

## Weekly Sermon

"To Bethlehem"

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JERUSALEM is called the Holy City. In times past it had its holy temple and holy of holies. Even now it has its holy sepulchers and churches and mosques. But the most tender and sacred spot on earth for mankind must ever be Bethlehem, because it was the birthplace of the Holy Child.

The history of the world, it is true, is told in movements, but the center and driving force of all movements are personalities and events. The greatest Personality beyond compare ever to set foot on earth was born in Bethlehem over 1900 years ago.

Each passing year since, has seen the world of Christendom turn back in thought and song and worship to the scene of that holy, marvelous birth and to the One who was born there. Was there ever a year when we needed to do that more than in 'is year of our Lord 1940?

In the words of the shepherds, then:

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us"—Luke 2:15.

The birth at Bethlehem tells us of God's great good-will toward men. We cannot adequately describe what we cannot fully comprehend, but how little do we comprehend that wonderful event and its significance! How amazing it is that the God of all the universe, the eternal, infinite, almighty, all-holy One should set aside, for a while His inexpressible glory. Come to this little speck in the universe, and become truly man as well as truly God, and above all gather up and bear in Himself all the vast sorrows and sins of men and thus save men.

God's will toward men is good will. God is "not willing that any should perish"—only man wills that. "God will have all men to be saved."

When we contemplate God's great good will toward us, how eagerly we should accept it and it should make for good will to heavily clouded with ill will and hatred to our own kind. Let us learn this great lesson: ward each other in a world of God's good will.

## RICH SOIL IS REQUIRED FOR VEGETABLES

H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College, is constantly reminding farm people that the vegetable garden is the most valuable and important plot of land on the place.

"But it should be the richest soil on the farm," he declared.

Continuing, Niswonger said: "You cannot provide the vegetable needs for your family by planting the seeds or plants in soil that is not properly prepared or soil of low fertility. This is the time of the year to prepare the garden plot for next spring's plantings."

The horticulturist recommends that the ground be covered with about an inch of stable manure or one half inch of chicken manure. Over this, broadcast 150 pounds per one half acre of 16 per cent super phosphate, and if the soil is light, broadcast 50 pounds of potash.

The manure and fertilizer should be turned under now and left in the rough. This will allow the freezing weather to freeze the soil, making it easier to get in shape for spring planting. If there have been pease or beans planted for turning under, broadcast the superphosphate and potash the same as with stable manure before plowing under, Niswonger advises.

As a final suggestion, the Extension specialist says arrangements should be made when the garden is planned to buy, rent or borrow some kind of sprayer or duster to use in fighting disease and insect pests. "It does not pay to spend money for fertilizers and garden seeds if you let the bugs and diseases destroy the plants," he asserted.



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## Symbols of American Defense



North Carolina is playing its part in National Defense—tracing and terracing machines for agricultural defense and Army tanks for military defense. For the past six years the State College Extension Service has organized and directed Soil Conservation Associations which operate heavy equipment to terrace land and control equipment. Farmers who terrace their land earn soil-building payments through the AAA program. Thus, while the soldiers operating the tank are patrolling maneuvers which strengthen the Nation's armed defense, Tar Heel farmers are carrying on soil defense work by terracing more than 70,000 acres of land every year.

## Terracing Is Symbol Of National Defense

ACCORDING TO an item in the Dairyman's League News of New York, the dairy industry has been presenting its views on some new regulations proposed by the Food and Drug Administration.

These regulations involve labeling laws which would apply to all foods without exception. According to dairy spokesmen, if they become effective as drafted, it will not be possible to advertise the specific nutritional values of milk without attaching technically worded labels to each container.

The National Cooperative Milk

Producers' Federation, with the aid of member marketing cooperatives, is representing the dairymen in this case. It is not fighting sound labeling regulations. It is fighting a blanket type of regulation which it believes unnecessary, and opposed to the honest interests of all involved. Certainly, the nutritional value of milk is well enough established that it can be properly advertised as a healthful food without going into wordy and difficult explanations.

### SOURCE OF STRENGTH

"IN UNION there is strength" goes for a group of people with common interests, no less than for a government made up of sovereign states.

Union is the principal underlying agricultural marketing cooperation. On man, dealing alone with a buyer, has little power. He takes what is offered or goes without a sale. A thousand men, working together, can meet the buyer on even terms.

Marketing cooperatives are precisely what the name implies. Producers meet, put up their money and start an organization. They hire executives. The organization represents their collective voice. It is a private business, standing on its own feet—and it works on the soundest of business principles.

### The War In Europe

It is impossible to forecast the developments of warfare but the signs point to a German move to relieve the pressure on Italy, now reeling from major defeats in Albania and Egypt.

The secrecy that has always concealed German offensive continues. No one knows whether a major assault against Great Britain will be hastened or whether the new drive will involve the Balkan area or the dispatch of reinforcements to assist the Italians in Libya.

There have been hints that the dismissal of Pierre Laval by Marshal Petain was due to the former's cooperation with Berlin and his assent to the dispatch of German soldiers to Africa through the great French naval base of Toulon. We cannot accept this report because we fail to understand how German troops, at Toulon, would cross the Mediterranean, controlled by the British, and get into Libya.

### What Is France Up To?

The shake-up in France, in which the former World War hero replaced Laval with Flandin, is not yet entirely understood. The reasons advanced vary, some saying it is a sign of Vichy's growing discontent with the policy of rapprochement with Germany and others declaring that as a matter of fact, the move represents new power for members of the French cabinet who wish to appear: Hitler by more vigorous action against Gen. Gamelin and former Premier Reynaud.

