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Friday, April 25, 1941.

### Lessons from Dr. Seaman A. Knapp

Thirty years ago this month Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, father of farm demonstration work, ended his service to Southern farm families in death. Reminding us of this anniversary in an editorial in The Progressive Farmer, Dr. Clarence Poe recalls several brief paragraphs by Dr. Knapp which are as timely today as when they were written.

"Some years since a traveler said that Southern farms looked like a bankrupt stock ready for the auctioneer; the soils impoverished, the buildings dilapidated, the fences a make-shift, the highways much-used, the roads, the churches and schoolhouses built on the plan of inclosing the necessary space at the least expense, and even the graveyards seemed not to believe in a resurrection. This viewpoint is not mine. To me the Southern states surpass all of the countries of the earth of equal area in material resources, mainly undeveloped. To me the Southern people are the purest stock of the greatest race the world has produced."

"I estimate that there is a possible 800 per cent increase in the productive power of the farm laborer in the average Southern state, and I distribute the gain as follows:

- 300 per cent to the use of more and better mules and farm machinery;
  - 200 per cent to the production of more and better livestock;
  - 150 per cent to a rotation of crops and better tillage;
  - 50 per cent better drainage;
  - 50 per cent to seed of higher vitality, pure-bred and carefully selected; and
  - 50 per cent to the abundant use of legumes and more economical feed crops."
- Just six months before his death he closed an address to county agents at Macon, Ga., by declaring: "The Southern states should rightfully be the richest states in the land. They have the greatest crop-producing power. There is no

such thing as poor land. It is the poor brain of a thoughtless man on top of the supposedly poor soil. No matter how poor the land appears, it can be made profitable if the farmer knows how and has the will to carry it through."

Dr. Poe adds: "Put in a single sentence, Dr. Knapp's one great aim, his dominant ideal, was to make the South a vast democracy of thrifty, home-owning small farmers, every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree—to develop in the South the ideal conditions for a mighty race of high-minded, stalwart, courageous people. And on this 30th anniversary of his death, the whole South needs a new dedication to this yet unfinished task."

### Sunday Blue Laws

Charlotte, apparently uncertain of its own Sunday blue laws, is asking opinions from officials in other towns where Sunday movies are allowed. Varied answers are appearing in the News, Charlotte's afternoon newspaper. But no to-the-point solution has been suggested.

Sunday movies, like many other amusement events, are just another cog in a wheel of vast size which requires more and more men to work on Sunday. They are helping to destroy the one rest day in the week for thousands. Not so many years ago there were not more than half a dozen people employed in Williamston on a given Sunday. Today, there are several hundred at their post of duties on Sunday. Even the store doors are thrown open for business Sunday after Sunday perhaps to accommodate a customer who was careless in the week days or perhaps to bolster the profits and better the chances of keeping open the other six days.

There was a time when men handled their work in six days and had the seventh for rest. Today, more than ever, the laboring man is being called or pressed into service seven days to the week and held in contempt when he asks two days off for Christmas. The trend is toward amusements and away from the real meaning of the Sabbath day. We are fast losing our respect for the day as one of undisturbed worship; we reckon it as one for crowding in extra pleasures denied by a mad business world during six days in the week.

As for blue laws, they will help little when there is nothing else standing between hundreds of persons and the theatre.

### Property Has Greater Appeal

Highway Safety directors recently pointed out that the cost of highway accidents in North Carolina is greater than the costs for operating the entire State school system. The accident cost was estimated at \$25,000,000.

A staggering sum it is and on this property loss, safety leaders are basing an appeal for reduced accidents. Is it that property has a greater appeal than human life? Apparently we will stop and think when we see \$25,000,000 wasted whereas we have been prone to overlook the ghastly toll of life exacted on our highways by the motor vehicle in years past.

Turkish girls who are insisting upon seeing their husbands before marriage strike a sympathetic note in the hearts of American women, who want to see more of their husbands after marriage.—Grand Island (Neb.) Independent.

