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What About The Budget?

Uncle Sam spent \$144,999,725 in North Carolina during the recent fiscal year, and plans are well advanced for increasing the expenditures this year in the name of national defense. We are for all the spending, even down to the last last penny. But what about the budget?

Back yonder when the skin on only the poor fellow's back was being rubbed off, there was much howling about the budget. Some how or other when the skin on all of us is about to be taken off, we conveniently lost sight of the budget. If there is anything left of our economic order and the budget is still the budget after this big middle is cleared, we earnestly hope that some over-paid economist or learned columnist will not refer to the cost of relief extended the hungry as being the cause of all our woes.

The money spent in relieving suffering humanity had just as much effect in building up our national defense as the money now being spent for powder and guns.

Yes, we are for economy, too, but let economy be applied to the corrupt and sore spots in our political system. A dollar saved from the greedy hands of grafters in our defense program has the same value as a dollar withheld from some forgotten hungry man or child.

There were those who talked about the budget back yonder when the workers roamed the streets in search of employment and poverty and want constituted a problem for just a few million unfortunates. They can well afford to talk budget now, because the talk has national application.

Wishful Thinking

That part of the world in finding consolation in the historical defeats of Alexander the Great, Napoleon and still later that of Wilhelm at the hands of Russia, is doing a great deal of wishful thinking and ignoring most of the real facts. When history records the outcome of the present struggle between Hitler and Russia, it will have to brand those who are opposed to Hitler as being of a yellow strain.

There has been too much talk about Russia's form of government, a form of government which even to the layman is bogged down by errors. But the layman in this country after listening to the opposition in the political campaigns, asks if ours is the perfect one. We could squabble year in and year out about our own government, but history warns that such tactics crowd out progress and leave the period devoid of accomplishment. Then why do we continue to wrangle about Russia's form of government when there is a certain and definite task to be done?

Hitler went into Russia knowing full well that England and America, more than England, would wrangle over Russia's faults and do little or nothing else. He even talked about a new alignment in the drive against Russia, but he did not expect that in the first place.

Instead of our wishful thinking and our slurring attitude directed against Russia, we must center our attention on the real facts. The cold weather in Russia did not defeat Napoleon. The war was won when Wellington entered Spain and when the whole of Continental Europe turned against the Little General. Russia does not admit it, of course, but as a guide in the present struggle we should remember the concerted action rather than the cold weather in Russia had more to do with Napoleon's downfall.

Less than quarter of a century ago Russia played a deciding role in the downfall of Kaiser Bill. The West has drifted into the belief that the war was won around the Marne, and it should be admitted that each of the allied countries won the war of 1914-18, that had America held to its own shores, Germany would have won. Back in the first World War, Russia started in with a blundering campaign in East Prussia. Its armies were sent into the struggle half-mobilized, and because the high priests back home were more interested in dogmas and rituals, the armies came back half-destroyed. The general in charge went into the woods and sent a bullet through his brain. While all this was going on, Britain and France were winning the

first battle of the Marne. Why? Because an ill-equipped Russia Army was holding more German troops along the Russian borders and inside Russia than were being used against the British and French. And even on the verge of Russia's revolution, German and her allies were maintaining more troops in the East than there were in the West. What would the story have been had Germany shifted her vast armies from Russian territory and directed them against the British and the French?

The facts clearly indicate that wishful thinking has no place in the war today. We should realize from past experiences that if the democrat is to preserve his democracy and the communist is to preserve his communism and if anyone is to save anything that still has a meaning for him, definite steps must be taken toward unity in the fight against the conqueror. The old boys did not wrangle over forms of government or petty beliefs; they ganged together for the sole and only purpose of defeating a common enemy.

If we are to hope for Hitler's downfall, we have first got to see action in the West while Russia still occupies him and his hordes in the East. It is high time that we were stopping so much wishful thinking and act.

This Confusing World

Just as if the turn of events in the war was not enough to worry about, here comes along those who would add a little more confusion to this old troubled and confusing world.

