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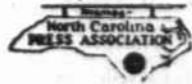
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Meditation

Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be led. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy ways unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.—Psalm 37:1-9.

Scouting With The Editor

AMONG MY TREASURES is a lovely hand-made sandwich tray made of gopher wood. It was a farewell gift from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kester as they left the Folk School last week to make their home in Black Mountain. Our whole county regretted to see the Kesters leave, as they did a splendid work at the school. We hope, however, that they will find continuing happiness and success in the new field which they are entering. Mr. Kester is executive head of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, in which he has been interested since its organization.

GOPHER WOOD, from which my prized tray was carved, is the unidentified wood of which Noah's ark was built. The gopher tree is a rare ornamental tree, and is found only in a very few places in this country. This was found on the land of Mr. Bob Anderson in Clay County. There are many versions about the wood of the ark: The Religious Tract Society says it was acacia; Arabian commentators, boxwood; Dawson, balustrus, daubed over with slime; Targu Of Onkelos cedar; Fuller, cypress; Bockart, ebony wood; Castellus, juniper wood; Azenarius, Munster, Persie, Taylor, pine; Geddes, wicker-wood, and others, deal or fir-wood. However, my tray is of the long-lasting, yellowish wood properly identified as gopher wood, and I shall enjoy using this beautiful gift.

THIS WEEK has been marked by many things that made me happy, for instance, a friend came by Wednesday morning with a whole dozen of my very favorite flowers—red roses, exquisite ones—and I have enjoyed them immensely. It wasn't my birthday nor any special occasion.

EARLY THIS WEEK I had another happy privilege. Monday was the 90th birthday of a newspaper friend, Mr. J. W. Noell of Roxboro, editor of the Roxboro Courier-Times, and Miss Beatrice Cobb of Morganton and I went down to celebrate with him. A committee representing the North Carolina Press Association and many friends from Roxboro met for a luncheon given by the Association at Roxboro Hotel. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Noell. This newspaperman is a remarkable person. He still goes to his office and works several hours every day. He attributes his longevity and good health to the fact that he has taken a short nap after lunch every day for over fifty years, has taken a walk every afternoon, has never taken his business problems home with him, has lived a temperate life, adorning alcoholic beverages, and has exercised a great faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ, whom he has served well since a child. At the luncheon four generations, the youngest being six-months-old Noell Clayton, the only great-granddaughter.

THE WEEK also brought its sorrows. Last Thursday afternoon I attended the funeral of Cpl. Andrew J. Gaddis, a Murphy boy who was killed in Korea, and my sympathy goes out to the family. Tuesday at noon when I returned from Roxboro and Morganton, I learned of the death of Mrs. A. A. Morris, mother of my pastor, Mrs. Morris had visited here many times. I cherish sweet memories of her, how she used to sit by the bedside of Mother and talk with her for hours, or eat with us, and I always made it a point to visit her when she came here. She was loving and kind, and also had a keen wit. I share with the Morrises a deep sense of loss, and they, too, have my deep sympathy.

O. G. ANDERSON, county surveyor and a correspondent for the Cherokee Scout, writes: "I'd be glad to see a movement started in Cherokee County to put signs on No. 10 at the junction at L. M. Shieles' Store and over near Bellview, also those curves straightened out on Morgan Hill. Also, a very important road that needs completing is the Joe Brown Highway from Murphy through Unaka to the Tennessee line. It would cut the distance from Murphy to Knoxville by several miles and greatly contribute to the development of our county."

A Code of Living

In these days when the evidence points to a widespread weakening of the American moral fibre, with major crimes climbing faster even than the increase in population, it is encouraging to note that a great moral force in America is growing even stronger.

The Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 42nd birthday during Boy Scout Week, February 6 through 12. It is an occasion when we can pause and consider its mark on the youth of the nation. Since 1910, more than nineteen million American boys and men have been influenced by this Scout Oath:

"On my honor I will do my best—
To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law.

To help other people at all times.

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

For its young men members, known as Explorers, the Boy Scouts of America has this dedication pledge, which could well be adapted by all Americans:

"I will live the Scout Oath and Law. I will be familiar with the Declaration of Independence the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights of the United States of America. I will respect and obey the law in order to have security and freedom.

"I will share the responsibility of my home, school, church, neighborhood, and community, and when legally of age, I will register and vote in all elections. I will deal fairly and kindly with my fellow-citizens of whatever race or creed in the spirit of the Scout Law and America's tradition of equality of opportunity.

"I will work to preserve our American heritage of liberty and responsibility. I acknowledge that the privileges we enjoy were won by the hard work, and sacrifices, faith and clear thinking of our forefathers. I will do all in my power to pass a better America to the next generation."

