

JAZZ DANCING JAZZ PICTURES JAZZ HOME LIFE

REV. CASE DEPICTS 'HOME LIFE' IN BABYLON, CHICAGO AND DEV. LAKE.

Some picture: That seems to be the popular verdict on Rev. P. H. Case's sermon Sunday night relating to drinking, dancing and dissipation, which constituted a large part of the society doings of Babylon and Rome, and more recently of Chicago—and Devils Lake. We are using only a part of the sermon, and so we leave the reader to the tender mercies of the preacher:

"The other evening I called upon you to 'take stock' and presented some of the facts to you. Let us face them this evening. What do they mean? I am sure that anyone that is fairminded will have to admit that the life today is tending hellward, and our pace in that direction is swift. We are having a 'good time' as we go. All kinds of exhilaration and 'joy rides' and 'jazz.' We have jazz music, and jazz pictures, and jazz married life. We have turned on the gas, in fact have clamped the accelerator down and as one man said in speaking of a recent 'party' more truly than perhaps he knew or meant: 'We are having a hell of a time' That is just it. O, I do not ask you to take my word for this.

Ask the historian and he will tell you that jazz is characteristic sign-board that indicates that the road ends soon and unless a turn to the right is taken the nation or civilization traveling along that road will soon be hurtling over the precipice into oblivion. Such the case with Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Persia, Greece, Rome. In each case orgies of sensuous, lewd dancing preceded the downfall of these nations. Early in their history they were strong and clean of life. Then came the time when they were unclean, enervated by luxury, sapped by dissipation, and overcome by excess and weakened by licentiousness; and then in those latter days that were characterized by a prevalence of what we would call today "jazz" they danced themselves into the abyss.

Let us ask the scientist what he thinks about this.

"I do not know about the loss of souls" says a biologist, "at least in a metaphysical sense. What penalties may be incurred in the hereafter by sinful or improper conduct on earth are beyond the ken of experimental science. But I do know that natural law cannot be violated with impunity either for ourselves or for the next generation. Hell to me is a retrogression of the species. In this sense I agree with any theologian as to the consequences of degrading practices. There is no use to quibble over details. In so far as jazz dancing relaxes morality and undermines the institution of the family it is an element of tremendous evil.

Besides the testimony of the scientist I would place the words of Prof. J. Louis Guyon who characterizes the "shimmy" as a "pelvic massage" and who declares that many couples should have marriage licenses before stepping upon the dance floor. Prof. Guyon, by the way is the proprietor of the largest dance hall on the west side of Chicago. It is significant that he has barred jazz dancing and even the "fox trot" He says:

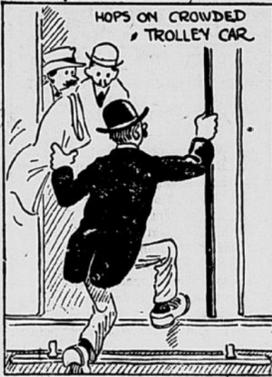
"Now modern dancing is creating an army of degenerates: It is breaking down the moral resistance of the younger generation and taking its toll in girls who succumb, under its insidious influence, dancing the automobile rides and 'parties' that follow the evenings dance. I am not a reformer, but I am against the 'one step' and any other vis-a-vis step. Present conditions cannot go on. If the public does not become nauseated with its own ball-room conduct and reform of its own accord, dancing will have to be purified by statute." (from an interview in Chicago Tribune.)

The scientist is interested solely in the physical and mental aspect but he condemns because he knows that 70 per cent of the special surgical operations upon women are due directly or indirectly to the disobedience of these laws of God and Nature? He also knows that 60 per cent of the blind are deprived the light of day for the same reason. Man's deepest instincts cannot be safely trifled with.

With the jazz dance and for it we have "jazz" music. One of the leading dancing masters of the United States, Mr. Fenton T. Bott of Dayton, Ohio was asked, "Is there anything bad about jazz music itself?" He said: "There certainly is! Those moaning saxophones and the rest of the instruments with their broken jerky rhythm make a purely sexual appeal. They call out the low and the rowdy instinct. All of us dancing teachers know it to be a fact. We have seen the effect of jazz music upon our young pupils. It makes them act in a restless and rowdy manner. A class of children will behave that way as long as such music is played. They can be calmed down and restored to normal conduct only by playing good legitimate music."

