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### Turn Celebration Into Disturbance

Recognizing the old custom of ringing out the old and ringing in the New Year, local people anticipated a celebration last Tuesday night, but they did not anticipate bedlam to break loose and the joyous crowd to go wild. Briefly stated, the New Year's celebration here was turned into a town-wide disturbance. Aged and sick in quite a few homes were greatly disturbed after the whooper-uppers had blown, snorted and shot during the greater part of two hours. And then the celebration was carried to a dangerous extreme.

It was only after the constant sounding of horns for an hour that complaints were registered, and if the custom of celebrating New Year's is to proceed unmolested in the future, those who take part will do well to remember and limit their program to a restricted period.

It was a joyous occasion to be sure, but when an attempt is made to clear out the entire Chinese stock of figgercrackers in a single night in a little town, it is just too much for many to stand.

### President's Stand Has Support

While differing in their political beliefs, the press of the nation and the millions of people are together in their support of President Roosevelt's stand on an all out aid program to Britain. With few exceptions, the press cheered the President's talk, and directly or indirectly pledged its aid in handling the difficult and serious task at hand.

For instance, the Seattle Times said: The Times only regrets the President did not say he would ask Congress for a declaration of war

That there is still an apparent sympathy for Nazism in some parts of the country is evidenced in the Indianapolis News which says: "He (the President) failed to assure the people that he will do away with the two bottlenecks that retard the whole program of British aid and American defense—the lack of an industrial defense commission empowered to act on its own authority, such as Woodrow Wilson established in 1917, and the short work week—the Friday night industrial blackout." The News, while expressing no opposition, is a bit critical, meaning that the President's talk was hardly acceptable in its section.

Speaking at a football game in Miami Wednesday afternoon, Wendell Willkie, defeated for the Presidency, declared that he was in favor of giving unlimited aid to Britain. His declaration started a demonstration that lasted for some minutes.

Press comment, picked up here and there over the country:

New York Herald Tribune: Here is a high call to action, and this newspaper is convinced that if the President can implement leadership of this quality with the practical steps necessary to translate it into action, he will find the people of the United States unanimous in support of every step he may take to fulfill these great ends.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Admittedly there is danger in any course we may pursue. Danger in the course the President has chosen probably is the lesser but it is the course we should prefer even if it involved the greater danger of war.

St. Paul Dispatch: President Roosevelt correctly stated the present situation confronting the United States. . . . (He) chooses not to put the United States in danger of war on two fronts at once, Germany from the east and Japan from the west, and he is correct.

Richmond (Va.) News Leader: Explicit urgency ran through every sentence of the President's noble address last evening. He said little that was new, but he rallied the Nation by summarizing perfectly what millions have been thinking and have not put into words.

New York Post: Here we have . . . what is obviously one of the major declarations of purpose in the history of our Republic. This was a keeping of the faith with all the millions who voted for Mr. Roosevelt in November . . . It flowed logically and coolly from the dreams and hopes and fears of the people of this country . . .

New Orleans States: All democracies everywhere, all free peoples everywhere, will take new courage from the bold and resolute challenge to dictatorial aggression and brutality uttered by the leader of the world's greatest democracy. Mr. Roosevelt spiked the guns of the small but noisy group of "appeasers" who think the country ought to prepare to play ball with a dictator.

Birmingham News: We are in the gravest danger this Nation has ever faced and what-ever we do, we cannot entirely avoid risk of war . . . The course of action which Mr. Roosevelt calls for is the best possible course that we could follow . . . That course is to keep the war away from our shores . . . by giving all possible aid to Britain short of sending an expeditionary force to Europe.

Eyes of the people are now turned to the Congress where resulting action will have much to do with the outcome of the war. The people are looking to the Congress to act in making every possible aid available to Britain and making it available quickly and without wrangle.

### Liberal Talk

That we are liberal when it comes to talking is offered in bold relief in the case of Great Britain. There has been much said about giving aid to Britain in her death struggle against barbarism, but up until Christmas week not a single penny had been given by the talkers in this country to the hard-pressed over there. The workers of an airplane plant out in California made and delivered to Britain a bomber on Christmas day. That was the first gift. As Mrs. Roosevelt said some time ago, it is about time we get the record straight, stop talking about our liberality and do something that is really liberal.

