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TIME TO TAKE COURAGE.

It is high time that the temperate forces of America muster all the courage that within them lies and come together in one united band in an effort to save this nation from a decidedly backward step by electing men to congress who have pledged themselves in favor of the repeal of the 18th Amendment to our national constitution. It takes a great deal of courage sometimes to go up against the great political hosts, and especially so when we find many of them inhabiting our own political household, but the harder the task the more courage we need.

When God chose Abraham to be father of the great Israelites He warned Abraham that it would take much courage, and it became necessary time and again for Abraham to renew his covenant with the Lord in order to muster the strength necessary to overcome the pitfalls.

When Moses was chosen to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage God warned him to take courage, and Moses, too, had to renew his covenant with the Lord from time to time in order to keep up his courage. Many of his own people cried out against him from time to time in the wilderness and almost persuaded Moses to believe that he had made the mistake of his life by leaving the land of milk and honey down in Egypt and subjecting his people to untold hardships while the Lord fed them with the mana from Heaven for 40 long years. But God told Moses to keep up his courage, and all those who persisted in going backward were never allowed to view the Promised Land, but were utterly destroyed in the wilderness.

Many people today who started on the forward prohibition march toward higher and better moral and social standards of living, are inclined to look backward to the beclouded days of the open saloon and view those days as times when the land flowed with beer and money. Just as it was with Moses, protests are arising in our own political household and many former willing marchers are about to become slackers in the ranks because they have allowed their courage to wane. But just as God urged Moses to muster new courage in those perilous times thousands of years ago, the same call comes to the moral, social and temperance forces of today to take new courage. These forces should renew their covenant in the interest of sobriety and morality and march in perfect unity toward those higher ideals of living by going to the polls in November and registering their protest against the repeal of the 18th Amendment to our national constitution. If such a course conflicts with our political alignment it may require much courage to do this, but God does not want a slacker in His ranks, and to neglect to do our duty in the coming election may cause the sins of the fathers and mothers to be visited upon our children for generations yet unborn.

After the death of Moses, when Joshua took charge of the depleted ranks who had come through great tribulation in the wilderness, God spoke to

CARL GOERCH GUEST OF KIWANIANS

BY M. L. STANCL

On last Thursday evening we enjoyed a nice plate of grub, When Selma school faculty met with the local Kiwanis Club. For lack of sufficient room in the local Kiwanis hall, They went to the school building where there was room for all.

Star Harper had arranged for all to sing the song "Happy Day", Because he felt that he'd be happy if a certain teacher would stay. As to which teacher it is we will not venture here to state, Lest it might be a question to be left open for some debate.

Brother L. T. Singleton said the wind once blew a great sermon From a preacher's study some place in the Old Dominion; A dog came along and got it just before the preaching hour, But Charlie Jacobs thought he preached with unusual power.

When Charlie congratulated the preacher, he began to explain, Then Charlie wanted one of the pups to bring to Brother Crain. This was just a bit of humor to help us drown our many woes, Without any intention of trying to get on anybody's toes.

A long talk between C. A. Jacobs and Fred Waters in Hendersonville, Caused the audience to wonder who would pay the telephone bill. The teachers got some relief from a talk made by Charlie Scales, Who didn't throw so many bouquets at Selma's bachelor males.

Miss Elizabeth Whitaker's response carried a rather witty ring, And all present were agreed that she said just the right thing. Two solos by Mrs. Crain the cheering audience certainly did hail, While Miss Margaret Creech was likened to Florence Nightingale.

Then we were introduced to the brilliant Editor Carl Goerch, Who gave us a legend concerning a certain Methodist church. The members wanted to build the church on one certain lot, But could not persuade the owner to make a deed to that plot.

They found another plot available and agreed with one accord, To build the church there and then dedicated it to the Lord. Then a great storm blew out of the Atlantic and waves rolled high, While on the bosom of the waters their new church floated by.

Then it floated to the lot of that sinful hard-hearted old guy, And there it was left standing right in the center high and dry. After the owner of the land saw what the good Lord had done, He made them a deed to the property before the setting of the sun.

