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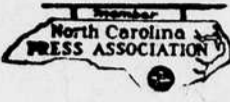
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GOD'S INTENTION FOR U. S.

President Harry S. Truman, speaking some months ago, declared that he is only interested in seeing that this country assumes the world leadership that God had intended.

Somewhat explaining his thoughts along this line, the President recalled that the United States made a start in assuming this leadership in 1920, under Woodrow Wilson. He assured his listeners that he would try to achieve the goal for the benefit of the people of the whole world and not for the selfish benefit of this, or any other country.

There are not many Americans who will dispute the idea advanced by the President that God intended for the United States to assume world leadership but there will be many different interpretations of just exactly what the Almighty intended and just how the United States is to fulfill the role.

When we cross the waters and go into other countries and regions that hardly have stable governments, we will find a variety of opinions as to what world leadership is, what the role of the United States should be and many conflicting versions of the intentions of God Almighty in connection with world affairs.

The President, it appears, understands in his mind what he thinks the Creator of men wants this country to undertake. It may be that the Chief Executive is prophet as well as President and that his direction of our leadership of world affairs will be wise, unselfish and successful.

EASTER

A sense of insecurity is in the hearts of many. The future seems to hold so much that is ominous and unknowable. Yet, very soon, Nature will be writing for us a perpetual message of certainty.

Rift in the clouds, and clearing blue—
 Swelling buds and the gleam of a wing,
 That is the time earth's dreams come true,
 For nothing can stay the Spring.

Only a little while and the miracle of life's renewal will be under way all over the land. It is the sign of another beginning, the unfailing reminder that the winters of dread and doubt will pass.

Easter and the springtime are inseparable in the great harmony of Nature. For Easter is an answer to another of the dark uncertainties of life, bringing ever again the message mirrored in the lovely lines of Amelia Josephine Burr's verse:

And—once a grave was sealed with a stone—
 But nothing can stay the Spring.

The One, from whose tomb the stone was rolled away, saw in the human spirit a kinship with an eternal order. He gave to it the example of His leadership all the way to the final test of faith. Easter commemorates His triumph over the last uncertainty and the surety of His promise, as recorded in John 14:19: "Because I live, ye shall live also."—Country Gentleman.

THE WORLD SITUATION

In Europe and Asia, the military forces of the Soviet Union constitute a dominant power, at present unbalanced by any group of nations.

In the world at large, the strength of the United States is dominant, outside of the land areas of Europe and Asia, and the possession of the atomic bomb makes this country almost irresistible in warfare for a limited period of years.

The impasses in Europe constitutes something of a deadlock between Eastern and Western Europe, which could be broken, no doubt, by the use of Soviet force. That Russia does not attempt to solve these problems by force, as she did in Eastern Europe, is due entirely to our possession of the atomic bomb, in the opinion of Mr. Winston Churchill, who is a man with great knowledge of world affairs.

The burden of the United States in international affairs will be greatly lightened, when the nations of Europe, outside the Communist orbit, become strong enough to balance the preponderance of might that now belongs to Russia. When this happens, the United States, separated by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans,

will be the decisive factor in world affairs. We will occupy the position that Great Britain held for many centuries in Europe and if we use the position intelligently, we can largely determine the course of world affairs.

BEAUTIFY MARION COMMUNITY COUNCIL

By Lois C. Cook

The "Clean Up Marion" project of the Community Council should develop into more than a "Clean-Up Campaign". It is hoped that ways may be determined to encourage and enable the people of the community to clean up the town, but not to stop at that, until much has been done to beautify it. Beautification of the town as a whole should be someone's concern, and if the Community Council can accomplish its aims in this connection, it will fill the need for an over-all planning board, coordinating the work of various interested groups.

It is hoped that the Community Council, through committee action, may study, develop, and carry out plans for improving the sanitation and cleanliness of Marion; may encourage beautification of the streets, alleys, lots, yards, and other similar places; may also encourage the placing, planting and preservation of flowers, plants, shrubbery and other objects of ornamentation, particularly dogwood trees.

