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Three Wise Kings

One morning an eastern traveler, mounted on a white camel, was making his way across the desert. Before him stretched the sands, on and on toward the horizon. The traveler sat motionless, lost in thought. The hours passed unheeded.

Suddenly he was aroused by the approach from the North of a camel, similar in whiteness to his own. Even as he watched its coming, a third came in view, journeying from the South. The three met at a tiny oasis where a palm tree gave them welcome shade.

The travelers dismounted and stood gazing at one another in wonderment. At last one of them spoke. "Though we have never met before, I perceive each one knows the mission of the other. In our searchings of the heavens we have seen a new star, and through the goodness of God that star has brought us together on our way to find the new king of the Jews." The others bowed in silence. Then they said as of one accord, "Great is our God, and greatly to be praised." The first speaker continued, "I am from Egypt; my name is Balthasar." Then another spoke, "I am from India; my name is Melchior." "And I am Casper from Greece," said the third. The three travelers made ready to continue their journey over the trackless desert. Out of the darkness came a light, at first faint and trembling, but growing in brightness until it shone in splendor before them. "It is the star!" they cried in one voice. "God is with us!"

Dawn was breaking when they entered the little town of Bethlehem. Guided by the star they came to the place where the young child was. And as they passed through the doorway, the star disappeared in the brightness of the morning light.

Within the place they beheld the new king they had come so far to find. Around him were no kindly furnishings. There were no servants and no armed guards. But the three kings had no doubt. They fell upon their knees, praising God. Then they brought rich treasures in jeweled caskets, and laid before the Child their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.—Selected

Confusing

Twice in a single generation Germany created war problems, but those problems, while costly, were not nearly so confusing as the peace problems a defeated nation now offers.

On the one hand, there are those who would arm Germany as a potential ally against Russia. On the other hand there are those who fear an armed Germany might kick over the traces and attempt to accomplish what it failed on two previous occasions.

Its affairs directed to a large extent by occupying powers, Germany today is an unknown quantity. Should it be given equality, both political and military, there is some doubt as to what it would do in its new position.

Remembering what happened to them in World War II, the Germans are likely to sit out a third war, playing both sides against the middle with the possible aim of gaining as much as possible for themselves and leaving the others to fight it out.

There is some doubt if Russia's satellites will do more than play both ends against the middle. And if we try to make France, Germany and Yugoslavia our satellites, it is likely that they'll do the same thing. All of which makes everything most confusing.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the counter-spring of friends. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.—Emerson

Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday

Guest Editorial

Once again American armed forces are in action trying to protect and uphold the ideal of freedom. Once again the spirit of Christmas will be mocked by the hate and bloodshed of the battlefield.

In many American homes the roar of the cannon will make it hard to hear the ringing of the Christmas bells. That is to be deeply regretted, but throughout history the torch of man's dignity and freedom has been held aloft only through sacrifice of its bearers.

We can do little to prevent such personal tragedies. But we can do a lot to prevent another kind of tragedy which is aqualy poignant at the Christmas season — and more cruel because it is needless.

We prefer to the preventable tragedy of accidents. The National Safety Council has called for intensive accident prevention effort during the holidays — usually a very dangerous period of the year.

That is an objective which has our wholehearted support, not only because it is better to have a joyous Yuletide, but also because we cannot afford to waste the resources of manpower and material so necessary these days to our national strength.

The waste is enormous — much more than most persons realize. The American Medical Association has shown that accidents rob the nation of more working years than any disease, because accidents strike all age groups, not just those whose productive years are largely behind them.

The traffic accident problem this year is serious, with a death toll of 35,000 in prospect. That would be the largest number of automobile victims since the record year of 1941.

Rigid enforcement of the laws by state, county and municipal police, plus individual determination to play it safe, can keep the Christmas spirit — and all of us — alive this year.

Ingenuity

For months and years all kinds of stories were heard about flying saucers. No one seemed to do anything about the reports other than argue, some saying there were no things and others maintaining there were such things.

Now comes a report from London telling about a manufacturer who is making and filling the skies there with flying saucers for Christmas. The saucers measure about nine inches in diameter and are equipped with "jet" engines.

It was to be expected that if the flying saucer reports kept flying, someone would come along, apply ingenuity and grab the idea right out of the air and capitalize on it.

Just For Today

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will do at least two things I do not want to do—just for the exercise.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, not try to improve or regulate anybody—except myself. Just for today I will save myself from two pests—hurry and indecision.—Baptist Observer.

