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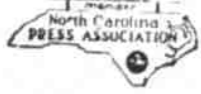
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THE LOYALTY CRUSADE

We wish to extend our hearty support to the churches and their pastors, that are working with sincerity to put across the ten weeks loyalty crusade.

Of late years many persons, who have been brought up to attend church regularly, have grown careless and often appeared indifferent to the spiritual side of life.

This seems an appropriate time of the year in which to draw the people to the church. The start of any new year, offers a clean sheet, and is often the time of taking stock, not only of our business, but should be of our souls.

To give one hour each Sunday morning, "to put first things first" is an invitation that should not be slighted by any serious minded person in Haywood County.

WE CAN HELP THE FINNS

The sad plight of Finland today makes us recall the incident back in 1933 when this country suggested reducing the war debt owed us by Finland. But on the grounds that "it was a just and honest debt," Finland declined to have the payment reduced.

In memory of the incident our sympathy goes out to this nation at the present time. It is not necessary for us to be involved in the present war in order to help the Finns.

We have an opportunity of showing the respect we have for their integrity and our sorrow over conditions now existing among her people by making gifts through the Red Cross.

A local campaign now under the chairmanship of J. R. Boyd is making a drive for funds to send to Finland.

ASHEVILLE'S AUDITORIUM

We congratulate the city of Asheville on its newly completed and dedicated auditorium. In a town so far famed for holding conventions, and those of national note, a large building of this type was greatly needed.

Regardless of what one thinks of the government spending of the past few years, there will remain buildings and improvements of a permanent nature, that have added to the enjoyment of the great masses of the people, when current political issues are things of the past.

While on this subject it would be interesting to look down the years and see how the historians of the future will write of the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. There will be much said on both sides, but when the years have had time to eliminate the political angle, and the accomplishments of his day recited, we wonder, if the emphasis will be put on the "unbalanced budget," or the far reaching good that touched the lives of the great masses.

INVITATION TURNED DOWN

It seems to us that when Chairman James A. Farley sponsored invitations to some of the political leaders in the Republican party, to be non-paying guests at the Jackson Day dinner, he "stuck out his neck" for the rebuff that he received.

The event having become to a large extent a rally for the "Grand old party" of the South, it is not unreasonable to think that the members of the "Republican faith," would not particularly relish watching a "renewal" in the ranks of the opposing party.

The Democrats will have to take the remainders of the original "Jackson Day Dinner" and its ideas, as set forth by Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, with a grin, and since they have been in the saddle for so many years and still appear to hold the whip handle, take the "twitting" in a sporting manner.

YET, MANY BEGGED FOR BREAD

People clamored to get on government pay rolls last year. They begged for bread, yet there must have been a considerable lot of money spent, since recent statistics show that America's liquor bill last year amounted to five billion dollars.

That almost equaled fifty per cent of the nation's food bill.

Last year the nation spent \$15.33 per capita for the education of our children and young people.

The per capita liquor bill was \$38.68. The people of the United States spent more than twice as much for alcoholic beverages as they did for education.

Nor is that the entire price paid by the citizens of America for liquor, for many of those who bought and drank it paid other prices, too great for any monetary valuation.

For to the final cost of liquor must be added the part that is played in the increase of crime, in accidents involving life and property, in sickness, in waste, and in time lost.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP

W. Roy Francis, the capable assistant district attorney for the Western Federal court jurisdiction of the state, had every reason to assume that he would be recommended for the district attorneyship when Mr. Marcus Erwin died.

His friends were certainly anticipatory of such a turn, and so must the public have been—at least that part of the public of the state in the least acquainted with the admirable services which Mr. Francis has rendered as understudy to Mr. Erwin.

Senator Reynolds, however, has given Mr. Francis the cold shoulder. His recommendation goes to Mr. Lamar Caudle, of Wadesboro, a capable man and one well qualified to fill this important public office.

But the rejoicing that comes to Mr. Caudle and to his friends that the important political preference has been thrown his way by Senator Reynolds will in no wise diminish the fact that in failing to name Mr. Francis to a position which his many friends think he had earned because of his devotion and fidelity to his present duties, Senator Reynolds has again alienated no inconsiderable support and favor from himself.—Charlotte Observer.

