

THE NEW YEAR 1957

Here we are again, embarking on another new year and many incidents in our lives will be recorded during these next twelve months. Many resolutions have been made and many of them will be carried through. Still others will fall by the way-side.

If each of us can open our eyes to the good things around us and look still further into the world situation and realize how fortunate we are to live in such a country, then surely we will put forth every effort to preserve this way of life.

Every individual plays an important part in their community. Also, they realize that without the help of others, they could not have the many things they enjoy in life.

As we look around us during the coming months we will see things that need to be done and from which we as well as others will benefit. If we carry out these needed tasks, then we can rest assured we have done our part in making this a better world in which to live.

Words Of Life

By Rev. W. F. Elliott
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FACING THE FUTURE

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62. (RSV)

Our month of January gets its name from a Roman deity whose name was Janus. This idol was two faced having a face in the back of his head as well as in front. One face he kept toward the door of the temple, where he always stood guard, and the other face looked out on the Forum. Also the principal city of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, got its euphonious name from the same source. Rio de Janeiro is the Portuguese for River of January.

We are at the threshold of a new year and sometimes we look back at the old year as well as forward to the new year. It is well enough to think back over the past that we may discover its mistakes and resolve that we will avoid these blunders in the incoming year. But harking back to the "good old days" is to belittle our progress and to deny that the present is as good as the past. Usually the person who talks of the good old days is simply disclosing his age.

Sometimes one can look back at great risk to his safety. Turning to look back while driving a car can cause serious consequences. Our text says that one is not fit for the kingdom of God who puts his hand to the plow and looks back. Perhaps that means that such a per-

son is not fit to work in the kingdom of God. Any one who has followed a plow knows that it is impossible to run a straight furrow while looking back. No one can do his work properly while his eyes are turned from the work. Also such action may injure the work which is already done. The Israelites when only a short way out of Egypt in the journey to the promised land became hungry and discouraged and asked Moses to allow them to turn back to "the flesh pots of Egypt." Suppose that they had turned back the result would have been continual slavery and the loss of the benefits of the promised land. "Remember, Lot's wife!" Luke 17:32.

Should one undertake to divide his loyalty it would become disloyalty, and divided attention can be ruinous. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Though it seems that some people think that they can. It is far better to follow the resolve of Joshua who said, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

In the beautiful story of Ruth, which is found in our Bibles, we have an instance of two young women, Ruth and Orpah, the daughters-in-law of Naomi, making choices as to whether to go on with Naomi or turn back to their native land and their national god Chemosh. The three of these women were widows. Naomi was in great sorrow for she had lost her husband and two sons. Ruth and Orpah had no children to lose. Naomi told them both to go back to their own people. Ruth chose to go on with

Pte. JOHN W. SMITH

Marine Pte. John W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith of Route 3, Box 359, Murphy, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Mary R. Donley of Marble is serving aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge.

At present the Valley Forge is on a refresher training cruise in the Caribbean Sea.

The ship is scheduled to arrive at Norfolk, Va. Dec. 11.

MARVIN L. GRAHAM

Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas. A. B. Marvin L. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham has been assigned to the Jet Mechanics School at Amarillo Air Force Base, where he will receive specialized training in one of the Air Force's foremost technical courses.

Often referred to as the Air Training Command's "model" base, Amarillo Air Force Base is the nation's leading training center for jet fighter and bomber mechanics.

Formerly a student at Murphy High School, A. B. Graham received basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, before reporting for his present assignment.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all the people of the different church organizations or being so nice to me during Christmas. May God bless all of you.

Mrs. J. B. Dalton, Andrews

Naomi while Orpah went back. Let us notice the result of their choices. Ruth gained a husband and a good home and became the mother of a son. Through this son she became the great-grandmother of David, Israel's greatest and best-loved king. Furthermore, this put her in the direct lineage of David's great-grandson, the Lord Jesus Christ. See the genealogy of Jesus as given by Matthew. On the other hand, Orpah went back to Moab, her native country, and the moment she turned away from Naomi she passed into oblivion. No further mention is made of her. All Bible readers are familiar with the lovely story of Ruth for it is placed in our Bible and thus her name has been written among the immortals. How necessary it is that we keep our eyes upon our divine Leader and our attention upon our work. Be careful about looking back. Remember Lot's wife.

Backward Glance

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 2, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wright of Morganton spent several days here during the holiday week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hancock of Richmond, Va., spent Christmas holidays here with his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Lewis, Jr., and Mr. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Savage and sons, Bill and Tom, of Madison spent Monday night and Tuesday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Savage.

Miss Martha Barnett of Sylva was the week-end guests of Miss Elizabeth Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey and family visited his sister, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mr. Wilson and family in Kennett Square, Pa., last week.

26 YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 7, 1931

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck returned from Raleigh after spending the holidays with Mrs. Bueck's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauney of Greensboro, Ga., spent several of the "Imps Nest" during the holidays.

Mrs. L. E. Bayless was a visitor in Asheville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wooten spent part of the holidays in South Carolina.

Mrs. J. H. Dillard visited her brother at Topton during the holidays.

Miss Jean Pope of Knoxville has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. I. E. Mauney.