Just as we lag as individuals to act in behalf of Britain so will the concerted efforts of government and industry as a whole continue to lag in Britain's and ours too death struggle.

It is possible that we could pack up half of our earthly belongings, including products on the farm especially those in surplus amounts, household goods and half of whatever we may possess, send it to Britain, Greece or China now and find that that price is cheap compared with a cost we may have to accept later on. But we continue to talk and actually do nothing. While Martin County was spending over \$3,000 in a single day for liquor, its people all the fall had contributed less than one-fifth that amount for relieving suffering and encouraging those who are fighting the actual battle.

It is about time to cut out the chatter and recognize the facts, to realize that the serious situation in which we now find ourselves will not be relieved until we take definite action individually and as a group.

The best individual action will be a close personal relation with the congressman and senator in Washington. A letter from every individual in Martin County to the representatives in Washington urging them to advance and support an all out aid for Britain will have its effect. But few of us will trouble ourselves to write. Collectively we could raise sizable sums for the relief of the bomb victims in England and the needy in Greece. Collectively we could extend a greater aid to Britain.

Let's do away with some of our liberal talk and settle down to work.

### Ready To Ride

Let's go! And Martin County people are ready to ride. Whether it is a good sign or not time will tell, but in 1939 Martin County spent almost as much for automobiles and gasoline as was spent for food and clothing.

During that year we spent nearly four million dollars in the 260 stores of the county. The per capita sales averaged about \$133. Subtracting the costs of our joy rides, the individual spent \$95 on an average for food and clothing, medicine, hardware, furniture and other similar items. It would appear that our buying schedule is slightly out of balance, that we are ready to ride before we feed and clothe our bodies. Possibly a curtailment of the automobile costs would prove disappointing and fail to solve our economic problem, but one thing stands out in bold relief in the sales figures and that is the people of this county are hardly spending enough to feed and clothe themselves but are ably taking care of the transportation problem.

## A New Beginning . . .

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF  
Pastor Christian Church

Centuries ago a leader said to the people whom he was leading, "Ye have not passed this way before." The Israelites, to whom these words were spoken by Joshua, were on the east side of the Jordan River and were about to cross over into Canaan. Before them was an unconquered country filled with walled cities and hostile people who did not like the idea of being dispossessed of their homes and lands. The Israelites understood something of the seriousness attendant upon settling in this new land. They were aware that many uncertainties lay before them, and it had a tendency to arouse a sense of fear, which reduced their strength as a conquering host. Joshua, fully aware of these pernicious thoughts, challenged his people saying, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

We, too, are at the threshold of a new year. We are aware of many uncertainties as we march with time across the border into the new year. We are confronted with the uncertainty of life itself, the uncertainty of employment and income and the uncertainty of investments. Then too, there is the uncertainty of peace and liberty; for war might "embrace us with death" to all that we now know.

Because of life's uncertainties there may come the desire to let down and be wooed by the doctrine of futility, feeling so alone in a vast and unfriendly universe. Bending with whatever current sweeps by and offering no stern resistance. It is at this and other cross-roads of life that we need to be reminded that while there are uncertainties before us there are also some certainties. There is the certainty of God, and love, and truth, and justice. Aside from the revelation and manifestation of God in the physical world there is an experimental knowledge of God inherent in His holy religion. This religion depicts God as a loving and interested Father, caring for the state of His children. This solicitation is not only manifested in the welfare of the mass of humanity but in the individual. The personal worth of the individual is declared in majestic tones when Jesus says, "I come that men having life might have it abundantly." The individual as a child of God is therefore not an unnoticed and lonely person, but being a son, and with God as his Father and friend, becomes at once a creature of destiny and is linked with God's plan for His world. In lieu of this amazing relationship man does not have to crawl and be covered before events transpiring in his world. He can scan the heavens and see the planetary worlds obeying their laws and the seasons consistent in their changes, and realize that he is a son of Him whose will is master.