I do not believe a bridegroom or bride ever lived who did not register

AW, WHAT'S THE USE



high and holy resolves when they heard "The Wedding March" Or Promise Me at their wedding. In the spiritual realm, too, music plays its part and many a man has found his way to the Cross made clearer and easier by the sweet singing of God's Music. So many young souls tonight are having seared upon the retina of their memories the picture of lost virtue and stolen honor and the music that accompanies that picture is this detestable unspeakable jazz.

Referring to jazz moving pictures, Mr. Case said the pictures he had seen here had been clean, with a few exceptions. He quoted from Archie Bell dramatic critic of the Cleveland Sunday-News Leader who said in reviewing a certain play:

"I'll put it in an ice shaker, cool it and serve it so mildly that all the tang may be lost. So remember that it's all coated with frost—as compared with the real thing. It shall be as gentle as exhalation, fumigation and typewritten formaldehyde can make it. And yet, I warn you if you have a weak heart, if you faint easily, or if you feel when you see a pretty blonded actress wearing a peek-a-boo waist, stop at this line! Don't read farther at the peril of your conscience and good health, because I mean to attempt to tell briefly the story of Pierre Louys, 'Aphrodite'....." Dr. Straton, the great New York preacher speaking of the same spectacle says:

"Nothing was left to the imagination. Every appeal was to the senses and the fleshly. It was a nightmare of nude men and women, with bare legged negro men, in addition to white men, squirming in and out and rubbing against the practically naked white girls. It was an orgy of sensuality and shame, with men and women, in a condition of almost complete undress, hugging each other, and slobbering over each other and rolling on couches with each other, and dancing in feigned drunken revelry together."

Why do I bring this in. Because it is typical of the "jazz picture" of today. They say it is art. It is the Devil's art. Just the same art that he used centuries ago in that "Grove of Aphrodite" which is depicted in that play and which ruined one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever known.

Last of all I would speak of the "jazz" life in what should be the homes of our people. There is all too little home life today. Father is driven night and day to make enough money to keep things moving. Driven is the right word. Mother is society crazy. Dance tonight. Bridge tomorrow afternoon. The calm and quiet that characterizes the true home is very rare. We must be "doing something." How often do people just sit down and "visit." That has gone out of style entirely. People have forgotten how it is done. That is why some of you entertain some of your friends for dinner at church Sunday morning you cannot think of anything to do in the afternoon. So you get out a deck of cards and have a little "game." Do not look around at some one else. I know some of you right here who are doing that sort of thing and you know that it is not right. God commanded you to make the rest day he has ordained for you HOLY and you are not doing it.

"Peace, peace, there is no peace" were the words of an inspired writer. I might paraphrase it, "Rest, Quiet, there is no rest or quiet. What is the result—NERVES. What is the result—Breakdown. What is the result—children who are nervous wrecks the day they are born. Do not take my word for this. Just ask any doctor in Devils Lake if I am not right. Why, it is this inner Urge of lashed nerves that is behind this cigarette smoking among the women of this city. It is what is back of a lot of this drinking. One mother speaking about this very thing. She told me that her son, a young married man who is not a booze fighter had to turn down five different invitations to "have a drink with me" either Christmas or New Years. And every invitation came from a matron in a highly respectable home among the "upper crust" of this city. One woman afterward apologized to the young man's mother and said: "why, I had no idea that..... did not drink, I am so sorry I offered him anything. I am ashamed" She had a right to be ashamed. Now I ask you. What is the next generation going to be.

A very prominent business man said to me this last week that he did not see any hope at all for this or the

next generation but that perhaps our children children will come back to sanity of life. He is right but for one thing. That is the power of God. If we stop, think and then REPENT and turn to HIM he can and will cleanse us. There is a great revival needed today. It is needed among the poor and needy and among the outcasts of our cities and waste places but I believe that even more is it needed among the rich and those who should be cultured. Those are the hardest, too, reach. But if it does not come WE ARE LOST. As Lloyd Ige says: "It is Christ or Chaos" I am praying with all my heart that it may be Christ.

We Feel Our Oats In the Good Old U.S.A.

The United States is the richest country in the world.

The bank deposits in the United States exceed by billions the combined bank deposits of the whole world outside of this country.

