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Measured

That we are still talking much and doing little is borne out in recent reports stating that broken France, its people hungry and in want, is giving more aid to Germany than America is giving to Britain.

If we are to figure in the task of stalling Hitler and the spread of his barbarism to other lands including our own, we will have to change our policies. Employer and employee must strike a common balance. The public will have to change its attitude by talking less and doing more. There is a place for constructive criticism, but we would condemn the other fellow, reserving for ourselves the right to do as we please. Laws are considered necessary to stamp out the evil of drink and prostitution at the army camps. Even as the youth of the land prepares for daring eventualities, there is no indication that our wild and woolly ways will be abandoned for the important task at hand.

The measuring stick has been laid down and we come up short in meeting the task at hand.

Inflation Creeping In

Despite determined efforts on the part of government heads, inflation is creeping into our economic life. Prices have started a gradual climb, but the serious march toward inflation is traceable to some manufacturers. Reliable reports state that quality is being sacrificed with no corresponding decrease in price to the consumer. In other words, some manufacturers are producing cheaper articles and selling them at the same old price or possibly at a slightly higher price.

Management started out with and maintained the cost-plus system. Manufacturers, in some cases, are lowering the quality of their products

for bigger profits. Labor, in some instances, struck for more pay. But the dirt farmer is plodding along with no such guarantee as cost-plus, his products still subject to an "expert" grader. His only guarantee is that certain basic crops will command a price based on a certain percentage of parity.

Inflation is creeping in, and it appears as if the farmer is going to pay a big portion of its cost. However, it is fairly apparent now that land values will not climb to the ridiculous figures reached during the last world-wide debacle, and 40-cent cotton is about as far removed as peace is from the world today.

Religion in the Camps

Christian Science Monitor.

Provisions being made by the United States Army for the spiritual welfare of men in training are encouraging to millions of Americans who recognize the basic place of religion in national defense.

In a message to President Roosevelt earlier this year, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, speaking in behalf of the General Committee of Army and Navy Chaplains, declared that the United States is facing a religious crisis unparalleled in its history. Our times cause deep questioning. And the uprooting of young men from accustomed walks of life through conscription, the transfer of men to new fields for work in defense industries, tend to separate many from normal civilian relationships and undoubtedly present a challenge to the church.

The Army's answer to this development is expansion of its Corps of Chaplains to provide one for every 1,200 men in uniform and construction of chapels at every cantonment and base at the rate of one for every regiment or comparable unit.

Carrying on a tradition of 125 years, the American Bible Society will supply each of the chapels with a pulpit Bible and the Gideon Society, which for years has provided Bibles for hotel rooms, is prepared to distribute 4,500,000 books containing the Psalms and the New Testament.

In addition, denominations which do not have a chaplain at a camp are providing spiritual leaders to minister to the needs of members of their faith and are receiving the cooperation of Army chaplains in carrying on their activities.

It is a wise decision to provide the new army with every opportunity for religious worship. In a world where daily developments tend to bring disillusionment and dismay there is need for men to turn their thinking to spiritual foundations.

A recent survey covering millions of acres has indicated that our forest lands are producing only one-third as much timber as they are capable of producing. The evidence from many reliable investigations is clear-cut and overwhelming that woods fires are much to blame. The South may or may not be the nation's economic problem No. 1, but certainly we are not rich enough to have "forests to burn."—Charles R. Ross, Assistant Forester, S. C. Extension Service.

Christ's Resurrection . . . The Prime Fact of Christianity . . .

(A radio broadcast over KGG, Honolulu, April 12, 1941.)

The most important, outstanding fact of Christianity is the resurrection of Christ. But for the shedding of His precious blood there could have been no remission of sins. But had He, after His death, remained in the grave, His claim to divinity and Sonship would have failed. Following His resurrection the belief and attitude of His followers changed entirely. From a feeling of failure, discouragement and dejection they were lifted to victory, exultation, joy and sacrifice. They fell before Him in worship, exclaiming, "My Lord and my God."

One of the striking phases of the resurrection is the fact that even His disciples had to be convinced. This was doubtless in the plan of God, for when one comes to the realization of a fact after honest doubt and upon one's own investigation, one is convinced in a way that remains. After the Savior had shown Himself alive by "many proofs," as the scriptures say, there was never any more doubt. The resurrection became the theme of their preaching, and they spoke with such power regarding this and His crucifixion that their enemies could not withstand them. These were unable to refute the facts presented. Even their enemies were convinced of the resurrection, but they allowed Satan to harden their hearts. Instead of repenting and turning to a risen Christ and receiving forgiveness of sin, they railed upon the disciples and sought to destroy them. His followers are still being persecuted in certain lands; and, alas, here in this enlightened city we find heathen temples where peoples, in their ignorance or hardness of heart, worship the images or spirits of dead men rather than the risen Lord, the Son of God, who gave them their being and from whom they receive life.

We would call upon our friends who do Shinto-worship to cease their offense against God by the worship of man or the spirits of man, and we would beg our Buddhist friends to turn from a dead religion, as many are doing in India, China and Korea, to the worship of the living God. The followers of Christ, and He alone, is the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father, God, except through Him. As you look upon that illuminated cross upon the mountain tonight, the beauty of which is not in its silver light but in what it means, recall, I beg you, the great sacrifice that was made for you by Christ the Son and God the Father, and remember that He rose from the dead, giving such infallible proof such as cannot be refuted. Here man stands or falls before God. There is no middle ground. To say that all religions are the same is not true.

