

"BUT SCARLET CANNOT WAIT"

By OTELIA C. CONNOR

I have not washed the dishes,
Nor made my rumpled bed;
But out along the roadside,
The trees are turning red.

It was Sunday a week ago. Annie
Blackwell Payne's little verse rang
through my head. Autumn was calling
me. I repeated the rest of the poem:

Oh, I can wash tomorrow
And sweep behind the gate;
But gold is not enduring
And scarlet cannot wait.

For while I polished silver,
And raked the withered grass,
And smoothed out the blankets—
The street parade would pass.

'Tis proper to be tidy
And thrifty, if you must;
But I'd rather see October
Than save a house from dust.

And, suiting the words to action,
set out with my little boy, to Milton,
N. C., to see my aunt. When we
reached our destination the said aunt
was not at home and though we
searched the little town and set every-
body to looking, she was nowhere to
be found. However, all was not lost.
Mr. Clayton, the Presbyterian minister,
drove up and promptly volun-
teered to look for her at her favorite
haunts. While he was knocking on
the neighbor's doors I asked his wife
if I might go in the garden to see
the boxwood garden. It is like the one
at Mount Vernon, and is the only other
one I know of in this section of
the country. It has always fascinated
me to death. There are other beautiful
boxwood in the garden. In fact, it is
an old English boxwood garden.
The house was built in 1823 and is in-
cluded in the book of historical homes
in North Carolina.

The town, Milton, was laid out the
same year that Baltimore was. Most
of the old homes have burned, but a
few are left and there are at least
three on downtown main street that
make you feel you are in Charleston,
S. C., built right up to the sidewalk,
with the door opening almost flush
with the sidewalk, and the narrow
porch at the side instead of at the
front of the house.

I never cross the modern bridge,
over the road entering the town from
Roxboro, that I don't regret that
the old covered bridge was not preserved
when the new bridge was built, as a
colonial relic. We in North Carolina
have been very shortsighted in our
destruction of old mills, old bridges,
old homes, and old gardens. Our slogan
has been make way for progress.
But a sense of the continuity of history
is essential to true progress.
"Unless upon itself it can construct
itself what a vain thing is history,"
might be said of history as well as of
man.

Dr. Laprade once asked his class
for a definition of culture. Of course,
he eventually had to give the answer,
which was as good as any I have
heard. "Culture," he said, "is the

ability to appreciate the finer things
of life." Education should assist us
in appreciating values before, not after
they have been destroyed. It is
what the educators have in mind when
they insist upon a general education
for everybody before vocational educa-
tion is begun.

The October hills, as yet, are not
aglow, but ever since Hurricane Hazel
swept through our way the days have
been heavenly, and I want to be out of
doors every minute, thinking of the
bad weather ahead when we will have
to spend many days in doors. I would
say the days are running the sunsets a
close second for honors in my estima-
tion right now.

I never tire of looking at the water.
Always different, never the same.
Today, as I look out of my window
a sail boat is coming right toward
me. Yesterday a motor boat
flying up the bay. The day before
a yacht or a tug boat pushing a flat
boat before it. And the colors, no two
hours the same. There's never a dull
moment around the water.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

One of our great living Christians
is Wendell P. Loveless, Bible scholar,
professor, and author of many popular
Gospel choruses, including "Every
day with Jesus is sweeter than the
day before," "Altogether Lovely,"
"All because of Calvary," "I love to
hear His voice," and "Lead me to
some soul today."

It was my glorious privilege to know
Dr. Loveless while I was a student
in Chicago, and to study the book
of Romans under his guidance. He
was the most unprofessional profes-
sor I ever had, and by far the best.

Loveless is a living example of the
difference Christ can make in a man's
life. He is humble, but not craven;
pious, but most sanctimonious. This
is due to his all-consuming love for
his Saviour. As he says in one of
his choruses:

Altogether lovely,
He is altogether lovely,
And the fairest of ten-thousand,
This wonderful Friend divine;
He gave Himself to save me,
Now He lives in heaven to keep me,
He is altogether lovely,
Is this wonderful Saviour of mine.

But while Loveless is able to express
in some measure the love he feels
for Christ, he is speechless when it
comes to expressing the love Christ
feels for him. As he says in another
of his choruses:

I haven't words to tell of the love of
Jesus,
His love is wonderful,
It fills each joyous day,
Each step He leads me;
Oh, what a joy to tell all the world

of Jesus,
As, yes, but I haven't words to tell
of His love for me.

Like everyone who really loves the
Saviour, Dr. Loveless is concerned that
others come to love Him, too. He has
a passion for souls. His prayer is
expressed in the words of this chorus:

Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me, Lord, just what to say;
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray;
Melt my heart and fill my life,
Give me one soul today.

