

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

What a strange thing it is, an example of Believe It or Not, but Truth is one thing that is indestructible. You can twist, fear or hate, color it, forget it, ignore it but you can't destroy it—and truth is taking an awful beating these days. The bigger the man or the cause the more the truth is bent to fit the case, infused with every color to match, buried with glamorous lies, disguised in beards and dark glasses, stuck in a corner with a dunce cap on its head. The strange thing is that however you treat or mistreat it it will always emerge as pure and shining and beautiful as it was when the world began.

Agas ago there lived the Man who knew and was unafraid of the truth. To those who listened He taught the truth. The wise heard and understood, some followed blindly because perhaps they felt rather than understood what truth is. As children at the knees of a dear parent or grandparent we learn the simple truths which Christ knew and taught. As we grow older and stronger or more successful we are inclined to forget those teachings and our conduct is governed not by truth, but by greed, or hatred or ambition or fear.

What a lack there is of statesmen who rule the world today who are unafraid of the truth. We listen to one orator after the other, one blasting away on one side proclaiming and attempting with a superfluity of fire to prove his truths, another threatening and cajoling and spoiling the air with truths as hidden and well wrapped as an Egyptian mummy. As we hear them, we may be moved at the moment by their mastery of the art of speaking, but how often only a little thinking or perhaps the mere passage of time will prove their words black and false. On the other hand there are a few—a very few who have courage enough to speak the truth, regardless of the horrible accusations which they realize will come from their opponents. Such is their courage as was that of Christ. They will live in the minds of men and history long after the others are recognized as weak and false.

The joke of it is, truth is not remote, it is not hidden in an intricate maze—it need not be searched for with a super lensed telescope. The truth lies right in your own mind, and the person who discovers this has discovered more than riches. The person who discovers truth and is not afraid to live it and speak it has a real reason for existing.

If you would read truth turn again to the teachings of Christ who was called The Savior, and

refresh yourself. If you would practice truth you can be remembering that truth does not blend with hatred, fear, greed or malicious ambition.

And tell me, do you know anyone who is smarter than truth? (From "Mothers Homelife Magazine", and contributed by Miss Rothie Hensley)

## Levon Theatre Shows Sunday "Belle Starr"

The Levon Theatre at Weldon will show on Sunday and Monday, "Belle Starr", with Randolph Scott and Gene Tierney. An act, and news will complete the program.

"Man Hunt", with Walter Pidgeon and Joan Bennett, is the picture to be shown at the Levon on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. A comedy and an act will also be shown.

Thursday and Friday of next week the Levon has scheduled "International Lady". Iona Massey and George Brent have the principal roles in the film. A comedy and act will be shown, too. "Private Nurse", with Brenda Joyce and Jane Darwell; and "Lone Rider and The Bandit", featuring George Houston, will be shown on Saturday of next week. Also, Chapter 6 of "The Iron Claw".

## Pitts Theatre Program For Week Announced

Showing at the Pitts Theatre at Emporia, Va., today and Friday is "Hold That Ghost", with Lou Costello and Bud Abbott.

"Desert Bandit" will be shown at the Pitts on Saturday only, January 3.

"Law of the Tropics" is scheduled to be shown at the Pitts on Sunday, January 4, for one day only. There will be a serial and other short subjects, also.

Monday and Tuesday, January 5-6, the Pitts will show Don Ameche and Rosalind Russell in "Feminine Touch".

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pearson of Newport News, Va., were visitors in town Monday.

## Marines Are Fighters In All Sections

With the United States Marine Corps on the front page of every paper showing their exploits in the Pacific war zone, many may have wondered what it is that makes the Marine Corps play such a prominent part. Through the years since the birth of our nation, America's best trained military men have been United States Marines.

The high type of military efficiency reflected through the physical and mental alertness as well as cleanliness and neatness, of Marines can be traced directly to the thorough yet considerate, training received under competent non-commissioned officers, at the Marine Corps training station on Parris Island, S. C.

