

New Hunting Season To Open January 1

Watch out men, single, that is! Effective at midnight December 31 or at 0001 Navy time January 1, it will be open season on all bachelors and men otherwise unencumbered with a spouse.

It'll be leap year again, which traditionally means that all eligible ladies can throw off the cloak of demureness and coyness and observe 366 consecutive Sadie Hawkins' days.

Among other things, February will be stretched out a little, with an extra day, and persons born on February 29 will get to observe a birthday again.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Letter To Editor

Dec. 19, 1947.
Kings Mountain Herald,
Kings Mountain, N. C.,
Dear Editor:—
Please print the enclosed poem by Sam Walter Foss, and dedicate it to the memory of Dr. A. L. Hill. He was indeed a friend to man.

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

(He was a friend to man, and lived in a house by the side of the road.—Homer.)
There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorners' seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears
Both parts of an infinite plan;—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by;—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorners' seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
(From one he befriended.)

The state of Kansas is one of America's thrifty and greatest producing states. It leads all others in the production of wheat, and produces many other farm products. It also ranks very high in mineral production, among its production being large quantities of oil, zinc, coal, natural gas and cement.

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On Waiting for George

My name happens to be George. But today I would like to use these paragraphs in presenting the thoughts of a friend of mine named James, who writes about another George: the George that everybody waits for. Our guest writer is Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr., a minister on the West Coast. An inspirational religious leader for many years, Dr. Fifield is also a leader in his community's civic life.

Dr. Fifield is much interested in the welfare of the common man. He believes that national problems deserve the attention of the entire public. A scholar of public opinion and public questions for a long time, Dr. Fifield is a careful observer of trends. An active contributor to religious journals and to radio programs, he knows also how to express his ideas.

"Who Is George?"

"Most everyone I know thinks the world is in a mess. They think that trends in our country are wrong, that we are threatened with dark days unless trends are changed, but they are waiting for George to change them.

"Recently I spoke to a gathering of educational administrators. As I visited with different ones, I found them greatly concerned. They feel there is more frustration and anxiety now than at any time during the war. They recognize that education has helped create the problem which presently exists, but they are waiting for George to remedy it.

"At a conference of business executives recently there was discussion concerning relations with Russia, and concerning United Nations difficulties.

Add Dark Touches

"There was discussion concerning a concentration of power in our federal government to such an extent that people practically addressed their prayers to Washington instead of to God. But after all the dark touches had been added to the picture it was obvious that they are waiting for George to solve the problem.

"Who is George?"

"George is you and me and others like you and me, who have contributed to the problem by our lack of a personal sense of responsibility. We have let elected officials and others run things for us and have not even voted. We have eagerly lapped up government subsidies and benefits without thinking of their anti-freedom implications.

All of Us "Georges"

"Unless we quit waiting for George to save the country and unless we ourselves get back to fundamental responsibilities, then the things that matter most, including Freedom, are not going to be saved. Through resolute action, however, the trends can still be reversed. The problem doesn't belong to George—it belongs to you and me."

No postscript is needed, but may I submit that the future of America depends pretty much upon whether you and I make America's future our business. All the problems that our nation is called upon to solve, and these are legion nowadays, can be solved best at the level of individual statesmanship. America remains a nation where that is possible. If we exercise our duties as citizens, America will always be a land of liberty and freedom.

The first American made rifles were manufactured in Pennsylvania in 1834. Like the axe and the plow, the other two tools with which this country was won, rifles were made by local smiths out of local iron.

The state of South Dakota is outstanding in agricultural production; its dairy and livestock interests of gold, silver and several other minerals. It was admitted to the Union in 1889.

In agriculture the state of Indiana includes almost every staple crop; in mineral it produces coal, pig iron, petroleum, natural gas and many others. It also ranks high in manufacturing and in its wholesale trade.



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Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolical of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.

In addition to being noted for its bluegrass region, with its fine stock Kentucky boasts of its tobacco production, which is second largest in the nation. Corn is the state's second largest crop, its oil production is considerable and its manufacturing, transportation and financial interests are large.

Better than two out of three World War II veterans spent two years or more in military service, a Veterans Administration study revealed.