The Community Council has no dictatorial powers, but only the power of persuasion. It must rely upon the influence of sound logic and the power of public opinion. Bringing matters of public concern before the people will be one of the big jobs of the Council, striving to quicken public awareness of community problems. Developing public understanding of community needs goes hand in hand with planning remedies for these needs.

Of course, no one is going to be compelled to plant shrubbery or give the house a coat of paint, but we should be able to transform ugliness into beauty by employing somewhat the same techniques as those used effectively by rural home demonstration agents and county farm agents throughout the country.

In addition to planning for the beauty and cleanliness of the town as a whole, emphasis is also on home beautification, and the term "home" is meant to embrace a family's dwelling, the yard and other environs which contribute toward human contentment and well-being. It is obvious, of course, that some areas need little or no encouragement toward beautification, while other areas are void of beauty. These are both an eye-sore and a challenge.

If homes are men's castles, if they are to content rather than merely contain their occupants, much will have to be done to many homes in Marion, and it is hoped it may be done by the owners and occupants themselves through the stimulation and encouragement of various civic groups in Marion under the planning of the Community Council.

THOUGHT HELD CAPTIVE

We live in a technological world. At the opening session of the remarkable convocation at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. John Ely Burchard predicted not only the early "conquest of space" but, more forbiddingly, "ability to control man's thoughts with precision."

A world which has already embarked on some desolating experiments in "thought control" may look forward a little bleakly in an age of "behavioral engineering"—to use the phrase enthusiastic psychologists have coined. Many listeners must have agreed with Mr. Churchill when he protested that "a spark," coming to the human mind from "God knows where," can in a moment put even the most efficient system of thought control on trial for its life.

Yet there is an individual discipline capable of a far more precise and revolutionary control of thoughts than most of the world dreams of.

It is described by Paul as "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." It begins with that spark of spiritual awareness—challenging the mechanism of mortal thinking—of which Mr. Churchill spoke. It goes on with the scientific understanding that spiritual law is more exact than all the theoretical laws of physics, that it is not supernatural, that it cover every area of human experience, and that obedience to it is liberation from all the iron tyrannies of time and sense.—Christian Science Monitor.

The people of Marion would be surprised at what they could accomplish if they just made up their minds to accomplish something.

You still have time to make a contribution to the nationwide drive against cancer which is a nationwide killer.

There is no reason for people to fight over religion but there is no reason for anybody to surrender his religious views.

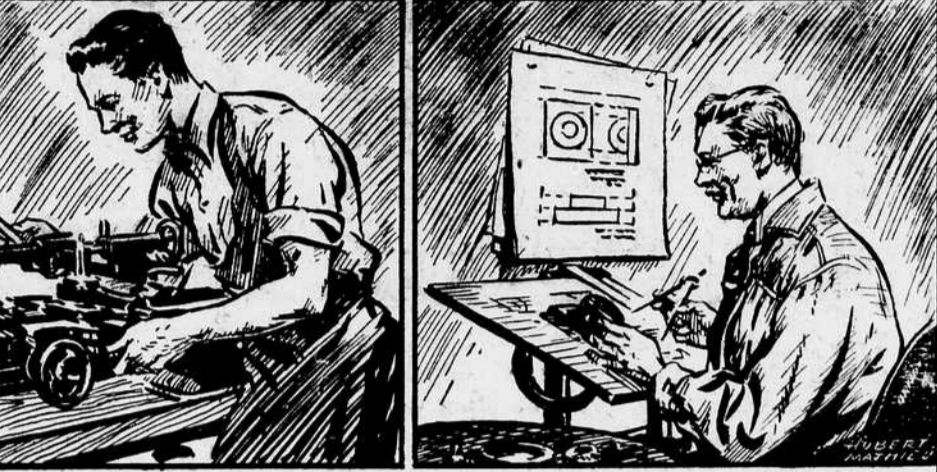
There are workers in the world whose chief occupation is to appear busy.

OUR DEMOCRACY GOOD CRAFTSMEN

by Mat



SIMON WILLARD—APRIL 3, 1753—AUGUST 30, 1848—
 MASSACHUSETTS CLOCKMAKER AND INVENTOR... ONE OF
 WILLARD'S CLOCKS STILL KEEPS TIME IN THE OFFICE OF THE
 CHIEF CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.



