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Sobs, Prays, Dies.

While most of us Nicholas emotions last week were finding our suppers and preparing comfortably to enconse ourselves around the living room fireplace, a bloted, 42-year-old woman, one of our 4 12-year-old sons, sought out with her power against the death she knew awaited her lives away.

As we read the comic strips that woman, Anna Marie Hahn, was taken from her jail cell in the death house of the Ohio state prison at Columbus and carried—carried bodily—to the electric chair, where she was to die for the odious murder of Jacob Wagner, elderly Cincinnati resident.

She sobbed, she screamed, she begged piteously to the hapless of witnesses present to save her from her fate. None could or would answer her pleas for mercy.

Now such a scene as she made, a scene that every reporter present at the execution spoke of later as nearly unendurable, is considerably unlike what we moderns expect to hear of in our lives.

It looks very much as if we, who profess to attempt to govern ourselves and Brother Public according to the dictates of God's law set down in more obscure language, have forgotten one of God's supreme commandments.

"Thou shalt not kill." He said, this being in language not at all obscure.

Perhaps Anna Marie Hahn did commit several cold blooded murders; perhaps God did not want her to remain on the face of the earth; perhaps—a lot of things, but Anna Marie Hahn is dead, a victim of society's inexorable rule "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

It's harbarous and inhuman that we who can give presents to one another at Christmas in the spirit of brotherly love, can stand through the press our cries for the death of a criminal. It's inconsistent that we who dig deep for a quarter for the Salvation Army can say smugly "good for him" when an official waives his right to save a condemned man, permitting that man—or woman—to go to his legal t'ch death.

If we rave and rant of being modernists, it is our contention that we should not scream so loudly for the life of a criminal who took another life, not rather stir the currents of public opinion for the extinction of the sources of ills which made the criminal do what he did.

An execution is today just what it has been for years and years, a Roman holiday for the masses, a joking matter to callous if crackerjack "yarn" for our Sunday newspapers—and an ordeal for those who believe with Him that "thou shalt not kill."

Capital punishment is the basis of many a political campaign, but the trouble is that the "issue" is always is for it. I fit's real punishment we look for when a criminal kills someone and the state beckons his own life as forfeit, why not give him life imprisonment—where he can have ample time to reflect his offense towards his brother.

Before we contemplate our goodness too much, let's think of the precept of Christianity. It is brotherly love—and helping put a man into the electric chair and asking minutely with your part in public opinion the switch that cuts short his life is not to love your brother and being "a Christian, it's neo-pugnanism driving a 1929 model car and viewing a sport hat and a tweed overcoat.

Mail And Shop Now.

With Christmas but one week away, it behooves everyone desirous of cooperating with the postal authorities and merchants to do mail and shop at the earliest possible moment so as to avert the burdens and hardships of last-minute confusion.

The post office and the stores have made preparations for the unprecedented rush, but this should not induce unnecessary delay on the part of seasonal shippers and buyers.

The Yuletide will be made much happier for hundreds of employes if prompt attention is given this rubber simple matter. And certainly there should be no dearth of interest in the peace of mind and contentment of those whose services are being rendered under abnormal difficulties.

Safety First—And Last.

Brought to our attention this week by local police authorities is a statement from safety authorities at Frankfort that the accident rate in Kentucky for the current year has been reduced considerably through the efforts of the "5's: Education, Engineering and Enforcement.

There is no doubt that under Major W. H. Hutson, state safety director, the high accident rate in the state has been cut appreciably as the three "E's" are observed, engineering has cut down the physical hazards of the roads, education has taught us how to avoid these hazards, and enforcement has acted quickly where drivers have failed to assimilate the teachings of education and the benefits of engineering.

The state highway patrol has been working every week, stopping motorists on the open road indiscriminately—and checking on their operator's licenses, and condition of their cars as perhaps to brakes, lights. Visibility, tires and a multitude of other things.

To acquaint the public with the good of safety measures on the highway a State Traffic Safety Week will be held beginning December 12, in which it will be brought home to everyone who drives a car that he may wish to operate a vehicle is under condition of safety, as approved by the authorities. To this end a program of enlightenment has been arranged and local authorities have enrolled their interests of cooperation.

