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An Easter Message

By THE REV. FRANK BLOXHAM

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WHEN the people of Verona passed Dante on the streets they looked upon his austere gravity and whispered, "There is the man who hath seen hell."

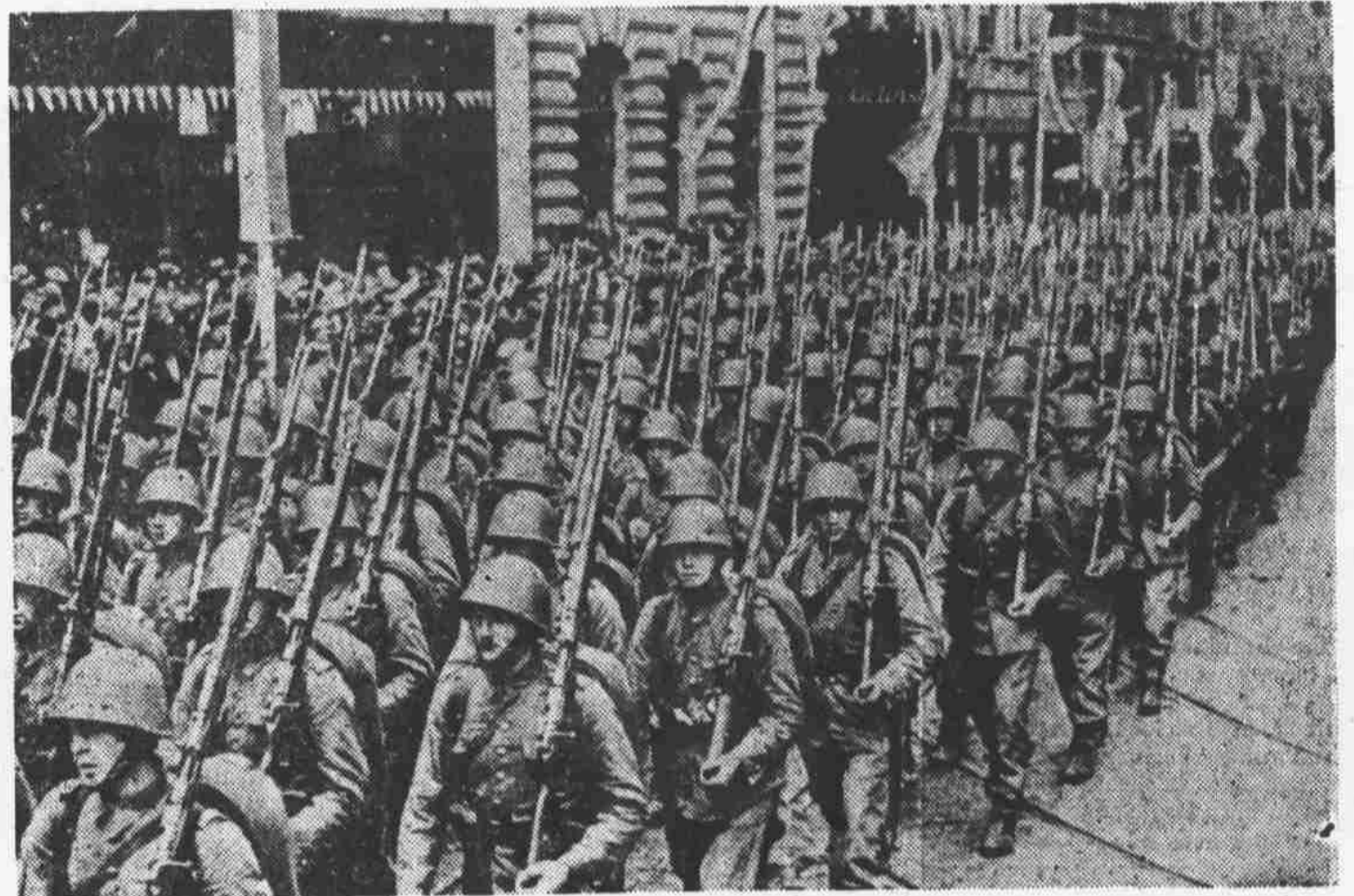
When men beheld the seamed and weary face of Jesus struggling up the hill beneath the Cross, when they heard the thud of the mallet and finally the cruel jar of the wooden beam as it was fitted into the hole in the rock, as they saw that august and yet most beneficent face borne upward toward the sky, as they heard the cry from the parched lips, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"; they doubtless said one to another, "There is a man that hath seen hell." But as He walked with friends on the road to Emmaus and later permitted Thomas to feel His hands and feet to see that it was indeed He, they, doubtless, whispered, "Here is a man that hath seen hell, but is alive again by the power and authority of Almighty God."

The victory of the Cross reaches far and wide, carrying with it the message of pardon and peace. The loveliness of the Spring tells of new life blooming all round us. And this is more than a parable, for the work of Redemption, so we are taught, belongs not only to man, but also to the environment in which he is placed. Nature itself feels and rejoices in the achievement of Easter. Our own experience shows that it is through effort, painful effort, and through suffering that anything worth having is commonly won. Nothing lives but sacrifice. It is out of the night that the day dawns. At Easter we look up to the Master, victorious through suffering. Here we find a living hope. Its springtide bloom will never fade.

