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The wicked rumor that the Times has sold out is circulating too freely. To bear false witness against a neighbor is not good.

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## "Uncle Henry Says" Liberty and George Washington Loom Large.

There are doubters to question that statement, but come, let us look at it together. Liberty certainly loomed large for us after a three weeks trip on the Atlantic. We heard the shouts, Land ahoy! Lights to the starboard! Sandy Hook Lightship! And then through the murky fog a thrill awaited us at sight of the liberty torch. A double thrill was ours when the right arm of the goddess appeared, but we were twice thrilled when the full figure came to view.

Liberty loomed even larger when on Bedloe's Island we saw Miss Liberty herself piled up before our eyes. We entered the broad stairways of stone and concrete to see her insides. As we climbed higher and higher we passed out of the stone stratum of the bronze. And from the crown we looked down the lady's nose—it was four feet long!

Washington looms larger on Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of Dakota. His nose measures 21 feet. But I am not to dwell on noses, but to tell you the part God played to make liberty and George Washington loom large in history.

The original record harks back to God and Holy Writ. Those words on the old liberty bell in Philadelphia are scripture: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." And you have read it in Leviticus 25:10. That is a divine ideal come from hoary antiquity, and we moderns need to check up to see if it still holds true. It is our Father's God, Author of Liberty, to whom we sing. But in Acts 17:26-28 the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are most definitely expressed in clear language.

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord. . . For in Him we live and move and have our being." In those lines I sense the boon of liberty, as bountiful as the free air we breathe; and that God designed that men should dwell on all the face of the earth, and the best and freest living has been left to the newer, better half of the earth's surface.

Have you ever thought through the words inscribed on the Concord Minute Man's monument? "Here the shot was fired heard 'round the world." How, without radio, was that possible? It was possible. The divine heart-beat from the bosom of God generated liberty and love of liberty, and these may be detected in the pulse of lives that still live everywhere. Aside from the autocrat and a dictator or two that now rule for a moment, there are more liberty loving folk in this old world than ever. Be sure of that.

I mean to say that the wide world owes to God and Washington its gratitude, and in this season of commemoration that gratitude is here and now heartily given. Foreign capitals are reported doing him honor, and giving his name to great boulevards. In London he is done in bronze in a public square, and in stone in St. Paul's Cathedral. In Paris his name is linked with that of the Marquis de La Fayette, and the love of liberty that bound the hearts of those two back there, led to the French revolution.

In LaFayette's army in France a young South American lieutenant's heart caught the flame and he carried the living brand back across the Atlantic to his homeland, Argentina, and started the conflagration in the southern continent. His name was San Martin, and he became the George Washington of Uruguay, Argentina, Chili and Peru. About the same time arose Simon Bolivar, who liberated the Northwestern sections of South America, and duplicated in a large way our George Washington in Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, and Bolivia. Today Latin America has eighteen republics, and Europe had had an array of them. Would you say that the era of liberty and democracy has gone?

Can you see how internationally great our Washington is? To have been instrumental, under God, in the establishment of so many republics over the wide stretches of two American continents, in a few decades?

But that isn't all. The warm pulsing blood of liberty-loving patriots was a culture-media that multiplied the red, white and blue blood corpuscles of civil and religious liberty, and that brought the thrones of autocratic and absolute monarchies low. How well this has been accomplished may be seen today in the republics, and commonwealth of nations and dominions around the world. Even far China for a while joined the circle that belts the globe, that own liberty and are prospered thereby.

The world indeed owes to God and to Washington its gratitude. Ardent religious liberty looms large as one of the mightiest principles God ever gave man.

Now in conclusion I return to my opening Scripture taken this time from the 20th Century Translation.

"He Himself gives to all, life, and breath, and all things. He made all races of men from one stock, and caused them to settle on all parts of the earth's surface—fixing a time for their rise and fall, and the limits of their settlements—that they might search for God, if by any means they might feel their way to Him and find Him. And yet He is not really far from any one of us; for in Him we live and move and are."

### HONOR TO WASHINGTON

Honor to Washington, soldier the bravest,  
Hero triumphant in warfare's grim art,  
Pillar of safety, in danger the gravest,  
Idol of every American heart.  
Winning a deathless name,  
Crowned with eternal fame,  
Looming more grandly as ages shall glide,  
Blazoned on stately flag,  
Graven on mountain crag,  
Washington, ever America's pride.

