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Commendable

Williamston's Junior Woman's Club is to be commended for its action taken in behalf of a suffering people across the seas. In opening a Red Cross booth on the main street, the club members are helping to improve the conditions right here at home, to bolster the foundation upon which the brotherhood of man rests. Personages do not enter into the work, but there should be satisfaction for the club members and for the donors in knowing that they are helping suffering humanity.

When we of the streets are contacted, we should courteously remember that the club members are not working for themselves, but that they are working for the cause of humanity.

It is with shame that we note the Red Cross reports coming from other sections, sections that do not rank with us financially or in size. Towns hardly half the size of Williamston have subscribed more than \$1,000 to date, and the people continue to give. This section sent hundreds to an all-night dance a short time ago. Few of those names are recorded in the list of donors. But an aged widow, her worldly means limited to the bare necessities of life, comes forward with her mite. It is apparent that we have not awakened to the cold facts facing millions today. Possibly we are continuing the dance as long as the opportunity presents itself, but it certainly appears that now is the time to balance our way of living, to forego a few of the pleasures that the lot of a suffering people might be relieved to some extent, at least.

Who knows but what in the years to come we and our children yet to follow will cry out for help from those who would help today. But it is not from a selfish standpoint that we should muster a liberal aid for the down-trodden, but in the name of humanity give all that our means will humanly justify.

We sincerely believe the Williamston Junior Woman's Club is doing a work that will gain for it prestige and added respect from a people in all walks of life.

A Nation Of Bellyaching Critics

In this land of freedom and liberty we have entertained the belief that everyone else is wrong and we are right. We have criticised every nation and every leader in every nation and managed to hold enough in reserve to do a lot of criticising at home.

We have unloaded a birage of word attacks against Russia, doing so without stopping to consider the facts that lead up to Trotsky, Lenin and Stalin. We have criticised England and France for "missing the bus". We have criticised our neighbors to the south of us for this thing and that thing. In nearly every case we have overlooked the facts that made other nations subject to our criticism.

What do the people of Russia think when they read or hear about the attacks leveled at President Roosevelt. Possibly they recognize the freedom of speech, but after all it is quite possible that they consider us as one big group of fools—a nation of griping, bellyaching critics who, because of our freedom of speech, do a lot of criticising that displays a lot of childish ignorance.

If this nation is as bad as the Republicans will say it is in their national convention this week, then we had best hold back our criticisms of other nations and do something about the situation at home.

Reserving The Honor

In objecting to the humane plans being advanced for rendering aid to the bleeding Allies, are the objectors anxious to reserve the honor of fighting Hitler for themselves?

It would appear that the person who sits back and temporarily enjoys the peace of the United States today while civilization is attacked and millions are made to suffer at the direction of a mad man, possesses a yellow streak down his back.

Hitler may never come over here, but if he does we feverently hope that those who would have the war reserved for these shores are able to do the battling by themselves. It is also to be hoped that the economic reverses that are certain to come to this country can be borne by the loud-bellowing isolationists alone.

Balance The Tax Load

In making preparations for war or defense, if you like, the United States is calling for increased taxes. The eye of the tax lords is centered on tobacco, a farm product that is already burdened out of proportion to all other products of either the farm or of the factory.

It may be that every commodity and every person will have to bear an increased tax, but until the medicine dose is prescribed equally and justly one product to another, tobacco should go free until sweeping changes are made in the tax structure as they apply to other products.

Where The Threat Lies

Christian Science Monitor.

Senator Key Pittman, answering the radio address of Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh, put his finger on the source of the isolationists' concern for a massive American defense when he pointed out that if Hitler were stopped in Europe there would be no threat to the United States.

Colonel Lindbergh and his advisers are quite right under present circumstances in urging thorough military preparedness for the United States, a willingness to make sacrifices for national security and to spread these sacrifices uniformly among manpower and capital. But what is the circumstance that makes this necessary? Certainly no threat from any of the other democracies. Solely the possibility of an attack by forces of totalitarianism, once Nazi Germany might have the resources of Europe at its command.

The isolationists take also the sound basis of the Monroe Doctrine as the footing for their evident proposal of hemisphere defense. Colonel Lindbergh says the United States "must have the cooperation of all American countries in defense and must insist upon military bases . . . wherever they are needed." This surely would imply resistance to a German foothold in South America.

Two events within the last few days have deeply disturbed sentiment in the United States. One of these was a pro-dictator speech by President Vargas, of Brazil; the other, the collapse of France. It is generally assumed that the United States could not afford to permit a Nazi-Fascist regime to be set up by the German and Italian residents of southern Brazil. Yet Rio de Janeiro, where President Vargas spoke, is 4,481 miles by steamship route from Miami, Fla., while Sherbourg, France, is only 3,094 miles from New York.

