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"Let There Be Light"

A Thought for the Thoughtful
I looked above the trees tonight
And saw the stars;
They shone so bravely and so clear
That I was cheered.
Somehow my daily work on earth shall be
More true and pure,
Since I looked up beyond the trees
And saw the stars.
—Ruth Stanley

Volume Sixteen

Today we begin the sixteenth volume of the county newspaper Don Shores established in Sparta in 1925 as The Alleghany Times. Not that that was an entirely new venture, for Mr. Shores himself had worked on The Star, which was established in Sparta in 1889 by A. C. Carson. So this is the 51st year of practically a continuous newspaper story in Alleghany County. Along during the years various papers have sprung up and had their day. Some have served a purpose and passed out; others have been an adventure. The Star continued long, and established itself firmly in the hearts and minds of Alleghany people.

It changed hands at different times, and seems never to have prospered much after the passing of Mr. Wrench in 1923.

Then from 1925 The Alleghany Times was the county's newspaper, and seems to have gone along well until the sad fire of 1933. That fire was ruinous in many ways, for it destroyed the invaluable yearly files of The Star and also of The Times. Also it destroyed machinery and equipment. In the effort to restore the paper too much was ventured in the line of modern machinery, and in the impossible struggle with financial burdens the paper finally was sold to Mr. Zabriskie, of Galax, who kept up the regular weekly publication for six years.

In January of this year the present editor and publisher came to Sparta to live and endeavor to establish the paper more closely in the hearts of Alleghany

From South Dakota

Interesting things come in the mail, and last week here came something from an old Alleghany resident that contains so much of general interest it is being shared with our readers.

Spearfish, S. D. Items

Mrs. James Williams, of Spearfish, S. D., gives us news of people whose names have a familiar sound in Alleghany County.

South Dakota is coming back again. We have had more moisture this Spring than in many years. Prospects for crops are good.

The Homestake Gold Mining Company is building a large saw mill west of Spearfish and a hundred families from around Lead, S. D., are moving here.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Edwards and son, David, moved back to Spearfish last week from Sturgis. He was transferred here by the Montana Gas Company, and is manager of the gas company here.

Robert Edwards and Miss Maxine Tyer were married the 17th of February at the Methodist parsonage in Sioux Falls, S. D. Robert Edwards is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Edwards. His home was formerly near New Hope, and he is now employed at Alburg Garage at Sioux Falls where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams returned from Thermopolis, Wyo., after spending two weeks there taking the mineral baths.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. McMillan and daughter, Ruby, were din-

people. Believing in holding to the richness of the old while not sacrificing the freshness of the new, the name of the publication was made to include both the "Star" of old days and the "Times" of more recent history.

The friendliness and loyalty of Alleghany people have impressed us deeply in these few weeks and months we have been with the paper. And that friendliness has not been expressed merely in words, but in deeds. Our efforts to increase our amount of county news have been wonderfully aided by loyal friends in every nook and corner. And our endeavor to increase our circulation within the county have been seconded by more friends than we had any idea of. As an Alleghany County weekly paper we begin Volume 16 with bright prospects and high hopes. This is the 51st year of Alleghany County newspaper history, and our aim is to be worthy of the fine traditions of the past while pressing on to better service in the future.

"Alleghany—Oddities"

Robert Ripley has his "Believe It or Not," and John Hix his "Strange As It Seems," which have become very popular features to the newspaper readers of the nation. One thing they have taught us—the interest there is in the unique and the unusual.

We have no notion of starting any sort of competition with them, but for some time it has seemed there was sufficient material right here in Alleghany County so that we might have a corner almost every week devoted to Alleghany—Oddities.

And, we are proud to say we have secured the service of the daughter of a former proprietor of The Star to conduct the column. Miss Frances Wrench comes of a newspaper family, for not only did her father conduct The Star successfully for some 12 years, she has two brothers working on the Lynchburg papers, The News and The Advance.

We have some nice material in hand, and we shall welcome suggestions that will help to make Alleghany—Oddities interesting and entertaining.

