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WORDS OF LIFE

By Thomas C. Christmas, Pastor First Baptist Church Andrews, N. C.

ON HOLY GROUND

"And he said, Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exodus 3:5

"If you could choose, in which age would you like to have been born?" This is a subject that teachers used to request of their classes in history. Those were the days when many of us were learning about knights and damsels in distress, of pioneers building settlements in the wilderness, of heroes carving niches in the Hall of Fame, or, of science projected into the future. Young People dream dreams. It is surprising how few of us ever chose the present when we wrote those essays.

Life has always been like that. Look at Moses, the patriarch of Israel. He stood one day, tending sheep on the hills of Midian. He was a fugitive from justice with the blood of an Egyptian taskmaster on his hands. Perhaps he, too, was dreaming of past or future years; how he'd like to live then. With Abraham or Jacob, or later when the Promise to Abraham was fulfilled in history. Then God showed Moses what to do with those dreams! A bush caught fire, and Moses went to see; a voice spoke from the midst; "Put off thy shoes from thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is Holy Ground".

Thus a pilgrim's staff and a stammering tongue led a nation of slaves into freedom. We constantly

dream of other places, other times, other things. But today, the place where we are standing is Holy Ground.

Holy Ground is wherever you might chance to be. This is God's World. He made it with all its people. And there's work to do. If you think you have a useless task, as Moses did, take off your shoes. You may be on Holy Ground. If, then, you can cause others to see the things you were able to experience when God spoke to you, your life will not be called meaningless and worthless.

It is mindful of the dull, listless stone cutter who was asked while clipping on his piece of marble, "What are you doing?" and he replied, "I'm making a living".

But another, singing while he busily applied himself to a rough hewn rock, replied to the identical question, "I'm building a cathedral".

Life is meaningless when you are in the middle of it. But when you have given your life to something bigger because you see the Holy Ground on which you are standing, then it takes on a zest and meaning.

Even in the midst of suffering and adversities, bushes are aflame with God. But only he who sees takes off his shoes. You don't like hardships? But the mighty men of God have so lived through the ages. You would rather have a life of ease and comfort . . . but millions of people have no such life.

This is Holy Ground. The Earth is the Lord's! There is work to do. Let's take off our shoes. You will find as Harry Fosdick said, "This is a great time to be alive!"

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Rollman's Views

Editor's Note:—This is the seventeenth in a series of articles by Heinz Rollman, industrialist, Waynesville, N. C.

By HEINZ ROLLMAN

That this world has to undergo vast changes, I believe is something that no one will question. When people in other lands didn't know how people somewhere else lived, that was one thing. But today, when every human being on earth can know within seconds what happens in any other place, to compare their life with others, when today people have a chance when today people can be influenced either from Moscow or from Washington one way or another, then it becomes really necessary to do something.

Over half of the world's population is right on the razor's edge; ready to fall either to one side or to the other; ready to fall into the communist traps, with their hollow promises, or to ease over from the edge slowly and carefully into the arms of Americanism. Naturally, it is much harder for people to ease themselves slowly into our arms, into the arms of Americanism, and the arms of religion and the Bible, for we don't make any vast promises or untrue statements. However, don't forget, desperate people very often don't want to be realistic; don't want to be reasonable; they want to be told something that will sound good to them.

If, on nothing else, they want to get drunk on promises, and at least taste the excitement of a change is a trap and that they may

GARDEN TIME

By M. E. GARDNER
N. C. State College

Perhaps you are ready to develop a landscape, plan for a new home or to modify your present plan. In either case there are certain basic principles which may be followed that will give a pleasing effect when the job is completed. Good design is based on the intelligent use of lines, colors, textures and forms.

Since the space you have is a major consideration in developing your landscape setting, the lot may be divided into three general areas: public; private; and service.

