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The Easter Story

THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie.

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing Him to be the gardener, saith unto Him, Sir, if thou have borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

—St. John 20:1-17

Guest Editorial

The Question Of Easter

By DR. HERBERT SPAUGH

EASTER brings us face to face with the most important dimensions of life—height and depth. Man differs from other living creatures in that his natural posture for walking and working is upright. His pattern is perpendicular. That of the other creatures is horizontal.

In spite of this, the average natural man, while walking upright thinks and lives to a large extent in terms of the horizontal. Many of his thoughts and actions are on the animal level: sometimes on the barnyard level. He puts off as long as possible thoughts which have to do with the perpendicular. He knows that one day he is going to face it, even if it is nothing but the grave. But he postpones it. How hard it is to get a man to make a will. And as for writing out his own funeral service, he wouldn't think of it.

Jesus urged His disciples to see the importance of height and depth, but they couldn't seem to get it. Even on the eve of His crucifixion, they were squabbling as to who was the greatest.

Like so many of us, they were utterly unprepared for His death.

Not only were they unprepared for His death, but also for the dramatic events which followed on the morning of Easter—the first day of the New Era.

His death plunged them into the depths, the perpendicular. Those devoted women who followed Him, even more closely than His disciples, could not grasp what had happened. Yet they accepted it and faced it. They were first at the tomb and first to grasp the tremendous significance of what had happened. Women have always seemed to have keen spiritual perception.

What happened on Easter morning to Jesus Christ was God's proof of what Jesus has said repeatedly in His discourses: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live. (He was speaking of the physically dead, such as Lazarus, at whose grave he was speaking). And whosoever liveth (is living now) and believeth in me shall never die (spiritually)."

Prior to this in His early ministry He said: "Verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me *hath* (now) everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life . . . The hour is coming and now is when the (spiritually) dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. . . . Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: that that have done good unto the Resurrection of Life: and that that have done evil to the Resurrection of Damnation."

The challenge of Easter is to face life in terms of the perpendicular all the way from the depths of the grave to the heights of Eternity. Jesus Christ went the whole way and calls for us to follow Him.

Many will not get away from the horizontal even in Easter, where they will express it in new Easter frocks, parties, dances, rabbits and eggs. But one day they will! Easter asks, Why not now? Why wait until you stand by an open grave?

Jesus taught that immortality is a matter of the perpendicular—from depth to height. It commences when we accept Him as Lord and Saviour, moving from the horizontal to the perpendicular and then upward in each thought, decision and action in the name and Spirit of God.

Easter opened wide the door to Eternity—up or down.

It faces each of us with an inescapable intensely personal question—Which way am I going?

A Helping Hand For Those Who Help

THE Salvation Army, in the course of the 51 years that it has served Charlotte, has been the first to bring relief to many who stood in the ashes of their own homes as well as to victims of other disasters.

So the Army found itself in a unique position last Saturday when it was "burned out" of its Belmont Center by an early morning fire. Characteristically, Salvation Army workers stood by as firemen fought the blaze and served the proverbial coffee and doughnuts.

The Army Advisory Board announced this week that it is consulting with the United Community Services on plans to meet the emergency created by the fire. The Army has cooperated in united giving since the establishment of the Community Chest and has been a participant in United Community Services since that organization succeeded the Chest.

The activities of the Army at the Belmont Center represent an important part of its services to Charlotte, including its widespread church and Sunday school work as well as a broad program of social services for children and adults.

The Army program at the Belmont Center had been vastly increased in scope in the last few years to meet increasing demands, particularly in recreation facilities for young people. A survey of recreation needs of the city had pinpointed the Belmont Center area as a section needing an enlarged recreation program.

In view of the vital contribution the Salvation Army has made to Charlotte in the past half-century it is a foregone conclusion that the community will respond willingly to whatever plan is agreed upon for replacement of the building and facilities at Belmont Center.

From The Greensboro Daily News

SOUTHERN VIEWPOINTS

IN GEORGIA, says THE CHARLOTTE NEWS, the governor vowed to "champion the *southern viewpoint* at all times." And a visitor asked the C. N. editor: "Do you subscribe to the southern viewpoint?"

