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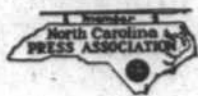
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**WORDS OF LIFE**

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"Why is the House of the Lord Forsaken?"

In Neh. 13:11 these are the words of Nehemiah when he found the sad condition of backslidden Israel, who had taken their eyes off the true and living God and were seeking after other gods and a way of their own to worship, a plan which always leads to trouble.

After rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem Nehemiah again resumed his duties at the king's palace; yet he was still interested enough in Jerusalem and the people there to make inquiries about their spiritual condition.

It is a sad story for he cries out, "Why is the house of the Lord forsaken?" It is no wonder he does, for Eliashib, the priest, had charge of the chamber of the Lord where the meat offerings and vessels were supposed to have been kept and given to the Levites for whom it was intended, but the Words tells us he was allied with Tobiah. He had removed some of these things from the house of the Lord and had replaced them with other things which should not have been in the house of the Lord at all, only to please Tobiah.

How Nehemiah's heart was burdened! He could see Judah treading the wine presses bringing in figs, grapes and wine to Jerusalem, an dthe men of Tyre bringing fish and all manner of ware and selling it on the Sabbath day, something strictly forbidden in God's law. Nehemiah took a firm stand a-

gainst all this sin and commanded the gate to be closed, but still the Sabbath breakers dodged outside the city only to be defeated.

We will do well to follow Nehemiah's example in this, for od always stands by every one who is willing to take his stand against the wrong and for the right. This stand at times needs to be taken in the age in which we live today, for often there are those who would prefer to remove some of the things in the spiritual realm, and replace them with something more modern and up-to-date in the church of today.

The earthen vessels represent individuals in the church and are the containers of the soul; therefore we should see to it that they are kept in the house of the Lord when ever the opportunity permits us to be there, and not cuddle some of the Tobiah favors by staying at home on Sunday and listening to a radio sermon when we have our health and could just as well be in the house of worship. True radio sermons are a blessing to the shut-ins, but they are discouragement to the pastor who has to preach to "empty pews".

Neither can one worship God in the open air tramping up and down a trout stream on Sunday as some people claim they can do, when God's word tells us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together on the Sabbath day. God did not excuse the people of that day, neither will He let people go unpunished today.

Be on time at every worship. Let God have first place, let nothing hinder you, and your soul will be blest and fed on that living bread. Church going will not save us, but it will help us to be better Christians and cast out the influence to a lost and dying world of a hope for them when all else fails.

As we think of the few who are faithful in church attendance in comparison to those who are not, we are caused to wonder if the cry of Nehemiah would not be the same in our nation today, for the laxity of spirit is very much the same.

It does not take long to answer the question, "Why is the house of the Lord forsaken?" for the misconduct of lawn mowers, the sound of electric saws and hammers would all testify for themselves as to what is taking place.

Let us as God's people take a firm stand against all Sabbath breaking and sin; for, sad to say, there is too much playing around with these matters, and too many of the old landmarks are being removed in these days. We say, "I have done my duty, I have gone to church once today, and or the remainder of the day I will do as I please." No, the whole days belongs to God and should be regarded as such.

God has been so loving and kind to give us six days for recreation or labor, or to do as we please; but many times our hearts are saddened by seeing individuals breaking the Sabbath day by working at odd jobs at home.

In regard to this we truly can agree with the dear old grandmother in seeing all these evils said, "It is all right to pull the ox out of the pit on the Sabbath day, if you do not push him in on Saturday night."

May God help our nation and our churches to see this, and to be in God's house on His holy day to worship Him in spirit and truth. Our God is so loving and kind to give us our free choice in these matters: let us pray for our nation that people will choose wisely.

**Backward Glance**

10 YEARS AGO  
Thursday, April 24, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stiles were visitors in Canton and Asheville the past week-end visiting friends and relatives.

