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Holy Week

The ministers of the community are asking that no one make a social engagement during Holy Week, but that everybody give their leisure to meditation of the significance of the week before "He arose from the dead," and take part in the services that are to be held each day by the various congregations.

If there was ever a time in history when men and women need the comfort and counsel that His guiding hand can give, it seems that in this year 1941, it is the greatest. In both peace and war Christianity has held the solutions of our problems, both as individuals and as nations.

Easter is the high peak in the true Christian's life, the season when we are brought face to face with our mortality, and our kinship to God and to our Risen Christ. If we fail to cooperate with the ministers in their effort to have us drink deep into the spiritual meaning of the season we will miss the true spirit of Easter.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Down through the centuries the supreme sacrifice of our Saviour has brought men to see the ways of righteousness and the divine significance of Easter has shown men the way out of darkness into light.

Spring And Hitler

Since Spring has become the season in which Hitler has made his most dramatic moves across the continent of Europe one cannot but wonder as time approaches what he has up his sleeve for 1941, in addition to making Bulgaria his own.

As one writer has expressed it: "The sap of Empire rises in him. In March, 1936, he remilitarized the Rhineland. In March, 1938, he seized Austria. In March, 1939, he occupied Bohemia and Moravia, and grabbed Memel. In 1940 in April he took Denmark and Norway under his "protection."

"He will act. Of that we may be certain. Perhaps the hour when his star will be in the ascendancy has been revealed by his astrologer. He will make startling news. Men, women and children will die because of what Spring, the blossoming time, the season of the tenderness and hope, means to Hitler, and what he has made it mean to the German nation. We have not long to wait."

"But Hitler has not conquered Spring. No fifth column betrays the inexorable processes of nature. There will be another blossoming season on which he will not trample. Already the plowshare is being forged and will turn his system under; already on many an anvil of freedom, hammers ring, sparks fly, bright swords take shape and edge."

Not What It Seemed

The recently enacted legislation in regards to the sale of fortified wines seems to have aroused considerable confusion as to the proper interpretation of the law.

One section of the bill sets July the 1st, as the effective date, and another section, May the 1st. The bill also states, which evidently an error, that only packages of a gallon or more may be transported from counties where it may be legally sold into counties where it is prohibited.

The lowering of the alcoholic content to 14 per cent will in no wise remove the evil and it would seem that the bill as enacted from a prohibition standpoint is a decided failure.

For the present it looks as if the probable effect of the law will be to flood the market with a cheap variety of dangerous beverages.

Appointments

The entire state has been anxiously awaiting the return of Governor Broughton from his vacation, looking forward to the time when he will begin making his appointments.

Probably never in the history of the state has any governor had so many offices at his disposal to give to the citizens.

It is expected that the Governor will within a few days name the new highway commission of 12 members; the board of 15 of the Department of Conservation and Development; a commissioner of Revenue; the state unemployment compensation commission, the state REA Board, and numerous other commissions and boards that will be his privilege to name.

Of special interest to Western North Carolina is the appointment of the State Highway Commissioner from this district, and the state highway commission chairman. So far among those prominently mentioned for highway chairman is Ben Prince of Hendersonville, which apparently is meeting with the approval of this section.

Ralph Ramsey, of Brevard, and former Senator from this district, has been frequently mentioned as a member of the highway board. His record as senator and civic leader in Transylvania, gives him an "OK" by the general public sentiment in this section.

Prize Winners

No greater evidence could be desired as to the high standard of Haywood County cattle than the number of first places won at the recent show and sale in Anderson, S. C., where so many local cattle were exhibited.

For many years the cattle industry in Haywood County was at the top in quality and quantity, but also for a number of years due to a decline in the market prices, both quality and quantity were neglected.

The bringing into the county for the past few years of purebred bulls is now beginning to show up in the higher standard and places Haywood cattle are taking in the shows in which they are exhibited.

