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Gone With the Wind As He Saw It

If you saw "Gone With The Wind" then read the following review of the picture by a writer in the Toombs County (Ga.) Democrat:

Katherine Scarlett O'Hara was our shero. A winsome wench with a figure like a marble statue and a head as hard. Gerald O'Hara was her pa. By nature he was most animal-like. Proud as a peacock, he roared like a lion, and rode like a dog-and-pony show. After Sherman came, he was crazy as a betsy bug.

"Scarlett was in love with Ashley Wilkes, who was in love with his cousin, Melanie, who was in love with Ashley, and so they were married (Ashley and Melanie, in case you're getting confused). This irritated Scarlett no end, and so in quick succession she married for spite and cash, respectively, a couple of fellers whose names we didn't get. But then, neither did Scarlett for long.

"The other major characters were Rhett Butler, Belle Watling, and a colored lady exactly like the one on the flapjack box. Rhett, who was Clark Gable, was a cross between somehow strangely reminiscent of Jesse James and Little Boy Blue. If Rhett had joined the Lost Cause in the second reel instead of after the intermission, the Confederacy would have won the war — and Belle — you'd have loved Belle; everybody did. During the seige of Atlanta — only three things were running — Belle's place, Prissy's nose, and the laundry that kept Rhett's white suits snow white.

"Melanie's baby arrived about the same time Sherman did. Both were equally welcome to Scarlett. It was, so far as painstaking search has revealed, the first baby ever born in Technicolor.

"Anyway, the South lost the war again in the picture (what would you expect with a lot of Yankee producers?) and Scarlett married Rhett to get even with him. Their married life was just like sitting in Hellfire and listening to the Heavenly choir. Finally, after Melanie died, Scarlett realized that she didn't love Ashley but Rhett. Scarlett was as changeable as a baby's underwear. However, Rhett had had enough of her foolishness, and when she told him, he says, 'Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.'

"Neither did the audience by this time. They were glad to see the end, their own having become 'number' than somewhat."

Every day is important, but the Sabbath is fraught with special significance. During six days of the week most people are engaged in what is called the secular pursuits of life; it is proper, therefore, that we should recognize the Divine scheme of things and observe one day out of seven as a day of rest and worship. "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" is more than an exhortation, it is a command. The sanctity of the Sabbath dates back to its primeval institution, which is implied in Genesis 2:2-3: "On the seventh day God ended His work which He had made, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." The prominent position accorded the Sabbath day in the scriptures clearly indicate its importance: It is mentioned in the second chapter of the book; it is the Fourth Commandment; out of only ten commandments, one of them deals entirely with its observance. For moral and religious instruction the world has not yet outgrown these commandments, and they form the constitution of religious faith.

One of the threatening dangers to our American religious life is the widespread and growing disregard for the holy Sabbath. We need some conviction along this line, and a revival of Sabbath observance. The modern evils which threaten the sanctity of the day are apparent on every hand. Some forms of business are operated on Sunday as on other days, except that Sunday is regarded as the "big" day. The operation of Sunday movies and Sunday sports, such as baseball and football are innovations undreamed of a few years ago. These things found their way into our social set-up through the stupidity of religious people in many instances. The false appeal was made to raise funds for charity, when as a matter of fact, those who made the appeal were concerned only in getting a strangled hold upon the Sabbath day in order that they may commercialize it for their personal benefit in a material way. The tragedy of it is that some of our best people become victims of this vicious and insincere propaganda, and the result has been a lowering of our moral and religious standards. It seems that the "children of the world are still wiser in their day and generation than the children of light." The misuse of our highways and automobiles, especially since the legalization of whiskey, has become a real menace to safety. We shudder to look over the newspapers on Mon-

Want To Be Prepared

Elkin Tribune.

President Roosevelt's impressive victory over Mr. Garner in Wisconsin followed so closely by his six-to-one lead over the Texan in Illinois, will at once give encouragement to his friends in North Carolina, and pause to his foes in sheep's clothing.

For no matter how much Jack Garner may talk about a "moral victory" in the Wisconsin and Illinois results, the fact remains that he made an aggressive campaign in both States, admittedly to crush the third-term trend—and failed utterly.

Tom Bost, veteran Raleigh political observer, says "Roosevelt loyalists, well-placed over the State, are debating prayerfully and to an early decision, whether to go along in stride at the State convention or whether to take it for the President."

In other words they are faced with the need of making a decision as to whether they will accept the challenge of the powers-that-be in North Carolina, or float along with the current, and let the State convention follow the chart as it has been marked by Mr. Roosevelt's friends.