Does Wendell P. Loveless find Christ
sufficient? Who is there who hasn't
sung his little chorus:

Every day with Jesus
Is sweeter than the day before,
Every day with Jesus,
I love Him more and more;
Jesus saves and keeps me,
And He's the One I'm waiting for;
Every day with Jesus
Is sweeter than the day before.

Whenever I hear children singing
these songs—and how they love to
sing them!—I wish they could know,
as I know, the saintly man who wrote
them from the depths of a heart over-
flowing with Christian love.

Census Brings Farm Records Up To Date

The Bureau of the Census, serving
Uncle Sam as a bookkeeper, brings
the Nation's farm record book up to
date in October and November with
the 1954 Census of Agriculture.

Robert W. Burgess, census director
says, "We will get records of produc-
tion, take inventory of our farm re-



Christopher
Columbus

"Chains of superstition keep
our people prisoners; to ven-
ture is to live; to fear the
unknown is to die."

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sources, and record major items of
farm income and expenses." He points
out that just as individuals, modern
farmers need to keep records.

Progressive farmers can compare
items of income and expense from
their own records with averages of
such items from group records to find
how they can improve their own op-
erations. Census figures by counties
offer farmers statistics for groups
against which the individual can com-
pare some of his own figures.

One way the nation uses the census
records is to answer questions about
production. Burgess points out, "If
Uncle Sam wants to know how much
oil seed he has—and how much oil
he can produce from seed crops—he
turns to his census farm record book.
The Census Bureau has taken farm
inventory every five years since 1920.
Between 1920 and the first complete
farm census in 1850, the inventory
came every 10 years.

Farmers have been urged to co-
operate with census takers to keep
records up to date, complete, and accu-
rate.

Officers Elected For Negro NFA Chapter

The Edenton High School Chapter of
New Farmers of America met recently
to elect student officers for the cur-
rent year. The following candidates
were elected: President, George Rob-
erts; vice president, Erwin Moore;
secretary, Nelson Owens; treasurer,
Percy Nixon, and reporter, Frederick
Coston.

The president appointed the follow-
ing: Percy Nixon, chairman of finance
committee; Erwin Moore, chairman of
recreation committee; James Sawyer,
chairman of program of work com-
mittee.

During the year there will be other
committees named. These committees
will give each member of the orga-
nization an opportunity to have the
experience of working on a commit-
tee.

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VFW District Meeting Is Held In Plymouth

A district meeting of Veterans of
Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary
was held in Plymouth Sunday, which
was the second meeting of the First
District of the year.

Department Commander Joyner was
the Department representative and
Department Senior Vice President
Carrie West represented the Auxiliary.
Very inspiring talks were given on
youth activity and what it means to
a community. Increased membership
in both organizations was also urged.
Marguerite Weaver, First District

president, presented Mrs. John Oliver,
Jr., a past president's pin set with a
ruby.

Those attending the meeting from
Edenton were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Per-
ry, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, Jr., Jim
Basnight, Tom Lane, John Bass, Har-
old Langdale and Van Small.

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"I see your husband has a new
stenographer," remarked Mrs. Busy-
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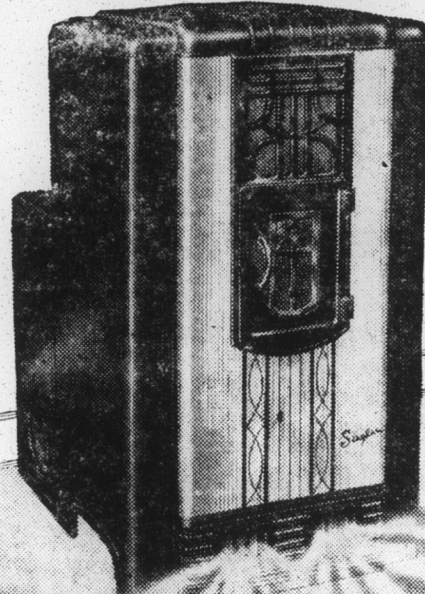
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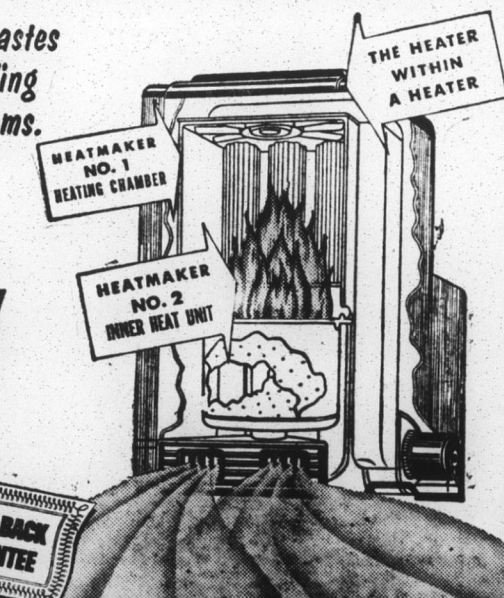
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