Certainly it is impossible for us in the United States to get the correct meaning. The Vichy government apparently holds a few low-cards in its game with Hitler and, maybe, one face-card, the French forces in Africa under the command of Gen. Weygand. Should Hitler's pressure upon Petain prove too great the French may decide to risk the use of African contingents, in cooperation with the British, in a knockout blow against Italy. In addition, the French retain some naval units which possess value to either side, which possess value in the study of self and the understanding of one's environment. Certainly, the world needs more, rather than less, of this kind of thought.

The individual should understand, however, that the year is an artificial measure, invented by

man to mark the course of human existence. Time flows ceaselessly and human life is a process that moves steadily from birth to death, without slackening for man-made points of mental significance.

If it takes a New Year for you, as an individual, to find time for reflection upon your presence on this mundane sphere, then it is well for you that a New Year rolls around. In a way, you are superior to many other human beings who have no time for anything that they cannot comprehend. They spend their days in such activities as the making of money, ascending the social scale or earning the gaudy tinsel that men accept as distinction.

## Drunk Asylum Urged By Lloyd

Solicitor Alfonso Lloyd of Raleigh City Court proposed Wednesday that Wake County use a portion of its profits from the sale of whiskey to establish some sort of institution for the care of inebriates.

"I am going to go before the County Commissioners and see if they can't from a humanitarian standpoint, do something to care for these habitual drunks," Lloyd declared.

His statement followed the conviction of James Weaver, Raleigh man for whom no address was listed, on a charge of being drunk and a public nuisance. Weaver was sentenced to jail for four months.

"These men shouldn't be the responsibility of the city," the solicitor said. "After all, the county sells them the liquor and collects the profits. They city doesn't get anything out of the sale. Therefore, I think it should be the duty of the county to take care of the drunks."

Weaver told the court he got drunk off ABC liquor purchased in one of the Raleigh stores.

## Reminders Being Handed Out By Highway Patrol

Highway patrolmen were handing out a new kind of traffic ticket today.

Motorists stopping with an inquiring "What - have-I-done-now" expression were given, instead of the usual summons, a brightly decorated card carrying the inscription: "Christmas holidays are here: help us save a life this year; Everyone must do his share, so watch your step and drive with care. Around the curves and over the hills through '41 with fewer

spills." The card was signed, "Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"—The N. C. State Highway Patrol.

So far as could be learned this morning none of the relieved drivers had refused his "ticket."

## FIRE HAZARD IN HARD WINTER

The South recently suffered one of the coldest periods in its history. Snow storms in the central area destroyed scores of lives and millions of dollars worth of property. Many regions have experienced cold of abnormal intensity. And the forecasts say that conditions such as this will probably extend well into the spring.

This kind of a winter inevitably gravely increases fire hazards. Old Man Statistics, turning to past precedents, can show you how many more of us will die, how much more property will be laid waste. But Old Man Statistics with his grisly figures can be beaten. We can show him that he isn't right this time.

To take a simple illustration, a severe winter puts great strains on heating plants, stoves, etc. We pile wood and coal in the furnace, and keep the fireplace roaring. That is safe enough if our heating equipment is in good order. But that is a very big "if" indeed. Most of us tend to put off until tomorrow what should be done today. If the furnace isn't quite right, we figure that it may get by—or that there will be plenty of time to have it fixed in the future. Maybe the chimney is throwing off a brilliant display of sparks—but we guess that there is no immediate danger.

## War Medal For Farmers Awarded

A new type of hero is appearing in Great Britain where the King recently awarded a medal for gallantry to two men for threshing wheat.

It seems that the farmers carried on their threshing job while German shells from the other side of the channel fell about them and German planes machine-gunned them. In addition, fragments of British anti-aircraft shells were falling at the same time.

The men were operating within range of the long range German guns for six weeks. On the last day thirty-two shells fell about them. One fragment crashed through their threshing machine. Their citation said: "Their work enabled many hundreds of bushels of wheat to be available to the nation which otherwise would have been lost."

In the total war now being

fought across the Atlantic the life of Great Britain depends almost as much upon the bravery of her workers as upon the courage of her defenders. The island people must have food and supplies or they will perish despite successful resistance to direct attack.



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## Calvin's Newspaper Service TESTED RECIPE

By Frances Lee Barton  
It's difficult to swim or run around a triangular course, but might be easy to enjoy one at home when Crusty Fruit Triangles are served. They look good, taste good and are good for you—a point for each angle of the scone.

**Crusty Fruit Triangles**  
3 cups sifted cake flour; 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 2 tablespoons sugar; 1/2 cup butter or other shortening; 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange rind; 1/2 cup raisins; 2/3 cup milk.  
Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and sugar, and sift again. Cut in shortening; add orange rind and raisins. Add milk all at once and stir carefully until all flour is dampened. Then stir vigorously until mixture forms a soft dough and follows spoon around bowl. Turn out immediately on slightly floured board and knead 30 seconds. Roll 1/4 inch thick and cut in triangles. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Brush tops lightly with mixture of equal parts of sugar and milk. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 12 to 15 minutes, or until browned. Makes about 15 scones.



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Sixty-two per cent of all fatal accidents fall under two headings... motor vehicles 34% and falls 28%. With the holiday season approaching, travel will be in full swing. What would be the picture in your home should you be one of the victims?

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