

The output of chicks during December by commercial hatcheries in North Carolina was 29 per cent below the December output in 1946 and 49 per cent below the average for the month.

North Carolina's honey bees produced an estimated crop of 6,228,000 pounds of honey during 1947. This was almost double the 1946 crop and three times more than in 1945.

Sunday School Lesson

THE KINGDOM OF GOD
International Sunday School
Lesson for March 21, 1948

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matthew 6:10.

Lesson Text: Luke 4: 16-20; Mark 4: 26-29; Luke 17: 20-21; Romans 14: 17.

In His teachings, Jesus spoke very frequently of the "Kingdom of Heaven." By word and analogy he sought to acquaint his disciples with its nature, its method of origin and growth, and the desirability of its glorious advent. The term was used to refer both to the immediate acceptance of its principles by individuals and to the eventual inauguration of the golden era when all men were included.

Jesus began using parables in his teaching so that his hostile critics would be handicapped in their effort to attack him and because this form of teaching, a familiar one to the Eastern mind, would lend itself to subsequent contemplation by those who heard him, when the truth hidden therein would become known. "Unto you is given the mystery of the Kingdom of God," Jesus said to his disciples as he began his first parable. Therefore, they would have the responsibility of sharing this revelation with the rest of mankind and of making the divine truth available to all who sought it.

Most of the heathen religions built up a superstitious worship by means of secret and hidden ceremonies. The Kingdom of God was to have none of these, for, as Jesus said, nothing is hid or made secret but that it should be revealed to man. The measure of man's reception of divine truth is not the willingness of deity to reveal it but the ability of man to receive and interpret it.

That is why men in different ages have understood the purpose of God in different ways.

Jesus was anxious that His followers be not misled as to the nature of His kingdom. Many people wonder what was meant by the term, "Kingdom of God," and it would probably be better grasped by realizing that it means the same as the "reign of God," a time when the hearts of mankind will be governed by the eternal principles of love, righteousness and other attributes of the divine spirit.

Man has made great progress towards solving the processes of nature and science but he has not yet found the secret of life. This is still locked in the divine mind. Jesus said that his kingdom was as a man who planted seed in the ground and then went about his ordinary affairs. The marvelous process of life caused the seed to sprout, to grow and finally bear fruit. So, those who are interested in the advancement of His kingdom can do their best and trust in the certain response that will come, developing and magnifying the growth of the kingdom.

Jesus was engaged in a world program for all time, yet the beginning of his movement was extremely modest, even insignificant compared to its final goal. The Parable of the Mustard Seed was to prevent disparagement of a small beginning. The external growth of the church is exemplified by the mustard tree, springing and growing from a very small seed. From a few men, with no organization, the Christian faith has grown to include 500,000,000 people, one-third of the world's population—a far-off goal to the twelve moderately trained apostles upon whose effort the future so largely depended.

No eye can follow the growth of the mustard tree. So, with Christian living, its steady quiet irresistible influence conquers. There is no necessity for proclaiming its nature, for it will accomplish its mission slowly, inevitably, and without question. This is reassuring to the faithful adherents of the kingdom.

As one writer has stated, the significance of the kingdom of God may be seen both in the lives of individuals and in the impact that it makes upon the world. The kingdom of God relates its members to the redemptive will of God. Jesus Christ alone can bring men and women into the kingdom, for by personal faith in him, the believer becomes a citizen of the kingdom of God.

The acknowledgement of the "reign of God" in one's life imparts the dynamic for Christian living. Dr. W. T. Conner has remarked that "the will of God is the law of the Kingdom." Therefore, obedience to God's will always manifests itself in a holy and fruitful life.

Dr. H. Ross Greet declares: "Literally millions of people pray every day, 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth. For what do we pray? That God may rule everywhere on earth in every heart as well as in my heart, that people everywhere may acknowledge his authority, that he may be the king at the center of our being. That each one of us may be a member of his Realm, his Kingdom, his Family, by surrendering our wills to him and seeking above all things to do what he wants done. That each one of us may carry out his plans, not our own.'"