We have more actual cash than any other nation.

Our national wealth at the time of the Civil War was about \$7,000,000,000; at present it is \$225,000,000,000. In a single year we produce by manufacture and agriculture more than the entire national wealth of France.

England's wealth is only \$80,000,000,000, as against our \$225,000,000,000.

Of all the wealth of the world we produce twenty-two per cent.

Of all the oats of the world, thirty-five per cent.

Of all the cotton, sixty per cent.

Of all the corn, eighty per cent.

Of all the horses, twenty-five per cent.

Of all the cattle, twenty-seven per cent.

Of all the hogs, forty per cent.

Of all the world's dairy products, twenty-five per cent.

One half of the world's pig iron is taken from the earth in the U. S. A.

Fifty per cent of the world's copper and sixty per cent of the world's petroleum.

Besides this we produce twenty-five per cent of the total production of woollens of the earth.

Twenty-five per cent of the linens.

Twenty-five per cent of the cotton cloth.

Forty-five per cent of the paper.

Twenty-five per cent of the glass.

Thirty-six per cent of the shoes.

And fifty per cent of the steel products.

And we do this, having but five per cent, or one-twentieth of the world's population.

Co-Operative Farmers Store at Ray

The opening of a farmers' cooperative store at Ray, Williams county, Jan. 14th was a big event and the store was packed with people from early morning until 2 o'clock, the time set for a program in Charlson's hall. This was opened with music by the Farm Boys Community band, which as its name implies, is an organization of farm boys, led by Ole Knutson. The band has been in existence about a year and is making remarkable progress.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Harvey, H. A. Nelson, and Judge H. Mollerling; Mr. Nelson speaking particularly on the farmers' need of education in the matter of marketing their products and the purchasing of their commodities, while Judge Mollerling discussed the growth of the Rechedale cooperative system in England and similar farmers' organizations in Denmark. Readings, chorus and band music added variety to the afternoon program, which concluded with a play, "Clubs and Tramps" by the boys and girls of Ray.

The store began business auspiciously and the spirit of cooperation in evidence assures the enterprise a success.

Dr. Neil McLean is now located with his brother Thomas McLean. They have moved into the office, formerly occupied by Sinnes, Duffy and Hunt, in the Locke Block. These rooms have been remodelled and redecorated and made complete in every detail. The offices are separate and have one reception room.

Mrs. A. H. Mice of Church's Ferry is visiting in Devils Lake for a few days this week.

COWBOY BUNK FROM MONTANA

MONTANA SPILLS A LOT OF FOOL PESSIMISM ABOUT WESTERN N. D.

Chas. McCarthy of Helena, Montana gave out an interview concerning the future of Western North Dakota and eastern Montana, as a farming section, while on a visit to Jamestown recently. His outlook is just as fallacious as it is pessimistic. He says:

"Western North Dakota and the greater part of eastern Montana should never be farmed as an agricultural section of our country. The small farmer that took up a homestead, expecting to make a good living, and get ahead with grain farming is mostly broke. The seasons are against him as this region of Montana and western South and North Dakota has always been a stock range and always will be, with only an occasional year when grain crops can be raised. This whole country was a buffalo range, a grazing country, and grass is the main crop. At least that is the conviction now of thousands of men who were induced to take up homesteads, and undertake to farm the land but have been forced to abandon their claims on account of repeated crop failures.

"It looks to me like simple foolishness for a government or the state of North Dakota or anybody else to put out money for seed in the Bad Lands or in most of the eastern Montana. It is just throwing good money after bad, and taking a risk in which nearly every chance is against success."

The truth is that the section referred to by McCarthy is today producing cattle by the hundreds of thousands more than it did in the palmier days of the cowboy and the longhorn, and of a far superior quality. The dairing industry has had a tremendous growth in the western counties and corn, potatoes, clover, and crop rotation is rapidly becoming the settled order of farming.

Of course, the "forced change" is a great hardship to a lot of farmers who were unprepared—in fact, it has proved fatal to many. But that does not mean that the western counties will again become the habitat of the hardriding cowboy. It only means that stern necessity is forcing the farmers out there to change to diversified farming. There soil can not compare with ours but they have other advantages—there soil is "warmer" better for corn and they have all the lignite coal they need, usually as an out-cropping on their farms.

