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WORDS OF LIFE

"FOUND WANTING"
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"Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting" Daniel 5:27. Babylon was one of the great cities of her day and time. She was fortified with a wall that was three hundred feet high and so broad at the top that chariots could have passed each other. Babylon was the city with one of the seven wonders of the world — the hanging gardens which the king had built for his queen. Inside the walls of Babylon there was enough provisions to have cared for her inhabitants for a period of twenty years, had she been besieged on the outside by an enemy.

The great city Babylon was besieged and overthrown in just one night. Why? Because her men of leadership were in a drunken stupor. "Belshazzar, the king, made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand" Daniel 5:1. Because the king and his people defied God and made light of that which is sacred. "Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein" Daniel 5:2.

These golden vessels were used to "praise the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." God was not pleased with this: "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace" Daniel 5:5. This frightened the king so much that "his knees smote one against another."

Daniel, the man of God, was sent for to give an interpretation of the writing. Daniel gave an interpretation of the writing and reminded the king that God was displeased with him and the people and that they would be punished. The pronouncement of Daniel from the writing was: "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it... Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting... Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians" Daniel 5:27-28.

The punishment of God was more rapid than anyone had dreamed. For while the leaders of Babylon were in a drunken stupor the enemy had opened up a secret passageway under the wall into the city and "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the Kingdom" Daniel 5:30-31.

Here is a passage of Scripture that every leader of every nation and every citizen of every country ought to read and re-read. It is the true picture of what happens when a nation turns to drunkenness. It is a vivid picture of what happens to the individual as well as the nation. Belshazzar in a fit of drunkenness defied God by drinking out of the vessels from the Temple of Jerusalem and worshipped and praised the gods of the world rather than the true and living God. God was displeased and that same night Belshazzar went from his kingly glory and making light of things sacred in the ballroom to death rolling on the floor in his own blood besmeared kingly robe.

This is the picture behind the advertising of strong drink. It is the picture behind the cocktail party. It is the picture behind the beginning of strong drink.

In this age of atomic power, how

Backward Glance

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 20, 1947

Mrs. C. W. Savage was in Atlanta Wednesday on business. Her cousin, K. H. Woosley, returned with her here for a visit of a few days. Miss Nettie Dickey of Brenau college, Gainesville, spent several days here last week with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Phipps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Alexander of Cullowhee were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid and daughters, Barbara and Jean, were guests of Mrs. Reid's sister, Mrs. Thad Patton, in Franklin during the week-end.

Mrs. T. A. Case visited Mrs. M. W. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Herber Hazelman in Greensboro last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickey and children of Welch Cove spent the week end here with Mrs. G. E. Dickey.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 18, 1937

Mrs. A. R. Bell of Reidsville has arrived to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Studstill.

Miss Sara Cook will leave the last of the week for Greenville, S. C., where she will make her home. Miss Cook's many friends regret to see her leave town.

Mr. Hank Wilson, of Atlanta, visited friends here this past week-end.

Mrs. Della Faust visited in Knoxville for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Harrington, Miss Annie Mae Wilson and Mr. Jones spent the week-end in Atlanta.

Mrs. J. B. Gray was in Hayesville Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Walter Mauney and Mrs. Eva Nell Lauria were visitors in Atlanta last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Miller of Franklin were guests of Mrs.

long will God allow our own nation to continue to spend \$9,000,000,000 annually for strong drink, \$15,000,000,000 for crime, the greater per cent of which is caused by strong drink, and some \$3,000,000,000 for educational purposes and much less for religious purposes?

"Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting."

Tips For Increasing Tire Mileage 25%

So you've just put a new set of tires on your car, huh? And of course you want them to last as long as possible. Well, Free Wheeling offers these tips for increasing tire mileage up to 25 per cent, but you've got to take a few minor precautions and give your tires a little extra care.

For maximum mileage watch tire pressure carefully. That's probably the most important part of good tire care. Most of the newer model cars require about 28 pounds pressure, but the latest word now is it's okay to add a little more. Some authorities say up to six additional pounds, you'll get a little rougher ride, but the rubber will last longer.