It is an open secret that leaders among Mr. Roosevelt's friends and supporters have been putting their heads together to determine whether to let nature and politics take its course, or to guard against a stampede at the Raleigh pow-wow that would place the State's delegation to the national convention in the hands of one or two ambitious leaders who will call the tune at Chicago.

These Rooseveltvets are not members of the office-holding tribe. Numbered among them are some of the smartest go-getters in the State who are convinced that if Mr. Roosevelt and his program were made an issue in North Carolina, the voters would render a decisive and convincing verdict. The results in Wisconsin and Illinois indicate that maybe these leaders are right. If there is such sentiment in this State, and if it does predominate, then it should be reflected in the Raleigh convention.

There is no purpose to organize a "draft-Roosevelt" movement. His friends who are concerning themselves in his behalf want only to demonstrate their loyalty to him and his program. They are even willing to pay tribute to Governor Hoey on the favorite-son basis, turning to Mr. Roosevelt in the national convention, only under instructions given under Democratic processes.

Mr. Bost makes this further significant observation: "It would be odd if a third term or 'Roosevelt loyalty' movement went far without meeting Mr. Hoey in its path." There has been plenty to indicate that Governor Hoey blows neither hot nor cold for Mr. Roosevelt, and if you're asking us, it is because of his well-known attitude that the President's friends are busying themselves at this time, so they will not be helpless when they meet the governor in their path. There is the barest possibility, though, that what has happened in Wisconsin and Illinois may shape things differently in North Carolina.

The people whom we revere as saints are those who cooperated with God better than other people of their generation.—Exchange.

Remember The Sabbath Day

By REV. S. J. STARNES, Pastor, Methodist Church

day morning and count the number of highway deaths and injuries over the week-end, most of which could have been avoided if the Sabbath had been observed properly as a day of rest and worship, rather than a day of hilarious indulgence and frivolity.

If we believe the Ten Commandments we know that some things which are legitimate, and even commendable on other days, are entirely out of place on the Sabbath. This is to be regarded as a holy day. What is implied in this Fourth Commandment is not the institution of the Sabbath, but its strict observance. The Sabbath was known to the Babylonians and probably to the Israelites before this time—hence, the word "remember". And that means more than mere mental recall; it means to remember with appropriate observance. Dr. Edward W. Hitchcock says that while he was minister of the American chapel in Paris, General Grant was invited by the president of the French republic to occupy the grand stand at "Le Grand Prix," the great day of the races which comes on Sunday. Such an invitation from the chief magistrate of a great nation is an honor which is almost a command. But General Grant, replying in a note to the president, said in substance, "It is not in accordance with the custom of my countrymen or with the spirit of my religion, to spend Sunday in this way. I beg that you will permit me to decline the honor." Instead of accepting the invitation, he attended public worship at the American chapel. We need some outstanding examples today of men in high position who are humble enough to be religious, for no people or nation can long flout defiance in the face of God, disregard the spiritual laws of life as expressed in these commandments and hope to exist.

You may ask then, "What is a proper attitude toward the Sabbath day, and how should it be observed?" I would answer by saying the duty of observing the Sabbath day is binding upon us in a three-fold way: First, it is a duty we owe to God. He created the Sabbath, and commands us to observe it. In the second place, it is a duty we owe to ourselves. As a day of rest it is essential to the highest condition of physical health. As a day of meditation and worship it is essential to our spiritual education and growth. In the third place, it is a duty we owe to our fellowmen. There is a two-fold prohibition here: not only are men urged to observe the Sabbath themselves, but they must not be responsible for others breaking this commandment. And you and I cannot violate it without influencing others to do so. Truly, Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for man," by which we infer, as I suggested a moment ago, that it was made for his physical, mental and spiritual development. And we cannot profit by the operation of spiritual laws unless we expose ourselves to religious influences. Therefore, on this holy day, when the church bells

are pealing out all around us, calling us to worship with the congregation in the sanctuary of God, where the air is filled with music, and prayers rise from earnest hearts; where the word of God is read, and moments spent in meditation bring to us renewed strength for a strenuous life, may we find ourselves in the church of our choice singing in the words of Harriet Auber: "With joy we hail the sacred day, Which God has called His own; With joy the summons we obey, To worship at His throne."

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

2nd Sunday after Trinity.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. John Cook on Monday afternoon at 4 p. m.
St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Jesse Price.
The district meeting will be held in Windsor at St. Thomas' church on Thursday.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon: "Promises To Those Loving God."
Baptist Training Union Assembly, 7 p. m.
Evening worship, 8 p. m. Sermon: "A Great Salvation." This is the first of a series of sermons from the book of Hebrews.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Classes for all.
Preaching and Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Subject, "Seeing It Through".
Preaching, 8 p. m. Subject: The pastor will draw lessons from an experience when he went with a man from death row to the gas chamber and saw him die. The crime for which he was convicted was committed in Martin County, and the trial took place in Williamston. You are invited to be present, and especially urged to have the young people present.
Epworth leagues meet at 7:15 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN

The regular services will be held at all points this Sunday.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People meet, 7:00 p. m. Subject: "The Possible You."
Evening service, 8 p. m. Pastor will speak at both services.
Circles number 1 and 2 meet Monday afternoon at four o'clock.
Midweek service, Thursday, 8 p. m. Subject: "Furnished with Everything."

