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WE ACTUALLY HAVE A MISSION IN LIFE: Then said Jesus to them again: Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.—John 20:21

Publicity Stunt

That was a good publicity stunt pulled by the Democratic organization in Seemole county, Georgia, by holding a presidential preference primary all its own Saturday. If you ever heard of the county and its capital, Danahowille, we venture you had forgotten it until broke into public print with their election—and on a good old Sunday publicity day at that.

Little outcome was attached to the outcome of the voting. President Roosevelt ran away with it, of course, as any one might have supposed in advance. But the whole thing probably was instigated for its publicity value. And, from the standpoint of city and county, it was first class.

Why can't we pull a publicity stunt for our town and county? We can if the agitation for the 1941 centennial celebration really takes root in a big way.

Slot Machines

Repeated efforts of the legislature to outlaw slot machines in the State have proved less than one hundred percent effective, and almost everywhere the devices, in one form or another, may still be seen in operation. Which is testimony to the willingness of many people to be made suckers of.

It is testimony, further, to the weakness of law-making bodies in dealing with an admitted evil. It poses the question, too, of just how far law-enforcing agencies will go toward making statutes effective, once they are enacted.

One wonders if it is an impossibility for an airtight measure to be enacted, or one without loopholes to permit escapes for those caught in the meshes of the law, and who are able to hire smart lawyers to defend them and free them from penalties.

At several sessions of the State legislature laws were put on the statute books for the purpose of regulating slot machines. In one instance, that of the Flammagan act, it was heralded loudly that a fool-proof, ironclad law had been found. But it proved to be otherwise. Moreover, the last General Assembly came back to tamper with that measure, and probably the 1941 session will have the problem to wrestle with again in some form.

The evil can be gotten rid of if the law-makers, the enforcement officers, the courts and the public in general desire to be rid of it. The question is, do they?

"Gott Mit Uns"

Dictator Hitler calls down the blessings of Providence on his "blitzkrieg" over Europe and asks his submissive citizens if they think the Almighty "would have blessed us only to drop us now."

He had the answer in the mouths of his Germans even before he spoke. But it might be answered, too, with another query, namely, do you suppose Providence has blessed you even up to now? The reply to that is that brute force, and not a righteous God, is the explanation of the success up to now of the bloody decrees of this ruthless, maddened ruler.

It is as the voice out of the past of one whose wild ambition a quar-

ter of a century ago instigated the holocaust of war from which humanity had in only small measure recovered when this modern egotist started it all over again. This latest version of "me und Gott" is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau. Old Kaiser William used to bellow and boast his "Gott mit uns", too, but his words echoed to high heaven as a mockery of justice and right, and ultimately were drowned in the victory cries of those who overcame wanton ruthlessness in its twentieth century version, even if only temporarily. Who but a totalitarian despot can believe that it will not be so again and that history will not repeat itself?

Does Herr Hitler dare suppose Providence can bless decrees that close houses of worship dedicated to the glory of the Most High God, and turn them into establishments that dishonor him?

Does he think Providence can approve and bless the cold-blooded murder of innocent Germans, Czechs, Austrians and Poles, whose only crime was that they disagreed with him and resisted the force of his might?

Does he suppose heaven can smile upon the work of giant bombing planes that attack ships on the high seas and send innocent men, women and children to watery graves without warning? Or that rain death and devastation upon helpless civilians in defenseless cities and towns?

Would this Hitler have his people and the world believe that the God to whom at long last he professes submissiveness can find pleasure in the wholesale robbery, persecution and ejection of the race of people which that God has through the ages been pleased to call his chosen?

If that is the sort of God that rules this universe we want none of him. He is not the sort our Scriptures describe. Truth to tell, Adolf Hitler has preached this bunk so long that he has come to believe it himself. He dishonors and discredits the God of the universe by presuming his approval and endorsement on these pagan acts. "Gott mit uns" is a misnomer. The God of civilization may use the insanity of an egotist to serve his own purposes, but he won't bless the acts of a maniac.

Speak, Mr. President

The clamor for a frank and open statement by President Roosevelt as to his third term intentions grows daily louder and more insistent. First the demand came from Republican circles, and later a few conservative Democrats dared to venture the suggestion. Now the impatience with the President finds expression in high New Deal ranks in no less a person than Senator Bankhead of Alabama. Bankhead's restiveness arises from an interest in his brother, speaker of the national House, who is talked of as a candidate, "if the President does not run." The significance of his urge lies solely in the fact that New Deal circles are becoming vocative. There isn't a chance of the Speaker's nomination unless all the other available should drop dead at the last minute. His geography is bad, his state is rather small electorally and is not the least doubtful in the sense that a sop is necessary to swing it to the party ticket. Moreover, the President knows he can continue silent in forty languages and still run no risk of alienating the affections or the support of the Alabama Bankheads.

