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W. O. SAUNDERS told THE BIBLE'S VALUE

Point the other night that their education was not complete if it did not include a knowledge and appreciation of the Bible as a mine of human interest material.

"I suspect that the Bible is still the world's best seller, not alone for its moral and spiritual value, but for its gossip value as well. Some of those old Bible writers anticipated the modern newspaper columnist several thousand years," said the speaker.

And the editor recommended the reading of the King James version of the scriptures, rather than the more modern revised translations. "The poetry, majesty and sonority of the language in the King James version entitle it to ever-enduring fame without its boost from ecclesiasticism."

FAILURE of Governor HOEY AND PASQUOTANK

Democrats for place on the reorganized State Highway and Public Works Commission was to be expected. Governor Hoey, after all, is a very pleasant machine politician who could not be expected to hand out plums to a county that gave him a walloping in the June primary. Altho Pasquotank gave Governor Hoey an overwhelming majority in the November election, that fact could not offset the hurt to his pride inflicted by that Graham majority back in June.

But since Pasquotank played out of luck in supporting a losing gubernatorial candidate, it should find a lot of satisfaction in the appointment of Hon. Collin D. Barnes, of Murfreesboro, as member of the Commission from the First District. Mr. Barnes is no stranger to Pasquotank folk. Twice in his career he has represented this district in the State Senate with ability and dignity. Let's give him a big hand.

At the same time, one must applaud Governor Hoey's display of good sportsmanship in giving even second place on the new State Liquor Commission, to Pasquotank's F. Webb Williams.

AGAIN our esteemed FALSIFYING HISTORY

contemporary, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, outrages every respect for historical accuracy by giving prominence to the false claim that the first religious rites observed by English settlers in America was at Cape Henry, April 26, 1607. Witness the headline in the magazine supplement of the Virginian-Pilot for Sunday, April 25:

FIRST WORSHIP IMMORTALIZED

Granite Shaft Designates Spot at Cape Henry Where First Settlers Paid Homage to God 350 Years Ago

This newspaper has had occasion in past years to call the attention of the Virginian-Pilot to its falsification of history. The Virginian newspaper's repetition of the offense is inexcusable.

To begin with, April 26, 1937 is not the 350th anniversary of the landing at Jamestown. Twenty years previously the English landed upon Roanoke Island in what is now North Carolina, and the first sacrament in the English Protestant religious faith observed in the Western hemisphere was the baptism of the infant Virginia Dare on Roanoke Island on August 18, 1587.

That the English colonists who came to Virginia 20 years later paused at Cape Henry and gave thanks to God for their successful voyage before proceeding to explore the inland waters, no one denies. But the documentary evidence of that earlier religious ceremony has been too well authenticated for the learned editors of the Virginian newspaper to feign ignorance of facts.

We have been letting Virginians get away with their claims to the first permanent English settlement in America, at Jamestown in 1607. The Jamestown settlement was not permanent, as every one knows. But we are not going to submit to their false claims to first place in all things. Particularly offensive is this late attempt to actually set the calendar back 20 years to make it appear to coincide with the 350th anniversary of the FIRST English settlements in America on Roanoke Island.

THE ONCE OVER

By H. I. PHILLIPS

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REVIEW OF THE CORONATION TRYOUT (In the manner of "Variety")

"Coronation," the big British de luxe, seen in its full dress rehearsal in the streets of London, seemed to need pepping and pruning, but shortages will be attended to and show should pack plenty socko both for class and peasant draw. Tryout lacked big personalities, both King George and the Queen being held in reserve for big punch.

Production has more horses than the combined Barnum, Forepaugh and Ringling shows and is no weakling in display of gold and silver wagons. Tops is the royal coach, a swell hack if there ever was one. Looking like something from an early Cecil De Mille dream, with additions by Zanuck, it panicked the yokels although empty. What it will do to the mob in the grandstands when occupied is nobody's business. Rig was drawn by eight (8) horses that are better than rated. Not only good lookers, but have plenty of staying power as shown by smart condition at end of six-mile pitter-patter over London's "ard" highways. Two lead ponies were lulus, packing genuine Hippodrome glamour as well as oodles of dog and pony show color. Other six beetles were a trifle green, but will click with further prepping. Harness and trappings oke.

Military guard looked skeletonized, but will be built up into sure-fire appeal for the femme clientele. Horse Guards go to town in their end of biz and will be usual rave, but foot soldiers seemed to fall far short of top deck rating. Footwork was ragged.

Entire performance was bogged down by usual London weather which was strictly the headache for everybody concerned. Show also suffered from being poorly spotted between morning rush hour and forenoon shopping activities. Bright skies and plenty sun needed for this type of production at its best, but Lloyds will still give you fifteen to one against anything but traditional umbrella and galoshes background on the day His Nibs and Lady are reeled all over town to make a Roman holiday for the bonnet and shawl trade.

