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 Thomas Jefferson

THURSDAY, NOV. 2, 1939

ROBERT S. SWIFT
 News of the death of Robert S. Swift, former Mayor of Boone and for many years prominently identified with the town's civic and religious life, causes the most of us who have known him to look back over the years and chronicle in thought or words the useful deeds of his earthly existence.

Born of Watauga's splendid pine-needle stock, Mr. Swift had spent most of his sojourn in native environs. There was never a kinder neighbor, never a man whose charitable impulses were more evident in everyday life, never a friend with greater willingness to forgive the trespasses of those who dwelt about him. No careless accumulation of material riches could be nearly so valuable as the memories we shall hold fast in our hands of this excellent man.

While it is not within the scope of human knowledge to predict man's spiritual destination, somehow a feeling persists in the editor's mind that Bob Swift, gentle, generous and good, is traveling down the sunset trail to a just and merited reward.

MR. BRINKMAN'S PROPHECY

The General Conference of the M. E. Church, having ordained a consolidation of the three branches of Methodism at its Kansas City session, is having a bit of trouble detaching the Southern designation from congregations in deep-South States, particularly those through which marched a fellow named Sherman back in the sixties.

But there'll be no name-changes in this little city, where still dwell a scanty few of those "unreconstructed Rebels" in which the late Woodrow Wilson directed frequent remarks in pithy vein. Rev. F. H. Townsend, pastor of the local brick calls attention to the fact that a tablet set in the masonry walls of the local edifice back during the pastorate of the Reverend G. C. Brinkman, bears this inscription: "Boone Methodist Church... no 'M. E.' no 'South' nothing to remind of the bitter prejudices and differences of civil war."

The Boone church's prophetic expator seemed to have had a feeling that the war was surely over and that Wesley's scrappy legions from Dixie and the land of Yankee Doodle would eventually decide to present a united front in Christianity's age-old battle against sin. A recalcitrant board of stewards argued that the graven stone should bear the Southern indention, but Brother Brinkman, a bit hard-headed when duty imposed a burden, stuck to his guns and won the point with some words kinda like these: "We'll call it the Boone Methodist Church... 'cause all branches will soon be united, anyway!"

So, it would seem, the local contingent of Methodism lay down arms about twenty years prior to the Kansas City surrender!

LIQUOR STILL AN ISSUE

Rev. M. A. Adams, presently connected with the United Dry Forces as a field representative, doesn't particularly care for those political brethren who, once elected to public office, can't or won't make up their minds on the liquor question. The well-known Baptist minister, for several years pastor of a Boone church, enjoys a reputation for preaching what he thinks, and thinking those things that a long and righteously-lived life have planted in his mind and heart.

But the Reverend Mr. Adams, who never beats 'round the mulberry

can't quite understand the intricate workings of a political system which permit a personality-ary candidate for the Governorship of this or any other State to attach his kite to the temperance movement, get himself elected to that high office... and at that opportunity to serve the cause, develop a blind indifference to the very issue he used as ballot bait.

That have been a certain North Carolina executive... a fellow with flowing hair, frock coat and mellow voice... to whom the minister who never pulls a punch, made reference. For it doesn't strain a voter's memory to look back a trio of years to the din of a certain political campaign, a campaign that made State history for arm-waving and wild promises; a campaign which featured the address of... then a candidate, regarding audiences east and west with honey-sweet and temperance-tinged addresses on a Governor's moral duties to the constituency.

And, finally, it doesn't strain a voter's memory to look around him today, after almost three years of a... State administration, and get an eyeful of a North Carolina... through the manipulations of highly-financed, alcoholic homes and willful abuse of existing "control" laws, has provided its people with nothing short of a toner's paradise. But that certain Governor... all sweet, charming and full of... seems merely down the political trail, dreaming dreams of... maybe a Sen... occupied by the... consistently-wet Reynolds... playing dumb in seven different languages on the liquor and beer question," as the Reverend Mr. Adams is wont to say.

