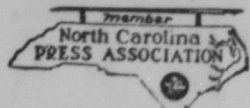


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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE— PEACE AND THANKSGIVING

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gry. But when we seek a reason for thankfulness, we should not look for it by comparing our own condition with the more prosperous or fortunate, but rather by looking at those in far more destitute circumstances. No doubt if Lazarus centered his thoughts on the rich man's abundance and his own suffering, his last hours would have been torment. But we suspect that he had the peace of God in his soul, and the hope of heaven in his heart. He saw and felt heaven, so had peace and thankfulness, which eclipse his suffering.

May we in this season of noise and plenty take the admonition of Paul as our Christmas greeting to our own troubled hearts and empty purses. As a message of cheer, let us pass it on to others through the year. As this Christmas thought began, so it closes: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts—and be ye thankful."

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

He was pretty mad, was Mr. Gene Alley, lawyer man from Murphy come down out of the hills yesterday to complain to the State Board of Elections that the Republicans up that way had robbed the Democrats of an election.

Alley charged that in the north ward of Murphy "the whole works were drunk all day long, not just drinking but drunk—Democrats, Republicans and all." He also alleged that 40 ballots were thrown into a sewer, 50 into a river, that absentee forms were used for regular ballots in Hot House Precinct, and that ballot boxes were stuffed. Associated Press report.

If that's true, then it was bad of the Republicans. We deplore it. But all the same, we can't resist the inclination to chortle a little. If the Republicans did all the things alleged against them, then they were doing it simply because the election laws made it possible for them to do it. Surely—those laws were enacted by Democrats and designed only for the use of Democrats. But there is no more grimly pleasant sight than the spectacle of a man hoist by his own petard.

If Mr. Alley really wants to complain about something, then let him turn upon his own party. That party and its leaders have had ample proof for a long time that the election laws they have passed are admirably adapted to promote fraud, and have done exactly nothing about it. And, despite the wide-spread scandal this year, they apparently don't mean to do anything about it in the next Legislature. Said our Raleigh correspondent, Mr. Averill, yesterday:

It's not new—the statement has been made and reiterated time and time again—but there isn't any more than a remote chance that anything will be done about the election laws unless Governor Clyde R. Hoey insists on it.

And there isn't even an inkling that His Excellency is going to stir even one stump about it.

And so long as His Excellency and his following keep on feeling that way about it, we shall go right on chortling when we hear that the Republicans have here and there managed to turn the tables.—Charlotte News.

SHAME ON US!

One hears on every hand what ought to be done with Germany for its treatment of the Jews. And in most instances we agree with them. But when we read about prisoners having their feet frozen off over in Mecklenburg county and more recently of a young fellow up in Forsythe county having his feet frozen while in solitary confinement with no fire and three blankets for a bed, while his keeper laughs and jokes till his prisoner nearly perishes with cold and may lose a foot, it is enough to close the mouth of every citizen of North Carolina till such inhuman treatment stops.

But we say we had no part in it, that we heartily disapprove of it. Just the same this is happening right here in our own state. We are citizens. Whether we admit it or not, we indirectly are responsible for it. We are voters and law-makers. We help to mould sentiment and make laws. If the people of North Carolina are not able to stop such brutality at home, then we are a poor adviser to other people with similar or greater problems. And why should they not resent our advice and criticism?

TAX INSANITY

In the state of Massachusetts the tax rate has not changed in 38 years, or since 1920, and the only local tax paid by manufacturing corporations is the tax on real estate. One wonders if Massachusetts could carry on through the World War, the depression and the upward shift of the high cost of government, why the expense of government in North Carolina jumps so rapidly that it almost makes the average citizen dizzy. In the last quarter of a century the cost of government in this state has doubled and probably trebled. There seems to be no end to this trend. Mr. Maxwell and other tax experts are constantly busy seeking new sources of revenue, which always means new taxes.

If one visits Raleigh and takes note of the new buildings being erected to house state offices and employees, and then visits the several departments, he can in some measure understand the big jump in cost of being a citizen of our country. He can also find explanation for the big taxes—open and hidden—the people are paying and paying and paying.

Just why a state with virtually the same necessary departments and comparatively little more business to transact for the people would require this tremendous advance in governmental expenditures in so short a period, the average citizen cannot understand. It seems that all office holders, as is natural, heartily approve of more employees and bigger and better buildings. This trend is dangerous and critical. If some citizen capable of leadership does not rise up to lead the people in cutting out a lot of unnecessary employees and expenditures, our country may not become bankrupt, but a revolution and possibly a dictator will come to help a tax ridden people. North Carolina, as well as many other states, needs tax relief, relief from a burden that each legislature adds to. America rose in arms to deliver herself from unjust taxation; today she needs to rise up and deliver herself from reckless and profligate spending. Our government has gone tax insane.

THE MAN OF THE YEAR

The magazine, Time, is taking a straw vote to learn who is the outstanding man of the year. If one is thinking of the man who stands out head and shoulders above the rest of us, regardless of whether his accomplishments have been good for mankind in general or not, then we would vote for Hitler. Few men in history have accomplished what the Austrian sign painter set for his accomplishment when a prisoner. And in it all he has shown courage, faith, statesmanship and patriotism of a sort that compels us to "hand it to him."

