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Meditation

O Mystery of Love! Love's consummation
Must be some vast, some all-inclusive good
Reaching beyond this world deluged in
blood,
Scarred deep with sin and woe immeasurable,
Sacrifice such as this to justify.
Yet He who places His children here knew
well
The cost and knowing, He created man.
Fear not! Almighty Love is at the helm.
—Dodge

Production-Progress

It is hard for those of us who live in America to realize the tremendous advances that have been made in farming and in industry.

We read in the newspapers that food and supplies in Afghanistan are expected to increase since farmers are beginning to use improved hand tools, such as spades, forks, hoes and scythes. The advance to these improved hand tools occurred as a result of the Afghanistan Government's request for technical aid from the United Nations. Norris E. Dobb, Director General of the United Nations said that the use of the scythes instead of the small sickle would represent an advancement of one hundred years in Afghanistan.

In Morocco, Africa, we read that the natives continue to turn out beautiful items by the same methods that their ancestors used. Many small workshops are scattered through Fez el Bali, ancient Moroccan Arab city and center of the handicraft work, where wool is spun into thread and then woven into blankets on equipment which has not changed since the time of Christ.

Reading about Afghanistan and Morocco should renew our faith in our American system of free enterprise with its incentive system. We in America must continue to examine our laws to be sure that our plans for the security of the individual do not over-shadow opportunity and incentives for increasing production.

The standard of living for the people of the country can only rise when the production of the people increases. We must keep the incentive for increasing production ever present.

One out of every three South Koreans are without a home. This is a result of war. War is most destructive of life and property. The religion of Christ is the only solution to World Peace. It starts at home with each individual.

If every war had to pay for its own expenses there would not be any more.

If you would get your head above the clouds, stand on the "Solid Rock," Christ Jesus.

How true the saying, "Drive Carefully," the life you save may be your own—remember too, the blood you give may save the life of a friend or relative.

NOT BY MY VOTE!

Men will have strong drink, and men will sell liquor, but **Not By My Vote!**

Saloons may go on like the brook, forever, and men may die by the thousands in them, but **Not By My Vote!**

Truth may be wrecked and character dismantled, homes may be destroyed and women and children beggared, but **Not By My Vote!**

Children may be caught in the saloon snare, the victims of alcohol may fill our jails, almshouses and insane asylums, but **Not By My Vote!**

The saloon may impoverish and degrade the people; producing idleness, disease and pauperism. It may breed anarchy and crime, but **Not By My Vote!**

The government may license the drink traffic and for a consideration take "a reward against the innocent" and bargain away the public health and the public morals, but **Not By My Vote!**

The liquor traffic may corrupt the social and political life of the nation; it may worm its way into all business and even into the sacred precincts of the home and the church, but **Not By My Vote!**

The bells may toll the death knell of a human being slain by Rum every five minutes of the day, but **Not By My Vote!**

VOTE DRY!

Registration books open for Murphy Election: Saturdays, January 19, 26, and February 2. (Register if you did not vote in the last town election)

Scouting With The Editor

TO IMPROVE my mind, increase my knowledge of the Bible, and receive spiritual enrichment, I am taking the three courses offered at the Murphy Baptist Seminary Extension Center: New Testament, Old Testament, and Preaching. Now, wait a second before saying, "why Preaching?" I started out to take only the New Testament course, but sitting in at the other classes on the first night, I just had to take all three. While I do not intend to use the preaching instruction like the pastors, I am finding it an inspiration to listen to the lectures, and feel that there will be much instruction that will be helpful in teaching Sunday School and doing other church work, aside from preaching. The response to the school has been beyond all expectations. There are four times as many as needed for such a center and three times as many as the faculty and leaders ever dreamed would be interested. Most of the students are preachers, in this and adjoining counties.

FOR MORE THAN NINE years I have attended regularly the meetings of Murphy Lions Club, and have considered it a privilege to work with the fine Murphy business and professional men who compose the club. The projects the club promotes make an impact for good upon the community and throughout the county, and I have enjoyed having a part in their promotion. Since my Tuesday nights next 18 weeks, I have found it necessary to withdraw from the club. However, THE SCOUT will continue to try to cover the activities of the club and support the projects it undertakes. In this farewell to the club, I extend to each member my very best wishes and shall cherish always the happy association with them.

FOR SEVERAL DAYS I have been busy rearranging, painting and re-decorating my living quarters, making preparation to occupy only one instead of two of the first floor apartments in my home. Clara Mae and Don Ellie plan to move into one apartment next week. That will give us a large family of six in the household: Oval and John Donley, Mr. Albert Martens, the Ellises and I.

