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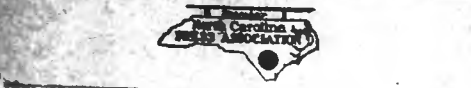
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Fighting For Something

The way in which Finnish soldiers, outnumbered 10 to 1, have held off and actually defeated the might of Russia so far has bewildered the remainder of the world.

Russia before her attempted invasion of little Finland was recognized among military circles as having the mightiest army in the world and the most of materials with which to wage a war.

Stalin was looked upon as a mighty ruler backed by almost invincible army. To say that he has lost some of his glamor would be expressing the true situation in a mild way.

Russia has at least three million trained soldiers, more planes than any nation, an adequate supply of tanks and other war machinery.

Finland has hardly one tenth as many soldiers and few implements of warfare.

But the balancing power in the conflict so far has been something not to be counted in numbers or amounts. That is patriotism on the part of the soldiers.

The Finns are fighting for the existence of their country, which has guaranteed them a certain amount of freedom that would vanish as the mists should Russia win.

The Russian soldiers should know by now that they are fighting for Stalin and that they have nothing to gain. That explains the disorderly retreat of entire divisions of soldiers before the onslaught of a few Finnish fighters.

The desire for freedom and liberty has throughout the ages been the factor which has spurred men to performance of mighty deeds. The love of a good country in the hearts of soldiers is more valuable in battle than might of numbers or materials.

A Privileged People

All too often we are too engrossed in our own petty troubles to catch the significance of our blessings. One of the greatest of these is the fact that we are Americans.

That we live in this good country should stir our souls with patriotism now as never before. With a great part of the world in a turmoil of war and with the liberties of multiplied millions taken away, it is time that we appreciate to the fullest extent that we are Americans.

We sometimes wonder what has happened that children are no longer taught the patriotic songs resplendent with the theme of liberty and the sacrifices of valiant forefathers who made this country possible. Why do we not have flag drills and why are children not taught to be patriotic?

Neglect in those little things causes many of our national ills. Instead of wanting to do something for their country, there are numerous people today who want to loot the national treasury by deception. It is now recognized as all right to get anything from Uncle Sam and no lands are barred in the wrestle to drain the old man of his every resource. Such is not patriotism and such tactics show no appreciation for our great land of opportunity.

In America we do not shudder at the sound of an airplane; we go to the market and buy just as much as we want to provide we have the means; our purchases are not limited by government decree; our streets are well lighted and we do not have to grope around in the dark at night.

We read our newspaper and know that what we read was written by persons who were not told by dictators what to write; we have an opportunity to learn the truth.

We Americans know nothing of bomb shelters; we have never worn gas masks; we belong to whatever parties or other organizations we choose and can change our affiliations any time without fear of facing a firing squad; we converse with friends and say what we please without fear; we do not expect our mail to be opened and censored before it reaches our hands.

We can change our place of dwelling without reporting to the police.

We worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

We are Americans.

Americanism is a priceless privilege worth struggling to preserve.

Borrowed Comment
THE VOICE OF THE CHARMER

(Greensboro News)
Senator Borah, who never goes to hear Presidents deliver opening messages to Congress anyway, observes that it is dangerous—he does not say “dangerous for a Republican”—“to listen to Roosevelt because he could recite an example in algebra and make it interesting.” David Garlick, the actor, said of Mr. Whitefield, the preacher, that he could make the congregation sigh and weep merely by the tones of his voice in speaking the word “Mesopotamia.”

There is a magic of the spoken word which depends but incidentally upon the word itself, and the Roosevelt mastery of that magic is about the heaviest handicap, ordinarily, that an opposition can have.

There were those who thought that Governor Roosevelt, of New York, had a speaking voice rather squeaky in some of its tones, its musical qualities pretty well obscured by faults and flaws, and a laugh that left a great deal to be desired. We recall hearing someone with discriminating ears say, when F. D. R. emerged as a candidate for the presidency, that his laugh was offensive.

The evidence is plenary that he has managed to find time, in the midst of a multitude of tasks and distractions, to do a lot of work on the cultivation of that voice and the use of it, with high profit.

Who aspires to the eminences will do well to give heed to these matters. The mother who expects her son to be a chief over his fellows should understand that he will hardly arrive at that estate unless he is able to talk himself at least a good part of the way there.

THE CHOICE OF DR. POE
(Shelby Daily Star)

Dr. Clarence Poe, nationally known agriculturist, sound thinking and not given to combastic schemes, would have made a good governor for North Carolina had he chosen to run and had he been elected.

But Dr. Poe did not choose to run and of course, if he had, the chance of being elected governor would have been, at least problematical.

It is known that men high in the councils of the state, leaders in many friends in North Carolina, hoped, and indeed urged, that the Raleigh editor offer for the governorship.

Mr. Poe has had much to do with formulating a progressive program for the south which is being sponsored by governors of several states. He believes sincerely in this program and he has resolved to dedicate his future activities to bringing this program into active realization.