Speak Your Mind

O readers,—gentle and otherwise. Remember that the editors of Mile. always enjoy hearing from you—whether you send bouquets or brickbats. Being human we prefer the former—but come what may!

—Madamoiselle for May.

The Hickory Grove Low Down

You see people rushing up and down the country—in a lather—about our migrant problem, and trying to tell us why it happened and how dreadful it is—and how to cure it.

If you was to take them too serious, you would get the idea that a spring zephyr and some dust was something brand new—something just invented—something terrible. You might get the idea that the wind just ups and blows people right smack out of Kansas and Oklahoma and clear into sunny California.

From the Dust Bowl to the Rose Bowl, you might say, if you was comically inclined. I have been around Kansas and Oklahoma, and the better you are acquainted and the more you know about these places, the less you know about a Dust Bowl.

But people have to get elected—and lots of things are concocted. But it is like poking around in a bee-hive—you can always divert a few, and anybody who has been around a disturbed bee knows that it only takes a few to start a problem.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Walston, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Kingcade and son, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Estes and son and two daughters, Benton, Kentucky, are now occupying four cottages here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Reece, Bristol, Tenn. have moved to the Mrs. S. J. Thomas residence at Twin Oaks Farm.

Several from here attended the funeral of "Aunt Caroline" Carico at Edmonds Sunday.

"Uncle Bud" Atwood, Stratford, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Lawrence Reeves and children and Misses Ruth and Ruby Atwood, are spending a few days with relatives in King this week.

Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, N. C., May 14.—Walter, Glenn, and Troy Carriaco and Mrs. Laura Poole, Whitehall and Churchville, Md., were called home Friday on account of the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Caroline Carico, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reeves Greene at Ennice early Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harden, Mouth of Wilson, spent Sunday with Mrs. Gaston Reeves.

Those visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wagoner Sunday were: Mrs. W. B. Edwards and son, Tommie, Mrs. Kemp Estep and sons, Eldon and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagoner and daughter, Rachel, Mrs. Vera Edwards and daughters, Norma Jean and Patricia.

Miss Madeline Sheppard spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Rose Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lamb and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson

News Oddities

THE COLORFUL PART COPPER HAS PLAYED IN CIVILIZATION WILL BE SHOWN IN THE HALL OF INDUSTRY AND METALS AT THE WORLD'S FAIR IN N. Y.

STRIKING ANIMATED DIORAMAS WILL PORTRAY THE ROMANCE OF COPPER FROM ITS DISCOVERY BY SAVAGES TO ITS PRESENT DAY USES—

THE MODEL OF AN ATOM ENLARGED MORE THAN 20 BILLION TIMES WILL BE AN AMAZING REVELATION TO VISITORS—

IN CONTRAST, THE LARGEST OPEN CUT COPPER MINE IN THE WORLD, WITH MOVING SHOVELS AND TRAINS, WILL BE FEATURED—

A COPPER PIPE 5,500 YEARS OLD STILL CAN BE USED—

COPPER, OLDEST OF METALS OF COMMERCE, WAS FIRST MINED AND USED BY MAN BEFORE THE DAYS OF MENES, THE FIRST EGYPTIAN KING—

"DUTY"

by John T. Miles, Cherry Lane

Upon every living creature is fixed on his full duty and one that is merely a pretender. Some duty meets us face to face each day. We cannot meet it by shirking, neither by long jumps, but we must follow it step by step. If we stop and think we realize that for every duty that confronts us we are given time in which to do it, but we have no time to spare or to squander. Pleasure often appears to conflict with duty and so we do only what we are absolutely obliged to do, and we are seldom praised for such an effort.

Washington felt that he owed to himself and the American people a duty. He fought seven long years to gain freedom for himself and the American people, by pressing forward, with untiring efforts to discharge that duty. He gained our freedom and helped to establish a government of, for, and by the American people, which gave to us the greatest freedom and rights as citizens of any people on earth. Washington's striving to discharge his duty gave him the name of "Father of his country," which has been repeated from generation to generation until he stands out in the mind of the school boy today as fresh as if he lived yesterday.

