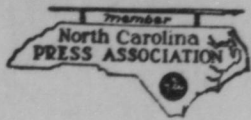


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FIVE HUNDRED SAD CHRISTMASSES

During the week end of the Christmas more than 300 people were killed hunting and by automobiles. No doubt if any one of them had another chance he would be more careful. But that cannot be. The papers are full of reminders and warnings, admonishing people to be careful. This telling means little to most of us. There are few who do not know the risks. Most of us have seen the effects of the careless handling of guns and the reckless driving of cars. The danger is always twice dangerous—to the one who handles the instrument of death and the innocent bystander or passenger.

Five hundred homes had sad Christmases that might have been happy ones if——. And so through 1939 we shall have thousands of others added to this list. It may be there are too many folks unless they were better. In China and Spain thousands are perishing while our hundreds die. Life is cheap the world over. Apparently, many of us love a great many things more than we do life. Centuries ago a very wise man said: "A wise man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished." Probably most of us are simple when we pick up a gun or take the wheel. We pass on and are punished.

AFTER CHRISTMAS, WHAT?

Christmas has come and gone. For a month exciting preparations were made for this annual celebration. Pennies were saved by children; dimes by mothers and dollars by daddies, in order to supply a few of the wishes and wants of families and friends and folks generally. Now it is all over, even the singing and shooting, and life's tenor is back where it was a few weeks ago with most of us.

We wonder more and more as we grow older just why Christmas centers around a baby born two thousand years ago. It is all so mixed with heathen custom and tradition that the facts of the historical event are lost in sentiment and song. These are both good and proper, but much of the angels' song is lost in our noisy celebration, and God's gift to the world loses its meaning in a selfish exchange of gifts and a gluttonous and debauched living, giving the wrong emphasis and interpretation to this world event.

Christianity has come a long way from the babe and manger in Bethlehem. If our childhood conception of Christmas has grown in accord with the revelation of the Christ, then Christmas to us means Christ, a man, far more than a man, the perfect man, and the very Son of God who today is our Saviour, Lord and Master. Instead of a little helpless babe in a crib to be loved with a human sentiment, He is God with us, the Lord of all the earth. After praise and adoration, comes a loyal sacrificial service. Christians are still to worship Him, praise Him, follow Him, and obey Him. At Christmas we may take a downward look to see where the babe lay, then look up to the exalted Lord. For a moment we worship the coming of God incarnate, only to rise up to follow the risen Lord as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Not a babe, but a mighty man; not a crib in a stable, but the Kingdom of God within us. Not a child to be pitied or petted, but the Son of man and God to be loved and obeyed and served. Instead of listening to the angels' song, we are to hear His call and command: "Follow me";

"I have called you"; Keep my commandments"; "Be ye pure as I am pure"; "Go ye . . . and preach my Gospel." Beginning at the manger or "in Jerusalem," does not mean we are to stop there, but we are to follow Him "unto the utmost parts of the earth" and finally into the very gates of glory. If Christmas does not mean that to a Christian, then it means nothing. If Christmas does not mean all this to us, then our adoration is vain and our service empty. To a Christian the true Christmas spirit is one of loving service to God through man, the year 'round, life 'round, eternity 'round, forever and forever.

POOR 'PUBLICANS

Senator J. W. Bailey, in a thought-provoking article in Frank Gannett's new magazine, America's Future, says: "We are informed that some 40,000,000 receive money from the Federal Government."

Now we have been wondering just how the Democrats could pile up such a big majority each election, but it is all clear to us now. With 40,000,000 extra votes as a starter, the Democrats are unbeatable. Census estimates give about 130,000,000 people in the United States. Deducting some 50,000,000 for those not yet of voting age, and we have 80,000,000 left. Take the 40,000,000 fed direct from the hand of Uncle Sam, and we have 40,000,000 other voters. Let's be generous and allow the poor Republicans 20,000,000, or one-half of those not supported by the government. When voting time comes around, the Democrats win with a 40,000,000 majority. See, it's just as easy!

The party that has a monopoly on pork barrel and meal bag, cotton and chewing tobacco, and holds the strings to the nation's pocket-book is in luck, at least till the people realize just what is really happening, or our country goes bankrupt from destructive taxes.

PROBLEMS OF PERMANENT PROSPERITY

The theme of editorials in recent weeks has been: "Now it is time to get down to business." The 30 million persons in the United States carrying driver's licenses in their pockets have learned enough about automobiles and their relations and influences upon business to understand that it is quite likely that that industry will lead the country out of the present depression, as it did several years ago. The automobile industry is closely related to every line of business.

But the nation's business cannot be restored by the waving of wands, or well-wishing. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., who for many years has been at the head of General Motors, has recently reviewed the industrial situation, and in doing so he declared that "the time has now been reached when the community has a right to demand that the intelligence of the nation's representative leadership be brought to bear in the closest of cooperation, that our whole economic position may be reappraised and readjusted." And, he added: "No effort can possibly succeed if approached from the standpoint of an appeal to the mass emotions of the uninformed." All of us will find no trouble in agreeing with Mr. Sloan's statements that our country is richer than any other in natural resources, has more intelligent workmen willing to work for the things they want, and stands above the world in leadership in manufacturing. "With all the requirements of a sound prosperity," he observes, "it seems contrary to common sense that millions remain unemployed year after year." And one of the causes of all this, he says, is a set of circumstances which finds the business outlook at the moment depending upon the size of the government's deficit. The terrific burden of taxation which affects the great industries is crushing them. Mr. Sloan states the facts with regard to what he has referred to as the Government's policy of making extravagant overcharges—through taxation—for their services to business. "It just can't be true," he says, "that the American economy can only be sustained by consuming our national assets," and he adds a warning: "Just as long as so many such circumstances exist . . . it is foolish to expect a permanent prosperity."—Exchange.