Honor to Washington, statesman the ablest,  
Guardian of Nation's in infancy's days,  
Founder of freedom on basis the stablest,  
Guide to our footsteps through perilous ways.  
Girt now, with giant might,  
Dowered with happiest plight,  
Long may his country in glory abide,  
Voicing in thunder sound,  
Echoing the world around,  
Washington, ever America's pride.

Honor to Washington, patriot the purest,  
Servant, whose service was free as the air,  
Later, resigning a grasp that was surest,  
Model immortal of virtues most rare.  
Join them in loudest shout,  
Fling all your banners out,  
Roll your glad anthems o'er continents wide,  
Swelling in chorus grand,  
Reaching most distant land,  
Washington, ever America's pride.  
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Judge Daniel Long Bell

## Hill Gives News Behind The News

"The Human side of the News," the CBS series in which Edwin C. Hill is heard every weekday at 6:05 p. m., EST, is aptly named. For Hill doesn't confine himself to merely reporting what has happened during the day. He goes behind the reports from all over the world to give his listeners human, unusual angles on the news stories.



Edwin C. Hill

For example, he talked recently about the latest fashions in ladies' hats, the founding of the state of Georgia and the Egyptian dummy reputedly lying in the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

## A benefit supper for funds with which to improve

—and beautify the Presbyterian Church and grounds will be served Tuesday evening, February 27th from 6 till 8 o'clock, at Cheeks Cafe, 50 cents per plate. Come and help a good cause. The following menu will be served: baked chicken and dressing, baked country ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, pear cheese salad, pickle, hot lemonade, rolls, butter, coffee, and pie.

## A regional church conference will be held at

—North Wilkesboro Baptist Church Thursday, February 22nd, beginning at nine-thirty a. m., and closing at 4:30 p. m. Among the state workers expected are L. L. Morgan, Nathan Brooks and others.

All pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers, Training Union directors, Association Sunday School officers and other interested workers are invited to attend.

The opening message will be "Spiritual Preparation of the Sunday School Teacher," by Mrs. John B. Lane, who brought such an inspiring message to the Association Sunday School convention at New Hope last May.

## The Bridge Club

—met Wed. the 14th at the home of Mrs. Ben G. Reeves. The high scorer was Mrs. Alton Thompson, with Mrs. Chester second. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27th.

## A NEW TYPE OF BOOTLEGGING

—has appeared in Germany. The rationing system has put a premium on stockings, boots, soap, eggs, coffee, chocolate cocoa, and other things that are listed in the Reich as luxuries.

Bootleggers have secured ration cards issued for persons who do not exist. Buying at the pegged government prices, they sell at enormously advanced prices to persons who have the cash.

The situation is not unlike that which existed during the winter of 1777-78, when George Washington was compelled to pay in British gold the equivalent of \$10 a pair for woolen stockings, and \$100 for each pair of boots.

## Appointment of Judge Daniel Long Bell,

—of Pittsboro, as state manager of his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina was announced by Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton at his home recently.

"I consider myself particularly fortunate in securing Dan Bell as state manager," said Mr. Horton, adding that Judge Bell "managed with signal success" the Horton campaign for Lieutenant Governor in 1936. The gain in vote-getting made by the candidate between the first and second primaries four years ago has been termed phenomenally great. "I consider my success in that campaign largely attributable to the marked ability and excellent leadership of Dan Bell," said the gubernatorial aspirant today.

In accepting the appointment Mr. Bell, Judge of Chatham County Criminal Court since its creation in December, 1929, and widely known as a lawyer, paid high tribute to his candidate. "I have known Wilkins Horton intimately many years," he said, "and know that he is eminently qualified for the office of Governor, by character, personal equipment, ability, special training and experience, particularly his long service in the General Assembly."

At present Mr. Horton has campaign headquarters in Pittsboro, but he plans to move his campaign offices to Raleigh in the early future. He and Judge Bell jointly expressed "deep gratification" over what they declared to be "the rapidly enlarging public response" to the Horton candidacy.

Daniel L. Bell, who will be 46 years of age April 15, was born at Enfield, Halifax County, a son of the late David and Lila McLin Bell. After the death of his father in 1908, his mother having died in 1905, he went to Graham to live with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Long, Mr. Long being a son of Dr. William S. Long, founder and first president of Elon College. After attending the public schools in Enfield and Graham and Trinity Park School in Durham he went to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he secured his A. B. degree in 1915 and his LL. B. in 1917.