Self-termed friends of the farmer are now pointing out that the parity price law for agriculture will actually hold farm commodity prices to a low level. We won't dispute them, remembering that France is now fighting her former ally, and that all white paint may be called black and all black paint may be called white before the next change of the moon. But where were those friends of the farmer back yonder when the fight was underway to gain what little the parity percentage price law offered.

And now comes along an employer explaining that the wage and hour law is actually holding down wages. Well, maybe it is, for about the only things that haven't changed their meaning are death and taxes.

Is it possible that in this time of need for unity and a better feeling among farmers, capital and labor there are those who would disgruntle the farmer with the parity law and create hatred among the laborers for the wage and hour law?

Stubborn Individuality

Taking exception to a plan approved by more than 80 per cent of his fellow farmers, a wheat grower out in Michigan chose to burn his entire wheat crop rather than store the surplus or pay the penalty on the excess. It is plainly another case of stubborn individuality. We follow along with the mob in so many directions and are well satisfied until we take exception to some step and then we damage ourselves in the vain hope of spiting the government.

There are those who will come along and admire the Michigan wheat farmer for his individual action in this case, but when a man acts as he acted it is about time that his upper story was being examined for he has given evidence already that he is a fit subject for keeping in a padded cell in some institution for the insane.

Our stubborn individuality has resulted in a mass of baffling laws and regulations. It is admitted that every group has its special laws, and it is fairly apparent that even individuals have gagged the law-making bodies and forced the passage of laws designed and created for selfish and limited purposes. It would seem much better if the masses would join in and support movements designed to aid the masses forget our individual whims and stubbornness and stop doing such foolish things as burning our wheat crops.

Throttling Defense

The defeatist's stand taken by one Hamilton Fish, the Republican Congressman from New York who is now serving a 30-day term in the Army at Fort Bragg, is doing more to delay defense than all the strikes and all the bottlenecks tied around the defense program.

After two years it would seem that this country would be pulling together either for an all-out defense or a bang-up partnership with the German barbarians. The trend has been toward the side of those who are fighting Hitler, but one obscure Congressman and a few other isolationists are hamstringing the program of the many.

Ham Fish and others of his ilk hold the right to disagree and so state their stands, but it is now evident that Fish and his group are doing more to have America bow down to Hitlerism than the spies and other Hitler agents are doing.

"I Is Reddy When You Is"

Elberton (Ga.) Star.

A Negro registrant was struggling with his questionnaire. He looked it over for a long while, scratching his head and sweating profusely. Finally he said: "I caint answer all them questions in a year." So he turned the sheet over and wrote on the back: "I is reddy when you is," and sent it to the board.

This humble citizen, we believe, spoke not only the sentiments of his race. He also spoke for all the people of the South and, it is to be hoped, for the people of all other sections.

Look Behind You, Sam!



Members of the FIGHT FOR FREEDOM Committee everywhere in the nation have telegraphed and written the President, and their Representatives and Senators in Congress, "Why haven't we expelled the Axis Ambassadors?"

The Source Of Power

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

THE CHURCH IS THE HOLY FELLOWSHIP OF PEOPLE.

"Membership is an inescapable part of our lives. The relationships of the family make or unmake a child. Each of us is a member and heir of some wider community of lives, a neighborhood, town, nation. From that membership we draw in large measure the way we think, the very language we speak, the standards by which we live. We are made by the company we keep. God made us for community, for membership in a shared life.

"Because He made us for community. He never deals with us as isolated beings. He spoke to His prophets as members of His chosen people, in terms of the needs of His people and of His holy purposes for His people. All the treasure that came to us in the Old Testament, the commandments of the Law, the prophetic words, the songs of the Psalmists, were committed by God to the keeping of a Chosen People, and they are ours only because the people of God guarded them for us. It is we Gentiles who have been grafted in and made fellow-heirs of God's favor to His people Israel.

"God sent for His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law." Our Lord in His humanity was fully part of the life of His people. The memories and the hopes of Israel were His. The Father spoke to Him through the life and needs and sacred writings of His people. God fashioned the mind and purpose of Jesus the Christ out of the stuff of Israel.

