

CROSS'S COLUMN

A FIVE YEAR OLD MISS FROM MASS. composed the following "poem" which was sent in by an amused reader:
 Order in the court;
 Judge is eating beans.
 Hitler's in the bathtub,
 Sinking summereens!

DAVID CORT, IN LIFE (Aug. 19, 1940) says:

"Democracy is like health . . . it is the absence of pain and sickness. It only becomes something when pain comes and a man remembers how pleasant it was not to be in pain.

"Nazism, Fascism, and Communism (though they have a new lingo) are the rule of the many by the few for the supposed good of the masses.

"Most men who ever lived have lived under a tyrant . . . (but) there have been democracies that died . . . it did not pay those men of long ago to sell out Democracy . . . and . . . THE RESPONSIBILITY LAY AS HEAVILY ON THE MEN WHO DID NOTHING AS ON THOSE WHO DID (either) GOOD OR ILL.

(The American people fell) into the marvelous European "Booby Trap" the "fake" fight between Communism and Fascism. Both sides decided that half their fellow men were wrong . . . in their political ideas that they did not deserve to live. The class war (fell) on a nation that has only one class, the great American Middle Class. And finally the booby trap was sprung . . . (the Communists and Nazis allied) and the Americans came to a grinding halt in the middle of their argument, looked at the hollow words coming out of their mouths and felt sick.

Mr. Cort then asks what it is that we are defending. He answers that we are defending OUR OWN RIGHT TO CHANGE OUR OWN MIND.

We presume to make a slight addition to Mr. Cort's fine article . . . and it is this: a teacher at Peace College taught us that "Health is that condition which enables one to live most and serve best."

Democracy, too, could be said to be that state of affairs where every person in it can LIVE MOST as well as SERVE BEST.

SPECTATORS WHO FELT TIRED in sympathy for the long distance swimmers at the Water Festival would have been surprised to know what the swimmers wanted to do after the meet was over . . .

They wanted to go to the surf and swim some more.

And that night when Mr. Stapleton asked the Goldsboro swimming team if they didn't want to go to the dance, they said, "No . . . or at least not for long" . . . they would rather go swimming again.

THEN THERE WAS THE YOUNG LADY who went to the skating rink accompanied by a young man who was nicknamed "Sonny" . . .

The young lady stooped to repair her skate . . . stood up, still looking down at her skate . . . and said, "Come on Sonny, let's go!"

They skated merrily around for a while . . . until the young lady saw a young man grinning at her from the sidelines . . . it was Sonny. She was startled into the realization that her skating companion could not be twins and turned to discover looking down at her the pleased face of a gigantic stranger . . . completely outfitted with gold teeth.

And she had called him, "Sonny" . . .

Miss Aldine Fyswood has returned after spending last week at her home in Coinjock.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gurganus have returned from a wedding trip to Western North Carolina.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear son, Melvin Massey, who passed away four years ago August 16, 1936.

The month of August is now here, Which brings sad memories of you, dear.

Gone is the face I used to see,
 Silent is the voice I used to hear.
 Too far for sigh or speech
 But not too far for thought to reach.

Some may think I have forgot you
 When sometimes they see me smile,
 But no one knows the sorrow in
 my heart all the while.

The days are long and dreary,
 Lonely and lonesome, too,
 Just to think you are gone forever
 Makes me oh, so sad and blue.

Mother, Mrs. G. E. Massey.

LETTERS from Our Readers

Dublin, Virginia
 August 18, 1940

Dear Carroll,

My heart nearly failed me last night when the station agent of the Norfolk & Western called me that Roanoke Rapids and Weldon were under fifty-two feet of water.

Thinking that it could not possibly be so I immediately called the Hawleys and was told that it would be eleven o'clock before they could get a call through. After trying all night I transferred the call to Evelyn and she gave me the highlights of the situation and told me to listen to the broadcast at 12:30 today which I did. It came in fine and it certainly must be dreadful.

I'm writing this to say that it is a relief to know that all my friends are safe and to extend my wishes to all that things will soon be under control.

Please send me a copy of the

Herald this week and I'll take care of the cost on my return September 1st.

Sincerely,
 Kent Bentley.

ATTEND BRADLEY FUNERAL

(Crowded out last week)
 Among the out-of-town friends and relatives attending the funeral of Mr. Raleigh Glen Bradley of Welch, West Virginia, which was conducted August 15 were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Edgerton, Messrs. Courtney Egerton, Jr., Bradley Egerton, S. Linton Smith, and H. B. Lindsey, Misses Louise Nash Esmond Bradley, and Elizabeth Hayes of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Bradley of Kannapolis; Miss Una Bradley, Mrs. W. L. Curtis, Rev. C. L. Dowell, Messrs. Ernest Hayes and E. G. Alford of Ahsokie; Miss Sue Taylor Myers and Mr. Edwin Walters of La Grange; Mrs. J. G. Hart, Miss Ethelene Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hart of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. J. M. Leggett, Mr. Alfred Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellis of Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. L. M. Simpson and son, John Simpson, Miss Christine Cook, Goodridge Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Venable Morton of Oxford; Mrs. Goodridge Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wilson of Stoval; Miss Virginia Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. A.

D. Cromantie of Garland; Mr. and Mrs. Joe McSwain and son, Joseph, of Durham; Miss Josephine Morton, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Spencer of Richmond, Virginia.

Circle Meets

(Crowded out last week)
 The Willie Kelly Circle of the First Baptist Church met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Henry Fitts. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Fitts and several hymns were sung, "Near The Cross," "Count Your Blessings," and "The Kingdom Is Coming." The topic for the meeting was taken from Proverbs 22:6 and was given by Mrs. Sadie Askew. At the conclusion the hostess served delicious refreshments to the following: Mesdames Higgins, Gossett, J. L. Langston, W. F. Peeler, Ivey Williams, Ora Corbett, Hasty, R. J. Askew, Massingale, Sadie Askew, Bell, Jordan, Pearson, Wright, Cole, Vincent, Katie Langston, and Misses Eva Gibson, Janie Askew and two visitors, Marlene Peeler and Shirley Jordan.

Miss Dorothy Tyson returned home Saturday after visiting relatives in Jackson.

Facts... About Fallacies



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