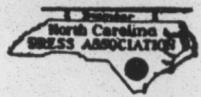


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Samuel Freeman Nicks, Jr.

"There came to him an image of man's whole life upon the earth. It seemed to him that all man's life was like a tiny spurt of flame that blazed out briefly in an illimitable and terrifying darkness, and that all man's grandeur, tragic dignity, his heroic glory, came from the brevity and smallness of this flame. He knew his life was little and would be extinguished and that only darkness was immense and everlasting. And he knew that he would die with defiance on his lips, and that the shout of his denial would ring with the last pulsing of his heart into the maw of all-engulfing night."

There is not one of us, really honest with himself, who will not say that he has not at times felt the sentiments expressed above. There is not one of us, among those fortunate enough to have enjoyed the friendship of the late Samuel Freeman Nicks, Jr., who will fail to understand how and why his radiant life came so quickly to an ending more tragic than most, yet the words quoted are not his, but those of Thomas Wolfe, whose own early death in 1938, seems here to have been foretold with a prescience bordering upon the uncanny.

For fifteen years we knew the man whose career ended Sunday. A friendship beginning as a college friendship, with the intimacy peculiar to such, developed in later work-a-day times into something deeper, though it was felt rather than expressed, and therein, we think, lies the difference between youth and maturity, which must now share, partially, at least, in the blame for the personal catastrophe which on Sunday morning overtook our friend.

When the world is so much with us that we pass up opportunities to help those who are walking along our way, then it is that we need to stop, to take account and to re-order our lives. We would not, however, end this tribute to our friend on any such note of bitter regret.

His life was never "little", though he may have felt it was, and during all the years of manhood his energies were devoted to his chosen profession and to this city which became his home. This is now neither time nor place to catalogue his accomplishments as political, civic and religious leader, items which are known and will be remembered in proper order, but it must be said that Roxboro will be poorer because of his going.

Our Roxboro habits of life, commendable as they are, have been always on the conservative side and we needed and will continue to need the driving, forceful and attractive personality possessed by Mayor Nicks. In many, many instances he it was who thought first of the City, but his sympathies also flowed over into the County and he was known wherever the Person spirit grew. Out of a capacity for friendship he created a life that will not end, although he, himself, may have been unaware of the wealth that was his.

For his friendship, for his kindness, his good humor and his influence we are grateful, as we think all who knew him must be.

Red Cross Now

It is, we think, scarcely necessary to observe that the American Red Cross and its sister agencies throughout the war-torn world have now before them a task of greater magnitude than any experienced since 1918, and it would seem an over-emphasis to ask Person and Roxboro people to contribute to the Roll Call which was to have been guided by the late Mayor Nicks and which began here on Tuesday morning under direction of others almost equally as well acquainted with its importance.

We hope that those who are called upon to contribute to the local chapter's share in the Roll Call will do it cheerfully and willingly, with full realization that Red Cross services are now desperately needed. It is not amiss to remember, too, that a proper portion of the money given will stay here in Person county, where it can do much good. Calls for service and for money are in these days heavy, but we must needs recall that our own burdens in comparison with those of others are lighter than the air we breathe.

Call It Irony

On Monday night many Republicans and some Democrats sat around radios and listened to what Wendell L. Willkie, defeated Republican candidate for the Presidency had to say. To their surprise, and mayhap to their dismay, he made the best talk he has given in the six months of his public political life. It is in the nature of tragedy that the same wisdom could not have come from his lips during the disappointing latter days of his campaign, when almost every utterance gave cause for pain that so seemingly well balanced a man should stoop so low in oratory.