In other words, Naziism is geographically 1,000 miles closer on the east than is its echo on the south. Is not that close enough to warrant first-line defense by utmost aid in material to the British and their allies even while the United States prepared its own defenses?

It is generally admitted that the Germans are tops in the making of all sorts of substitutes, and so it is not surprising that they would take out after a substitute for civilization. — Elkin Tribune.

Charles Brantley Ayeoek selected as the culminating and concluding sentence of his speech accepting the nomination for governor of North Carolina this significant statement:

"I shall respect the rights of property and rejoice in prosperity but I shall not forget that they who toil constitute not only the largest class of our people, but from their labors can spare little time to urge their views upon those whom they have chosen to serve them. — Exchange.

Nature working alone produces a jungle, not an orderly garden. It takes both God and man to make a garden.—Exchange.

A rude and vulgar man is one who stares at a girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it.—Brandon Sun.

Some tenants where the wife is smart and economical live in independence; another with the same advantages but a lazy spendthrift wife would fail.—The Progressive Farmer.

God And The World Conflict

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

Many people are perplexed today about God. They are wondering how it is that He allows the horrible suffering and disregard of His righteous purpose to continue in the world. They are trying to justify God in the light of the present conflict that is destroying His creation. We are being confused about the sins of man and the mercy and power of God. We are tending to an Old Testament conception of God—when it was thought Jehovah favored the nation with the largest army; the individual with the most sheep or largest family. God's favor was judged in the light of material wealth and prosperity. Jesus Christ came that we might not have this confused conception of God. The primary purpose of His life and the central theme of His teachings was what do we mean by God and what is the relation of life to Him.

The great privilege and the challenge that comes to Christian people today is to hold up before the world a true conception of God. To do this we must know the kind of God we believe in before we can interpret life in the light of our God. The only God with whose existence Christian people are concerned is the God who meets us in our religion. This does not mean that none save Christians have known about God, but that He is best and is only completely known through Christ. Knowledge of a person depends upon closeness and intimacy of relationship with Him. Christians are people who believe that Jesus stood in so close a relationship with God that He possessed and can share with us a rich and deep acquaintance with Him.

Taking Christ as our authority the first and most fundamental thing we have learned about God is that He is alive. The prophets often spoke of Him as "the living God." Christ reaffirmed and emphasized that way of thinking. He taught that "the Father is life in Himself." We are entirely wrong when we think of God as a blind, unconscious force like electricity; when we think of Him as operating the world without knowing what it is about. Electricity is a big force, but we do not measure greatness by bigness, for a diamond may be worth more than a mountain. Even a small animal is greater than one unit of electricity for it can to some extent pick its way out in the world. It can enjoy pleasure and suffer pain and is at least partially aware of what is going on around it.

Even the most ancient peoples when they pictured God as moving on the wind or driving the chariot of the sun across the sky, knew that God was alive. So any worthy idea of God must conceive Him as one who lives.

How much alive is God is an important question and the one that seems to trouble us most today.

We know of many degrees and types of life. The amount of life a being has is measured by its capacity for experience. A standard of life depends on the power it can exercise and its sensitiveness to the world in which it lives. By this standard a tree is barely alive, a dog a little more so and a man is the most alive of all beings on the earth. A man can love, hope, think, plan and choose between right and wrong in a fashion denied the creatures below him. This human type of life is the kind we call personal or spiritual life. The question here is shall we think of the life of God as being like the lower or highest kind of life. Shall we think of Him as feeling and fumbling His way without knowing what He is doing? Or is He able to reason, to form definite

purpose and work to carry it out, to love and know His creations, and to seek good rather than evil? "God is spirit," said Jesus, and all His teachings shows that God's life is of the personal kind. This does not mean that we shall picture God as a magnified man; nor does it mean that our life gives us a measure of God, for His life may well exceed ours in ways that we cannot even begin to know. It does mean that the quality of God's life is the highest that we can imagine, for He is personal life.

If we think of God as personal we can begin to see Him as Creator. Persons are never completely happy unless they are producing something—books, buildings, music, civilizations, etc. Moreover the interior nature of a person explains His creation. It is because the artist has beauty in his heart that he can produce beauty. It is because God has personal life in Himself that He can create persons.

He does not create occasionally but continuously, for the action of God is steadily increasing today. In the beginning there was only the earth to be made. That was a simple matter—it was largely mechanical. The production of lower forms of life and their slower building up to higher was a much more complicated process. With the appearance of man creation widens into the still more difficult work of educating him for the civilization of the universe. This makes God not less but more creatively active as the centuries go by. If "He rested on the Sabbath Day" it was because He anticipated the pleasure of again taking up His creative activity on the following day.