The speaker said that if any of those present had doubts or fears, They might ask Brother Singleton—he preached there three years. Then all eyes fell on Preacher Singleton to see what he would do, But with an affirmative answer, he assured us that it was true.

Then he told how a man rode horseback in a very angry mood, Trying to disturb church service which were meant for good. The horse became frantic and plunged headlong against a tree, Breaking his own neck and sending the rider into eternity.

The tracks of that horse which was killed in an effort to flee, Seem to be indelibly stamped in the ground by the Powers that be. You may erase them and hide them from view for a short while, But they will re-appear as plain as ever in their former style.

You may scatter shelled corn over these tracks when you will, But if it falls in the tracks of the horse it lies there still. The fowls will gladly eat all the other corn that they can find, But that which falls in the tracks of that horse are left behind.

He told of a man by the name of Whitfield who raged with wrath, As he swore vengeance against the historic old town of Bath. He decreed that this little town should never more grow, So it is the same size today that it was two centuries ago.

Joshua and told him to be courageous. He told him not to let his courage wane and that He would be with him to the finish and would deliver the enemy into his own hands. Joshua, like Moses, renewed his covenant and marched over the River Jordan while its waters were at flood stage, while God caused the river to cease to flow and allowed the waters to pile up in a wall above like a huge dam and let the Israelites march through on dry land. This caused the enemy's courage to melt within him and thousands fell before the sword of the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land.

If the battle for the retention of the 18th Amendment is worth fighting for at all, it is worthy of our best effort. If the cause of prohibition is not for morality, sobriety and temperance then let all its sponsors acknowledge that they have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God in attempting to launch such a standard to begin with. But as for us, we feel about like Joshua told his people after setting up the various kingdoms in the Promised land. He told them that they could go back to their former habits of serving false gods, but as for him and his house they would serve the true and living God. The people of this country can go back to liquor and the open saloon if they want to do so, but as for me and my house, we will vote for men who stand for the retention of the 18th Amendment in our national constitution.—Editor.

PRESIDENT HOOVER IS SINCERE

New York Herald-Tribune
Herbert Hoover did more at Des Moines than deliver an exceptionally able and effective speech that made

his opponent sound like a school-boy. By breaking through his habitual reserve of shyness he came closer to the American people than he had ever been before. His heart was in his words and voice. Here, plainly, was no remote master mind, but a rugged human being warmed by every human sympathy and hitting out with unrelenting courage. It is not too much to say that he seems single-handed to have turned the tide of battle in the campaign. No one else could do for Mr. Hoover what he has now done for himself. There have been unmistakable signs of a strong latent support for the President throughout the country. His devoted service has gained the approval of those who examine carefully and judge fairly. His weakness has lain with the hasty and superficial observer who must have his drama in politics or will stay at home.

In a sense it was a "new" Hoover that stood on the platform at Des Moines—"new" certainly to the great mass of Americans. Yet the strength of the occasion came precisely from the fact that the listener, whether at hand or on the air, felt that here was no new figure, but an old one intimately revealed. Every word in the speech from the brief sentences about Mr. Hoover's parents to the forceful appeal at the end, rang true. The straightforward style was the very stuff of Mr. Hoover's mind. Not a hint of the play-acting crept into the scene. In a grave hour, with far more, as he conceived the situation, than his own personal fortunes hanging in the balance, he forgot his hyness and spoke from the heart.

Thereby was revealed, we think, the figure not only of a strong President but of one of the most warm-hearted men who has ever occupied the White House. What his intimates have always asserted was there made visible. He labored night and day with a loyalty and an energy that have few parallels, because he cared deeply for his country. The sensitive lines of his face that have deepened with the struggles of the past years represent a depth of sympathy that he has hesitated to express. It was fitting that it should be in the heart of the nation, not far from his own birth-place, that Mr. Hoover should give voice to these inmost thoughts.