Americans needed the message Monday night and it may be that he who gave it was born for such a purpose. In his plea for continuance of intelligent minority political opposition lies the hope that the American way of government will not be totally swallowed up in the mass movement toward apathy, totalitarianism or what have you. We are not saying that President Roosevelt will himself ever do more than has to be done to foster

Democratic domination or that he will unreasonably build up in the public mind a tradition in favor of a one-party government enriched by patronage and power. Roosevelt is, let us hope, too big a man to do this, but there is a danger that others may do for him that which he would not himself perform, and for that reason we are pleased that Wendell L. Willkie in what was to have been, but now will not be, his swan-song to politics has been big enough to put pettiness aside and to call upon the people of the nation, many of whom were his followers, to put aside bitterness and to work for the common good—while keeping a watchful eye upon the government again delivered to the Democrats.



Judicial Efficiency

Greensboro Daily News

Judge Hunt Parker, called to Wake County to hold a two-weeks special term of Superior court, tells the county commissioners that he doesn't want the \$200 to which by the statutes made and provided he is entitled.

The Daily News is constantly learning things about the state's judiciary that it had not had the time or ingenuity to imagine.

Of course, we knew that special terms of court cost something. We had heard, too, of retired judges being called into service and paid for presiding. But, honestly, it had never occurred to us that a regular judge—duly nominated in a Democratic primary of any one of the 21 districts and voted on by the state as a whole to prevent any possible intrusion by a Republican onto the judicial premises—would expect to receive more than his \$8,000 per annum. Considering what North Carolina gets from its Superior court judges, that's a whopping big salary.

But we are not surprised to learn that Judge Parker has upset such a precedent. Not that we think he'd have said anything about it; but he's the sort of judge who tries to earn his wages.

And he does earn them. He's shown the Wake county authorities how to get enough unlisted taxes to pay more than he will ever cost the county. And he has imposed on and seen collected sufficient fines from slot-machine operators to make a clean-up campaign in the vicinity of Raleigh worth something financially as well as morally. If he receives the proper support from law enforcement officers he will also do something about the distributors of such gambling devices.

Indeed, we are about to make another flat and unequivocal statement: If there were 20 more regular judges of the Superior court of this state as competent and as diligent as R. Hunt Parker, there'd rarely be need for a special term of court, and the emergency judges might also be dispensed with.

Still, in all fairness to the possibly-contrary minded we ought to state that we've heard Judge Parker low-rated by some members of the legal profession for his lack of patience with them and their convicted clients.

The Bill of Rights

Christian Science Monitor

Americans, though familiar with the existence of the Bill of Rights in their Constitution, may not always remember that such charters of liberty stem from the Bill of Rights enacted by the English Parliament under William and Mary in 1689—slightly more than a century before the ratification of the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Familiarity with the precedent and with the struggle by which limitations were placed on kingly prerogative led Virginia and other colonies to include such a list of guarantees in the State constitution they drew up on the heels of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

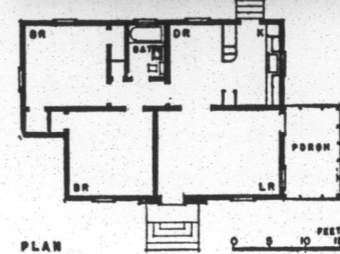
A majority of the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia eleven years later supposed specific reservations to be unnecessary, but at least one member refused to sign partly because of their absence and in the campaign for ratification by State conventions it soon became apparent that a Bill of Rights was demanded. The Massachusetts convention, followed by others, recommended amendments of this type and the First Congress promptly submitted them.

The presence of these important additions has tended the more to make the Constitution a composite of the thought of all people, for the adoption of the Bill of Rights was largely the result of the influence of the anti-Federalists who had not participated much in the rearing of the structure.

Today the example of a Bill of Rights in the fundamental law of a nation has been widely followed, as in Mexico, Turkey, Greece and in the Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Poland now struggling for liberation.

At the moment when Americans have completed a free election of their public officials with the benefit of freedom of discussion and conscience it seems appropriate to remember the American Bill of Rights.

