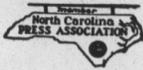


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Christmas: 1940.....

As an example of what Christmas today must mean to many nations we quote an AP paragraph from London:

"It came like a hammer blow," one man said. My wife and I were out in the kitchen fixing some food. Inside they were singing, 'God Rest Ye, Merrie Gentlemen' and laughing and shouting. Suddenly we heard that awful whoosh of a falling bomb. Thank God my kids are with their grandmother in the country."

There is, we think, no need to labor the point that many hearts are sad this Christmas day, in France, in England, in Germany, in Italy, not to mention those in territorially smaller nations caught crossways by death and by destruction worse than death. Americans and others whose yuletide may be celebrated with some measure of that "Peace on Earth" proclaimed two thousand years ago are like helpless bystanders watching a conflagration whose flames are consuming all: men, women and children and possessions. Under such conditions it is impossible to think that those of us who have thus far been spared should continue to place emphasis upon the tin and tinsel aspects of a holiday originally endowed with spiritual essence.

Not particularly do we care how our countrymen recapture this spiritual essence. Some will find it by bringing smiles to the faces of little children, others by brightening for a moment the daily cares of those to whom childhood joys are but memories. Others, yet again, will discover for themselves, who may be in most need of it, the thrilling and at the same time humbling beauty of Christmas music, music which reminds them of the day and of those whose music is now celestial. It matters not how we find our Christmas, 1940, but find it we must, if the voices of the angels are to be heard above the "whoosh" of bombs and the barking of anti-aircraft guns.

Two North Carolinians.....

Two more widely different North Carolinians than Hal Kemp orchestra leader, and Emeth Tuttle Cochran, social worker, both of whom died last week, can scarcely be imagined, yet each one in respective fields gave freely to a world somewhat larger than their native state.

As a college teacher whose later years were devoted to social service which included directorship of the State's bureau of child welfare, Mrs. Cochran's less spectacular, though no less rewarding career was in direct contrast with that of Bandleader Kemp, whose mastery of modern popular dance tunes placed him in front rank as an entertainer. Kemp was among the first to develop a name band which capitalized on Southern characteristics of "hot music" then known as jazz and now called swing: Mrs. Cochran pioneered in the establishment of the welfare department's "mother's aid" program, since spread throughout North Carolina and into other states.

Both Mrs. Cochran and Mr. Kemp were at one time or another in their lives intimately associated with the University of North Carolina, although Mrs. Cochran had distinction, with two of her sisters, of being among first women graduates of that Trinity college which later became Duke University. Ending easy and obvious contrasts, it may be observed that these two citizens of North Carolina employed their peculiar talents in ways best suited to full development of their capacities for service, and in final analysis there is not such a gap between lifting people socially and lifting them musically. Both are efforts at production of that happiness supposed to be concomitant with the more abundant life all of us seek after.

We Said It Last Year.....

While the minds of our people are concerned with giving to others, which is at Christmas or any other season a praiseworthy attitude to have, we must again suggest that Christian charity should not be confined to Christmas, nor should it be left exclusively to departments of public welfare, however well-managed such departments may be.

Most Bible readers, if there be any left, are familiar with St. Paul's "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" references to charity, which charity for him meant "love" of one's fellowman. St. Paul's charity, as our own should be, was as broad as it was deep and was not marked by limitations to any one day or season. In our own perhaps more highly organized and complex society we have delegated to agencies charitable work once thought of as an individual or to say the least a churchly assignment. Result is that individualized concern for the welfare of those around us comes to life on the average not more than twice a year, on Thanksgiving and Christmas feast days when we who have so much are then filled with compunctions because others among us may not have enough to keep physical body and moral soul together.

To be personal about it, there are people in Roxboro and Person county who need assistance and will this

week have it, who will during the remaining and coldest months of the year suffer from actual privation and accompanying starvation just because welfare facilities are not big enough to carry the load without continued cooperation from private citizens. Times are better, so we hear, but not so much better that many deserving people will not need assistance now and later. All of which we said last year and here and now say again—with emphasis.



Tobacco Acreage.....

News and Observer

With or without production control, growers are faced with a continued reduction in acreage planted in tobacco. That inescapable fact is realized by all thoughtful growers, an overwhelming majority of whom prefer that if there is to be control that it be brought about in an orderly manner under the supervision of the Federal government rather than through the disorderly and disastrous method of starvation prices resulting from over-production.