The writer who visited nearly every western county in the state last year as an employe of the Bank of North Dakota is convinced that that section has a grand future, and is prepared to make the following rather paradoxical forecast:

Unless the farmers of the exceedingly rich Red River valley and Lake Region counties look to their laurels they will be outstripped in the race by their draught-stricken, mortgage, burdened brothers out west.

Out there they HAVE to change; here they are willing enough, fixed and their soil is rich enough so they can gamble on wheat a few years longer.

Bank of N. D. to Handle Sale of Hail Warrants

Two hundred thousand dollars is now on deposit at the Bank of North Dakota for purchasing hail warrants, and a representative of the buyer, W. F. Reko of Mandan, has been assigned a desk in the farm loan department of the Bank where such warrants as the holders desire to sell at the face value of 97 will be cashed.

The Minneapolis Loan & Trust company will follow the same procedure. Money enough to purchase hail warrants will be in Bismarck and a representative of the company will be in the farm loan department in person to make arrangements for the transfer.

While the \$200,000 is to be expended for warrants at a face value of 97 the arrangements are that the Minnesota Loan & Trust will pay 98 during February and increase the payment a half of one per cent until June 1 for each month, June 1 witnessing the cashing warrants at par.

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N. D. TAX BLANKS NOW BEING REC'D

STATE INCOME TAX BLANKS BEING SENT TO INDIVIDUALS.

Individuals who paid a state income tax last year are receiving the 1922 blanks from the tax commission. They are now being mailed direct to the taxpayers and as yet the blanks have not received a supply.

This year's blanks are very similar to the federal income tax blanks, the theory evidently being to do away with much of the confusion incident to make out two entirely different reports, as was the case last year.

The rate of the tax under the state law is the same as last year, with the division of the income as between earned income and unearned income.

The tax rates for the two classes after exemption has been deducted, follows:

Earned Income:	Rate	Amt.
First	1 1/2%	\$ 2.50
Second	1 3/4%	5.00
Third	2%	7.50
Fourth	2 1/2%	10.00
Fifth	3%	12.50
Sixth	3 1/2%	15.00
Seventh	4%	17.50
Eighth	4 1/2%	20.00
Ninth	5%	22.50
Tenth	5 1/2%	25.00
11th	6%	27.50
12th	6 1/2%	30.00
13th	7%	32.50
14th	7 1/2%	35.00
15th	8%	37.50
16th	8 1/2%	40.00
17th	9%	42.50
18th	9 1/2%	45.00
19th	10%	47.50
20	10 1/2%	50.00

\$20,000 to \$30,000—6%
\$30,000 to \$40,000—8%
In excess of \$40,000—10%

Unearned income:	Rate	Amt.
First	1 1/2%	\$ 5.00
Second	2%	10.00
Third	2 1/2%	15.00
Fourth	3%	20.00
Fifth	3 1/2%	25.00
Sixth	4%	30.00
Seventh	4 1/2%	35.00
Eighth	5%	40.00
Ninth	5 1/2%	45.00
Tenth	6%	50.00

\$10,000 to \$20,000—6%
\$20,000 to \$30,000—8%
In excess of \$30,000—10%

In illustrating the manner of the application of the state tax, the blanks show that in the event that the net taxable income is \$840, the tax would be one-quarter of one per cent of \$840 or \$210. In the case of a net taxable earned income of \$3,600 the tax would

Miss Norton to Run for Superintendent

Miss Mary Norton, a member of the Minot public school staff, has announced her candidacy for county superintendent of Ramsey county.

Miss Norton is serving as principal of the Lincoln school. She is in charge of the Americanization class of the Minot night school. She is a sister of former Congressman P. D. Norton.

Miss Mildred Cruse of Lakota spent a few days visiting friends in Devils Lake last week.

Facts About Farm Progress in N. Dak.

There are 78 per cent more dairy cattle in North Dakota now than there were in 1910.

There are four cow testing associations, and more in prospect.

All classes of cattle have more than doubled in number in the past ten years.

Poultry has increased in number by 1,340,000 during the same time.

The land area in farms in North Dakota has increased 17 percent in ten years.

The receipts from the sale of dairy products in the state has increased 385 percent since 1910.

Flickertail farmers are coming to believe that more diversified farming means more prosperous farms. Upon the later rests the future prosperity of the state.

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