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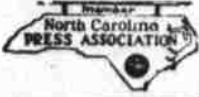
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Christmas Decorations

We wish to call attention to the readers to the contests that will be held by the First National Bank and the Woman's Club for decorations for Christmas.

The bank will sponsor a contest for the public buildings and the business houses. The club will confine its contests to private residences.

We like the idea of this visible spirit of Christmas, of sharing so to speak, one's Christmas decorations, with others. This year when there is so much to counteract the joys of Christmas and to deny the teachings of the Prince of Peace, we should double our efforts to make of the season a thing of happiness, beauty and gratitude.

The State's Record

Governor-elect J. M. Broughton told the Baptist State Convention last week in Charlotte, that North Carolina's record for lawlessness is "one of shame."

He pointed out the fact that 10,000 persons are now in the state's prisons and that crime and the number of delinquents are on the increase.

The picture placed against the background of our boasted progress does not make a pleasant contrast, but it does challenge all Christian people.

As Mr. Broughton said, "Good Christians must be good citizens to help raise the standard of government and create sentiment for law observance. In times like these when wars are raging across the seas and America seeks to prepare herself for any eventuality the spirit of religion should not be crushed, but all should realize that the light will come and a new day dawn."

We can bring the matter home to our own county, the number of cases tried in the last term of court here were too large for a fine progressive county like Haywood. There is no excuse for the amount of lawlessness that exists not only in this section, but throughout the state.

A Silver Lining

It is reported that litigation before the State Supreme court has been much less than usual this fall, and that the same may be said of a number of Superior courts.

According to Dillard Gardner, Supreme Court librarian and marshal "the war abroad has kindled kindness among neighbors at home."

Mr. Gardner believes that this accounts for the fact that there have been fewer neighbors bringing suit against each other. He claims that "John Jones has become a little more aware that Tom Brown, next door, may need his help, or visaversa, if war comes any closer. So they have stopped arguing about the cow line and are mutually united against a common foe."

Life Still Cheap

There were 161 deaths last month in North Carolina, from what the State Board of Health lists as preventable accidents, as compared with 181 in October, 1939, according to figures released recently by the Division of Vital Statistics.

The increase registered in October, 1940 was 30. Aside from the deaths due to automobile accidents, there were 15 accidental drownings last month, as compared with only 3 during the same period a year ago, while railroad accidents not associated with highway traffic took a toll of 7, against 4 a year ago. Also there were two air transportation fatalities this year, as compared with none for the corresponding period in 1939.

Thanksgiving

With death raining from the air, under the sea and on the land in most parts of the world, this Thanksgiving for good gifts must be mingled with anxiety and prayers for a peace under brighter skies that will bring satisfaction to the individual and purer democracy to all countries. We are thankful as we celebrate our national anniversary that on this continent not a gun is drawn and that no Pan-American country covets the possessions of a neighbor. The leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the United States guarantees a continuation of the Good Neighbor policy and insures the cooperation of the United States with the other 20 sovereign republics on continental solidarity for mutual good and for mutual protection.

The uplifting faith in these tragic days, and the inspiration of thanksgiving, are found chiefly in the bravery and sacrifice of men who now as in former Dark Ages rise superior to the forces of hate and destruction. If you ask me today that for which my heart goes up in supremest thankfulness, I answer: Because I dare to believe that in history as in nature the darkest hour is just before the dawn, and that the coming century will witness more miracles for human well-being than in any hundred years which have preceded it. May I on this Thanksgiving anniversary seek to lift the veil from the future and draw a picture of what sort of a world men and women will live in when 2040 dawns.

Essaying the role of the uninspired prophet, I am most thankful that I can see a world of Tomorrow, which will be shaped mostly by peaceful evolution and partly by revolution. It will be very different and very much better than the planet this and former generations have known.

(Excerpts from an address by Ambassador Josephus Daniels on Thanksgiving Day at the Union Church in Mexico City).

Who Is Labor?

Industrial peace is an absolute need for arming America, Secretary of War Stimson told the convention of the American Federation of Labor. Production is yet far from adequate, he said. Sacrifices will be called for from labor as they will be called for from the other citizens, the secretary said.

The overseas dictators would want nothing better than to see the United States torn by industrial strife. The dictators know little and care less for Scripture but they are conversant with the truth of a divided house being unable to stand.

If we can't have peace at home we are likely to have war from abroad. If we fight among ourselves we will be too weak to withstand pressure from outside. If we haven't sense enough to stand together in a crisis we will be practically down and out when some inferior nation which knows the value of solidarity takes a notion to take a cut at us.

And what is "labor"? Is it a word restricted to one class? It certainly isn't. When one buys a pair of socks or shoes, a washing machine, a box of candy, a bathtub, an automobile, a paper of pins or anything else in a shop he is buying the products of labor. That is true. But where would the laborer be if the merchant had not risked probably everything he had to set up a shop for the distribution of these products? The clerk in the store is as necessary in the distribution of shoes and hats and everything else as is the man who helps make them.

The man who built the factory where such products are created is a laborer. Where would labor be without the opportunity to labor?

