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Unheralded Scandals

Hans van Kaltenborn, the tired and half-cocked old breath-pusher on the radio, is still tooting the horn of the multi-millionaires. In a recent broadcast he was said to have directed another attack against labor, adding his bit against the farmer's claim to a rightful place in the economic sun. It has been Hans' policy to play labor against farmer and vice versa, but now he is getting mixed up and he goes to bat for the industrialist against both farmer and laborer. Maybe it is a sign that the farmer and laborer are about to understand that their common causes are closely related, that they have been played one against the other all these years as suckers by a ruthless and dominating few.

Kaltenborn, when he attacked laborer and farmer just recently, could well have added the names of others, but he and other labor baiters seldom or never mention the scandals in Standard Oil, in Tungsten carbide, in steel priorities and on and on. Kaltenborn and others of his ilk have not troubled to ask who illegally conspired with the Germans to evade American laws. They have not bothered to ask who cooperated with the Germans in suppressing the manufacture of needed war materials. They have not asked who gave the Germans a rake-off on the materials which the rotten system permitted to be produced. They have not asked who gave the Germans vital information, or who brought pressure in the high places to block criminal prosecution by the government. There are many, many other questions Kaltenborn and his labor baiters and wreckers of unity have failed to ask or discuss on highly-financed programs. Why? Because those questions should be answered by American corporations, many of whom hold key positions in our war effort.

Kaltenborn knows and others know that strikes, trifling labor and all other factors of a detrimental nature traceable to the common worker have not delayed our war effort as much as have the faults, intentional or otherwise, in the high industrial places. Labor, while subject to some criticism we admit, is not responsible for the weak showing made in this country as compared with the record in Germany. Hitler built up his war machine in a hurry, but in this country it has taken us twice as long to build up half as much according to our natural and other resources.

If Mr. Kaltenborn would enlighten his dear listeners, let him answer the questions, not by evasion but with the facts that are being fathered by congressional inquiries.

Standard Oil, in a well-prepared leaflet, has painted itself as a martyr by asking its own questions and answering them in a superfluous vein and in its own way. Neither Mr. Kaltenborn nor Standard Oil can charge the laborer with the poor production showing this country makes back yonder when President Roosevelt was calling and begging for an adequate production schedule. And neither can the laborer be charged with the rubber shortage in this country today. Possibly, Mr. Kaltenborn and Standard Oil and others can explain why and how Germany runs its mighty machine without natural rubber.

The people are entitled to the facts, all the facts, but it is dead certain that Hans and Stan will never spill them from their lips.

The People's Money

The Standard Oil Company, vigorously denying all charges that it had connived with the enemy to the detriment of this nation, boasts the expenditure of millions of dollars of its own money for research work. The Standard Oil Company may have spent millions of dollars for research in the synthetic rubber field, but as far as the average man is concerned he finds his means to make a living dwindling as the tread of his tires grows ever thinner. There's no such thing as synthetic rubber as far as he is concerned, and if there is any such thing as synthetic rubber as far as the whole country is concerned it is limited to a mere sample the high-powered executive displays in quieting the indignation and wrath of the people who have been in blissful sleep while maneuvers costly to their welfare and future were going

on to the furthestmost corners of the world.

The Standard Oil may have spent twelve million dollars for synthetic rubber research, but wasn't that money added on to the price of four quarts of gasoline the farmer buys to haul his life-sustaining food to market? Didn't the weary traveler, dependent upon speed, contribute his part?

Yes, the scrap iron dealers sold to Japan. It was legal, but it is death as the bullets come hurtling back at us. Standard Oil and others, too, did business with Hitler, and it is doggone strange that a vast German army can move on synthetic rubber and in this country there's hardly enough rubber to supply the new crop of war babies with a pair of pants.

It is fairly apparent that American business outfigured Hitler when it came to the profit dollar, but that Hitler won the deal in the final analysis.