THE KING AND HIS QUOTATION

It is said that the keenest and most widespread quotation hunt in the history of a nation has been raging all over the British Empire since the King closed his "globe-circling" Christmas Day broadcast to his people thus (which appeared in an editorial in this paper last week):

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God.' That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."

It seems that such high authorities as George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells, and learned teachers of English literature were baffled at its origin. Not even King George knew from whom the quotation had come. A royal secretary at Sandringham explained that "somebody" had pointed out the quotation to the King when it appeared in a letter to the London Times at the start of the war, but the letter did not state who had written the lines, and the King used them without further research.

But with the steady perseverance native to the English, the author was finally located. The quotation was found to be from a book of poems entitled "The Desert," written by one Minnie L. Haskins, grey-haired teacher, who had privately published the volume to aid an Indian charity, twenty-five years ago.

The message conveyed in the quotation is well worth remembering and no doubt, the search for its author impressed its significance on the hearts and minds of the people of Great Britain as it did the people of other nations.

SALES TAX FIGURES

Figures recently released by A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue, would indicate that Western North Carolina and Haywood County in particular did a record breaking business in 1939, if the retail sales tax figures are indicative.

Western North Carolina counties paid a total of \$1,207,705.86 in sales tax, during the past year, with the total of the entire state amounting to \$10,997,883.87.

Buncombe lead the Western counties with \$516,106.85, while Haywood came second, having paid in \$38,453.71.

Collections of the 3 per cent levy on retail sales business in Western North Carolina amounted to at least \$40,241,005.

These tax collections do not of course reflect business in retail in specified tax exempt products, and direct producers which combined would make the records for 1939 even more encouraging.

Here and There

—By— HILDA WAY GWYN

You may have read the following anecdote... or heard it... if so, skip it... but we were greatly impressed with its sound philosophy... "Uncle Joe," said Albert Edward Wiggam, author, meeting an old darkey who was always cheerful in spite of having had more than his share of lies troubles... "How have you managed to remain so cheerful and calm?"... "Well I'll tell ye," replied Uncle Joe... "I've just learned to co-operate with de inevitable"...

It's strange, but true, that most of us get more comfort out of the sound of our own voices than we do others... most of us adore dramatizing our own trials and tribulations... and it is astonishing how airing them out often gives us comfort... we can be completely "sunk" and can meet a person who will let us do all the talking... and it won't be long before our spirits rise... and we begin to have a very high regard... not only for ourselves... but the good sense and judgment of our listener... now that human failing... or should we say need?... has been met... apparently in the prospectus of the "Southern Listening Bureau," of Little Rock, Ark., which explains its business and services as follows... "We offer well-trained and experienced listeners who will hear you as long as you wish to talk, and without interruption for a nominal fee"...

Told to us during the week... A philosopher was heard to say... "There are three people with whom I have no quarrel to make: a preacher, because I have no pulpit from which to answer him; an editor, because I have no newspaper in which to reply... and a woman, because she will have the last word."

We note with regret that Clark Gable has been recuperating in a Los Angeles hospital since his return from the World Premiere of "Gone With the Wind" in Atlanta... it is said that he made too many speeches... and voiced too many greetings to the citizens of Georgia... and that at present he is too hoarse to whisper... and in Hollywood everyone is eager to hear Clark speak again to learn whether he has really cultivated a genuine Southern accent... the criticisms of those who would know... such as Margaret Mitchell, author... "It was a tremendous emotional experience for me... I cried again and again as did all of you... Clark Gable was the character of my story as I wrote it Vivien Leigh was my Scarlett and Olivia de Havilland gave me my Melanie as I had hoped for... the whole cast was perfect... I love all my characters, and I could not ask for more"... and then there was the old Confederate veteran who said... "It was the god-darnest thing I ever saw."

