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BIBLE THOUGHT

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day. . . .—Psalm cxxxix-12.

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God.' That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."—(Written by Minnie L. Haskins, a comparatively unknown English poet, and quoted by King George in his Christmas broadcast to his people.)

Highway Crews Do Splendid Work

DURING the days and nights of last week when the highways were covered with snow and ice, and were said to be more dangerous than ever before, the Macon county employees of the state highway department gave a splendid demonstration of efficiency and interest in the public welfare. These men worked in relays day and night during the emergency and kept the highways passable. They scraped the snow away almost as fast as it fell, spread sawdust at the curves to prevent skidding, and did a thorough and workmanlike job.

Some people might claim that all that was done was just part of the job for which these men are paid, but such is not the case, for there were reports that some other sections failed to receive the attention that was given to the highways in this county.

Travelers from other places who had occasion to drive through Macon county last week were loud in their praise of the work that was being done.

The good work of the highway crews was largely responsible for the county's record of not a single serious accident during the period of danger.

The Bookmobile Comes to Macon

THE coming of the bookmobile which is scheduled to be in Macon county for four days next week, beginning Monday, January 22, to distribute books to those of our people to whom libraries are inaccessible, is an event of prime importance to young and old.

There are many families whose members hunger for entertaining and informative literature, but who are so located that it is impossible for them to secure books from the well-stocked Franklin library, and it is for these people that the bookmobile is operated.

Other counties have become accustomed to these visits of the traveling library and have received much in information and entertainment from the volumes distributed. High commendation is due to the citizens and organizations of Macon county who have made it possible for our people to share in the pleasure and profit brought by this splendid agency for mental welfare.

Our Enormous Liquor Bill

UNDER the caption, "Yet Many Begged for Bread," the Waynesville Mountaineer of last week carried the following eye-opening editorial concerning the mounting liquor bill in the United States:

"People clamored to get on government pay rolls last year. They begged for bread, yet there must have been a considerable lot of money spent, since recent statistics show that America's liquor bill last year amounted to five billion dollars.

"That almost equaled fifty per cent of the nation's food bill.

"Last year the nation spent \$15.33 per capita for the education of our children and young people.

"The per capita liquor bill was \$38.68.

"The people of the United States spent more than twice as much for alcoholic beverages as they did for education.

"Nor is that the entire price paid by the citizens of America for liquor, for many of those who bought and drank it paid other prices, too great for any monetary valuation.

For to the final cost of liquor must be added the part that is played in the increase of crime, in accidents involving life and property, in sickness, in waste, and in time lost."

The arrest by FBI agents of 18 men who were planning to overthrow the government of the United States is strongly reminiscent of certain tailors of Tooley street who once revolted and began their proclamation, "We, the people of England."

An Associated Press correspondent writes that the safest place he found in Finland was a prison filled with captured Russians. If he is interested in safety he should visit some of the hide-outs of the Russian commanders.

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. C. STORY

CHURCH NOTES

Highlands Methodist Church
Rev. J. S. Higgins, Pastor

Glenville: 10 a. m.—Worship.

Cashiers: 11 a. m.—Worship.

Horse Cove: 3 p. m.—Worship.

Church of the Incarnation
Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
No service Sunday.

Highlands Baptist Church
Rev. J. C. Benfield, Pastor
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Sermon.
6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Sermon.

Highlands Presbyterian Church
Rev. R. B. DuPree, Pastor
10:45 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.

WEATHER REPORT

Highlands is again enjoying clear, cold weather, with early morning temperatures ranging from seven to 10 degrees, and patches of snow still on the ground.

GRADING UNDER WAY FOR MUSEUM BUILDING

Grading and excavations are under way preparatory to beginning the museum building on East Main street. This is a WPA project and the building is to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Herbert C. Millkey is the resident architect and Z. W. Conley of Franklin, is superintendent, in charge of the work.

HOME OF C. L. WOOD DESTROYED BY FIRE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wood in Shortoff was destroyed by fire early Monday evening. The origin of the fire is reported to be unknown. This was a new house only partially covered by insurance. No insurance was carried on the household furnishings, all of which was a total loss.

OFFICERS ELECTED SUNDAY NIGHT BY B. Y. P. U.