"When Christ had finished His earthly ministry there was nothing to show for it in our world save the company of people who had walked with Him and heard His word, with whom He had broken bread and prayed, and into whom He had breathed His own Spirit. That was the apostolic Church, the community, the shared life issuing out of companionship of Christ. There is no Church other than the apostolic Church, the continuing fellowship of lives which ever receives what God in Christ gives and then gives to the world what it has received. Only through the Church do the Gospels reach us and only through us can the Gospel reach the world. In those sacred actions of the worshiping community which we call sacraments Christ continues to receive those who "repent and believe" into a shared life with Him and His disciples, and continues to feed men with His strengthening companionship and to offer His life to us and for us in the broken bread and the poured-out wine. The Church is the imperfect sinning society of men that carries this heavenly treasure through the changes and chances of the years. The treasure is committed to us, not to priests or ministers alone, but to the whole company of Christian people. We are all called. We are all sent. The promise of power is to us all.

"The life of the Church is a life of receiving and giving. These two can not be separated. When the Church stops receiving from God it has nothing to give. It is like a branch cut off from the vine, which bears no fruit. But if the Church stops giving it cannot receive. It is like a body that tries to breathe in without breathing out. The Church can live only by permitting the love of God to flow through it into the world.

"The Church in its inmost nature is the community of faith and worship and charity. It lives by a two-fold movement of the spirit, upward in contrite adoration of the self-giving God and outward to the needs of the world. A Church anxiously concerned for its own existence and begging men to support it so that it can be a success is a contradiction. A congregation that looks on its neighborhood as a means of support rather than as a field of service is a dying congregation. Because the Church is the body of Christ, it, like Him, stands in the world as one that comes not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give its life."

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The hand that rocks the cradle is now stained with nicotine. And the foot upon the rocker likes to step on gasoline.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Voice of the Church."
Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Subject, "Handling Handicaps."
Evening service, 8 p. m. Subject, "Life's Unexpected Crosses."
Choir rehearsal, Monday, 7:30.
Thursday, 8 p. m. Study of 20th Chapter of Acts by Mrs. John L. Goff.

Beginning Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Bay Creek Christian Church, Meigs, Rev. John L. Goff will conduct a series of evangelistic services. This will be the third meeting conducted by Mr. Goff for the Bay Creek church. Rev. R. V. Hope, of Washington, is the pastor. Mr. Hope will fill the pulpit of the Williamston Christian Church on Sunday, August 3rd.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8 p. m. The church will have some business to attend to with reference to the revival meeting. Therefore I hope that all the membership will try to be present and the public is invited.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

7th Sunday after Trinity.
The Collect
Lord, of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young people's meeting, 7 p. m.
Evening worship, 8 p. m.
Last Sunday we were richly blest in our worship; we are anxious for His presence and fellowship again with His people this Sunday. He never disappoints those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. "Where two or three are gathered together in His Name He will be there in the midst." What a joy it is to have the presence of the Living Christ.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Epworth league, 7 p. m.
Evening worship, 8 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.
Jack Harrell v. Sarah Harrell.
It appearing from the affidavit of

Thrips Affects Large Part Of Northampton Peanuts

Approximately 75 per cent of the peanut acreage in Northampton County has been affected by thrips this season, says H. G. Snipes, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

The unusually favorable position of the Nation's poultry industry is reflected in the June output of more than 4,000,000,000 eggs, largest for the month since 1930.

B. A. Cletcher, Attorney in this action, that Sarah Harrell cannot after due diligence be found in the State and she is not to be found in the County of Martin; and it further appearing that a cause of action exists against the defendant in favor of the plaintiff, to-wit: An absolute divorce on account of two years' separation: It is, therefore, ordered that summons be served on said Sarah Harrell by publication and to that end that notice of this action be published once a week for four weeks in the Enterprise, a newspaper published in Martin County, setting forth the title of the action, purpose of same and requiring the defendant to appear and answer the complaint within thirty (30) days after service hereof.

This 24th day of February, 1941.
L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.

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