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A Card With Meaning

One of the fine things about the Christmas season is to receive cards from friends. They always bring pleasant reminders of old and new friendships.

Like most other people, we're usually so busy at the height of the Christmas season that upon receiving these cards we quickly glance to see who they're from and wait until a few leisure hours after Christmas to really read and appreciate them.

We appreciate, first of all, the fact that people think enough of us to send a card; we appreciate the beauty of these cards and the expressions they contain. Sometimes, a particular message will stand out above all the others.

Such was the case with a card we received this morning from E. N. (Red) Pope, advertising manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

It's an unusually attractive card — but close scrutiny brings out more than its clever make-up. On the front are pictured Santa Claus, Reddy Killowatt, and Uncle Sam, hailed as "symbols of the American spirit."

And so they are. The thing that impressed us was this message on the inside of the card, printed beneath another picture of Reddy Killowatt holding a Christmas wreath:

"Our sincere wishes at this Yuletide season for a better world, unshackled in the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

What an impressive message that is. Neither Red Pope nor anybody else could wish for anybody at this Christmas season anything finer than "a better world — unshackled in the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Every person with normal intelligence realizes today that liberty is the most precious thing in this great America of ours.

May all of us rededicate ourselves to help make this a better world, and to keep it a world unshackled in the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Spirit Of Christmas

Man, if he so will, can put his mind and heart in tune with the spirit of Christmas soon to come again to remind him of the birth of the Christ and bring a revival of the hope for good will among all mankind.

It will not come through undue generosity of giving, or those outward displays which too often discredit the real meaning of the day. These are only symbols which man has attached to the anniversary of the most important event in human history.

To be genuine, the spirit of Christmas must be enthroned in the heart of man, a personal realization which he alone can know and enjoy. A certain humbleness which brings with it the hope that through his humbleness man has taken the true attitude for his own spiritual salvation.

With this meekness must come love for his fellowman, a determination to live helpfully — to search for and eliminate the dross in his life, and place love and kindness in its stead.

To whatever extent man can live by the spirit of Christmas will his life be a benediction and a thing of beauty.

REALTY TRANSFERS

The following realty transfers were recorded today by Mrs. Inez Harrington, Harnett register of deeds:

J. D. Adams and wife to J. R. Adams, 133 acres; Eugene Brown and wife to George McDermott, 15 acres; Ellis H. Byrd to Doris B. Brown, 32.7 acres; Willie D. Franklin and wife to R. C. Reeves and wife, two tracts; Maude C. Layton

to Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, lot; James McLean and Zora McLean to Lelia H. Byrd, 70 acres; S. F. Parrish and wife to W. E. Nichols, lot; Chapin Petty to W. W. Horton, 13.2 acres; Nell McK Ross to L. K. Boston and wife, 7.96 acres; Louis L. Webb and wife to H. M. Webb and wife, 34.5 acres; John Tutor and wife to J. C. Horton and wife, two tracts.

These Days



GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

By

Sokolsky

WHAT MEANS UNITY?

The Republicans have petitioned the President to redress a great grievance against the United States by dismissing Dean Acheson as Secretary of State. The petition will, for the moment, be ignored.

Democrats and other suggest that this is no time to complain about Dean Acheson. They proposed that we shall have unity. If by unity, they mean that no public official is to be criticized even if the blood of our sons is spilled because of his stiff-necked obstinacy and his lack of good sense, then they ask not for unity but for abject acceptance of stupidity as a rule of life.

It would seem that logic would require, if unity is to be achieved, that one who has become so unpalatable to the American people as Dean Acheson is, be retired. Who is this man, that unity must depend upon his continuance in office?

Suppose by the laws of nature Dean Acheson were to drop dead, as my friend, Jim McGuinness, did a fortnight ago—would the United States cease to exist? If it is unity that is required and this man is an impediment to unity, does Mr. Truman mean to tell us that even among deserving Democrats there is not one man who is capable of being Secretary of State, of inspiring confidence and of achieving unity?

I can name some: Chief Justice James Farley, Robert Patterson, James Byrnes, Senator Walter F. George and dozens of others. If the President were to accept a national rather than a partisan criterion, the number is very large. This nation is not so bankrupt in personalities that it is limited to one man, to any one man.

Therefore, the plea that opposition to Dean Acheson imperils unity is nonsense. It is Dean Acheson who imperils unity.

