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A good slogan: "Buy where you pay your taxes, so the seller may pay his taxes too."

When they invent a machine to explain technocracy maybe then we can subscribe to the theory.

Men may get to be pretty trifling, but there is always some woman ready to tow him to the altar for salvage.

There is considerable conjecture as to what Mr. Hoover will do after March 4th. But what the country is most interested in is what Mr. Roosevelt will do.

There is always something to be thankful for: think of the billions and billions of lives that have been saved by pins that have not been swallowed.

That sad look on the faces of many business men is not so much because business is bad as it is because their stenographers are lacking in sex appeal.

It is significant that Radio manufacturers who make a living by selling radios, do not use the air to boost their product—they use the newspapers.

Another perfectly good reason why North Carolina should not abandon her program of reforestation is because if the western plan to use wooden money should spread, we'd need the trees.

Deserves Our Support

Directing the course of the Associated Charities organization for Elkin and Jonesville is a thankless task, which is all the more reason why acknowledgment should be made of the splendid service of Marion Allen as the directing head of this organization, who retired from this post last week in favor of W. D. Holcomb.

There is no more important activity in this little city than that of the Associated Charities, nor one that requires more intelligent planning and careful and cautious execution. Successful guidance involves patience and consistent sympathy not always manifest among men, yet in he who leaves the leadership and him who takes it up, we have these qualities in abundance.

The way for Mr. Holcomb may be made easier by the thought and care of his predecessor, but at that it will be plenty rough. We can all help to make it easier by giving him the support that the cause deserves. There is now and will be unusual need for charity; the pressure of these days should serve to sensitize our souls to the importance of a more consistent functioning as "our brother's keeper."

Let's not leave the task to President Holcomb and his workers who are giving so unselfishly of their time and talents, but do our part, voluntarily, in the relief they seek to bring.

Reserve Collection Costs

Those of us who have received the annual reminder from Gilliam Grissom, United States Collector of Internal Revenue, that another income tax-paying period has arrived, probably have been impressed with two things in connection with Mr. Grissom's activities: First that he has kept the collection costs to a record low level, and second, the unusual but uniform courtesy that has characterized his contact with the public.

Among the sixty-four national internal revenue districts, the North Carolina district stands first in the total amount of taxes collected, yet the cost of collection has been far under that of all other districts. This district is still collecting at the office cost of 6 cents on the hundred dollars while the average cost over the country is \$2.17 on each hundred dollars collected, or thirty-six times more than the cost in this district.

The immense sums collected from the tobacco interests, of course, help to swell the volume of taxes paid to the federal government, and incidentally the ease with which they are collected aids in lowering the collection cost. But this should not divert the credit that is due Mr. Grissom for administering the duties of his office at the minimum expense.

Nor should the courtesy attending his administration be overlooked. Mr. Gilliam subscribes to the theory that "every caller is the welcome guest of his government," which is in direct contrast to the attitude of many government officials. Fancy getting this from a guy who expects to separate you from a sizeable check: "Your friendly helpfulness, your generous estimate of my efforts in your behalf; your faith in my uniform purpose of equity and courtesy will be treasured always as priceless jewels among my souvenirs. May your past wish be fulfilled in the present year, bringing you perfect contentment for the future." Whattaman is Collector Grissom.

Mr. Grissom will probably in October be succeeded by a good and loyal Democrat, but whoever follows him will have a high standard of courtesy and efficiency to shoot at.

A Good Graft

The following from The Charlotte Observer is of particular interest to those who know the worry and feel the costs of building a newspaper:

"Jas. G. Stahlman, Nashville publisher, who is president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, appeared before a joint session of the New York Press Association, Associated Dailies and State Publishers, and informed them that they are 'just a passel'—good Southern word—'of saps for permitting radio stations to broadcast news free of charge,' and, truth to tell, that is just about what they are. In spite of protests from newspaper organizations in general, there is no let-up in this suicidal policy. On the other hand, it appears to be growing and to an extent as to have developed radio into a formidable advertising competitor to the newspapers. One press association after another has 'resolved' against this abuse of privilege, and yet the papers continue to furnish radio stations free of charge with news which the papers pay for. Perhaps Mr. Stahlman's rebuke may be of some force and effect."

To our way of thinking, feeding the radio with free news which it passes on in the sole purpose of popularizing itself with the public, is one of the least injustices. When newspapers devote column after column of space to radio news and programs—advertising of the most positive sort—they are feeding their chief competitor.

Good clean programs, not dirtied up with the bleatings of barkers for this and that, are the exception rather than the rule. One may well wonder why the radio broadcasting companies should not install, free of charge, radio sets in every home, and bear the cost from its advertising income. Their "circulation" then might approximate their present claims.