Carlisle is no different from any other city of the state, and it would be well for all local motorists to reflect seriously on the nature of the safety week program and try to live longer by living within up to what our common sense tells us is right about driving at a car.

Praise Is Due.

Because they perceived instantly the dread of public exposure and were willing to cooperate fully although there was no specific necessity for them to do so, the Nicholas county fiscal court deserves a word of commendation in its recent action on the placing of the proposed Nicholas county jail.

Last Wednesday morning a delegation appeared before the body at its regular meeting to the court house and presented objections of private, church and civic interests to plans placing the jail in the court house yard, in the northeast corner.

It was pointed out that if the proposed building were erected where the court previously has specified it should be placed it built, it would destroy an otherwise beautiful court house square and in many ways bring about an unsatisfactory and undesirable condition.

The court immediately, upon a motion from one of its members, voted to place the jail in another spot. When the vote was taken there was not a single dissenting tone, indicating that the court is composed of foresight and human qualities found only occasionally in such a body.

Whether or not the jail would have ruined the looks of the court yard as some maintain, is open to conjecture, whether or not it would have been a credit to the square, as others maintain, also is open to debate.

But the point is that the question was settled with a true meaning between the elected and the electorate, no bitterness arose between the two factions and everyone acknowledged the right of the other fellow to his own opinion. In our mind, that is governing by governed as it ought to be.

The Christmas Travelers.

Theoretically they are all going back to Grandma's and Grandpa's to gather about the groaning board and be with the sisters and cousins and brothers. And you can say what you please but with modernity as it is, with the automobile, the airplane and the train, with all the travelers now so enthusiastically patronizing the railroads—less distance between friendships are going to the dear old homestead. Perhaps many of them are merely answering the call urge to go somewhere else.

But—all—them are bound for Christmas home celebrations, let it be admitted, the very attitude and demeanor of the travelers indicate that. Particularly wistful are the young women "self-supporting" written all over them, who are going to something very different from a bordering house or bachelor girl apartment for, at the lowest estimate, a "home meal." The life of a modern young woman is coolly self-reliant if all other seasons of the year, but Christmas is different, somehow. And you can say what you like, but even the most flaming career girl has a yearning thing, somehow, when the greens and reds are everywhere.

Then there is a throng to whom sentiment is entirely lacking but who find have to "go home" at holiday time. Perhaps there are more of this type after all, since the depression and the oncoming generations count. But one thing is certain. Christmas is now in the which to "stay put." Not when one is young with eyes looked ahead. So let the buses and trains and airships arrive and depart with their Enjoy hosts, the passengers will be host and guests, better for getting away from the dull business of living with only more Christmas to anticipate to recall after the holy and timed are swept up and forgotten.

Hurry!

The old reasons for doing your Christmas shopping early are too well known to need repetition. It's unfair to already overworked clerks to wait until the last day to dash around to the stores for this and that and a dozen other things. It's being thoughtless of the overworked postal employes to wait until two days before Christmas to mail Christmas packages. It's unfair on your nerves and disposition generally to do your shopping before the last, hectic days.

In fact, these reasons are so well known and have been hashed over so repetitiously upon the pages of newspapers for years that they are now regarded as hackneyed stuff and nobody pays any attention to them.

But there is a real reason this year to do your Christmas shopping as early as it still can be done, and it has nothing to do with sentiment or good fellowship. It is merely this: Christmas business everywhere has been so far ahead of all expectations that some lines are actually depleted in some stores. Delivery others will be inconvenient in many stores.

In other words, some people are going to do without the things they intended to buy because they waited too long. Don't be one of them.

December.

Another hard Winter ahead. Almost all the signs point that way, the various prophets, running from three to four thousand miles apart on the thickness of the caterpillars' fur in those who rely on science, have warned us that this will be another of those Winters that try men's souls.

The United States Weather Bureau, a curious institution, refuses to predict in detail for more than thirty-six hours and will make no official forecast for more than a week. Desiring to extend its service to the limit of the public, however, the bureau is now trying to set up a basis for longer looks ahead.

Here we have an unofficial twenty-five-year cycle of warm and dry seasons, and are we now entering twenty-five years of cold and wet ones? Bureau officials in the absence of their own homes or in some other sheltered spot for them from listening multitudes, will admit that perhaps this is true. They are looking into the matter.