OUR EARLY AMERICAN CRAFTSMEN—DESIGNING THEIR WARES
 FOR GOOD USE AND LONG SERVICE—WORKING WITH CARE
 AND INTEGRITY, NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES OF BEAUTY
 AND USEFULNESS TO THEIR OWN TIMES, BUT SET HIGH STANDARDS
 FOR THE GENERATIONS THAT FOLLOWED...

ONE OF OUR FINEST HERITAGES IS THE PRIDE WE TAKE IN
 GOOD CRAFTSMANSHIP—EXPRESSED TODAY IN THE DESIGN
 AND CREATION OF GOODS TO BE MASS-PRODUCED—
 AND THUS MADE MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO
 ALL THE PEOPLE.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

APRIL 27, 1922

"A pottery plant is the latest industry to be added to the numerous recent enterprises for Marion. The plant is located near the Clinchfield mill and is operated by A. W. Hilton. All kinds of flower pots and earthenware is being manufactured by the new enterprise. The output at present is about one hundred gallons per day and it is understood that the capacity of the plant will soon be increased. The new enterprise is known as the Clinchfield Pottery works."

"Clean-up week will be observed by the people of Marion next week. The town authorities are behind the movement and will furnish teams to haul off all rubbish and refuse matter. Residents and owners of property are expected to co-operate with the authorities in this matter. 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.' In order to have a healthful and beautiful town it is necessary to keep clean. Wagons will report at the homes of residents the first of next week to haul away all refuse and rubbish that has been collected and is in readiness for removal. Let the people of Marion help in this matter of making our community as clean as and beautiful as possible."

"W. E. Castor is able to be out again after an illness of two weeks.

"Miss Amelia Calloway, of Brevard, is the guest of Mrs. Clarence Lael.

"W. S. Thompson, of Asheville, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Neal.

"Mrs. E. N. Giles, of Morganton, visited relatives here during the week.

"Mrs. J. M. Edwards, of Forest City, spent the week-end in Marion with her parents.

"Misses Bessie and Edna Tate spent the week-end with Miss Mary Simson at Forest City.

"Mrs. J. M. Coldwell spent Saturday and Sunday at Forest City with Mrs. R. C. Cochran.

"Jack Burgin left Monday for a visit to relatives in Knoxville, Tenn., and Springfield, Ohio.

"Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Halliburton and little daughter here returned from a visit to Florida.

"Eugene Keeter, of this place, attended the Duncan-Biddix marriage at Old Fort Wednesday night.

"Mrs. Hubert M. Poteat and children, of Wake Forest, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan.

"Miss Sara Hudgins has returned to Converse College, Spartanburg, after spending a week's vacation with her parents here.

"Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal left Monday for Pinehurst to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Bankers' Association this week.

"Norman D. Ayres, cashier of the

Merchants & Farmers Bank, left Tuesday for Pinehurst where he will attend the State Bankers' convention."

News Oddities

GWOZDZ BECOMES MR. NAIL

Detroit, Mich.—In asking that his name be changed from Edward J. Gwozdz to Edward J. Nail, Mr. Gwozdz explained that that was the literal translation from the Polish and a simple way out. His request was granted.

MOST ACTIVE AT 95

Amherst, Mass.—Mrs. Lois Mitchell, who will celebrate her 95th birthday on April 26, has recently taken up horse-back riding, mountain climbing and hiking.

NO-SNORE DEVICE

Chicago—Wives, attention: A gadget designed to silence the country's estimated 40,000,000 snorers has been put on the market. The plastic device fits into the mouth like a joined upper and lower dentures. It is solid except for pin-sized air holes, thereby stopping the strong draft of air sucked into the throat through open mouths, causing the snoring. By the way, the president of the No Snore Company, Claude Porter, says his research disclosed that 20,000,000 of the 40,000,000 snorers are women.

