope for the future. The latter group points out that once there is a basic adjustment of all forces as they pertain to social, economic and general welfare the march of civilization will advance into a new era, leaving behind much of the unemployment, hunger and want that have plagued the nations these past years.

Possibly the inventor has led the way too fast for us to keep up, and where a machine offered to lighten the burdens and lessen the suffering of the common lot we failed to make the necessary adjustments and as a result our troubles were only aggravated.

We welcomed the sewing machine when it released the feminine members of the household from long hours of needlework after the little tots were carefully tucked away for the night. The invention paved the way for a few hours of enjoyment to be found in a good book or beside the radio. Surely we would not want to destroy the sewing machine. Then why would we want to destroy other machines that lighten man's burdens? We have sat idly by as the machine supplanted man in the production of economic necessities, forgetting that the world offers golden opportunities in other fields as yet hardly touched. The lot of mankind is far from perfect, and to better that lot and to improve the outlook of mankind all known inventions and new ones, too, are needed. Full-time operation and the employment of all employables are necessary right now if we would build for better ideals and a better world. To abolish the machines and restore workers to the drudgery tasks would place civilization on the downward trail.

But there is hope even in our present state of apparent chaos. It is far better to have the means of producing our wants, than to be in a position where we could not produce our wants.

Platform And Twisted Timbers

It was a striking comparison the daily press offered, possibly unintentionally, a short time ago when it offered a gruesome picture of Albany, Ga., after a storm had twisted timbers and made houses into splinters and two columns removed offered a story on platforms as adopted by the various candidates for governor in this State.

The Albany (Ga.) picture showed timbers piled in an haphazard fashion, an end protrud-

tin hiding parts of planks. The story about the ing here and there with an occasional piece of candidates' platforms maintained that the planks therein were all about alike.

One sometimes wonders if it would not be appropriate to shift the article and picture captions.

Robbing The Future

Bertie Ledger-Advance.

Whether farmers in this section are receiving a fair price for their timber sold as pulp wood or not, we are unable to say, but the recent charges in Congress that the practices of pulp mills should be investigated deserve attention. If it is true that timber is being cut recklessly from the farms, we agree with the editorial from the News and Observer, which we reprint below, that it is not only the farmers who are being robbed, but all of us are being robbed of a heritage of timber wealth that belongs to all the people and neither farmer nor private corporations should be permitted to waste or exploit it to the disadvantage of all.

"The recent charges of Congressman Fulmer, of South Carolina, that farmers are 'being robbed in the sale of wood to pulp-mills deserve the investigation which, it is understood, is being made in the Southern states. But the important matter in this business is not whether one farmer or several thousand farmers are being 'robbed' by the purchase of two cords of wood for \$1.00 which will make a ton of paper selling for \$60.00. The significant question is whether the timber resources of all the Southern people are being destroyed while the Southern people are paid a pittance for that resource. "Paper mills are very welcome in the South along with other industries furnishing greatly needed jobs. But if the South in the long run is to be served by this industrial development it must guard the wood resources of tomorrow as well as secure a fair price to farmers today.

"As some old lumber and paper towns have discovered, there will be no industry or jobs if the forests are not preserved. And beyond industry no happy land is possible where ruthless-cutting has been permitted to waste and destroy the heritage of trees."

A Much Needed Spirit

Chowan Herald.

Confidence and trust should be synonymous words. Unfortunately they are not always so. Unless they go hand in hand neither is of any value. Without one the other is useless. And between individuals, industries or other businesses—yes, even between the press and the public, there can be no true cooperation or mutual interest unless those involved have confidence and trust in each other, and give their confidence and trust as well.

The other night at Windsor a group of Northeastern North Carolina newspaper folk met in monthly session. Mayor Pritchett, of the Bertie county seat, addressed them briefly. His talk was friendly and kind, and he hit the nail on the head, and did so sharply. He spoke of the difficulties newspaper people labored under gathering the news correctly, and of the criticism that comes their way when they unintentionally err from factual relations by not knowing all they should about the subject they are handling.

The criticism would be without merit, Mayor Pritchett said, if those disseminating the news and those relating it would work in a spirit of harmony and confidence and trust. This should be, he declared. In many years of association with newspapers he had never found one to violate a confidence. Because of this he had always spoken freely to reporters and editors, warning them of information not yet ripe for publication, but in every instance giving them the complete story. The facts, of course, came out correctly in what was told in the press.

The Mayor is right. Often, oh very often, editors get but a clue on a story. It is the nucleus of what should be a complete tale. Those approached for full details feel, however, something must be held back, and it is this very little thing that so often causes the trouble and results in a garbled recitation of the facts. If the public, communal or otherwise, would believe in newsmen as does Mayor Pritchett and would tell the whole story, asking, if desired, that certain essentials be withheld for the time, they would find in print stories that are stories.