Though the Democratic convention is more than four months away, it is none too early for candidatorial declarations. If the President wishes a third nomination and intends to seek it, either openly or passively, he can quiet all potential opposition, except in one or two instances, by frankly saying so. If he intends to refuse it and to retire, he is doing an injustice to those who aspire to succeed him.

Mr. Roosevelt's attitude of silence probably is part of a strategy to slow down the momentum of opponents, to weaken their cause by prolonging the suspense, and thus at least partially to nullify their efforts to pledge delegates in advance of the convention, so that it will be the easier for his supporters at the psychological moment to stampede the gathering in his behalf and cast him in the role of a hero as an indispensable leader in a time of great world crisis.

There have been hints that the Taylor assignment to the Vatican and the Welles junket through warring Europe have been timed to produce a peace complex in this country, lifting the President to the top of the heap as the only strategic influence that can save the world from total disaster and collapse and

thus create the conviction he must be continued in office for that purpose, if for no other.

If such speculation in reality is genuine, the premises it seeks to establish are the purest tommyrot. While the world is in a tough spot, the emergency is not of such proportions as to justify abandonment of the two-term tradition in American politics. Mr. Roosevelt, as great as he is, is not indispensable. He has said that himself. He has no monopoly on ability and brains. To say or assume that he is the only man in the United States capable of piloting the country through the war period is to admit that the nation is bankrupt in leadership without him.

Strong indications now are that the President wishes and will seek a third term, and there is good prospect he will be elected again if he is nominated. Indeed, the certainty in both directions is so great that both friend and foe of the President and his policies may with a fair degree of safety prepare now for four more years of Roosevelt in the White House.

Whatever his intentions, the President owes it to the country and to his party to state them. Speak out, Mr. President.

What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRED H. MAY

1. How many North Carolinians in the United States army were wounded in battle during the World War?
2. Under what circumstances was a dead slave in 1774 worth more than a live one?
3. What was the name given the act of 1931 which placed county roads under state control?
4. In what way was the constitution violated when Judge William Gaston was appointed associate justice?
5. How many committee assignments does Senator Bankhead have?
6. How was the North Carolina-Georgia boundary line controversy settled?

ANSWERS

1. A total of 3,764, according to reports of the War Department of North Carolina in the Navy and Marine Corps not included.
2. In the case of a runaway slave belonging to John Moseley, Moseley advertised the runaway in the North Carolina Gazette, saying, "I will pay twenty pounds currency to any person who shall produce his head severed from his body, and live pounds if brought home alive."
3. The Gardner Road Bill, passed as an administration measure of Governor O. Max Gardner.
4. Judge Gaston was a Catholic and as such was barred from "any office or place of trust or profit in the civil department within this State." This was a provision of the Constitution of 1776. The people of the State recognized Judge Gaston's ability, and held him in such high esteem that the question was not raised. Two years later the constitution was changed.
5. He is a member of the following committees of the senate: District of Columbia, Foreign Relations, Military Affairs, and Territories and Insular Affairs.
6. For years both states claimed adjacent territory, both suing land grants. In 1826 Georgia appealed to congress to establish the line. No action was taken and in 1863 both states agreed to appoint a joint boundary commission with authority to establish the line. The commission established the line and North Carolina accepted it, however, the State of Georgia refused and again appealed to congress. A joint congressional committee investigated the work of the boundary commission, and was of the opinion that the state should accept it. Georgia finally dropped the controversy and recognized the line established.

