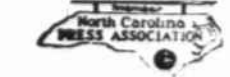


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Meditation

Among the group of slaves there was an unusual personality. All the others were low and lifeless, but this one was erect, proud, alert and worked diligently. When he was asked about the difference, he replied that he was the son of a great chief, a king and that he could not afford to reflect on his noble ancestry. He would not forget that he was the son of a king. Followers of Christ are sons of a King. They should never forget that sonship, and, as the slave, never reflect on this heritage.

Easter

We celebrate births. It is a great occasion when a baby arrives into our world well and strong and begins the slow process of growth toward manhood or womanhood. Perhaps over on the other side of the river of death lines celebrate death as we celebrate birth. It must be a glad season when the immortals welcome a new soul from the world of pain and suffering into the spirit world of love and eternal life. Maybe it is only because we know so little of life after death that we fear death. Jesus Christ did not fear death as we do. "After I am raised from the dead I will go before you into Galilee," he said. Matt. 26: 32.—The Christian viewpoint.

Strike Back

Cancer strikes one in five—Strike Back.
Your Dollars will save lives by strengthening the Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society.
Your Dollars will bring words of truth and hope to you, to your family, to your friends and to your community.
Your Dollars will help ease the pain of the cancer patient.
Your Dollars will train skilled, understanding hands and minds to serve in the hospital, in the doctor's office, perhaps even in your home.
Your Dollars will speed the march of research toward mastery over cancer, the disease that last year killed 215,000 men, women and children. Give To Conquer Cancer.

Drivers' Commandment

1. The good driver keepeth his car in safe condition.
2. He driveth only when sober, and never to great weariness.
3. His mind doth not wonder, for safe driving keepeth a man busy.
4. He keepeth always to the speed which giveth perfect control.
5. He passeth intersections and grad crossings with care.
6. To children and pedestrians he giveth thought, for over them he hath the power of life and death.
7. He obeyeth the law of the land, knowing obedience may increase his years.
8. For the hazards of driving in the night, he maketh allowance.
9. Though his soul be tried, the good driver remembereth that courtesy is the first law of self-preservation.
10. When he goeth on foot, the good driver remembereth the Golden Rule.

BOOKS AND PEOPLE

By PHYLLIS M. SNYDER

Regional Librarian

Did you know that there were more books classed as religion published in 1951 than any other subject field? That the Journal of the National Education Association lists a religious book, Elton Trueblood's FOUNDATIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, as "the most important book of 1951"? That the only types surpassing religious

writing in number were fiction and children's books? That science publications were a close rival with just nine less titles? These are just a few of the facts about modern religious writing presented in a feature article by Harry A. Overstreet in the March 9 issue of the New York Herald Tribune Book Review. But Mr.

Overstreet, best-known as the author of THE MATURE MIND, does more than offer statistics about the 731 religious books published last year. He analyzes developments and their significance. It is impossible to condense this stimulating discussion. (I was particularly pleased that he called attention to one of the most relevant

Scouting With The Editor

EASTER is a time for rejoicing. New life is evidenced all about us, in the flowers, trees, grasses, the singing birds, bright sunny days, spring cleanings, new clothes, new ambitions! On Easter we observe the resurrection of One who brings new life to all who will accept Him.

THE GOSPEL WRITERS recorded for us the story of events that took place nearly two thousand years ago, but a story that is ever new. It is the greatest news story the world has ever known, and will continue to be news until every person in the world hears it and believes.

MATTHEW gives this story: And they crucified Him... Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielding up the ghost. And, behold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many... And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him.

And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

SUNRISE will find many people worshipping Christ on Sunday morning. Throughout the day there will be singing, teaching, and preaching to point them to this One who "has all power" and suffered the agony of the cross to give new life, eternal salvation, to all who repent and believe on Him.

THE MAJORITY of the people in the world have not heard the story of Jesus, and many who have heard have turned away and failed to accept the blessing and hope He offers. He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

MAY WE ABIDE IN THE LOVE OF JESUS this Easter and every succeeding day. He will quicken the spirit, give radiance to an otherwise clouded countenance, give joy unspeakable when we bear witness for Him, sustain us in the trying times of life, work out for us the perplexing problems that arise, give triumph over evil, heal broken hearts, give grace sufficient for every need. He wants our loyalty and service. He commands us to witness. He has promised His power and rewards if we are faithful.

A GENUINELY HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!



THIS YEAR, April 13 is Easter Sunday. Whether beneath the vault of a sunrise sky or that of a church, religious services will devoutly observe the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, and re-birth of hope in the hearts of men.

THERE will be, too, (for this land is free), those traditional superficial symbols which date back to the ancient Anglo-Saxon rites for Ostara or Eastre, legendary goddess of Spring; the eggs and the rabbits which denoted life's reproduction, the first flowers of reburgeoning Earth, projected today into new finery and hats.

