

The Hazards Of Fire Effects Us All

This week is Fire Prevention Week. Actually, fire prevention should be observed every day in the year. We as individuals can help to keep down fire hazards by practicing safety measures; when it comes to lighted matches, cigaarets, over loaded circuits, inflammable liquids, oily rags and old newspapers.

The Volunteer Fire Dept. of Murphy responds to fires day or night in an effort to keep down the loses of life and property. Having evidenced tragedy in the past, they would appreciate your earnest efforts to help them control this constant menace.

Save a life, save a home, save a business, save a car, save a forest by keeping down fire hazards.

Salesmanship Improves Public Relations

It has always been said that when opportunity knocks one should pay heed. This would certainly hold true on the Sales Training School that begins in Murphy on October 16. There will be six sessions in all and much information is in the offering for all interested parties.

Production as well as consumption is at an all time high. The consumer is working harder so that he or she may be able to own the many new modern conveniences that are now on the market.

It makes our work more interesting and certainly more profitable, if we are well informed on what we have to offer the consumer. Selling tools are essential in completing this task.

This is an opportunity one cannot afford to miss.

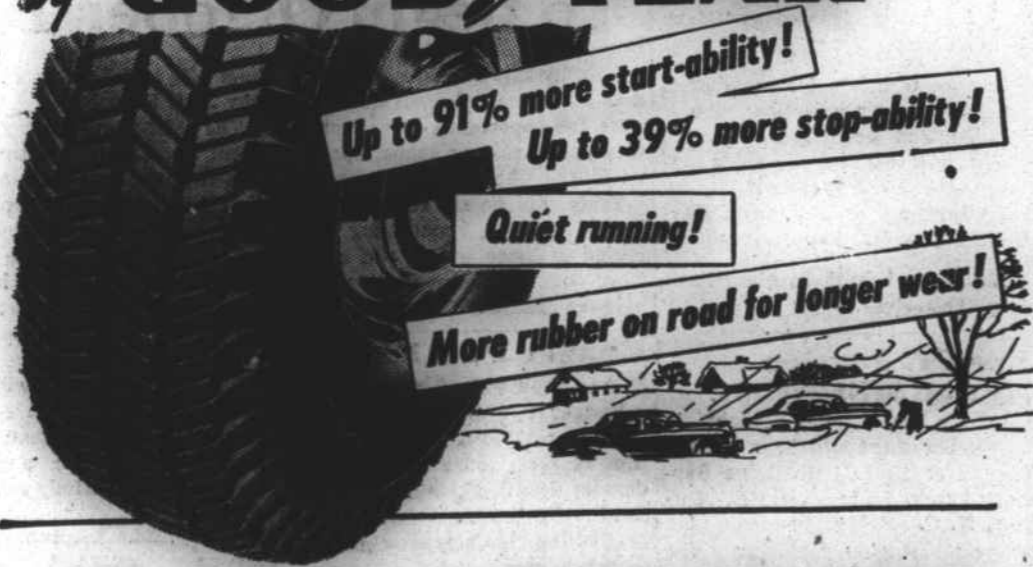
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**Backward
 Glance**

10 YEARS AGO
 Thursday, October 10, 1946

Jerry Davidson, Jr. with the C. A. A. at Bush Field, Augusta, Ga., flew up to Murphy Sunday and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Bailey in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Mrs. Tom Evans spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, and Mr. Ferguson in Sylva.

Mrs. William J. Canata and son, Bill, are visiting her grandfather, W. A. Johnson, in Athens, Ga., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blake and son, and Mr. Blake's niece, Miss Glenda Blake have returned to Anniston, Ala., after a visit here with Mrs. Blake's mother, Mrs. Ruth Carringer.

Tom Evans and Edward Townsend spent Thursday and Friday in Chattanooga, Tenn., on business.

20 YEARS AGO
 Thursday, October 8, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gray and daughter, Elizabeth and Mrs. I. C. Harrington spent Wednesday in Atlanta shopping.

Dr. Harry Miller has been called to Waynesville where he will be located to do Public Health work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Kinney and sons, and Miss Lois Sneed were week-end visitors in Gainesville, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barton and daughter, Sallie Kate spent Sunday with Mr. F. A. Barton of Mineral Bluff, Ga.

Miss Helen Warner has gone to Atlanta to enter Oglethorpe University.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney went to Calhoun, Ga., last week returning by way of Chattanooga.

30 YEARS AGO
 Thursday, October 8, 1926

Miss Annie Sword and Bill Brandon motored to Porterdale, Ga., Sunday and were guests of Miss Emily Sword.

Mr. T. N. Bates and Mr. Harve Elkins attended a banquet at Asheville Wednesday.

Mrs. Harve Elkins and Mrs. W. M. Fain spent last week in Knoxville.

Mr. E. E. Davis was in Atlanta last week.

Mrs. S. J. Riley and son, Ivan, of Arbovale, W. Va., are guests of Mrs. H. S. Bowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney motored to Asheville Friday.

Words Of Life

By The Rev. William L. Russell, Priest-in-Charge

Episcopal Church of the Messiah and St. Barnabas, Church, Murphy, N. C.
 Chapel of the Holy Comforter, Andrews, Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville, N. C.

In our approach to practically everything: our job; our family life, our outside interests, if indeed we have any at all; and above all in our religious life, in our approach to God, we have become limited and narrow. Perhaps this is a natural consequence of our living in the twentieth century, a time of increasing specialization in virtually every area of life. Within a relatively short time all of the professions have become specialized, a fact which becomes quite clear to us when we look at the medical profession. Many once large areas in the intellectual life of our world have become extremely specialized. A man is no longer simply a chemist he is a research chemist in a particular industry, and works only on the improvement of one specific product. Or a man no longer devotes his life to the study of literature; he devotes it to the study of only one writer; and hence, becomes, not an expert in English, literature, but an expert on Milton, Chaucer, or perhaps Spencer. In the trades, the same thing has happened. More often than not a man who once might have excelled in metal working, producing exquisite pieces of jewelry or fine quality household utensils by hand, is now relegated to performing but one simple operation over and over again on an assembly line.

