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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1935

America will be out of the red in a year, says Babson. Now, if only we can get the reds out of America in a year.—Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

Don't worry about today's political "menace." Somebody'll bob up tomorrow with a much bigger fool idea.—Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

In Huey Long's "share-the-wealth" program "share" is more likely than not to be a misprint for "scare."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

The Sportsmen's Club

In a news article Monday J. B. Williams gave a comprehensive account of the regular monthly meeting of an organization that heretofore we had known little or nothing about, that being the Sportsmen's Club in the vicinity of Joynes, Springfield and Traphill.

This organization has for its purpose the conservation of natural resources and wild life and as such has a most commendable object. It operates in the heart of a beautiful scenic region that has been almost inaccessible and has attracted little attention because its beauty has not been exploited.

But this section, like other parts of Wilkes, will come into its own as a scenic paradise because of the proximity of the Scenic Parkway that will follow the summit of the Blue Ridge. Previously we have called attention to the fact that we have as beautiful mountain scenery within 25 miles of North Wilkesboro as can be found in eastern America. Although we have not seen all the points of interest in the Appalachian range from New York state to Alabama, we are ready to stand by this assertion.

In connection with the organization called the Sportsmen's Club we wish to quote excerpts from an article by Forney A. Rankin, entitled "Wildlife Conservation—Its Scope and Meaning":

Among other things which have been brought about by the depression is the more honest consideration for the conservation of our natural resources. Especially is the conservation of soils, wild animals and plants receiving considerable attention.

Until a few generations ago many people thought the supply of wild game and forests was unlimited. Forests were removed and the lumbermen followed and removed practically all merchantable timber from their holdings. This condition was brought about in part by our system of taxation. More intensive as well as extensive agricultural practices were forced into operation.

The methods of destroying our forests were early deplored because the final result was more apparent. The alarming decrease in many forms of wild animals was slow to receive consideration. It has been too slow in many cases. After reading about the killing of car loads of passenger pigeons in Michigan and elsewhere, it might be easy to determine why these birds have entirely passed out of existence. The last heath hen has likewise ceased to live. Others have perished, and still others are in danger at the present time.

There has been a great shrinkage in nearly all forms of wild animals. As the game animals became less plentiful a little concern for them arose. While formerly they were hunted almost entirely for food they are now considered more in the light of a sport. The supply does not even closely approach the demand. In looking for a reason for the decrease man has blamed everything, even including his neighbor, but never himself. It was easy to blame natural enemies, but man never wanted to include himself in that category.

Another Opportunity

Despite lamentations over school funds and the need of education it appears that a child is offered almost every opportunity to secure an education.

Beginning on Monday, May 13, a summer school for delinquent students will be held at the North Wilkesboro school. This school is not limited to North Wilkesboro but is to give an opportunity to any child to make up subjects on which he or she was not passed with satisfactory averages during the regular term which has just closed.

If for any reason a child was unable to pass one or more subjects the summer school offers a splendid opportunity for work and study in order that he or she may take up the regular work next fall along with the rest of the class.

Tax money cannot be used for this work and it is necessary to charge a small tuition charge for each subject. Notwithstanding the fact that a small tuition charge is made, the opportunities afforded are splendid and the summer school is recommended for any students who may need additional work this summer.

Borrowed Comment

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(Reidsville Review)

Secretary Ickes and Senator Borah, as far apart as the poles on many questions are in complete accord about one thing, the right of free speech and free assemblage. The other night Senator Borah appealed to the editors of the country and two days later Secretary Ickes appealed to the publishers to protect the right of free speech as jealously as they protect the right of a free press. Freedom Secretary Ickes pointed out, is one and indivisible; "free economic enterprise, free political institutions and the free speech of which a free press is a part, are one and inseparable." Tyranny cannot be allowed in any of these fields without jeopardizing freedom in all the others.

Mr. Ickes' special concern was for the right of free speech and free assemblage. He finds the right of a free press on a firm footing in this country, but the right of free assemblage and free speech is denied in many places. Letting a soap-box orator shoot his mouth off strikes terror in the minds of many who would not think of curtailing the freedom of the press. They forget that free speech, free assemblage and a free press are of equal importance, "the three musketeers of our constitutional forces," in Mr. Ickes' phrase, which must "fight shoulder to shoulder against every threat of insidious foe."

In this country we believe life would not be worth living without freedom. We would rather blunder and suffer from our mistakes and be free than be errorless and efficient to the a human perversity that makes us want to limit the freedom of others—of people we think dumb or crack-brained or subversive. Bias and prejudice are often given full rein, because, while we have freedom and cherish it, we do not have enough faith in it, or in ourselves, to let others exercise it.

So we need to have men like Mr. Ickes remind us that if we are to preserve freedom in any of its forms we must be free-lion-minded and grant to others the freedom we ask for ourselves.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Lesson for May 12th. Acts 2:41-45. Golden Text: Romans 12:5.