This stumped the editor. He didn't know what the southern viewpoint was, or rather is, and no wonder. Is it the viewpoint of Jimmy Byrnes or Lillian Smith? Herman Talmadge or Jonathan Daniels? Harry Byrd or Paul Green? Tom Linder or Frank Graham? Or somewhere in between? Or is there any such thing?

In the War Between the States, as we've heard tell, there were southern arithmetics for school children, but we don't know how well they worked.

To think that two and two are four
And neither five nor three
The heart of man has long been sore,
And long 'tis like to be.

The poet Housman here got at several southern viewpoints. Some southerners know that two and two are four, and they are not worried about it. They usually make a good living.

Other southerners are convinced that two and two are five, and they have a good time as long as their money lasts.

Still others believe that two and two are three; this type has been prominent on budget commissions.

A fourth type consists of those who know very well that two and two are four but they just can't stand the thought of it. The South owes a lot of its progress to them.

People's Platform

The Intellectuals: An Analysis Of Intolerance

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

YOUR editorial on modern poetry in the April 5 News was the most independently intelligent short treatment of a literary subject I have ever read in a Charlotte newspaper. It must have afforded pleasure to many people.

On the same page Mr. Lewis M. Hacker of Columbia University tried to climb up the wrong side of the horse in the article "Role of the Intellectual."

FLAILING THE EFFECT

Concerning political intolerance of intellectualism Mr. Hacker wields the hickory in the direction of Washington. In this he is perfectly right, but, as most intellectuals, he is unwittingly flailing the effect and not the cause.

Witness this absurdity: "From personal experience I know—for I lecture widely all over the United States—that the close hearing given and the respect accorded to the thoughtful person who wishes to talk of ideas are very high." Mr. Hacker fails to understand that, if he is delivering liberal lectures, he is lecturing to the same small cliques that may exist at Columbia University, and, incidentally, the members of such cliques seldom enter politics. It would be treading lightly to say that the average American, from whom comes our politicians, is totally ignorant and intolerant of the intellectual's liberal view of any facet of human existence. It is sad to note that most professional men, including those of medicine, law and the clergy, are equally intolerant of intellectualism.

FINGER WAGGING

Mr. Hacker goes on to wag a wise old finger and advises Washington to "cultivate our men and women of learning."

Here the horse should have bolted. Washington is not the nursing mother of intolerance of intellectualism, but every town and city church and school all over the country is. And if prominent intellectuals such as Mr. Hacker don't soon realize this, and start fertilizing the plant instead of pruning the trees we will fall to something worse than neutralism. Mr. Hacker's stand is admirable, but his approach is inept.

Talk to a young business man, a young minister or a high school or college student, and bring up such issues as international politics, racial segregation, denominationalism, etc., and you'll find yourself closer to intolerance of intellectualism than if you journey to Washington.

Churches, high schools and newspapers are our best tools for tolerance, and, for the most part, they are being sadly misused. I am in full accord with Mr. Hacker's concern, but I believe both he and we had better soon realize that one doesn't straighten sticks that are no longer green.

—DUNY HASTY

Don't Trust What Is Not Understood

Salisbury

Editors, The News:

I READ "Role of the Intellectuals" in Tuesday's Charlotte News and it was very interesting. The only trouble is that the only people who understand intellectuals are other intellectuals. The common people don't know what they're talking about. Why **shouldn't** they be suspicious of them? Why **shouldn't** we distrust them if we don't understand what they're up to?

Washington should have nothing to do with intellectuals. Their rattle - brained schemes have caused too much trouble in this country already.

—RUFUS McARTHUR

Who Understands The Intellectuals?

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

RE: "Role of the Intellectuals" (News, April 5):

When are those goony-birds going to come down out of the sky and live and act like the common people?

They claim they are being persecuted. Nuts. We are the ones who are persecuted — the everyday citizens. We'll never understand the intellectuals. They don't even understand themselves.

—GREG SCOTT

INTERLUDE IN POGOLAND
Be Suspicious Of What You Don't Understand.

People Of Charlotte, Check Your Schools

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IT IS THE privilege of the people of Charlotte to express to our school board and school administrators our wishes about the type of education we wish for our children. It is our privilege to see that these expressions are interpreted accurately. It is the duty of the school administrators to consider the good of the children and the wishes of the parents when they are forming school policies. When a person in the school system fails to do what is best for the children, then that person is of no further value in the field of public education.

