

Big Snake in Window Creates Great Interest

The large copperhead moccasin which is in the show window of the Wilmington Cycle company is attracting much attention.

The snake is one of the largest that has ever been brought here and was captured by T. P. Lovering.

HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION MEETS AT HIGH POINT

HIGH POINT, July 4.—The North Carolina Holstein-Friesian Association will meet in annual convention here on Friday, July 6. At the initial session Friday morning officers will be elected. The other sessions will be devoted to discussion.

"Patriotic Spirit of '76" There of A. W. McLean at Rutherfordton's Fourth

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world there were rulers born within a select circle who regarded government as the exclusive prerogative of royalty. The scepter was the arbiter of the destinies of men, and war was fought merely that a change of masters might take place, rather than to abolish the arbitrary power exercised over the people by their kings.

"Ancient Egypt was ruled by its Pharaohs who wielded unlimited power, and the great pyramids that remain the wonder of the world today, were built by the muscles and brawn of slaves because the king had complete control, over the life and the labor of his subjects. One great nation after another conquered the world and for a time treated all other people as vassals. Rome at the zenith of her power ruled the known world and considered all other people as her slaves.

Jesus First Liberator

"The Jews believed that one Israelite was worth more in the sight of God than all the people of the world. To this atmosphere of selfishness and inequality, came Jesus of Nazareth, declaring the new and strange doctrine of universal brotherhood—the equality of men, for proclaiming and maintaining which he was crucified, on the Cross of Calvary.

"While this great principle of human equality had its origin in the religion established by Christ, no successful attempt had been made to apply it to the conduct of nations until the American Declaration of Independence was pro-

claimed. For centuries, the down-trodden and the oppressed had bewailed their helpless condition but the thought that all men are created equal was beyond their comprehension.

"While the proposition that all men are created equal was new and unbelievable by many at the time it was first declared, even more remarkable was the second great proposition that 'all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.'

"The unalienable rights thus referred to are those rights which the citizen can neither give away, waive or have taken away from him by force; and which exist even where there is lack of capacity to enjoy them. 'Among these rights are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' The conception is clear, therefore, that these unalienable rights are the gift of the Creator and not of the king; that they are ordained by the 'laws of nature and nature's own God,' referred to by Jefferson in another part of the great Declaration.

"The finite mind as it existed at that time found difficulty in understanding that all men are created equal.' But in considering the second proposition which recognized 'certain unalienable rights' and when the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness was put in the same sacred category as the right to life itself, it was clear to everyone, even the ignorant vassal, that all these rights were a gift from the Creator of every good and perfect gift. And so it was that millions of the human race obtained a new conception of their relation to government and of their rights under government.

Jefferson Interprets Power

"The third proposition of the Declaration, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,' recognized the inherent right of the people to choose their own ruler to make their own laws, and to voluntarily assume and bear allegiance to those they had selected to govern them."

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made instant appeal to intelligent men throughout the civilized world. And so, there was a new birth of freedom offering hope to the oppressed of every race and clime.

"It requires a far reach of the imagination to visualize the contempt with which the language of the Declaration of Independence was received in the royal circles of England. The words were not only regarded as treasonable, but those who uttered them were looked upon as mad men. Yet so far-reaching was the influence of those immortal principles of freedom and liberty given to the world in that great document, that within a short period after they were proclaimed by the representatives of the weak and insignificant colonies, they had overturned nearly every throne on the continent of Europe and had sown the seed which made England herself free and thus paved the way for the advent of that great commonwealth of nations now known as the British empire.

America Frees England

"It is a strange paradox, indeed, but nevertheless true, that England herself caught the true spirit of democratic government from our own Declaration against her. And soon, thereafter, the influence of the same great instrument laid the foundation for the freedom of another great English-speaking nation. I refer, of course, to our friendly neighbor on the north, the Dominion of Canada.