IN THESE bright tokens, however, the deep and holy significance of Easter should not be lost. Neither should we forget, in marking the Resurrection, that there is something our country and all who cherish it stand today greatly in need of—a spiritual re-birth, a national regeneration of morals and men.

Looking Over A Four-H Clover

By FRANCES PUETT and M. B. WRIGHT

Fred Whitfield, Western District Extension Forestry Specialist, is spending two weeks in our county working with 4-H Clubs on forestry. He is our guest writer this week. Let's hear what he has to say.

"A knowledge of farm forestry, applied along simple lines, will make farming more profitable. There are four forestry projects designed to guide 4-H Club members in the study of some of the fundamental facts concerning farm-forest lands. These projects are: Tree Identification; Tree Planting; Woodland Protection; and Thinning or Timber Stand Improvement.

"Tree study or identification is a project to help acquaint farm youth with the main characteristics of important trees in the woodlot. One way of learning them is to gather leaves of trees and press them between pages of magazines until dry and mount them on paper with Scotch tape or glue. The common name, scientific name, and chief uses are then listed at the bottom of the page. Another method of leaf collection is to make an impression of leaves, using printers ink, on paper. This avoids breaking of dried leaves, when the leaf itself is attached to the sheet. Unfortunately, trees

and inspiring men of our time: Albert Schweitzer, doctor, musician, theologian, writer of MEMOIRS OF CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH, ON THE EDGE OF THE PRIMEVAL FOREST, MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, PHILOSOPHY OF CIVILIZATION. Perhaps the title of the article best hints at its richness: "Re-examining the Foundations of Our Spiritual Life; The books of today reflect man's search for basic values on which to build his life."

Dr. Trueblood figures prominently in another magazine piece. Each year the members of the Religious Publishers Group of the American Book Publishers Council sponsor a Protestant Lenten Reading List. The 1952 List, recommended by Dr. Trueblood, is reprinted in full in the Feb. 16 PUBLISHERS WEEKLY.

Yes, the religious book most popular in the Nantahala Region is one of the 26 titles selected. The brief sentence used to describe it is an example of the skillful Trueblood annotations. The book? Catherine Marshall's A MAN CALLED PETER! "The death of the man who glorified the office of Chaplain to the United States Senate almost ceases to be a loss when the impact of his charming and dedicated life goes on through such a book as that which his widow has written."

Any of the books mentioned in this column may be borrowed thru your local library or bookmobile station. Plan an extra half-hour at the Andrews or Murphy Library to read the magazine articles. They're well worth the time!

Directs Workshop For PTA Members

A workshop for PTA members in Cherokee County will be held at 10:30 a. m. Monday, April 21, in the Murphy Primary School auditorium.

The function of P. T. A. work in school will be the topic of the meeting which will be in charge of Miss Blanche B. Haley, Field Secretary.

She will be accompanied by Mrs. Weimer Jones, District President, of Franklin.

It is desired that as many PTA members as possible from over the county attend the meeting. Lunch will be served in the school lunch room following the meeting.

Miss Haley is a native of Clinton, Mass. She was trained as a nurse in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. She earned college credits at Boston University, Simmons College and Harvard Extension School and the University of North Carolina.

At Massachusetts General Hospital she served as head nurse, and later as supervisor and administrator of the emergency department, and worked in Michigan with the Branch County Health Department, her work being primarily educational that of instructing field students.

Miss Haley served four years with the Army Nurse Corps. Three of these were spent in Morocco and Italy. She was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

The work of the field secretary includes meeting with local parent-teacher leaders to help with their problems, organizing new associations, interpreting the parent-teacher movement to educators, visiting education classes in colleges for the purpose of acquainting future teachers with the movement, helping with schools of instruction and conducting parent education classes.

Mrs. O'Neil Crisp was hostess to Peachtree Home Demonstration Club Thursday at 1:30 p. m. The group began the meeting with the singing of "The Old North State," followed by the club collect.

Miss Nancy Lunsford gave the devotion.

Miss Franklin Smith spoke on "Food and Nutrition," and Miss Winn Bishop, home agent, spoke on "Color in Dress."

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Brown Caldwell, Mrs. Clarence Hendrix, Miss Mae Suddeth, Mrs. Franklin Smith, Mrs. W. A. Boyd, Mrs. Andrew Barton, Mrs. Paul Suddeth, Mrs. Oran Witt, Miss Elsie Suddeth, Mrs. Noah Hembree, Mrs. Ben Brown, Mrs. Lloyd Simonds, Mrs. Jim Hembree, Mrs. Loy Lunsford, Miss Edna Bishop, Mrs. Lawson Lunsford, Miss Nancy Lunsford and Mrs. O'Neil Crisp.

Elected Master

Mrs. Frank Battle was elected Master of Marble Grange Friday evening to replace R. W. H. Ramsey, who has resigned. The Chapter was closed at this meeting with 28 members.

Victor West was elected secretary and J. V. Hall lecturer or program chairman.

The Grange voted to meet the first Friday night of each month at Marble School Building at 8 p. m. All the officers have been installed.