Capital, management, labor and distribution are all labor. They all come under the head of work. They are all essential. America is no place for class war, class hatred, class throat-cutting.—The Shelby Star.

Pagan Conduct

There are about 3,000 Chinese boys and girls in the New York area. During the past eight years there have been among them only two cases of juvenile delinquency. A recent legislature and court investigation has discovered that Chinese percentage of delinquency is the lowest of any racial or sectional group, the ration being almost negligible. Chinese teachers were questioned by the investigators concerning the reason for this remarkable showing. What they learned should be broadcast throughout America: "The misconduct of the child is the fault of the parent."—United Presbyterian.

Many years ago, the reluctance of seamen to sail on a Friday reached such proportions that the British government decided to prove the fallacy of the superstition. They laid the keel of a new vessel on Friday, launched her on Friday, named her H. M. S. Friday, and sent her to sea on Friday.

The scheme had only one drawback—neither ship nor crew was ever heard of again.—Our Navy Magazine.

Here and There

—By—

HILDA WAY GWYN

One of the older members of the Lions Club had a birthday recently . . . it befell the lot of W. G. Byers to introduce the member on the happy occasion . . . it must have been a masterpiece . . . we wish we had space to print it all . . . but cannot resist quoting excerpts from it . . . with the hope that you are as intrigued by its "historical significance" as we were.

"It is the custom in this country and all over the world to take notice of events of great importance such as the fall of Jericho . . . the surrender of Poland . . . in our own country, the Declaration of Independence . . . and Washington's birthday . . . it is my purpose and privilege to announce the birthday of a venerable gentleman, who is a member of the Lions Club . . . I shall not tell his age . . . but may mention a few facts contemporaneously . . . and it will be a matter for you to decide how old the gentleman is . . . I envy him his long life and experience . . . as well as the March of Time . . . that he has witnessed in his passing . . . You may wonder how this member has lived so long . . . and is yet so apparently young . . . I think I can tell you . . . he was born in Clyde Township . . . near the banks of the Pigeon River . . . his soul from the beginning was that of the poet . . . the first things that he ever heard were the whisper of the Pigeon . . . the tinkling of the cow bells in the evening . . . the call of the whippoorwill, and the yelp of his father's fox hounds . . . he was born in the reign of Victoria . . . queen of England . . . and Empress of India . . . has lived in the reign of 5 English monarchs . . . he was born in the administration of President U. S. Grant . . . and was a dashing young man during that famous period called the "gay 90s" . . . H. M. Stanley had just found Livingston in the heart of Africa . . . William E. Gladstone was Prime Minister of England . . . David Lloyd George was then 20 years of age . . .

"The town of Waynesville was a village of some 300 or 400 inhabitants . . . and had been incorporated only a few years . . . the town of Canton was unincorporated, being a small village known as the Ford of Pigeon . . . Theodore Roosevelt was a student at Harvard College . . . Woodrow Wilson was attending Princeton University . . . Abraham Lincoln had been dead only a few years . . . Louis, the 15th, was King of France . . . Alfred E. Smith was not born . . . Henry W. Longfellow was writing the songs of Hiawatha . . . Ben R. Tilman was a farmer in South Carolina . . . Brigham Young was living with his Mormons in what is now the State of Utah . . . John Wanamaker established the first department store in the U. S. the same year our Brother Lion was born . . . William Jennings Bryan was 12 or 14 years old . . . attending school in Salem, Ill. . . and had never thought of his Cross of Gold speech . . . Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of Franklin D., was entertaining the youth of Hyde Park . . .

"S. J. Shelton, (father of W. T.) was Tax Collector of Haywood County and reported the collection of something less than \$7,000 in taxes that year . . . J. R. Ratcliff was clerk of the Superior court and reported that during the year he had collected \$29,000 in fines and forfeitures . . . the Commissioners of the Western N. C. railroad reported that the railroad was finished to a point near Old Fort . . . and that with good weather and other favorable circumstances might reach Asheville within the next year . . . A. E. Ward . . . of Lake Junaluska, was in his latter teens and had not chosen the Land of the Sky as his adopted home . . . the Beloved Zeb Vance was Governor . . . and Dr. Samuel L. Love, of Waynesville, (father of Mrs. Harry Marshall) was state auditor of North Carolina . . . there were only 36 states in the U. S. and a total of 379 electoral votes . . . I have mentioned these facts purely from memory . . . and it is not my purpose by these comparisons . . . to make our brother feel old . . . and I admonish him not to be downhearted or discouraged, and I refer him to a portion of the beautiful poem, which says: 'Come grow old with me, the best of life is yet to be.' . . . Please allow me to present, Lion James W. Killian."

From all reports the fire department must have rendered a very fine service when they were called to the home of W. W. Davis at 3 o'clock on Sunday morning the 17th . . . in speaking of it Mrs. Davis said, "Mrs. Gwyn, if it had not been for the fire department our home would have been completely destroyed by fire . . . it seemed to me that I had left the phone . . . and central office was on the job, too . . . when the firemen were in the yard . . . you have never seen



Voice of The People

In view of the fact that the majority of the states are now observing Thanksgiving on the third Thursday as changed by President Roosevelt, do you approve North Carolina celebrating the new date or continuing to keep the traditional last Thursday?