The result of this over-specialization so characteristic of our culture has been the narrowing of our horizons, the decreasing of our vision, the limiting of our ability to understand life and the world about us as a total, unified whole. While the process of specialization has perhaps been a necessity in order that we might respond to the economic challenges of our day and utilize to the fullest the progress made in so many of the professional, scientific, and intellectual fields, it has been a mixed blessing indeed, for we have all too often become so involved in this process of knowing more and more about less and less that we have become very limited creatures indeed.

That we have become limited in our abilities and narrow in our interests is all too evident in the reasons set before divorce courts by perhaps two out of three couples seeking to sever the bonds of Holy Matrimony. "We simply are not compatible." "We have no interests in common." In short, we simply admit to having no capacity for broadening ourselves to the extent of developing interests which we might share with the person we profess to love. We admit to being narrow and either unable or unwilling to do anything about it. In all too many instances we have allowed our increasing narrowness to utterly stagnate our intellectual lives, so that we become mere cogs in the machine of industry, doing our job; but in conversation showing ourselves to be both bored and boring, for we have limited our interests to the sports page or to the comics if indeed we read our papers at all. Our intellectual stagnation shows itself clearly as we go out of

church after hearing the simplest of sermons and say, "I just didn't get anything out of the service". Naturally, for in all likelihood we stopped listening after the first sentence as we simply did not wish to exercise the mind which God gave us to use. Our reading if indeed we go beyond the sports page and the comic section (and these sections are fine for the person seeking relaxation or interested in sports) too seldom consists of anything but sensational pocket books or the cheap sensationalism which American journalism has found essential to sell papers and magazines. What is wrong with the editorial page? Why not allow ourselves to be stimulated to think. The paper we read is usually not so much interested in converting us to a particular way of thinking as it is to helping us begin the process of thinking in order that we might come to some sound conclusions on our own, and be more mature and interesting people for having done so.

Finally, our narrowness and limited our religious life, for many of us have failed to develop our thoughts about God and our per-

**Girl Scouts
 Plan Cook-Out**

The Girl Scouts met Thursday, October 4, and elected officers. They are as follows: President, Ida Arrant; vice-president, Marcia Kay Olson; secretary, Linda Schuyler; Treasury, Beverly Sanders; Reporter, Elizabeth Gibbs. The Girls plan to meet in front

of the Grammar Building Thursday after school and from there go to the ball park to cook-out and have an installation of officers. All Girl Scouts please come.
 Any girl who was a member of the Scout may register at this time. Please bring \$1 to give Mrs. Size.
 Membership is not open yet for new members, but will be next week.

sonal relationship to Him since our childhood. Perhaps this has happened because we became interested in other things and pushed God aside as what we might call "kid stuff". Or perhaps it has happened because God seemed remote and hard to understand; so, we went to Church and did what was expected of us until we became old enough to be on our own and simply "cast God aside because He didn't seem really important, not really relevant in a fast moving, active life. Or perhaps we kept on as faithful people, devoted children of God, yet not able really to know Him and to have Him for our constant companion and unable to realize the fullness of the joy of the Christian life because we remained saddled with an immature, childish conception of God.

Tragic numbers of people have, usually through their own failure to read their Bibles and other good spiritual reading by those who have come closest to knowing God as He really is; or through the laziness in prayer and in attendance at Church, or through the failures of parents, teachers, and all-too often because of the failures of clergymen, have failed to develop a mature knowledge of God and of His ways with us. When we have thus failed, we usually have kept our inadequate childhood conception of God.

Because we have failed to really learn in an adult way what God is like and what He expects of us; because in our prayer life we have never gotten beyond the "now I lay me down" stage, we find that our religion is inadequate to support us and carry us through times of crisis, and we find at all times that it is difficult indeed to have a satisfying, enduring, and joyful relationship with God, for we hardly even know Him.

Our inadequate and limited conceptions of God very often are frightening ones because of wrong ideas that have been planted in us by people who wanted to scare us into being good. We often have the notion that God is "out to get us" hence we often become neurotic about religion thinking of it as little more than a code of behaviour, and the Church as little more than a society of puritanical "do-gooders", forgetting that God has revealed Himself in Christ Jesus as a God of infinite love and mercy, who is constantly seeking us in order that He may bring us into a healthy, meaningful, and joyful relationship with Him now and for all eternity.

Or else, if we have not taken the trouble to read, pray, and meditate, or think upon the things of God we have allowed Him to have no more meaning in our lives than a jovial good fellow who smiles indulgently on all that we do, no matter how evil our deeds might be; or perhaps we think of Him as little more than an indescribable blob, as one small Church school child once pictured Him when asked to draw a picture of God with little or no meaning for life. Then, sometimes we pictured Him as a very old man with a long beard, a Person really too old and too far removed from modern life to be at all concerned with what is happening in His world in the twentieth-century. Or possibly we think of Him as a resident policeman, holding up His hand saying, "Stop! No! No!" as though everything we might enjoy doing were wrong.

Such limited narrow concepts of God are not only inadequate; they are wrong, utterly wrong. They do not in any way picture God as He has revealed Himself to us. Where do we go and what do we do if we have failed to know God as He really is; if we have never grown up spiritually? We go to the Holy Gospels, any and all of them, for it is there that we see God dwelling as Man among men in order that you and I may truly come to know Him as He really is. God took to himself human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth in order that

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