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Editorial Correspondence

Jerusalem, August 29, 1935.

Reaching the city late yesterday, we put up at the Hotel Fast, a modern hotel operated by Germans and well kept. It was quiet during the night until 3 a. m., when the caravans began to stir. The feet of the camels start shuffling in the streets and the boys begin to lash their donkeys to make them. From then until day, if a good sleeper, you can doze off; if not, it is just too bad, as the hotel is on the point of several streets with rushing traffic in every direction. I succeeded as usual. Went to early breakfast, which was rather better than any I have had in Europe, Asia or Africa, as all the bread we have had up to now has been as tough as a rawhide hamestring and as hard as a Billy goat's head.

At 10 o'clock, seven of our party set out for the bazaar, where you find many little things on sale, mostly of little value, except as souvenirs for friends. You will pay a big price for them, unless you are an exceptionally sharp trader. Then your price is generally their price.

Going from the bazaar, we entered old Jerusalem proper by the ancient Joppa gate, which is about 30 to 40 feet wide and some 25 feet high. The gate has been removed and only the opening is left. The gate was a very heavy affair and required the labor of many men to open and close it, and for convenience there was a very small gate cut in the large gate so that citizens or traveling pilgrims arriving late could be admitted easily. This small gate was called the "Needle's Eye"; hence Jesus meant, when He expressed the difficulty of a rich man entering the kingdom of heaven, that he, like the camel, would have to kneel down, take off his load and humble himself to pass through the small opening. The walled city contained 35 acres of land. The east and west walls, not quite parallel, are slightly more than a quarter of a mile long, while the walls on the north and south ends of the city were less, just long enough for enclosing the 35 acres. These walls average from 30 to 40 feet high, at some places more, and are about 15 feet thick at the top. They are now intact and in almost perfect state of preservation. The Joppa gate faces west, while the Damascus gate—these are the only two I have passed through so far—lies to the north, where the roads make off toward Damascus.

Our trip led us through David Street, which is far beyond the descriptive power of the human mind to state, and must have been the spot at which Jesus was looking down upon when He said, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem—how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. . . ." His sympathy must have been great for these ignorant, poverty-stricken, misled people and still they go on, perhaps in a worse state now than at that time. To think that this surging throng has crowded this street for more than two millenniums without improvement, so far as we know! Human sympathy and love directed by enlightenment and training is the only hope for them.

False religion cannot elevate man's thinking and actions.

Jerusalem, Friday, August 30.

A pleasant night and fine morning. No important trips for today, just resting. Tomorrow we are to be taken to the historical places of the city by our guide. In the afternoon I walked alone from the hotel down the Joppa Road, which, for several blocks, is a well paved street, passing first a large Jewish hotel, then a very large building occupied by mercantile firms. Further on we pass a beautiful new post office building under construction and opposite, on the north, is the Russian building, also a large building having the appearance of a government or state structure. From this point, you get a good view across the valley to the west, where the rays of a declining day are fast fading from the horizon and with the thought that beyond that horizon, seven hours, it is not yet noonday in America. There arises something akin to a hunger and a thirst for the homeland.

A good cablegram from home today was the first direct news from home since leaving London. All the homefolks who promised to write me have failed me, or the mail service is not up to the American standards. There is very little fear of war here, and no fright by anyone. We get some world-wide news from the Jerusalem Post, the English daily newspaper of the

city, including reports from the New York stock market.

Jerusalem, August 31, 1935.

A very pleasant day. The fact that it is the Jewish Sabbath naturally makes Saturday a rather dull day. Our party of 14 Americans, with our guide, left at 9 a. m. for a tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is supposed to stand on the hill of Golgotha, the place of the trial, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus. During the numberless sieges of the city, many times this particular section has been destroyed by the ruthless hands of war and barbarism, as well as by fire, and there is much doubt as to the exact spots pointed out being the exact places of memorable incidents, yet it is well known and fully substantiated by the Holy Scriptures that these places are about correct.

We start from our hotel, go east to the old Joppa gate, turn north through David Street, pass David's Wall, where he is said to have abided when he fell in love with Bath-sheba, Uriah's wife, who resided only a few paces away to the north. King David sent, it will be recalled, his faithful soldier Uriah into a dangerous spot where he knew the latter would be slain, afterwards marrying Bath-sheba, who became the mother of Solomon, the ancestral father of Jesus the Great King.