OUR MEIHLE PRESS on which we print THE SCOUT, THE ANDREWS JOURNAL, and THE ENOTAH ECHOES of Young Harris College, had a little extra exercise this week, with three runs of almost 3,000 each of THE FRANKLIN PRESS. Bob Sloan and his assistants from THE PRESS spent most of Wednesday afternoon and into the wee hours Thursday morning printing the paper here. That neighbor newspaper is moving into a new building and erecting a new press, and in the process was unable to print the paper in there this week. We were happy for them to use our facilities.

Two major problems this paper has about news items, one is too late and the other, too long. Some folks wait until near press time and rush in with copy, usually stating, "I have been busy," or "Been out of town." "It must go this week." They don't realize it. Some will write the Month of November, as if November is not the name of a month. Just say November. Others write, "State of North Carolina." "Say, North Carolina." Everybody knows North Carolina is the name of our great state. Some write "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe and family" when John Doe and family is enough. The best news item is the one that says the most in the fewest words.—Clipped

PERSONALS

Mrs. Nettie Axley is spending the week in Hayesville as guest of her sister, Mrs. Weaver Anderson, while Mrs. Anderson is in Emory Hospital for surgery.

Misses Margaret and Catherine Henry of Rome, Ga., and Mrs. Cecil Henry and Miss Ruby Davis went to the Smokies on Sunday. Pfc. Johnnie Ramsey is home from Korea. Pfc. Ramsey was wounded in action and recuperated in Japan before returning to the States.

Lieut. Fred O. Bates, Jr., will leave on Friday for Ft. Lawton, Seattle, Wash., port of embarkation for Japan.

Liberty

The Rev. P. H. Hooker, pastor of Liberty Church, is improving from a recent illness. The Rev. Fred B. Clark filled his appointment here Sunday.

Lester Ledford is sick at home. O. L. Torrence, who is visiting his daughter in Georgia, is very sick.

The West Liberty singing will be held at Liberty Baptist Church January 13. All singers are invited.

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Rom. 8:38-39.

OUR DEMOCRACY

PROGRESS SPARKED BY RESEARCH

MILLIONS OF HOURS AND DOLLARS ARE CHANNLED EACH YEAR INTO COMPETITIVE RESEARCH TO PRODUCE NEW OR IMPROVED PRODUCTS FOR THE AMERICAN MARKET. OUT OF THIS CONTINUING RESEARCH HAVE COME SUCH THINGS AS:

TELEVISION
NEW AND MORE EFFECTIVE DRUGS
MAN-MADE FIBERS
JET PROPULSION

AS PROVEN PRODUCTS COME OUT OF THE LABORATORIES, THEY HELP MAKE LIVING BETTER IN THE U.S... YOU WILL FIND THE FUNDS WHICH PEOPLE HAVE ACCUMULATED IN LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS BEHIND THESE PRODUCTS. RESEARCH SPARKS, THE INVESTED SAVINGS OF THE PEOPLE POWER THE PRODUCTIVE PROGRESS OF AMERICA.

GIVE Voluntarily TO

MARCH OF DIMES

JANUARY 2-31

For PATIENT CARE RESEARCH EDUCATION

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Looking Over A Four-H Clover

BY FRANCES PUETT, AS SISTANT HOME AGENT

"RODNEY" like this—
"I'm looking over a Four-H Clover That I overlooked before! One leaf for HEAD and another for HEART— One for the HANDS that are doing their part. No need explaining, the one remaining IS HEALTH that we're striving for— I'm looking over a 4-H Clover

Neighbor:

THE BLOOD YOU GIVE THROUGH YOUR RED CROSS TODAY MIGHT SAVE THE LIFE OF A NEIGHBOR TOMORROW.

Government—The real democratic idea is, not that every man shall be on a level with every other, but that every one shall have liberty without hindrance, to be what God made him.

—Henry Ward Beecher

That I've overlooked before!"— Harry Haufman, Health Education Department, Dairy Council, Inc

"Rodney" himself is personally concerned about Tuberculosis because it hasn't been long since he returned from the sanatorium and does he give good advice, "Have an X-ray and find out if you are ill because you won't know it if you are in the early stage of T. B." Yes, "Rod" is really smart! If you haven't seen him yet, he'll be coming around to your club.