HEARD AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

(BY J. C. STANCL)

The speech of Hon. Clifford Frazier, candidate for Governor, which was delivered in the courthouse at Smithfield Monday night, served as an "eye opener" for many of those present. Mr. Frazier spent considerable time in giving facts and figures concerning the present financial condition of the State of North Carolina, and warning his hearers of the dangers ahead. He quoted extensively from prominent Democrats, among whom were Governor Gardner, R. T. Fountain and A. J. Maxwell, in telling of the existing conditions in the State government, and showing how these bad conditions were brought about under Democratic rule in the State, and in a majority of the counties and towns of the State.

Mr. Frazier's address was free from abuse and was well delivered. He dealt in facts which were supported by the records, and he represented them in a forceful and convincing manner. In the audience were prominent Republicans, Democrats, ministers of the Gospel, lawyers, farmers and business and professional men and women, and not one word of adverse criticism of Mr. Frazier's speech has been heard by this writer from anybody. On the other hand, quite a number of people have been heard to refer to it as one of the best speeches they had ever heard. His speech lasted more than an hour and he had the undivided attention of his audience all the way through.

One portion of his address that was especially interesting, was what he calls "tax facts". Several of those who attended the speaking have been heard to say that they had never dreamed that the financial condition of the State of North Carolina was so bad. A number of copies of a small folder bearing a picture of Mr. Frazier was distributed after the meeting. Two pages of this folder are taken up with "Tax Facts" which Mr. Frazier often referred to. Any one desiring a copy of this folder can get one by applying to J. Ira Lee, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, Smithfield, N. C.

Millions of people heard the voice of Henry Ford for the first time Wednesday night when his first political speech was delivered from Dearborn, Michigan, over a nationwide radio hook-up. Mr. Ford is known throughout the world; not as a politician, but as a great business man, whose business is good only when the people of the country are prosperous and happy. His interest is therefore bound up with the welfare of the people.

The announcement in the newspapers that he was to speak at 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, caused many people in Smithfield and Johnston county to wonder what he would say; and they were anxious to hear him. The speech, which came over the radio on schedule time, was not a long one, but was to the point. In the beginning he announced his support of President Hoover, and he then gave his reasons for it. He said, in substance, that Mr. Hoover was making good progress in performing a difficult task, and that he should be allowed to finish the job. He does not think this is any time to begin experimenting with a new and untried man as President. He also urged the election of good men to Congress. Mr. Ford explained that his chief interest in politics was to see the country governed by men who were safe and dependable, and that he had found in President Hoover a man who measured fully up to those requirements.

He said that if President Hoover had been a Democrat, that under the existing conditions he would have been opposed to risking a change. He then explained that he had felt the same way about President Wilson in 1916, and that he had supported him in that campaign for re-election as he had felt that Wilson should be allowed to finish up the work that he had begun.

Burke county Guernsey Breeders will hold a cattle show at Morganton on October 27 and 28 with Dr. E. C. Brooks of State College as speaker at the banquet to be held on the night of the first day.

Black leg is killing cattle in Clay county. The farm agent reports the death of 12 animals in recent months.

A large acreage to wheat, barley and rye will be planted in Lincoln county this fall to produce feed and food for next spring.

Plans are under way to establish a cheese factory at Monroe in

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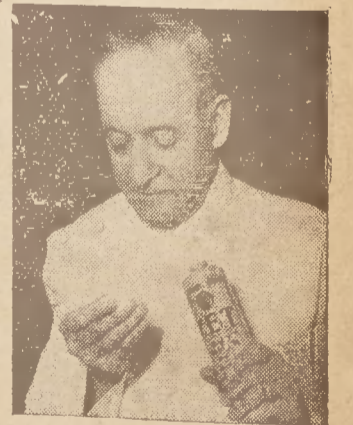
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Seven blooded cockerels were purchased from the State College poultry plant last week by 4-H club boys of Richmond county.

Some 2,500 persons attended a public opening of the new dairy barn recently erected at the Guilford county Home farm near Greensboro.

A group of Columbus county

farmers recently ordered 450 bushels of Norton and Fathom seed oats for fall planting.

L. D. Adams of Pleasant Grove community in Johnston county reports a yield of two tons of lespedeza hay an acre from one of his fields this year.

Father: "So you'd like to marry my daughter, eh? What do you make?"
Suior: "Nothing, sir. I don't even touch the stuff."