National advertisers are finicky in their demands for certified subscription lists so far as the newspapers are concerned, yet they pay immense sums to radio where there is no way under high heaven to check the reception.

Should Prove Asset

To the publishers of The Wilkes News, the first issue of which came off the press last week, The Tribune extends congratulations and the sincere hope that the new journalistic venture may enjoy a long era of success and service to the county which gave it birth.

Under the guidance of a capable staff, headed by H. G. Nichols, a newspaper man of wide experience and marked ability, we predict the new publication will speedily find its way into the homes and interests of the county it has been designed to serve.

Mr. Nichols, who will serve as general manager and advertising solicitor, is a native of Elkin and was at one time co-publisher of The Tribune. He is recognized as one of the best advertising men in the state, his experience having embraced both the weekly and daily fields.

The editorial staff consists of Buford T. Henderson, editor, promising young attorney of North Wilkesboro, who is deemed highly capable of filling that position, and Dwight V. Nichols, associate editor, a newspaper man of proven ability, who was formerly a member of the staff of The Wilkes Journal.

Dedicated to the progress of the community it serves, The Wilkes News should prove an asset to "The State of Wilkes."

Conserving Nature's Assets

As an illustration of what a little common sense intelligence will do when applied to turning wastefulness of natural resources into profit, The New York Times tells of Mrs. Gartin Speed who drifted into our own North Carolina mountains, and through an educational campaign helped native mountaineers come to a higher appreciation of the forest flora as a commercial asset. She taught them how to conserve and perpetuate this natural wealth which was their means of livelihood. Says the Times:

"Mrs. Speed interviewed the dealers when they came down from the hills. She was fond of calling them 'our belated ancestors,' men in homespun and women in cotton dresses, arriving in wagons. They were content originally with a pittance for their wares slashed out of the wilderness. There was a great demand for holly and mistletoe. Meeting a mountaineer with a berry-laden tree for sale, 'at your own price,' this volunteer in the cause of conservation would say to him: 'I know a woman who made \$17 by selling sprays from a single tree, and she still has the tree for pruning.' Mrs. Speed organized the country women into clubs to make every tree yield revenue. She opened a showroom in Asheville where tagged evergreens could be sold. It was a museum of what could be done to increase sales. From her store of knowledge of forest plants she instructed her pupils in collecting specimens that could be kept in the house all winter. She told them how weeds of unusual beauty could be preserved, how better wreaths could be made. Rhododendron, azalea, mountain laurel and dogwood, which flourish amazingly in the Appalachians and the 'Smokies,' were her special care. The market for Christmas decorations has gone up, because the selected evergreens are picked with judgment and attractively arranged. The 'crop' should be everlasting, since collecting is no longer devastation.

We have much to learn about conservation, and we can employ our enforced leisure to our profit by studying what we can best do with our countless resources, yearly being neglected. The ruralist can blaze new trails if he is amind to—trails that will bring the world to his door with dollars that he can use to advantage. On the other hand he can continue to follow the beaten path his fathers made in an era quite different from this. This has been demonstrated in the related above.

Why Silas Isn't Getting Home

By Albert T. Reid



The Family DOCTOR
by JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D., F.C.P.

A CONCEPTION OF GOD

In Jesus' great acts of courage he was the successor, and the surpasser, of all the prophets who had gone before. We have spoken of the prophets as deficient in humor; but what they lacked in the amenities of life they made up richly in vision. Each one of them brought to the world a revolutionary idea, and we can understand truly the significance of the work of Jesus unless we remember that he began where they left off, building on the firm foundations they had laid.

Let us glance at them a moment, starting with Moses. What a miracle he wrought in the thinking of his race! The world was full of gods in his day—male gods, female gods, wooden and iron gods—it was a poverty stricken tribe which could not boast of a hundred at least. Along came Moses with one of the transcendent intellects of history. "There is one God," he cried. What an overwhelming idea and how magnificent its consequences.

Moses died and the nation carried on under the momentum which he had given it, until there arose Amos, a worthy successor.

"There is one God," Moses had said. "God is a God of Justice," added Amos.

That assertion is such an elementary part of our consciousness that we are almost shocked by the suggestion that it could ever have been new. But remember the gods that were current in Amos' day if you would have a true measure of the importance of his contribution. It was the high privilege of Amos to proclaim a God who could not be bought, whose ears were deaf to pleadings in judgment between the strong and weak, the rich and poor.

Years passed and Hosea spoke. His had not been a happy life. His wife deserted him; heartbroken and vengeful he was determined to cast her off forever. Yet his love would not let him do it. He went to her, forgave her, and took her back. Then in his hours of lonely brooding a great thought came to him! If he, a mere man could love so unselfishly one who had broken faith with him, must not God be capable of as great, or greater forgiveness, toward erring human beings?—a God so strong that he could destroy, yet so tender that he would not!