Trust and confide in full in the press. A better spirit of cooperation and helpfulness to city, town, county and person will result. Newspapers respect the confidence of those with whom they come in contact. They prize this trust and honor it always.

Armies And Navies

Charlotte News.

A great deal of thought recently as to why nations go to war and kill human beings by the thousands or millions, waste millions and billions of dollars, bankrupt themselves and win nothing but hardship and misery, has produced wonder and amazement in the mind of this publisher.

Men of peace and high ideals, moral standards of excellence, as heads of governments go into war when a personal encounter between such men would be impossible. There is something about war that seems to turn men of high ideals into ruthless brutes. We spend billions of dollars building up our armies and navies and then feel like we must use them to prove we were correct in providing such fighting equipment.

When will all this waste of human lives and of money cease?

Four Pillars of Christianity

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF
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The basis for our four discussions under this general theme are the words found in the Acts of the Apostles, second chapter, verse forty-two, which reads, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." The four functions that are here enumerated concerning the early disciples, does not state all that they did, but rather emphasizes the most important, and implies other functions growing out of this relationship.

In order to ascertain the real strength of anything the most natural process is to examine the foundation, to find out what it primarily rests upon, and the nature of that basis. In the instance of any material structure that examination includes the soil upon which the structure stands and the first part of its foundation. In the case of a religious or benevolent institution, that examination extends back to the authority upon which the structure rests and to its fundamental principles before its claim to moral and religious safety can be established.

In the days following the revival of Pentecost, we find some very strong words recording the practices of the converts of the Christian church. We therefore suggest a careful consideration of this religious structure founded nineteen hundred years ago and the foundation upon which this building rests, "that it is become so great." What stones compose its foundation? What tablets mark its corners? This Church of Christ, this building of God, can only reveal to us its safety and satisfy us as to its permanence in the proportion that we are convinced of its substantial foundational character and its workmanship. The Christian church is as strong today as it was on the Day of Pentecost because it rests upon the same principles. May we therefore examine the pillar principles, rather than its age, to satisfy ourselves of the strength of the Church of Jesus the Christ.

The four pillars are: "Steadfastness in doctrine," "The Fellowship," "The breaking of bread," and "The Prayers." The pillar chosen for our consideration is "They (disciples) continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." The old adage, "a rolling stone gathers no moss," is particu-

ly true with regard to the religious department, it is also true that persons who have been unstable in their doctrinal position have experienced the most unrelieved discomfort in themselves. They do not gain in strength nor joy, but rather have a growing sense of uneasiness and anxiety. One explanation given for seasickness is the recurrent sensation of non-support-along-continued sense of falling. It is very evident that some sort of spiritual seasickness manifests itself in the life of men and women who are tossed about by every wave of doctrine.

Christianity in moving out among pagan peoples, many of whom had absorbed some Greek culture and a speaking acquaintance with language heard the apostles speak the teachings of Jesus the Christ. Less than a century was to pass however, before the church in the presence of her extending program among the Gentiles undertook to interpret the doctrines of our Lord, which created confusion then, and has continued until this hour. In a world that is crying out for the realities of religion, made manifest in the character of her devotees, it is high time for the church to cease speaking on interpretations of Christ's doctrines, but rather give major emphasis to the promulgation of His doctrines. This will tend to clarify the meaning of Christianity and its place in human society.

The early disciples when scattered by reason of persecution, remained steadfast in the apostles' doctrine. "Continued steadfastly" is the unfolding of the Greek word for strength, and when this word is used of men it implies a strength that comes by reason of giving constant attention to a thing. Such were the converts of the early Christian church; they were steadfast because they were strong; they were strong because of continued application.

The Christian needs to search the Scriptures for in them is the "word of life" and Jesus says that they testify of Him. Here is the foundation that has withstood the ground-swells of all antis without, and gross indifference within. Surely today, we will heed the words of the Lord Jesus when He says: "Every one therefore that heareth these words of Mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these words of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and smote upon that house, and it fell; and great was the fall thereof." Matt. 7:24-27.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Christ Demands Righteousness."

Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Hearing the Still, Small Voice."

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Unfinished Task."

The women of the church will attend their special annual sermon as a part of Woman's Day.

The first in a series of prayer services before the pre-Easter series of services will begin Monday at 3:30.

Junior Philathea meets Monday at 8 p. m.

The men's Bible class and the church board will be in charge of the mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30.