The Resurrection of Christ was the revelation of a new world of spiritual values and possibilities. It brought confirmation to many of man's dreams and hopes about the future, and made human life a larger and nobler thing. But it did more; in revealing this new spiritual world it showed how the individual could be made fit to be a member of it. The man must be made new if he is to live in a new world of richer spiritual values. The newness can come to him through the power of the Risen Christ. Easter reveals a victorious Savior Who is a source of life. What it has to say to us does not merely relate to a future time when we shall enjoy immortality and the bliss of Heaven; it relates far more to the present, because it tells of supernatural power available here and now for the purifying and ennobling of earthly life. "If ye then were risen together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is"; those words have no meaning unless a risen life of higher quality is here and now possible for men; unless they can begin to have within themselves that eternal life which is Christ's gift and contains within itself the promise of its own continuance.

Christianity is no cult of death. Good Friday is not its limit nor its upshot. We are to be incorporated with One who is living. The inauguration of a new world in which we ourselves are to have a new life. Easter means more than fine services, new clothes and a joyous springtime. It comes to remind us all that we can each share in that Resurrection Life of Him Who died to show men how to live, and lives to show men how to make a success of life and to give them power to attain to the new spiritual values and possibilities of life itself.

When Poles Prepared for Invasion



Well equipped, well-drilled, these steel-helmeted Polish troops were photographed at Bydgosz recently as they marched past their commander in chief, General Smigly-Rydz. Soon afterward they were rushed to the Lithuanian border to enforce a Polish ultimatum. When Lithuania capitulated the world breathed easier as a threat of war was removed.

Macon—a Law Abiding County

THE April term of Macon county superior court, which is due to convene next Monday, promises to be the shortest the county has ever had. There are only a few misdemeanor cases on the criminal docket and the civil calendar contains no cases of major importance.

Court weeks in Macon in recent years seem only to be necessary because the law requires that court be held on certain specified dates.

There may be some who do not comprehend the meaning of the constantly dwindling court calendars in Macon county, but to those who see things as they are, it means much.

It means that we have a county filled with law-abiding, peaceful people, who shun litigation and desire to live in peace with their neighbors—people who recognize the fact that no man or combination of men can afford to go contrary to the law.

In proportion to size and population, Macon county stands first today in the state—and probably in the whole United States—as a peaceful, law-abiding county.

It means a lot to those of us who live here, and it will mean a lot to those who intend to visit us during the coming summer season.

Muse's Corner

There seems to have been some controversy in the town of Highlands in regard to the cutting down of a large oak tree which stood in the center of the town, and one of the citizens deals with the matter poetically, as follows:

THE OLD OAK TREE

Was it by the will of the people
The tree was cut down?
The tree that stood in the center
Of town.
Or was it by the will of a chosen
few
Who were chosen the will of the
people to do?

Alas! the "Old Oak" is gone,
There's nothing left that we can do.
And yet I know there lingers on
Memories for each of you.

So let's forget how it felt
To see the "Old Oak" down,
If it has really dealt
Improvements hoped for by the
town.
MARION J. GARRIS

Political Announcements

FOR STATE SENATE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination by the Democratic party in the June primary for the office of Senator from the 33rd District in the General Assembly of North Carolina.

If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to serve the people of this District faithfully and to the

best of my ability and to strive unceasingly toward the protection and promotion of the interests of all the people of this District and of Western North Carolina.

I will appreciate your support of my candidacy.

GUY L. HOUK

FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I hereby announce myself a candidate to succeed myself as Representative of Macon County in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. Your support and influence will be appreciated.

R. A. PATTON.

FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative of Macon County in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Your support of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated, and if I am nominated and elected, it is my intention to represent the people of Macon County to the best of my ability.

GEORGE B. PATTON.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection as Sheriff of Macon county, subject to the Democratic primary. If elected, I will continue to serve the people of the county to the best of my ability as I have in the past.

A. B. SLAGLE.

FOR CLERK SUPERIOR COURT TO THE VOTERS OF MACON COUNTY:

For the past three years I have served you as Clerk of the Superior

Court, as best I could in my humble capacity. Your cooperation in helping me to fill the office has assuredly been appreciated. I again announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk Superior Court, subject to the Democratic primary, and your support and cooperation will continue to be appreciated.

HARLEY R. CABE.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination by the Democratic Party in the June primary for the office of Register of Deeds. Having had three years experience as Deputy Register of Deeds, I will endeavor to serve the people of Macon County to the best of my ability.

Your support will be appreciated.
LESTER L. ARNOLD.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

I hereby announce my candidacy for Register of Deeds of Macon county, subject to the Democratic primary. If elected, I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and I earnestly solicit your support and influence.

GEORGE R. PATILLO.

FOR CHAIRMAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

I hereby announce my candidacy for Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the Democratic primary. If elected, I will serve the county to the best of my ability. I solicit your support and influence.

R. FURMAN ANDERSON.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

We hereby announce as a body for re-election as County Commissioners of Macon County, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 4, 1938. During the past two years we have served the people of the county to the best of our ability, and if re-elected, will continue to look after the business as in the past.

E. B. BYRD, Chairman
C. A. BRYSON
C. L. BLAINE

FOR CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I hereby announce my candidacy for Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of June 4, 1938. If nominated and elected, I promise to look after the interests of the county to the very best of my ability.

GEORGE GUEST

FOR MEMBER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

I hereby announce my candidacy for member of the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the Democratic primary to be held June 4, 1938. If elected, I will serve the county in every way possible, and give strict attention to the duties of the office.

MANN B. NORTON.