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Vance A. Browning

THE sudden death in Raleigh Wednesday morning of Vance A. Browning removes one of the outstanding figures in church, business and political affairs in Western North Carolina.

A man whose integrity was unquestioned, whose judgment was sound and whose faith never faltered, he held the esteem and confidence of all who knew him.

Born and reared in Macon county and known and loved by hundreds of its citizens, the passing of Vance Browning is felt here more keenly, perhaps, than elsewhere, but in his home county of Swain and in all other places where his work called him he was held in the highest regard.

A man has gone whose place in his church, his home, his business and his community will be hard to fill.

Are We Going Back to Barter?

IS the world going back to the barter system? That is a question which is beginning to assume greater and greater importance in the minds of thoughtful men in these days of world-wide disturbance.

The totalitarian states, and Germany especially, being without the gold to pay for goods they must import, are making barter treaties with all nations whom they can persuade or coerce. They agree to exchange manufactured goods for food products and raw materials up to certain specified amounts, and no money is used.

One instance of this barter system was the exchange between Germany and Egypt of a steel bridge for a large quantity of onions. Germany also had a deal with Brazil to take coffee and cotton in exchange for manufactured products, but Brazil was getting the worst of the bargain and cancelled the agreement.

These treaties always work to the advantage of Germany because the German manufacturers are forced to take paper money, which is worthless outside of Germany, while the nation having the other end of the bargain must pay its people in good money for the goods to make the exchange.

Thus works the marvelous financial system which the German financiers claim will solve the economic problems of the world.

Italy and Japan are likewise moving in the same direction. Neither of them is self-sustaining, but must import most of the raw materials required, and their gold reserves have dwindled almost to the vanishing point, therefore they must barter to survive.

What the effect will be if this barter system continues to spread, no man can tell. If gold is to be done away with as the principal standard of valuation and medium of exchange in international commerce, what will be done with the immense gold reserves of the United States, Russia, Great Britain and France? Will these tons of metal now considered the most precious be worthless except for use in the arts and industries? Or will the totalitarian states have to cease importing and let their people starve? It is a matter which will probably be settled for better or for worse within the next few months.

Our remote ancestors managed to get along by swapping animal skins for stone hatchets and fish for dinosaur steaks, but as the human race multiplied the barter business became too complicated, and bright pebbles, shells and other things, each with its particular value, began to be used to facili-

tate the exchange of necessities between the various tribes.

Our gold today bears the same relation to commerce between nations as the bright pebbles did to our savage ancestors in the trade between tribes, but it is difficult to see how the system can be changed without destroying the financial machinery that it has taken centuries to build.

But Germany seems to be going back to the Dark Ages in many ways. The government has abolished religion and is torturing the helpless Jewish people in a manner which is more barbarous than the methods of the Spanish Inquisition. An ignorant paper hanger has been set up as the incarnation of supreme excellence, and mercy and justice have been cast aside. It is entirely in keeping that Germany should also return to the methods of commerce used in the days of stone hatchets and war clubs.

20 Years After



Now a meek, kindly old man in contrast to the blustering military master of a quarter century ago, ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany will mark the twentieth anniversary of his abdication Monday, November 28, at his exile home in Doorn, Netherlands.

Jarrett Shields Killed in Tennessee

Jarrett Shields, a former Macon county man and a former employee of the Ritter Lumber company at Rainbow Springs, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon at Tellico Plains, Tenn., where he was employed by the Jess Brooks Lumber company.

Mr. Shields was unloading a truck load of logs, when a top log rolled off unexpectedly, knocking the back of his head off. The entire load of logs then rolled on top of him, crushing the life out of him instantly.

Funeral services were held at the Aquone Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Pallie McGaha, one daughter and several sons.

Cake Sale To Be Given At Iotla

A cake sale and a cake walk will be given at the Iotla school house on Wednesday night, November 23, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Following this an amateur hour and a musical program will be rendered. No admission will be charged and the public is cordially invited.

