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BIBLE THOUGHT

And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil.—St. John 3:19.

It is men themselves who play the fool with the times while the spirits of the wise sit in the clouds and mock them.—Sophocles.

Argirocastro

DAILY the world watches a new Greek epic in the making. While awaiting another Homer to record the valor of "these modern sons of Pericles" in immortal verse, the daily press is furnishing a scenario worthy of a DeMille production.

More eloquent than a mere story, we have clipped and arranged the following outline from Monday's and Tuesday's dispatches.

Scene I. Argirocastro, "walled by mountains and heavily fortified by the Italians" has just been captured by "units of Greece's most famous Evzone regiments." They stormed through narrow, crooked streets with long bayonets, in hand-to-hand battle with plumed Italian Bersaglieri, valiant suicide force, holding the Greeks while the main army retreated northward. Smouldering ruins, wreckage and dead bodies.

At dawn. "It was raining. Water overflowed the cobbled gutters and ran into the muddy streets.

"The rain pelted on the bodies of Italians in the streets and in the pillboxes where they had died. Ambulance crews, men and women, went through the streets bandaging the wounded.

"The Italians were young men, most of them in their early 20's. One woman, as she ripped strips of cloth for bandages, muttered over and over: 'They are too young to die.'

"Residents of Argirocastro were helping the Greeks bury the dead as well as minister to the wounded. Parties of Greek troops foraged for guns and ammunition left by the Italians. They stored the supplies in the central fortress over which the blue and white flag of Greece had been raised."

Greek soldiers and Albanians knelt together in the old town in a Thanksgiving mass celebrating the Greek capture of the stronghold from the Italian "legion of death."

Scene II. Athens, capital city of modern and ancient Greece. Streets flag-bedecked, in honor of the capture of Porto Edda and the fall of Argirocastro. Wild victory celebration. Night.

"British Tommies, Scottish 'Ladies From Hell' (Scotch Highlanders in kilts) and Greek soldiers locked arms and danced through the streets of ancient Athens, which resounded with the Greek and British national anthems."

Enter the King.

"King George II, in smart khaki field uniform, appeared on the balcony of the army general headquarters and waved to the throngs celebrating the Greek army's third major victory within two weeks.

"A Greek band paraded in the streets ahead of flag-waving Greeks."

Scene III. In the deep Brinos Valley, rugged mountain terrain, the Greeks pursue the main Fascist army. Planes overhead. Noon.

"Greek troops led by armored cars and using munitions abandoned by the Italians pushed northward along the Brinos valley from captured Argirocastro taking hill after hill from rear-guard Fascist units.

"Greeks are using 1,000 mules and mountain ponies which take the place of mechanized supply trains such as the Italians use.

"Preceding the Greeks' push on northward were armored cars and special volunteer squads searching the muddy roads for land mines buried by the Italian rear guard."

Other scenes.

Porto Edda, renamed for Mussolini's daughter, the Countess Ciano, after Italian occupation, formerly Santa Quaranta, a military citadel, 2,000 years old. Lying in the harbor, "the hulk of an Italian destroyer." RAF and Greek bombers overhead.

Rome. Marshall Pietro Badoglio resigns to Il Duce as chief of staff of the Italian Army. The same Badoglio who plead with King Victor Emmanuel for "just one regiment to smash Mussolini" when he led the Black Shirts into Rome.

Before Elbasan, 25 miles from Tirana, capital of Albania. Wreckage of Italian planes. "Thousands of Italian prisoners arriving behind the Greek lines."

"Greek soldiers, shouting the new battle cry, 'Tirana by Christmas!'"

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT



Press Comment

THE STORY OF A GALLANT LIFE

(The following editorial, taken from the Morganton News-Herald, will be of interest to the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan's many friends here.)

Friends of both the author and of the subject of the sketch will be interested to learn of the recent publication of the biography of the late Rev. Edmund Noah Joyner by Rev. Norvin C. Duncan. Both men served as rector of Grace Episcopal church here and both hold a warm place in the hearts of countless friends in this section, the one enshrined in sacred memory, the other held in high admiration by all who know him.

