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"A Southerner Discovers the South"

WE make our best bow to Jonathan Daniels, son of Josephus, to whom "A Southerner Discovers the South" is inscribed, for including us in his now famous itinerary.

It gives one a nice sensation to be in a book, even if the record tells the world that we are "a remote and pleasant mountain county seat about an amazingly dirty courthouse." (We propose to build a new, clean one, Mr. Daniels.) However, our friends who read about us in this much read book are passing over the mention of things not complimentary, and our stock is up for the mere fact of being mentioned. Indeed, this makes us all the more grateful because the seriously minded editor of The Raleigh News and Observer, following an urge to discover his South, sets out to know the truth and tell it, not to say just the nice things. "Our best friends are those who tell us of our faults and help us mend them." And we believe it was on a mending-bent expedition that this son of the South set out, riding through ten states in his car, interviewing the rank and file, the great and lowly, the good and not so good. The result is a book that is being received as a penetrating, authentic piece of reporting, with a deep significance that adds color and reality to keen observation, carrying his reader with him to a better understanding of the South's common people and common problems.

There is appreciation of the creators, the builders, the givers, who live their democracy through genuine effort to help those who need help of whatever nature; scant mercy and scorn for the southern Bourbon and Yankee financier who have combined to exploit.

Last May, a year ago, Mr. Daniels came into The Press office. We remember well his greeting—"I came to see the people, not the scenery." And it is the people all through the book that concern him. Our own Elizabeth Kelly is one to whom he pays fitting tribute as one of the builders who sought to help her people because she loved them and who was called to serve her state as director of adult education in the days of the World War.

All the way from Blackfoot, Idaho, comes a letter to our desk from a former Macon county woman—Edna Gillespie—who says in her newspaper book review column, "the best book on the modern South I have read. . . . He goes through the small mountain towns of my childhood and writes a delightful chapter on the Franklin Press (a little paper that comes to me each week bringing news of deaths and births and the simple lives of those I knew long ago)."

And Cameron Shipp, another North Carolina newspaper man who is swinging his brilliant pen to help the "ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed" and who tarried with The Press a short while, says in a review in The Charlotte News, "Jonathan Daniels has without any question written the book that needed to be written about us." Quoting part of Daniels' conversation with David Lilienthal about TVA, this review comments: "He (Daniels) makes it pretty clear that the noisy quarrel over power is small beans compared with the necessity of river control for flood, navigation, national defense, erosion, and a much better life for a lot of people."

All through, in his comments, whether pleasant or caustic, about places and people, we know that Jonathan Daniels loves his South, which means her people. All his wistful longing to help them is expressed at the end; "the tyrants and the plutocrats and the poor all need teaching—one of them no more than the others . . . white man, black man,

big man—they are all in the dark together. None of them will ever get to day alone."

And he believes with David Lilienthal that the poor man of the South is capable of working on and building and learning from the great government projects like TVA. "All they ever needed was a chance."

Letter-Press

ASKS CHURCHES TO SUPPORT REVIVAL

Editor Franklin Press:
I have another question in regard to Christianity that I want to ask your readers through The Press. It is this:

Why aren't the churches of the county supporting this man who is preaching at the Tabernacle as they did Gipsy Smith? Of course he doesn't have Smith's name but surely Christianity is bigger than that!

Mr. Haggard has been preaching for two weeks here at Franklin. Each night he has preached to many more people than are ever seen in any of the churches. He is giving the people the same Christ fundamentally that Smith talked about, the same Christ that the so-called "finer theology" tries to put over. He preaches about Christ in a way that the majority understand and appreciate, and after all isn't that what preaching is for.

It does seem that it would help a lot of people to a better understanding of Christianity just to know that the churches are standing by in this meeting.

CORETTA TALLEY

AN APPEAL FROM REV. GEORGE W. SEAY

We are making a drive all along the road from Cornelia, Ga., to Franklin against drunkenness, road houses and immortality in general.

Knowing, as we do, that the power of the Lord alone can change these bad conditions from what they are to what we want them to be, we are asking all Christians to help us get it done.

Nothing but soul power on the human side, exercised with faith in God, can do any good. We ask you sober, pure-hearted, innocent girls, who don't go to road houses and dance halls, who don't drink liquor, who don't live the low life—you, who for these reasons can have power with God in prayer—to help us save your sorely tempted, tried and fallen sisters from their luring temptations, and enjoy with us the fact that, though fallen and sin-defiled as they are, their souls are as precious to the Lord, and when cleansed, just as beautiful to Him as ours or yours.

It is His will that we do our part in helping Him to make this change in their lives. Will you help us by earnest prayer and by persuasion as you may have opportunity?

You strong young men in the bloom of youth, blest of God with robust health and strength, you, upon whom we must depend; you, who in the event of war, would have to stand between us and physical death, listen as we plead with you for help. While no war is on, a greater trouble than any war could be is already on us, destroying our girls and young men, our husbands and fathers, our aged and little ones, our homes and the sacred institutions of marriage, and weakening our nation at a rapid rate.