On the day that he took the oath as an attorney Dan Bell entered the United States Army, in which he served 17 months during the World War. At Camp Jackson he was regimental sergeant-major of the 316th Field Artillery. In April, 1918, he finished his work in the Third Officers' Training Camp at that contention and was commissioned a second lieutenant. From Jackson he went to Fort Sill, Okla., to the School of Fire, and thence to the 25th Field Artillery at Camp McClennan, Anniston, Ala. Subsequently he received his army discharge while at Camp Upton, near New York City. He is a member of the American Legion, was one of the founders of its Pittsboro post, of which he is a past commander.

After his discharge from the army Mr. Bell formed a law partnership with J. Elmer Long, of Durham, who subsequently became Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. He opened an office in Pittsboro in February, 1919, pursuant to that connection, which continued until 1935 when it was dissolved by mutual consent. Since that time Mr. Bell has continued to practice law in Pittsboro in addition to his duties, since late in 1920 as Judge of Chatham County Criminal Court.

Judge Bell was married to Miss Allie Peoples, of Pittsboro, a daughter of June N. and Olivia Peoples. They have two daughters, Betty McLin Bell and Allie Peoples Bell, and a son, Daniel L. Bell, Jr.

In 1926 Mr. Bell was elected to the State House of Representatives and served in the 1927 session of that body. From 1919 to 1926 he was town commissioner and secretary-treasurer of the

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Hushed, we listen to the words of Abraham Lincoln: "Washington's is the mightiest name of earth—long since mightiest in moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun, or glory to the name of Washington, is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe we pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leave it shining on,—Washington."



Wilkins P. Horton, Lieutenant Governor, and candidate for Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina.

## Involuntary Manslaughter

Seven members of a religious sect living in an isolated farm community near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., were recently indicted for involuntary manslaughter. All are charged with refusing to get medical aid for persons in need of it, and in each case the patient died.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McGhee were indicted for refusing to bring a doctor to the bedside of their own child.

The religious sect believes healing powers come only from faith in God, and scorn medical treatment.

## Burgin Pennell, attorney and civic leader,

—and past commander of the American Legion, has announced that he would manage the campaign for Governor of A. J. Maxwell. Confirming recent rumors, Mr. Pennell said:

"I have agreed to manage Mr. Maxwell's campaign for Governor. I have accepted this responsibility as a pleasure and privilege, without promise or request for political preferment, because of my confidence in his sterling character, his knowledge of the state and its governmental problems, his eminent qualifications, and record as a public official, his ability to secure a dollar of value for each dollar expended in governmental affairs, his life-long support and activity in behalf of the Democratic party, and his balanced program as outlined in the statement announcing his candidacy. I believe he will make an efficient and trust-worthy Governor of our state."

## The fire engines go by and

—few of us ever get over that juvenile urge to follow the fire engines. It's a thrill to hear the sirens, and see the great red wagons clang by.

But that thrill wouldn't last long if the fire engines led you to your house, and you found it in flames. And the surge of excitement would die an early death if the fire razed the factory or the store in which you worked.

Every fire, great or small, brings trouble to some one. And a high percentage of fires leave stark tragedy in their wake—loss of life, loss of employment, loss of possessions which never can be replaced. There are no mitigating qualities in fire. It is the great destroyer.

More than that, the effects of fire are exceedingly widespread. A fire of which you never heard may deprive you of an opportunity for doing business. It may raise your taxes and your insurance rate. It may adversely affect your future life and income.

Here in America fire destroys some \$300,000,000 worth of property directly each year. The indirect loss is estimated at close to two billion dollars. There can be no excuse for that waste, no alibi. Nine fires out of ten are the result of human ignorance, human carelessness, human thoughtlessness. Nine fires out of ten could have been prevented—had someone not failed to take the simple precautions that will checkmate most fires.

Think of this and ask yourself if fire prevention is worth while. —Industrial News.

## The full text of the platform of W. P. Horton,

—Lieutenant-Governor, and now candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, is as follows:

About December 4th, I announced that I would be a candidate for Governor, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held in May, 1940, and promised in my announcement that I would subsequently state my views on questions of public interest. In doing so, I have no fantastic promises to propose. Government should be responsive to the will and need of the people. We enjoy this kind of government in North Carolina today. I believe in, and am a part of, the present State government. I am familiar with its imperfections, and know that its program is not complete, but the people of this State are striving earnestly to eliminate its imperfections and improve and advance its program. I, also, know of its very fine record of public service.

I have been, for a greater part of the last twenty years, connected with the legislative branch of the State government. During this period, as a member of the Senate and as Lieutenant Governor, I have consistently supported legislation that tended to conform to the principles of our present State government, and I have consistently opposed all legislation that I believed had a tendency to destroy or impair the progress of the State.