If the theory is sound and acceptable we must prepare for a long succession of hard Winters.

Points And Picas.

From the publisher's standpoint, Mr. Mercury would make a good Christmas gift.

Contemporary admires the thrift of the Scotch girl who married in haste, chicken yard as the rich wouldn't go to waste.

A pelican at New York's zoo that mixed gleefully with a bunch of cormorants has had a fish in its mouth ever since.

Every time we see a tree we think of some one who has had a good time ought to prove to Heber that the size of one's head doesn't matter.

Known News says the turkeys had to wait until after Thanksgiving to get what they had anything to be thankful about.

A Boston reformed patron who asked for a "Hitler Herring" last week got the cook's goat by not modulating when the waiter served a fish with the mouth wide open.

There's a new fowl that will replace the Boss. Just, name be Hen-Roost-Hoose Hash Lee, and her Red Day or New Year's Dog, it's the flowing bowl.

Everybody now has forgotten why the forgotten man was forgotten.

Do they call it the League of Nations or the League of Nations?

Under the streptothrix, the ring tail individualist had become the ragged individualist.

BECAUSE man is the only animal, with the exception perhaps of the monkey, who cannot swim as soon as he can walk. Man's inbred instinct is to climb. When in danger of drowning and not knowing how to swim, he will attempt to climb, resulting in a treading of water only. If he is not taught the motions of swimming he will never learn them of his own accord.

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But It's True—!

Passengers and crew-members on coastal vessels frequently reported seeing the two strange friends and many pictures were taken of them together.

There has been no satisfactory explanation of the Lake Culagan mirage. The effect of the sun beating on snow is the same as it is during extremely hot weather.

50 Years Ago

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 13, 1888

Albert Feebeck is in Cincinnati buying goods for the holidays for Sanford and Feebeck.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doty, a son, Ollie Lee.

DIED—Mrs. Susan Wilson, aged 70 years. Mrs. Nellie Wilkerson, aged 77 years.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 12, 1918

State board of health renews its warnings against influenza.

Farmers notified that with the war over, without stampede, action to hold for any purpose.

Ronald C. Oldham solicits New Era orders for their engagement for instrument overthrough.

Churches protest against movies being discontinued because of flu epidemic.

Tobacco markets average $28.40 per 100 lbs. sale.

DIED—Henry Ham, of influenza.

FROM OTHER EDITORIAL PAGES

FINAL FATE RESTS WITH FARMERS

(Kentucky Farm Journal)

It is within the farmers' power to strengthen and improve their own farm program or to weaken and destroy it. On December 17, tobacco growers in Kentucky will deliver a blow for or against their program when they go to the polls to vote on marketing quotas for 1939.

Tobacco growers might well ponder a few things in their hearts before casting their final decision. Under the farm program approximately $45,000,000 in parity payments have gone into the pockets of Kentucky farmers during the years of 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937. Of far greater importance is the much more millions that Kentucky farmers have received in higher prices for their unpublished family—and other needs. A food that walked like a man. Dr. Hubbell wrote this theory, however, and with the backing of the Smithsonian Institution which asserts the apparent footprints are not impressions of any food—but have been a object of controversy for a hundred years.

Even the fact they are nearly all found on the water does not prove the ichnologists that they were impressed by a man foot in the pleistocene time when they were supposed to be the urge which impels a modern man to pave the hobo's feet into the soft concrete of a new sidewalk. Not having the advantages of seeing the actual stone or plastic, the aborigine was obliged to make do with the best he could, while the explorers of centuries afterward. The impulse was more like that which is responsible for the carving of initials on so many of our friendly trees. But why should the primitive man put so much energy into leaving his footprints on the sandstone of time? Well, most of us will go to great lengths to have our names in the papers.

FAME COMES TO CADIZ

(Richmond Register)

On Cadiz, a small town in eastern Ohio, a signal honor has just been conferred on the cities are done by Hollywood, which gives the honor to richly deserved.

It comes in the shape of a plaque presented Cadiz by the film industry for having had "outstanding interest in motion picture, rudely interrupted by unprecedented drought and the Second World War, to the end that the program may be amended, improved administration of it.