It was reported by some of those attending the show in Anderson last week that a remark frequently heard from the farmers and county agents viewing the cattle at the show was: "That must be a Haywood County Steer," and by that description one of a very high grade was designated.

The manner in which Haywood cattle sold on the South Carolina market and the prices paid show that the cattle industry is fast coming back in a county that can produce as fine a grade of livestock as can be raised anywhere in this country.

Progress

There was great satisfaction in the headlines of The Mountaineer last week to those responsible for its publication. The news carried on the front page was not of things that perhaps will happen, but of actual facts concerning developments of permanent value and interest to the people of this community.

The fact that the Dayton Rubber plant is starting construction on its buildings is a definite thing of interest; that the Gordon Hotel is to be improved is proof that others from outside have faith in this section; the REA show is illustrative of the progressive rural citizens of our county; the construction of the Soco Gap section of the great Blue Ridge Parkway means a tremendous boost in travel for Western North Carolina.

We might continue into other news carried, but the foregoing is sufficient to show that Haywood County is definitely going forward and marching to the rhythm of a progressive tune.

Dogwood - State Flower

North Carolina now has an official State flower—the dogwood. A bill introduced in the legislature sought to name the flame azalea as the State flower but public sentiment brought about a change and the dogwood was chosen in the closing hours of the legislature instead.

The legislators acted wisely, in our opinion, when they chose the dogwood. The flame azalea grows only in the mountains of the western part of the state; but the dogwood whitens the forests from one end of the state to the other. Other states including adjoining Virginia have chosen the dogwood, but this fact does not make it any less desirable as the North Carolina state flower.

In just a few weeks this lovely flowering tree will be the talk of all who pass along our highways. We know of no other that blooms in such profusion in every section.—Smithfield Herald.

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HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

"This section looks to be one of the most progressive and prosperous I have seen in sometime... said Mrs. Dora Haines, of Washington... of the REA administration on Saturday afternoon at the show which The Mountaineer sponsored in the Armory... we like such things from outsiders... for we have pride in this mountain area... and particularly Haywood county... which after Friday and Saturday of last week... we have decided it fast becoming... not a county area in the old meaning... but one big community... the distance between the rural sections and the towns is not only getting shorter by miles... but also in viewpoints... and in the living conditions of the people... more and more are we having things in common with each other... more and more often do we meet to thrash out programs of natural interest... the town people are fast becoming more rural minded... they are hankering for the privileges of country life... and the rural folks are taking on the ways of the towns... their homes are being modernized... they are getting away from drudgery... of life without conveniences... and yet they are accomplishing more than ever... and are enjoying all the good things that life on a farm can give..."

Another thought Mrs. Haines brought out was the fact that Democracy is illustrated in our country by the manner in which the government is willing to help people who are in earnest about helping themselves... certainly no finer example could be found than the REA... lending the rural people money to bring electricity to their homes... in an organized co-operative... and then giving them time to pay back the loan... and in the end the privilege of owning the company... such is American Democracy..."

We were impressed by the number of officials from the REA... from the state headquarters... and from Washington... and from other REA co-operatives... and their reaction to the spirit of the occasion... all apparently surprised at the progressiveness of Haywood county folks... for the people of Haywood are "sold" on the REA... and any outsider could feel in the very atmosphere at the show... the genuine approval of the occasion... and noticeable was the fine spirit of co-operation existing... not only among the visitors from the various sections of the county... but also among the electrical dealers and exhibitors..."

The show offered a fine opportunity to the prospective buyers of electrical equipment... seeing and having everything explained... we know that many a farmer and his wife went back home with a new vision toward which to work... they may not buy that ice box until next month... they may put off getting that brooder until after the tobacco crop of next summer is sold... they may wait until the steers have gained enough to make a good profit before they add that washing machine to their household effects... but we bet that they have begun already to lay plans for these purchases... which reminds us that we ran into one of our local ministers near a washing machine... (one of those new fangled things that not only do the family clothes, but think for you)... the parson began to exploit the wonders of a washing machine... he happens to own one... a salesman appeared to

greet us... it was not long before he asked the preacher what the new model has it all over that of the minister... the salesman mentioned an exchange... we saw the "trading instinct" in the parson's eyes... so we left... thinking perhaps they had rather finish the deal without us..."