Mr. Duncan has written tenderly and affectionately of his friend, a gallant soldier of the Confederacy and of the Cross, both of which the sweet-spirited Joyner served unselfishly and courageously. No attempt is made to eulogize beyond its deserts the life story of this native of North Carolina who lived what many might term a "simple" life of service to God and to his fellow man. However, in the very simplicity of the narrative of an exceptionally long and well filled life is found its appeal, particularly for the close friends who knew how valiantly and joyously the "parson" for much longer than the allotted "three score and ten," kept on serving.

In a "Foreword" the author explains that he agreed, at Mr. Joyner's request, to write a biographical sketch, composed largely of reminiscences of his long and active life, but that a number of circumstances, including the destruction by fire some years ago of many of the records he had kept and later the extended illness of the subject, caused an abbreviation of the material available. "The inadequate sketch is prestant," he says, "as a memorial to a good man, a brave soldier, a faithful priest, and a loyal and true friend to a multitude of men and women who held him in deep and abiding affection."

The little book is inspiring and will be treasured by admirers and friends of both Mr. Duncan and Mr. Joyner.

Clippings

FREEDOM AND THE INDIVIDUAL

(Dayton, Ohio, Journal-Herald)
The freedom of the people depends upon the excellence of the individual. If then the future of these United States rests upon general attainment of fine character, our immediate objective should be the building of such character. But how can it be built? Fortunate, indeed, for us the laws are already at hand. They were given us in the Ten Commandments. They were augmented by the Sermon on the Mount.

Weak natures have become through the study of these laws and through seeking to obey them.

Poor citizens have become ones of high worth. Should we direct our attention toward the building of integrity through Christian living, this country would become a higher democracy than it has been heretofore and its citizens would have greater freedom. Sometime the peoples of the earth must accede to the necessity of righteous living, and that time could be now.

Letters to Editor

Editor, The Franklin Press:

At Christmas time each religious and civic organization feels, and quite rightfully so, that it should contribute something to promote the happiness of those who have been less fortunate. It has been suggested that this work might be more effectively done, more easily done, and more of the genuine Christmas spirit spread if the different religious and civic organization would work out some plan by which their efforts would not be duplicated. It seems that in previous years some families have been literally showered, while others, equally as deserving and equally needy, have been entirely overlooked.

The American Legion for its part will gladly work with any and all of the other religious and civic organizations of Franklin to carry this purpose into effect. Each local religious and civic organization is invited to send representatives to the Legion Hall at 7 p. m., on Friday night, December 13, for this purpose.

Respectfully,
GILMER A. JONES,
Commander Macon Post 108
American Legion.

Communications

A WORTHY APPEAL
The following appeal has been received by the Rev. J. L. Stokes II, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church:

Dear Brother Stokes,
Acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Hutchins we are writing to you to enlist your sympathy and support for a worthy project. The Whittier parsonage was destroyed by the disastrous flood last August. Since most of the members of this charge suffered heavily in the flood, we are scarcely able to build a new parsonage without some outside help.

The letter was signed by the trustees and stewards of the Methodist church of Whittier.

Anyone wishing to help this cause, may do so by giving his or her contribution to H. W. Cabe, at the Bank of Franklin.

Christmas Cheer And Clothing Needed

The needs of the following families in Macon county are listed so that Christmas cheer and clothing may reach them from citizens who want to include the sick and less fortunate in their Christmas giving. All families listed here are certified by county workers or reliable citizens. Any gifts may be

delivered direct or left at the office of Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines, county health nurse, in the Asher building. Please report by number the family you wish to help. Both individuals and organizations are asked to share in this opportunity for Christmas giving.

1. Father incapacitated after operation. Mother, medium size; children, boys 9 and 10, girls 4 and 2. Need clothing and bedding.

