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It used to be that a boy's chance of becoming President was one in fifty million. Now it is only one in 127 million.

With so many of us making monkeys of ourselves, it ought not to be so hard to find the missing link.

There's always something to be thankful for: This cold weather has been no time for bathing beauties to pose for pictures for the papers.

**Christmas Everywhere**

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in the lands of the fir-tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine, Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright, Christmas where children are hopeful and gay, Christmas where old men are patient and gray, Christmas where peace, like a dove, in its flight, Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight, Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight! For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all, No palace too great, no cottage too small.

—Phillips Brooks.

Comforting thought, that last, and one that finds echo in our thoughts at this Christmas time, for we have no better way than through these columns to reach a friendly hand and speak a hearty Christmas greeting to all our friends and patrons, whether in palace great or cottage small. And in all sincerity we are doing just that. To some it cannot be a "merry" Christmas, but we are coveting for one and all a full measure of peace and contentment and all the joy this glorious Yuletide season can bring to them.

**And Now It Is Admitted**

The Wall Street Journal, spokesman for industry and ever watchful of industry's dollars carried this editorial comment in a recent issue:

"The one sine qua non for revival of normal business is return of confidence among business men, and the one sure way to prevent that return is to keep business men in constant fear of further extension of social frontiers by methods which have thus far stifled confidence."

Apparently the administration's interest in the forgotten man, which is to say the extension of "social frontiers," is the colored boy in the woodpile. For here is one of the Journal's bright young analyzers, backstanding the boss in the remarkable "discovery" that the "leftist group" of the Roosevelt administration is playing for time, hoping that as the nation emerges from the present recession, it can begin all over again extending the "social frontiers."

The Journal declares:

"There is one difficulty in the way of achievement of this program. It is predicated on the assumption that business confidence can be revived by a 'breathing spell' sufficiently to permit a renewal of the asphyxiation by further reforms. . . Business is not quite so naive as all that. If the present Congress does not furnish tangible evidence that the war upon business has been stopped, we shall not emerge from the present recession, but rather drop into something like a major depression whose length and depth cannot be measured."

There you have an acknowledgment that it is within the power of business to loosen things up, if it wills. But business will continue its sit-down strike or renew it, unless government meets its demand to stop planning for social improvement and steer a course back to the good old days of holding companies and incorporated yachts.

Here is admission that the power to restore prosperity rests in the hands of our captains of industry, which is equal to the admission that these captains could have prevented this "recession" if it had not suited their purpose better to initiate and prolong it.

And thus the feud between business and government continues. The stake is great—"social frontiers." Government wants them extended, business says they must be abandoned, and along with them all tax shackles that compel business to bear its share of the cost of relief and the expense of government. Business has the whip hand

and proposes to use the lash until it gets what it wants. It is that and little else. And such has been the suspicion in many minds until the Wall Street Journal comes out in plain words and replaces suspicion with certainty.

**Farmers Should Organize, But—**

A contributor to the People's Forum column of the Raleigh News and Observer, has this to say:

"I noticed that Harry E. Caldwell, State Grange master, is in Washington opposing what Grange members here in North Carolina want because perhaps the National Grange, representing by far and large the dairy industry of the West long protected by tariffs, fears that any legislation that might grant some measure of equal rights to tobacco and cotton growers could conceivably nullify some of their benefits long enjoyed. . . . Approached in another way, is Mr. Caldwell representing the expressed will of the majority of his members, or is he representing the expressed will of the national leaders?"

We think that is a fair question to ask, and if the facts square with the contention that he is so acting, then the head of the State Grange will be strengthened in his prestige. If he is not, then the farmers of North Carolina, members or not, may find themselves expecting something they won't get.

It should not be held against Mr. Caldwell that he has been in North Carolina for only a few years, and that he comes from a section whose problems are not all the same as our own. If he possesses qualities of leadership he should be recognized on that basis; and if he is a real leader he will sense the danger of running counter to the wishes of his members.