In close relation to the Creativeness of God stands Christian faith in the Fatherhood of God. The word father has in it two ideas—creation and kinship. God is our Father in the sense that He is the Author and source of our life. For an explanation of our existence we look up, not down; up to a spiritual personality greater than ourselves, not down to a material process that is, taken of itself, lower than the animals. God is also our Father in the sense that our life is kindred to His. It is able in its own fashion to feel, think, and do—personal like His. If we value our existence it is strange if we do not feel our heart warm toward that great life which gave us life. For "It is He that has made us and not we ourselves; we are His people."

The Christian religion is no more than a response to an already existing attitude of God towards man. "We love Him because He first loved us," says Jesus, teaching that God is love.

Christ's saying, "The Father Himself loveth you," is a declaration and an explanation. A father loves his children first because they are his. Even so the divine love of God is the spontaneous outgoing of the heart of God towards His own. With fatherhood goes the insight into the possibilities of human life. He creates souls, knows souls and finds in each some promise, some goodness and beauty—something worthy of being loved. Thus, while the love of God is freely given, it is not unnatural nor irrational.

Jesus began one of His prayers, "O righteous Father" and thus defined for us the character of God.

The life of God is right life. It is this goodness of God that is the true ground and basis of the Christian appeal that we ourselves shall learn to be good. It is not because God commands goodness and shall punish us if we do not obey. He can finally put us in possession of the full values and possibilities of living only by teaching us and helping us to live right. God is on the side of goodness in the world and so the good man must be on God's side. We can be indifferent to the moral failure only of those about whom we do not care. God is not indifferent to the failure of any for He must seek to create good in all.

God, who is our Father, is alive in

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

The 5th Sunday after Trinity. Solemn celebration of the Holy Communion, 8 p. m. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, at 11 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN

The regular services of the Presbyterian Church in Martin County will be held by the Rev. Z. T. Piephoff this Sunday. All the services will be held at the usual hours.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services Sunday evening at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church, at 3 p. m. The pastor expects to be back. Come out and worship with us.

The world today when men come to see and practice His righteous love. He, by His very nature, is not indifferent to greed, selfishness, hatred, starvation, suffering, and untimely death administered by men. It tears at His very heart strings to see men so cruel. Once the sin of the world caused the most precious thing that He possessed, His Son, to suffer humiliation and death between two criminals. The indifference of His children caused a pall of darkness to be shrouded about the whole earth. Yet He had faith in them, so much faith that He did not take the power that He had given to men from them. He would not visit His children with wrath for He wanted to draw them unto Himself. Today as He walks the highways with the refugees; as He mingles with the wounded on the battlefield, as He pleads with those who are fortunate enough not to be engaged in conflict to give a sip of water to parched lips, or food and clothing to chilled and famished bodies; He is still sorry that we are so foolish. Yet His love still goes out to men as He pleads with them to worship Him as the "only true God." Christ is still in anguish pain pleading, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, at 8 p. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. The congregation is kindly requested to read, Hebrews 11, 12 and 13 in preparation for Sunday's worship.

METHODIST

Regular services will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and night. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth league, 7:15 p. m. Mid-week prayer services, Wednesday, 8 p. m., lasting 30 minutes. You are welcome to worship with us at any or all of these services.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject: "Ashamed of Christ." Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Subject: "Forgotten Folks." Evening service, 8 p. m. Subject: "Why Men Hated Jesus." The pastor speak at both services.

The young people returning from the Young People's conference at Montreat, Gordon Manning, Della Jane Mobley and Evelyn Griffin, will speak on their conference experience at the 11 o'clock hour.

The young people will hold regular choir practice Monday, 7:30 p. m. Annual picnic Wednesday. Cars leaving the church at 2 o'clock. Mid-week service Thursday, 8 p. m. Subject, "What I Mean To the Church", the final of three discussions along this line.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of J. B. Hyman, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., on or before the 14th day of May, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of May, 1940. LIZZIE HYMAN, Administratrix of J. B. Hyman, Deceased. B. A. Critcher, Atty. m17-6t

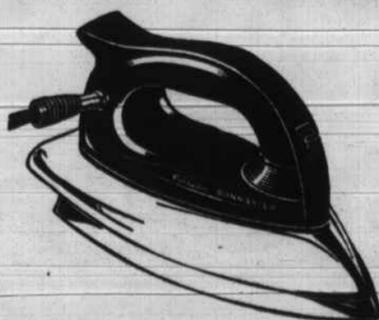
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