A Simple Safety Reminder

One of the greatest hazards confronting the safety of night drivers are glaring headlights of approaching cars. Possibly more accidents are traceable to blindness caused by glaring lights than to any other one factor. Yet there are many drivers who forget or do not have the common courtesy and needed respect for human life, including their own, to switch from bright to dim when meeting a car.

The practice of maintaining bright lights constantly, traveling men declare, is more common in this section than in any other part of the State.

Dim your lights and improve your own safety chances on the highways.

The present moment is one of great distress. But how small will that distress appear when we think over the history of the last forty years. A war, compared with which all others sink into insignificance; taxation, such as the most heavily taxed people of former times could not have conceived; a debt larger than the public debt that ever existed in the world added together... (Written in 1830).

CHURCH NEWS

OAK CITY CHRISTIAN

Olin Fox, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. Henry Hoel, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00. Youth service at 6:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday night at 7:30.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

N. J. Ward, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. Henry Hoel, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00. Youth service at 6:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday night at 7:30.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

W. B. Harrington, Pastor. Regular services will be held at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00. All members are asked to be present and the public is cordially invited.

METHODIST

E. R. Shuller, Minister. 9:45, Church school. Fletcher Thomas, Supt. 11:00, Morning worship. 5:00, The Christmas Cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem," will be given by the choir. The public is invited.

Church Of The Advent

(Episcopal) Hassell and Church Streets. The Rev. Thomas Hastings, Rector. Thursday, Dec. 21, St. Thomas' Day. Holy Communion 10:30 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 24 8 a. m., Holy Communion. 9:30, Church School and Men's Bible Class. 11 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon. Nursery. 5 p. m., Church school pageant, "The Nativity," in the church. Christmas Eve, 11:30 p. m., Choral Eucharist. Christmas Day, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion. Tuesday, Dec. 26, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion 10:30 a. m. Christmas Collect: "Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and

PRESBYTERIAN

Jesse M. Corum and Kay Misener, Supply Pastors. 9:45, Sunday school. 11:00, Worship. 7:00, Youth Fellowship. 7:30, Hour of Power, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

EVERETT'S CHRISTIAN

Olin Fox, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:00. Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Supt. Christian Youth Fellowship Monday evening at 7:30. Preaching 4th Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Woman's Council Wednesday afternoon after second Sunday at 3:30. Visitors are welcome.

HASSELL CHRISTIAN

Olin Fox, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:00. C. B. Burroughs, Supt. Christian Youth Fellowship at 6:45 p. m. Preaching first and third Sundays at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Woman's Council Wednesday evening after first Sunday at 7:30. Visitors are welcome.

Piney Grove Baptist

W. B. Harrington, Pastor. There will be no service at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night.

made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end."

WEST END BAPTIST

J. Thad Ashley, Pastor. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. Leslie Gurganus, Supt. 11:00 a. m., Morning worship. The Christmas program will be presented Friday evening, December 22, at 7:30 p. m., at the church. Everyone is invited to attend this special program. The public is invited to worship with us at all services.

A sincere and earnest layman had an unfortunate habit of belittling, especially when he prayed in public. After one of his loud prayers during which the rafters were almost put into vibration, a little girl who was present whispered to her father: "Father, don't you think if he lived nearer to God he would not have to talk so loud?"

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee for Reuben L. Rogers and wife, Elizabeth Rogers, on the 5th day of May, 1950, and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book Y-4, page 304, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a certain note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of said note, and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the owner of said note, the undersigned Trustee will, on Friday, the 12th day of January, 1951, at 12 o'clock noon in front of the courthouse door in the Town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land and improvements thereon lying and being near the Town of Williamston, bounded on the Southwest by the Prison Camp Road, bounded on the Southeast

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF MR. L. C. BROWN, FORMER MEMBER AND DIRECTOR OF THE JAMESVILLE RURITAN CLUB.

Whereas, in the Providence of God we have suffered the loss of our beloved member and director L. C. Brown; we the members of Jamesville Ruritan Club desire to express our deep sorrow in his passing, and our sincere appreciation of his loyalty and service to the club.

Many monuments to his loyalty, unreserved devotion to his task, and service and interest in his club and community, are everywhere to be seen. As testimonies in his faith, purpose, and faithfulness to his club and community we'll endure to his praise.

Even as we mourn his loss we set our faces to the future, with a fresh sense of the high mission of Ruritan life and work.

