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BIBLE THOUGHT

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth.—St. John 1:14.

A realistic historian of our party has wisely concluded, "We have the intelligence to define our troubles and the physical means with which to meet them. In the end, whether we make America a good or a bad country will depend on what we make, individually, of ourselves. A selfish and greedy people cannot be free."—Quotation from President Roosevelt's Jackson Day Dinner Speech.

The New Theatre

THE new Macon Theatre is a big milestone in Franklin's progress. This beautiful structure is built with an eye for the future, with confidence in the community's growth to fill the capacity offered.

Easily the finest theatre west of Asheville, this handsome building represents the faith of its builder in the future of Franklin and vicinity. Such citizens are those who start small towns on the way to being cities.

There is not a business in town that will not enjoy dividends from Mr. Burrell's investment. All citizens stand to benefit by an entertainment center that offers comfort and wholesome recreation for leisure hours of working people; and a wider opportunity for outside attractions, both cultural and entertaining.

More and more the moving pictures are playing a vital part in the lives of men, women and children in every land. With the radio, this powerful medium of education, good will and culture is offering means of enriching life for the great masses of people. The better life of a community may be served by those who select the subjects offered in the moving picture theatre.

The management expresses the hope that their theatre may serve any civic or religious cause needing a large auditorium at times when not in use for the regular schedule of performances. Conventions and other gatherings requiring comfortable accommodations for a large number of people may now be invited to meet in Franklin. Summer visitors especially will hail with delight this addition to our town's amusement attractions.

The Franklin Press and many advertisers are taking this opportunity to wish for the ownership and management of the new theatre the large measure of success that their enterprise deserves.

"Political Simpletons"

THERE are two editorial writers with whom we often agree, and wish we could quote for the benefit of our readers.

Hugh Stanard, editorial writer on foreign affairs in The Asheville Citizen and Dorothy Thompson, columnist, have this week said the same thing in their own superb way, and to which we believe the great majority of thinking, giving Americans will say, Amen.

Their common subject is the attitude of an election year Congress to the President's recommendation of a loan to the Finnish people.

Miss Thompson deplors the fact that Congress chooses to aid and abet those subversive forces within the nation while spending thousands to investigate them; this action encouraging the gangsters who are murdering the Finns and bent on the destruction of the neighboring democracies. She advises us with stark realism: "Save your money, friends. Dead men don't eat." This in reference to the generous gifts of the people of the United States for food and clothing while their representatives are supine to the proposal that weapons with which to save their lives may be more to the point.

With much restraint Miss Thompson says, "In one of the most critical moments of history congress has chosen to behave with supreme frivolity."

The Citizen's Wednesday editorial, "While Rome Burns" refers to the President's handling of foreign affairs "with the brilliance of genius," while defeat of his proposed loan to Finland looms as likely. This is the closing shot:

"These Congressmen are not only laying themselves open to accusations of cowardice. They are political simpletons. The American people are taking in the entire situation. They want to aid the Finns and they want to begin, at least, to pay as they go. Politicians who are not astute enough to see this and act accordingly will pay the price at the polls next November. The spotlight that is playing about Capitol Hill now is too intense to allow of any vague dark places in which they can hide."

If you, gentle readers, feel this way about it, why not write to your Congressmen?

Baptists

S. S. Association To Meet At Mount Hope

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School association will meet on next Sunday, January 28, at 2:30 p. m., at the Mount Hope Baptist church, and the following program has been arranged:
Song.
Devotional—Raleigh Guffey.
Roll call and offering.
How to Get Adults to Attend Sunday School—J. H. Swafford.
Announcements.
Winning the Lost to Christ in Our Sunday Schools—J. T. Gribble, of Sylva.
Benediction.

Clippings

REV. C. D. SMITH WAS FIRST TO SUGGEST W. N. C. NATIONAL PARK

James H. Cline, writing in The Asheville Citizen-Times of last Sunday, discusses the matter of changing the name of Clingman's Dome to Mount Davis and also the question of who first suggested a national park for Western North Carolina, and says in part:

"The Tichborne claimant had nothing whatever on the friends of the late Willis P. Davis, of Knoxville, who claim for him that he was the 'father' of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. That is, because of a suggestion made to him by his wife, while touring western national parks in 1923, Mr. Davis, the manager of a Knoxville rolling mill, then and there conceived the idea of the Great Smokies park as we know it today. 'And' says a Knoxville publication known as Tennessee Wildlife, 'Mr. Davis's dream was realized in 1923 when he and other interested parties in Tennessee formed an association known as the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association, and of which he was president until his death in 1931.'"