There are two reasons for believing that it will be a long time before the world tobacco market will absorb a crop of the record-breaking size of the 1939 crop, which was uncontrolled crop. Markets have been substantially curtailed by conditions abroad resulting from the war. That market may be restored, in whole or in part, in the future, but the pauperizing effect of war will necessarily be reflected in the demand for tobacco and all other luxuries for some years to come.

The other reason for believing that tobacco acreage must be reduced for many years to come is the fact that yield per acre has been increased greatly in recent years. The extent of that increase is shown by production figures for 1940. This year the yield in North Carolina was 2 per cent, greater than the average yield for the past ten years, despite the fact that in 1940 the number of acres planted in tobacco was 20 per cent, less than the average number for the same ten-year period.

This is the time of year when plans are being made for the coming crop. Through the action of more than 90 per cent, of the growers themselves, tobacco acreage will be reduced substantially, and in a uniform manner for the next three years. But thoughtful farmers will realize that there must be reduction of some sort for a much longer period than three years, and will make their plans accordingly.

At a recent convention in Durham it was disclosed that 95 per cent, of all eggs and poultry sold in Durham are produced outside of North Carolina. In a general way, the same condition applied to dairy products and to all forms of livestock. Now is the time for some long-range planning on this question. Land formerly used for tobacco will be available for other purposes for a number of years to come. That land should be used in an intelligent manner.

Alabama Will Battle Vice

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 24.— Gov. Frank Dixon said the State of Alabama would lend "every cooperation" to authorities of Fort Benning, Ga., in an effort to eradicate vice conditions in the sprawling little town of Phenix City, Ala., across the Chattahoochee River from the army post.

Dixon pointed out that in a previous drive to clean-up Phenix City the state had invoked liquor licenses and not restored them until "jook-joint" operators had promised to keep out vagrant women, whose number was reported to have increased in ratio with the army expansion.

A renewed drive on Phenix was started yesterday when Secretary of War Henry Stimson charged in Washington that certain towns near the post bred moral conditions which had "a very bad effect on for personnel."

Major Gen. Lyod R. Fredendall, commandant at Fort Benning, wrote Dixon asking for his cooperation in controlling vice conditions at Phenix City. The officer pointed out that Columbus officials were working out plans for establishing a recreational center "where soldiers may enjoy a clean type of recreation and entertainment and meet their friends and relatives."

Dealer Offers Used Volumes By The Pound

Los Angeles, Dec.— Deciding that the used book business needed something, Michael Foreman, a dealer for seven years, has started selling books by the pound.

You pay 25 cents for the first pound and 10 cents for each additional pound.

Foreman is not selling out and the plan is not just a side-line bargain novelty. It applies to every book in his store, and therefore has many interesting possibilities for the customers and Foreman himself, he said.

He can't tell yet just how the plan is going to work out. If it becomes too interesting to the customers, it may not prove so interesting for him. They can pick and choose, but he has to buy books in quantity as well as sell them, so the whole thing partakes somewhat of chess playing and betting on the horses.

Certain Los Angeles writers heard of the scheme with rather mixed emotions.

"Imagine buying a pound of Charles Lamb!" said Ed Ainsworth, author of "Pot Luck."

"Or," Lee Shippey carried on, "two pounds of Bacon—and what about that poet named Hogg?"

When some one mentioned Edna Ferber's "Roast Beef Medium," it became plain that this phase of the colloquium could be extended indefinitely.

On the general theme of rewards to writers, Ainsworth reported that with each sale of a book written by a Pasadena friend of his, the dealers were throwing in the Encyclopedia, with Ainsworth's own book, the maximum lagniappe has been a set of dishes—as far as he knows. Foreman's plan is based partly

on quicker turnover. For instance, up by quantity sales of heavier losses on, say, half-pound books volumes worth only 20 or 10 cents. worth 30 or 50 cents are made cents.

Christmas



In the spirit of the season, our good wishes for your Christmas merriment come on wings of fellowship! Have a wonderful holiday, with those you love.

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Treasurer of Person County

Merry Christmas



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Sheriff M. T. Clayton



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