"I shall never forget the beautiful sentiment expressed by the late Dr. James A. McDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, in his address before the Scottish Society of America, at its meeting at Fayetteville, when he acclaimed America as the author of Canada's freedom, referring to the fact that the first rights of self-government which England accorded Canada followed closely upon the adoption of our federal constitution. The free governments of Australia, South Africa and finally the tragic pathway of fighting Ireland to the sacred precincts of freedom, may all be attributed to America's declaration that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

"Within a half century after its adoption, our Declaration of Independence had made nearly the entire western hemisphere into free and self-governing nations. Within a little over one hundred years it had wrested from autocratic control practically every nation in Europe except Germany, Russia and Turkey.

"On the 14th day of this month, France will celebrate Bastille day, because LaFayette, as the result of his intimacy with Thomas Jefferson, drafted for her a bill of rights, modeled upon the great American idea of free and representative government. On the 14th of July, 1790, LaFayette presided over the most imposing spectacle ever beheld by a free people up-

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to that time. A national holiday was established in France, and all work was suspended. All classes of the citizenship from the highest to the lowest assembled and took the oath of allegiance to be loyal to the government and to uphold the law. LaFayette, himself pronounced the oath which was then repeated by the assembled multitude and then the chief executive arose and took his oath of allegiance to the people of France, acknowledging his allegiance to the constitution and laws and that he held his position subject to the will of the people. This ceremony has ever since been repeated annually.

Key of Bastille at Mt. Vernon

"It is a significant fact that the key of the Bastille as the emblem of the departed power of the kings of France now hangs upon the wall at Mt. Vernon, a gift from LaFayette to Washington, and an emblem of gratitude to America for having pointed the way to liberty.

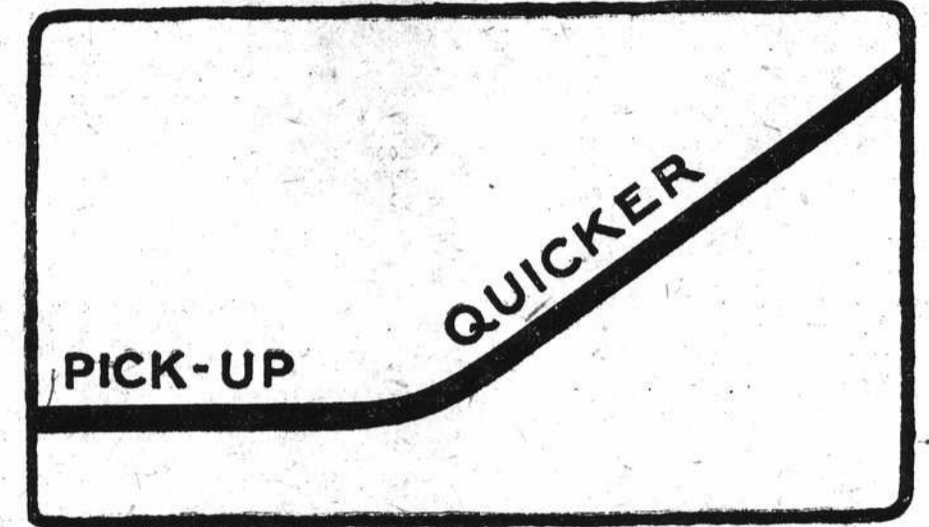
"Free government now exists in practically every nation of the world as well as in the isles of the seven seas. But let it never be forgotten that the ideas thus enunciated were only the adaptation to the government of nations of the truths proclaimed in the Sermon on the Mount.

"Thus it was that independence in America became the beacon light of freedom and liberty throughout the world.

