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FREEDOM AND GOD

In a general but pretty consistent way the spread of modern democracy seems to be tied up to the Christian religion.

Democracy existed before Christianity, but it was a democracy so limited that we would hardly call it by that name now. It is estimated that only ten per cent of the inhabitants of Athens were citizens. Probably less than that proportion of the Roman Empire were Roman citizens. And in either case, since the presentation was unknown, the citizens themselves could only vote by attending the meetings in the amphitheatre or forum. Citizenship was only rarely conferred on aliens who became subjects of Greece or Rome. There was no notion that all men were entitled to equal rights.

But as democracy began to revive after the Dark Ages it revived under the influence of a new religion. It is true that the practices of government often violated the teachings of that religion just as the practices of the church itself did. But the basic teaching was always there: it kept reasserting itself; and it was something new: a new influence on the thoughts and actions of men.

The parts of that religion which concern theology have been variously interpreted and have led to many different sects and schisms, many of which have been hostile and some of which have warred on each other with bloodthirsty ferocity. But the part which teaches us about the nature of man has been generally agreed on by all Christians and has slowly affected the nature of government in most Christian countries.

That part states that all men are sinful and likewise that all men are sacred. Since all are sacred it is wrong to deny to any of them what we call their rights. In a democracy they are all entitled to equal rights. What these rights are has been strongly developed through the generations. At first they were merely a fair trial and freedom from serfdom; now it is perhaps the vote, tomorrow it may be good health or economic opportunity. But in any case the rights, whatever they are, are held to belong equally to all men because all men share equally in some divine spirit which must not be violated by other men.

But likewise the Christian belief is that all men are sinful. It is therefore unwise to trust any man with absolute power. The Church pretended at times that Kings were under God's guidance and could therefore do no wrong. But for several centuries now kings have been disposable like anybody else.

There are many democrats who are not Christians and there are many among the clergy in every age who are not democratic; indeed, as each sect gets more highly organized it tends to line up with the ruling or the moneyed class.

It is hard, however, in the present state of the world, to imagine a whole people devoted to democracy unless sustained by Christianity in some form. It is a comfort then, to reflect that as old forms degenerate and sects grow rich and reactionary, the spirit of Christianity seems able to renew itself repeatedly and to rise from the ashes of man's weakness in new births.

GO FISHING WITHOUT GAS

It's okay with Mr. Ickes if the State's ardent fishermen continue their sport, but, he says, "We still think it's a good idea for them to fish when they can and where they can without extra gasoline." Gasoline for fishing trips won't be available, no matter how productive of food the sport may be.

GRAINS OF SAND

Since their school closed for the summer, Mrs. Hayes and her sister, Miss Webb, of the Ark have been helping Ernest lives get in his dew-berry crop.

Paul Jernigan and his nephew, both of whom used to live in Shanghai, have been working there, too.

Ernest says it's a great sight: two people from Great Britain and two from China, none of whom need the money, helping get in a Moore County crop.

Probably the explanation is that they have seen enough of the world to know the true value of food in war.

And to know what this war's about.

When the school bus broke down crossing James Creek lately the lowest somebody in Moore County was discovered.

Starting to walk, the children found, thrown out on the side of the road, a cardboard box, wired shut.

Inside were eight kittens.

Alive.

But left to die.

Thanks to the children they found homes.

There's only one proper home for the persons who left them there.

Hope they go there when they die.

Anybody got collard seed?

The owner and publisher of this enlightened organ of hot news and culture will trade a subscription for same. (Adv.)

He says it's a sorry world but he can stand it if he can just get his collards and a little pork fat in with them.

Glad to hear the Legion with the help of Pinehurst Incorporated is supplying accommodations for service men.

Let's remember:

It's not a leave if you've no place to sleep.

Or no place to eat.

P. S. Never mind about the collard seed.

William MacNeil who rents the old Willis Young place has just given the publisher some plants.

The publisher sold William a mule last year and was so honest that William is grateful. (Adv.)

THE Public Speaking

We reprint extracts from letters received since last week's issue. The first is taken from one requesting a change of address. The Pilot:

I am leaving for the mountains and do not want to miss your paper. I enjoy The Pilot more than I can say. Some day in happier times I hope to return to the charming town of Southern Pines where I spent many happy days. I shall return to My Ventnor home after Labor Day but will advise you later.
-MRS. JAMES W. PONDER,
Ventnor, N. J.

From A. J. Maxwell, director of the Department of Tax Research of the State of North Carolina comes a letter to James Boyd in which reference is made to Mr. Hugh Dave MacWhirr's book. Probably a lot of Mr. Maxwell's friends do not know that he was once a newspaper man. Dear Mr. Boyd:

One idea that I get from this pamphlet, which I have read with a great deal of interest, is that you are selling the paper too cheap, when two dozen eggs come within ten cents of paying for a six months' subscription. When as a young man I was publishing the Columbus News at Whiteville my subscription price was just half what yours is, but it took ten dozen eggs at that time to pay for a dollar's worth of subscription, or four fat hens.

