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Our Good Weather

During the past few weeks we have had occasion to learn that we have exceptionally fine weather here when compared with weather conditions not so far away.

When highways across the Blue Ridge were impassable because of heavy sleet we experienced a mild sleet here that was gone in a very short time and with out serious consequences. At the same time, sleet was heavy farther into the piedmont section.

When a snow comes out of the east we get the least severe end of it because it begins to vanish as it hits the mountains.

The Blue Ridge on the west and north gets the blizzards and snow storms from the west and the fury of the storms is spent long before they reach here.

All of which gives us the notion to boast about our weather conditions here in Wilkes county, which, after all, is a very good place to live.

The Joyful Season

We now come to the most joyful season of the year, when we forget our cares in annual celebration of the anniversary of the greatest event in the world.

We would not want to be accused of growing old, and we would be far from advocating that people go through the Christmas season with gloom written all over their long faces.

Yet we fear that millions of people go through the Christmas season in "riotous living" without one thought of the birth of the Prince of Peace and why Christmas holidays are set apart from the rest of the year.

It should be a season of joy and of celebration, yet with all reverence to Him who gave the Greatest Gift and with a deeper realization of the responsibility that is ours in making this a better place for human habitation.

We Learn About Wars

"Peace on Earth" sounds like an empty phrase when mankind pauses to review a year of bloodshed in so many quarters of the world. The Sino-Japanese war in Asia, the gory civil war in Spain, massacres in Haiti, unrest in Palestine, revolution in South America, "purges" in Russia—all this and more are scarlet patches on the crazy-quilt of history bounded by the figure 1937.

Even in our own land, blessed by Peace at least in name, an economic war is proving costly and productive of much strife. When it can be claimed without serious contradiction that labor strikes this year cost the nation \$5,000,000,000 in lost wages and profits and products of industry, serious minded citizens pause to wonder. Five billion dollars is more than ten times the cost of the Revolutionary War. Even in these days of high prices it seems a steep figure for what has been called economic "revolution without the R."

Yet there are some advantages to even a series of events such as those which have characterized the year now closing. During the dismal days of 1931-32, many persons who ought to have known better were outspoken in their hopes that a war, somewhere else in the world, would offer a salvation to stranded business in the form of profitable orders for war supplies and artificially inflated prices and wages due to abnormal demand. The experience of 1937 disproves that hope. There is war elsewhere in the world—plenty of it—and it has failed to offer any visible relief to American business.

War never made a profit for anybody, but it has taken 1900 years for humanity to find it out.

A New Silencer For Critics

We have little sympathy for journalists who use every pretext to carp about "freedom of the press" when in reality they are only defending an assumed license to publish half-truths and garbled facts about questions and persons. Editors have been known to energetically supplement a private feud with public invective published in the columns of their papers, but to hide behind Constitutional guarantees when the day of reckoning appears in the shape of a proper legal retaliation.

But in the case of Chairman J. Warren Madden's defense of a subpoena action against the editor of a critical trade journal by the National Labor Relations Board, a new device is being tried that can prove of incalculable power in the hands of bureaucrats who desire to stifle the press in what on the surface appears to be a perfectly legal and proper manner.

To be specific, the editor in question was outspoken concerning alleged violations of the Labor Act by Weirton Steel. The NLRB, investigating the case, sought to grill the editor. Not being able to force him, as an editor and critic, to divulge his knowledge of the alleged violations, the board hit upon the clever scheme of summoning him as a private citizen to submit to examination. It was necessary, however, that he produce an elaborate display of source material, used in writing his articles in order to give the testimony desired.

Of course, throughout the entire transaction, the question of press freedom nowhere appeared. It was solely a process of harrasing the editor as a private citizen into coughing up what he knew. As an editor he could quite properly refuse to reveal sources for his information used in writing the articles. But as a citizen, subpoenaed for examination, he had no choice than to submit.

This bureaucracy is one round up in the everlasting war to muffle the sources of criticism. This time instead of using the bouncer they have chosen to heckle.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD—SAYS BABSON

Roger Babson is optimistic.

A member of the staff of the noted industrial statistician says the recent decline in business has caused a new group of pessimists to spring up.

But he says the stage is being set for a much higher level of prices for 1938. He also says the underlying trend in wholesale prices will continue upward.