When a school principal attempts to force on a junior high school child of high scholastic ability an incomplete schedule, because he wishes the number enrolled in each class to stay within the approved number or for any other reason, then it is time for close scrutiny of the school administrators. This happened in Charlotte.

The controversy about the type of report cards used is new evidence of the failure of the policy making individuals in the school system to consider the wishes of the parents and the good of the children. Many questionnaires had the remark, "I don't like either the present or the compromise report card, but will accept it if necessary." Were such replies counted as being in favor of the compromise report card because of the words, "will accept it if necessary"? I have talked with many teachers and parents, and so far every one feels that a report based on a grade standard is the only reasonable kind of report card. The present report and the compromise report have no meaning except that a child is enrolled in public school.

People of Charlotte, examine your schools and express yourselves.

—EVELYN B. SWAIN

'Progress Report' Is Unsatisfactory

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IN CHARLOTTE News of April 4, 1955, was the headline, "Compromise Report Card Backed." Dr. Lyles says that 7,731 parents favor the compromise plan as against 1,065 who voted against it.

I do not feel that this is a true picture at all. A mimeographed copy of the compromise card was sent to each parent having a child in grades one through six. The question was asked, "Would you accept this card? Yes or No." I feel that this was actually giving parents no choice except between the present card and the new compromise card. No mention was made of a choice between this card and the old system of A, B, C, D, which I feel that most parents and children still favor.

I attended a PTA meeting last year at Villa Heights School, at which Dr. Lyles spoke in defense of the progress card now used. One of his key points was the beautiful color of the card, which I think is absolutely unimportant.

Another point was the fact that we should not expect a T-model Ford to keep up with a Cadillac. I do not feel that they should be in the same race. Why not divide classes according to ability? Most schools have several sections in the same grade. Another point was that we should have no comparative grades or competition. This, I also disagree with. If it is correct to have grades in the 7th grade, high school and college, why not in the 4th grade? After Dr. Lyles finished speaking, he asked for parents' comments. These comments were overwhelmingly in favor of return to the old system of grading. These comments seem to mean little to Dr. Lyles and he seems to be determined to give us a report card or progress report that we do not want.

Why was this progress report started in the first place? I never heard of any opposition to grading by A, B, C, D method, at least not any opposition such as we have against the present system.

Dr. George Crane had a column in The Charlotte News of March 4, denouncing the progress report, advocating return to the old system. He says it is against our American principles.

—I. L. WAGNER JR.

Easter Is A Day Of Thanksgiving

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

IT BRINGS precious memories when Easter comes every year. You think back to the happy Easters you had when you were a child and hunted eggs. Today, after growing older, your thoughts go to a Saviour who died on Calvary and rose again.

Sunday will be a day we should spend thanking God for His Son, who died on Calvary so we might live a Christian life if we are saved from our sins.

As we go on an Easter parade, think why we have Easter. We should put our thoughts on Jesus. No one knows when he will march in the last Easter parade.

If every Christian who has been saved and born again would lead some lost soul to Christ it would be worth more than silver and gold.

Today people hate one another and criticize others who are out trying to help lost souls but I am glad Jesus knows who is prepared to meet Him.

No one can buy their way to Heaven. You get there by having your sins washed in the blood of the lamb. Everyone who is a church member knows if they are saved.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

Shut-In Society Helps Invalids

Concord

Editors, The News:

THE AIM of the National Shut-In Society is to give cheer and comfort to chronic invalids who are members of the society, without regard to race, creed or color.

Committees supply wheel chairs to invalid members at a low rental. The helping hand committee supplies the invalid with hot water bags, rubber air cushions, stationery etc. The library committee lends book to the members. The other committees are, birthday, blind and correspondence.

No shut-in member shall apply for money to the members of the society, or attempt to urge upon another the particular belief of any sect or denomination.

For the dues of $1 per year, each member receives the monthly publication of the magazine, "The Open Window."

Anyone wanting to know about joining, please write Miss Nettie Keever, State Representative, 65 Cresswell St., Concord, and you will receive membership application blank.

—NETTIE KEEVER

'I'll Do All The Foolish Talking Around Here'

A Misery-Go-Round?

