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The Scout Movement

It is indeed puzzling to understand why our people give so little attention to the Boy Scout movement in the several towns and county, as a whole. Certainly there are few organizations that offer as much in return as offered by the Scout movement.

As the problem is viewed in this county, the fathers of young boys are responsible for the limited showing the movement has made. The fathers are seldom connected with the movement, and while the undertaking is worthy of public support, the fathers in too many cases do not take the lead in supporting the organization.

It is apparent that too much time and money are spent supporting organizations and events offering little in return in comparison with the possibilities wrapped up in a strong Boy Scout organization. Every parent in the county, including those in the rural areas, could well afford to interest himself in the movement. And the general public could well lend its support to an organization offering to help mould the character today of those youths who will be our leaders tomorrow.

A challenge is directed to the fathers in Martin County to rally to the support of the Boy Scout movement, to give their sons a few minutes of their busy time.

The Near-Great Are Little Known

Disgusted with the movie program, tired of the printed page and weary of card playing, a small family group started a little contest. No prizes were offered. It was just a matter of promoting an interesting and worth-while conversation. The group tried to associate a prominent man with some city or state.

Only one scientist was mentioned. A few politicians' names were squeezed into the conversation. Foolhardy heroes—Lindbergh, for instance—were included in the conversation. The list of the great and the near-great was soon exhausted, and the names of those research men, those tiring souls who, working out of sight of the public eye, had given years of study and even their lives for the advancement of medical and the other sciences were casually mentioned or not mentioned at all.

The group, just as water does, soon sought its level. There were the Gumps, Little Abner, Popeye, Orphan Annie, baseball players, prize-fighters. Andy's every move could be recalled in detail by two or three if not by all of the group. A bloody eye of a brute prize fighter apparently was more startling than the isolation of a deadly germ by medical science.

The little group, educated more or less according to our modern education standards, knew hardly a dozen of the famous and notorious characters of the states and the several hundred cities in this land of ours. The group readily admitted its prowess when it came to the smart slang expressions, and its ability to attack and slash with the tongue.

Call For the Budget Boys

Back yonder when millions of dollars were being spent for relieving hunger and want in this country, there was a large group bellowing about an unbalanced budget. As far as budgets go, it was in a poor way. But today there isn't much heard about the unbalanced budget. Possibly when the hides are about to be ripped from all of us we consider a balanced budget of secondary importance.

However, in war as well as in peace there is time for economy. Not including "Our" Bob Reynolds there is a great deal of traveling at

government expense. There were 700 Federal employees in Florida last winter at one time at government expense, the General Accounting office told a sub-committee in the House last week. It was also disclosed that the government had paid for thirteen \$150 radio-phonograph sets which were installed in the homes of Federal Communications Commission members for "test purposes."

Peace of Mind

Greensboro News.

Addressing a pastors' conference preliminary at the opening of the State Baptist convention at Charlotte, Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, Wake Forest president who was physician before he became educator, emphasized the great increase in mental disease, with prediction that the increase would be even sharper, and the part which ministers must play in bringing that peace of the soul which assures mental tranquility.

Dr. Kitchin spoke of the complexities of living, the rush of modern civilization, and the changes which are coming, particularly in the South, as a result of industrialization and urbanization of the section. It was in this connection that he foresaw greatly increased mental maladjustments, the emergence of new problems of mental health with which the minister no less than the doctor must deal; the state of the mind is largely determinant of the state of the body.

What the Wake Forest president says is tragically true, borne out by statistics showing the crowded condition of asylums and various institutions which are dedicated to the treatment of the mentally sick. But Dr. Kitchin might have gone infinitely farther in the grim picture which he painted. Surely the outlook is so dark for the effects of the war in this very field that one really hates to think upon it. Heretofore war has been fought on the battlefield between armies of men trained to and for the purpose. Even under these conditions mental break-downs, crack-ups, were frequent; they continue to pile up now as former soldiers give way to the strain or the horror to which they were subjected a score and more years ago.

