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RELIGION IN THE HILLS

Josephus Daniels, in his editorial correspondence to the News and Observer, asks himself the question, "Are mountain people more religious than those of the plains or coast?" Mr. Daniels is sojourning at Lake Junaluska in a most religious atmosphere, well in keeping with the bracing ozone of the hill section.

He never does answer the question out and out or Yes and No. But he leads us to recall other mountain days in a section very similar to his present location.

We well remember the funeral of Uncle Pete Combs. It was just about the biggest ever held in those hills. Must have been at least a thousand people, counting those coming and going all day. Took four preachers in relays. They started preaching at early morn and took it in sections, stopped for lunch, began again and preached until late afternoon. City folks who complain because their preacher goes over the half hour limit should get a dose of some mountain preaching if they want to appreciate their pastors.

Of course, you understand that Uncle Pete had been buried for a year. But that has nothing to do with the funeral. In the mountains, far from city improvements, burials are made in a hurry. Too soon to get word to all the relatives and friends, too soon to make the necessary arrangements for handling a huge crowd.

There is nothing wrong in the assertion that the mountain funeral is the biggest religious and social event of the season. It is about the only time when big crowds congregate, when friends over on the other side of the ridge can come visiting. Naturally, the young folks, being much the same the world over, weary of preaching after the first few hours and betake themselves to sports and contests.

There's plenty of liquor and Mr. Daniels, on investigation, would find just as much difference in the mountaineer's attitude about this question from his own as there is in religious and social customs. In fact, church socials are not a complete success, to their way of thinking without plenty of "Refreshments." And there is nothing morally wrong about in a country where everybody makes a little for the home use, always have, probably always will. It is as common up there in the hills as coffee or tea down here; in fact, we have seen it served the same way, in a cup on the table with a meal, three times a day.

Most mountain people, especially the old natives, look with scorn on modern methods of religion. They are not usually demonstrative but they don't mind showing their religious fervor.

No one can say who is the most religious or whose methods are the best. We do assert, however, that the religion of the mountaineer and any other people far from the city and what we know as civilization means much more to them than to us in the cities. They have more time to give to it. While we discuss automobiles, airplanes, golf and other sports, taxation problems and tree sitting, their chief topics of conversation, their chief food for thought, are local politics and religion.

By necessity, they are home loving. For the simple reason that they can't get away. They are hemmed in by the towering hills. Roads are expensive and scarce. Modern improvements are the same. They are still primitive in their ways of living. Likewise in their religion. Who is to judge which is the best? Who can tell what that same mountaineer would be with good roads, automobiles, bright lights and the thousand and one modern inventions and improvements which consume the city man's time and thoughts?

Ever so often, The Herald receives a letter it would like to publish but the nature of it is such that the writer fails to sign his name. Letters or criticisms of such nature will not be printed without the name of the writer.

FARM BOARD'S ADVICE

During the last few weeks the Federal Farm Board has made repeated appeals to farmers to reduce their acreage of crops of which there is now a world surplus, especially wheat and cotton.

The fact that the board has been constrained to make these appeals direct to the farmers is evidence that Chairman Legge and his fellow members recognize the futility of trying to overcome the law of supply and demand by artificial means.

It is also evident that the so-called farm relief act will not automatically bring relief or prosperity to the American farmer. The farmer must cooperate in at least two ways: He must curtail crops of which there is a world surplus, and he must organize for cooperative marketing purposes.

If the farmers of the country could be induced to do these things themselves there would be little need of a Farm Board or the costly government machinery which its establishment has made necessary.

SENATORIAL HOUSE CLEANING

Fifty thousand Republican voters in Alabama are urged by their leaders to vote for J. Thomas (Tom-Tom) Heflin, present Democratic U. S. Senator from that state, who is running as an independent this Fall.

Not content with urging their voters thus, the Republican leaders of the state refused to bring out a candidate on the Republican ticket. The race will be run between Heflin and the regular nominee of the Democratic party, John H. Bankhead.

It is barely possible the voters of Alabama will reelect Heflin. If they do, it will be by a narrow margin and will be due to the few Republican voters of the State who will hold the balance of power in this case. Republican leaders are doubtful of Heflin's success. They care less. But they have seen and grasped a wonderful opportunity to cause a permanent split in the Democratic party of the State.

The only way their clever scheme can go awry is for these Democrats of Alabama who have been considering Heflin, for any one of several reasons, to vote for their party nominee and completely snow under the Republican-Discontent combination.

There is no comparison in the race in Alabama and that recently held in our own State; no more comparison in the race than in the men. That both Simmons and Heflin opposed Smith's candidacy for President is the only grounds of similarity. And there it ends.

North Carolina leaders felt they could defeat Simmons in a regular primary and did. Alabama leaders refused to let their Arnold bear even the cognomen of Democracy. Simmons did not actively subscribe to the program of vilification used against Smith. Heflin not only gave it his moral support but used his influence and lent his voice to the nastiest campaign in history. Simmons is a learned man who was revered and respected throughout the land. Heflin is a bell-ringing, horn-tooting demagogue, playing to the galleries, working upon the prejudices of the ignorant, unlike by his contemporaries and a disgrace to the United States Senate. Simmons worked hard and accomplished much during his tenure of office. Heflin cannot claim a single constructive deed; he is at his best as an attacker, a ridiculer, a destructionist.

The South has progressed far in the past few years of industrial growth. Vast improvement can be seen and felt throughout the land. In this matter of Senators, however, we have not kept pace. A housecleaning of Heflins, Bleases and a few others of that ilk is in order for the South to take its place in the Senate halls on a parity with other sections of the Nation.

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T. W. M. LONG, Trustee
Long & Crew, Attorneys.
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ber 12, 1927, as appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 381, at page 506, default having been made in the payment of the notes thereby secured, and the holder of said notes having requested me so to do, I will at 11:30 o'clock a. m., on Monday, September 22nd, 1930, on the premises sell to the highest bidder for cash those eight certain lots of land situated near Roanoke Junction, in Halifax County, shown as lots Nos. 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, and 116 on map of record in the office aforesaid, in Map Book 3, at page 66. This the 21st day of August, 1930.

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