Cherry Backs Drive For Crippled Children

Raleigh — Generous contributions for the work of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, which opens its annual Easter Seal campaign throughout the State today, was urged in a statement yesterday by Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

"The league is doing one of the most worthwhile services in our State," the Governor's statement said.

Medical care and educational opportunities "were provided in the Old North State for 5,454 handicapped children last year," the Governor said.

"Besides these direct services to individual children, the League also conducted special demonstrations in the field of education for handicapped children," he added.

GIRL SWIMMER WINS FATHER DIES

Philadelphia, Pa.—A few minutes before Jane Atchinson, 15, won the breaststroke event in a scholastic swimming meet, her father collapsed among the spectators. But while she was swimming, her father died on the way to a hospital of a heart attack.

State College Hints to Farm Homemakers

A large market basket provides a handy container in which to keep cleaning supplies. Soap powder, polishes, cleaning cloths, small brushes, and other articles are conveniently stored in one place.

To keep tools and nails from rolling off the top of a step ladder, simply nail a strip of inner tube around it in a manner that it will form a shallow tray.

It is always a shock to look at the calendar and realize that some friend's birthday or anniversary has just passed and you have neglected to send a gift or a card.

Here then is the solution: Before tacking up a new calendar at the first of each year, go through and encircle in red the dates for all the special birthdays and anniversaries. Then as the days and weeks and months pass, the red circles will serve as reminders and no friends will have been forgotten.

For semi-annual freshening up, feather pillows should be aired on a cloudy, windy day rather than allowed to hang in the sun. The sun draws the natural oil out of the feathers and destroys their resiliency.

The bottom of the scouring powder can will not leave rust marks on bathroom fixtures if it is dipped in hot paraffin.

A yearly weeding out of worn-out kitchen utensils, and other odds and ends, will get rid of dust collectors, save extra work and valuable storage space.

GOLDEN RULE WORKS

Paris, Ill.—Not so long ago, Mrs. Albert Brown, of Chrisman, found a wallet containing money. She left it at a newspaper office and advertised for its owner, refusing to leave her name and address, with the explanation: "Never mind that, I don't want a reward for I might lose my own pocketbook some day." Within a week, a police officer found a purse and money in the courthouse yard. He left it at the newspaper office and waived any reward. The purse was Mrs. Brown's.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of J. Allen Miller, late of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 12, 1948.

L. M. Miller, Admr.
J. Allen Miller, Decd. 2-12-6p

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of Miss Nannie H. Smith, late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 23, 1948.

MRS. LOU H. TAYLOR, Admr.
Estate Miss Nannie H. Smith, decd. 2-26-6c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of Rufus Hockady, late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 24, 1948.

WADE E. BROWN, Admr.
Estate of Rufus Hockady, Decd. 2-26-6c

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

We have issued repeated warnings to dog owners against letting their dogs run at large in town, and little attention has been paid to these warnings. This is to advise that we are now killing the stray dogs found about town. Those who wish to keep their dogs are required to keep them on their own premises.

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By VERNE S. GREENE, Chief.

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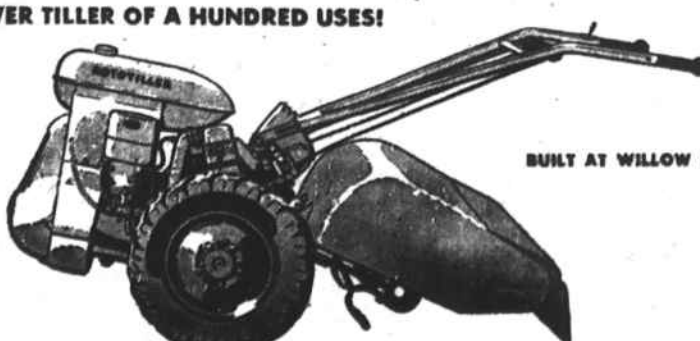
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