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Think As Well As Work

In starting a new crop, Martin County farmers, it appears to the side-line observer, will find it profitable to do a bit of serious thinking as well as a great deal of working. The farmer who starts out with his crop this year with a gambling motive in view might win or he might lose. To gamble on a "sure" thing has proved costly in the past, and remembering that the gambler gets caught sooner or later, the farmer will do well to forget about the possibility of high prices for crops as a result of the war in Europe. Expanding markets based on war conditions are likely to burst in the farmers' face, leaving them with not even a bag to hold.

The farmer can do some valuable thinking in connection with the 1940 soil conservation program. It is a well established fact that the farmers of this county can, by participating in the soil conservation program, earn enough to pay the entire county tax bill and have money to spare. One can well imagine the response that would follow were a politician to promise the farmers of this county that the tax levy for 1940 would be eliminated. The federal government has made just such a proposition to the farmers of Martin County. But they have not responded 100 per cent. There are a number of farmers who have not signed their 1940 farm plans and made themselves eligible to participate in the distribution of soil payments.

The dead line for signing the work sheets or farm plans falls on April 15. Farmers will do well to figure on a plan that is certain and not gamble on a plan for big profits based on war activities in Europe.

Misinformed

Drawing conclusions from biased propaganda sent out by religious leaders of international importance and by recognized governmental agencies, the American people are apparently misinformed about conditions in Europe, past and present.

Almost the entire world was led to believe that the insurgent armies of Franco fought to save democracy, that the Republic of Spain had condemned the Church and its leaders to death in that fair land and that Franco went into action to save the priests and stay the spread of communism. Even England and France knew the claims were without foundation, but they sat idly by while democracy perished for millions in Spain. France would have gone to the aid of the Spanish Republic, but England warned she would not support her if Hitler attacked. The two great nations sat idly by while

Hitler and Mussolini subdued Spain, took over her resources through the puppet, Franco, and added another front along the Pyrenees for France to defend against the spread of Hitler's and Mussolini's doctrines.

Here in America we cheered Franco on in his ruthless attacks, uncensored reports coming from the scenes of slaughtering declaring that Franco and his Moorish soldiers committed more atrocious crimes than were ever thought of by the defenders of the Republic. After the storm of battle had cleared, the reliable reports declared that Franco killed more ministers and worshippers than any other man in history in the same length of time.

In a little Spanish town, two Protestant preachers were seized by Franco's soldiers and shot. The wife of one of them faced the firing squad with her husband after she had been raped by a number of the troops. In another little town, the rebels troops seized a minister's wife, saturated her clothes with gasoline and set her on fire. While screaming from her burns, a Moorish soldier chopped her body to pieces with an axe.

In a book of more than 500 pages, the author reviews the activities of Hitler and Mussolini working in close harmony with the great democracies across the sea to subdue the weary and heavy burdened. While liberals and leaders of the masses are attacked as they were in Spain and while countries are held in subjection we, the misinformed, stand idly by thinking that the murderers are marching under the banner of democracy and against communism.

We are too hasty in drawing our conclusions. We should stop and study the causes for communism. We should know the truth about the revolt in Spain. We should know all the facts behind the scheming and plotting in which Germany, France, Italy and England have advanced around a small table. Once we know the truth, we could plot our course, a course that might save the world from chaos.

Forgotten Men

While we boast about our road system, our strong financial condition and the progressive march on the material front, there is a sad spot in North Carolina's government. We clamor for and demand improved roads, better schools and political favors, but seldom is an appeal advanced for the thousand of forgotten men in our institutions for the insane.

If there is one rotten spot in our state government it is centered in and around those institutions, especially their control and maintenance. It is an established fact that entrance in many cases is denied those with limited mentality, and that entrance in other cases is made possible only by the command of a politician.

Here in North Carolina an expansion program has been promoted to relieve in part, at least, the crowded conditions in the institutions, but the system in its entirety is ranked with the prisons, reform schools and almshouses. It is really a world of forgotten men and society in this State apparently contents itself when the mentally unbalanced are taken out of circulation. That the unfortunate are confined in coops and treated as criminals matters little to those on the outside, and it is all right to spend more to care for a seasoned criminal than for a feeble-minded inmate.