### POLAR DISCOVERY—1941



### "Living Newspapers"

By REV. Z. T. PIEPHOFF  
Pastor, Presbyterian Church

"Ye are living letters known and read of all men."

Neutrality in religion is impossible. The brief prophesy of Obadiah is directed against the nation of Edom. Edom is to be destroyed—Her pride is to be humbled; her wise men are to become fools; her heroes are to become cowards; she is to be plundered by her enemies and deserted by her allies—she has been doomed to utter destruction all because of the fact that when in 844 B.C. Judea was invaded by the Philistines and the Arabians and the beloved City of Jerusalem was destroyed by them, Edom whose descendants were the children of Esau, stood by on the other side, and did not come to the rescue of their blood brothers, the children of Jacob.

Obadiah in summing up all these things concludes by saying that Edom is to endure all these things herself, not because she fought against Israel but simply because she stood by on the other side and watched Israel be destroyed by her enemies.

There is no such thing as neutrality in religion. "Someone may ask just here—'But why do we need to be reminded about Edom and Israel today?' 'What has all this to do with us?' The answer is this—That if Obadiah were here in person today he might well say the same thing of us that he said to Edom. Not because we have openly taken sides with the forces of evil but because we have been indifferent to or neutral toward the cause of Christ or the moral and spiritual conditions of our city. While it may be true that Obadiah could not point his finger at us this morning with the same accusation yet we will do well to remember that he may be able to do so at some later time.

e.g. The Patriarch Noah denounced drunkenness. Yet there came a time in his life when Noah became drunk and at that time Obadiah could have stood before him and said, "Thou art as one of them."

Abraham couldn't stand a liar, yet on two distinct occasions Abraham told a lie, to save himself some embarrassment. We too hate liars, everyone does, yet many persons who hate liars will when they get in a tight place themselves tell a lie, and at such a time Obadiah could say to them, "Thou art become as one of them."

How true it is that silence gives consent. If our lives are not out and out against evil then we are out for evil. There is no middle ground. He that is not for Me is against Me."

When the cry of suffering humanity comes to our ears we cannot stand by on the other side and if we do God will judge us just as severely as if we had taken an active part in bringing this suffering to pass.

Humanity is suffering severely from such evils as intemperance, unemployment, gambling, prostitution, corruption, graft, starvation, over-production, stealing, and infidelity. These things are eating the very heart out of our present civilization and of our own fair city. Because of these things men and women and children by thousands are falling down by the wayside of life beaten, wounded, and ready to die.

"What are we doing to correct these evils?" You say, you are not the cause of them. Maybe not. You say that you do not take part in these sins. I hope you don't. You say that you do not approve of them. I'm glad you don't. But such statements are beside the point. The point at issue here is, that as you look round about you and see these things with your own eyes, since you must either be for or against them. What are you doing? Are you standing by on the other side and unconsciously becoming as one of them or are you definitely against them?

To escape the accusing finger of Obadiah it is not enough—  
To be unlike Nero who sent Christians to the lions.

To say we take no part in the evils of the day.

To say that we do not approve of them personally.

To say that we ourselves do not steal, lie, gamble, curse, or commit adultery.

As long as we stand by on the other side and do or say nothing to correct these evils we are as one of them.

In closing, let me remind you, that it isn't necessary for you to answer

these questions audibly, because your friends and acquaintances and God already knew the answers for "Ye are living letters known and read of all men."

Up  
The cost of living for wage earners in the United States made its fourth successive monthly advance in March, according to the National Industrial Conference Board.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE  
Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Bryant Andrews, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned Administratrix on or before the 28th day of March, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

HATTIE A. CHERRY,  
Administratrix of Bryant Andrews.  
Hugh G. Horton, Atty. m28-61

NOTICE OF SALE  
North Carolina, Martin County: County of Martin vs. H. A. Kear  
Under and by virtue of an order of sale and judgment made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, the undersigned commissioner will, on Friday, the 9th day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

A tract of land in Jamesville Township, Martin County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. H. Mizelle and Geo. W. Martin on the North, Jamesville Road and W. E. and Sarah Wallace on the East, and Eagle Branch on the South and A. T. McDonald on the West, and containing 44 acres, more or less, and being part of same tract of land conveyed to L. E. Corey by J. H. Saunders and Leslie Fowden, by deed dated January 31, 1914, and of record in Book E-1 at page 456.