At a meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union last Sunday night the following officers were elected for the coming year: Director, Guy Paul, Jr.; president, Carleton Cleaveland; vice-president, Miss Bethel Crisp; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mildred Littleton; corresponding secretary, Miss Doris Potts; group captain, Miss Doris Seay; construction committee, Harley Evtitt; Bible quiz leader, Mrs. Paul Walden.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY MEETS WITH MRS. COBB

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Cobb on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Ruth Carter led the devotional, and Mrs. R. B. DuPree had charge of the program on Foreign Missions. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

BRADLEY-VINSON

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Connie Bradley, daughter of Mrs. Betty Bradley and the late Mr. Brack Bradley of Otto, to Mr. Ed Vinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vinson, also of Otto, December 25, 1939, in Pickens, S. C. The couple will reside in Highlands where Mr. Vinson is now employed.

MRS. STORY HOSTESS TO CARD CLUB

The Wednesday Card Club was entertained last week by Mrs. H. C. Story at the home of Mrs. S. T. Marett. The room decorations were pine cones, red berries and a profusion of growing plants. The high score prize was won by Miss Sara Gilder, the traveling prize by Mrs. S. T. Marett, and the consolation prize by Mrs. J. A. Hines. Guests coming in for tea after the game were Mrs. G. W. Shepard and Dr. J. Z. Moreland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hodgson of Atlanta spent several days here last week enjoying the snow and ice, and were guests at the Potts House.

Colonel and Mrs. Elliot Caziare left Monday for a several weeks' stay in Lake City, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Anderson, their four attractive young daughters, and Mrs. Martha Day left last week for Hollywood, Fla., where they expect to spend the next several weeks.

Mrs. Anna J. Anderson is spending some time in Etowah, Tenn., with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William Anderson.

Miss Rebecca Nall is in Greenville, S. C., going down for a few weeks' visit with Mrs. Thomas F. Parker.

Reports from Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Spencer are to the effect that they are enjoying their winter's stay in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Ethel Russell, who was called home several weeks ago because of the death of her mother, Mrs. Jim Barnes, and the serious illness of her father who has now

fully recovered, has returned to her work in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Culbertson spent the past week-end in Franklin, the guests of Mrs. Culbertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tallent.

Mrs. Jack Stribling has returned from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Atlanta. While there Mrs. Stribling attended the new movie, "Gone With the Wind," which she says is so wonderful that she hopes to see it again.

The friends of George Talley of Clear Creek will regret to learn that he is a patient at Angel hospital in Franklin.

Thomas Harbison of Augusta, Mich., his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, and three children of Kalamazoo, Mich., stopped for a short visit recently with Mrs. T. G. Harbison and family enroute from Florida to their Michigan homes.

Miss Maurine Davis, teacher in Highlands school, spent the past week-end in Shelby with her parents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Houston a daughter, December 17, who has been given the name Ethel Louise.

Mrs. T. J. Rucker of Hartwell, Ga., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack M. Hall, and Mr. Hall. Mrs. Rucker will also spend some time with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Rucker.

Mrs. Inez Cabé McKinney of Franklin was a visitor in Highlands last Tuesday.

Linton Young of Atlanta was in Highlands Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Young is the architect for the Arthur L. Bliss residence and the Holcomb residence now under construction on Highway 28, overlooking Surprise View.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness extended us in our recent bereavement.

MRS. ED CRANE AND FAMILY.

TREES

A recent order by G. L. Pate of Rowland for 12,000 black locust seedlings is indicative of the mounting interest among Robeson county growers in reforestation, says Assistant Farm Agent O. P. Owens.

Communications

MANY MACON MEN AT WORK ON HIWASSEE DAM

Editor Franklin Press: As it has been said that Macon county has not received any benefit from the construction of the dam, I would like to call your attention to a few facts:

The general construction foreman, R. C. Sutton, is from Macon county. Others are, Fred Palmer, shovel and crane operator; Fred Conley, rigger and crane operator; E. A. Styles and J. C. Sorrells, carpenters; Elijah Grant, electrician, and Charlie Williams, truck operator. These men draw from \$150 to \$350 each per month, which makes around \$1,500 per month coming to Macon county. These men bring their money home and spend it at home, so I fail to see why any one can say that the dam is not doing this county any good.

