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BIBLE THOUGHT

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart. . . . He that doeth these things shall never be moved.—Psalm 15:1.

Nobleness of character is nothing but steady love of good, and steady scorn of evil.—James A. Froude.

"I Am An American"

FOR the third successive year, the people of the United States will celebrate "I Am An American Day," on May 18. The President, at the request of the Congress, has just issued a proclamation to that effect.

As you can realize, "I Am An American Day" has special significance this year. Probably never in the history of the United States has American citizenship and its implications meant more than it does today. In times like these, when our Democracy stands out in strong contrast to governments that have subjugated their people, it is important to observe and commemorate the privileges of American citizenship as widely as possible.

The Department of Justice, of which the Immigration and Naturalization Service is a part, wishes to do everything it can to encourage observance of "I Am An American Day" in our community and other communities. The ceremonies and celebrations will be sponsored by national and local organizations, such as civic clubs, patriotic organizations, fraternal societies, schools, social agencies, and other interested groups in each community.

"I Am An American Day" has nationwide interest, for it affects directly two large groups of new citizens in the United States: those who have been born in the United States and have recently attained the full rights of citizenship by reaching their twenty-first birthday; and those who, having been born in foreign countries, have recently proved their fitness for membership in our Democracy and have been inducted into the full rights of citizenship by a naturalization court. These two groups number more than two and a half million people. Actually, "I Am An American Day" affects all of us, for it helps bring home the value and responsibilities of our citizenship and it gives us an opportunity to welcome into our American membership those who have become citizens in the past year.

In order to make "I Am An American Day" as successful and widely celebrated as possible, Lemuel B. Schofield, special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, has been appointed to give information to organizations and communities for the celebration of this day. Many towns and cities are expected to have patriotic and educational ceremonies.

Whether or not a section has many newly naturalized foreigners or citizens of other races and lands, it is evident that all Americans should become better informed and cultivate a broader attitude toward so-called foreigners, whose arrival in this fair land is only somewhat later than ours.

It Happened Here

IT would have been a unanimous opinion of Franklin citizens that "It can't happen here" if called upon for an expression concerning probable trouble between the white and Negro citizens of the community.

Franklin has colored people whose standard of citizenship ranks high. Their rights as law-abiding and tax-paying citizens demand every protection. Whenever there is law breaking or any difficulty between members of the races, it is a personal and not racial trouble.

This being the case, it is a matter of keen humiliation to citizens that the fair name of the town should be shadowed with the kind of demonstration that occurred Saturday night. That there were no serious casualties does not lessen the guilt of an irresponsible mob that deliberately set upon peaceable and unoffending Negroes to drive them out of town. This spirit that can flare up even from a few drunken, out-of-town rowdies should be dealt with so severely that the incident will have no repercussions.

Tolerance begins at home. If there are those among us so ignorant or un-American that they harbor race prejudice, these should be helped and taught better by their patriotic neighbors. There is enough violence let loose in the world. We will venture a surmise without definite knowledge available, that those composing the mob were men and boys who have entirely lacked a chance to become useful members of society.



Communications

PATROLMAN GUY APOLOGIZES

April 10, 1941
To Messrs. Richard Barber, Bryson Beck and Noel Hill:
I desire, in this public manner, to acknowledge my mistake and offer my apologies to Mr. Richard Barber and to the drivers of his truck, Mr. Bryson Beck and Mr. Noel Hill, with reference to an occurrence on U. S. Highway No. 13 on the night of January 31st at about 2.30 a. m.

In company with the Chief of Police of the Town of Franklin, we were trying to apprehend an escapee, and stopped several trucks on the highway in the effort to locate the escapee. After signaling Mr. Barber's truck, and its failure to stop, I fired several shots at the tires of the truck. Messrs. Beck and Hill say that they were apprehensive of a holdup inasmuch as they had in the truck at the time the proceeds from the sale of a truck of apples and did not recognize that the Chief of Police and myself were officers of the law.

I find that Messrs. Hill and Beck have not violated any law and that, therefore, there was no proper ground for our suspicion. I also find, after conference with my superior officers, that I was acting beyond my authority in shooting at their truck to require them to stop. I find, after mature consideration and advice, that my action in this respect was beyond my authority and violated the rights of Messrs. Hill and Beck and the owner of the truck, Mr. Barber, and I desire in this full and frank manner to publicly offer them my sincere apologies for this occurrence.

E. C. GUY, Patrolman

REPLY

Since patrolman Guy has admitted these facts publicly we accept his apology and trust that the citizens of Franklin and Macon county will do likewise. We hold no malice against him whatever and trust that by this public apology Patrolman Guy will be elevated in the public esteem of the citizens of Franklin and Macon county. It takes a big man to admit his errors.

We also wish to say that Patrolman Guy is an efficient officer and that we believe he will continue to be an efficient officer and that he will always do his duty.