E. C. Van Horn spent the week-end on business in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond English left last Wednesday for Elizabethton, Tenn. where Mr. English will be employed with the TVA.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Jensen are spending the week in Asheville.

S. H. McGuire, of the McGuire Realty Company, Atlanta, spent several days last week at his cabin at Peachtree, and attended church at the Presbyterian Church here Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Penland and children are visiting Mrs. Penland's mother, who is ill at her home in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins and daughter Elizabeth Ann Elkins attended the funeral of Mrs. W. F. Krickhan in Asheville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James I. Givens and children of Knoxville arrived Wednesday to spend a week with Mrs. W. A. Phipps at Hotel Regal.

Mrs. Loy Lunsford and children Naomi and Jimmie spent Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thomasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Moore and family, visited their daughter in Copperhill last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint McGuire and children were dinner guests of B. A. Breedlove recently.

Opal Jean Curtis spent Friday night with Mrs. J. W. Baker.

20 YEARS AGO  
Thursday, April 22, 1937

Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva was the guest of Mrs. H. Bueck Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wright left last Wednesday for Asheville where Mr. Wright will do substitute teaching in the Commercial Department of Lee dwards High School for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles-Cover, Miss Jane Cover and Eleanor Cover of Andrews attended the commencement exercises here Tuesday night.

Mrs. Beecher Rogers of Hayesville left from Murphy Tuesday for Washington State to join her husband who is working out there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jame P. Pratt have arrived from Wilson Dam and

are at home at the Regal. Mr. Ralph Shields, Ben Fox, and P. A. Mauney were tax listers at the mill Monday.

Mrs. Sabra Bailey, has returned from a visit with friends at Greensboro.

Mrs. J. M. Barr of Charlotte is visiting relatives here and attending the graduation of her daughter, Miss Frances Barr.

Mr. Ernest Brittain of Decatur, Ala., is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. I. C. Harrington.

Miss Dorothy Lide of Darling, S. C. and Miss Willie Catherine Godfrey of Morganton, who have been teachers at the local school left Wednesday morning for their homes.

Miss Jewell Sales of Brasstown has been spending the week with Mrs. A. E. Vestal.

Miss Ethel Parker of Gatesville and Mrs. J. N. Clapp, of Swannoo were in Murphy this week organizing the Crusade for Control of Cancer.

Mrs. Virginia Cobb and Miss Miram Stillwell teachers of the east year left this week for their homes.

30 YEARS AGO  
Friday, April 22, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hill, of Wefor Copperhill where she has gone to make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McNabb, of Copperhill, Tenn., were visitors here over the week-end.

Mrs. Jim Palmer and Mesdames Eubanks, Hoblitell, and Adams, and Messrs James Eubank and Leon Adams of Andrews, motored over to Gainesville and returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hill of Wefutty, spent one day in town this week.

Production of fresh market vegetables for 1957 winter season was estimated in March at 29.6 million tons, 13 per cent below 1956.

Exports of cotton from August through December 1956 were about 3 million bales, compared with 0.7 million in the same period of 1955.



GARDEN TIME  
in e garden  
n c. state college

Daffodils and tulips give us much pleasure in early spring and are to be found in most of our gardens. The question is: should they be taken up every year, every second year, or every third year? It is not necessary to lift daffodils every year but it is highly desirable that the bulbs be dug, divided, and replanted every third year. This will give them a better chance to grow and reproduce.

If yours need to be moved, wait until the leaves begin to turn yellow before digging. While the leaves are still green they are manufacturing food and storing it in the bulbs for next year's flowers. They may be dug, divided, and replanted immediately or they may be dried and stored in a cool place and held for fall planting.

The tulip is somewhat different. Tulip bulbs should be taken up and replanted every second year. The bulbs may deteriorate rather rapidly and for this reason it is sometimes best to buy fresh bulbs every year if large flowers are desired. If bulbs are to be replanted, do not dig them until the leaves turn yellow as was the case with daffodils.