Twenty bands were spotted to help exploitation and did what the script called for. Hot music is crying need, however, and understand backers are howling for jazzing up of entire score. Music as now scheduled strictly patriotic flappodoodle.

Full dress rehearsal showed lack of timing and at times action stalled, but stage waits will no doubt be cut in next ten days. Big draw is certain, but staying powers are questioned. Combo of a real king and a genuine queen (in person) regarded here as sure-fire stuff with terrific pix possibilities and smash biz all over world.

Skepticism over appeal of principals fast disappearing. George is no Clark Gable and the wife no Miss Britannia, but pair will do in show of this type. Yanking of Eddie and Wally from cast was big upset to all concerned, but impression here is that new faces will help show. Production is by British Isles, Inc., but whole empire is reported cut in. Verdict on this one: better than Paine's "Fall or Pompeii" or Bill Rose's last Hipp show, but not as big as Radio City's plans for next season. Only burden is terrific overhead and question whether American ambassador will appear in knee pants. Production's one need is gas and a strip tease.

NECESSARY REGULATION

Ecuador is now licensing jungle explorers. Travel in those Ecuador jungles was getting so heavy the wild animals and native tribes had to wait hours for traffic to pass.

A revival of armor making is predicted. Republicans, industrialists and old-fashioned Americans who think there was an America before 1932 are ordering three-piece suits of cast-iron chain as fast as the factories can receive them.

Sound pictures have been taken of the human brain. So that was the rattling noise we heard in our set!

New York's new Thirty-ninth street tube under the Hudson River is to be named after Abraham Lincoln. Appropriate enough! Every tunnel that takes the workers back to Jersey from New York, or vice versa, frees more slaves than Abe did.

Elmer Twitchell, when he is acting in a particularly futile manner, now says he is just "Murphy-ing around."

With the Humorists

TACTICS

"No," said she, "I must be firm. I cannot allow you to present me with a pearl necklace."

"I am sorry I mentioned it," replied the devoted one.

"So am I. Instead of talking beforehand about so extravagant a gift, you should simply have placed it around my neck. Then I might have been so overwhelmed that I couldn't refuse it."—Ex.

SECRETARY'S DELIGHT

"I've an invention at last that will mean a fortune!"

"What is it this time?"

"Why, it's an extra key for a typewriter. When you don't know how to spell a word you hit that key, and it makes a blur that might be an 'e,' an 'a' or almost anything else you like."—Grit.

RECIPE

Build yourself a strong-box.
Fashion each part with care.
Fit it with hump and padlock.
Put all your troubles there.
Hide therein all your failures.
As each bitter cup you quaff,
Look at your heartaches within it.
Then sit on the lid and laugh.

—Montreal Herald.

The DAILY WASHINGTON MERRY GO ROUND

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT S. ALLEN

Puerto Rican Rebels Use Interview With Mrs. Roosevelt to Aid Cause; Gracefulness to Marin cited in Island as Sign of Gruening, Winship; Three Groups Battling for Control Over Spare-Time Education of CCC; Van Zealand Coming to Test Hull on Trade; Big Powers Behind Effort.

WASHINGTON.—Mrs. Roosevelt is always so anxious to please that her charm sometimes gets the President and his associates into trouble.

Without knowing it, she has been used by Puerto Rican insurrectionists to help undermine her husband's own officials in Puerto Rico.

What happened was that Mrs. Roosevelt some time ago became acquainted with Luis Munoz Marin, young Puerto Rican political leader, introduced to her by a newspaper correspondent. As time passed, Marin became one of the chief fomenters of anti-USA agitation in the island.

This agitation has become more and more heated, culminating in the shooting of a parade of Puerto Rican insurrectionists not long ago.

About this time, Luis Munoz Marin asked for another interview with Mrs. Roosevelt, and thanks to the pressure of the newspaper correspondent, who is a close friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, it was granted.

Result was that next day, Puerto Rican papers featured the news that Mrs. Roosevelt had received one of the leaders of the anti-American movement. The inference was that the favored leader and opposed Dr. Ernest Gruening, her husband's Director of Insular Affairs.

Word has now been passed to the First Lady to be more careful about the people she interviews.

Note—Impartial observers who have studied the Puerto Rican situation believe Dr. Gruening and Governor Winship are doing a good job in a trying situation. Most people don't realize it, but Puerto Rican agitators are often as fully armed as Hitler's Brown Shirts. The recent shooting occurred when demonstrators appeared carrying rifles. Permission had been given them to parade WITHOUT rifles, but they showed up with them.

