

**CORN CRACKER GRATEFUL AS YULETIDE APPROACHES**

Shelby, R-5, Dec. 10.—While in the toils of poverty and affliction, yet, with the passing of Thanksgiving and the approach of Yuletide, I have abundant occasion for being jubilant and grateful.

In the first place, I am blessed with every mental endowment I ever had, am able to see, hear some, although somewhat deaf, and am able to walk about, drive a horse, or ride in a buzzwagon if somebody will furnish transportation. In the proffer of an act of kind deeds, I find that people of good blood and current gentility are kind and courteous, while people raised in squalid poverty and who were reared on a diet of soap grease, are inclined to take on airs. The finest car in which I ever rode was from Durham to Raleigh, N. C., by courtesy of a multi-millionaire. But just try being afoot on the highway, and let a yokel driving a decaying amblance known as a forty dollar Ford, and the proud Jehu arrayed in shoddy hand-me-downs, and see how he will swell with inflated arrogance. Not that I am so saintly, but I daily and reverently read the Holy Scriptures. Often, I think of Job when a recipient of distress and calamity, saying that in his extremity he was regarded with lofty disdain by people whose fathers he would have disdained to allow to associate with the dogs that guarded his flock. Let a man lose his manly strength and agility, and a certain gang re-enact the jackass walking up and kicking the dying lion. When quite a young boy, I remember a witty character who spent the night at our home in Kentucky. He was white-haired and had other evidences of age. Upon being asked his age, his reply was, "I have out-lived my friends and constitution." This was funny to me at the time, but now, to some extent, a matter of realization.

During recent political campaign, I was something of an insurgent, for which I offer neither excuse nor apology. A man descended from pioneers who wrested the fair domain of Kentucky from wild beasts and wilder men, is not given to taking dictation from some imaginary political leader who was in a snug shelter when it rained wisdom. But the election passed into history, and not

according to forecast of some self-anointed wind-jammers. Next morning the sun rose as usual, the stars spangled the heavens, the moon waxed and waned as aforesaid, and we were not beset by the woes of "nigger domination." I helped avert such calamities when part of the Al Smith contingent were puking and puling in the toils of Marion Butlerism, Palmer and Bucknerism, and repudiating the policy of the policy of the great evangel of Jeffersonian Democracy, W. J. Bryan.

But the smoke of battle has lifted, prohibition is vindicated, and by the Eternal, we mean to see that it is enforced. Nothing has ever been the matter since it was incorporated into Constitution, except time-serving and cowardice of judiciary and police. I helped elect an officer that has at least rudimentary, "insides," and when he lies down on his job, if he does, we'll elect another. Cleveland has a good sheriff, but the political ring slated a man who was expected to sleep at the switch, but the electorate routed the ring, horse, foot, and dragon.

Now, while the choir sings, "The Old Ship of Zion," we wish to restore all political backsliders, and our motto to one and all is the message of Tiny Tim, "May God Bless Us, every One."

To management of Courier and clientele, we tender a message of peace and good will, with earnest wishes for a Happy New Year.

CORN CRACKER.

**ELLENBORO FARMERS PICK COTTONSEED FOR PLANTING**

Ellenboro, Dec. 10.—To keep the variety pure for planting next year 400 bushels of Hunco-Cleveland cotton seed were ginned at Ellenboro this season on special days set to do the work.

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**MRS. NANCY HAMRICK CLAIMED BY DEATH**

Spindale, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Nancy Hamrick, widow of the late Rev. F. C. Hamrick, died Wednesday, November 28 at the home of her grandson, Mr. L. L. Hamrick from pneumonia. Funeral services and burial were held Thanksgiving day at Shiloh Baptist church with Revs. M. M. Huntley and F. M. Haney, the latter of Greenville, S. C., in charge. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attended.

The deceased is survived by the following children: J. L. Wright, Indiana; G. H. Wright, Kansas; M. L. Wright, Asheville; Mrs. Lillie W. Suttle, of Waynesville; J. G. and Lee Wright, of Rutherfordton and Mrs. M. L. Hamrick, Spindale. Thirty-three grandchildren and nine great grandchildren also survive.

The deceased was twice married, first to Mr. Robt. P. Wright, who died about 26 years ago. Later she married Rev. F. C. Hamrick, of Henderson county, who preceded her to the grave.

Mrs. Hamrick was 81 years of age and was a devoted Christian, kind mother and an excellent neighbor. Her grave was covered with attractive flowers, which showed the high esteem in which she was held.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

NORTH CAROLINA, RUTHERFORD COUNTY. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Carl E. Deaton vs. Ida Ward Deaton.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Rutherford County to obtain a divorce absolute; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of said county and state, on December 17 or within thirty days thereafter, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 16th day of November, 1928.

J. Y. YELTON, C. S. C. Ridings & Jones, Att'ys. 7-4t

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