One thing that goes hand in hand with 4-H work is good health and being a Good Health Citizen. This is the one best way to start off a New Year with a promise that I will live up to the club pledge of "Health for Better Living".

A Health Citizen is one who knows that health begins at home and spreads to the community around. T. B. and polio are two enemies that 4-H'ers are learning this month what they can do about to help themselves and their community.

A watch-bird is watching you! Are you a Good Health Citizen? 4-H SCHEDULE

Murphy, 9, 10, January 9; Andrews, 10, 11, January 10; Hangingdog, 10, January 11; Ranger, 19, January 14; Unaka, 10, January 15; Peachtree, 9, Martin's Creek, 10, 30, January 16; Tomota, 9, Marble 10, 3, January 17.

COUNTY COUNCIL
The 4-H Council will sponsor a program for all clubsters on topic of family life. The film to be shown is "Dating Do's and Don'ts". This program is scheduled for Saturday, January 19 at 10 at Pres-

MEMO
make a date to Save a Life

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Union Sunday School Lessons

DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:18-25; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 1:18-25.

A 'Yes' to Christ

Lesson for January 13, 1952

JESUS knew some distinguished people. But his first and most intimate friends were not of that kind. Christianity started at the grassroots of humanity. It did not start in the top branches. It is a good thing, too.

It is quite true that Christianity has depths and heights to which most Christians do not attain. A St. Paul has not only mystic raptures but intellectual penetration which comparatively few Christians have shared or can share; he was a genius, and most of us are not geniuses.

But in Jesus' first group of companions there was no St. Paul. They were the plainest of plain people. The first of them were fishermen. They were not used to lectures; it is extremely doubtful whether any one of them would have understood the Epistle to the Ephesians if it had been read to them. But they understood Jesus... at least they understood what he said. He said, "Follow me;" and they followed him. It was as simple as that.

Surrender

WHAT is what Christianity is, at its heart: saying Yes to Jesus. When those fishermen said their "Yes" it meant three things, and those three are always involved whenever any one sincerely begins the Christian life. For this was only the beginning, of course. There was a long road ahead, much they would have to learn and do and suffer; but even the longest road has its beginning. And the Christian's road begins with this first "Yes."

First of all, it means surrender. They look him for their leader, they absorbed his teaching, they obeyed his orders. There is a Christian hymn, "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt"; one hears it most often at funerals, but it is not intended as a funeral hymn. It could well be the hymn sung when young people are confirmed or join the church: it could well be the every-morning song of every real Christian.

What do I want most? is not a Christian question. Rather it should be, What does Christ want most?

Separation

GAIN, those fishermen's "Yes" meant separation. They left their nets, their old occupation.

We must not read too much into this, as if in order to be a Christian one must leave his wage-earning business, whatever it is. On the contrary, the best place to be a Christian may be right where we are.

However, no matter what we may do for a living, it is still true that saying "Yes" to Jesus means saying "No" and "Good-bye" to many other things. It means separation from all that is out of tune with him; separation from selfishness, from sin, from trash and trifles. It means separation from habits that enslave us, from "recreations" that do not re-create but tear down, from places and opportunities of temptation, from hatred and prejudice and pride.

If a man really means "Yes" to Jesus, he cannot mean "Yes" to what is opposite to Jesus. The Christian life is a separated life. It is not that he is separated from people. Isn't it likely that the fishermen who followed Christ had a far wider circle of friends as they went with him than they had ever had before? But they were being shaken loose from what had before seemed to them most important,—yes, even from themselves.

Service

BUT that is the negative side of it. The Christian life is not only "from" but it is "for." That is, just as these first fishermen followed Jesus in order to become fishers of men, so the Christian's yes-saying always means enlistment for service.

A Christian's sincerity cannot be measured in what he says, nor even in what he does not do; it is to be measured in what he does.

It is a serious and solemn question: Suppose this is your last day in life, and all the accounts are in. Looking back on what you have been and what you have done, has your life actually helped what Jesus Christ is undertaking in this world, or have you hindered him?

The Christian life is a surrendered, a separated life, but also a life of service. "Yes" can be said with the lips alone—that was Judas; a "Yes" to Christ can truly be said only with life itself.

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Mrs. Clyde Wheeler spent weekend with mother, Mrs. Gwin Day of Flata.

SEE and HEAR! FREE

See: "LIQUID LORE"

(Motion Picture)

Hear: R. M. HAUSS,

Director Of
Allied Church League of North Carolina

MURPHY COURT HOUSE

JANUARY 14, 7:30 O'CLOCK

Sponsored By
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