Marine Corps recruits reach military perfection soon after leaving "boot" camp, where recruits spend their probationary training period. There new Marines find their non-commissioned officers strict in every detail. The purpose of the exacting "boot" camp routine is soon realized by the recruit who, within a few short weeks of rigorous training, becomes an able rifleman and familiar with the manual of arms, military environment and other basic requirements of the Marine Corps.

Unlike the hard boiled Marine sergeants of fiction and movies, the new Marine soon discovers that non-commissioned officers are stern yet friendly and anxious to assist new Marines solve problems. New Marines soon learn to look at these seasoned veterans as friends to be sought for instructions and advice.

Non-commissioned officers of the Marine Corps have earned reputations as top notch military experts because of the years they have spent training troops. These skilled soldiers of the sea are responsible to their officers for the performances of their men. The basic lesson taught by these non-commissioned experts to the new recruits is the Marine Corps motto: "Semper Fidelis"—Always Faithful.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holloway had as their guests during the holidays H. C. Leatherwood of Hopewell, Va., Preston Brockwell of Petersburg, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holloway and little daughter, Suzanne, of Washington, D. C.

## Funeral Services For S. M. Waters

Stephen M. Waters, 47, died suddenly about noon in Newport News, Va., Saturday, Dec. 13, while at work.

Funeral services were conducted the following Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Wilkerson and Sons Funeral Home by his pastor, the Rev. J. C. Moye, pastor of the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in the Hart Cemetery, near Ayden.

Mr. Waters was born and reared near Jamesville, going to Winterville to work for A. W. Ange and Co., when a young man. On Aug. 20, 1916, he was married to Miss Stella Hart, daughter of the late Jesse Hart and Mrs. Pennie Hart of Ayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters moved to Greenville in 1923, from Winterville, and had resided there since. Mr. Waters was engaged in the insurance business.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter, Stephen Franklin and William H. Waters, and Miss Margaret Waters, all of Greenville; a sister, Mrs. Haywood Modlin of Jamesville; his stepmother, Mrs. W. B. Waters of Roanoke Rapids; four half-sisters, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Mrs. M. M. Williams, Mrs. E. F. Strickland and Mrs. Claude Gayle, all of Roanoke Rapids; nine half-brothers, John Waters of Jamesville, A. G. Waters of Portsmouth, Va., Charlie Waters of Scotland Neck, Loyd Waters of Plymouth, Monnie Waters, and Lewis, Fennie, Rudolph and Noah Waters, all of Roanoke Rapids.

Pvt. Charles Holloway of Fort Belvoir, Va., spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holloway.

Bobby Leatherwood has been spending the holidays with relatives in Hopewell, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willards spent the week-end in Washington, N. C., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ellis spent the Christmas holidays in Danville, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ellis and family.

## THE LEVON THEATRE Weldon, N. C.

"Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment" WEEK OF JAN. 4

SUN.-MON.

Randolph Scott-Gene Tierney in **BELLE STARR**

—News and Act—

TUE.-WED.

Walter Pidgeon-Joan Bennett in

**MAN HUNT**

—Comedy and Act—

THURS.-FRI

Iona Massey-George Brent in

**International Lady**

—Comedy and Act—

SATURDAY

Brenda Joyce-Jane Darwell in

**"PRIVATE NURSE"**

George Houston in

**"Lone Rider and The Bandit"** Chapter 6 **"THE IRON CLAW"**

COMING TO

**Levon Theatre,** ENFIELD N. C.

Sunday-Monday, Jan. 4-5 **"CHARLEY'S AUNT"**

Thursday-Friday, Jan. 8-9 **"BELLE STARR"**



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Emporia, Virginia  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THURS.-FRI. — JAN. 1-2  
Bud Abbot and Lou Costello in

**Hold That Ghost**

SATURDAY ONLY — JAN. 3  
**Desert Bandit**

SUNDAY ONLY — JAN. 4  
**LAW OF THE TROPICS**

Also: Serial other shorts

MON.-TUES. — JAN. 5-6  
Rosalind Russell  
Don Ameche  
Kay Francis in

**Feminine Touch**