2. Widow. Boy 12 and girl 8. Need clothing to fit them to go to school.

3. Father WPA worker. Wife and six children. No. 3 shoes needed for one child to go to school. Clothing.

4. Boy needs glasses. Reported by school principal.

5. Both parents partly incapacitated. Girl and boy, age 10. Boy out of school for lack of clothes.

6. Elderly man, blind and unable to walk, needs wheel chair.

7. Five children, girls, 8, 5, 3, 2 and infant. Underwear, shoes and stockings, coats and sweaters.

8. Feeble father, weak minded mother, 3 boys 2, 5, 7. Clothing and food.

9. Widow. Two boys, 15 and 4; girl 9.

10. Mother and daughter, 7.

11. Parents weak minded. Five girls from one month to 12 years; boy 5 years old.

12. Widow. Daughter 23 with T. B. Boy 17, girl 15.

13. Mother T. B. case. Boys from one month to 13; girl 11 years old.

14. Father T. B. case. Twelve in family including grandparents, children from one year to 18.

This is a partial list of the most needy, who will have no Christmas unless through kindness of others. Practically all need clothing.

One American Dollar Will Do This In China

Some of the things an American dollar will do in China are here listed:

- One Dollar
- Will buy enough quinine to cure one person of malaria.
- Will immunize fifty people against cholera.
- Will immunize fifty people against bubonic plague.
- Will immunize fifty people against typhoid.
- Will sterilize a day's drinking water for 1000 people.
- Will provide enough tannic acid for 2000 burn cases.
- Will feed a child for a month.
- One Penny
- Will feed a child in northern

Watauga School

Dr. E. N. Haller and Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines, visited the Watauga school last Friday, and made a thorough check of all the pupils. Many were found to have poor posture and lacking in good health habits.

The teachers and pupils are planning to work on these two things. About 95 per cent of the pupils were given vaccination for smallpox.

China for a day.

Twenty Pennies
Will clothe a person in northern China for the winter.

Twenty Dollars
Will feed, clothe and house a child for one year.

WOODMAN OF THE WORLD
Camp 889
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays
7:30 P. M.
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
Franklin, N. C.

Loyal Order of Moose

Franklin Lodge, No. 452
Meets
In American Legion Hall
Every Thursday Night
7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.
J. J. Mann, Secretary

Our unqualifiedly personal service faithfully attends every family's requirements.

HE SERVES BEST WHO SERVES MOST

O. C. BRYANT
Funeral Home
PHONE 106-NIGHT PHONE 20

Make Ashear's your Christmas Shopping Headquarters

Here you will find a very large selection of Dry Goods. We do not handle toys and dolls, but the gifts you get from us will be much appreciated as well as practical and useful.

We handle many well known brands. If the article is good, or cheap, we will tell you about it—there is no misrepresentation.

- Men's Melton Jackets..... \$2.48 to \$3.95
- Men's Genuine Horsehide
Jackets \$7.25 to \$10.50
- Men's Overcoats \$12.50 to \$17.50
- Men's Dress Shirts 50c to \$1.95
- Men's Boots \$4.50 to \$9.95
- Men's Dress Shoes \$1.98 to \$6.50
- Men's Dress Gloves, lined and Unlined \$1.00 to \$2.95
- Ladies' Jackets \$1.00 to \$2.95
- Ladies' Gloves \$1.00 to \$1.95
- Ladies' (Woolrich) all Wool Sport Jackets \$4.65 to \$6.95
- Ladies' Winter Coats \$4.95 to \$10.75
- Ladies' Silk Full Fashioned Hose.... 59c to \$1.50

HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES
Handkerchiefs, ties, hosiery, underwear, hats, caps, gowns, pajamas, sweaters, blankets, bathrobes—in fact most anything a family will need in wearing apparel. Your patronage will be appreciated, and here you will find a good place to do your shopping.

Joseph Ashear
"We Clothe the Family"
FRANKLIN, N. C.