"But that is not all. 'Because,' says Wildlife, 'his great efforts in the creation of the park never have been recognized, it is proposed to change the name of Clingman's Dome, highest peak in the Smoky range (6,642 feet) to Mount Davis.'"

"When we deal with the question of paternity for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park movement, there are fathers in plenty and to spare—as far as unrecorded claims are concerned. But when it comes to the first written word on record, there were only two men—both dead—who could place the question of the park's 'fatherhood' in anything approaching dispute. They were Dr. H. O. Marcy, of Boston, Mass., who as far back as December, 1885 wrote to Dr. Chase P. Ambler, of Asheville to suggest a movement looking to the establishment of a national park in Western North Carolina and Tennessee.

"This statement is made on the authority of special writers who have studied the question of the park's origin from various angles, the two most recent being George Eller in The Charlotte Observer; and George W. McCoy in The Citizen-Times, the latter quoting George H. Smathers, well known Asheville attorney, as recalling that the Rev. C. D. Smith, of Franklin, wrote an article for a Waynesville newspaper wherein he (Mr. Smith) advocated a national park for the Southern Highlands. . . . (Mr. Smith was the father of Dr. F. T. Smith, of Franklin).

"As for the proposal to change the name of Clingman's Dome to Mount Davis, one would not notice it at all, were it not for the colossal check that could consider the launching of such a movement. This highest mountain in the park has been, is now and ever shall be known as Clingman's Dome—named for the man who explored it, and practically established its altitude. What had Willis Davis to do with the famous peak? Nothing. 'Surely some other means can be found to honor Mr. Davis' participation in the organization of Tennessee's Park Association than to change the name of Clingman's Dome."

Muse's Corner

SNOWFLAKES

Little white fairies of the north
To whom the clouds gave birth,
Little white angels of the sky,
Floating down to earth.

How glad I am to see you come
So softly through the air,
Resting like the Love of God
On all things everywhere.

Little white angels, clothed in peace,
I think you are, indeed,
God's messengers of cool release
To a wintry world, in need

Of the hope that beauty
To mortals here below
And I have heard that April sleeps
Not far beneath the snow!
Bess H. Hines
Kenansville, N. C.

New War Minister



Conservative Stanley Oliver, above, was given a recent interim appointment as British war secretary supplanting youthful and daring Leslie Hore-Belisha in the first major governmental shakeup of the present conflict. Oliver's appointment aroused a storm of controversy. The appointment of Sir John Reith to replace Lord Harold MacMillan as minister of information was also announced.

Farmers Should Apply For Burley Allotments

It is hoped that every farmer in Macon county will participate in the 1940 soil conservation program and receive the maximum benefits that it offers.

Farmers who do not have a burley tobacco allotment for their farm can grow as many acres of general soil depleting crops as are necessary without having a deduction from their soil conservation payment.

Farmers who have a burley tobacco allotment for their farm, should not grow more depleting crops than their general depleting allotment, neither should they grow more burley tobacco than their burley tobacco allotment.

There will be a deduction of \$5.00 per acre for each acre of general crops harvested in excess of the general depleting allotment, and 8 cents per pound for each pound of the normal yield grown in excess of the burley tobacco acreage allotment. There will be a deduction made from the sale price of the tobacco at the warehouse if grown on more acreage than is allotted to the farm.

Farmers who intend to grow burley tobacco on their farms during the year 1940 and do not have a burley tobacco allotment should make application for an acreage allotment at the county agent's office before Thursday, February 1. No requests for allotments will be considered after that date.

Mrs. Fred C. Jones Suffers Serious Burns

Mrs. Fred C. Jones, the former Miss Catherine Ramey, of Franklin Route 4, who was married last December 24, suffered severe burns on her face and eyes about 2:30 o'clock last Thursday morning when the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cloer at Rainbow Springs was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Jones, a teacher in the Rainbow Springs school was boarding at the Cloer home. Mrs. Jones suffered the burns when she stayed in the burning house a few moments longer than

necessary in an effort to save clothing and a watch that belonged to her mother.

Mr. Cloer, who works for the W. M. Ritter Lumber company which owned the dwelling, said the house was ablaze when he was awakened. He suffered minor burns in getting his wife and children to safety.

Mr. Cloer said all their clothing and furnishings and 500 jars of fruit and preserves were destroyed by the flames.

Mrs. Jones was brought to Angel hospital for treatment and it is reported that she is doing nicely and will be able to go home within a few days.



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