There is little cause for North Carolinians to feel comfortable about the care of their insane friends; they really should be angry to the point that they would do something about it.

I believe that any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day, and as nearly as possible reaching the high-water mark of pure and useful living.—Booker T. Washington.

To hear his father tell it, he's the laziest lad he ever saw lift a hoe. But you wouldn't think it to see him swinging a foot at the college prom.—Elkin Tribune.

About the King's Business

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

Personal solicitation puts through 85 per cent of all business transactions. Goods may be produced by machines, but it takes personal work to sell goods and to make contracts. This necessity of the business world is also a necessity in the "King's business." Both clergy and laity must use personal solicitation in personal work. That this Gospel method has been neglected by us all, clergy and laity alike, is one plain reason for the church's lack of growth.

We will not discuss the question, "What is wrong with the Church?" We know well enough that whenever disciples are disloyal to their Lord, they put His church in the wrong. On the other hand, the church is right—about the only right thing there is in the world today. Christ, the Church's life, is now as always the only Hope and Saviour of the world. The Church's gospel has all its ancient power, and is up-to-date in every age. Her sacraments have lost none of their power as a means of grace. "The arm of the Lord is not shortened." The need of men for Christ is their greatest need.

A great many consecrated Church people are discouraged as they note the multitudes of the unchurched and those who might be classed as the nominally-churched—who do not avail themselves of the Church's attempt to meet their spiritual need. Is it that the methods of promoting the Church's life and growth do not meet the needs of present-day conditions? Is our method of trying annually to secure a larger membership inadequate? Should we put more concentration upon methods of education in religion to interest people educated in everything but religion? In what ways must organized Christianity change its methods in order to more adequately meet the needs of a changing world? These questions and many more like them we are constantly asking ourselves today in order that the Church might, not necessarily become more attractive, but that its life and teachings might seem more necessary to us all. The day is coming, rather it is already at hand, when the world must realize that it cannot continue its orderly course without recognizing the eternal truth that the King's Business must be our business. These are not charges. They are questions, which, it is hoped, will stimulate evaluation of the means upon which we depend chiefly, to keep alive "the faith once delivered to the saints."

If we ever loose the Church's sense of mission, or if we concentrate upon the "saints", forgetful of the "sinners," we forfeit the Saviour's promise, "Lo, I am with you always." We make much use of the phrase,

1940 PROBLEM CHILD



"Bringing people to Christ." Since they so seldom come, ought we not to consider transposing the phrase to agree with the imperative of the Great Commission, "Go ye," and make it read, "Bringing Christ to the people?" This requires messengers—a million of them. If Christianity is to continue, or to become, a world force each one of us must consecrate ourselves to the solemn obligation that we took upon ourselves when we became a member of His Living Body, the Church. The community, nation, and world is not a point to sit on but a place in which to live and "enjoy the pursuit of happiness." That can never be until it is Christianized, as experience the great teacher, has shown us. You have a great part to play in helping the world to realize its dream.

Too often today we must be wading knee-deep in potato salad and other forms of money raising. We are "troubled about many things" like Martha, rather than sitting at the feet of Jesus, like Mary. If we would keep ourselves in the Mary attitude there would be no need of wrestling with pots and pans, less communication of the heat of ovens to the heat of tempers.

Joseph said to his brethren: "Ye shall not see my face except your brother be with you." Any revelation of the glory of God is shadowed if not shared. You can have the great privilege of bringing some person to a window opening to a fascinating new world of which they had been but dimly aware; opening

PRESBYTERIAN
The regular services will be held at all points this Sunday.

CHRISTIAN
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Supreme Test of Orthodoxy." Church board meets after morning service.
Young people meeting, 6:45 Subject, "Christ's Work in Mission Fields—Healing the Sick." Evening service, 7:30. Subject, "The Eternal Kingdom Founded." Circles Nos. 1 and 2 meet Monday afternoon at 3:30.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Making Beds in Hell."

to a winsome personality, to a society authorized and provisioned by God for their life's true purpose.