Monthly Payments Under FHA Total \$16 On This House



Many of the elements which produce safe, sanitary, comfortable, and convenient living accommodations are combined in this small house. A maximum amount of usable space has been obtained for a minimum amount of money and the result is a compact unit which should meet the requirements of a family of average size and means. Valued at \$3,000, the property was financed with a 25-year mortgage of \$2,700 insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments amount to about \$16, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance.

"Clean-Up, Close-Up" Campaign Makes Progress

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—The beer industry's self-regulation program in North Carolina has resulted in disciplinary action against 326 retail beer outlets since the "clean up or close up" campaign was launched 18 months ago.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, state director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, announced today that 133 objectionable beer outlets have been eliminated—108 by revocation, two by surrender, and 23 by refusal of local authorities to grant renewals of licenses to the offending retailers.

In addition, Colonel Bain said, six dealers in five counties were placed on probation; and 176 dealers were warned by the state director to "clean up" or face more drastic action by the committee. Eleven revocation petitions are pending before local boards for action.

The United Brewers Industrial

REFLECTIONS

By R. M. SPENCER

COALS

Friendship is like a fire—it requires fuel to make it burn. A fire will burn lower and lower until only ashes remain—unless additional fuel is added. To expect a friendship to burn without reciprocal attention is as impossible as to expect a fire to continue to burn brightly when the coals are consumed.

The braziers of life are often cold. Men hold out their vessels to us pleadingly but because we are busy or preoccupied, we do not see them. A kind word, a smile, would renew the blaze; a word of encouragement would supply the fuel to make that flame-of-hope burn brightly again; a cheery greeting would add the coals necessary to rekindle flagging self-confidence.

It takes so little coal to make a big, cheerful friendship-fire. A neighborly call upon someone who is ill, a note to one who is alone, a little friendly interest in others, an unexpected little gift—these are the coals which make the braziers of life burn radiantly.

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North Carolina program, recently authorized continuation of the "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina. Bain said today that the committee's activities will extend into all counties of the state in an effort to rid communities of undesirable beer outlets. "The local officials and law enforcement officers of this state have given us their cooperation during the past 18 months, and I am confident they will continue to do so during the next year," the state director said.

PALACE THEATRE

ADVANCE PROGRAM From Thursday, Nov. 14 thru Saturday, Nov. 16

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

Thursday - Friday, Nov. 14-15 Don Ameche - Betty Grable - Carmen Miranda - Charlotte Greenwood - Henry Stephenson, in

"Down Argentine Way" (In Technicolor)

The spectacular musical extravaganza two continents have been waiting for! Rhumbas! Congas! Songs! Stars! Laughter! The sensational debut of Carmen Miranda! Girls! Night life in glamorous Buenos Aires! Romance—the South American way! Metroton Cartoon

Paramount Sound News - "The Eyes and Ears of the World."

Special Morning Show Friday 10:30

Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-30c;

Evenings Daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 15-35c

Saturday, Nov. 16

William Boyd - Russell Hayden - Britt Wood - Ruth Rogers - Roy Barcroft - Mi or Watson - Ethel Wales, in Another "Hopalong Cassidy" "Hidden Gold"

Episode No. 10 of the serial "Deadwood Dick" (Framed for Murder) with Don Douglas - Lorna Gray - Harry Harver - Marin Sais.

Looney Tunes: "Patient Porky"

Afternoon 2:30-4:00; Admission 10-30c;

Evening 6:45-8:15-9:30; Admission 10-35c.

(Box office opens at 6:30)

Special Show Saturday Night November 16

On The Stage "The Jitterbug Jamboree" with and all colored cast — 20 People 20 — Featuring the latest dance "The Boogie", with a red hot swing band.

On The Screen

Joe E. Brown with Frances Robinson - Vivienne Osborne - Bernard Nedell, in

"So You Won't Talk"

Box office opens 11:15; picture 11:30; Admission, all seats 35c. (Entire Balcony reserved for colored. Admission, all seats 35c.)

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