Six years ago I stood on the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem, where on that memorable night almost two thousand years ago, the Lord prayed, sweat drops of blood, was betrayed by a kiss, was taken to be falsely accused, and was later crucified. We walked on that mountain side in such moonlight as will flood the earth tonight. There were groups of Christians of many nationalities all over the mountain side singing, praising God and praying. Two elderly men from Scotland who joined our group exclaimed: "We have wanted ever since we were boys to visit this sacred spot. Our dreams now have been realized." As we all bowed there in prayer the momentous events that transpired there so many years before came to mind with vividness. Then as we attended later an early-morning Easter service at the Garden tomb, where, we believe, the body of the Lord lay and from which He arose, again our hearts burned within us, we rejoiced, and were impressed with the reality of all these things.

Luke, the beloved physician, tells us that he traced all things accurately from the beginning. Thus we have in the gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles an accurate record of what took place. It is upon the testimony of such men, the witness of the Holy Spirit and the indwelling of a risen Christ that we know He is risen and ever liveth to make intercession for us. Although the disciples "had to be shown," when once shown, this was enough.

I recall how a professor in the college which I attended overcame a period of doubt as to the reality of God, the cross and the resurrection. However, he wisely accepted Christ's challenge, as given in John 7:17: "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself." He turned away from all known sin and sought to do the will of God, at the same time asking God to open his mind and show him the truth. This God did. He accepted Christ as Lord and has lived a resurrected life. When this man, head of the Department of Law in the college, stepped onto the rostrum of the college chapel students lifted their heads and listened, for he spoke of Christ and salvation as one who knows.

Man's teachings and theories change, but God's Word, which is eternal, never. The Bible remains, as God, "the same yesterday, today and forever." So we find the great fact of Christianity, the resurrection of Christ, as primal and supreme in history and the very rock and stay upon which all may stand, supreme and eternal evidence that Christ is the Son of God, the One Who was in the beginning, the very creator of heaven and earth, the moon, the stars, the universe, the one from whom we have light and life.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Epworth League, 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting, 8 p. m. There will be no evening service as the pastor is in a meeting at Seaboard.

RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday evening at 3 o'clock. Subject for the service, The Man Who Found Himself. At the church is a good place for us to find ourselves. It is hoped that all members will be present, and the public is invited.

ST. MARTIN'S, HAMILTON

Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN

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

The Popular Point Vacation Bible School will have its commencement Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. Please note the change in the hour of service. This school has had an enrollment of around 85 and the public is invited to join with them in their commencement exercises.

The Bear Grass Vacation School which was begun last Tuesday afternoon will continue through next week.

Go to Church Sunday. Sunday School, too.

If there are any who doubt the fact of the resurrection, it is not for lack of evidence. As the gospel has spread to the ends of the earth and men and women in every land believe in Christ and His resurrection, will not you, listener, accept Him as Lord and Master? It is not enough to simply believe in the historical fact of His death and resurrection; we must make it a part of ourselves and come out on His side. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised Him from the dead," saith the Word of God, "thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:9.)

(This is a radio address given by Dr. Charles A. Leonard, of Honolulu, Hawaii, recently. Dr. Leonard is the father of Mrs. James Smith, of Williamston.)

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Sunday after Ascension. Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Rev. M. M. Johnson will bring the message of the morning. B. T. U., 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each one for their presence during the sickness, death and burial of our mother, Cornelia F. Lilley. Also for the flowers which were so beautiful. We thank each one who helped in any way. The Family.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court. Roberta Purvis Latham vs. Elizabeth Purvis and others. Under and by virtue of an order of re-sale entered in this cause, the undersigned commissioners will, on Friday, the 30th day of May, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the

courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of J. L. Wynne, Frank Everett, Mollie E. Moore, and others, and being the same tract of land that Alex Thompson purchased from J. A. Whitley, containing 17 acres, more or less, and being the same tract of land that said Alex Thompson owned at the time of his death.

This the 14th day of May, 1941. ELBERT S. PEEL, HUGH G. HORTON, B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioners.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Niecey A. Wynne, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned administrator, or his attorneys, within twelve months from the date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of May, 1941. SIMON S. ROGERSON, Administrator of the Estate of Niecey A. Wynne. m9-6t.

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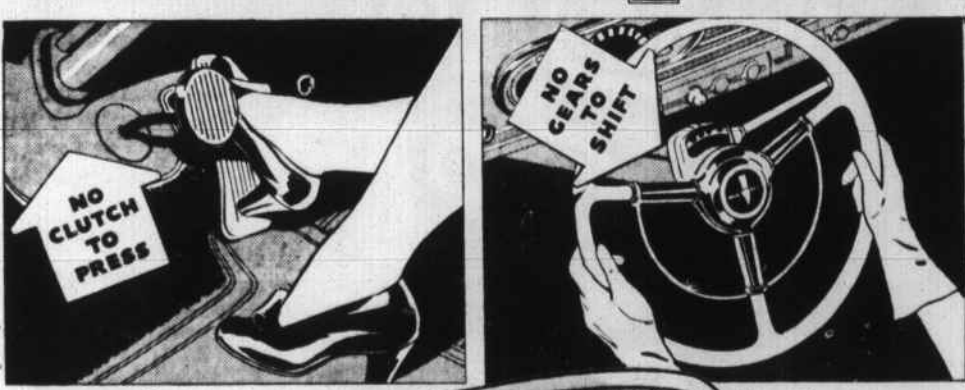
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