The location of the remaining cottage prayer services will be released in Tuesday's Enterprise.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

The sermon subjects for morning and evening respectively are: "Jesus the Rabbi," and "Jesus Beyond the Jordan." This evening message is the first of a series of four on "Jesus Finishing His Earthly Ministry." The purpose of the morning sermon is to present Him as the teacher of teachers.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Passion Sunday.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 3:15, the study course for the Woman's Auxiliary and St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary will be conducted in the church. The subject this year is, "Through Tragedy to Triumph," which is the findings of the Christian leaders who met at the Madras, India, in 1938. This is a very searching and challenging accumulation of the experiences of the ablest religious leaders of all Christian churches. Everyone is urged to attend.

Wednesday, Litany and address at 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, celebration of the Holy

Communion at 10:30 a. m.

Friday, Litany with Junior choir at 5:15 p. m.

Holy Trinity, Bear Grass
Service with sermon at 3 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to worship with us.

St. Martin's, Hamilton
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Litany and address on the Christian Sacraments.

Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services will be held at Piney Grove Baptist church Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject for Sunday service, "What Is a Christian?" Come and worship with us.

PREBYTERIAN

Regular services will be held at all churches this Sunday. There will be a change in form at some places. The Poplar Point Church School will give way to the regular monthly sermon and at Roberson's Chapel, there will be a preaching service at 3:30 p. m.

The monthly preaching service will be held in the Woman's Club at Robersonville at 7:30 p. m.

HASSELL CHRISTIAN

Rev. J. M. Perry will preach at Hassell Christian church Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 p. m. The services and the sermons are designed for the entire community and all people of all religious beliefs are cordially invited to be present.

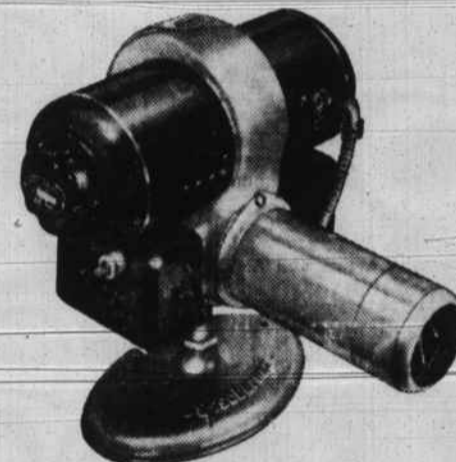
Mr. George Ayers, the Bible school superintendent, is inviting the entire community to attend the Bible School at 10 o'clock in the morning. The sermon theme for the morning service will be: "Why Go To Church Anyway?" And at 7:30 the theme will be, "Doctrine in Three Directions." Take your family to church Sunday.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Preaching by the pastor. Subject: "Finding Life by Losing It."

Evening worship, 7:30. Subject: "The Great Example."
Young people's meeting, 6:45. All the young people are urged to be present for this service, since the regional union meeting will be held with the young people of this church next Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. A good program will be presented and young people are urged to be present and help entertain our visitors from Belhaven, Washington, Plymouth and other churches.

Messrs. Wheeler Martin Ward and Wigg Watts returned Tuesday from a visit to Miami and other points in Florida.



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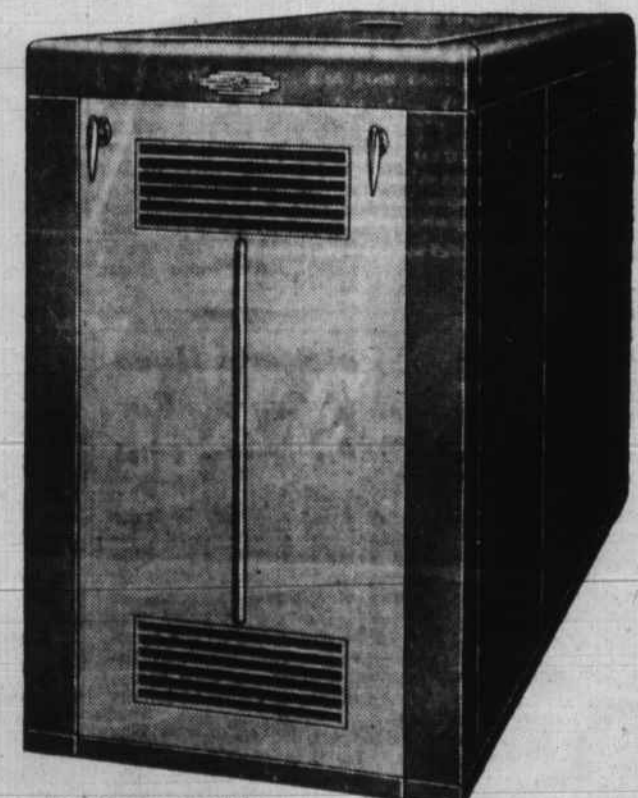
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