Passing further along David Street we turn west and take Christian Street for a short distance to the present site of the church, which stands to the northwest of the city, between the Joppa and Damascus gates and within the line of the city walls, which has been the chief grounds to doubt the church's traditions of the truth of their claims, because Gethsemane was outside of the city. Recent excavations prove that the ancient wall did not include what is now known as the Garden of Gethsemane and Golgotha, also the burial place of Christ in the new tomb of Joseph, the rich Jewish friend of Jesus, who asked for the body from Herod and who, with Nicodemus, took the body from the cross and anointed it for burial. We went into what is claimed to be the tomb, which is a room about 11 feet square cut in solid rock. This is the place where the women went to anoint the body of the Lord and found it gone. We also entered the small niche where the body was laid. It is large enough for four persons to enter at a time, though they have to huddle while going in. It is supposed that this is the place where Joseph and Nicodemus laid Jesus and put the stone over the opening, which was later sealed by the Roman guard and still later open by the angel who came and rolled the stone away. All these statements are not fully backed by the Scriptures. This church, which contains the alleged sacred spots are owned by people of different nationalities most of them owning a special chapel highly ornamented with gold and precious jewels. A wax figure of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is ornamented with gifts, mostly from members of the Catholic church, which represent millions of dollars in value. It is certain that the great events connected with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ were very near by.

Our afternoon tour began at 3 o'clock and was by auto. We went out to the Mount of Olives, slightly more than two miles southeast of the city. Here is where Christ stood and predicted the destruction of the city. It was also from this mountain that He began His triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the temple through the Golden Gate, also called the Beautiful Gate when Peter and John entered and raised up the lame beggar. Christ rode into the city on the young colt and the people spread their garments and palm branches on the road, singing hosannas and proclaiming Him king and Son of David. It was also from this mount that He ascended to heaven, and we stood on the very spot from which, tradition says, He ascended. It is a glorious sight to stand and look down upon the city and view the things which Jesus's heart of love bled to convert. The view includes the temple, the valley of the brook across which is the place where Judas hanged himself when his conscience so lashed him that he could no longer stand the guilt and pain. It was on the Mount of Olives that Jesus taught His followers the Lord's Prayer.

One of the most impressive scenes from the mount is a view to the east, where you see in plain sight a few miles away the Dead Sea and the Jordan River, and just beyond the land of Moab and Mount Nebo, where Moses was buried alone, and the land where Ruth and Orpah lost their husbands and Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem. More about the Jordan and Dead Sea, where I go Monday.

Going from the Mount of Olives we drove back by Jerusalem and out to Rachel's tomb, where she died and was buried. Later the tomb was erected by Jacob, because she was his favorite wife and the mother of Joseph. Going a mile still farther south we entered the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, now a rather nice, cheerful-looking town of 10,000 inhabitants, and one of the most famous towns in all the world, being the home of David for so long and the birthplace of Jesus. It is first mentioned in history about 1,730 years B. C., making it at least 3,665 years old. About 400 years later we hear of it in the biblical record of the love story of Ruth and Boaz. Ruth had returned from the land of Moab a young widow willing to work for her living, and to help support her mother-in-law, Naomi, she went into the grain fields to glean the scattered grain left by the reapers. Boaz, noticing her at work, like her so much that he directed the reapers to leave an abundance of grain in her row that she might gather an abundance. They were afterwards married. The very field was pointed out as the Boaz farm, which lies only a few paces nearer the city than the fields where David had watched his father's flocks. Samuel, the prophet, came to Bethlehem to select and anoint a new king, and David was chosen.

We went into the place representing the manger in which the Christ was born; however, it had been converted into a church 700 years later, but at the time of Christ it was a cheap stopping place for caravans,

the members of which put their camels, goats, cattle and donkeys in the stalls and slept down on the bar-floors themselves, perhaps with a little wisp of hay under their heads. Such was the birthplace of our Saviour. A more comfortable room is shown where it is said Mary, Joseph, and the young child were allowed to spend the night, and it was in this room that it is said Joseph was warned in a vision to flee to Egypt to save the child, and the following he procured a donkey and with Mary and the babe he set out for the journey. In this building or grotto is a section called the Grotto of Innocence, taking its

name from the fact that 20,000 male children were buried there who had been slain by the cruel order of Herod, who had ordered them slain in order to get Jesus, not knowing he was safe in Egypt. It was indeed an inspiring visit to Bethlehem which we completed just before the evening shades had obscured the surrounding hills and valleys. We had a good view of a new moon, which was not different from a new moon in America. We plan to ascend the Mount of Olives tomorrow at 8 o'clock and hold a church service, as we have six preachers in our company.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of John R. Rogers, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of September, 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 24th day of September, 1935.