Railway engineers are getting eight to ten dollars a day as against the farm laborer's one dollar, largely because the engineers are organized. The moral is that farmers should organize. They are among the very few who let the buyer set the price for what they have to sell, whether it be labor or lolly-pops.

In the past farm organizations have sold the farmer down the river when they began dabbling in politics. The old Farmer's Alliance lost its prestige and its ability to serve that way. Which is not to say that farmers should not be heard in the political arena, for they should. Above all others they should. But their voice should be that of Jacob, and they should hold themselves apart from political short-cuts that sometimes causes them to meet themselves coming back.

**Keeping Christmas**

Christmas again! How time flies for we oldsters; how it drags for the youngsters; and how quickly the younger become old!

We are in the midst of circumstances that may serve to dampen our outward enthusiasm at this Christmas time, but there will be an inward happiness and peacefulness if we will but search the depths of our own souls for happiness gems that we may not have suspected are hidden there.

It is tragic to think that we are celebrating the birth of Christ who came to bring Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Man, with the world sitting on a veritable powder keg; with the inhumanity of man's greed about to be demonstrated, if not already that, as it has never been demonstrated before; with nations and men at each other's throats in mortal combat, and with others, professing peace, but engaged in no less significant antagonism to the teachings of Him who gave His life that others might live.

But we can find recompense for this dark outlook if we will but take to our hearts these words from Henry Van Dyke, and adopt them as a part of our Christmas program:

"There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, Keeping Christmas.

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to own that the only good reason for your existence, is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life?"

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children, to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the true concept of human relationship is to do unto others as you would have them do unto you? Then you can keep Christmas.

"And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone."

And as we come to extend the season's greetings to all our patrons and friends, we can wish for them no greater happiness than we are certain will come if they will undertake to "keep Christmas" by these simple rules laid down by Van Dyke.

**FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY**

(By C. M. Dickson)

There is no light equal to daylight.

If you would destroy a thing, pluck it out by the roots.

If a person is "determined" to fall, he shouldn't soar that the fall will prove fatal.

The owl, the parrot, and the peacock may be termed symbolical of "darkness," "imitation" and "gaudiness," respectively.

The hen sometimes "lies" about her laying.

"Store-bought" light-bread functions in two ways: 1. It accommodates the amateur house-keeper who has not learned to make biscuits. 2. It takes the burden off the ones who are slightly "indisposed" about meal time.

While some people profit by seeing the "world," others are destroyed by seeing it.

It is perfectly ridiculous for a person to stick his finger in the fire just to see whether or not the fire will burn it.

No tyrant is greater than he who shackles youth with the fetters of ignorance.

The traits of a gentleman are propelled from within—not from without.

The thought is usually the father of the act.

An evil thought should be smothered before it takes time to take root.

Falseness cannot stand the light.

There are no folks like home folks.

The person who does not cooperate with his "better-self" is doomed to destruction.

The greatest evidence that a person likes the truth is that he acts it.

No man can bosom a serpent and not be bitten.

Though the foliage of a tree be green, if the heart be rotten, the tree will soon decay.

How tragic for one to wade through oceans of advice and still be stranded on the shore of destruction!

**BETHEL**

Ronda Route 2, Dec. 20—Rev. R. J. Pardue filled his regular appointment at the service here at Bethel the second Sunday morning. There was a good service also held in the evening, with a splendid sermon by Rev. Lloyd Pardue of Elkin. Four new deacons were ordained at this meeting: Messrs D. S. Gilliam, Seamon Dobbins, Charles T. Jones and Wayne Stroud. Rev. Albert Gilley and Rev. Mr. Pardue assisted the pastor in the ordination. A very good congregation was present including several visitors.

Mrs. N. E. Burchett recently visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Sam Price at Greensboro.

Miss Ollie Mae James of near Winston-Salem, spent last Tuesday here visiting Messdames W. H. and Charles Jones.