Conduct Demonstrations In Order To Improve Pastures

Jones County is determined to improve its pastures, and several farmers are conducting demonstrations to determine the best rates of seeding and fertilization, reports F. F. Hendrix, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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

Please Note Date Changes
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, June 4.
Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 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.

And They Call Them Uncivilized

Down in the South Seas there is a tribe of natives who once in every generation expend all their savings on the construction of a tower in memory of their ancestors. Here in Williamston the common practice, with some few exceptions of course, is to allow the dead to sleep in peace in a neglected burial ground.

It has been said that a civilization can be fairly accurately judged by the respect it holds for its dead.

Possibly Williamston people have respect for their dead, but that respect is not reflected in the disgraceful condition surrounding the public cemetery here.

Farm Bureau Loses Able Man

In the resignation of E. F. Arnold as executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the organization loses the services of an able man and leader.

For the medium salary he has received these past four years, Mr. Arnold has come nearer representing the North Carolina farmer than the regular-elected representatives-senators in both Raleigh and Washington. During the four-year term he has served the organization, the man has worked day and night for legislation favorable to the farmer. He realized the value of a strong farm organization, but sad to relate, the farmers have not supported him as they should have.

It would be indeed fitting to demand Mr. Arnold to continue in his post even if the farmers had to double his salary. Before this farm problem is settled, it is our honest opinion that the farmers and the farm areas will be needing Mr. Arnold and needing him badly.

What Will Be Next?

Many of the old-timers pine for the good old days, but Bill Casper, the rural philosopher of The Progressive Farmer is all for the good days of the present. Here's what he has to say about farm implements then and now:

"When my Grandpa went to plow out his corn he had to make seven trips across the field to plow the corn and plow out the middle. All he had was a bull tongue on a Georgia stock."

"By the time my Pa go to farmin' somebly had invented scooters and scrapes. With a small scrape he could work out his corn with five throughs to the row. Then it wasn't long till they was makin' scrapes big enough so three throughs done a good job. Then all you had to do was run around your corn and bust out the middles."

"Then the next thing I knowed folks was talkin' about what they called a cultivator that worked both sides of a row of corn at a single through. When the hardware merchant seen a few of these scattered around and seen how good they done he bought some and put them around his store to sell. A lot of them he sold stood around in fence corners for a long time but these here county demonstration agents kept a draggin' them out and a tinkerin' around them with wrenches until it wasn't long until they was all back in the corn patches a doin' the prettiest work you ever see nand a doin' it twice as fast."

"Now they've got pretty nigh everything imaginable to help a farmer do his work. They got tractors that run about twice as fast as a mule can walk and if you got a hand to help you, you can run these here tractors day and night. You can get your land ready to plant almost quicker'n you can say Jack Robinson. You can use the same tractor to plow out your corn or cotton and you can haul the crop to town with it if you want to. If the old woman plays out on you I see they even got a machine now that chops cotton."

"They tell me they've already got a machine that picks the hay up out of the field and bales it while you drive along. The cradle for cuttin' wheat and oats is a thing of the past and now it looks like the binder that took its place is a goner. They got a machine now that thrashes wheat and oats right in the field while it's cuttin' them. I reckon the women folks will be proud of that. They won't have to do no cookin' for thrashin' crews."

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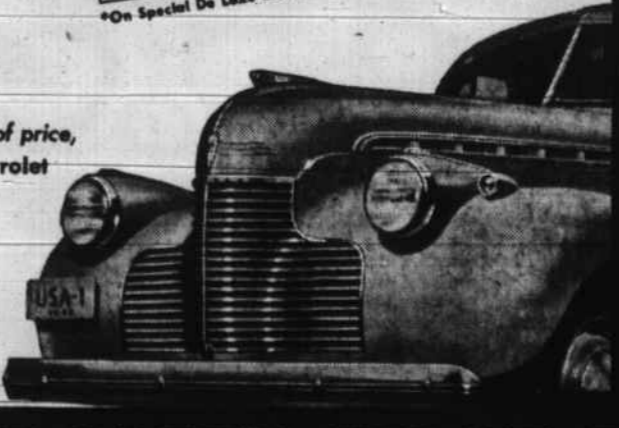
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