Now, however, the battlefield is coterminous with the nations which participate in the war. Blockades and counter-blockades cause men, women and children to starve. Whole populations have their habits, their living, disrupted as they spend the major portion of their time underground. Death rains incessantly from the skies. The struggle is deliberately made a war of nerves; a war designed to break men's morale, to shatter their processes of thinking, to starve or craze them into submission. What the toll will be in lost reason, in mental collapse, in psychopathic hospitals and padded cells no one can foresee; no one likes to think upon it lest the very thought work unduly upon his or her own mental processes. Dr. Kitchin has indeed touched upon a problem to which there is no end save that ultimate triumph of the Prince of Peace which he envisions as physician and as Christian educator.

Old Copy Book Line Still True

Smithfield Herald.

"Just a fue line to let you no how it is with us. Wee didn't have any farm at all and wee have to get a day work when wee can get one but I got you a dollar and please wate on me and tell this fall and I going to pay you every penny."

The above was the first part of a letter which a Negro woman wrote to a Smithfield lawyer months ago. There was much more in the letter, in which she kept asking her creditor not to think hard and to give her time and she would pay all. As a matter of fact, she did send a dollar every so often until it was almost paid by Christmas, and the lawyer appreciating her consistent efforts sent her a receipted bill for the balance as a Christmas gift.

There was hardly a single mark of punctuation in the letter. The simplest words were misspelled, but that Negro woman has learned something that some never learn though they have received college diplomas, and that thing is just plain honesty.

Persons who would never think of breaking into a man's store and robbing the cash drawer will purchase merchandise on credit and never seemingly make any effort to pay for it. Yet these same persons go on eating good food, wearing good clothes, attending moving picture shows, driving their cars for pleasure.

It is easy to understand the effect that the Negro woman's efforts to pay her debt had upon her creditor. He was impressed that she recognized her debt, was not trying to evade it, and by her payments though small was showing her honest intent. And the old copy book line—"Honesty is the best policy"—proved true in her case. She was given a part of the debt.

Liberty

By REV. JOHN HARDY Church Of The Advent

St. James speaks of those who look into the perfect law of liberty, and St. Paul says that where the spirit of the Law is, there is liberty. These men wrote in an age when personal liberty seemed to be a dream under the rule of a Caligula or a Nero. For many centuries after, liberty was remote. In fact the ordinary man has enjoyed personal liberty for only a couple of centuries and in a very restricted area. To an American, liberty is like the air we breathe, something we do not appreciate until we are deprived of it by force. Moreover, one scans the pages of history in vain to find when the common man has had liberty except in nations where society has had the leaven of Christ's gospel.

There has never been any secular government which has had any right to call itself Christian beyond the fact that it has been influenced by the ethical teaching of the Master. The kingdoms of this world have never accepted the teachings of Christ to the exclusion of greed in their business affairs, and dishonesty in their political dealings. It has always been the remnant who have accepted the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount, and liberty has been possible only where that remnant has been potent enough to make itself felt.

It is futile to expect that any system of government can produce righteous citizens. It is only righteous citizens who can enjoy a decent government. Sodom and Gomorrah would not change their character because of a change in government. There can be no peace and prosperity in a community unless the individuals who compose it are those who hunger for righteousness. The state is like a family in which children are fitted to enjoy their liberty by the atmosphere of the family in which they are reared. Righteousness cannot be imposed by arbitrary force, but can be attained only when men are taught to seek it. "It is only as we seek the Kingdom of God that all things shall be added unto us." It is folly to fancy that some theory of government will change the status of those who compose it.