Young men and young women, we earnestly appeal to you, individually and collectively, to help us. Parents, what value do you place on your little children? Is your heart and life interlocked with theirs? Do you care for their bodies and their souls as for your own, since they are part of your own flesh and blood? If so, don't you want to help us make your community a better place in which to bring them up? If so, tell us.

We expect the cooperation of the W. M. U., because most of them are mothers.

We ministers believe the Lord is pleased with our uniting in His name, regardless of denominations, to form a solid front against the evils previously named, and to make an extraordinary effort to match and head off the unusual efforts the devil is stirring up the underworld to put forth.

If any man, woman, parent or minister who reads this, or hears it read, should feel that you want to help in this good work by prayer and persuasion, write me a card or letter to tell me about it.

GEO. W. SEAY.

Clayton, Ga.

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Mrs. Watson and niece, of Bryson City, spent last week with Mrs. Watson's daughter, Mrs. Beck and Mr. Beck.

Mrs. Jake Waldrup is spending some time at Hiwassee, Ga., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. Mr. Nichols has been quite sick for some time.

Miss Dorothy Southard, of Franklin, is spending a few days this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Southard.

Mrs. Burl Southard has returned home after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dills. Mrs. Dills has been seriously ill.

Charlie Willis is teaching a singing school in this community for the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wakefield and children and Mrs. Wakefield's mother, of Washington, D. C., spent last week here at their mountain home.

Dan Rogers was in this community buying cattle recently.

Miss Blanche Southard and some friends, of Highlands, were home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Southard, last Wednesday.

Heffner - Vinson Show Coming To Franklin Soon

Fifty People In Cast Of Of Big Show

The title "Heffner-Vinson Show", signifies the very best and cleanest in entertainment of its kind on the road. It has gained the reputation in all of its established territory of presenting at all times the highest class of clean, wholesome entertainment.

Prolonged study and observation on the part of Mr. Heffner, the manager, as to the wants and demands of the present-day public is the basis of the Heffner-Vinson Players offering. Long heralded as the show of fun and amusement for every one from the grown ups down to the "kiddies." Their motto is "The Public be Pleased."

In celebration of their "gala jubilee tour" Mr. Heffner, promises to bring to you this season the biggest and best show that he has ever brought here with all new artists, new wardrobes, new songs, new dances, new vaudeville acts, new tents and new everything.

The feature plays this season is one of Broadway's comedy successes, one of the funniest plays ever written, with Jimmie Heffner (himself) at his best in the comedy role. "Jimmie," as he is known, is one of America's outstanding comedians, and to see him in this play is a treat you can't afford to miss, and he is supported by that ever popular and charming leading lady, Miss Dorothy LaGwin.

A few of the many vaudeville acts from some of the leading theatres to be seen this year, is that sensational dancing team, Fungio and Dawn, whose grace and charm will thrill and entertain you; Miss Arline Beyer, America's fastest tap dancer; Herman Lewis, the golden voice baritone; Dolly White, the "young old lady"; Al Pitts, contortionist, whose feats will amaze the assemblage; one of Mr. Ripley's "Believe it or Nots," Miss Betty Noble, that ever popular little acrobatic dancer, and a bevy of the most beautiful girls that ever graced a stage.

As a special added attraction, Mr. Heffner brings to you "Happy" LeRoy, in person, the nation's No. 1 minstrel star, whose name is synonymous with the best in black-comedy.

The big tent will be located Friday night, August 19, on the lot back of the postoffice for two nights only, and the doors will open at 7:15, the show will start at 8 o'clock, auspices Fire Department. The admission will be 15c for the children and 25c for adults.

The North Carolina tobacco crop has a value equal to two-thirds of the income of all crops; and 58 per cent of the cash income of crops and livestock, reports the state department of agriculture.

Tennis Tournament At Country Club

A one-day tennis tournament was held at the Franklin Country club Sunday between a team representing the Tennis club of the Atlanta office of the U. S. forest service and the Nantahala National Forest Tennis club of Franklin.

Atlanta won the tournament six matches to two, with two matches being decided in Atlanta's favor by the toss of a coin after all four players had played to exhaustion. The score follows with Atlanta players named first:

- Singles—
Crawford defeated Brandt 6-1 6-2.
Florence lost to Dunbar 2-6 2-6.
Collet defeated Wasilik 4-6 7-5 8-8.
Hedden defeated Nichols 7-5 3-6 10-8.
Coin defeated Hunnicutt 4-6 6-4 10-10.
Hefner defeated Auten 6-4 6-3.
- Doubles—
Crawford-Vogel defeated Brandt-Dunbar 2-6 6-4 6-2.
Collet-Sloan lost to Auten-Hunnicutt 3-6 4-6.

During the past 10 years, North Carolina has developed from an insignificant lespedeza state to a present acreage of probably over 800,000 acres and millions of pounds of seed produced, reports the state department of agriculture.

Sentinels of Health

Don't Neglect Them!

Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.

Frequent, scanty or burning passages may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance. The recognized and proper treatment is a diuretic medicine to help the kidneys get rid of excess poisonous body waste. Use Doan's Pills. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Are endorsed the country over. Insist on Doan's. Sold at all drug stores.

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