Bearded (German Iris) is blooming now in our neighborhood and will be ready to divide and transplant in about a month. However, plants may be divided and transplanted any time during the summer and early fall. A good division consists of a new rhizome, or thickened underground stem, with a cluster, or fan, of leaves. After the division has been made the rhizome should be planted so that the top of it will be even with the soil. Deep planting is not desirable. Bearded iris do best in well drained soils which dry out rather quickly.

Cool weather in the spring frequently interferes with fruit setting on tomato plants. This is particularly true of the first two or three flower clusters that are formed. Hormones, or plant regulators, applied to these first clusters may give you earlier tomatoes and more total production. They may be purchased from your seedsmen under the trade names of "Blossom Set"

**Alvin Taylor Completes Four Months Cruise**

Alvin Taylor, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bass Taylor of Route 3, Murphy, N. C., returned to Pearl Harbor, T. H., aboard the salvage ship USS Safeguard Mar. 25 after a four month cruise of the Western Pacific.

The Safeguard held general drills, gunnery exercises, and conducted administrative and material inspections aboard other ships.

During the cruise the Safeguard visited Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, Hong Kong; Manila, and Subic Bay, Phillipine Islands; Auckland, New Zealand; and Pago Pago, Samoa.

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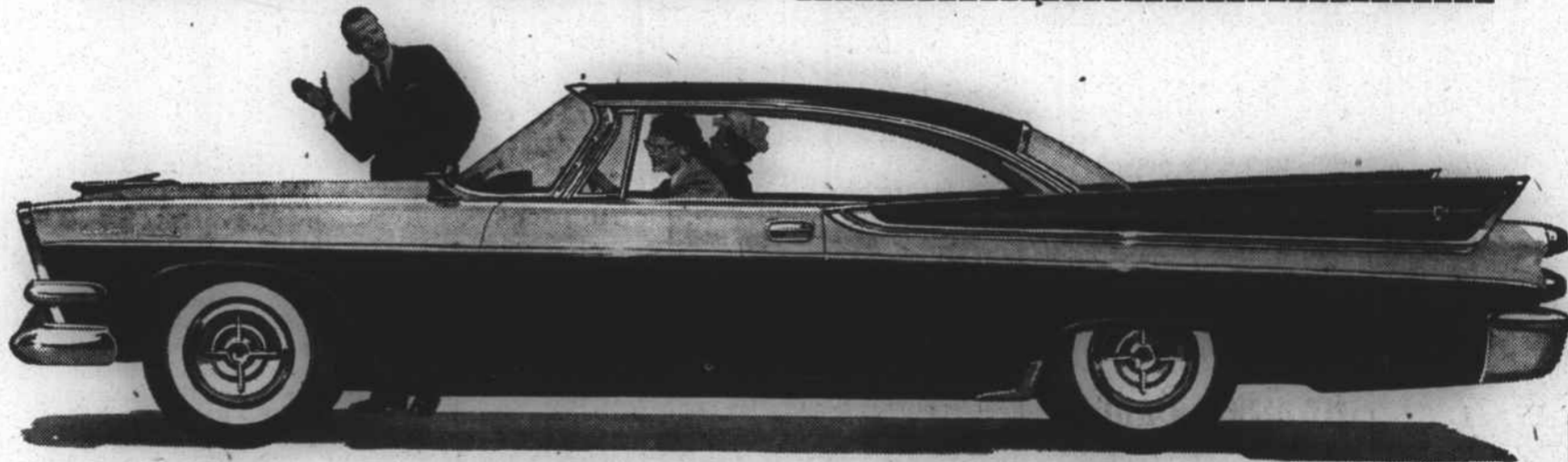
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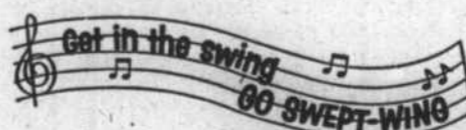


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