I pledge to the people of North Carolina, if I am nominated and elected Governor, to give the best that is within me to advance our present program of public service, and that my future course of action shall be just as consistent with the present State policy as my legislative record has been consistent with it.

I wish to state emphatically and without equivocation or evasion, that my platform is the platform of the Democratic Party, and that I will stand firmly and squarely upon the platform that is adopted by the Democratic Party of North Carolina in its 1940 convention. Serious consideration, and active, conscientious and loyal support of the following questions will do much to promote and advance the established program of public service now existing in North Carolina.

I believe in economy of government, and that every effort should be exerted by those in authority to obtain a maximum service at a minimum cost.

I believe in a just and fair tax policy for all our people. Serious consideration should be given to, and positive action taken on, the question of reducing taxes now imposed upon those least able to pay them when it can be done consistent with our present program of public service.

Our public school system is of vital concern to the citizenship of North Carolina. We have the foundation of one of the greatest systems in the nation. The program of consolidation has practically been completed; in school bus transportation we are surpassed by none; teacher training and certification has been gradually improved; the physical and material phases of our educational system have had a phenomenal growth. Our educational leaders are to be commended for the great strides made in education. I believe that I voice the opinion of our educational leaders when I say that an underpaid teaching profession is poor economy. Our teachers are still underpaid, and a continued increase in the salary schedule should be maintained as rapidly as our resources will permit. We should know whether it is economical and good, sound educational practice to require a teacher to have a teaching load

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## An interesting visitor last week was

—R. H. Coombs of the National Park Service, who is located in Sparta at present, and whose duty consists of patrolling the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Va. state line to Deep Gap. Mr. Coombs has been with the National Park Service in Yellowstone Park, and eventually will locate in Laurel Springs.

There are five of these rangers or patrol men, two working out from Roanoke, one from Hillsville, one from Sparta, and one from Marion, N. C.

Mr. Coombs says one of the most frequent difficulties that Parkway motorists encounter is when they drive off onto the soft road shoulders of the road and sink their wheels deep in loose soil.

## W. Bryan Taylor resigns as teacher of history

—and science, and Sparta High School loses one of its strongest teachers, while the American Agricultural Chemical Company gains a field agent to be located in Mocksville and cover the four counties of Forsyth, Yadkin, Davie and Rowan. Mr. Taylor starts his new work immediately, on Monday the 26th, and leaves many friends in Sparta.

## Rev. Lee Hampton

—will preach in Shiloh church (D. V.) at 11 o'clock the first Sunday in March, which will be March 3.

## Slow-moving farm surpluses make living harder,

—and fast-moving automobiles make dying easier in rural areas of North Carolina. For evidence of the

ease with which one can meet death on the rural roads and highways of this state, you need only to have a look into the records of the Highway Safety Division—records which reveal from four to five times as many people are killed in traffic accidents in rural areas of the state as are killed in cities and towns. And this despite the fact that the total number of accidents, fatal and non-fatal, is approximately the same in cities as in rural areas.

Last year, for example 182 fatalities occurred in 4,026 traffic accidents in North Carolina cities and towns, while 761 people, were killed in 4,131 accidents in rural areas of the state. In 1938, there were 425 fewer accidents in rural areas than in the cities, but there were 759 rural fatalities against 178 in the cities. Yes, indeed, it's a whole lot easier to get killed out on the open road than it is on the crowded city street.

Statistics compiled by the National Safety Council reveal an increase of more than 150 per cent in rural highway fatalities in the nation in the past 15 years, against an increase of less than 30 per cent in city traffic deaths. This shift in emphasis from city streets to rural roads is probably the most important change in the past decade in the traffic problem.

Speed "too fast for conditions" is held accountable for a large proportion of the highway fatalities in rural areas. "There are too many folks who regard an open road as an invitation to see how fast their cars will go," Ronald Hocutt, Director of the N. C. Highway Safety Division, declared after a study of statistics relating to rural and urban traffic fatalities. "Through a statewide educational program and stricter enforcement, we can reduce materially this wide margin between deaths on our city streets and those on our rural highways."

## Boys, we have a plan,

—by which any boy in Alleghany can get a year's subscription to The American Boy magazine without cost, except for the three cent stamp it will take on the letter to bring us his name, age, and address. Of course there'll be some work to do—you wouldn't expect something for nothing, would you? —but you'll be happily surprised how easily you can get The American Boy for a whole year.

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