Another matter which is going to help us is that when the dam is completed, which is only a short time away, we are expecting that TVA will do here as they have already done in many other places, take over all small power companies and generate power in a big way. This would not only mean power and lights at about one-half what we are now paying, but an extension of lines into every community in the county and the entire watershed of the TVA area. Good things are just around the corner, so let's go.

J. C. SORRELS.

FINANCE

New farm mortgage financing, including loans to farmers and tenants to purchase farms, showed an upward tendency during the last half of 1939 for the first time in several years.

A summary of 37 progress reports of unit demonstration farms in Graham county shows that much progress has been made on these farms in the past four years.

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

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
"A WOMAN IS THE JUDGE"
With: FRIEDA TUESCORT
OTTO KRUEGER
ROCHELLE HUDSON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
Two Big Shows
No. 1

"TELEVISION SPY"
With: WILLIAM HENRY
JUDITH BARRETT
No. 2

GENE AUTRY IN
"BLUE MONTANA SKIES"
With: SMILEY BURNETTE

MON.-TUES., JANUARY 22-23
"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS"
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The mightiest comedy-adventure-romance ever achieved in cartoon form. . . . Packed with a parade of song hits.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
JASCHA HEIFETZ In
"THEY SHALL HAVE MUSIC"
With JOEL M'CREA
ANDREA LEEDS
WALTER BRENNAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
"STELLA DALLAS"
With BARBARA STANWYCK
JOHN BOLES ANNE SHIRLEY
ALEN HALE
BARBARA O'NEIL

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

SMART MONEY

KNOWS WHERE TO GO AFTER READING THE ADS IN THIS NEWSPAPER

Cooperation Is Succeeding!

"Clean Up or Close Up" Campaign, with Public's Aid, Is Ridding State of Illegal, Disreputable Beer "Joints"



Colonel Edgar H. Bain
State Director

"Courageous support from the public, press, officials and law-abiding beer retailers accounts for our Committee's heartening success," declares Colonel Bain. "My appreciation is hereby extended to all, together with my appeal for continuance of this intelligent cooperation."

Editorial Comment on "Clean Up" Campaign

Rockingham Post-Dispatch: "The industry does not want beer sold in joints where blind tigers operate. . . . That's why the industry has a 'clean up' committee."

Oxford Ledger: "An alertness to insure distribution of their product only through reputable outlets is keeping the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee active in many sections of North Carolina."

Greensboro Record: "... the state committee of the brewers and beer distributors is in a position to render a very definite service in ridding communities of places which belong in the category of 'dives' and low class hang-outs."

Statesville Daily: "The average citizen is still rubbing his eyes in unbelief, but slowly is becoming convinced when he sees beer dealers losing their licenses after engaging in questionable practices. And that has happened here in Iredell."

Durham Sun: "The dealers in beer have outlawed the bootlegger. . . . Such a campaign is certain to have wholesome effects."

Hickory Daily Record: "... the Beer Committee has done its duty, and all persons who are sincerely interested in curbing the illegal sale of hard liquor will welcome the opportunity to join in the crusade."

Six months ago, the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee began its efforts to eliminate those relatively few beer outlets that sought to hide liquor selling and other illegal activities behind the respectability of legal beer licenses.

"Clean Up or Close Up" was the ultimatum.

The results are gratifying. Public sentiment has been awakened. Newspapers all over the state have reinforced us with editorial support. Law enforcement agencies have responded with constructive aid. And 37 licenses have been revoked — 37 "dives," so to speak, "kayoed."

For the generous cooperation received, we are most grateful. Accept our pledge that throughout the New Year we shall continue unremittingly the job of driving law violators out of the beer retailing business in North Carolina—driving them out, and keeping them out.

Salisbury Post: "The beer folk have taken the stand that they want beer dispensed only in establishments of good general reputation. To that end they . . . are filing formal legal petitions for the closing of such establishments as serve beer but fail in some measure to sustain a good name."

The State (Raleigh): "Col. Edgar Bain . . . is reporting excellent progress. . . . The work has been progressing quietly but excellent results have been accomplished."

Lexington Dispatch: "... where persons are found selling without license the violation is promptly reported. . . . This work in a good many instances may result in a decided check on bootlegging."

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