The Christian Church has a three-fold purpose. In the first place, it is a custodian of divine truth. It is the guardian of a precious heritage contained within Holy Scripture, incarnated in Jesus, and expanded through the centuries by the insight, interpretation, and blessed example of innumerable saints. Thousands have fought, bled and died for the preservation of this precious treasure. We of today must be no less vigilant. The rethinking of our faith is of course very necessary. We must reexamine it in the light of our vastly larger knowledge. But a more fundamental task is that of proclamation. While we must refashion our message, our primary duty is to proclaim it with assurance and certainty. For there are multitudes, in our modern pagan age, who do not accept the Christian point of view.

Secondly, the church is an instrument of collective prayer. To be sure, many churches have ceased to be houses of prayer, and have gone into the entertainment business. There are ministers who will do almost anything to get a crowd. They use sensational sermon titles such as "Playing Gold with God," or "The Submarine Experiences of Jonah." Nevertheless the Society of Christ does keep alive the flame of corporate prayer.

Finally, the church is an ambassador of both hope and warning. Many today sound a defeatist note. They are gloomy and afraid. The church, by contrast, should be hopeful, high-spirited, with the radiance of Jesus, that star of hope, who, as Canon Holland said, "crashed into history with such terrific force that he rent it in twain."

But the church must warn as well as cheer. It must prophesy the certain collapse of an economic structure permeated with greed. It must seek to transform the prevailing ethic of the market-place.

STANLY STARTS PLAN FOR RAISING MULES

Stanly county farmers believe that the continued buying of horses and mules from other sections to satisfy local demands is a weak spot in North Carolina's agriculture.

"Thousands of dollars are going out of this county every year for a product that can and should be raised on our farms," says John W. Artz, Stanly county farm agent.

"This condition can gradually be remedied by every landowner replenishing his stock when necessary with a good brood mare purchased from local dealers, and breeding her to a stallion or jack, both of which are available locally.

"A program of this kind, followed over the state, would eventually repopulate our farms with work animals, supplying both local and outside demands. Not only would this save our farmers much money, but in cases it would give them opportunity to increase their cash incomes by selling animals.

"Over most of the state, with its abundance of corn, oats, lespedeza hay, good summer pasture, the conditions for raising horses and mules are almost ideal. The opportunity of increasing the farm income from this source should not be neglected.

"The old folks in this county say that their fathers managed to raise their horses and mules without difficulty, but a colt trotting along by its mother is an exceedingly rare sight nowadays."

'Wives' See Husband

Get Term For Bigamy
Salisbury, May 8.—Two women sat beside each other, apparently on the best of terms, in Judge Hoyle Sink's Superior court today—one of them with an infant in arms and an older child at her knee—and heard their husband, Baxter Everhardt, sent to the roads for 13 months on a charge of bigamy. He pleaded nolo contendere to the charge and claimed that he had not married the second woman, the one with the two children.

Dime Letter Fad Declared Illegal

Washington, May 7.—Beet by a multitude of inquiries, the postoffice department today made public a ruling of its legal department which declared the "dime chain mail" illegal because it violates the lottery and fraud laws of the postal service. The ruling was made two weeks ago by Solicitor General Karl A. Crowley.

"The chain letter scheme," said Crowley's ruling, "is a violation of the lottery law because at the time a person gets in on the chain he has no knowledge of the extent to which the chain as already progressed and in parting with his money he has no guarantee that he will receive anything in return."

Cancels PWA Contract

Baton Rouge, La., April 30.—A \$7,000,000 Mississippi river bridge proposed for Baton Rouge was stricken today from the list of public works administration projects in the war between Senator Huey P. Long and the national administration.

Bowie's Liquor Bill Introduced in House

Raleigh, May 6.—A measure permitting North Carolina purchasers of legal liquor in another state to transport the wines of alcoholic beverages to his home in this state without interference of officers was introduced in the house tonight by Representative Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe.

The bill would apply only where the beverages are purchased for personal use or for the use of bonafide guests in a home. The criminal laws would not apply to persons transporting such beverages, the bill provided.

County Agent A. G. Hendren accompanied the members of the corn-hog and tobacco crop control committees to Raleigh for a meeting Tuesday.

No New Federal Taxes
Washington, May 6.—Hope of avoiding new taxes for at least the next two years was expressed today by congressional leaders after a quick survey of the government's financial position.

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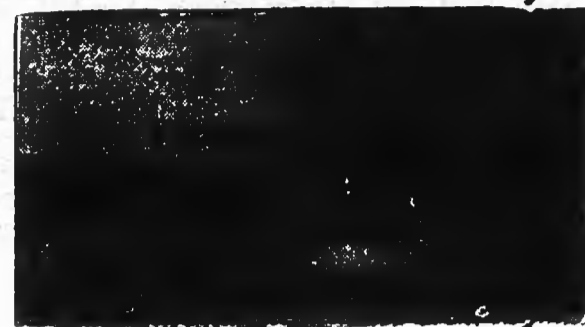
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