

Bottle Bungalow

WASHINGTON COURTHOUSE, Ohio (AP) — Nearly 10,000 bottles of all sizes, shapes and colors are built into a one-room structure near here which now serves

as a cabin at a motel. The little house was built in 1936 by the late Addison McMurray, who collected bottles as a hobby. A fireplace mantel is decorated with a design of small medicine bottles implanted in concrete.



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Van Horn Receives Lay Reader's License

Earl C. Van Horn (center) receives his Lay Reader's License from Right Reverend M. George Henry (right) during the Bishop's visit at the Church of the Messiah here Sunday. Rev. Alex B. Hanson, pastor, looks on. A Lay Reader's License gives Mr. Van Horn authority to preach sermons of his own composition. Bishop Henry's visit to Murphy was highlighted by a communion service and a picnic luncheon, immediately following the service, in the Parrish House.

Alcoholics Anonymous To Hold Open Meeting

This coming Thursday evening, May 5th, at 8:00 p.m., the Franklin unit of Alcoholics Anonymous will sponsor an "open meeting" at the New Regal Hotel in Murphy, North Carolina. Alcoholics Anonymous is a non-sectarian fellowship of former alcoholics, men

and women, who share their experiences, strength and hope with each other at weekly meetings that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees.

An "open meeting" of A.A. is a group meeting that any member of the community may attend, alcoholic or non-alcoholic. The purpose of this week's meeting is three-fold:

1. To make plans for a Murphy group of A.A., which will serve Cheochee, Graham and Clay counties.
 2. To acquaint relatives and friends of alcoholics with "Al-Anon Family Group," which is composed of non-alcoholics who meet regularly to face the problem of understanding and living with alcoholics.
 3. To explain to all, especially to those in positions of responsibility, the nature of A.A., and how it can help the community.
- All are invited to attend and encourage this effort. No donations will be requested nor obligations incurred. For further information about A.A. write Box No. 421, Franklin, N.C.

Backward Glances

26 YEARS AGO.

A proclamation this week by Mayor Harry P. Cooper, setting apart of next week, May 22, 10th, inclusive as Clean-up Week, asks the co-operation of the people of the town that all premises be thoroughly cleaned and rubbish piled in the streets and alleys so that the town truck can haul it away.

The summer season is opening up and already tourist travel is passing through, and it is desired that the town look as clean and attractive as possible.

Construction work on the new building of C. M. Wofford Company, at the L. & N. Depot, is progressing rapidly.

The Clay County annual singing Convention will be held at the Baptist church in Hayesville, May 25th, 1960.

26 YEARS AGO.

Strong probability now exists that something actually is going to be done by Georgia about the ten mile stretch of unpaved road leading to Blue Ridge. In Thurs-

Words of Life

By — Rev. Fred B. Lamsford
AN EXPERIENCE OF GRACE
PSALMS 40 Verses 1, 2 and 3

I waited patiently for the Lord and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the mirey clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth even praise unto our God.

The opening verses of this Psalm have sung their way into the hearts of countless thousands. Every person who has experienced the saving grace of our divine Redeemer finds in this old poem the picture of his own salvation. The rich tones of the transforming grace of God mingle with the groans of the helpless sufferer. The love of God glows

day's edition of the Atlanta Journal there appeared a lengthy article, illustrated by photographs, warning Georgia merchants that unless the road is paved, Atlanta may lose thousands of dollars annually in trade.

10 YEARS AGO.

Kelvin Shivers, of Washington, D. C., president elect of Civitan international, was guest speaker at the charter night banquet of Murphy Civitan Club Friday evening at the First Methodist Church. He told the Civitans, 37 charter members that they are expected to be interested in their community and people and to take an active part in the work of the club.