Today over 2,900,000 boys and men are actively enrolled in over 80,000 different units. Scouting is indeed a great asset to the nation. May it continue to succeed in influencing the lives of countless more boys as you go "Forward... On Liberty's Team."

Did You Know That Cancer

- has orphaned one-half million American children?
- is the second disease killer of children, first for children 5 to 9 years of age?
- enters one American home out of two?
- claims the lives of 2,000 youngsters each year?
- is the number 2 killer for the nation as a whole, taking 197,000 lives in 1949 alone?
- is FREQUENTLY CURABLE when treated in time?

Know Cancers 7 Danger Signals They are:

1. Any sore that does not heal.
 2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.
 3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
 4. Any change in a wart or mole.
 5. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
 6. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
 7. Any change in normal bowel habits.
- Though the danger signals only MAY mean Cancer, they invariably mean a visit to a Doctor.

Open Forum

There are eleven of them, now orphans, ages fifteen years down to six weeks. The newspaper says that they "are the children of Murray J. Moore, thirty-six, and his wife, Mary Jane thirty-three, who were killed in a head-on collision with a party of beer-drinking teenagers, four of whom also were killed."

Not a very long story surely, but a rather important one—to the eleven orphans, to the parents of the four "beer-drinking teenagers."

This was not what was promised to us when the plea was made against the Eighteenth Amendment. There was to be no return of the old saloon, but only a regulated and well-governed and law-abiding saloon. Now of the

236,000 liquor outlets in this nation, tens of thousands use barmaids, sell to minors, sell out of legal hours, shelter criminals and prostitutes, corrupt our politics, and divert tens of millions of dollars from every legitimate enterprise to what brings only blight and curse and poverty. Millions of dollars of the taxpayer's money are passed by those on relief over the counters of the tavern. In fact, the tavern-keepers in most places are allowed to cash relief checks!

So, dear taxpayer, you may not like the "tavern," but you surely do give it your support.—The Free Methodist.

By FRED WASHBURN
Our American system of government is based on the right of

the individual under the law. It is based upon the tenets of Christianity, the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the Golden Rule—yes, on the very principles enunciated by Christ. Our churches are crowded with those who say they believe in the principles of Christianity. Our stores and places of business are staffed with the folk who fill the pews on Sunday. To these believers of the American way I would ask:

Is it true that the legal sale of beer and wine or whiskey combat the evils of drink? A recent issue of the Kiwanis Magazine reminded the American public that alcoholism had become not only a medical problem in which seven per cent of the adult males and one and one-half per cent of the adult females were directly involved, but also a large sized economic problem, costing through inefficiency, wage loss and reduction of productivity, a half billion dollars annually. There are 85,000,000 known alcoholics in our America,



A CHILD'S SCREAM I

Looking Over A Four-H Clover

BY FRANCES PUETT, ASSISTANT HOME AGENT

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Four-H'ers are being observed giving a life to community spirit. Friday evening the Bellview Home Demonstration Club sponsored a pie supper for the purpose of raising money for the March of Dimes drive. Families appeared, both young and old, large and small, bringing their favorite pie to be auctioned for sale. Anyone knows that a delicious pie can be a treat in itself. But everyone doesn't know that families in a community can have a wonderful time together.

These family groups brought along their talent that night in addition to the pie. Four-H clubsters very soon had everyone entering into the recreation; result was—the old clock was ticking on toward twelve before the group realized bedtime was nigh.

Jerry Ruth Smith had everyone singing and playing to her new accordion. To the other people there it was hard to resist the enthusiasm of the young clubsters in having a good recreation time together. These club members did give a life to community spirit that night, besides making a contribution to the March of Dimes. If you want to know who did the most bidding on the pies ask Billy Hall.

GREEN PASTURES

"Few things are more inspiring than a lush green pasture against a background of dark trees and blue sky. Down through history, the view has inspired musicians to capture the beauty of pastoral symphonies and has challenged ar-

ists to reproduce the splendor in landscapes. . . . North Carolinians have probably dreamed of lush pastures as much as any people, but their hopes have been a long time in fulfillment. . . . Today the dream has been realized. Pastures may now be grown in every county of the State." What pastures does North Carolina need? North Carolina needs 2 million acres of ladino pasture; she has 1/2 million acres of pasture; but if this only 1/2 of a million acres is improved pasture!

The N. C. Bankers Association and Agricultural Agencies Cooperative are sponsoring a Green Pastures Speaking Contest. The topic this year is "Green Pastures, Their Use and Management." This contest is being carried out in the high schools of the state. Contestants make a study of the subject and write a speech not longer than 12 minutes. Further regulations for this contest are available through the county extension office.