Dr. H. O. Champion—"I think that we should observe the same date throughout the United States, and as the majority of the states are celebrating the day as set by President Roosevelt, I would approve North Carolina having Thanksgiving on the new date."

Mrs. W. L. Hardin—"As far as I am concerned I am old fashioned enough to want to keep the traditional last Thursday as Thanksgiving."

Mrs. Carroll Bell—"I prefer the traditional last Thursday. I don't think that the new date feels like Thanksgiving, and I think that most of the people feel the same way."

Henry Davis—"I believe in the rule of the majority, and I think that if the greater number of the other states are going to have the third Thursday for Thanksgiving that we should do so in North Carolina."

Dr. R. H. Stretcher—"I think that it should be put to a vote of the people and be decided by bal-

such quick work and such consideration . . . the fire had a good start, the house was so thick with smoke that you could not see your way about . . . yet they put out the blaze in short order . . . and the least possible damage . . . nothing was hurt by water . . . which you know is a hard thing to do."

A story has stayed with us . . . told recently by the Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr. . . . illustrative of a certain point . . . in one of his noteworthy sermons . . . An Austrian baron once had wire strung over the trees on his estate . . . in order that when the gentle winds blew, he would have soft music . . . but as time went on the baron was disappointed . . . the soft breezes blew . . . but there was silence . . . then one night in a raging storm . . . there came the sound of beautiful music . . . and the baron was repaid . . . and so it is with many of us . . . only through the storms and vicissitudes of heart aches does life take on spiritual beauty . . . and do we learn to understand conflicting emotions felt by others . . . as well as ourselves. . .

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

BECAUSE THE EARTH IS CURVED A SCISSOR CUT OFFERS ITS TOP OCCUPANTS AN EXTRA HOUR OF SUNSHINE

MORE THAN 2,500 PATENTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED SINCE 1890 TO SUBSTITUTES FOR WOODEN RAILROAD TIES - BUT THE OLD OAKEN SLEEPER STILL LIES UNPATENTED BENEATH THE STEEL

WE SWEDES USED CANNON MADE OF LEATHER IN THE 15th CENTURY

Stewart Find

Expert Who Says Defense Program Can Pay Its Way

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Column



Dr. H. G. Moulton

gram made to its credit Uncle's ready load of goodness. Or prepared with a keeping of war, expense war its into a money, and it doesn't buy of any intrinsic value to economic sense. It may a potential enemies, safeguard against possible future which would cost us at than preparedness does. Not less, military, naval and equipment provides us with ing of current utility. It's not that yields no return a efits nobody directly, like we eat, the clothes we wear houses that shelter us. We pay for it is cash 100 per of pocket.

If we hadn't any nation but were just breaking es then we piled the cost of a program on top of our outlay, without adding any our income, why wouldn't into debt? Well, we're not as breaking even. We're in the hole. Why, then, won't run us still farther into tainly it must.

That's the reasoning of great many economists I've with, up to Dr. Moulton.

And Dr. Moulton himself say we shan't have a large foot.

Increased Income

What he does argue is to have an increased income to with.

It's his thesis that defense will boost our industries' r from about 70 billion ann 35 or 90 billion. That'll government 15 or 20 billion to tax. He agrees, too, that rate will have to be high ably on the initial 70 bill assuredly on the 15 or 20 al billions.

Industry won't like the t but consumerism will more of its goods, for unment will be wiped out as e larger buyers generally r's profits will be cut int percentage basis, by increa ation, but the volume of sa e increased also. It'll prod expanding volume of sales, there'll be a reduction in ff on each individual tran This isn't my contention. Moulton's

As to what the national to date is a somewhat co sial question. During the l identical campaign the De figured it at one or two under a total of 50 billions; publicans put it at about lions. A few digits like do dozen billions don't signify ularly. At any rate, Secre the Treasury Morgenthau wants to raise the nation's limits to 65 billions

Dr. Moulton doesn't argu defensive preparations will toward reducing the alread standing indebtedness. He his forecast to a judgment preparation will pay for itse progresses.

The present half hundred of billions will be left on ur to be attended to later. They included in the doc's recon

Economic Authority

The Brookings Institution is widely recognized as an exco ally capable economist. Oth his group conceded that it is well worth listening to. It's regarded as cheering.

There are authorities who eay our national debt neve be paid off—by degree, even. Their theory is that it a will remain as a good thi capital to invest itself in— to say, in federal bonds, everlastingly will pay itse English consols, and remai safe source of income. hint at

Others, to be sure, hint at spects of inflation—the same t that we have now, but with buying power; higher prec stationary bankrupts. Dr. Moulton is one of the bes.

movie or play. Such div may help save a nation's s

Says this authority: "A ment helps, technically, bec relieves the brain of con caused by thinking only in channels. Thus it drains aw, by one's mind off himself, help size that mind."

There's something for new ponder who think the new comic is too silly for sensib intelligent people to look at and —Rock Hill Herald.

Red flannel festival in Springs, Mich., was a big s. Likely because everybody w itching to attend.