WIXIE B. ROGERS,
Administrator.

H. D. HARDISON, Attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION
State of North Carolina, County of Martin—In Superior Court.
D. G. Matthews and W. S. Rhodes, Trading as Slade Rhodes and Company vs. Frank Bell and H. J. Etridge.
Under and by virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned by the Superior Court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, 7th of October, 1935 at 12 o'clock, noon, at the courthouse door Martin County sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right title and interest which the said Frank Bell or J. H. Etridge, defendants, have in the following described real estate, to-wit: One house and lot and vacant lot in the Town of Oak City, N. C. and bounded on the East by B. E. Moye, on the Northwest by lands of B. E. Moye, on the South by the lands of J. T. Daniel and on the West by public street, being lots Nos. One and Two in Block "J" of plot of the Town of Oak City, N. C. This 31st day of August, 1935.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin County in an action entitled "Virginia Ross vs. J. C. Ross, Guardian et al." entered at the June Term of Special Court, 1935, and under and by virtue of the authority contained in a deed of trust from James Dolberry and wife, of record in the Register of Deeds office Martin County in Book A-2, page 418, the undersigned commissioner on the 1st day of October, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door Martin County, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands:

First tract: All that certain piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the Town of Oak City, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, being all of Lots Nos. one and two in block "M" of the official plan of the Town of Oak City, North Carolina.

Second tract: Adjoining the lands of J. A. Burnett Estate and others and being known as the Hilliard Burnett home place, containing one hundred nine acres, more or less.

Third tract: Adjoining the lands of Lewis J. Thompson and others and known as the Sprull place, and containing one hundred eight acres, more or less.

This 31st day of August, 1935.
B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Martin County in an action entitled "Federal Land Bank vs. Byra K. Ballard et al." the undersigned commissioner will, on Wednesday, October 2, 1935, in front of the courthouse door Martin County, at 12 o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

First tract: A tract of land located in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, about three miles west from the Town of Oak City, N. C., and bounded on the north by the lands of the Lamb heirs (formerly Cotton land), and the lands of Mack Jones, on the south by the lands of F. M. Johnson, on the east by the lands of Mack Jones and Fat Haskett, and on the west by the lands of F. M. Johnson, containing 484 acres, more or less. For a full and complete description of said land reference is made to a map made by T. Jones Taylor, surveyor, on August 25, 1926, and being the same land deeded to Byra K. Ballard by J. G. Staton and wife, dated 3rd day of May, 1936, and of record in Martin County Public Registry in book U-2, page 217, to which reference may be had for a full and complete description.

The terms of sale are one-fourth cash and the balance on credit in five (5) equal annual installments, with interest.

This 2nd day of September, 1935.
B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF RESALE
Under and by virtue of an order of resale of the superior court of Martin County, made in the special proceedings entitled, "B. A. Critcher, Administrator of Calvin Moore, vs. Wheeler Moore, et al." the undersigned commissioner will, on the 5th day of October, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door Martin

County offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands:

First Tract: Bounded on the south by the Jamesville and Williamston road, on the east by Jim Rhodes land on the north by the land of John Land, and on the west by the land of George Bowen. Containing 4 acres, more or less, except one acre, which has been sold off the above land.

Second tract: Beginning at a pine tree in W. C. Moore's and Henry Sprull's land, and running a westerly course a straight line about sixty yards, more or less, to a rock buried near the edge of the road, known as the Road, running from Main County Road to Swindell's ditch, and thence along said road a southerly course about thirty yards, more or less, to a sweet gum in said Moore's land, thence a northeasterly course along said W. C. Moore's line to the beginning containing one-half (1-2) acres, more or less, the same purposing to be all the land on the south side of the line from the said pine at the beginning part of this description and along a straight line to the road, the said road.

This 21st day of September, 1935
B. A. CRITCHER,
Commissioner.



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Last Call For 1934 TAXES

By order of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, all county taxes due and unpaid on October 1 will be advertised for sale.

All property owners who have not paid their 1934 taxes will prevent extra cost and possible embarrassment by making settlement by next Tuesday, October 1. Pay now and avoid the last-minute rush.

C. B. ROEBUCK
SHERIFF - TAX COLLECTOR