What a privilege to begin now to be at peace with Him whose love overflows the bounds of man and pervades the spheres of spirits. Whose love is as constant as the tides and as soothing a precious ointment.

Rather than incur the Father's displeasure, may we all endeavor to live by and practice those high qualities in life that will enable us to become the spiritual emissaries of a new regime in which life's cardinal virtues may be the ensign of all men. The new year offers to each one the priceless privilege of a new beginning. The fears and sorrows, and sins that have hurt and marred the harmony of both inner and outer life may be transformed into the very stepping-stones of personal enrichment and character-development. The Church of Christ offers the means both of rightly aligning our lives and their investment in wholesome service. May we pledge to our better selves the use of this means of grace by not only attending church but by the translation of the spirit of the church into every area of life. May this coming year find us more deeply entrenched in the battle to be among those who are overcoming the enemies of our souls and having once felt the thrill of victory continue on, until we are masters of ourselves and dedicated servants of Jesus Christ. "Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Mrs. George B. Steele, of Goldsboro, visited relatives here this week.

## CHURCH NEWS

### PRESBYTERIAN

Regular services will be held at all points this Sunday. In Williamston at the 11 o'clock hour, the Rev. J. Norton Dendy, of Tarboro, will bring the message in the absence of the pastor. Mr. Dendy is one of our most promising ministers and will bring an interesting and helpful message. Be sure to hear him.

### BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Theme, "Doing the Will of God." B. T. U., 6 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. A New Year's pageant by the Training union. Please notice that the training union meets at six o'clock. A sandwich supper will be served at that time in the basement of the church. Ann Lindsley is in charge of preparing the supper. Every member is requested to be present for this first meeting of the New Year. At the evening hour these young people, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peele, will present a New Year's pageant.

### CEDAR BRANCH

The pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, is urging the members of his congregation and others to start the New Year right by attending services Sunday morning at 11 and at 7 o'clock that evening in the Cedar Branch Baptist Church. The public is invited.

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Second Sunday after Christmas Day.

#### The Collect

Almighty God, Who hast poured upon us the new light of Thine incarnate word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday at 3:30 p. m.

### ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Joy and Commitment." Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Keeping One's Faith." Woman's Council meets Monday, 3:30 p. m. at the church.

Junior choir meets at 7:15 and senior choir at 8 p. m. at the church Monday.

Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Universal Jesus."

The Senior Philathea Bible class of the Williamston Christian Church will hold its monthly meeting Friday, January 3rd at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. John A. Ward with Mrs. R. L. Smith as joint hostess.

Spends Holidays Here  
Mr. John E. Manning of Albany, Ga., spent the holidays here with relatives.

### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the Estate of Joe Henry Lilley, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at her home, R.F.D., Williamston, N. C., on or before the 19th day of November, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
ANNIE GRAY LILLEY,  
Administratrix of Joe Henry Lilley  
Hugh G. Horton, Atty. d6-5t

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## Reita Theatre—Washington

Sunday-Monday January 5-6  
"MURDER OVER NEW YORK"  
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Tuesday DOUBLE FEATURE January 7  
"Code of the Cactus," with Tim McCoy  
"Ellery Queen, Master Detective", Ralph Bellamy

Wednesday-Thursday January 8-9  
"GALLANT SONS"  
Jackie Cooper, Bonita Granville, Gene Reynolds

Friday-Saturday January 10-11  
"CARSON CITY KID"  
with Roy Rogers and Bob Steele

## Turnage Theatre --- Washington, N. C.

Sunday January 5  
"Blondie Plays Cupid"  
Penny Singleton, Larry Simms, Arthur Lake  
Monday-Tuesday January 6-7  
"Spring Parade"  
DEANNA DURBIN and ROBERT CUMMINGS  
ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

Wednesday-Thursday January 8-9  
"The Rampart We Watch"  
DOCUMENTARY  
Friday-Saturday January 10-11  
"Sante Fe Trail"  
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ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

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