Mr. Walter Durham and family moved, to a house here on the J. E. Armstrong farm, last Monday from Swan Creek.

Mrs. J. T. Stroud, Misses Norma and Kathleen Gilliam were in Elkin shopping last Saturday morning.

Mrs. W. A. Pardue and sons Messrs. Millard and Major Pardue visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. A. P. Woodruff and family near Booneville last Sunday.

Dewey Myers, who has been spending some time in South Carolina, returned to his home near here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilley and little son James D., moved last week to a farm near Dobson.

Miss Hallie Harris had as her guest last week-end, Miss Ettie Ball from Winston-Salem.

Mrs. G. F. Pardue, went to be with her mother and family, Mrs. Hort Eller, near West Jefferson, during the funeral and burial of sister nee Miss Blanche Eller, who died at the Wilkes Hospital last Friday.

We are having a good Sunday School and names have been drawn so everyone will be remembered with a gift. An offering from the Sunday School of \$15.00

*Why Not?*

by A. B. CHAPIN



was taken and sent to the Baptist Orphanage. The children are all looking forward to a happy Christmas.—Let us all think of what a precious gift we have and the abiding love and peace. A happy Christmas to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and D. S. Gilliam attended the singing at Shoaly Branch church last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Vanhoy of North Elkin were the guest of relatives here last Sunday.

There will be a Christmas Tree and a brief exercise at the church here next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Dec. 26, also a sermon by Rev. Mr. Gilley. A good congregation is expected.

There is nothing else in nature like the wings of an insect. The wings of a bird, or of a bat, are merely made-over fore legs; flying fishes glide along on their fins, and flying squirrels glide by means of skin stretched between the fore and hind legs; but insects have wings originally made for the purpose of flying.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of April, 1935, W. J. Lawrence and Katie Lawrence, executed and delivered unto W. O. McGibony, Trustee for The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, North Carolina, in Book 132, at page 29; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided, and the trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale therein contained: NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will on the 17th day of January, 1938, at the Courthouse Door of Surry County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land known as the former D. J. Melton farm and containing One Hundred Twenty and one-half (120.50) acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in Bryan Township, County of Surry and State of North Carolina, having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by C. F. Fields, Surveyor, on the 9th day of June, 1923, a copy of which is now on file with The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and being bounded on the North by the lands of E. W. Hanes; on the East by the lands of J. M. Bates and J. F. Fields; on the South by the lands of W. T. Snow; and on the West by the lands of M. A. Dockery and W. T. Snow.

This the 17th day of December, 1937.

W. O. MCGIBONY, Trustee,  
By: ROBT. A. FREEMAN,  
Agent and Attorney for  
1-13- Trustee.

**WANTS**

For Sale—One Pointer, well broke, good retriever. Price right. See B. J. Settle, North Elkin. 1tp

For Sale: Hot point electric stove, A-1 condition. Sacrifice price. Call 241. 1tc

For rent—Three-room apartment on first floor. Private bath. Mrs. Carl Chappell, phone 136-M. tfc

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. tfo

FREE! If excess acid causes you Stomach Ulcers, Gas Pains, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, get free sample doctor's prescription, Udga, at Turner Drug Co. 6-3p

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. tfc

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. tfo

Squibbs Mineral Oil, quart size 89c. Antacid Powder, large size 50c. Nyseptol, pint 49c. Gallon Mineral Oil \$2.25. Turner Drug Co., Elkin, N. C. tfo

REAL ESTATE  
For Sale: 44 acre farm, fairly good buildings, 6 acres creek bottom, tobacco barn and good tobacco land. 1 mile city limits of Jonesville. Price \$1200. cash.  
For Sale: Good building lots in Elkin, Arlington and Jonesville. See me for your building needs.  
D. C. MARTIN, Realtor

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE  
A Yadkin farm, 72 acres at Swan Creek. Let us show you this farm.  
6 rm. cottage in W. Elkin at a price that will pay net 10 per cent on your investment. See us about this investment.  
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