Very few people are lucky as Carolyn Woodard of Andrews Elm, Club, who dreamed of finding money and wakes up to behold her dream has come true. But everyone dreams of always being able to jingle "money in the pocket." Four-H'ers are learning this can be more than a dream. But it takes more than a dream to make it come true. The whole secret hinges around making a wise spending plan and being able to stick to that plan. Happy spending!

Unquestionably we need to wake up to a fuller realization of a cancerous problem which, if its malignant spread is left unchecked will eat our very hearts out. It will destroy the health and the youth of our country.

Alcoholism is increasing. Is it any wonder that 12,000 people a year are killed by alcohol? That 1,000 are killed in automobile wrecks resulting from alcohol? That when an individual becomes enslaved by the drinking habit he is unmistakably an ill person and in dire need of help.

The old approach of dealing with alcoholics through punishment is taboo. Beer and wine are excellent starters and better to keep you from stopping. Could a man call himself Christian and vote the evils of beer and wine on "his love's" Is it any wonder we hear the echo of the anti-Christian? The sounding of brass and the tinkle of cymbal? Is it any wonder that today statistics show a 30 per cent increase in alcoholism over the record of the past four years? Is it so easy to understand why the Word says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." Thank God there are some who refuse to render the things of God unto Caesar. Or have I forgotten that we have become broad-minded in our religion?

Well, I'll have to start somewhere and it might as well be W. C. T. C. I left here by car at 2:40 Friday, November 23, and left Asheville by train at 6:30. We, the four delegates from Western North Carolina, were to meet the rest of the North Carolina delegation of which there were 23, in Cincinnati at 7 a. m. Saturday and there board a special 4-H car on the New York Central to Chicago. It seems that fate had a hand in it. We got started from Asheville exactly one hour late of the scheduled time. Then to top this we had engine trouble which made us 2 1/2 hours later. We had been told that if we were delayed for any reason and missed the 7:45 train for us to catch the 9:45 which was held up for us in Cincinnati.

We arrived in Chicago at 6:10 p. m. E. S. T. and rode a street car to the Stevens Hotel. We unpacked the first thing. At 7 we had a North Carolina delegation meeting and Mr. Harrill, our state leader, secretly announced to us the national winners from our state. By the way, we took our share of the honors by having seven national winners out of 135.

We got up bright and early Sunday morning, put on our Sunday best and went to the Grand Ballroom in Stevens for breakfast. From there we went to the Central Church of Chicago for the morning service. How could we better have started our week off?

I'll try to hit "the high lights of the trip."

Just about every meal was furnished to the entire delegation, which was 1,250 coming from all 48 states and 17 foreign countries, by several companies.

What made the meals so nice was that after each meal or even during some, we would have some sort of entertainment—the best

HAYSEED

By Uncle Sam

Character cannot be bought, it must be lived. Education cannot be bought, it must be worked for. Efficiency cannot be bought, it must be acquired. Good habits cannot be bought, they must be formed. Love cannot be bought, it must be won. Knowledge cannot be bought, it must be attained. Respect cannot be bought, it must be merited. Health cannot be bought, but it should be protected. Time cannot be bought, but it should be used. Defense cannot be bought, it must be prepared. Democracy cannot be bought, it must be sacrificed for and defended. Salvation cannot be bought, it is free.

Letters To Editor

Feb. 6, 1952

Dear Editor: Circulars and letters have been going the rounds laying stress upon the word "boycott". Intimations have been that a group of our citizens has threatened to boycott another group. Thus far, there has been no proof of this threat. It's quite apparent that this term is being used to confuse and mislead many people in our community.

Perhaps there are those citizens a town who would like to have someone prove that a "boycott" threat has been made. Such propaganda—not based upon truthful facts—hardly seems to be in line with the best in our American heritage.

The citizens of Murphy will make their choice on February 14, they want beer stores, then they automatically choose the consequence. If they do not want such stores, then that choice has its own consequence and its responsibility, too.

R. Delbert Byrum

As important as happy saving, a big part of the success of a 4-H Club project is wise money management.

WELCOME

Clubsters over the country are extending a hearty welcome to our new Assistant County Agent, M. J. Wright. Having been a former 4-H'er himself, Mr. Wright is very much interested in helping club members with their projects. The extension staff along with all the clubsters extend a welcome to Mr. Wright as our club leader.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council is sponsoring a nutrition program to be given by Miss Nina Lee Corbett, State Nutritionist, Thursday evening, February 14, 7:30. All club members and adult leaders are invited to attend. After the program 4-H'ers will be in charge of a recreation program.