"It is true that the processes thus begun are not yet complete because there are still a few nations which have not yet embraced the great principles we have been discussing. We need not be discouraged, however, for we must remember that the transition from serfdom to complete independence is bound to be retarded here and there by the exigencies imposed by human limitations. Some times these difficulties growing out of the unpreparedness of a people for liberty, as is the case in the Philippines, and this naturally retards its final consummation. But notwithstanding these temporary drawbacks, the truths em-

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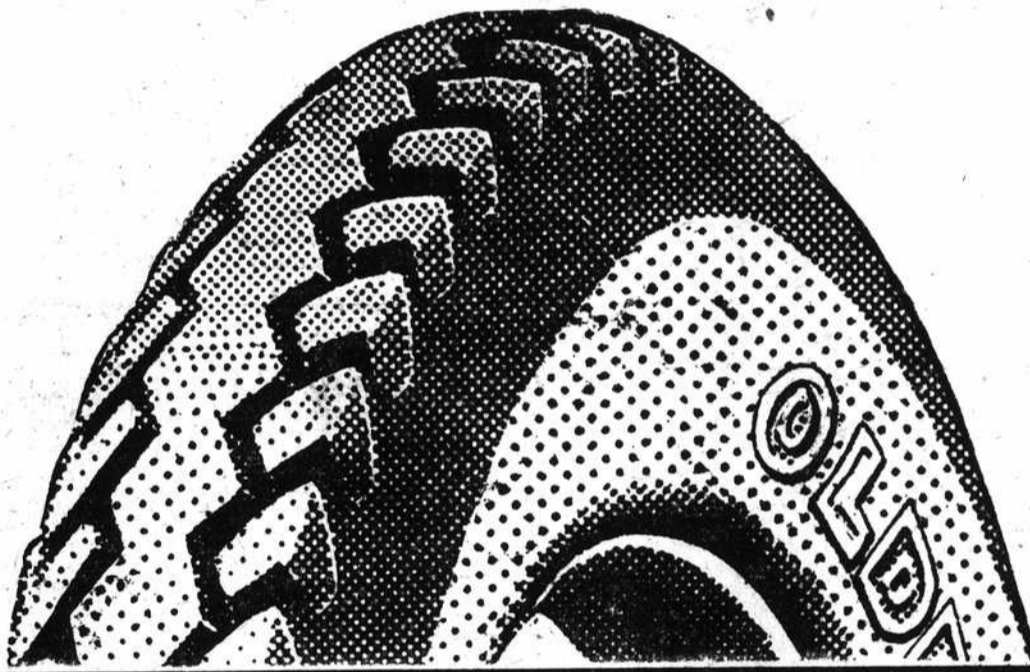
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odied in that great document will continue to give forth their heaven until the whole world is brought within their influence. It has long been admitted by the ablest statesmen of the world that no equal number of words ever penned by the hand of man have so influenced the course of human destiny as those which I have quoted. The declaration in its entirety is without equal in the annals of law or literature. No other document ever had a more inspiring text, none ever conveyed a meaning, and because of its continuing inspiration and influence, it will endure "until the floodgates of time shut in eternal rest."

The Destiny of America

America was chosen, perhaps by the hand of Providence, to first hold aloft the torch of liberty and therefore, the manifest destiny of America is to insure the blessings of liberty to mankind everywhere.

"When we look around us and visualize our magnificent country, with its hundred millions of prosperous and contented people, its limitless domain, its unparalleled resources, its magnificent religious, educational and literary institutions, its traditions and its glorious history, we must not forget that all of this has been purchased by the blood of our ancestors, whose patriotic sacrifices wrought the freedom we enjoy today.

"We must not forget that the very essence of liberty is the protection of the poor and the work from the selfish impositions of the rich and the strong; and so the great principles of the declaration of independence, to which I have called attention today, have become the bulwark of those who need protection from injustice and oppression.

"It is proper, therefore, that respect for law should be the first concern of every good citizen and particularly the citizen who on account of sworn duty or circumstances may most need protection.

Patriotism Should Be Exalted.

"One of the safe-guarders of free government is to exalt patriotism and inculcate respect for law. Scattered throughout our great country will be found what may well be called the shrines of the nation because it was the home and burial place of Washington, the Father of his Country, who contributed more than any other to the cause of American freedom. Monticello is a magnificent specimen of colonial architecture but not on that account is it a shrine for the American people but because it was the home of that great patriot, Thomas Jefferson, the author of the declaration of independence, in which was embodied the immortal principles of democracy which we discussed today.

