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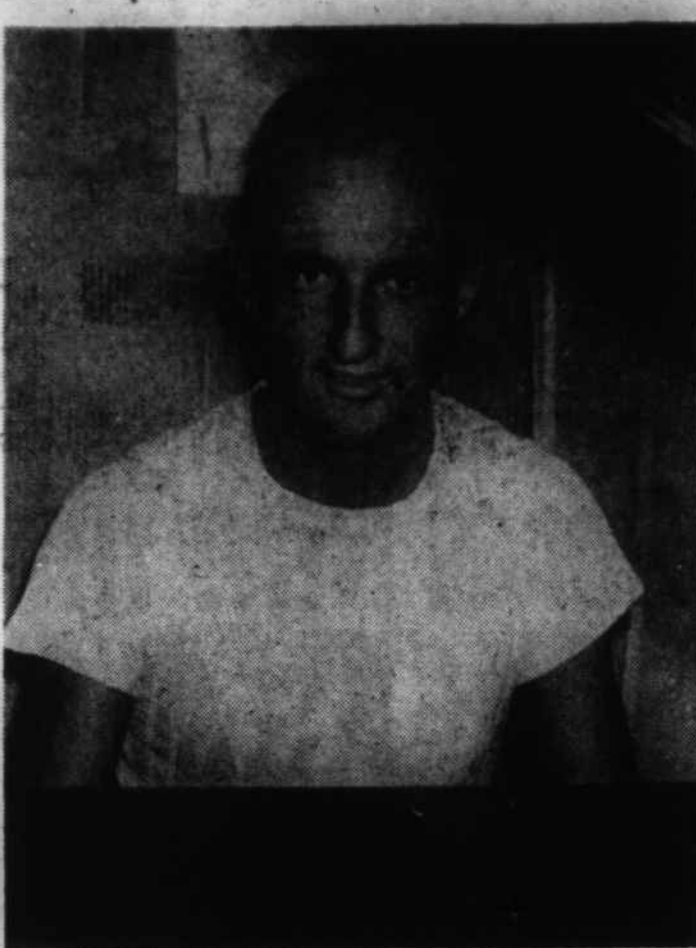
Jerry Ruth Smith And Glenn Ellis Win Music Prizes

Alex. Houston, Ventriloquist, of Hendersonville has been awarded the grand prize of \$100 by the Judges for the best act at all the Farmers Federation picnics. It has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president.

Second prize of \$75 was split by Jerry Ruth Smith of Murphy for her singing and playing different musical instruments, the Breedlove Sisters of Wesser for their singing of Gospel Hymns, Glenn Ellis, pianist, of Murphy, the Shooting Creek Choir of Hayesville led by Fred Ledford, and the Bills Creek Choir of Lake Lure led by A. L. Hayes.

Each year the Federation awards prizes for the best musical acts of talent at each picnic and then a grand prize for the series of picnics held in each county that the Farmers Federation serves. This past year over 28,000 people attended the picnics which began in July and ended the last of August.

Pan Handle Pete, Patsy Messer and Gailther Robinson split the grand prize in 1951. In 1950, Pan Handle Pete and Steve Ledford won the grand prize for their comedy act together. This year, past winners were not eligible for the grand prize.



PRIZE WINNERS—Shown above are Glenn Ellis, pianist, and Miss Jerry Ruth Smith, who split a second prize with several others for their performances at all Farmers Federation picnics. Miss Smith, shown at the vibraharp, won for singing and playing different musical instruments.

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5
 DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 66: 1-4

Sincerity

Lesson for October 19, 1952

SOME say an insincere person isn't what he seems to be. That is not quite true. An insincere person is what he seems to be, only not all the way through. He is what he seems to be, on Sundays, or part of the time, or when he's feeling just right; or perhaps he is what he seems to be, but only on the surface. The rest of the time, or underneath that surface, he is something quite different. Everybody likes sincere people, nobody wants to have much to do with the insincere.



Getting Down to Cases

Jesus, of course, demanded sincerity. "Jesus would rather be denied by a liar." He did not use the word "sincere" or "sincerity," but (as was his habit) he came down to cases. He first shows that a generous giver, and a praying man, may be insincere. When is generosity sincere? When is a man all-the-way generous and when is he only top-layer generous? Jesus suggests that it isn't what we give, but why we give, that points up a test for sincerity. It is very doubtful whether Jesus meant to say that any one ever hired a trumpeter to toot for him when he dropped some money into the collection plate or wrote a check for the Red Cross. What he means to say is that when a man gives with the hope that his gift will attract attention and produce applause, he is not really generous. He doesn't have the recipient's interests at heart; he is thinking only, "How well people will think of me!" Or again, that odd saying, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" suggests that sometimes you are generous in order to please your favorite audience: You are generous in order to feel self-satisfied, your right hand (so to speak) brags about your left. The sincerely generous person is the only truly generous one; and the only sincerely generous person is the one who wants to give, not to be complimented, even by himself.