However, we take it that Time is thinking of the statesman who has accomplished most for not only his own people, but for humanity in general. In that case our vote is for Cordell Hull. For conservatism, common sense, unsel-

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENCE

WAKE X ROADS

About 8 o'clock Sunday night Santa Claus visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Poole to see if the boys and girls had been good. Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Watkins and son, Millard, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Poole, and daughter, Mary Ellen, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Blackley and children were visiting at Mr. Poole's and shared in the excitement. Santa visited also a lot of others in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Carter and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Blackley Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruby Lee Holden spent the weekend at her sister's, Mrs. Walter Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watkins announce the birth of a son on Dec. 11. Mother and son are fine. Mrs. Watkins was formerly Miss Miriam Jones of Wake X Roads.

Everyone is invited to come to the Christmas tree at Wake X Roads church Monday night, Dec. 26. There will be a fine program. We hope for a large crowd.

Visiting Raleigh Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Poole, Mr. R. H. Poole, Misses Ethel Massey, Hettie Hagwood, Margaret O'Neal, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooke.

School will be out December 21 and will reopen January 2, 1939.

Miss Francis Norwood of New Hope spent a few days at her sister's, Mrs. Claude Briggs.

PILOT

Rev. Ford A. Burns will preach here the fourth Sunday.

The Young Women's Class had a party at the home of Miss Irene Ray Wednesday night.

The Junior Department will have their Christmas party Friday night at the church.

Mrs. Broadie Privette entertained the Cradle Roll at the home of Mrs. Troy Bunn Saturday night.

Mrs. Roscoe Pearce sponsored a Box Party at the school building Friday night.

Miss Roberta Brantley spent the week end at home.

Miss Janice Lewis is home for the holidays from Campbell College.

Miss Edith Earl Williams is home from A. C. T. C. for the holidays.

Mrs. B. E. Lewis and family visited in Spring Hope Sunday.

Mrs. Larosa Bunn of Louisburg spent the week end at home.

Miss Ollie Wester spent the week end at her home near Louisburg.

Mrs. Fred Hall spent the week end with her father.

Mrs. Roma Cone and Mrs. H. E. Stallings spent Monday in Durham.

One of Mr. Dollie Tant's dwelling houses was burned Friday night.

PLEASANT HILL

We are glad to say Mrs. Jaspar Oakley is back home from Duke Hospital and is getting on finely.

We are sorry Miss Gracie Horton is in Mary Elizabeth Hospital and has had an operation. She is doing nicely.

Miss Ruth Weathers spent the weekend with Miss Virginia Pearce.

Mrs. B. F. Weathers, Miss Inez Perry, Mr. Lumis Weathers and Robert Rhodes were visitors at Mary Elizabeth Hospital Sunday.

Miss Shirley Starnes is clerking in Durham this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor of Wendell were visitors at O. N. Phillips Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Wendell spent Sunday with their parent, Mr. B. K. Horton.

Birthday Party

Miss Elizabeth Weathers entertained at her home Saturday night in honor of her 17th birthday. Present were Misses Nancy and Mable Parish, Dora and Katie Lee Catlett, Inez Perry, Marie Pearce, Bessie Florence Perry, Jodie May Weathers; Mr. James Parish, Preston and Robert Rhodes, Arthur Tesnear, Frank Parrott, Charlie Frazier, Bennie Williams, Talmadge Gay, John Starnes, Jr., Harry Philips, Ben Ellington, Wallace Medlin, Davis Bell, Cleoth Brantley, Rudolph Brantley, Landon Terry of Wendell, Dexter Philips, M. B. Perry, Jr., W. G. and Sam Horton, and James Parrish. Cakes, apples and drinks were served.

BIG HOGS

Luke Allen came into the Record office last Saturday feeling big and looking proud. No, it was not a boy this time, just a big hog. It dressed 730 pounds. What one of us would not feel big and look proud if he had 750 pounds of meat salted away to season collards and beans and fried for the table when he got hungry for cured ham?

See Men With Wings Thursday and Friday nights this week at Wakelon theatre. This cavalcade of aviation in technicolor from the Wright Brothers immortal flight at Kitty Hawk to the trim superliners of today.

SEEN & HEARD

A Christmas Card

The following "Compliments of the Season" was received by a member of the Record force. The writer breaks into poetry. We hardly see how he could resist breaking into anything if it brought relief to him or his ass under such depressing circumstances.

Compliments of the Season
I am sending this card to tell you
That the New Deal has taken away
The things that I really needed—
My business, my reindeer, my sleigh.
Now, I am making my rounds on
a donkey,
He is old and crippled and slow,
So, you'll know if I don't see you
Christmas,
That I'll be out on my ass in the snow.

SANTA CLAUS & CO.
By G. Lynn Nisbet
Second Sub-Asst. to 13th
Vice President in Charge
of Lack of Distribution.

EXTRA INCOME

Job Berry of Swan Quarter, Hyde County, sold 350 pounds of honey for 15 cents a pound, netting him \$52.50. The honey was produced from 10 hives and Mr. Berry left about 250 pounds in the hives as feed for the bees this winter. He says this extra income cost him practically nothing.

fish service, peacemaking and a great many other qualities not found in most modern statesmen, Cordell Hull, in our opinion, is the outstanding man of the year. And while we are voting for him, we would be delighted to also cast our vote for him as the next president of the United States.

XMAS SPECIALS

Flour, 24lbs. 60c; Flour, 48 lbs., \$1.20; Knives and Forks, Spoons, Enamel Ware, Aluminum Roasters, Percolators
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