Cordially yours,
-A. J. MAXWELL.

From Raleigh comes money for a subscription in a letter which says, in part:

I got a copy of The Pilot some time ago and found that it was a much better paper than the last one I saw years ago. One objection: at that time I wanted to go to preaching at Cypress again. I did not know the date and hour of services and searched The Pilot, but failed to find it. So we people a "fur piece off" would appreciate a church calendar in the paper.
-MRS. J. LEE JOHNSON,
225 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

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SOME IMPROVEMENT

"We are glad to note that there has been some improvement in non-essential driving during the past week in this county, but there is still too much of it," says Chairman Maurice of the local Rationing Board.

"This country has to supply not only our own Army and Navy with petroleum products," Mr. Maurice continued, "but England and dozens of other bases throughout the world. To train one pilot requires 250 hours or 12,500 gallons of gas, and every plane in combat burns 100 gallons per hour for each motor. This country alone has over 100,000 planes in service, and this enormous consumption has to be handled mainly through the Eastern seaboard. Every drop we can save is vital."

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Sunday, June 20
Godfrey Tearle and Eric Portman in
"ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT IS MISSING"

Monday and Tuesday, June 21, 22
Jon Hall and Maria Montez in
"ARABIAN NIGHTS"

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CARTHAGE NEWS

Personals

Miss Carol Graves of Charlotte is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Grier.

Miss Betty Jo Webster of Aberdeen is visiting Mrs. Warren.

Mrs. James Rhodes of Sioux City, Iowa, is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. John Baker.

Lieut. and Mrs. Eugene Watts of Norfolk spent two days with Mrs. Chas. T. Sinclair, Jr. Mrs. Watts is Mrs. Sinclair's sister.

Mrs. W. A. Wilmer and daughter, Miss Beth Wilmer, of Charlotte spent the week-end with Mrs. Wilmer's mother, Mrs. R. L. Phillips.

Mrs. Marie Buamgardner of Raleigh is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Phillips.

Miss Flora Cox of the Presbyterian Hospital Training School in Charlotte is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Lelia Cox.

Miss Frances McKeithen of Fort Bragg visited her mother, Mrs. N. A. McKeithen on Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Morgan spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, before returning to E. C. T. C. Summer school at Greenville.

Miss Grace Blue of Camp Butler is spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blue.

Mrs. Charles Cox and Misses Flora and Catherine Cox spent the week-end in Rowland visiting relatives.

Miss Catherine Blue of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Blue.

Mrs. Clarence E. Patterson and small daughter, Martha Kay, arrived home from Winston-Salem Sunday after a three weeks' visit with Mrs. Nola Lewis.

Harold Williamson of New York City spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williamson.

Mrs. Gart Wallace and daughter, Nancy Wallace, left Tuesday for Washington to visit Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Larkin. While there, they will attend the wedding of her nephew, Tad Larkin.

Senator Wilbur Currie is making a business trip to New York this week.

Mrs. Ed McNair and Ned McNair of Durham are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frye.

The many friends of Mrs. Lee R. McDonald are glad to know that she is much improved following an operation in Charlotte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hart and children, Peggy and Celeste, returned to their home in Snow Hill on Sunday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Clegg.

A Son

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Currie. They announce the birth of a son, John Murdock, Jr., on Tuesday, June 8, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Mrs. Currie is the former Miss Frances McPhail of Rockingham.

Miss Elizabeth Thomas is attending the Young Peoples' Conference at Louisburg.

Girls Enjoy Camp

On last Wednesday, Miss Hilda Blue, the Girl Scout leader, took the Scouts to Bishop's Cabin for a three day stay. They enjoyed swim-

ming, boating and hiking. On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Poe were dinner guests of the Scouts.

Those that enjoyed the camping trip were: Misses Blue, Frances Anne and Annie Jane Clegg, Mary Elizabeth and Kitty Currie, Peggy Jean Underwood, Hazel A. Adams, Helen Strader, Laura Sue Thomas Kay, Boyette, Amelia Willcox, Alica Lane, Betty Flinchum, Helen Kelly and Jane Davis.

A delightful program was given. Mrs. H. F. Seawell, Sr., gave musical current events. Mrs. Gilliam Brown gave a life history of the composer, Strauss. Mrs. Walter L. Warford rendered a vocal solo accompanied by Mrs. H. J. Hall and Messdames L. R. Sugg and Reid Pleasants played a piano duet. Mrs. M. G. Dalrymple played and sang one of her original compositions.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. F. H. Underwood, Elizabeth and Laura Sue Thomas served home-made cake and ice cream with salted nuts.

Entertains Music Club

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Mrs. W. C. Poe was the only guest besides club members.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church held its June meeting Monday afternoon at the church. Mrs. L. R. Sugg presided and Mrs. E. S. Adams read the minutes.

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