Motivated by such sincerity of purpose the activities of Dr. Poe toward bringing “balanced prosperity” to the economic life of the south should be fruited. More-over his efforts in that direction, entailing obvious sacrifices on his part, should bring him full cooperation by the people of North Carolina as at least a full and sympathetic hearing by the people of other states, particularly in the south.

Indeed the ten-year program to which Dr. Poe is devoting his time and talents is worthy of review. It calls for:

1. Money crops, including forestry, both food, feed and fertilizer crops.
2. All crops with livestock, consistent with sound land use.
3. Production progress with marketing and transportation opportunities free of trade barriers.
4. Farms with factories.
5. Land, water and mineral resources with population needs.
6. Work with thrift and local investments.
7. Owner prosperity with worker prosperity.
8. Increasing income with increasing home ownership.
9. Wealth with beauty and culture.
10. Economic gains with advances in moral values and human welfare.

TWO OLD TERMS
Oxford Public Ledger)

In those decades when every farmer or land-owner managed his own affairs, cut timber when he pleased, and planted what he desired where he wished to plant it, “piney old field” was an oft-heard term.

The “piney old field,” which could be found on practically every farm in this section, was a field that had at some time been cleared, or almost cleared, and then abandoned for crop purposes, young pines, broomsedge and honeysuckle vines quickly taking charge.

Another colorful term that has come down from plantation days is “old field pine.” As contrasted with original growth pine, little of which is to be found in this section of the country today, the term “old field pine” refers to that which has grown up on old fields, once cut over, but which has no commercial value because of its low quality.

Each of the terms suggests to those who have once lived in the country, within range of the hushed whispers of the pines, mellow, sweet memories of the fragrance of blossoming honeysuckle and the aroma of broom-seed.

Such picturesque and expressive terms as were used by those who lived in another day should be stored and preserved with language relics of earlier days. Our language is one of our finest heritages and nothing of its charm should be lost by the wayside of progress.

Dellaplane and Roaring River Route 2 News

ROARING RIVER, Route 2, Jan. 8.—For more than a week, the children and several other relatives of Rev. N. T. Jarvis have been at his bedside. Since the stroke, which began to come on gradually on his birthday, Dec. 28, he has been in a critical condition.

Mrs. B. L. Johnson has been suffering from a severe cold.

Doris Jean, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greene Brown, was ill recently.

Mr. Robert N. Holland has bought the remainder of Mrs. Alice Love's timber. She sold a part of it to Mr. Millard Foster a few years ago.

Ida J. Foust and Lonnie Sale, both colored, who have been in a serious condition are about the same. Lonnie says he is getting along better with his leg which had not healed since the snake bites and subsequent operations in the early fall.

Mr. Robert Edmisten, who had been sawing timber on the old Tilley place since the latter part of last June, has been confined to his home on highway 421 with a deep cold and sinus trouble.

Mrs. Cella Lane accompanied Mr. Turner Church from North Wilkesboro Thursday night, and probably several other times, to see her brother-in-law, Rev. Noah T. Jarvis, who has been dangerously ill.

Today and Sunday were the regular dates for preaching at Antioch church.

Mr. Robert N. Holland is having some shelters built at the home of Mansfield Parks, colored, to house his stock while saw-milling in this part of the county.

Mrs. Turner Church, of the Wilkes Hospital staff, has been nursing her father, Rev. Noah Jarvis.

Mrs. Grace Bell, who had contemplated moving again to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparks, has about decided to stay at her home on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ransie Staley, unless she changes her mind. Mrs. Bell has a position in the lunch room of the Roaring River school. Ruth Anna Parks, colored, looks after her children.

Shortly before Christmas, Mr. Walter G. (or “Boozy”) Harris moved from Mr. Luther Pardue's house, where he had lived 3 years or more, to the house he built on Mrs. W. J. Kinyoun's farm a number of years ago.

Mrs. Lula Davis has been living for sometime at Mrs. Cornelia Johnson's place.

Mrs. Lois Roberts spent a short time last Wednesday morning with her aunt, Mrs. Laura Linney, to tell her about the serious condition of her father, Rev. Noah Jarvis, who had been ill nearly a week.

Another chapter was written in the noted calf suit, that threatened to rival the Hatfield-McCoy feud, not long before Christmas, when the calf claimed by Mr. Frank Sparks and the one he is keeping until court, ran away to Mr. Pardue's, or arrived there in some manner. Through the intervention of Mr. Sparks' lawyer, Attorney J. Hubert Whicker, it was returned to Mr. Sparks by Deputy Sheriff Worth Sale.

In some manner the heifer's horn is said to have been broken. It is generally agreed that both families are honest in their convictions and the case is merely an amusing mix-up of mistaken identity or poor memory.