UNWATCHFUL WATCHMAN

Little Rock, Ark.—While a night watchman sat absorbed in reading a newspaper, the proprietor of the store he was supposed to be guarding was held up and robbed. When the proprietor excitedly told the watchman what had happened, the watchman, W. O. Chism, 56, started after the fleeing robber. In an exchange of shots, the watchman suffered a superficial wound, but the robber escaped.

IN COMA FOR SIX YEARS

Cincinnati, O.—Patient "X", the man who was brought into Bethesda Hospital on February 5, 1943, after being struck with an eight-pound pulley which fell from a ceiling, has been in a coma since that time. Doctors say his health is generally good and that he may live for years. The man, the father of two sons, is tube-fed through the nose and his weight has been kept up to about 180 pounds.

GRANDMOTHER AT 33

Columbus, O.—Mrs. Wilson Whaley, 33, recently became a grandmother when her 18-year-old daughter-in-law and 15-year-old son became the parents of a baby girl.



TALL TALES

By ELIZABETH WHITTEN

I've always admired the optimist, but sometimes I've wondered if the optimistic view is always the realistic one. Now I'm going to find out. A few weeks ago two prominent Marion business men were having a conversation. The gist of their remarks was that business is not as good as it has been, but after all everyone knew it couldn't keep up as it has been for the past few years. Finally they predicted a depression just around the corner.

"A third man in the group said, 'sure business will be dull if you and you and everybody else keeps talking about it and expecting it. But I will bet you I make more money this year than I've ever made.'" He told the other gentleman now is the time to boost business, use more salesmanship and courtesy than ever before. He said competition is keener, but business is there for the fellow who is one jump ahead of the others.

He's a successful business man, but so are the other two. And I'm going to be watching to see who wins. But if he does fail to live up to all he's predicted at least he will have been happier for being so cheerful about it.

Signs of our times: A big red No Parking sign with a car parked right against it... Woman looking into a display window of modern kitchen equipment and whispering to her companion, "but I don't know which one is the stove..." Woman in the post office throwing a half cent stamp on the floor and muttering disgustedly, "what did he sell me that for? Can't mail nothing with that."

"Advertising sure does pay," a woman told me on the street one day. "I was sick for days and nobody came to see me and nobody called. You put a personal item in the paper about me the day I was ready to go to out again and more friends came and others called. I was ready to be up and about again, but when that started I climbed back into bed and had the best time I've had in a long time."

If you don't think nylon hose are warm, try going without them during these first spring days.

What's become of those people who used to say, "I don't care how much it costs if I can just get it?"

Last December you heard so many people saying "next year I'm going to buy a few presents each month." Have you heard any of them say they've bought any yet?

ONE ACT DRAMA IN EVERY-DAY LIVING. Scene: Doctor's reception room, Characters: Two women.

Woman talking to woman not talking: "Well, sir, that's the way it goes. I been a-comin' to the doctor for years an' some time I say I'm not a-comin' back no more, but I do. You know they can help people an' you just can't tell, it might be you they help next time, you just can't tell."

LUCKY OPERATOR!

The elderly lady, unused to the way of pay phones, was having a battle with the instrument and was asking numerous useless and unnecessary questions of the operator. Finally, when she was through, she spoke to the operator: "You have been very nice in answering my questions, I am going to put an extra nickel in the box for you."

Farm poultry flocks produced eggs at a record rate during February.

NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election for Mayor and five members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Marion, N. C. is hereby called to be held Tuesday, May 3rd. G. W. Giles has been appointed Registrar and J. Albert Rader and C. R. Craig as Judges of the election. The courthouse of Marion, N. C. is the polling place and the registration books will be open for the registration of voters Saturday, April 9th, and will close Saturday, April 23rd. Saturday, April 30th, is challenge day. The polls will open at 6:30 A. M. and close at 6:30 P. M.

Notice is further given that all persons who desire to become candidates shall file notice of their candidacy with J. W. Streetman, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Marion, on or before April 18th, 1949.

This the 29th day of April, 1949.
 J. W. STREETMAN, Jr., Mayor
 Town of Marion.

Attest:
 B. B. Byrd, Clerk.