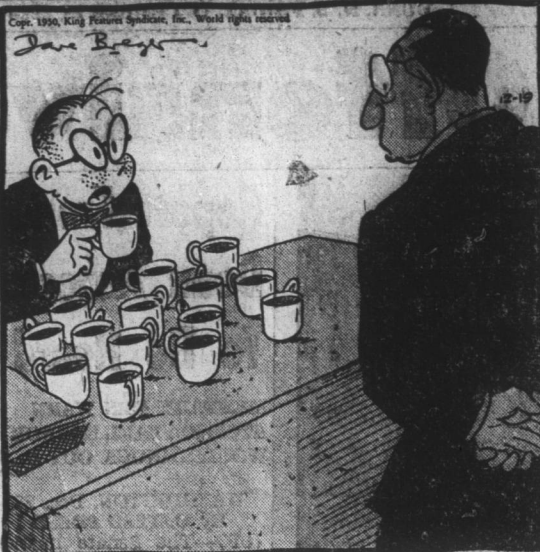
His policy in China has proved to be a failure for which we are paying with the lives of our children. His policy in Europe has brought us only associates but no allies. His policy in South America has weakened our ties with our most important neighbors. He has appeased Soviet Russia until that country has become the mightiest on earth, lessening our influence by war in which we have been defeated. He has only enriched Great Britain at our expense.

Surely, it is not Dean Acheson, but the United States of America that is important.

In 1943, the United States was a tremendous force in the world, courted by all nations. We were feeding a large part of the world; we were supplying warring nations. We were giving away about \$50,000,000,000. We were giving to Russia \$11,000,000,000. We were fighting on a dozen fronts. In Asia, we were fighting nearly alone with Nationalist China as our principal ally. In Europe, our troops were carrying the burden into Germany.

In November, two conferences were held: one at Cairo and one at Teheran, and from December 1, 1943 until today our power in the world has been receding. At Moscow, Teheran, Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta, San Francisco, London and Paris the United States was talked out of influence, power and authority. And all the time the American tax-payer was paying for his own destruction.

Mister Breger



... Black coffee. The boss is gonna give us one of his long-winded pep talks today!

Frederick L. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON. — Some ladies in Pittsburgh wouldn't listen to me via telephone. They insisted they wanted to hear me in person. Poor dears.

I tried to tell them when they first asked me to make a speech that this was an indoor sport at which I do not excel. They said I was being modest. For their information — because there still is time to call the whole thing off — I want to report on my last effort as an orator.

About a hundred Pennsylvania publishers were gathered with their wives and daughters in Harrisburg at dinner. They seemed to enjoy this meal, because they knew not what was in store. When they'd put away the last dish of ice cream with the frozen doodad on top, the prevaricating toastmaster told them he had a treat. Namely, me. A great sigh rose through the hall, as though from a suppressed groan.

I got to my feet. At first my knees were wobbly; then they seemed to lock and I couldn't move. I could feel sweat on my legs. My collar was too tight. There was something seriously wrong with my tonsils. I opened my mouth; nothing came out. The headwaiter rushed up to see what was wrong with the microphone. The toastmaster (his name was And) it culminated in the retreat from Korea and the miserable monkeys insulting our country in daily speeches on our own soil at the United Nations, and they are entitled to do it by Treaty. We have come to that.

Now, I do not say that Dean Acheson is responsible for all that. Such an assumption is wildly false. He is not a big enough man to have done so much damage.

But he is also not a big enough man to have strengthened our moral position or to have inspired confidence in the people.

Acheson has become a symbol of decay. The American people responded to the symbol that Acheson has become when he spoke on television and radio and chilled his countrymen. It was not the words, nor his immaculate dress, nor his lack of oratory. It was an atmosphere.

The terrifying fact that faces this country is that in this war we are led by many of the same personalities who since November, 1943 have been the authors of our failures. What unity can there be in that?

Ross Downing and he was worried) said a big, strong fellow like me needed no amplification. Weakly I nodded agreement.

And all of a sudden a bellow came from my lips. The ladies were shocked. With trembling hands their husbands lit cigars. I was started, in a loud, and what I later learned to have been a beligerent voice, I told my victims all I knew about practically everything.

I couldn't stop. Something inside my head had gone click and as soon as I finished my speech, without even taking another breath, I began a new one. The publishers heard about my travels for years gone back; I even remember dwelling at some length on a Mexican revolution in 1929.

My knees still wouldn't work. It was impossible to sit down. I told those helpless people down front about the years I'd spent in Hollywood and—as if they cared — what I thought about politicians. This went on for more than an hour; the gold chairs with the spindly legs were getting awfully hard on the heroes before me.

Some of them could stand it no longer. One by one they began to sneak out from the rear of the room, bending low in the mistaken belief that I couldn't see 'em. I was too helpless even to gulp. I seemed to be in the midst of a description of the love call of the chimpanzee, a subject about which I had written a recent piece. More people got up and left on tiptoe. Downing was really nervous now. He yanked on my coattail.