If the farm program is to be preserved, farmers must do something. To remain inactive is to invite disaster. They must constantly defend their program and not tear it down. They must also go forth in determined movements and strengthening through cooperative thinking and organized acting

FOOTPRINTS

(Christian Science Monitor)

Choosters of as many as 300,000 years ago have been playing a well-sustained hoax on modern archaeologist and geologist, believes David I. Bushnell, Jr., Smithsonian Institution ethnologist. The assumption arises because of some footprints it seems, were found on the shore of a lake in Nebraska. Dr. Bushnell says, by the gentleman who had asked her within five minutes. Because just comes, and the same thing happened to the said time, said. "There ain't no fool for a man to ask a question." That reminded me of many of the times Forty-five years ago I found. No wonder all sorts of people are applied from the country with the result that everything is now in a state of confusion.

FOLK FEARS

(Bourbon News)

Some weeks ago as I was sitting in the office of the Bourbon-ian, I listened to the conversation going on around me. One of the farmers present was asking various people in the room if they had ever heard of a cooked woman said she was suffering from a dropping of menfolk. The old gentleman who had asked her question then turned to the lady and said, "There ain't no such thing as a cooked woman." That reminded me of many of the times Forty-five years ago I found. No wonder all sorts of people are applied from the country with the result that everything is now in a state of confusion.

PUMPKIN PIE

(Ashland Independent)

We note with dismay a tendency in the business world and press to monkey with the pumpkin pie. One of the girls who sets up recipes for tasty goodies has suggested a coating of shredded cocoanut to take the effect of a new accent. Another goes so far as to suggest a topping of meringue —the ultimate humiliation for any pie. No one has advised mayonnaise but it will be along if unchallenged for another year.

The true pumpkin pie is no more than a custard with additions. Of pumpkin by itself is nothing, and for whatever reputation it has it owes the cinnamon with which it mingles. It is in a position much like that of the sweet potato, which also assumes importance as ambrosian niche in food.

Calendar History

December 11, 1816—Indiana admitted to the Union.

December 12, 1787—Pennsylvania admitted to the Union.

December 13, 1799—First secretary of War Smithson succeeds. Mayden. Presidents were made by Russia.

December 13, 1819—Alabama admitted to the Union.

December 14, 1861—Battle of Nashville Civil War.

December 16, 1773—Boston Tea party destroyed.

December 17, 1903—First successful aeroplane flight by Wright brothers.

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Tax assessments of Louisville represent a 7.8% increase over figures for the previous year.

Kentucky's share of the $150,000,000 federal appropriation for highway construction will be $2,500,000.

18 K. A. Parks, president of Morehead State Teachers College, is seriously ill.

The burley market average climbed to $20.00 per 100 lbs. on the first few days of opening sales.

Ballard Stidham, of Hazard, deputy sheriff charged with the killing of Jack Watts some time ago, last Saturday was acquitted.

Hugh Gosnell, 54, blacksmith, was killed Saturday when he was struck by a truck while walking along the road to his home.

B. P. Taylor, Dunkirk, N. Y., has been appointed public relations counsel for Centre College at Danville.

Advisability of establishing a tobacco market at Winchester was studied last week by a group of civic-minded persons in that town.

Nathan Hollman, 22, negro, of Hazard, was killed when a truck he was unloading crushed him against a building.

Entries from 29 counties have been received at Lexington for the 4-H Club tobacco show which will be held there December 15.

E. W. Creal, Kentucky Federal congressman, is confined at the Louisville Baptist Hospital, suffering from a heart ailment.

Charles Smith, 41, sentenced to die in the electric chair last week, was granted a reprieve for time to file an appeal.

Winchester citizens last week began circulating a petition asking the city manager form of government be instituted in their city.

A prize of $550 was awarded to Herman Coots, Logan county farmer, adjudged winner of the Courier-Journal's farm and home improvement contest.

Theodore A. Sanford, of Carrollton, last week was elected president of the Kentucky Education Association's department of superintendency.

Two cases of tularemia have been reported in Mason county.

Pensions for four Harlan miners were filed here for the District of Harlan in 1931 are being prosecuted by Kentucky Miners' Defense League.

Three Harlan men pleaded guilty to the robbery of Harvey Howard and the theft of $17.00 in cash and bonds, and were all sentenced to life imprisonment.

Miss Margaret Watt, state welfare commissioner, last week was in Washington attending the annual conference of the American Public Welfare Association.