Today's Anniversaries

1806—John B. Carroll, Cincinnati's famed Catholic clergyman and archbishop, born in Ireland. Died July 4, 1863.
1823—Joseph Le Conte, noted Southern and University of California geologist of his day, born in Liberty county, Ga. Died July 6, 1901.
1824—Owald Goldschlager, noted writer of the N. Y. Staats-Zeitung, philanthropist and civic worker, born in Germany. Died Dec. 15, 1900.
1832—John G. Nicolay, President Lincoln's private secretary, consultant, co-author of a noted Lincoln biography, born in Germany. Died Sept. 26, 1901.
1846—William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), scout, guide and showman, born in Scott county, Iowa. Died in Denver, Jan. 10, 1917.
1857—Thomas W. Lawson, Boston financier of frenzied finance fame, born in Boston. Died Feb. 8, 1925.
1859—Basil King, novelist, Episcopal clergyman and spiritualist, born in Canada. Died June 22, 1928.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1811—Congress appropriates \$50,000 to establish the first naval hospital in the United States.
- 1833—The Congressional Temperance Society formed in Washington, D. C.
- 1877—229 Sioux Indians on the warpath surrender at the Cheyenne Agency.
- 1878—Destructive floods in California cause the loss of many lives.
- 1885—Congress passes a law prohibiting the importation of contract laborers.
- 1904—Fire in the business district of Rochester, N. Y., destroys more than three million dollars worth of property.
- 1920—All American troops in Siberia withdrawn.
- 1932—Glass-Steagall credit expansion bill passed by Senate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

R. Walton Moore, counselor of the

ALL THE FACTS ABOUT THE WAR IN EUROPE



U. S. Department of State, born at Fairfax, Va., 81 years ago.
Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kans., Congregational clergyman, author of the famous novel, "In His Steps," born at Wellsboro, N. Y., 83 years ago.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg of Battle Creek, Mich., surgeon, born at Tyrone, Mich., 88 years ago.
Madeleine Carroll, actress, born in England, 31 years ago.

Archbishop John G. Murray of St. Paul, Minn., Catholic prelate, born at Waterbury, Conn., 63 years ago.
Dr. Bessie C. Randolph, president of Hollins College, Va., born in Botetourt county, Va., 55 years ago.
Lewis W. Baldwin, chief executive officer of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, St. Louis, born at Waterbury, Md., 65 years ago.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Today bestows intelligence of a high order, with apparently a devotion to patient research. But there is beneath this a restless nature that will drift the mind into many channels. Therefore, cultivate concentration of thought and effort, and weight all schemes carefully before going into them.

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

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1. Clinch.
2. Boston, Mass.
3. Contraction of the pupil of the eye.
4. Under.
5. No; they are arachnids.
6. Patty Berg.
7. Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.
8. Fifth cousin.
9. Winter.
10. Helsingfors is Swedish; Helsinki, Finnish.

Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Suggested sign to hang on door of Department of Revenue's personnel committee: No Brewers Need Apply. And this doesn't mean Col. Edgar Bain or Claude Ramsey, either.

As Lynn Nisbet, quick-witted, sharp-tongued one-time associate in this bureau puts it: "I'll bet Dr. Brewer, former president of Meredith College, couldn't get a job with the Highway Safety Division. If he tries, he'd better change his name."

Bob Thompson, State News Bureau head, reports that Raleigh is believed to have the only church in the United States to own and operate a bus for the special purpose of bringing children to Sunday school.

Each Sunday morning a large 18-passenger conveyance of the colored First Baptist church here goes on its rounds to gather up the "younguns."

Under the generalship of Health officer Dr. Carl V. Reynolds there have been collected representatives of the ten important groups in North Carolina to push a program designed to improve the nutritional status of the people of North Carolina. Reclamation of the list indicates there will be real action in the matter. Cooperating are: Department of Public Instruction, Duke University school of Medicine, Rockefeller Foundation, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Agriculture, State College Extension Division,

North Carolina Medical Society North Carolina College for women, University of North Carolina and the State Board of Health.

Paul Grady, Kenly candidate for Governor, has torn a leaf from the William Jennings Bryan notebook and gone in for the named Congressman's style of oratory.

Here's a quote from Grady's Rocky Mount speech last week: "They shall not sell democracy on an auction block of gold. The Economic Royalists and Barons of Predatory wealth shall not combine with venal prostitutes to sell American Democracy short. (Note—the capitalists are those of Grady's press man.) The people are awake to the insidious campaigns to gradually remove the government from their control and place it in the hands of a few self-perpetuating, self-serving politicians who are in turn controlled by a few organized selfish and predatory business interests."

Quite reminiscent of the "Cross of Gold" speech of 1896, except Bryan probably would never have split an infinitive—for instance "to gradually remove."