The profits gained by Standard Oil in its deals with Hitler, the profits gained through the sale of scrap iron to the Japs and the gains chalked up by scores of others in their shady but possibly legal dealings with Hitler are being paid back many times, yes, thousands of times, with other people's money, not to mention the loss of life, suffering and sorrow.

The Daring Mr. Bailey

When is Mr. Bailey coming into North Carolina in the interest of his campaign? Fairly reliable sources state that Mr. Bailey will not dare to come into North Carolina and face the common people. He is doing a bit of politicking by wire and letter, touching the high spots and keeping quiet as far as the common masses are concerned.

While Mr. Bailey will hardly dare to come into North Carolina, he is daring to slap the masses in the face with his votes in the United States Senate. Only a few days ago he voted to help strangle if not choke altogether the Tennessee Valley Authority, a governmental agency that has saved the people an estimated 100 million dollars. The Tennessee Valley Authority, despite burning attacks from the trusts, is a big pillar in the foundation of our war effort. And yet, Mr. Bailey would strangle it. The Tennessee Valley Authority hangs as a dagger over the heads of the fertilizer trusts in that it can make phosphates and other materials for the farmer. And, yet, Mr. Bailey, the same Bailey who is asking to be sent back to the United States Senate, voted to muzzle the TVA.

Incidentally, Bob Reynolds voted along with Bailey. He is slipping or jumping closer to the old clique since he has been McLeanized.

A Symptom Of Degeneration

Nell Battle Lewis in the News and Observer.

Negro spirituals are some of the best and most original native American music. Like many other good things, they were produced spontaneously; they came out of the heart of the Negro race, out of simple religious faith, and at a time when this people was bearing the burden of slavery.

One of the most touching spirituals rendered over the radio the other day? In swing! Yes, I tell you: In Swing! I could hardly believe my ears. It was sickening. One of the best known swing bands played it. "Nobody knows but Jesus" was "hot" and "right in the groove." At intervals a singer would ejaculate, "Yes, my Lord!" as the band blared and cut its musical capers.

I thought to myself: Well, if this isn't a symptom of a degenerating society, I don't know one when I hear it! Faith, sincere longing, deep aspiration set to swing for the entertainment of "rug-cutters" and "jitter-bugs"! We really are a putrid lot!

By far the most encouraging aspect of our present plight, as well as the brightest hope for our future, is the increasing realization, shown in expressions such as this by Mr. Agar in Harper's, that all of us, individually and collectively, are responsible for this catastrophe—that Hitler was only the precipitant, or what the lawyers call the proximate cause, of dreadful ills for which we all have long been preparing the way by our softness, our irresponsibility, and our moral sloth; and that, just as we brought these ills upon ourselves, so surely we can make a new and better world by becoming new and better men.

Never truer than in its application to us now was the adage: "Character is destiny!"

He Gave The Blind A Staff

Labor.

"Bob" Wagner, New York's great Senator, has been the recipient of many honors and he deserves every one of them. But this week an honor came to him which must have touched his heart as it has seldom been touched in the past.

Helen Keller, who achieved immortality despite the fact that she is deaf and blind, presented the Senator with a scroll commemorating the great work Wagner has done on behalf of the blind. Her speech, if it may be called a speech, was a gem.

"It refreshes me much in the night of a troubled world to salute the good which comes as the first star," she said. "Charmed by your kindness to the sightless, I present to you, Senator Wagner, this resolution:

"We honor you because, despite obstacles and vigorous opposition, you have pushed to new latitudes the movement for the blind. And as a result more than half of them have been given, not a beggar's crutch but a staff on the road of accomplishment. I know your abounding humanity will never evaporate."

Self-Control . . .

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

An eminent scientist has said, "We cannot ignore the tragic fact that while science has given man control over nature, he has failed to gain control over himself." It is for this reason that in a world of plenty millions of people are homeless and hopeless while other millions are destroying life and property in huge quantities. The present state of society has for its background a confidence in human wisdom together with the failure of men to get control over their own lives.