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.

Unforgettable Trip

By DORIS WELLS

Hump Almond came to me a few days after my return from the windy city, Chicago, and asked if I would write an article for the paper concerning my trip. I didn't know what all I had done and had seen until I started thinking over and trying to put it on paper. Since I'm such a master with the pen, I told him I'd do it.

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there is, including several big-name bands, choruses and sports celebrities, and a comedian.

We were taken for a motor coach tour of Chicago, and we went to several parties and dances.

I do not think the International Livestock Show should be left out, for it certainly was an interesting affair. There were some of the biggest Herefords I have ever seen. I thought we had big Herefords in Cherokee County, but they are quite ordinary.

I guess the highlight of the trip was just before we left the Arena. Every state delegation marched out on the Arena bearing their state name and flag, and the foreign countries came right behind us. It made one proud of their state, and prouder that they had the opportunity to represent it.

Each delegate was sponsored by some company, individual or by their county. This trip gave me a brighter outlook on life by proving to me that we in North Carolina or we at WCTC are just as good as any other group of people in the world. We can work together for world understanding. I mention this because "Working Together for World Understanding" was the theme of the 48th annual Club Congress.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Union
Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:18-30; 19:1-10.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Mark 10: 35-31.

Two Rich Men

Lesson for February 10, 1952

EVERYBODY knows that Jesus took an interest in the poor. But there is another side of the picture: Jesus took just as keen an interest in the rich. Some of his most famous and penetrating sayings were spoken in conversations with wealthy men. The truth is, Jesus was interested in people, as people. Whether they were rich or poor was, for him, a side issue. And still he knew that a man with money has both temptations to evil and opportunities for good that the poor man never has.



Dr. Foreman

Jesus met two men of means who were quite different from each other.

One, who remains nameless, had much to recommend him. He was rich, but perhaps that was the last thing people thought about when they saw him. He was young and vigorous; when he came to Jesus for an interview he did not walk, he ran. He was a man of executive ability, for the story calls him a "ruler." He was good, at least he claimed to have kept all the Ten Commandments, and Jesus did not contradict him.

Furthermore, he was eager in the right direction. His principal ambition was not to have more money but to have eternal life. On top of all this, Jesus loved him. You would certainly think that a man like that couldn't miss. But he did.

On the other hand was the man Zacchaeus. Being a publican, and rich, it is perfectly obvious that he couldn't have been either honest or generous, for it was only the greedy and the dishonest in those days who could amass fortunes by collecting taxes. He was no doubt middle-aged, for it took time to rise to the top in the publican game. As for eagerness for spiritual things, he seems not to have felt a bit of it.

We may guess that Jesus was not the only one who loved the rich young ruler; but if Jesus loved Zacchaeus, and he must have, he was perhaps the only person then in Jericho who did. No community loves a man who bleeds it white. Yet, strange as it seems, it is this rich man, this bad rich man, who comes out in the end with a higher rating than the "good" rich man.

Money the Master

THE last thing we see of the good rich man is his turning his back on Godness. He had a chance to follow Christ—the same chance that Peter and Matthew had, the same command, Follow Me!

What great service Christ had in mind for him we shall never know. All we know is that he made the great refusal. Perhaps he thought better of it and came back later; but it is not likely. The last we see of him is sorrowful.

Jesus never said of him what he said of Zacchaeus. Salvation never came to his house. He never inherited the eternal life he wanted. When it came right down to a choice: money, or eternal life, he chose money. He was willing to be a Christian, but not a sacrificing Christian. He only wanted to be an inheriting Christian. He thought of himself (no doubt) as master of his money; instead, money was his master. His money talked so loud he could not hear what Jesus said. His money talked so fast that it made what Jesus demanded sound like nonsense.

Money the Servant

JESUS did not ask all his followers to get rid of every penny they possessed. Zacchaeus, for instance, did not renounce all he had. What he did was to give back all that did not belong to him, and give away a good deal that did. Jesus did not ask this man to do more.

A doctor does not always prescribe the same operation for every case. For some men, an appendix is a source of danger and must be removed at once; for others, an appendix may safely and most wisely be left where it is.

Jesus could see that the younger man was at the point where money was about to be his master; so indeed it was for the older man. But the first could not shake off the tyranny of his wealth, his own wealth; the other man could.

For the servant of Christ, money is not in itself a sin. It is a root of sin when its voice is louder than the voice of the Master. It is the means of sin when it stops the ears to a cry of need. No one can call himself a Christian who refuses his money in the service of Christ.

Prices farmers were receiving in mid-December averaged 7 per cent higher than a year earlier.