What Is Sincere Prayer?

Another concrete case that Jesus takes up is prayer. There is a story that once a minister was told after service: "Doctor, that was the most eloquent prayer ever delivered to a congregation—Boston, Bombay or Barber Junction, no matter where—isn't a prayer, it's just a way of showing off. A certain professor of English used to quote famous authors in his public prayers: 'As Shakespeare has said, O Lord . . . Thou rememberest what the poet Browning hath said . . .' Now there's no use quoting poetry to the Lord; that's suited to a speech, not to a prayer. Of course Jesus did not mean that we are never to pray in the presence of others. He himself prayed in public on various occasions. Leading others in prayer is a rare gift and should be cultivated. But while prayer, sincere prayer, can be with others; and for others, it should never be for others. Some preachers 'beat the congregation over their heads with a prayer' as the saying is. Some deacons have been known to put long and dull prayer-meeting talks into the form of a prayer. One elder well-versed in Scripture used to go through the whole story of the Bible, in outline, every time he was called on for a prayer.

Sincerity in Devotion

Jesus points out where sincerity is most important of all: in our devotion to God. We cannot serve God and Mammon. God does not want part-time devotion. By serving God, Jesus means living by God's side, under God's orders. Serving Mammon means more than simply serving money—most Mammon-worshippers would deny that they 'serve' money. It means living your life not as God would have you but in order to 'get ahead,' to make money, to stand well with people who have money. Serving God means living as Jesus lived, for others; serving Mammon means trying to be served by as many persons as possible. Success, in Mammon's terms, is measured in terms of how many people work for you; success in God's terms, is measured in terms of how much you have helped others. Sincere devotion to God must be devotion all life through.

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In the first 12 months after the start of the Korean War, prices of farm property climbed 17 per cent; in the second 12 months, they climbed only 5 per cent.

Meditation

The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the hills, in righteousness. He will come down like rain upon the mossy grass, as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace, till the moon be no more. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River unto the ends of the earth. His name shall endure for ever. His name shall be continued as long as the sun: And men shall be blessed in him: All nations shall call him happy. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things: And blessed be his glorious name for ever: And let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

—Psalm 72:3, 6-8, 17-19

Don't Stay Away

No, don't stay away from the polls November 4. Register, if you aren't already registered, and vote.

We claim that our government is the voice of many, and not just the voice of a selected few. But the voting habits of Americans does not prove this. In the 1948 presidential election only 52 per cent of eligible voters voted.

This is a poor record when we compare the voting records of other democratic countries. England, for example, turned out an 83 per cent vote in her last election.

And in Italy, where Communism is fighting for a permanent grip, 92 per cent of the eligible voters voted. There they have to fight for their political existence. We don't. Our political privileges are our birthright. Preserve them by using them.

You can still register October 18 or 25.

"Creative Hands" Is Title Of County Exhibit

"Creative Hands" is quite an appropriate slogan for the educational exhibit of the Cherokee County 4-H'ers at State Fair Raleigh, says Miss Edna Bishop, county home agent.

The 4-H'ers have been working for months, perfecting techniques and making articles of corn shucks, in preparation for the Fair. The two girls and two boys representing the 816 Cherokee County 4-H'ers are: Laura Bailey, Martin's Creek; Juanita Bailey, Violet; Claud Hert, Jr., Andrews and Billy Killian, Hangingdog. Laura will be weaving corn shuck lunchbox mats; Juanita will demonstrate corn shuck dolls; Claud, shuck mats; and Billy, shuck bottoms for chairs and stools.

These 4-H'ers are under the supervision of Mrs. Frances Puett, assistant home agent, G. H. Farley, county agent, and Mrs. B. E. Warner, 4-H leader.

The trailer being loaded Saturday morning was the center of attraction at the courthouse, says Miss Bishop. Besides the 4-H exhibits some 65 individual exhibits from the County Home Demonstration members were entered. The home agent anticipates many blue ribbons and prizes from these quality products.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson, Mrs. Loren Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Decker spent Sunday in Chattanooga, Tenn.