Strawberries, Raspberries Gathered In November

Mrs. Annie Vanhook, of Franklin Route 2, gathered strawberries and raspberries out of her garden and June apples out of her orchard on Monday, November 7.

The frost had not damaged these fruits in any way. They were perfect in shape and of good size. The fruits had the same luscious flavor as those of the early season.

Edna Carolyn Shields Passes Wednesday

Edna Carolyn Shields, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shields, died at the home of her parents on upper Burningtown Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the lower Burningtown Baptist church.

Skilled Labor

Can Be Furnished by U. S. Employment Service

John D. Odom, senior interviewer of the government employment service, stated in an interview Tuesday that he was extremely anxious to correct the impression which seems to prevail that the people on his rolls are WPA workers or relief laborers.

Mr. Odom said emphatically that this is not the case, but that he has available many highly skilled men in many lines, especially construction men, whom he can call to report for work at any time in any place in this section. He further stated that many of these men were constantly employed on high grade construction work, and that they registered with him in order that they might be kept busy by being called to another job each time they finished with the one upon which they were engaged.

Mr. Odom asks that all who contemplate any kind of construction work call upon him before hiring labor. He states that he is prepared to furnish, without cost or obligation, skilled, semi-skilled or common labor for any kind of work and at any time, as he is trying to keep men employed and keep them off the relief rolls.

FAVORABLE

A more favorable outlook for Irish potato growers in 1939 has been indicated by the federal bureau of agricultural economics, largely as a result of prospects for a considerable reduction in plantings.

A flock of 127 white leghorn hens paid Miss Leah Franck of Jacksonville, Route 1, Onslow county, \$245 a hen for the past poultry year. Miss Franck kept accurate records on all feed costs and on the egg production of each hen.

Surplus agricultural products costing about \$5,105,000 were bought by the federal surplus commodities corporation in 24 states during the five weeks ending November 2. These products will be diverted into relief channels.

Macon Theatre

Matinee 3:30 P. M.
Night Show 7:00 and 9:00
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO 11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18
"SMASHING THE RACKETS"

With: CHESTER MORRIS
FRANCES MERCER
RITA JOHNSON
BRUCE CABOT

Ex-G Man becomes a special prosecutor and uncovers a racket trust.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
THE THREE MESQUITEERS IN "HEROES OF THE HILLS"

Also: "DICK TRACY"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

ALL LADIES WHO RECEIVED A SHORTAGE SLIP LAST MONDAY NIGHT CAN GET THEIR PIE PLATES AT BOX OFFICE. . . . DON'T FORGET YOUR FREE DISH MONDAY—MATINEE OR NIGHT SHOW. MATINEE AND NIGHT SHOWS ARE THE SAME PRICE ON MONDAY—10c AND 25c.

"ARMY TOUCHDOWN"

JOHN HOWARD
MARY CARLISLE
ROBERT CUMMINGS

A thrilling college football romance set against the backgrounds of West Point, when the army proves itself a builder of men, and the football field the proving-ground of the army.

TUES.-WED., NOV. 22-23

"THERE GOES MY HEART"

VIRGINIA BRUCE, FREDRIC MARCH, PATSY KELLY, ALAN MOWBRAY, NANCY CARROLL
Follow their fancy—free-for-all adventurers—for the time of your life.

NOTICE "The Sisters"

WILL BE SHOWN BEGINNING AT 11 P. M. ON THANKSGIVING EVE, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

"THE SISTERS"

BETTE DAVIS, CAROL FLYNN, ANITA LOUISE

A cavalcade of love adapted from Myron Brinig's best selling novel.

If you want our weekly program mailed to you, please leave name at Box Office.

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SALE

ON DRESSES, COATS and HATS

Starting Friday, Nov. 18th, and continuing through Nov. 26th. All of the latest Fall and

Winter styles and materials. . . . Don't fail to see them.



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