"Of all the soldiers of whatever rank who gave their lives in the world war, America paid greatest honor to the unknown soldier. His remains were conveyed from the battle-field in France to the shores of America by one of the greatest battleships of the American navy. He lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington. His body was transported through the principal streets of the capital, followed by the greatest funeral procession that has ever honored any nation's hero, and greater by far than that which followed the great Napoleon to his last resting place in the Invalides at

Paris. The president of the United States, the great ex-president, who was his former commander-in-chief, the cabinet, the ambassadors of many nations, the ranking officers of the army and navy and hundreds of thousands of the citizens of America paid their last tribute of honor to this fallen hero.

"He now sleeps under the beautiful marble edifice erected in his honor by a grateful nation, in front of the magnificent memorial amphitheatre known who he was in life. He may have been an obscure laborer from the most remote district of the republic. And why sleep, was he thus honored above all who fought and died for America in that great war? It was because he was the true representative of a nation which had dedicated itself to the ideals that 'all men are created equal,' and for that reason he was chosen as the worthy type of that democratic army which America sent across three thousand miles of sea to fight for freedom and liberty. He truly exemplified the principles which our forefathers pledged themselves to uphold, when they adopted the declaration of independence, 147 years ago today.

The Spirit of '76.

"Perhaps the best known war painting in America is that of the war stained trio, a drummer boy, a standard bearer and a fifer, marching at the head of the continental forces in the war of the revolution. The painting is entitled the 'Spirit of '76.' There is inspiration, noble courage, grim determination and the confidence of victory in the expression or their faces in this painting where the ideals of America have taken up their fixed abode upon the canvass. So universal is the appreciation of this picture that it is regularly produced in living colors whatever patriotic exercises are held, for it breathes the spirit and the determination which characterized the army of America in 1776.

"There is no occasion to doubt that this same spirit exists today and that it is still the main spring behind America's service in the cause of liberty throughout the world. It was that spirit that inspired our beloved war President, Woodrow Wilson, through those trying years of the world war; that encouraged him to do his utmost to avoid war and that finally brought him reluctantly to the conviction that the cause of freedom demanded America's intervention in the conflict. It was that same spirit that heartened and strengthened the American soldier when he left his own shores and traveled thousands of miles to a foreign land that he might do his part in soundly the death knell of autocratic government throughout the world.

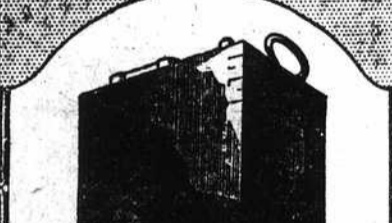
"It is proper, therefore, that we should call to mind the glorious deeds of our forefathers in building the great nation whose protection and privileges we enjoy today.

"We should follow the example of the people of France and annually renew our pledge of allegiance to our country and its laws. We should learn to be more reverent of our country's flag and we should teach others their duty in this regard. We should try to understand the true conception of liberty and to make plain this conception to those who are ignorant of it. We should realize that patriotism is spiritual and

that it has its roots deep down in a man's nature; that the true test of patriotism is loyalty to our flag and reserved respect for law and constituted authority.

"In other parts of the world there is unrest, suspicion and broken pledges. There is also a lack of leadership of the kind that compels unity of action and confidence. It is time for patience and the helping hand; a time when true patriotism should be the guide for the consciences of men.

Having blazed the trail so that others might follow us, we must assume the obligations of the pioneer. This, I think may be best achieved by endeavoring to carry the principles of our government to the peoples of all nations. Let us never forget that while the American flag is saluted with admiration by men of every race and of every clime, that the only way in which we can keep it true and unsoiled, is to see to it that the great principles of liberty, equality and justice which it represents are national life.



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