30 YEARS AGO
Friday, January 7, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney and Richard Mauney, were spend the day guests of Mrs. Mauney's Parents in Hayesville, Thursday.

Miss Addie Leatherwood returned Sunday to her school in Almond, N. C.

Grade William Cover returned to Bingham school at Asheville, Thursday.

Mrs. Callie Hall was in Atlanta Wednesday buying spring millinery.

My Fred, was in Atlanta the first of the week.

Andrews Personals

Mrs. Giles W. Cover left last week for a visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Jane Cover Orr and son Pinchney in Fort Meyers, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wood have returned after spending the holidays in Sylva with Mrs. Wood's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brunette left Saturday for Miami, Fla., where they will attend the Orange Bowl game and spend several weeks on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dewar had as their guests for the holidays their daughter, Mrs. Alice D. Harris of Knoxville, Tenn., their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dewar and their daughter Marion of Atlanta, Ga., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boring and their two children Sara Alice and Paul, Jr., of Canton, Ga.

Mr. Marvin Anderson, former teacher in Andrews High School who is now on the faculty of Gardner Webb College visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ellis spent the holidays in Louisville, Ky., as guests of Mrs. Ellis' brother-in-law and sister Dr. and Mrs. Pat Lyddan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sursavage have returned after spending the holidays in Kernersville as guests of Mrs. Sursavage's parents.

M. Sgt. Robert Caldwell, Mrs. Caldwell and their daughters, Vicki, Judy, Martha and Lucy of Parris Island, S. C. are spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. O. Caldwell. Sgt. Caldwell will leave shortly for an assignment in Okinawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ennis and son Giles have returned after spending the holidays in Erwin as guests of Mr. Ennis' parents.

Dr. Lewis Adams and son, Tom, have returned to their home in Lexington, Va. after spending the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zala Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis had as their guests for the holiday season, their children, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker Davis of Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Davis and their children of Franklin, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and their children of Waynesville, and Capt. and Mrs. Al Swa and their children of Washington, D. C.

Miss Meredith Whitaker left by plane last Thursday for a weeks visit with Miss Vanoy McGuire, R. N. in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Wood and their children, Carrol, Denny and Gerald of Jackson, Tenn., are spending the New Years holidays with Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Seay and Mrs. J. J. Seay of Jasper, Ga., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Seay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Battle, Sr.

Miss Doris Holder leaves this week for Chicago, Ill. after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Nichols are spending the New Years holidays with their son, Lee, Jr. and his family in Carrollton, Ga. and with Mrs. Nichol's parents in Villa Rica, Ga.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Swan have returned after a stay of several weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Enloe have returned after spending the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Stone in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McGuire have as their guests for the holidays Mrs. McGuire's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wright of Mayesville, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jenning and their two children of Winston-Salem arrived Saturday for a visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rice and their daughters, Cathy and Susan of Metropolis, Illinois have returned after spending the past week with Mrs. Rice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilhide.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Barger left Monday after spending last week with Mrs. Barger's aunt, Mrs. Laura Seay.

Mr. and Mrs. Foulks and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell of Vanceville are spending this week with Mrs. Foulk's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams.

Leif and Mrs. William Walsh and their daughter, Mary Suzanne are spending two weeks here with Mrs. Walsh's parent, Mr. and Mrs. Lush Ledford.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hudson and son, Mark of Jacksonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peters and their daughter Christy of Winston-Salem were guests of Mr. Harold Christy and the Misses Christys for the holiday season.

Rev. and Mrs. George Culberth and children have returned to Asheville after spending last week with Mrs. Culberth's sister, Miss Vera Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyde and children, Bill, Jack and Susie of Franklin spent the week end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hyde.

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The family of Mr. Tom Panther wishes to thank their many friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and beautiful floral pieces given during their recent bereavement of Mrs. Tom Panther and children.

23-11p

ON OUR STREET

By Sally Davidson

Very small boy with three red Christmas bells dancing round and round, singing Dingie Bells, and he really had the tune.

A bell ringer -- Lady with pots and pans in her hand, falling flat on the street. (No, it didn't hurt her.)

Fellow on street forgetting his car at the Courthouse. "I'll bet I've got a ticket as long as my arm".

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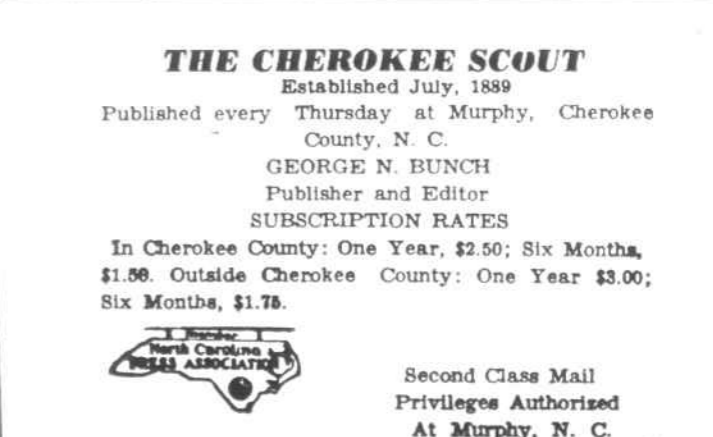
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