The pleasure a man of honor enjoys is the consciousness of having performed his duty—a reward he pays himself for all his efforts and pains to accomplish each duty as it presents itself.

The first, the last, the greatest pleasure in life is the sense of having discharged our full duty. It justifies life; the doing is its own full, rich reward; the man that puts forth an effort to discharge in full his daily duties will build a reputation that will follow him on up the line of success until the last page of his history is written, and then be handed down through the ages after he has been called to the Great Beyond.

Anniversaries

It might be well to remember that many people were sadly disappointed when a man was nominated for the presidency of the United States at the National Republican Convention in Chicago, exactly 80 years ago today, who was said to belong too much to the rough back-country, and to lack all the refinements needed to make a great or a good president.

And then when he was elected some weeks or months later, many felt that the country was indeed at a very low ebb. And not only that, but ere long the whole nation was engaged in a bitter civil strife that continued four years. Had the wrong man been chosen for president?

But, somehow, today the whole nation—South as well as North—seems pleased to honor and laud the man who was nominated and elected in 1860—
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

BAD NEWS FROM ACROSS THE WATERS

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., May—The new European war brings troublesome news reports that are practically of the same moment as appeared in American newspapers in the Spring of 1915, 9 months after the beginning of the World War.

The shortest way to define the foreign policy of the United States in 1915-16 was: "To keep Uncle Sam's nose out of foreign wars." That is exactly the honest position of America today.

There may be officials and individuals who have different ideas on this subject but the policy of the United States Government is real Neutrality. There is an almost universal desire among American people as well as the representatives in the National Capital, including the Administration and Congress, to avoid involvement in the affairs of countries engaged in war.

You may call this "isolation" if you want to, or you may call it "pacifism"—that makes no difference, since the fact is both of the old political parties are evading all temptations and issues that would change the policy of the United States. They'll stay there, fastened to peace, unless the people, fastened to their radios and daily newspapers, go war-crazy.

There is solid satisfaction and comfort in the present condition which finds national sentiment united for "America First."

But you don't have to be very old to remember that the agitation to fight with the Allies did not begin to crystallize until the very year before we were in the war, up to our ears, in April, 1917. In the previous November the presidential election was carried by a mere scratch on the issue that President Wilson had kept us out of the war. That is history—and remember that "history repeats." Some curious, unforeseen circumstance may inflame our country and bring about a change in the present sane foreign policy. When the change started late in 1916 it swept the Nation like a prairie fire. Former President Theodore Roosevelt was the wildest leader of all. He helped us into the World War.

Young America should watch his and her step and never forget the truism that "nobody wins a war, everybody loses."

RETURN OF AN OLD HERO

General Charles G. Dawes, the "Hell and Maria" hero of the American Expeditionary Forces of the World War, and later hard-boiled Vice-President of the United States came back to Washington a few days ago and found the "welcome" still shining on the Capital doormat. He told Washington, right to its face, that the budget must be balanced if national bankruptcy and ruin are to be avoided. The 75-year-old statesman and banker notified the National Capital that this was his "Swan Song." And that helped make his warning more impressive.

PUMP PRIMING, EXTENDED!

The National debt has soared for more than seven years, and during all that time our Administration at Washington has forced changes in the democratic system handed down by the founding fathers with the tragic result that the 45 billion dollar debt limit of our Government is hugging the peak.

The policies and benefits that have governed and protected sound private investments of the American people have been seriously injured. Monetary, economic and industrial conditions have been unsettled on account of a continuance of schemes manufactured by braintesters and political dreamers who put the Federal Government into the banking business, the control of money and credits and "pump priming" in its broadest meaning.

The New Deal is now attempting to extend pump priming with new and fantastic features into the nations of the Western Hemisphere with the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and Nicaragua formally organizing the new Inter-American Bank. This move is hailed in "Good Neighbor" headquarters in Washington and elsewhere as a prop to sustain the dream of "economic solidarity" among Latins.