This newspaper offered prediction back in 1937, just following passage of the fancy "control laws" and establishment of an equally-interesting control board, that stormy weather was in for those who failed to play square with the forces of temperance. Next year liquor, wine and sundry spirits will be going around in the non-naming pretenses, and candidates of the personality-dry and publicity-moral stripe will do well to convert promise into performance... for Mr. Adams and his cohorts, all men of undisputed integrity, are going to be in there asking questions, questions that will be kinda hard to answer!

Zionville News

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Eggers, Mrs. Bill Kelly and Mrs. Clara Groat left Saturday for their homes in Idaho and Washington after visiting relatives here for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Groat have moved from Silverstone here to their home which they have just completed.

A very successful revival meeting closed recently at Zionville church and many were added to the church, and during this week Rev. J. C. Pipes of Raleigh is conducting a stewardship revival here to which the public is invited.

Misses Mozella and Pauline Eggers and Messrs. Ernest and Dwight Eggers went to Winston-Salem Sunday to visit their mother, who is in the hospital there. They report that Mrs. Eggers will soon be able to return home, her friends will be glad to know.

HOUSE SENDS NEUTRALITY LEGISLATION TO CONFEREES

Washington, Oct. 31.—Advocates of repealing the arms embargo won the first skirmish over neutrality legislation in the house today when that chamber agreed to send the measure to conference committee to adjust differences between the senate and house versions.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 The Sunday School meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Advent Christian Church. Everybody is welcome.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST
 Rev. G. A. Haney, Pastor
 Preaching services the fourth Saturday and Sunday in each month at the morning hour and the second Sunday night in each month. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. each Sunday evening. Prayer meeting each Wednesday night. Public invited to any or all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. J. C. Canipe, Pastor.
 The pastor will preach at both services next Sunday. All officers and teachers and workers of the church, Sunday school, Baptist Training Union and Woman's Missionary Society will be installed Sunday morning. Let all please be present.

We welcome this week into our association Rev. J. C. Pipes and a group of pastors who will be holding stewardship revivals in many of the churches. Our local pastors will greet them and help place them in different churches.

REV. YOUNTS' SERVICES
 By appointment, I held services with Central Springs congregation at 11 a. m. last Sunday, with a reasonably large audience present. Collection \$145. Held a second service in honor of the day cause of North Carolina with the congregation at Sutherwood Baptist church at 7:30 and had a large and very attentive audience. Collection \$152, total \$297.

GERMANS SHELL FRENCH VILLAGE FOR FIRST TIME

Paris, Oct. 31.—The French report marked activity on the western front today with a series of land skirmishes between French and German forces and brisk artillery duels in which the Germans were said to have used long-range heavy artillery for the first time of the war.