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENCE

WAKE X ROADS

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful Christmas tree at the church Monday night, December 26. There was a large crowd and a fine program. Santa Claus helped with a number of gifts.

Miss Hazel Watkins of Rolesville spent a few days with Miss Gracie Holden.

Miss Mary Lee Blackley spent Monday with Miss Ruby Lee Holden.

Mr. D. M. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Carter visited Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Blackley Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Carter were married Monday afternoon in Raleigh. Mrs. Carter was before her marriage Miss Aliene Jones of Zebulon, Route Three.

Rev. J. M. Hilliard of High Point filled the pulpit of Wake X Roads Church on December 25. He is a former pastor. He is 89 years old. He has preached the Christmas sermon at this church every Sunday except one for 32 years.

Mrs. Lizzie Stell of New Hope is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Liles.

Mr. David Liles is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Kenneth Strickland, whose home is near Wendell.

Mr. James Blackley is visiting his aunt, Mrs. R. L. Harris of Raleigh.

The Church Choir will practice at the church Tuesday night, January 3.

Blackley—Watkins

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Watkins of Wake Forest, Route Two, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mamie Lillian to Charlie R. Blackley of Wake Forest, Route Two. They were married by Rev. H. O. Baker in the living room of the Watkins home Sunday night, December 25, at 15 minutes till ten. Only a few friends attended the wedding. The couple will be at home at Mrs. Watkins. Their friends wish them a happy married life.

PILOT

Mr Burns preached his first sermon here since his accident.

Miss Ora Alford of Raleigh was a visitor at church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hudson were here during Christmas.

Mr. Leroy Brantley of Washington, D. C. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brantley.

Mr. Jessie Jones of Greensboro visited his people.

Miss Mary Lee Alford of Pilot Mountain is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. Russel Bunn of Goldsboro is visiting his mother this week.

Mr. Alex Wood and Miss Beryl Lee Stallings visited friends in Apex Monday.

Mrs. Rona Conn has a new Chevrolet.

Misses Nellie Rose and Florence Stallings entertained a group of their friends at a birthday party at their home Saturday afternoon. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Larosa Bunn is visiting friends in Waynesville.

PLEASANT HILL

Mrs. H. E. Whitaker and daughter, Dimoc, of New Jersey spent the week with her mother, Mrs. E. W. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denten of Rolesville were visitors at Mr. David Denten's Tuesday.

C. D. Puryear and family of Wake Forest and T. E. Puryear of Rolesville were visitors at T. Y. Puryear's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thorns and

children and Naomi Puryear were visitors at Mr. J. M. Thorn's of Zebulon Sunday.

Mr. Neal of this section was married some time ago to Miss Ida Richardson of Wendell.

Miss Elva Philips is spending a few days at Angier with her brother, Waverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Berdon Richards of Hopkins Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor of Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Philips of Angier, and Mrs. Floyd Philips of Union Chapel took dinner at Mr. O. N. Philips Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. West of Durham visited their parents Sunday.

G. L. Puryear of Wendell spent Monday at T. Y. Puryear's.

THE GERMAN MENACE

J. E. JONES

Washington, D. C.,
When President Roosevelt commented on the Nazi brutality and said that he "could scarcely believe that such things could occur in twentieth century civilization" he voiced the "deeply shocked public opinion" of his countrymen. The German Government is regarded in Washington as a grave menace to all nations of the civilized world.

So far as the United States is concerned our position has become very complicated and it is to be hoped that there will be no hot-headed, rash movements either on the part of leaders in the Administration, or Congress, or among the majority and minority parties to precipitate a situation like that of 1917.

The national movement that favors a great establishment for national defense has had an addition put on, by the President's suggestion to the 21 American Republics and Canada that they should participate in preparedness solidarity for the Western Hemisphere. Signs of a German menace closely resemble the days of 1914-18. Nevertheless, a military plan for the entire Western Hemisphere is a matter that goes beyond the authority of the United States, its Administration head, or even the Congress. Besides it is playing with fire.

These are serious days that we are living through. But how swiftly the sands of time run: From November 8 and for a full week thereafter the whole country was in a feverish heat over the results of the election. Seven days later election controversies made way for new discussions about national defense, that expanded over-night, from the Arctic Ocean to Cape Horn.

From now on The Zebulon Record is adding a magazine section to the paper in the form of the Pathfinder, the most popular news magazine published. You cannot afford to miss this chance to read all the national and international news in addition to all the local and state news The Zebulon Record gives you. For a limited time only we offer a year's subscription to both for the low price of \$1.50.

COLORED NEWS

Moses Whitley, member of the U. S. Navy, has been at home recently on furlough. He is a subscriber to the Record, that he may know the happenings of his home town.

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