When the great actor, Walter Houston, was appearing in a Broadway show a score of years ago, he made famous a song that has come to characterize this melo-tonia in New York. It was "September Song" written by the late Kurt Weill whom I knew. Walter didn't have much voice but he had genius in his interpretation and delivery. So now across Manhattan in many a supper room may be heard the haunting notes of "this song of September, giving poignant accompaniment to the harbingers of fall, the changing leaves, the fading grass and the legend of a Knickerbocker holiday that held an ardent, long sought love."

A local minister told the following yarn last Sunday, considerably evening up a rather somnolent audience. It seems that a Methodist preacher went out to a small rural church to preach, and when he entered the church, saw near him a covered box with a slot in the top for contributions. So he dutifully put therein a dollar. After he had finished preaching, the visiting minister was told by a deacon that the money usually donated by the congregation for visiting clergy was in the box beside the door. It was emptied and out came only one dollar. So overcome was the visitor by this "generosity," that he explained that he himself had put that dollar in the box. "Well, that's the way life is," consoled the deacon. "If ye had put more in, ye'd a got more out."

The center of Manhattan is an unusual section of urban America, unique in its character. Its highly ward the rivers. And in this teeming population is a conglomerate area is every type of human estate of rich, middle class and being imaginable.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Minnie Bowles and daughter, Mrs. Edwina Hagaman, have returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Paris, Tenn.

Mrs. Wayne H. Gentry and daughter, Patricia Ann of Charleston, S. C., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins. Mr. Gentry has recently been transferred from Savannah, Ga., to Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnett and family of Andrews were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray.

Mrs. A. M. Brittain was in Murphy recently and went to Copperhill to spend two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Burns and family. She will return here and visit with relatives, then go to Andrews to be with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. over for awhile.

Mrs. Nell Kephart spent Sunday in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hogsed of Akron, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Hogsed and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClure of Hayesville this past week-end.

Cecil Timpon of Akron, Ohio, visited his family this past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimsey and son, Jimmy, Mrs. Bertha Kephart, Mrs. Kimsey's mother, and Miss Ruby Lee Davis toured the Smoketubs Sunday.

poor living alongside each other. Palatial apartment houses abut cold-water flats; foreign-born laborers live in the same block with wealthy industrialists. Islands of wealth are surrounded by every variety of close-packed dwellings of the lower-income groups, rooming-houses, brownstones, walk-ups and flats turned into cheap apartments. Broadway and the fur and garment districts have squeezed the population out of its center to the edges of the city.

Free Methodists Continue Revival

Revival services which are being conducted by the Rev. W. S. Allred at Free Methodist Church, Murphy, each evening at 7:30, will continue through Sunday, October 19.

"The Life That Counts Most" will be the topic of the 11 a. m. sermon Sunday. The evening sermon will be "The Final Separation," announces the pastor, the Rev. Russell M. Elder.

Miss Mary Ashe Speaks Vows With Cpl. R. L. Foster

Miss Mary Estaleen Ashe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ashe of Martins Creek spoke nuptial vows with Corporal Robert L. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster of Martins Creek, at Blue Ridge, Ga., Monday, October 13, at 4:30 p. m.

The ceremony was performed by Roy Chapman, ordinary.

The bride wore a gray suit with black accessories.

Attending the wedding were the bride's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robert Ashe, and the bridegroom's brother, James Foster.

Mrs. Foster is a graduate of Murphy High School, Corporal Foster attended Murphy High School, being called to the armed forces. He had been in the Army for one and one half years.

Corporal Foster will return to Eglin Field Air Force Base next week, and Mrs. Foster will live with her parents.

Mrs. Lucile Cross Entertains Class

The Gleaners Class of Andrews Baptist Church held its monthly meeting Tuesday, October 7 at the home of Mrs. Lucile Cross in Nantahala with Mrs. Josephine Long as co-hostess.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Betty Harris.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Virginia Cox who used as her theme "Christian Living."

It was voted to resume the study of Woman of the Bible at the next meeting. Mrs. A. G. Brooks is to be invited to give the discussion next time. Mrs. Brooks is also a member of the class.

During the social hour refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Ruth Higdon, Mrs. Blanche Richardson, Mrs. Betty Harris, Mrs. Virginia Cox, Mrs. Hazel Matheson, Mrs. Edna Collins, Mrs. Clara Pullum, Miss Lucille Barnett, Mrs. Mavis Harris, Mrs. Lucile Cross and Mrs. Josephine Long.

Miss Watson Makes Personal Appeal

For the first time the Murphy Lions are having to solicit White Cane magazine due to the fact that expenses for eye clinics and other aids to the visually handicapped

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