Batteries for Today
Joe Colton, editor of The Gardner, Mass., News, has worked out a mock baseball line-up between the "Nine Old Men" and the New Deal which follows:

Supreme Court	New Deal
Stone, cf.	cf. Robison
Butler, 2b	cf. Wagner
Brandeis, if	3b, Frankfurter
Hughes, p.	1b, Farley
Cardozo, ss	cf. Landis
Roberts, c	2b, Richberg
Sutherland, 1b	ss, Garner
Van Devanter, rf	c, Stanley Reed
McReynolds, 3b	p, Roosevelt

Time of Game—Indefinite.

Weather, Conditions—Stormy possibly clearing.

Attendance, estimated, 140,000-000.

CCC Education

The question of who shall determine what the CCC boys are taught in their spare hours has stirred up a hot rumpus in inner Administration circles.

Chief battlers are the War Department, CCC Director Robert Fechner, and Dr. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner Education. They have been wrangling over it ever since the CCC was created, but the President's bill transforming the CCC into a permanent institution has poured fresh oil on the flames.

The bill is silent on the very controversial point of education. It provides that CCC enrollees shall receive schooling, but the most question of who shall boss this job is left entirely up in the air. Implication is that the President will decide.

The three contenders, however, want control designated specifically in the bill—and each is after the prize.

Under the existing set-up the

THE ROBIN HOUSE

The robins are here and have builded their house
In a crotch of the old maple tree
That stands in our yard by the back garden gate,
With its limbs spreading wide, far and free.

I watched that old robin a-work at that house,
Amazed at her nest building art;
But marvelled still more that her mate gave no help,
Keeping strangely aloof and apart.

She gathered dried grasses and pieces of string,
And wove them with marvelous skill;
Then off she would fly, and return, her beak filled
With mud, from the pond by the mill.

Then she fashioned the whole, (the mud, grasses and string),
To the form of her red breast so true;
And the inside she lined, oh so sprightly and soft,
Where she laid four small eggs, Robin-blue.

Soon four little robins were hatched and her mate,
Helped to feed them until they were flown;
And next year they'll come and may build there again,
When the wee ones to burdhood have grown.

RALPH GORDON

THE GIANT KILLER



QUIRKS In The News

By UNITED PRESS

Marseilles, France, April 25.—

(U.P.)—Customs guards, noticing there were no women among the black-clad mourners following a coffin, halted the procession. They found the coffin was filled with English cigarettes which the "mourners" were attempting to smuggle past the customs.

New York, April 25.—(U.P.)—A whisky manufacturing company announced tonight it would "carry" 50 cases of Newcastle by shipping 50 cases of American whisky to Scotland this week.

Cleveland, April 25.—(U.P.)—Arriving home late last night, Louis Chaito, 32, walked nonchalantly up the steps, produced the key to the front door, and proceeded to his bedroom, where he was met by a fusillade of bullets. At the hospital, the new occupant of the residence explained he had fired at a supposed burglar and Chaito recalled he recently had moved to a house several doors away.

Youngstown, O., April 25.—(U.P.)—Mickey Mouse or one of his distant cousins stole the show from Jane Cowell as she appeared in "First Lady" at the Park theater. The final act curtain was detained 17 minutes when the mouse scurried about under rows of seats in the balcony as women screamed and their escorts stomped.

Columbus, O., April 25.—(U.P.)—A. Leland McClelland and his bride-to-be descended the courthouse steps, the young lady insisted on examining the marriage license which Probate Judge C. P. McClelland, the bridegroom's

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By Alley

BARBER SAY HE A
SELF-MADE MAN, BUT
'PEAH T' ME HE DONE
QUIT TOO SOON !!



father, had issued to them. Her tears were well founded—it was a dog license.

New Orleans, April 25.—(U.P.)—WPA workers will "have to get to work at Shakespear Park like any other salaried persons" despite a strike of "taxicab trucks", relief director James Crutcher warned tonight.

The workers had considered failing to report after 22 operators of taxi-trucks on which they regularly had ridden to work at 10 c. a head struck for higher wages.

New York, April 25.—(U.P.)—Folks out at Manhasset were dubious tonight after announcement that "the world's largest cellophane package" will be opened there Sunday. It will contain a complete two-story house.

17-Cent Bill Deferred

Lamar, Colo., (U.P.)—A taxpayer requested of County Treasurer S. Fred Clark that he be permitted to pay his taxes in two installments. Clark agreed. The taxpayer presented his tax notice of 17 cents and paid 8 cents on account.

What's The Good In Waiting ???

Have you been doing without telephone service because you thought you were saving money?

The value of telephone service in your home in case of emergencies alone by far outweighs the small cost. Then, too, the telephone affords you quick personal visits with your friends and relatives both in and out-of-town.

What's the good in waiting? When you compare the little you actually save with the convenience, comfort and pleasure that the telephone affords, you will undoubtedly agree that it really doesn't pay to try and do without it.

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