A community meeting will be held in the court room of the courthouse Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of furthering the betterment of Murphy and this entire section. This meeting is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and Civitan club. The citizens of this entire section are urged to attend.

in the darkness and brings a miraculous light of our hearts. In the midst of the changing panorama of events the notes of a new song burst out from the throat of the redeemed man. Surely the people of our age, of our Western North Carolina and these lovely mountains needs to hear this song and to pause before the Saviour who makes such miracle possible. Do you know the secret of the new song? Can you tell of the divine Deliverer who has done something for you? Are you disposed to conceal the good news in your heart and refuse to tell of a deliverance that would set the music going in other hearts? Will you let the psalmist reveal his way and prescribe his word for you? Can you picture a man in a deep bog from which he can do nothing to free himself? Any effort on his part only serves to drive his own person deeper into the mire. Our psalmist describes his pitiful situation in this manner. The word "horrible" has a forbidding sense. Roaring and terrifying in the mire sticky clay. Hope was rapidly running away no human help was available anywhere.

He waited upon the Lord with Patience for help. A complete surrender and trust in the Lord faith in God and willingly waited for the expected hand.

He inclined unto Him. He knows and understands and loves each and every one that waits for Him.

He brought me up. His arm was long enough to reach to the level of the pit. His arm was strong enough to lift up the one which could not help himself. Human strength is insufficient. Our salvation and not depend upon some sinful creature as every man is. We hear the words of Jesus saying "Come unto me al ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out"

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Maria Travis Awarded Fellowship

Miss Maria Louise Travis has been granted a \$600 fellowship to study journalism and related subjects at the University of Missouri this summer.

This Fellowship is made possible by a gift from the Wall Street Journal to the Newspaper Fund Inc., New York City, a foundation set up to carry on educational research and other non-profit activities in the field of journalism.

Its purpose is to assist high school teachers whose duties include being advisor to the school newspaper and annual. Providing teachers with education and inspiration will in turn develop better school newspapers and yearbooks and will guide more talented young people into newspaper careers.

Miss Travis is a native of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and a graduate of Middle Tennessee State College. For the past 12 years she has taught in Murphy High School, sponsoring both the school paper and yearbook.

At present Miss Travis teaches English and art and serves as head of the English department.

ABUNDANT LIFE

by ORAL ROBERTS

HOW TO GET YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED

One of the greatest statements in the Bible is, "And the Lord heard and answered." That statement is sweet music to a person seeking God in an intimate, personal manner.

At some time in every life there comes a need to pray. Every person reaches a point where the sky looks black and the horizon of the future is clouded with uncertainty—then he wants his prayers to be answered.

However, there are times when there seems to be no way to get a prayer through or an answer in return. What is the key? Is there some strange secret that God is trying to teach us? I believe there is a way to get prayers answered.

The Bible says that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. And each of us needs a daily renewing of strength. We need our determinations strengthened, our expectant faith made stronger, and our love increased in every way. If our prayers were answered immediately every time, we would not wait before God. So the Bible says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

There is no man or woman who can pray and expect God to answer every time in an instant. There are many testings of character, many influences brought to bear upon prayer life and the answer that God would give. It is necessary to understand the value of wait-

ing for God to answer in His own way and in His own time.

When a person prays he must appeal to the love of God. Now, God is a good God. He is too good to do wrong, too wise to make a mistake, too strong to fail. Come to God in the way that pleases Him most. The Bible says, "God is love."

Another step toward getting prayers answered is using will. I believe that faith is part will, and to have faith without will is to have half-faith—little faith. There must be determination and character that stands up and dares to believe God—that knows God wants to give His blessing, and will settle for nothing less.

When I was a little boy we had a neighbor who had a new car. One day the car turned over and pinned his son under it . . . and, although it was not humanly possible to lift such a weight, this man, whose name was Mr. Raimer, picked up one end of that car by himself and lifted it completely off his child. He couldn't possibly have done that on any other occasion. How did he do it? His will gave him new strength.

That extra strength, that extra power given from God to help us meet emergencies flooded his being, and for a few minutes it made him a superman.

God is a good God! He wants to give the very best He has to us, and He is waiting now to answer our prayers.

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