No sawing has been done on the old Tilley place since before Christmas, on account of the serious illness of Mr. Edmisten. He had already sawed at nine yards, the last one being near Mr. Silas W. Johnson's place, and it was said he would soon finish sawing all the timber, for which the American Furniture Company paid two thousand last June.

After the summer-like weather of the autumn and early winter, the cold days since Christmas have been hard to endure, but are not nearly so cold as the winter of 1935-36, or that of 1917-18.

Mr. C. B. Martin, Roanoke, Va., who had business in, or near, the Wilkesboro, was a visitor in this neighborhood last Thursday afternoon between four and five.

The New Year

The Old Year's wrinkled sheet is marred by many a blot. We gladly would erase, Yet find that we can not.

The New Year's page is white. Unblemished and unironed. A book where-in to write, From out the ages borne.

What will the New Year be? A book of vain regret? Or lit with rainbow hues?

When this year's sun has set?—Millard Filmore Bumgarner, Wilkesboro, N. C. January 1, 1940.

Interesting Items From Deep Gap

Mrs. Jane Day, said lady of this place, is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greene and son, RAY, have gone to Miami, Fla., to spend the remainder of the winter. Mr. Greene was advised by his doctor to go there for his health.

Rev. G. A. Hamby, of Boone, visited in the community one day last week.

Mr. L. W. Day, of Reading, Pa., arrived here Sunday to be with his mother, Mrs. Jane Day, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moretz are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born Friday, January 5.

Mr. Boice Triplett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent a few days last week with relatives and friends in Wilkes and Watauga counties.

Miss Minnie Nichols, of Boone, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Moretz.

NOTICE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust to secure a sum of money, executed on the 11th day of May 1888, by A. Key and wife, M. J. Key to Chas. G. Gilreath, trustee, for T. E. Gray, and recorded in office of Register of Deeds of Wilkes County, in Book 167, Page 108, default having been made in the payment thereof, and demand made upon the undersigned trustee by T. E. Gray that sale be held:

The undersigned trustee will on Saturday, February 3rd, 1940, at two o'clock P. M. at the Court House door in Wilkesboro sell to the highest bidder at public auction, for cash the lands described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

Beginning on a Sourwood, now a stone, and runs North 142 poles to a Dogwood; thence North 68 degrees West 100 poles crossing Gray's branch; thence a South-westward course with said branch to R. D. Mathis' corner; thence East with said Mathis' line to a Spanish Oak Sapling, Mathis' corner thence South with said Mathis' line to a forked Poplar; thence East to the beginning. Containing 99 acres more or less. For further and fuller description see the record of said Deed of Trust above cited.

This the 29th day of December, 1939.

CHAS. G. GILREATH, Trustee.

1-25-4t

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by W. H. Hurley and wife, Ila Hurley, under date of January 22, 1939, to the undersigned Trustee, to secure the payment of the indebtedness therein mentioned, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, in Book 173, page 88, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and demand having been made on me: I will, THEREFORE, on Friday, January 26, 1940, at the hour of 10:00 A. M., at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land in Reddies River Township, Wilkes County, adjoining the lands of Elmore Kilby on the North; adjoining the lands of A. B. Bullis Heirs on the East; adjoining the lands of Ezekiel Nelson on the South; adjoining the lands of Rev. Hubert Bullis on the West; containing FORTY-FIVE (45) ACRES, more or less, and being the lands whereon the parties of the first part now live and which they purchased from W. B. Gaither and M. D. Gaither, and being that portion of the Thos. E. Bullis lands, which was inherited by Mrs. Alice Gaither, deed to which is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Wilkes County in Book 172, page 180, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description thereof to the same extent as if copied herein.

This the 28th day of December, 1939.

A. H. CASEY, Trustee.

1-18-4t

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF REAL ESTATE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN AN ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKES COUNTY, in an action entitled: J. G. Adams, Administrator of the Estate of D. F. Adams, deceased, v. K. D. Adams, et al., therein directing a re-sale of the property described in the petition in said action;

I will, on Thursday, January 18, 1940, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, the following described tract of land:

All that certain tract or parcel of land in Newcastle Township, Wilkes County, on which D. F. Adams was living at the time of his death;

Bounded on the North by the lands of K. D. Adams; Bounded on the East by the lands of K. D. Adams; Bounded on the South by the lands of J. G. Adams; Bounded on the West by the lands of R. E. Gray and W. D. Example; Containing 92 acres, more or less, and known as the D. F. Adams Home Place.

The bidder at this sale will be required to deposit with the commissioner, or the court, five (5%) per cent of his bid to be held pending the confirmation of the sale by the court.

This the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1940.

J. G. ADAMS, Commissioner, By A. H. CASEY, Attorney. 1-11-4t

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Notice of Annual Meeting of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association

The Regular Annual Meeting of the NORTH WILKESBORO BUILDING and LOAN ASSOCIATION will be held in the CITY HALL or Town Hall on Monday Night, January 22nd, 1940, at 7:00 o'clock, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting.

J. B. Williams,
Secretary and Treasurer

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