He says there may be some speculation, but the administration can curb speculation under the present setup, and will be able to do so.

He says there will be no disturbance in the way of inflation, which would lead to industrial instability.

The noted statistician also says there will be an increase in the purchase of luxuries, and a heavy buying wave which would precede the increase in prices that will follow the enactment of wage-hour legislation.

What the representative from the Babson Industrial Institute is trying to say is that there is no need for pessimism.—Reidsville Review.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

CHRISTIAN CONSERVATION

Lesson for December 26th. Phil. 1:12-26
GOLDEN TEXT: PHIL. 1:21

The need for a fresh consecration to the Christian ethic and ideal is very real. There are 10,000 villages in America without churches, 30,000 without resident pastors, and 30,000,000 children under twelve who are receiving no training in the disciplines of religious faith and practice. Moreover, hostile forces are now at work in an attempt to defeat the Christian program. "We are no longer confronted," writes Dean Sperry, of Harvard, "with old, dying religions in the Orient; we are faced by new and powerful religions of political and racial nature. Furthermore, within Christendom itself, we are now confronted by organized and fully self-conscious theories of race, class, and state which are candidly anti-Christian."

In the face of this critical need and stubborn hostility conventional Christianity has a hard fight indeed. There are too many nominal church members who live in a state of faded religiosity, paying verbal honors only to their Master. They want comfort rather than a call to arms. They are full of good will but they play safe on all controversial issues. They rarely move outside the pleasant circle of their particular group. They have no convictions for which they would make a genuine sacrifice.

Over against this soft, lazy, immature type of faith one thinks of the blazing passion of the apostle, Paul, as voiced in the inspiring passage chosen for our lesson. Confined in a filthy jail, and knowing that he would some day be put to death for his loyalty to Christ, he would yet say, in the spirit of exaltation, the noble words of our Golden Text. "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

It is high time that Christians everywhere, under the spell of Paul's thrilling example, close the doors on their doubts, pull on their coats and earnestly set to work that the mind of Christ may prevail in these dark days of turmoil and spiritual decay.

Peace On Earth Goodwill To Men

Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men, what a dream of Utopian realism, as the happy consummation of that command that resounded over the hills of Bethlehem centuries ago.

A message to the peoples of the earth: heard by Jew and Gentile alike. Through all the centuries of Time, the echo of that glorious admonishment has gradually grown less audible, and now in this the age that is the very crest of civilization, that message of good cheer is merely a broken whisper to the millions of peoples that are a part of this commercialized anniversary of the birth of that Prince of Peace.

The very Heavens resound with the crash and roar of the gun fire of war; the Dove of Peace has become a Vulture of Destruction, and our so called Christmas Nations view this unholy carnage and destruction of human life, the ravishing of virtuous women, the slaughter of innocent little children, the desolation, despair, hunger and pain; all the result of the greed of commerce, and the undeniable lack of respect for International Treaties, which should, and do assure to all mankind and to all nations, Life, Peace and Prosperity and human happiness.

That love of ancient days has been ravished by hate, and war, the child of that ravishment has cast its hypnotic spell upon the earth, for nations hate, men hate, there is strife abroad upon the land; and as the dawn of that Holy Day draws near, we as a people of every faith and creed look to the skies to vision once again, and hear the voices of angels sing:
Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men.

Cycle News Items Of The Past Week

CYCLE, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Coleman and daughter, Evelyn, of North Adams, Mass., arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Reid and Mr. Curt Reid spent Sunday at Union Grove with relatives.

The fox hunters of this section enjoyed one of the best hunts of the season Tuesday morning despite the sleet. The dogs of Messrs. Mancel Roberts and D. C. Coleman caught the fox after a lively race that lasted about an hour. The hunters finally decided by Thursday to turn the fox loose to enjoy the pleasure of robbing chicken roosts for a season yet.

Mr. Mint Robbins moved his family from the farm of Mrs. Sarah Jane Mayberry to his place near Temple Hill church.

Mrs. Lois Roberts and sons, Jim Frank, and Shirley Roberts,

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of M. S. Miller, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, whose address is Cricket, N. C. on or before the 22nd day of December, 1937, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

G. B. OWINGS,

Executor of the estate M. S. Miller, deceased. 1-27-6t-(T)
CLYDE HAYES, Atty.

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