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Prohibition To The Front Again

Representative McGowan, of Pender County, uncorked the bottle, and the current legislature after struggling along in an arid climate is likely to be drenched in liquor from now on. The Pender representative last Friday dropped a bill into the legislative hopper calling for a liquor referendum.

The liquor problem in prohibition days was bad enough, and now after six years of haphazard and so-called control that problem is worse than it ever was in Martin County. Under prohibition the liquor problem was confined to liquor itself, but during recent months the problem is presenting itself in other fields. Gradually but surely the problem has reached the political fields, numbers of people declaring voluntarily that they would vote against the illegal stores for this reason and that reason. The operation of the system has cast suspicion over all other governmental departments, and where the issue was once centered on liquor itself it now threatens to split those ranks upon which good government draws its support.

While a few voices are still heard in advancing the morals of the problem, the common masses are more interested in the economic side. They call attention to the large sums of money that leave the county annually in payment of liquors purchased in other states. They point out that the tax burden is as great as it was during the old prohibition era. They do not stop there but go on to condemn and criticize those who handle the control plan. They even go further and condemn all government, more or less.

After nearly six years, control as it is known in the 26 "wet" counties has not solved the liquor problem, and it is fairly certain that the present system never will solve it. Neither will prohibition solve the problem until the people take a definite stand against old John Barleycorn.

The liquor problem cannot be solved by statistics offered by the wets on the one hand and by the dries on the other. The facts recorded since 1935 in this county show little improvement over those recorded prior to 1935. There is argument in those facts for both sides. If we would build a safer and saner world, we will be obliged to start at the bottom and teach the

value of sobriety, and then by all means practice what is preached.

There is some doubt whether the legislature will call a referendum. If we are going to vote our honest convictions and act independently of grudges and revenge, then it will be well to call a referendum. If we are going to cast a spite vote, support prohibition at the polls and attack it in every-day life it would be better if no referendum is called and a vote never polled. It is beginning to appear that neither prohibition nor control will solve our problems. For either of them to accomplish much we will have to repair our moral fabrics and stress the finer ideals of life.

The Puzzling World

Forgetting all about the war and the troublesome times throughout the world for the moment, one in turning to his own backyard will find a puzzle facing him.

Ham Fish, a bitter opponent of President Roosevelt's foreign policy, was elected by a people who, according to a reliable poll, favor the President's foreign policy. But even Fish's re-election is not near so puzzling as the re-election of one Play Boy Bob Reynolds by the North Carolina electorate.

It is little less than an astonishing mystery why a sane and sensible people should re-elect Bob Reynolds. His re-election is enough to question our own ability. He is a remarkable asset, but offsetting that questionable asset are an almost endless list of liabilities. Mr. Josiah William Bailey has been disappointing on many occasions, to be sure, but that guy Reynolds with the yellow streak down his spine has been disgusting on all occasions.

It is fairly certain that the four-flusher would have supported the lease-lend bill had a peroxide blonde been attached to the measure.

Which makes it just that much clearer that the actions of voters offer an unexplored field for study by social psychologists.

Democracy's High Tradition

Christian Science Monitor.

Recently in an American high school library a lad stood looking at the photograph of a class which had graduated more than half a century ago. He turned to the principal who happened to be in the room and said, "I like traditions. They give you a feeling that you belong to something that others have cared about."

Untold generations ago, mankind began building traditions. Now the nations of the Old World are engaged in a great struggle to see if those traditions shall continue to endure. The traditions of the democratic way of living face a time of supreme testing.

The issue is clear cut. On one hand is the recognition of the free human personality with its traditional rights of freedom in speech, religion, press, and the pursuit of happiness by democratic methods; on the other, is establishment of a totalitarian system of government whereby the individual's personality is submerged and civilized influences obliterated.

The democratic idea is the integrity of the individual. United, steadfast, and believing in high traditions, democratic peoples are highly resolved to preserve this priceless heritage.

They Will

Banker says that women will have all the wealth in the county by the year 2035. Well, by that time they'll be welcome to ours.—Western Leader.

"Maybe it proves nothing, but the only land with a Congress is the one where the radio advertises headache powders."—Robert Quillen.

"GENIE" WITH THE LIGHT BROWN SHIRT



Conversion

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church of The Advent

St. Paul is on the road to Damascus when a great light appears to him and his new insight makes him a different man. What manner of man was this who had a vision of the Lord Jesus? He was a gentleman, of a good family, with excellent social connections. He was a scholar, both of the Hebrew tradition and also of Greek literature and philosophy. He was a Roman born citizen. He was a Pharisee, conventionally most religious. All that was to his credit; but alas, for him life began and ended in Paul. He was soul-weary, unhappy. Just being a gentleman, a scholar, a citizen, leads only to respectability; and unlightened respectability results only in death to the soul. There is need for something else; and that something is a vision of God as the center of all that is, including one's own life.

At last to Paul the Risen Lord appeared, a great light. The sight of Jesus is always a great light. All the sickness of fed-up souls—all doubts, uncertainties and dark foreboding—are done away with by Him who is Light of Light. It is hard to describe such illumination to those who are unlightened. Overpowered, overawed by brightness, Paul heard a voice saying, "I am Jesus. Be not afraid; it is I. I am the Way, I am the Door, By Me if any enter in, he shall find rest. I am the Good Shepherd, and I know My sheep by name."