Last year's burned over acreage and total damage in some counties not protected by cooperative Federal-State-County forest fire agencies include:

- Alamance 10 fires, 42 acres burned, \$104,000 loss; Cabarrus, 5 fires, 85 acres, \$181 loss; Camden 2 fires, 10 acres, \$20 loss; Catawba, 17 fires, 937 acres, \$6,396 loss; Chowan, 12 fires, 150 acres, \$200 loss; Cleveland, 6 fires, 970 acres, \$2,910 loss; Currituck, 6 fires, 12 acres, \$20 loss; Gates 16 fires, 855 acres, \$1,930 loss; New Hanover 48 fires, 5,806 loss; Pamlico, 35 fires, 55,000 acres, \$110,000 loss; Pasquotank, 8 fires, 230 acres, \$300 loss; Rockingham, 2 fires, 120 acres, \$450 loss; Rowan, 8 fires, 1,243 acres, \$2,688 loss; Tyrrell, 35 fires, 15,000 acres, \$30,000 loss.

Farm Accounting Contest Offers \$4,350 in Awards

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 26.—The 1940 National 4-H Farm Accounting contest, offering \$4,350 in cash awards, is expected to create considerable interest among North Carolina club members, L. R. Harrill, 4-H Club leader at State College, announced today.

WIDE DIFFERENCE IN FARM INCOMES

Murphy, Feb. 26.—Farm record books for 1939 reveal startling differences in income about Cherokee county farmers, says D. C. Snodgrass, assistant farm agent.

The records indicated that growers who have the largest incomes are those carrying out a well-diversified farm business. These farmers keep livestock, a commercial poultry flock, use a balanced cropping system with pasture and meadow, and grow truck crops as a source of ready cash income.

The summaries further indicated that growers who do not keep livestock or sell dairy products or poultry, 1,000 hogs have been vaccinated

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC NOW UNDER CONTROL

Monroe, Feb. 26.—Approximately 1,000 hogs have been vaccinated during the past month to combat an epidemic of cholera in Hoke county, reports T. M. Maynard, county farm agent.

Considerable damage to the disease being spread along the Concord highway and in North Hoke. Local veterinarians have been assisting in bringing the disease under control.

WANT ADS Get Results

IF YOU LIKE TO SOLOTE DANCE Come to the Association... Thursday, Feb. 29, 8 o'clock... Body invited. Hedger... Band will furnish... Ladies free. Admission... 25-28

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JUST RECEIVED A nice stock of wood sashes at "The Place of Values." Alex S. Watson... 25-28

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BARGAINS IN NEW AND USED furniture, a few good outfits. We also do furniture repairing and upholstery. Sattowhite Furniture Co., next to Ford place. 25-28

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FOR SALE: PURE-BRED Hampshire pigs. Price reasonable. N. W. Currin, route 2, Henderson. 24-29

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FOR RENT FIRST FLOOR apartment, bedroom, dining and living room with sink and gas stove. Furnished or unfurnished, two entrances. Also large room with small one, lavatory attached, suitable for housekeeping if desired. Close to Phone 152-3. 25-28

SAMPLE RUGS GOING AT HALF PRICE. Size 27x54 inches. Hurry if you want a bargain. Henderson Furniture Co. 25-28

CARD TABLES—IMITATION GRAY leather tops, wood frames, green or red, wood supports in middle, folding legs. We bought them cheap. While they last \$50. Adams-Richards Furniture Company, 33 S. Garnett Street, Next to Tesor's. 25-28

A GOOD WORK MULE TAKEN IN debt for sale at Mr. Charles Finch's Stables. See him at once before sold. J. H. Bridgers, Atty. 24-29

FOR SALE: PIANO, KELVINATOR refrigerator, gas range, slightly used, Coca-Cola box, piccolo, Underwood typewriter, coal and wood heater, all priced reasonable. Apply at 332 Winder street. 25-28

COMELLIA JAPONICA, BEL White, Pink, variegated; Indica Evergreen Azaleas, Red, White, Pink, Orange, Flame 50c each; Scotch Broom; Mt. Laurel; Spirea; and others. E. C. McRae, E. Henderson, Taylors, S. C. 25-28

A FEW DISCONTINUED PATTERNS in 2x12 rug to close out at a discount of 33 1/3 percent discount. We have only a few. Come early if you can use one. Henderson Furniture Co. 25-28

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NOTICE Service by Publication. In Superior Court. State of North Carolina, County of Vance: Lenora D. Wong vs. Back Loy Wong. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entered as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Vance County, quick absolute and the N. C. for a divorce absolute and grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will be bound by the judgment of the Superior Court before the Clerk of Superior Court of Vance County in the county of Henderson, N. C., on the 15th day of March, 1940, to answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will pray for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 12th day of February, 1940. E. O. FALKNER, Clerk of Superior Court. J. M. Peace, Attorney. 12-19-26-2

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