Letters To Editor

I am an American soldier in Korea. (Native of North Carolina).

If you will please put my name and address in your paper. You see, I would like very much to have someone write me. It's awful lonesome here in Korea, and since I don't get very much mail, I will more than appreciate anyone who will write me. Of course I may not have time to answer every letter as soon as I get one. But I'll do my best to recognize each, and everyone as soon as I can.

Mail is the most wonderful morale builder there is for our poor GI's.

Sgt. HUGHIE B. BREWINGTON R. A. 14281304-8228th. Army Unit.

Mobile Army Surgical Hospital APO 301 Care Post Master San Francisco, Calif.

To Get Seed Orders

Cherokee County PMA Committee requests all farmers who plan to seed a pasture this spring to come to the PMA office before April 15 to get their purchase orders for the seed as this is the last day to issue orders for this material.

TO GIVE PLAY

The Parent-Teacher Association of Peachtree School will sponsor a play, "A Ready Made Family," given by the senior class of Hiwassee Dam last week, at 7:30 p. m. Monday, in the auditorium there.

The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McGuire and granddaughter, Peggy McGuire of Atlanta, are spending the week at the McGuire cottage at Peachtree. They attended church at the Presbyterian Church here Sunday.

house, Mr. Sloan will show slides made at 4-H Club Camp last summer and will feature a program on the "Use of Electricity on the Farm and Home." Four-Hers, parents and leaders are invited to attend this meeting.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Union Sunday School Lessons
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: John 11:14-18; 14:1-6; 20:1-9
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

The Risen Lord

Lesson for April 13, 1952

IN all the churning Easter music, in all the multitudinous many-voiced "I believe..." in the midst of the Easter lilies, is it hard to believe? Some find it so; and feel ashamed that in the presence of others' bright faith their own doubts rise darkly dim, their faith once clear and warm now grown opaque and cold. It is at Easter time that such a person finds his case most tragic. Doubt that echoes a universal loss of faith is almost natural; but why must doubt stand like a dark rock in a sunny meadow, cold in the midst of flowing springtime?



Dr. Foreman

The Man of Dark Mind

TRAGIC such loss of faith may be; but not new. For in Christ's first Twelve—we must say first Eleven, for Judas had sold himself to another—even in that choice company there was one who, on the First Easter, when the voice of all his friends spoke as one: He is risen! could only answer, Is he risen, indeed?

The church has given the name of Saint to these eleven men; they will not deny it to Saint Thomas. For sainthood is not confined to those who have never wrestled with doubt; saints are not only those in whose eyes God and his ways have been always clearly seen.

High in the roll of Christian saints is the name of Thomas, a man of dark but honest mind. His doubt was very like him. He was not a man who most easily believed what was most pleasant.

When Jesus had set his face to go to Jerusalem, the other Ten looked for a Throne, and thrones for all; Thomas alone looked for death. Yet in the very hour, cheered by no bright illusion, Thomas could say

"...and said: 'Let us go too, and we will die with him.'"

In the upper room at the Last Supper, again the voice of Thomas bespoke his dark mind. "We know not whether thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

So it could have been small surprise to the Ten that when they went to Thomas with the glad news of Easter Day, he was slow to believe.

The Last Beatitude

NOW the Lord Christ did not rebuke this man Thomas, when at last the two came face to face once more; nor did he praise him. He knew that Thomas had acted as a Thomas will.

But our Lord also looked down the centuries, to us and beyond. Thomas had not asked the impossible; but soon, soon would come the time when a request like his could not be granted.

Not forever could Christ be seen on earth with the visible eye. To only a few would be granted even the dream or vision of what Saint Thomas could have touched if he had dared.

The time was shortly coming when men must believe, if they believe at all, without seeing. Easter days would come and go, the voice of faith would rise in a thousand songs: He is risen! But not on any Easter, for twice a thousand years at least, would Christ return to break bread with his friends in such a way that doubt could no longer be. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet—!

The Risen Lord

SO Saint Thomas was wrong, and right. He was wrong if he thought: I cannot believe unless I see. The Christian way is not the seeing that is believing; it is the believing that is seeing.

But he was right if he thought: I must believe for myself, I can take no other man's faith for my own. And he was right at the last: "My Lord and my God!"

Was Thomas only a man of temperament, a man easily blown from the path of doubt to height of faith? By no means. He knew what difference Easter makes, once the truth of it comes home to a man's mind.

If the message of Easter is not true, Christ is dead,—rather Jesus is dead and there is no Christ; his ain is dust, his dream a cobweb of the wind of death. But if the message of Easter is true—and the whole Christian church is witness that it is true—then Christ who lived gain on Easter morning lives forever past all the mornings of the world, lives to be man's only king, reigning from the very right hand of God.

If Easter is not true, we shall walk softly as befits those in mourning on the return of a day of sorrow; if Easter is true we shall say and sing with Thomas and all the saints: My Lord and My God!

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hamilton spent the week-end with relatives in Fair Bluff.