This the 7th day of April, 1941.  
ELBERT S. PEELE,  
Commissioner.  
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.  
Grace Bradham Green, Plaintiff, vs. Clarence Green, Defendant.

The defendant, Clarence Green, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff against the defendant for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and the defendant on grounds of separation for more than two years.

And the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, in the Court House in Williamston, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 26th day of April, 1941, and file a written answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of April, 1941.  
L. B. WYNNE,  
Clerk Superior Court, Martin County, N. C.  
a4-11-18-25

NOTICE  
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.  
Floyd D. Wynn vs. Eva L. Wynn.  
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute divorce based upon two years separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County in Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after completion of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 23rd day of April, 1941.  
L. B. WYNNE,  
Clerk Superior Court, Martin County.  
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# CHURCH NEWS

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning service merged with the other churches in a commencement sermon in the High School auditorium at 11 a. m. Rev. John L. Goff, speaker.

Young People's meeting, 7 p. m. Subject, "The Cost of Discipleship."  
Atlantic Christian College Glee Club will sing at 8 p. m.  
Monday, 7:15 Junior choir meets and at 8 p. m. Senior choir meets.  
Study of 9th chapter of Acts Wednesday, 8 p. m.

### BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Union worship at the high school, 11 a. m.  
Evening worship, 8 p. m.  
Rev. Mr. W. B. Harrington and his congregation from Piney Grove Church are planning to meet with us Sunday evening for the baptismal service. His choir will sing one or two special hymns and Mr. Harrington will read Acts 8:26-40 just before the pastor's sermon.  
The text is: "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the Eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

### RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular service will be held at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 2:30 o'clock. Subject, The Ten Lepers. Luke 17:11-19. It is hoped that the membership will try to be at the service, and the public is invited.

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

2nd Sunday after Easter.  
Celebration of the Holy Communion, 8 p. m.  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
There will be no morning service but the baccalaureate service at the high school.

### ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

### NOTE OF THANKS

It is with deep appreciation that we publicly extend our sincere thanks to those who were so thoughtful and kind to us during the recent illness and death of our sister and aunt, Mrs. Ella Tarkenton. Their expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness will long be remembered by each of us.  
The Family.

### DR. V. H. MEWBORN

OP-TOM-E-TRIST  
Please Note Date Changes  
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, May 13.  
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  
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**Reita Theatre—Washington**

Sunday-Monday April 27-28  
"DARK STREET OF CAIRO"  
with Ralph Byrd and Sigrid Gurie

Tuesday DOUBLE FEATURE April 29  
"Repent at Leisure," Kent Taylor, Wendy Barrie  
"Robbers of the Range," Tim Holt, Virginia Vale

Wednesday-Thursday April 30-May 1  
"WHERE DID YOU GET THAT GIRL?"  
with Helen Parrish and Leon Errol

Friday-Saturday May 2-3  
"DOOMED CARAVAN"  
with William Boyd

**Turnage Theatre --- Washington, N. C.**

Sunday April 27  
"Adam Had Four Sons"  
WARNER BAXTER and INGRID BERGMAN

Monday-Tuesday April 28-29  
"You're The One"  
Bonnie Baker, Orrin Tucker and Orchestra  
ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

Wednesday-Thursday April 30-May 1  
"The Lady Eve"  
BARBARA STANWICK and HENRY FONDA

Friday-Saturday May 2-3  
"Men of Boy's Town"  
SPENCER TRACY and MICKEY ROONEY

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