Today we must "put first things first." Christ wants stronger members of His Body more than He wants new Churches while the ones we have are not half filled. He wants new and fresher voices to sing His praises more than new organs; new Christian stewards more than new schemes for raising money. The responsibility rests upon each of us to be true to ourselves, be true to God, in order that the whole world might be about the King's Business of building a more loyal, more cooperative, more joyous and a more peaceful world order.

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

2nd Sunday after Easter.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Celebration of Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 with Miss Anna Crawford.
The monthly meeting of the vestry will be at the rectory Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon at 7:30 Sunday evening.

CEDAR BRANCH

Regular services will be held at the Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m.
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

METHODIST

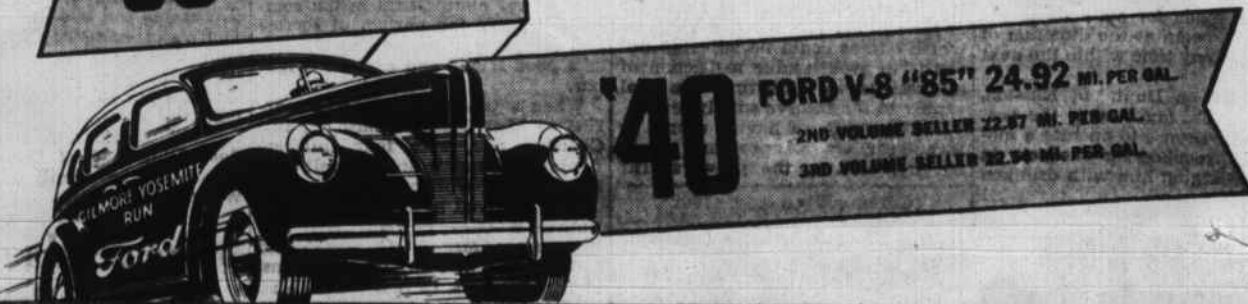
The Louisburg College choir, consisting of 39 young people, will be in charge of the morning service at 11 o'clock. These young people are under the direction of Prof. Byerly, of the college. They have made appearances over the Eastern part of North Carolina. They sang last fall at the annual conference at Fayetteville. Everyone is invited to hear this program of sacred music so splendidly rendered.
Dr. Walter Patten, president of Louisburg College, will remain over for the Sunday night service and will preach at the Methodist church. The choir will sing or Dr. Patten will preach at Holly Springs church at 3 o'clock.
Church school meets at 9:45 a. m. Young people's league at 6:45.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Thirty-three people were present at prayer service two weeks ago, and 24 this week. Join us next Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST

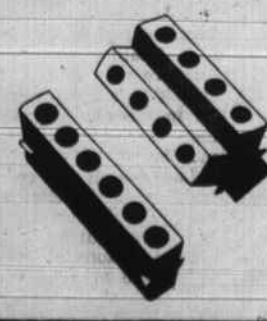
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening worship featured with baptismal service, 7:30 p. m.
The sermon subjects are "Visiting in Jesus' Name" and "Naaman Cleansed."
An intermediate training union will be organized Sunday evening at 6:30 and those planning to attend will please make it known to Patsie King and Susie Whitley, in order that they may know how many to prepare for in serving the sandwich lunch in the basement of the church at that hour.

Again! FORD LEADS IN ECONOMY

Official Results GILMORE-YOSEMITE ECONOMY RUN, JAN. 4, 1940, SHOW FORD BEST IN GASOLINE MILEAGE OF ALL THREE VOLUME SELLERS



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TAKE NOTICE

Final Filing Time

FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP OFFICES

Saturday, April 13

1940 — At 6 P. M.

Blanks will be made available by Sylvester Peel, Chairman, or at a meeting of the Martin County Board of Elections in Williamston on Saturday, April 6, at 11 a. m.

Martin County Board of Elections
Sylvester Peel, Chmn. Wade Vick J. R. Winslow, Sec'y