Mrs. Alfred Aulton 27, of Somerset, and her six-year-old daughter, were seriously burned last Saturday while fleeing their burning home.

R. S. Huntsman, 69, of Bowling Green, state auditor, and a former U. S. Commissioner in that district, died Sunday at his home after a short illness.

Members of the state committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars met at Lexington Sunday to arrange plans for the annual midwinter conference of the group.

Mrs. Allene Ryder Smith, 58, of Maysville, widow of a utilities executive, was killed last week by a train near her home. County authorities said they believed she committed suicide by jumping under the train.

Louisville police are on the lookout for Calvin Rowe, 19, son of Adair county sheriff Martin Rowe, who disappeared from his home after a heated argument.

Twelve business places in Louisville which refused to pay the annual sinking fund tax for the license were closed up last Saturday by police.

Dr. E. A. Morgan, formerly a doctor with the Federal hospital service, last week joined Dr. K. Foley as senior physician at Eastern State Hospital in Lexington.

Margie Beatrice Tate, 16, Danville, died last week of the dreaded blood-stream infection, streptococcus, which attacked her throat.

Albert Kiper, 7, of Louisville, was bitten on his hand while he attempted to throw from a classroom window a rat that had entered the class room.

A new ordinance requiring compulsory examination of all motor cars of Louisville is being prepared in an effort to cut down the number of fatal accidents.

Dr Henry Noble Sherwood, president of Georgetown College, this week scouted rumours he was going to resign his position and declared he was at the college "to stay.

The three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Willis Sharp of Maysville, was bitten by a rabid cat a short time ago, is being given anti-rabic treatment and is expected to recover.

The Clark county grand jury, in its report last week praised highly the condition of the county jail, commending conditions existing at both the jail and the county farm.

Robert Gwinn, 45, L. and N. fireman, was killed Saturday by an automobile, the driver of which said he failed to notice Ballard because of a dense fog.

Zoll Ravenscraft, 48, of Cynthiana, a world war veteran, was killed last Wednesday while returning to his home from the tobacco markets. He was struck by a car as he was walking along the highway to his home.

A $15,000 grant from the governor's emergency fund for the division of vocational education was allowed last Saturday. The grant was made because the grant made for the division by the legislature was found inadequate to take advantage of Federal appropriations.

Laymon Owens, of near Harlan, was sentenced to 21 years imprisonment for his part last January in the slaying of a rural merchant.

Robert Winters, 21, farm hand, is in jail at Eminence, charged with killing his employer, Lon Wilhelm, 55, who Winters said was beating his wife. Winters said he interfered and then shot Wilhelm in self defense.

The Louisville Tanks, professional football team of Louisville, and a selected team of Kentucky college stars, played a charity football game last Saturday at Louisville. The proceeds were used for the purchase of shoes and other clothing for Louisville's needy children.

The state public service commission ordered the Cumberland Public Service Company last week not to increase its retail price to certain Kentucky cities and ordered the company from whom the firm purchases gas for the Kentucky cities to increase their price until after the case is set for December 23.

J. W. Wheeler, unsuccessful candidate for the Montgomery county school board, last week filed suit against W. C. Marshall, seeking to have the balloting set aside on the grounds the latter violated the statute permitting only $500 for expenses of election. Wheeler in his suit, said she spent more than $1,000.

Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, president of Georgetown College, who several years ago became the focal point of an argument with denomination authorities over the method used in his baptizing, last week was given a silver toilet set by members of the student body and the faculty as an expression of their esteem for him.

The federal government is interested in the establishment of super-highways from a military standpoint, Senator Alben W. Barkley told a meeting of the Dixie Highway Association in Lexington last Saturday, urging that they push plans for completion of a four-lane road stretching from Middlesboro to the Gulf of Mexico.

Bruce Nunn, 25, Pineville, is in jail charged with murder as a result of an altercation he had with a man named Charles Miller, in which the latter was shot to death. A third man, Bige Asher, 25, is in a serious condition from a wound received allegedly at Nunn's hands, although the latter told police he did not know how Asher happened to be hit.

China's First Railway

China's first railway, 10 miles in length between Shanghai and Woosung, was built by foreign enterprise in 1876. After a farmer had been run over and killed, however, it was purchased by the Chinese government and torn up.

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