"Liberty is not the right to do anything that we please, but it is the privilege of freedom within the law and without injury to our neighbor. It is not merely the negative of vice but also the exercise of virtue with-

out restraint or compulsion." We will lose our liberty when we follow the lead of some crackpot who poses as a saviour and we will follow that lead when our citizens become the kind of people who fall for patent medicines as a cure for human ills. What then can the individual do to safeguard the liberty that we have enjoyed? The Master has given us the prescription. We can love God with all our heart and soul and mind and our neighbor as ourselves, for love worketh no ill to our neighbor. To preserve liberty we must be the kind of person who does not demand of others virtues which we ourselves do not possess.

There are three elements that constitute such a person. First, that he worship God instead of himself or of some dictator who usurps divine power and attributes. As the sun is the center of the solar system, so God is the only center of international relations. When God is rejected the dictator steps in. Thus we merely exchange tyrants when we substitute one legal system for another.

Secondly, that we love the person whom we do not like. There is no virtue in loving those whom we do like. We are surrounded by disagreeable people partly because we are disagreeable ourselves. Unless we are willing to forgive we cannot expect to be forgiven.

Thirdly, we ought to do cheerfully the things we do not want to do at all. For as workers in a vineyard it is not enough to affirm that we have not stolen or committed murder. It is more important to ask ourselves what good we have done than to pride ourselves upon how good we are.

We are here not merely to be ministered unto but to minister, and the parable of the talents implies that we are to do something in return for all that we receive. The glorious liberty of the sons of God is possible only when we are the kind of disciples of whom the Master will approve, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Mamie Taylor, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them for payment on or before January 7, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 7th day of January, 1941. V. G. TAYLOR, Administrator of the estate of Mrs. Mamie Taylor, deceased. 110-61

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "Religion has its Vitamins." Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "God not ashamed of us." Young People meet, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "What the Bible teaches about Brotherhood." Circle No. 1 meets Monday afternoon 3:30. Place announced later. Circle No. 2 meets with Mrs. Henry D. Harrison, Sr., on Monday at 3:30 with Mrs. John A. Manning as joint hostess. Junior Choir meets at 7:15 and Senior Choir at 8 o'clock. Fourth Annual Brotherhood Dinner will be held in the Woman's Club Wednesday evening at 7:00. All members of the church are asked to be present.

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon topic, "The Enemy Within Our Gates." Epworth league, 6:45 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon topic, "Our Invisible Allies." The local Auxiliary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Monday-afternoon at 3 p. m. The Mission Study Class, taught by the pastor, will meet in the prayer meeting room at the church Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. T. U., 6 p. m. The sermon for Sunday morning will be from a verse in John 12: "The same came therefore to Philip and desired him, saying, Sir, we are here for the morning services, but not for the evening. There will be no evening service Sunday. This Sunday's call to worship: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father Who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:19-20.

HOLLY SPRINGS METHODIST Church school, 10 a. m. Preaching services and the celebration of the Lord's Supper, 3 p. m. The community is cordially invited to attend these services.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Dora Clark, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them for payment on or before January 8, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 8th day of January, 1941. C. B. CLARK and GEO. KEEL, Executors of the estate of Mrs. Dora Clark, deceased. 110-61

NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned Trustee on the 25th day of February, 1936, by J. S. Ayers and wife, Mary Ayers, said Deed of Trust being of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book P-3, page 73, said Deed of Trust having been given to secure certain notes of even date and tenor therein, and the stipulations therein contained not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned Trustee will, on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1941, at 12:00 M., in front of the Court House door in the Town of Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: A house and lot in the Town of Hamilton, N. C., on the East side of Front Street, adjoining the lands of F. L. Haislip and S. D. Matthews, and more fully described by reference to Book X-2 at page 34, and being the same premises conveyed to the said Mary Ayers by Deed from T. B. Slade, Jr., Trustee. This the 4th day of Feb. 1941. WHEELER MARTIN, Trustee. 117-41

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST Please Note Date Changes Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, March 11. Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Plymouth office, Womble Drug Store, Every Friday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Tarboro Every Saturday.

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