The public area is what the passers-by see when they drive by your home. In this area the most important single feature is the lawn. Someone has said that "The lawn is the canvas on which we create our landscape picture," and is probably the most expensive part of that landscape develop-

ment. The soil should be tested, well prepared and planted with grass adapted to your area. Two other features should be considered in this public area: the foundation planting, and permanent trees. The purpose of the foundation planting is to blend the house into the lot. Here many architectural lines can be softened by using suitable plants. It is frequently over-done and the effect is not pleasing. Trees should be selected with great care because they serve to frame the landscape picture. This is true whether they are placed in front, to the side or for background effect. The size, when mature, and form should be considered. Do not over-plant the yard with trees. Remember that sunlight may be just as welcome as shade.

BACKWARD GLANCE

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 4, 1927
Miss Ella McCombs returned last week from Oak Ridge, Tenn. where she spent a month with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCombs.

Mrs. R. D. Chandler spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Chattanooga with Mr. and Mrs. William J. Canata and son, "Little Bill".

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bayless and children of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bayless of Knoxville, spent the Labor Day weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bayless. Mrs. Bayless went to Asheville Monday with her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Bayless remained for a longer visit with Mr. Bayless and Mrs. Bayless' mother, Mrs. Nettie Axley.

Mrs. Alma Posey of Asheville is the guest this week of her son, John Posey, Jr., Mrs. Posey and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Capps have returned to their home in Murphy after a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Shackelford in Mississippi, and their son, Don, in Sandusky, Ohio. They also visited Kingsville, Canada.

Mrs. George Powell and son of Charlotte arrived Wednesday to

spend several days as guests of Mrs. S. D. Akin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutchison spent Labor Day with relatives in Chandler.

Bob Brumby of New York City has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Brumby, Sr., for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson and children, Mary Ann, Betty Sue and Edwin left Sunday for their home in Avon Park, Fla., after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Winchester, Mrs. Clara McCombs and Mrs. Julia Wells at Peachtree.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 2, 1917
Miss Arrie Lou Stalcup left Saturday for Chattanooga to enter McKenzie Business College.

Miss Anne Unger who has been vacationing in Tennessee, has returned to her work at the Hiwassee Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hampton, of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hampton and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman and daughter, Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coleman of Hayesville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dyer of Newton, N. C., visited in Washington, D. C. New York, and New London, Conn.

Mrs. Ted Griffin has returned from a visit in Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Mary Witherspoon, Ruth Dennis, Mary King Mallonee, and Sarah Witherspoon who to Junalusko Pool Sunday.

Miss Aline Richardson and Mr. Yoates were visitors in Wayah Bald Sunday.

Mr. Glen Enloe, who has been staying in Texas for the past year, was a visitor in Murphy last week.

Mr. Bill Owenby of Marietta, Ga., was a visitor in town over the week-end.

Messrs. John and Harley Hampton, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherrill have returned after a few days visit with relatives in Hickory and Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Justice and little daughter of Robbinsville were the guests of Mrs. Justice's mother, Mrs. Millicent Miller on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denton of Dallas, Texas, were the guests last week of Miss Betty Kate McCombs.

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, September 2, 1907

Miss Elizabeth Brittain left Sunday for Newport, Tenn., where she will teach the ensuing year.

Mrs. Edyth Clark and daughter, Mrs. Paul Alexander, of Asheville, are guests of Mrs. Nettie Dickey.

Mrs. Ralph Harbin and young son went last week to join Mr. Harbin at Maryville, Tenn., where they will reside.

Misses Louise and Ruby Hendrix have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wofford and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hyatt.

Mrs. Martin Kinzel of Atlanta was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Dewees, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Leatherwood of Florida are spending some time in this section.

Mrs. J. H. McCall and son, Herbert, spent the week-end in Cornelia.

Misses Imogene Hyatt and Hazel Mauney of Chicago, are visiting relatives here.



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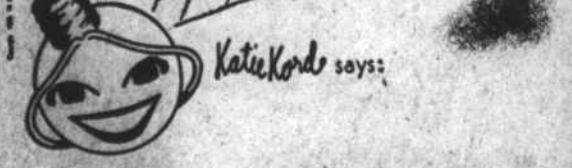
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