"What shall I do, Lord?" It is not strange that when one who has been self-centered has seen the Lord, that one instantly demands to know what it is that he is to go and do. It is still self that matters most, in his opinion. But God, who knows what is in man, speaks to such a one as one might speak to a little child: "Wait. Go into Damascus and be quiet for a while. Because you have seen Me, you shall for a bit be dazed and blind to earthly things. Sit still and wait. In My own good time, I shall tell you what I have prepared for you to do for Me."

"You have a great deal to learn in that quietness. You cannot change yourself overnight or ever. It is I who will change you. You will have to learn what it means to be a Christian. You will have to learn that membership in the family of God is of greater importance than membership in any privileged class. You will have to exchange Gamaliel and Plato, your old teachers, for Me. You must learn that citizenship in the Roman Empire is as nothing in comparison with citizenship in My Kingdom. You must learn that the center of the universe is neither you nor man, but God. Go into Damascus and wait; but in that waiting, your source of joy, your source of strength, will be the glimpse that you have had of Me."

What does all this mean to me, who am a gentleman, a citizen of a great country, with a decent education; but in my thinking more than a little self-centered, and more than the average church member? I am sick of soul. I am far from getting on all right. To the outside world I do not admit my inner distress, but every time I come to church, every time I think about God, I admit to myself that I am sick of heart. The modern world is not enough, and I am not enough. How hardly visions come to me. It must be with me as with Paul. He who hung on the Cross did not die only for Paul, only for saints now dead and gone. "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." I know that by this that I too can see the Lord and hear Him speak.

He will come to me as a great light only as I know that I have need of Him. All trust in respectability, all my little schemes for safety here and hereafter, all dependence on earthly power and riches—it is these that prevent me from seeing Jesus. Let me but see Him, hear Him, and it will be enough. Then I shall be content to wait for God's solution of my problems, of the world's problems, sure that after darkness and the waiting, I shall be told those things which God has prepared for me, and for the whole world, to suffer for Him, to be, to do.

When I have seen and heard, and so have lost my sinful pride, my spiritual life will have begun. (I have been indebted to the Rev. James M. Duncan for part of this article.)

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon, "Whiter Than Snow."
B. T. U., 6 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon, "Jesus, Master, It Is Good For Us To Be Here."

This week's call to worship: "Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Will God Bless America?"
Young People's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "The Love of God, the Father."
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Still See Thee Leading."
Junior Choir meets Monday, 7:15 and Senior Choir, 8 p. m.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Conclusion of Third Chapter of The Acts.

Holly Spring Methodist

Church school, 10 a. m.
Preaching service, 3 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

The First Sunday in Lent.
The Collect

O Lord, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey the godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

Monday at 4 p. m. Study class on the "Migrants."

Tuesday at 5 p. m. Litany.
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Litany and address.

Thursday at 10:30 a. m. Celebration of the Holy Communion.

Friday at 5 p. m. Litany with junior choir.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship and Holy Communion, 11 a. m.

Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic: The Transformation of Duty into Loving Service.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Monday, 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. W. C. Manning, on Church Street.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet with Miss Martha Leggett on Thursday, 7:30 p. m., at her home on Smithwick Street.

Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

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

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services at Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday at 10 a. m. and Sunday night at 7:30. Perhaps the Church roll will be called at the morning service. It is hoped that the membership will try to be present, and also the public is invited.

THE LETTER-BOX

To the Editor:

Last Saturday morning around 9 a. m. a fire broke out in the roof of the building in which our business is located and threatened to do serious damage.

We called the fire department at once, obviously, and the fire truck and sufficient firemen responded much quicker than we thought possible. They did a swell job which resulted in very little damage.

We wish to commend our splendid fire department for the outstanding work it is doing and assure them of our appreciation which we feel is the sentiment of the entire community.

With best wishes, we are,
Yours very truly,
Martin-Elliott Co.,
By R. D. Elliott, Jr.

Cheeses

Argentina is continuing to furnish American tables with large quantities of cheese to replace the imports of Italian varieties cut off since the closing of the Mediterranean.

Poultry Truck

EVERY TUESDAY

AT JAMESVILLE ----- 9 to 10:00 a. m.
AT HARDISON'S MILL ----- 10:30 to 12 m.
AT BEAR GRASS ----- 1 to 3 p. m.

EVERY FRIDAY

AT OAK CITY ----- 9 to 11 a. m.
AT HAMILTON ----- 11:30 a. m. to 12 m.
AT GOLD POINT ----- 1 to 2 p. m.

EVERY SATURDAY

AT WILLIAMSTON ----- 9 to 11 a. m.
AT EVERETTS ----- 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
AT ROBERSONVILLE ----- 1 to 3 p. m.

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The four new models now adorning the Buick SPECIAL Series fit neatly into modest garages without putting a permanent crimp in the doors.

They slip into parking places smoothly as a rowboat nestles up to a

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When it comes to action—well, they've got a 115-hp. FIREBALL eight under their bonnets that skims you down the road like a mallard heading home. You can add Compound Carburetion at small extra cost and have 125 horsepower that does things we hardly dare hint about in print.

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NOTICE! To Tax Payers

A penalty of only one per cent is being charged on 1940 taxes during the month of February, but on March 1st the penalty will increase with each succeeding month.

Pay your taxes during the remaining days of February and save the additional cost.

Town of Williamston