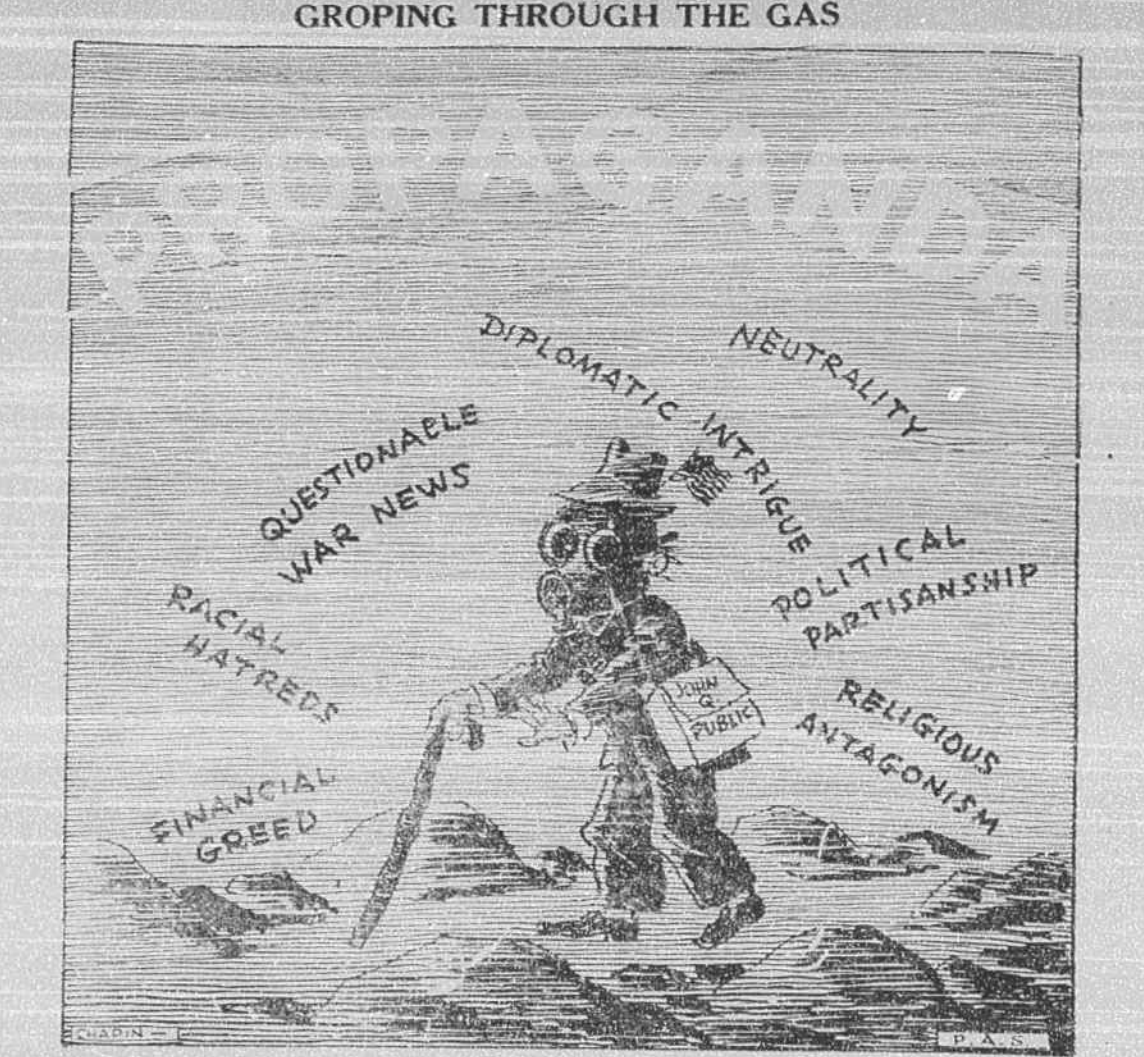
SPECIAL NOTICES

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- SAVE \$12.50—For sale, slightly used Remington Model 11, modified bore, automatic 20-gauge shotgun, in A-1 condition, \$37.50. May be seen at Stallings Jewelry Store, Boone, N. C. 11-2-2p
- WOULD SELL 35 pieces second-hand furniture, bric-a-brac, etc. Call Saturday, November 5. Ragged Garden, Blowing Rock. 1c
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- FOR SALE—Typewriter and adding machine in good condition. Answer by letter only. "X," care Democrat. 5-18-25p
- TYPEWRITER RIBBONS, adding machine rolls, carbon paper, mimeograph paper, gummed tape, staplers and staples. Watauga Democrat.
- DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Hagan Clinic in Boone the first Mondays in each month for the practice of his profession. 4-7-41

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MOLOTOF OUTLINES SOVIET RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

Moscow, Oct. 31.—Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar Molotov tonight warned Finland of "serious" consequences if she continues to resist Russia's proposals and accused President Roosevelt of meddling in the delicate Soviet-Finnish negotiations.

view of Soviet foreign policy before an extraordinary session of the Supreme Soviet in the Kremlin, asserted that Russia will give "practical co-operation" to Germany but is determined to guard her neutrality. He brand-a Britain and France as aggressors, said that Russia is standing with Germany in striving for peace and warned that the European war is only in its first phase and will become a conflict of "even greater dangers for the people of Europe and the whole world."

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