This was like pulling the rip cord on a balloon. My knees crumbled. There was a polite spatter of applause from the stalwarts who stayed to the last and I had a stiff drink. For medicinal purposes only. You still want me to make a speech in Pittsburgh, ladies? (Copyright, 1950, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

Tom Faircloth Taken By Death

Thomas F. Faircloth, 76, died in a Fayetteville hospital Monday. He was a well-known resident of Cumberland County, having lived in the Cedar Creek community all his life.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Cedar Creek Baptist Church, with rites conducted by the Rev. Thomas L. Rich, pastor, and the Rev. T. J. Fulk.

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Little Old NEW YORK

By ED SULLIVAN

Miami, Fla. — It is a rare occurrence when this area of the South shakes itself out of a municipal lethargy long enough to act as a city. This inertia in the matter of civic spirit probably is due to the climate and also to the fact that Florida is, fundamentally, a tourist center. Pretty nearly everybody down here is a visitor, from Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, etc.

This Winter, there has been a renaissance, built around a football. When University of Miami defeated Purdue, one Saturday, after Purdue had beaten Notre Dame, 100,000 people met the victorious Miami team when it landed at the local airport. Such a surge of civic feeling seldom stirs Miami.

The guy responsible for this change is the U. of Miami coach, Andy Gustafson, brought here a few years ago from West Point, where he was assistant to head coach Earl Black. Gustafson gave up a nice home at West Point, and an assured future, because the proxy of the University of Miami, B. F. Ashe, was dean of men at the University of Pittsburgh. Gustafson played football there. Ashe sold Gustafson on Florida, a sale based on Ashe's dreams of what the University of Miami would become. "You never heard anyone half so persuasive," grinned Gustafson. "So I came along and I've been here ever since."

Gustafson had some dreams of his own, too, and a great background of football. This year, those dreams materialized when Miami came up with one of the top teams of the country.

It Says Here

by - Bob Hope

Faging Clifton Webb. Cloro's is arranging a baby sitter service for parents who want to visit the famed Hollywood night club.

If this plan doesn't work, they may try night clubs exclusively for babies with such names as "The Crib" . . . "The Teething Ring" and "The Colic Room."

The cover charge would include a bottle of any formula in the house . . . and one complete diaper change.

I can see on important baby slipping the headwaiter a tip and saying, "I'd like a high chair right next to the stage." And imagine a baby's embarrassment when his nurse burbs him right in the middle of the floor show.

We'd see items like this in the columns: "Baby Bobby Murgatroyd, that popular baby-about-town, was seen with a new doll at "The Crib" last night. It looks serious. They both were drooling."

News Briefs Programs Announced

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next Wednesday. The payments of \$6,000,000 will go to 6,000 holders of the first bonds sold, among them Gov. Kerr Scott who purchased the first \$1,000 bond issued in the road program.

RALEIGH, Dec. 22 — (UP) — The State Ports Authority voted yesterday to enter into an agreement with the United States Navy to transfer a floating dry dock from the Panama Canal zone to the port at Wilmington.

RALEIGH, Dec. 22 — (UP) — The Motor Vehicles Department predicted today that 13 persons will die in North Carolina traffic accidents during the Christmas holiday. The department said traffic fatalities this year are 15 per cent above last year, when 16 persons were killed at Christmas.

ERWIN SOCIAL

TO SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kretsch and daughter Cynthia and Mrs. L. W. Baggett of Whiteville will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baggett at the Erwin teacherage.

CHRISTMAS PERMITS

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Mrs. Inez Harrington, Harnett register of deeds, to: Bernice Franklin Wood, 60, Lillington, Rt. 2, and Ella Sorrell Reeves, 55, Dunn, Rt. 3; Charles Raron Ennis, Coats, Rt. 1, and Alice Rachel Stephenson, Coats.



William F. Godwin, shown above, recently qualified as a sharpshooter with the carbine at Otsu, Japan. He is assigned to the 35th Infantry, part of the 25th Infantry Division. A radio operator, Godwin enlisted in the army Nov. 22, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Jackson. He is the son of Mrs. Thelma Godwin, 204 N. Layton Ave., Dunn.

COUNCIL'S REWARD

DETROIT (UP) — Assistant corporation counsel Nate Goldstick, assigned to defend five police women charged with false arrest in federal court, won a verdict of acquittal. The first thing the girls did was petition the judge for permission to kiss their counsel. "Permission granted," the judge ruled.

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Funeral Directory

Mrs. Rossie Irene West, 56, died Thursday morning at her home, Dunn Rt. 3. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 at Taylor's Chapel Church of God. Burial was in the Peters family cemetery.

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Walter M. Brock, 48, died at his home in Four Oaks Thursday morning. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Four Oaks Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Four Oaks Cemetery.

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