The following came to us during the week of the business man who had severely reprimanded his stenographer for not writing his letters exactly as he dictated. The next day he received the following: "O. K. or A. J. Something—look it up—Squizz President of the Squizz Flexible Soap Co., the gyps—Detroit, that's in Michigan, isn't it?" "Dear Mr. Squizz: "You're a hell of a business man. No start over. He's a crook but I can't insult the bum or he'll sue me. The last shipment of soap you sent us was of inferior quality and I want you to understand, no, scratch out I want you to understand, ah, unless you can ship, furnish, ship, no furnish us with your regular soap you needn't ship us any more period or whatever the grammar

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Voice of The People

Had you rather list your taxes to be met, and the time of the first in January or in April, as was the former ruling? E. J. Hyatt—"January, because we make up our inventories the first of the year, and it is more convenient when that data is fresh to plan for the year ahead." J. R. Boyd—"As far as I am individually concerned, I have no choice. One time is as good as another." C. N. Allen—"I prefer January. It is the first of the year, when we take inventory and start off things again. I have always thought it was queer to list taxes in April." J. E. Massie—"For my business, it makes no difference. I have no inventory to vary from January to April." W. T. Shelton—"I prefer January. It is the beginning of the new year. People usually have rounded out their affairs and the average business man knows how he stands, and on what he will have to pay taxes." J. M. Long—"Personally I prefer January. I think it is a good plan to list taxes the first of the year. I have never seen any and death are two things that have



BLACKIE BEAR

THE CREEK FOLKS ENJOY SUNDAY DINNER

Story 23 When the Creek Folks got back to Blackie's house it was good daylight. They had done enough work to be tired, but they were not. The wagon was so full of Uncle Joe's good things that they all, except Jocko, had to walk. Of course Jocko had to drive, but none of the others minded walking. They felt so good that they played all along the way, just like puppy dogs. Even Grandpa Bear played leap-frog, and he did it just as well as Doctor Coon or Billie Possum.

Blackie said that since they had been eating nothing but cold lunches since they left the mountain, and because they had plenty of things to eat, they would have a sure enough Sunday dinner. So they cooked three chickens and a pig, and made lots of biscuits and gravy. And they had grapes and apples and lots of other good things. You remember about that big Christmas dinner the Creek folks had last year. Well, that dinner wasn't even a good lunch side of the one they had this Sunday. It was just an all-day feast, and they certainly did have a good time. They were sorry that Hound Dog wasn't there, but then they were sure Mr. Man and Rover Dog were taking good care of him.

"Blackie, what do you suppose Uncle Joe is going to do to Howler when he finds he went away and let us go there and get the things for this dinner?" asked Doctor Coon.

"I have been thinking about that, and it looks to me like we are going to have to take another dog with us back to the mountains. I am sure Uncle Joe would beat Howler most to death if he should come back and find that he had gone away and let somebody carry

is and please pull down your skirt. This damn cigar is out again pardon me and furthermore where was I? Nice bob you have.

"Paragraph. The soap you sent us wasn't fit to wash the dishes no make that dog comma let alone the laundry comma and we're sending it back period. Yours truly, Read that over, no never mind. I won't waste any more time on that egg. I'll look at the carbon tomorrow. Sign my name, we must go out to lunch together soon, eh. J—M—W."

General Hay

In Looking Over The... GETS A FEW THINGS... WIDE INTEREST... WITH LETTERS... (Continued from...)

Dr. S. P. Gay, President of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Gentlemen:—The records reveal you took office in January that the organization has been paid and your surplus in the bank for 1940 board speaks well for you, and is almost a record these days of a budget.

You have set up a standard, which is an entire community will and certainly one that boards will do well by. I am aware that curtail some of your programs in several departments to stay within budget after all, you have confidence of the people. I have found that doesn't mind contributing I say investing money that they can see results, but this thing money into something indebtedness usually results in the grain with Mr. A. sen.

At least the 1940 not have a heavy load edness to struggle with can give their time in carrying out a community building program. You deserve much credit for this community for your efforts, and I know you are. GENERAL HAY

Money Talk

The year 1939 takes ure with farmers in the of the United States frame of mind. Many modity prices, led by cotton, have reached a level in over two years vance in the prices of modities has poured dollars into the pockets ers in wheat and cotton growing alarm over the and some foreign buy keep grain prices at p Business in these far excellent, as evidenced retail sales.

Bacco on the other hand, bacco prices have been year's and farmers men in these sections the blues. Contrasts in prices how difficult it is to farm program which crops and all sections way. A large crop of foreign buying have price of tobacco down- er and increased helped grain prices. trial buying and incre buying have helped Non-essential war such as tobacco, enters into foreign quantities now find market. All this simply shew cult it is for a government to iron out inequality through war and w

Aesop's Fables Aesop's Fables were written by Aesop. He died before Christ and nobody exactly wrote them.