Pressure should always be checked when tires are cool, before you've run them five miles. And never, repeat, never "bleed" tires, that is let air out after the pressure has built up from heat due to flexing. "Bleeding" pressure is probably the most damaging thing

Mellicent Miller for the week-end. Mrs. H. P. Cooper, and Mrs. Edna Hastings spent Monday and Tuesday in Asheville.

Mrs. Carl Evans and daughter Billie of Vests, N. C., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. O. W. Hampton of Ranger.

30 YEARS AGO
Friday, March 18, 1927

Dr. Allard Meminger of Charleston, S. C., has been a guest at the Dickey Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Cooper of Tampa, Fla., have returned to their home after a visit with Mrs. Grace P. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson.

Mr. Press Gentry is in Struthers, Ohio, where he has a position. Mrs. Roy Estes and small son, Albert, of Newport, Tenn. are visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. G. W. Ellis and Miss Mabel Ellis spent the week-end in Asheville.

Mrs. Oliver Ammons of Robbinsville was in town with relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. B. Y. Dixon went to Macon, Ga. Tuesday for a visit with Mr. Dixon.

Mr. John Axley is at White Stone, Ga. where he has a position.

Miss Rachel Lofton spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George Mosteller.

Mr. Arthur Lunsford spent Sunday with Mr. Martin Truett at Lora.

cause shimmy and are hard on steering: If your tires start to wear unevenly, have a dealer or repairman check the trouble right away. Rotating tires from wheel to wheel adds mileage, too. Tires wear unevenly for various reasons. Rotating them every 5000 miles can even out this year and may increase total tire mileage as much as 25 per cent. Include the spare when you switch.

The federal budget for the next fiscal year calls for around 72 billion dollars, of which 5 billion is for the Department of Agriculture.



I am always interested in something new, as I am sure you are. Earlier we discussed "Plant Regulators". This time I want to tell you about the newest one, Gibberellic Acid, which will be available this summer under the trade name of "Gibrel".

Let me say in the beginning that I am not recommending "Gibrel" because it is still in the experimental stage. However, some rather exciting things have already been reported concerning the response of certain vegetable and flower crops to this plant regulator.

The African Violet is one of the most common and satisfactory house plants and I am suggesting that, if you want to experiment a little, you try this new material on a few of your plants. It is claimed that "Gibrel" will cause the plants to grow more erect, bloom more profusely and have a more pointed and attractive leaf.

F. F. Rockwell discusses some "colorful new shrubs" in the March issue of the Farm Journal. You will be interested. Flowering Quince (Cydonia): Rowallane, a new English variety, grows only 10 feet high; Knaphill Scarlett is even more dwarf; Spitfire grows to a height of six feet. Magnolia Dr Merrill: a new hybrid which grows faster than the ordinary magnolia and to a height of about fifteen feet. Buddleia (Butterfly Bush): Iever Castle, an English import, grows to six feet. Rich, lavender

colored and fragrant. Viburnum carlocephalum (Snowball Bush): fast growing and can be pruned to any size and shape desired. It is also a recent import from England. Rhus continus rubrifolius (Smoke-tree): the Norcutt variety is more compact than the old type. A prolific bloomer with filmy white blooms in mid-summer and rich plum colored foliage in the fall. Grows to fifteen to twenty feet.

Will Scarlett and Flamingo are two new shrub type roses, four to six feet, which will bloom almost constantly from May or June until frost. Forsythia; Morning Glory very early with extremely large florets; Lynwood Gold, imported from Ireland, has deep gold flowers which grow on erect rather than pendant branches. Beatrice Ferrard, symmetrical, six to eight feet, with florets up to two inches.

Pvt. Floyd McDonald Stationed At Camp Lejeune

Marine Pvt. Floyd L. McDonald, son of Mrs. Addie McDonald of Route 3, Murphy, N. C., completed a special training course Feb. 23 with the 1st Infantry Regiment at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

The four-week course included all phases of combat training coordinated with the training in "boot camp." Graduates will be transferred to permanent duty stations.

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