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Sanford Ring—The Last Round-Up

We hear again the boom of the massed cannon on Cemetery Ridge; the rattle of the blazing musketry at Chance Horstville, where Jackson died; we listen once more to the strains of "Dixie" played by the Southern bands in the Wilderness; and the rebel yells of defiance as Richmond and Fredericksburg were defended to the last ditch yielding only to vastly overwhelming resources of men and money.

As the ragged legions tramped back across the hills to Appomattox, there arose an elemental cry from the unconquered spirit which burned in the breast of the slowly retreating army and which still burns in the hearts of the descendants of those who died for the lost cause.

Soon after Capt. Rufus K. Pepper led the first company of volunteers from Stokes county in 1861, he was promoted to the lieutenant-colonelcy of the 21st N. C. Regiment. W. W. Kirkland was colonel. At the second battle of Manassas in June, 1862, Col. Kirkland was borne off the field covered with wounds. Pepper therefore succeeded to the colonelcy only to be himself mortally wounded, dying two days later with a minnie ball through his groin, and was buried in the Confederate cemetery at Winchester.

And then there was Capt. Spottswood B. Taylor, who organized the Danbury company, fought through the war, was at the great battles of Gettysburg, Cold Harbor and Point Lookout, and returned after the surrender with distinguished honors to himself and his boys.

And Capt. Westmoreland and Capt. Fulton, other Stokes officers in the Confederacy, each leading their companies through notable battles of the war, and acquitting themselves with imperishable renown.

Many of the boys who went from Stokes never returned, but their ashes sleep on the battlefields of Northern Virginia, awaiting the bugle call that shall awake them in the day of the final reveille.

These incidents are brought vividly to the consciousness of the descendants of the immortal Stokes dead, by the passing of Sanford Ring, the last Confederate soldier of Stokes. He was a faithful follower in that illustrious campaign, whose deeds truly go sounding down the ages in the glorious history of one of the bravest and most loyal armies that ever shouldered their guns in the service of their beloved country.

Not within the memory of any of our citizens living are the exploits of this gallant band of deathless dead, but enshrined in the hearts of their countrymen their deeds will live as long as faith and fidelity and chivalry and bravery are honored and revered.

Peace and glory to their ashes.

Old Christmas

This is a festival yet observed by many people. Not a few families in Stokes county believe that January 6 is the true anniversary of the birth of the Messiah, and that December 25 is an error of the chronologists.

There are a good many antedated beliefs, customs and superstitions connected with Old Christmas. At the still, lugubrious hour of midnight the cattle go down on their knees and moan, the bees in the gum that have long lain dormant, become active and hum and buzz, while at certain lonely places sheeted haunts stalk about, squeaking and gibbering.

Jerry Baker and Ek Southern and many other good citizens believe that Old Christmas is the correct time to look on the white lightning as it sparkles and beads in the fruit can, and that the beverage at this peculiar time emits a much greater kick than in December.

Eradicate A Dangerous Doctrine

Do you know what the war in Spain is all about—one of the bitterest, cruelest wars in history?

Nobody else does.

If there is any practical difference between Fascism and Communism, it is so little that the people of this free peaceful country can't understand it.

Each is a system of government by force, fraud and fear, pillage, oppression and murder. The destruction of religion and all other nobler impulses of the people is its cardinal principle.

The philosophies of Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini and the Turk dictator (forget his name), are the same as those of Genghis Khan, Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon—the four greatest butchers of history.

We need none of this stuff in America. The teaching of communism in certain colleges of the United States ought to be strangled, being against the safety of our free institutions. If the government can't put a stop to it, there are Anglo-Saxon instincts left over from 1865-1868 in the Southern States to stop it. A terrible weapon was once used in a terrible time. The KKK can oust the Third Internationale root and branch from its hatchery here, and would take a delight in doing it.

Eradicate this froth flicked from the mad-dogs of Europe.

Modernize The Constitution

There is said to be a growing sentiment in congress which will no doubt be "alarming" to many people:

It is a sentiment to "modernize" the constitution. In other words to amend it so that the supreme court cannot dehorn a great constructive measure like AAA, which everybody knows was the greatest salvation to agriculture in the history of the nation.

It is the province and the mission of the nine old men in their new 5-million dollar home, to interpret laws. Not to enact them.

What is good for the farmer is good for the whole people, who thrive or languish on their prosperity or poverty.

We have never been one of those who believe that our revered forefathers were possessed of more brains and patriotism than our congress of today. They never intended to frame an instrument that with the ceaseless lapse of time must needs grow obsolete in many of its applications.

The principles of our great constitution will stand. Its details must, forsooth, sometime be revised, if civilization does not atrophy.

To whom shall this delicate operation be entrusted if not to the statesmen of today, and whose task must then be ratified by us—the people?

Dispense With The Digitalis

When a patient who has been living on medicine, begins to convalesce, the stimulants should be gradually withdrawn.

Too much "financing" by the government sooner or later will injure the government's ability to finance.

Senator Connally of Texas will this week introduce a bill to appropriate a billion dollars with which to buy land, reselling it to tenant farmers on 60-year loans at 2 per cent.

Some tenant farmers would also welcome stock and tools, plenteous rations and an automobile, and would not object to the land being well ploughed.

Too much financing also tends to throttle incentive, without which on the part of farmers and everybody else, the sinews of our great country will become flabby and flaccid.

March, 1933, and a year or two afterwards the crisis necessitated strong physics and big doses. Now that the emergency is rapidly passing, an era of "brass tacks" will be more healthful to the nation.

Checking Up On School Buses

Since several serious accidents have occurred in the student transportation system of the public schools, the attention of the public is being focused on the condition of the buses used in carrying the children to school.

The terrible tragedy at Fayetteville recently served to alarm many patrons of the schools.

In Forsyth county yesterday orders were given to suspend the schools temporarily until a grand jury investigation disclosed the real condition of the buses, two-thirds of which were declared unsafe and dangerous.

Nothing is more vital to the interests of the people than the safety of their children. Every school bus in the State should be subjected to a rigid examination by experts, while safe drivers should be demanded and certified to by the State highway patrol examiners.

The Terrible Air Hazard

Is the airliner yet far from mechanically correct, or have the pilots just failed to learn how to fly?

During the last month no less than four air tragedies have occurred, with large loss of life, and nobody seeming to know why.

But the conquest of the ether must and will go on. The pioneers are willing to sacrifice, just as they have always done in every field of endeavor or exploitation.

And the music goes round and round.

Ehringhaus' Head Level

A dispatch from Raleigh says that Governor and Mrs. Ehringhaus observed their 25th wedding anniversary with the governor at his office winding up his last official duties, and Mrs. Ehringhaus at the executive mansion supervising the moving of the furniture.

We always thought Ehringhaus knew his stuff. A man who is wily enough to have something to do "at the office" while his wife gets the beds unjointed and the stovepipe taken down, is smart. But we certainly sympathize with the madam.

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This Jan. 2, 1937.

C. L. WESTMORELAND,
Adm., Tobaccoville, N. C., Rt. 2
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This December 7, 1936.
MRS. R. E. L. FRANCIS,
Admrx. of R. E. L. Francis,
Francisco, N. C.