To my mind one of the greatest proofs of the value of the Christian Gospel is to be found in those who reject it and in the consequences of their rejection. If it is true, and it undoubtedly is, that the lives of Christians are not inspiring, it is also true that the lives of those who reject Christ are even less attractive. The disciples of Christ at least are trying to do something to make this a more decent world. It is something to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness even though you make little progress.

Possibly the greatest proof of the need of religious faith lies in the situation which arises from its absence. God's presence is like the air we breathe. I do not believe in the air because I observe it but because of gasp for breath when it is taken away. The best way to impress upon one that air is a reality is to take it away for a short time. The most impressive argument for belief in the Christian gospel is to be found in the social order which has rejected it. It is so very true that in man's conceit over his scientific attainment he has lost control over himself, and so is destroying the values that his mind has created.

The need for the future is for man to attain such control over himself that he loves God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself. It is only so that we can profit from the products of man's mind. With all our boasted knowledge the present generation is as savage as primitive man and as cruel as brutal gangsters. Men need control over their own passions and this is the province of religion. It is only as man responds to God's gifts that he attains the true goal of life, whether it is in the search for truth, beauty or goodness.

Someone has said hopefully that God never creates a new earth without creating a new heaven. Whatever the drag of the job down here, there is always the lift of strength up there. The test of the days like these is to have faith in the strength up there. This is the source of our second wind. In a burst of patriotism or fine feeling, we declare a stand on what is wrong, or make a firm resolve to do what is right. And then comes the test. Our stand means change. We must give up this and cut out that. We grow critical of delay, become attracted again by caution and compromise. The self-control we hope for seems a long time coming. Mystics searching for God called this delay the dark night of the soul. Soldiers waiting for reinforcements know that this waiting is harder than fighting. This is the time to remember that when you steady yourself God will not let you lose heart. Your repeated resolve is His repeated assurance. Your stand is His strength. Stay with Him in shaping His new earth, and He will stay with you with the strength of His heaven.

THE LETTER-BOX

To the Editor:

COLORED MINISTRY

I use the adjective Colored, because I know the colored ministry, a position I very much disliked during my childhood, but when my eyes like Paul were opened, and I was chosen to preach good tidings unto the meek; to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, from then I have had highest regard for those who filled that sacred office, for indeed those who discharge such a grave responsibility in intercession for individual and the nation.

The act of our Government in classifying the minister as one of the nations' essentials of defense, should heighten each ministers' religious moral to that extent that while the authorities are assembling themselves from one to two hours weekly to study the problems of civilian defense.

I feel that the heads of the various denominations should proclaim an hour of prayer say each Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., or Sunday, 5:00 p. m., for the victory of the nation, for prayer in every instant has been the road which our fathers traveled to victory, for with all our equipments for war, we cannot be victorious without the help of God.

C. S. Graham.
Pastor, Williams Chapel.
Williamston, N. C.

Peanuts For Oil Compare Favorably With Other Crops

Recent studies made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State College Experiment Station show that, on the basis of the price supports set for peanuts and 85 per cent parity for cotton, returns per man hours of labor should be about equal for cotton and peanuts grown for oil in 1942. Returns from peanuts grown for oil should greatly exceed returns from corn.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of J. T. Daniel, 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 undersigned on or before April 23, 1943 or this notice will be pleaded in bar

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST

Worship service, 11 a. m. Subject: "For His Sake."

At the morning hour Miss Laura Hilliard will be introduced and installed as educational director of the church. All members of the congregation are urged to be present.

Worship service, 8:30 p. m. Subject: "How Much Does It Matter?"

Teaching service, 9:45 a. m. Training service, 7:30 p. m. Woman's Missionary Union, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Daily Vacation Bible School begins Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer and study service, Thursday, 8:30 p. m. Subject, "The Holy Spirit in the Study of God's Word."