We desire also to express our heart-felt sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Brown, and to all of his relatives, commending them to our Heavenly Father in whose grace and power, we with them shall find rest and strength, and the assurance of hope.

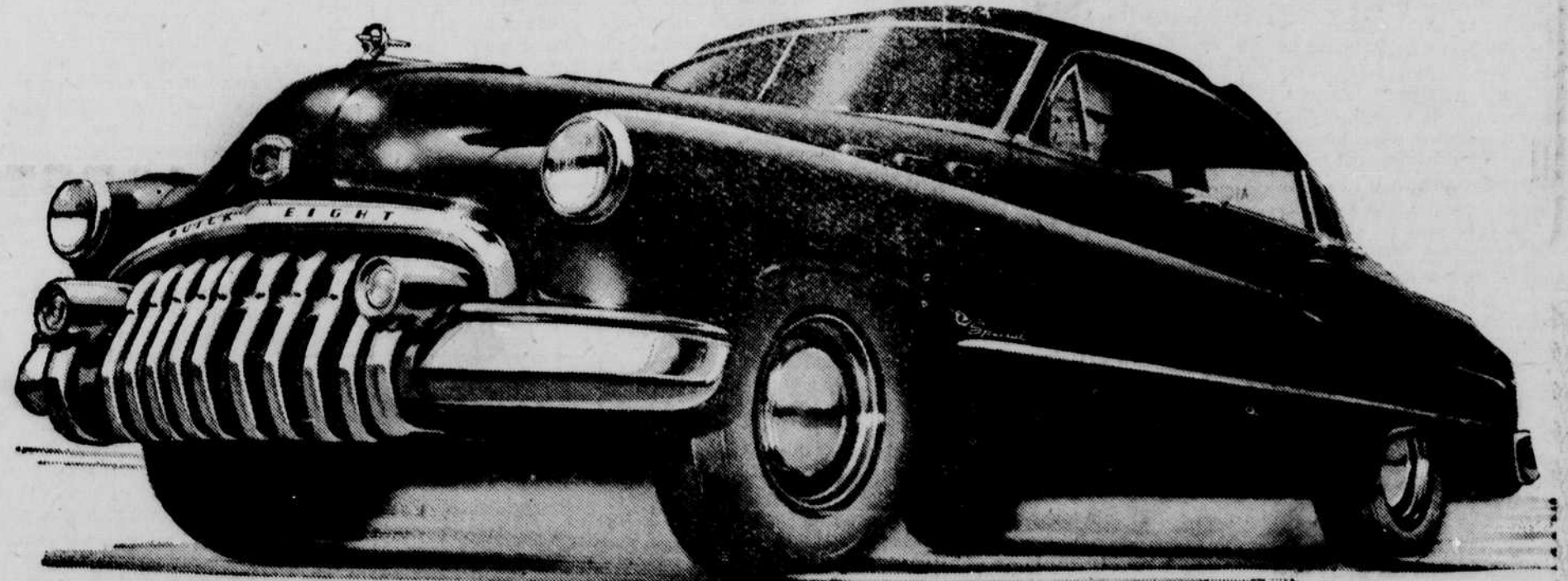
G. H. Baker, Jr., Chairman, J. C. Kirkman, H. B. Gaylor, A. Corey.

by the Bailey property, bounded on the East by the C. H. Godwin land, and on the South by the Tyner land, same being the house and lot and also the adjoining lot described by deed of record in Book X-4, page 440. This the 12th day of December, 1950. Elbert S. Peel, Trustee.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County at the Martin County Court House, Williamston, N. C., until 2 o'clock P. M., E. S. T., January 12 and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read, for the furnishing of labor, materials and equipment entering into the construction of a Health Center including boiler plant, walks, equipment, and appurtenances thereto. Proposed bids should be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of the bid amount, or by a cash deposit, or by a Certified Check drawn on and certified by some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in an amount equal to not less than 5% of the proposal; or in lieu thereof a bidder may offer a Certified Check of 2% of the bid plus a bid bond of 3% of the bid; said deposit to be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within ten days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law. (Public Laws 1933, Section 1, Chapter 400, General Statutes of North Carolina, 1943, C. 143 Art. 3 S. 129).

Performance Bond will be required in amount of one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract price. Payment Bond will be required in amount of fifty per cent (50%) of the contract price. Payment will be made on the basis of ninety per cent (90%) of monthly estimates and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of the work. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of thirty days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. Signed: Martin County Board of Commissioners By: J. H. Edwards, Chairman.



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