The New York Post reports that the new Inter-American Bank, financed by the United States and four Latin-American Republics, has several objectives, among which are:

1. "The first major step on the part of the U. S. to redistribute its gold and silver reserves among nations with which it trades and with which it desires to maintain friendly relations.
2. "The virtual disappearance of the private investor as a factor in the development of America's foreign markets.
3. "The emergence of 'Government

visited Willie Rector Sunday.
L. M. Brooks visited Sam Perry Sunday.

Mind Your Mind

by James Watson, M. D.
Division of Mental Hygiene
State Welfare Department

Of course it is not possible for me to answer all individual questions on mental hygiene sent in from all parts of the state. Such questions, however, are very valuable because they indicate the kind of information about this subject which people want. It will be my purpose from week to week to supply in these paragraphs material which answers the questions as far as I can.

For instance several inquiries have been received about books on mental hygiene. Within a week or two I will publish a list of books and pamphlets which people have told me they found helpful in solving their own problems and in setting up programs in their communities.

Other inquiries center around the fundamental question "What can be done about this problem of mental health?" This is the kind of question we are trying to provoke. It means that people really want to do something about it.

Next week as a beginning of an answer to this latter question I will give you briefly seven ideas on how to maintain mental health in North Carolina, taken from a speech on that subject made last month by Dr. W. R. Stanford, of Durham, N. C.

ment' as the major—or even sole

—source for capital to expand foreign trade and develop resourceful but credit-shy nations."

Does objective number 1 mean that even though Congress suspends the useless purchase of foreign silver this nation will be forced to continue to trade in the metal for its own account as well as for the account of others, presumably Mexico, which is the largest producer?

Does numbers 2 and 3 mean that our Government is officially commending to all the Americas one of the most vicious of all New Deal theories of defeatism, namely, that private investment is a thing of the past and must be replaced by public funds, a theory which is causing such signal disaster in our own country today?

Concerning this extension of pump priming through the Inter-American Bank, the Post makes the following extraordinary statement:

"One unique feature about this bank is that it can have no superior regulatory body. It's an international institution and no nation could control it. Its boards of directors—to consist of one member from each nation—will have complete control over policies, over loans."

Is Congress aware of this clever design to sign away irrevocably this Government's freedom of action in Latin-American monetary affairs to a board of five directors, four of whom are not citizens of the United States?

Live Stock Market

WYTHEVILLE, VA. MAY 14

Total receipts 1,493 head. Light receipts on butcher cattle and a strong demand at steady prices. Calves higher. Hogs steady. A broad demand for good lambs.

Good to Choice Lambs, 77 to 84 lbs.	11.50
A few Show Lambs a trifle higher Com'n & Med. Lambs, 68 to 70 lbs.	10.00
Com'n and Fat Sheep, 1.00 to 4.00	
Top Hogs	6.00 to 6.15
Lights and Heavies, 5.50 to 6.00	
Sows	4.50 to 5.50
Select Calves, avg. 194 lbs.	12.00
Top Calves, avg. 178 lbs.	11.25
2nd Calves, avg. 151 lbs.	10.50
3rd Calves, avg. 132 lbs.	9.20
4th Calves, avg. 111 lbs.	8.15
Light and Com'n Calves, 5 to 7.50	
No Good Steers Offered	
Bulk 900 to 1100, plain, 7.50-8.50	
Medium Steers	6.50 to 7.50
Com'n to Plain Steers, 5.50-6.50	
No Choice Heifers Offered	
Common Heifers	5.50 to 6.50
Good Heifers	7.50 to 8.30
Best Cows	7.00
Bulk Good Cows	6.00 to 6.50
Canners and Cutters, 3.50 to 5.00	
Best Bulls quotable	6.70
Com'n and Med. Bulls	5 to 6

NOTICE
Those interested in improving the cemetery at Elk Creek Church, bring your tools to work, Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21.
LON M. REEVES.