The exhibits were excellent... and were arranged in a manner worthy of a larger and more pretentious affair... and the prizes given away added a touch of excitement as the hands of the clock moved around to the appointed hours... Miss Marian A. Wiennell... home economist won all who visited her demonstrations... We have never seen J. Dale Stentz... at his best any better... than when he had his turn at the microphone as master of ceremonies... and R. E. Sentelle... attorney for the Cruso company... who shared the responsibilities with Mr. Stentz was a master at the job... job... too... Jimmy Moore... superintendent... and Chas. McCrary... of the REA... were seen in and out everywhere... in the interest of making the exposition... what it was... the delay in the arrival of the barbecue only whetted appetites... and when the report got about that Rufe Siler was making it... everybody was more than willing to wait... the booth of the county home demonstration clubs selling drinks and sandwiches... kept the crowd refreshed... the dance exhibition of Bob Boyd, winner of the grand prize offered an amusing note to the happy occasion... and on all sides... we heard... "Well, I hope they stage another show next year."

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YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

GRANDPAPPY JENKINS says that maybe the reason Russia seems so jittery about the European situation is that it fears Hitler may decide the time has come to take Steppes. Surrealist wall paper is on the market. Now, the most ardent teetotaler can awaken mornings and enjoy the bewilderment of a first-class hangover. Zadok Dumbkopf says his nephew Doxy gets paid for lying down on the job. He tests the product of a mattress factory. And the man at the next desk is still recovering from the shock of having met a barber who advised him to have his hair combed dry.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



Eyeing Tourists, Canada Explains Our Laws To Us

By CHARLES P. ST. Central Press Co. CANADA has an emigration law to us. The Canucks like to tourists from our side. They usually travel fine well heeled and on neighbors make a nice of 'em. And now the when they should be into the boreal Dominorable numbers. It's cant there during our southerly rather oppdays. Futhermore, t fishing's good.

Voice OF THE People

What did you think of the REA show staged in the Armory on Friday and Saturday? Mrs. Henry Francis—"I think the REA show was one of the grandest affairs we have ever had. It was fine for the people to see what electricity can do, and for the town people and the country folks to get together. I was glad to see so many electric irons go into the country."

Mrs. J. E. Toy—"I think the show was a fine thing. It was educational and interesting especially to people who are having electricity in their home for the first time."

Lester Burgin—"I think that the show was both well displayed and conducted."

Mrs. F. H. Marley—"The REA put on a real display of electrical appliances, one to show the housewife how much easier her work can be done with the aid of electricity and how it can be done in less time and with less labor."

Mrs. R. H. Blackwell—"I thought the show a mighty fine idea, and the women were certainly interested in the electrical cooking units."

T. L. Gwyn—"I think the REA demonstration at the Armory was a splendid success in every way. It was highly educational to both town and rural users of electricity, and the enthusiastic attendance of REA subscribers definitely shows that the trend toward modernization of country life."

Frank M. Davis—"I thought the show a wonderful success in that it gave the users of electricity a conception of what they should and can have if they take advantage of the wonderful opportunity offered them in the REA. I consider the REA to be perhaps the most forward step ever taken in Haywood county."

E. J. Hyatt—"I thought the show was a mighty fine display of electrical equipment."

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick—"I think the show a very progressive step and certainly gave new ideas to those who have just gotten electricity in their homes. I think the barbecue and getting the people together and rejoicing over this improvement in the county a very fine thing."

T. L. Bramlett—"I think so highly of the show, that I would like to see it given again next year."

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