Signed:
Noel Hill
Bryson Beck
Richard Barber

Clippings

DOGWOOD—STATE FLOWER

North Carolina now has an official State flower—the dogwood. A bill introduced in the legislature sought to name the flame azalea as the State flower but public sentiment brought about a change and the dogwood was chosen in the closing hours of the legislature instead. The legislators acted wisely, in our opinion, when they chose the dogwood. The flame azalea grows only in the mountains of the western part of the state, but the dogwood whitens the forests from one end of the state to the other. Other states including adjoining Virginia have chosen the dogwood, but this does not make it any less desirable as the North Carolina state flower. In just a few weeks this lovely flowering tree will be the talk of all who pass along our highways. We know of no other that blooms in such profusion in every section. —Smithfield Herald.

NEW YORK HEARS ABOUT HIGHLANDS BERRIES

Our readers are indebted to C. F. Redden, of Highlands, owner of the "Jam Pot" gift shop, for the following excerpt from a New York newspaper. The letter was copied by G. Selmer Fougner, distinguished feature writer who died a few weeks ago, in one of his last columns published. This New York gentleman, himself a gourmet who appreciated delicate edibles, paid tribute to the Highlands wild

strawberries by publishing the following personal letter:

"Have you ever tasted the wild mountain strawberries growing on the summits of the Blue Ridge? They are distinctly in a class by themselves. It is claimed that their unique flavor is due to the clear crispness of the air at the high altitudes where they thrive here and the abundant dews, combined with a hot Southern sun. "At any rate, while these may be facts of little importance on Broadway, they are well known to Southern gourmets."

But gourmets in the North want to know about them too, and this one in particular promptly asked for more information. The berries, of course, are out of season, but how about preserves, jams and jellies?

"Yes, we have them," came the reply. "Unfortunately the supply of wild strawberries is very limited. Cultivated berries don't mature well at this altitude, but the wild ones are specially fine, when there are enough to pick. No one, not even those whose June and early July livelihood depends largely on picking them can tell so much as a week ahead while berries are, or should be ripening, whether or not they will be able to get any."

Most of the berries come from a section known as Turtle Pond, and are carried eight or more miles on foot by either children or old people unless they get picked up when reaching some road to the town. People living closer are busy with tourists. Very few who know how, will pick. There is an art to it, and the berries very fragile. The 2½ quart pail of the "don't know how" will be soup and useless for whole berry jam before filled, while the rare good, and willing picker will deliver after toting on foot many miles, vine fresh and firm berries that were picked the day before."

Cullasaja

By MRS. VERNON BRYSON
Mr. J. B. Bryson and a Mr. Farley of Fort Bragg, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Vanhook of Prentiss spent the first of the week with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Holland, and Elmer Stanfield spent Easter visiting relatives in Jackson county.

Mrs. Davis Stanfield returned to her home after a three week's visit at Fort Bragg. She was accompanied on her way home by her husband, David Stanfield and Buland Stanfield, who returned to Fort Bragg Tuesday.

Miss Ollie Bryson of Asheville spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bryson.

Wilford Thompson has moved to Cashiers and Calse Frady of Upper Cullasaja has moved to the Thompson house.

Vernon Bryson has remodeled his house.

Tom Russell has given his house a new spring coat of paint.

Leslie Higdon, Fred Sorrells and Robert Estes of Fort Bragg spent the first of the week with home folks here.

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To do your house and sign painting. Can give you quick, dependable service that will please you, as I have had wide and varied experience in my work.

Work Anywhere in North Ga. or Western North Carolina
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LABOR FREE—To those who buy a good size order of Davis' "Ever Bright" House Paint at \$2.78 per gallon, (the paint with a guarantee that makes you safe), a certain amount of Free Labor will be given for demonstration purposes.

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T. T. McNelley
Painter
Turnerville, Ga.
(5 Miles South Tallulah Falls.)

The Home Demonstration Club met last Friday with Mrs. Pritchard Russell.
Sam Frady who left a short time ago for Fort Bragg to take military training is a patient in the hospital there suffering from an infection.

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

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Men's Suits
A Large Stock to Select from
\$10.00 \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00

Shoes
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Any Grade You Wish
50c to \$5.00

Dress Shirts
Whites and Fancys
50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.95

Ladies' Spring Coats
Short and Long
\$1.95 to \$8.75

Ladies' Dresses
59c, \$1.00 and up to \$2.95

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

Corn For PROFIT

This is one of those years where the world must produce or starve, and he who produces will prosper.

Right now the farmers are thinking about corn because the crop must soon be planted. The farmers of this section, in order to make money this year should have a good crop of corn. Aim at two full ears on a stalk instead of one nubbin.

Use BASIC PULVERIZED FERTILIZER which has the Southeast record for production of corn. The two brands we recommend for a big yield are BASIC O-TEN-FOUR, or KNOX TRIPLE A (4-10-4).

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