One God. A just God. A good God.

These were the three steps in the development of the greatest of all ideas. Hundreds of generations have died since the days of Moses, of Amos and Hosea. The thought of the world on almost every other subject has changed; but the conception of God which these three achieved has remained in control of men's thinking down to this very hour.

HIS METHOD

Many leaders have dared to lay out ambitious programs, but this is the most daring of all:

"Go ye into all the world," Jesus said, "and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

Consider the sublime audacity of that command. To carry Roman civilization across the then known world had cost millions of lives and billions in treasure. To create any

sort of reception for a new idea or product today involves a vast machinery of propaganda and expense. Jesus had no funds and no machinery. His organization was a tiny group of uneducated men, one of whom had already abandoned the cause as hopeless, deserting to the enemy. He had come proclaiming a Kingdom and was to end upon a cross; yet he dared to talk of conquering all creation. What was the source of his faith in the handful of followers? By what methods had he trained them? What had they learned from him of the secrets of influencing men?

We speak of the law of "supply and demand," but the words have got turned around. With anything which is not a basic necessity the supply always precedes the demand. Elias Howe invented the sewing machine, but it nearly rusted away before American women could be persuaded to use it. So his biographer paints a tragic picture—the man who had done more than any other in his generation to lighten the labor of women is forced to attend the funeral of the woman he loved in a borrowed suit of clothes!

Nor are men less stubborn than women in opposition to the new idea. The typewriter had been a demonstrated success for years before business men could be persuaded to buy it.

Almost every invention has had a similar battle. Said Robert Fulton of the Clermont:

"As I had occasion daily to pass to and from the shipyard where my boat was in progress, I often loitered near the groups of strangers. The language was uniformly that of scorn, sneer or ridicule. The loud laugh often rose at my expense; and the dull repetition of 'Fulton's Folly.' Never did a single encouraging remark, a bright hope, a warm wish cross my path."

That is the kind of human beings we are—wise in our own conceit, impervious to suggestions. Nineteen hundred years ago we were even more impenetrable.

"To the whole creation." . . . Assuredly there was no demand for a new religion; the world was already over-supplied. And Jesus proposed to send forth eleven men and expect them to substitute his thinking for all existing religious thought!

Warning Issued

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—(AP)—William A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture, today warned farmers against fertilizers purported to prevent blue mold in tobacco plants.

Experts on plant diseases have been giving considerable study to this disease and they have not found any satisfactory method for either its prevention or control, Graham declared.

YOUTHFUL HITCH-HIKER

High Point, Jan. 31.—A youthful wanderer, who despite having seen only 12 summers, set out December 21 to see the world and has succeeded in seeing some of it, is being held by local police who are endeavoring to contact the lad's family and restore him to his home.

Knows His Presidents

The following article, clipped from the Town Topics column of the Twin-City Sentinel, was contributed by J. S. Atkinson, of this city:

U. S. FOR FIFTH TIME IS WITHOUT EX-PRESIDENT

J. S. Atkinson, one of Elkin's splendid citizens, reminds the Town Topics man that the report to the effect that the "United States for the second time is without a living president," is a mistake. He writes as follows:

"Counting Washington's administration, during which, of course, there was no ex-President, the country is for the fifth time without a living former president."

"Washington died about two years before end of John Adams' term."

"At beginning of Grant's tenure, Fillmore, Pierce and Johnson were still living, but they all died before the end of Grant's eight years as chief magistrate."

"Cleveland died near the end of Theodore Roosevelt's reign, having occupied the position as only survivor for nearly eight years, Benjamin Harrison having died in 1901."

"Calvin Coolidge's recent death leaves the country for the fifth time without a citizen who had previously occupied the highest official position in gift of the people."

"John Adams lived longer than any President after his retirement, having lived through administrations of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and saw his son, John Q. Adams, inaugurated March 4, 1825, dying July 4, 1826."

"It is a remarkable coincidence that Adams and Jefferson both died same day and on fiftieth anniversary of Declaration of Independence, which Jefferson wrote and which both signed."

HURT IN CRASH

Spencer, Jan. 31.—A head-on collision between a Salisbury-Bredcar street car and a Merita brand truck from High Point in Spencer this afternoon landed A. R. Patterson, 23, of High Point, driver of the truck, in the Salisbury hospital with a fractured skull, numerous severe cuts and critically burned.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Charlie G. Darnell, deceased, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his place of business in Elkin, N. C., on or before February 3, 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of Feb., 1933.
T. MILLARD DARNELL,
Admr. of Charlie G. Darnell, deceased.
Allen & Key, Attys. for Admr. 3-9

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