HOLINESS

Services Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

If you are not going to another church, come and be with us.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Revival meeting will begin at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church next Monday night, May 18th, at 8:30 p. m., and continue each night through the week, closing the following Sunday. We especially invite all to come out and be with us in these series of meetings, and let's have an old-time revival meeting.

Jamesville, Baptist

Regular services at the Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock. We especially invite the Sunday school people from the other churches to come and worship with us, and the general public is invited to attend.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "For Such a Time as This."

Epworth League, 7:30 p. m. Evening worship and sermon, 8:30 p. m. Sermon subject: "Wandering Sheep."

The W.S.C.S. Bible Study will be held at the church Monday, 3 p. m. All of the members are urged to be present promptly on time.

Prayer and Bible Study, Thursday, 8:30 p. m.

The Daily Vacation Bible School begins Monday morning at 9:30. All the children from the beginners through the intermediates are invited to attend.

HOLLY SPRINGS METHODIST

The pastor will fill his regular appointment at Holly Springs Sunday at 3:30 p. m. The community is cordially invited to this service.

of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of April, 1942.

HARRY E. DANIEL,
Administrator of Estate
of J. T. Daniel.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE
North Carolina, Martin County.
Under and by virtue of the order of re-sale signed by Hon. L. Bruce

Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, in the special proceedings entitled "Ephraim Peele, Executor of the Will of Alexander Peele vs. Roscoe Peele, Homer Peele, Hoan Peele, et al.," the undersigned Commissioner will, on the 25th day of May, 1942, at 12:00 o'clock M., at the Court House door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract of land in Martin County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the South end of the cement bridge across Harris Branch on the road from J. R. P. Griffin's to the old Corey School House, thence running up the run of said branch 8.25 chains to the center of the Alexander Peele farm road; thence along the center of said road South 11° West 14.25 chains to an iron mark-

er on the old path; thence South 19° West 37.45 chains to an iron marker in Foreman-Blade Lumber Company's line; thence South 52° West 5.52 chains to an iron marker, I. F. Griffin's corner; thence North 40° chains along I. F. Griffin's line to an old road; thence North 85° West 1.40 chains to the canal in Harris Branch, S. Peele's line; thence down the said canal 8 chains; thence North 13.05 chains along S. Peele's line to an iron marker on the edge of the aforesaid road; thence down said road South 85° East 16.45 chains to the beginning, containing 67 acres, more or less, and being Lot No. 1 as shown on the map in the report of the Commissioners in the above entitled proceedings.

This the 7th day of May, 1942.

CLARENCE W. GRIFFIN,
Commissioner.



Buy Southern Manor for EXTRA Quality

Southern Manor Tender
SWEET PEAS, No. 2 can 14c

Southern Manor Pears, No. 2 1/2 can 25c

Southern Manor Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can 23c

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Southern Manor String Beans, No. 2 can 23c

Southern Manor Asparagus, No. 2 can 31c

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COFFEE, lb. pkg. 22c

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BREAD, 16-oz. loaf 8c

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TOMATO JUICE, 24-oz. can 10c

Colonial Sauerkraut, 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 25c

Colonial Crushed Corn, 2 No. 2 cans 23c

Colonial Gritless Spinach, No. 2 1/2 can 17c

Colonial Fancy Rice, lb. pkg. 11c

Colonial Lima Beans, 2 No. 2 cans 23c

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Florida ORANGES, 8 lbs. 42c

Large Stalk CELERY 6c

Fresh BEANS, pound 10c

CARROTS, bunch 6c

Fresh SPINACH, 3 pounds 20c

White or Yellow Squash, 2 lbs. 15c

New POTATOES, 4 lbs. 17c

Fancy CUCUMBERS, 4 for 25c

Time Marches On

And So Do Tax Penalties

PAY NOW AND SAVE

A penalty of only three percent is being charged on 1941 taxes during the month of May, but on June 1st the penalty will rise.

Pay your taxes during the remaining days of May and save the additional cost.

MARTIN COUNTY

M. L. PEEL, Tax Collector.