The Poetic Vision

By W. MACNEILE DIXON
In 'The Human Situation'

TO believe life an irremediable disaster, the heavens and earth an imbecility, is to my way of thinking hard indeed. Since I am not prepared to believe the world a misery-go-round, a torture-chamber, a furnace of senseless affliction; since I am not prepared to believe the fiery, invincible soul a by-blow, a lamentable accident, I prefer to put my trust in the larger vision of the poets. To fortify our minds it is to them we have to return, and yet again return. They alone have understood. . . . And it is to their inextinguishable sympathy with humanity that they owe their understanding. Not to science or philosophy, but to their profounder appreciation of the strange situation in which we find ourselves, to their sense of the pitiful estate of man who, with all the forces of nature proclaiming an alien creed, still holds to his intuitions, who knows and knows well that he cannot support himself otherwise than by clinging — as a sailor clings to his raft in angry seas—to the passion for justice, his trust in the affections of his heart, his love of the lovely, his lonely struggle for the best, however clumsy and mistaken he may be in his present estimates of what is indeed best.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Off-The-Record Conferences Boomerang

WASHINGTON

THE technique of the off-the-record propaganda news conference is being used more and more by top officials of the Eisenhower administration.

First, Admiral Carney indicates at a press dinner that an attack will be aimed at Quemoy-Matsu around April 15. Then Jim Hagerty, the President's press secretary, states at another "background" dinner that it taint so. Next Admiral Carney tells a Senate committee that he never said any such thing at all.

Finally, Robert Roth of the Philadelphia Bulletin produces stenographic notes showing that Admiral Carney did say exactly what he now says he didn't say—namely, that the Reds would attack Matsu by mid-April.

It's all very confusing to the American public and makes us look like fools to our allies abroad.

What the public doesn't know, however, is that another background press meeting was held by the Justice Department not long ago. This time it was not a dinner, but a lunch. And the man who held it was Assistant Attorney General Warren F. Burger.

Mr. Burger is a lawyer—supposed to be one of the top lawyers of the U.S.A., or he wouldn't hold high office in the Justice Department.

However, the purpose of his luncheon was to do what the American Bar Association frowns on—influencing the courts through the press.

Assistant Attorney General Burger is scheduled to stand before the Supreme Court of the United States on April 18 to argue a famous security case. And to sway public opinion in advance, he invited 12 newsmen to an off-the-record lunch. Upon arrival they were amazed to hear a bald attempt to use them to incite the public for the purpose of influencing the Supreme Court.

Famous Peters Case

The Supreme Court case that Burger will argue is the famous one of Professor John P. Peters, top medical officer of Yale University who was fired from his part-time, nonsensitive government job in the U. S. Public Health Service after an unnamed, undercover government witness claimed that Peters had Communist affiliations. Dr. Peters was never permitted to face his accuser, and sued on the ground that this star-chamber proceeding violated his civil rights.

The case comes up for argument in the Supreme Court in about a week and already the Justice Department has one strike against it because Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff, who is supposed to handle all Supreme Court matters, refused to sign the Justice Department's brief.

So, to arouse public opinion in advance, Assistant Attorney General Burger proceeded to tell newsmen how a wrong decision by the Supreme Court could wreck the government's entire security program, how the Justice Department could function efficiently only if its corps of informers remained undercover, and how disclosure of their identities would wreck the security machine.

Sooner than identify its secret witnesses, Burger hinted, the Eisenhower administration would abolish its security hearings altogether.

Burger did not explain why the reported secret witness against Dr. Peters, understood to be Louis F. Budenz, could not be named, since Budenz has occupied the limelight at many public congressional hearings.

Inspired By Communists

But he did attack anyone who criticized the Justice Department's security program as being Communist-inspired.

The 12 newsmen listened in silence. Then one of them asked whether he considered Vannevar Bush, a top American scientist and vigorous critic of the security program, as being Communist-inspired.

Another newsman asked whether Harry Cain, an Eisenhower appointee on the Justice Department's own subversive control board, was Communist-inspired? Cain too has been a vigorous critic of the Eisenhower security program.

"I'd just like to know," replied the assistant attorney general, "who is feeding them their information."

Crude as he was, Burger ran no risk of a contempt-of-court citation. He used the technique of the background press conference where the public official who wants to get his views across remains anonymous.