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WEEKLY BIBLE THOUGHT

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.
—Psalm 15:1-2

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to our neighbors over in Haywood county upon their very successful burley tobacco festival which was staged in Waynesville last week-end. According to their splendid local newspaper, the Waynesville Mountaineer, everything went off fine and according to schedule, and we quote, "the first annual Tobacco Harvest Festival was a success from every standpoint. The educational features were far above what the average person expected; the entertainment exceeded the fondest hopes of still others. The large crowd drawn to every phase of the program testified as to the interest of the public at large. Starting with the parade Friday to the last performance of a square dance team Saturday night, the huge crowds were in evidence."

This successful festival just didn't happen — it's making started several years ago when the farmers of Haywood county began growing more and better burley each year, and then harvesting, grading and preparing it for market so that it brought the highest market prices. The entire county took notice of this, along with the great economic value of the crop. The progressive farmers and civic minded leaders of the county decided to let the world know what they have and they hit upon the plan of the Tobacco Festival as the best way to do that — and they really did it. Congratulations upon a job well done. We predict bigger and better Tobacco Festivals in the years ahead.

The lesson we in Jackson county should learn from Haywood's Festival is—why can't we grow more and better tobacco and some day have a festival of our own?

SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN

The new caution light just installed at the entrance to Sylva high and elementary school campus from Highway 19A is a mighty good move on the part of our town board. This has always been a very dangerous place as here-to-fore there has been no caution sign and motorists sped along in a reckless manner endangering the lives of hundreds of children every day. This light should be a real warning of danger, and if an accident should happen it will not be because the operator of such a vehicle involved was not sufficiently cautioned. Some protection, however, was given the children by the police department when school opened last fall with one of the officers being on hand morning and evening to direct traffic at this point. Parents of the students appreciate this protection, as well as that which the caution light will provide. We say again that it is fine that the town board has provided this protection. But we still feel that a safer walkway should be provided from Lewis Esso Station to the intersection.

AS GOOD AS ANYWHERE

Sylva and Jackson county citizens will not have to seek Christmas merchandise this year any place other than Sylva because our merchants have plenty of every type of merchandise that can be bought elsewhere and at special reduced prices that should not only draw all local trade but cause outsiders to come to Sylva to shop. One has only to visit the various stores to find the gift or other merchandise desired at this time of the year. Be a booster of your town, trade at home and help make a greater Sylva.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON — Prevailing opinion on Capitol Hill is that the special session of Congress will vote funds for stopgap aid to western Europe, although President Truman's estimate of the amount required may be trimmed.

Leaders of both parties are said to agree that United States help to hungry Europe is a responsibility the nation cannot escape.

The special session is not expected to result in revival of wartime controls to beat down high prices. Many veteran observers believe this legislation will go over until the regular session in January.

The price question may become entangled in presidential election year politics, with both the administration and the Republican congressional majority sponsoring programs.

A compromise may be worked out, and this is doubly probable if the inflationary price spiral rises much higher.

Mr. Truman is expected to call for allocations of materials in short supply, but whether he will go beyond this is undetermined.

FOOD FOR ASIA?—Although special emphasis is being placed on the need for food in non-Communist western European countries, high government officials are casting troubled eyes on the situation in Asia.

They point out that more than half of the world's two billion people live in Asia and that farmers in Asiatic countries spend 60 per cent of annual income for food which they themselves cannot raise.

Famine conditions in China are, of course, already shocking. The picture is not expected to improve, since many of China's young farmers have deserted the land to answer the lure of higher wages in industrial centers.

Additionally, large tracts of China's most fertile lands produce no food because Chinese reverence for ancestors forbids tilling of the soil of the widespread burial grounds.

TRIPLE POLAR PLEXUS—The unofficial publication, Armed Force (formerly the Army-Navy Bulletin), editorially picks a "funny bone" with the United States Air Force over the latter's report of having located three magnetic North Poles.

The magazine "shudders" at the job of facing map and navigation instructors of the future. Says Armed Force:

"Not only has confidence in their veracity been shaken perhaps never to be regained, but every erring student suddenly finds himself possessed of a three-way out."

SERIOUS CONGRESSMEN — While many members of Congress are accused of junketing at the taxpayers' expense in Europe, those of the Herter committee say it is not so, as far as they are concerned. They split into subcommittees and each had a special assignment.

During their leisurely return aboard ship they exchanged information, with each member reporting what he saw. All disagreed with the claim of Rep. John Taber (R), New York, "watchdog" over expenses of the government, that he saw no hunger in Europe.

They saw plenty, they said. Their report, when published, will go into detail and will be depended on by the Truman administration to bolster the plea for the Marshall plan. The Herter committee members are somewhat skeptical, however, of some of the European reports of needs. They frankly considered the Dutch requests "watered."

As evidence of the hardworking spirit of the group, they tell this story:

Due to land at Naples, they were forced, by fog, to land at Pisa. Coming in through the clouds, one member saw the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa in the distance. "Look," he said, "There is one of the Seven Wonders of the World."

The other answered sourly: "What the — do you think this is, a sightseeing trip?"

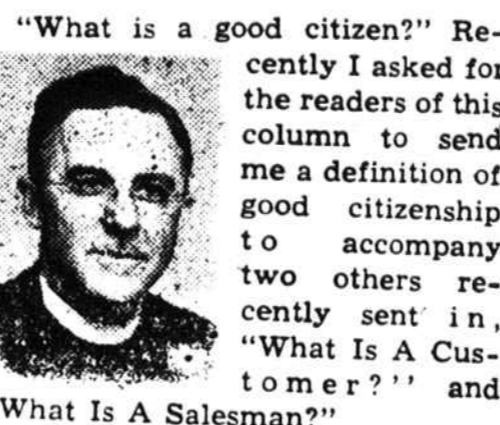
It is seldom we hear of a merchant having too many customers in his store at one time. But that is what happened to one of our local stores last Saturday when it had "Santa Claus" visit it. Seven thousand were just too many to wait on at one time. Ask Boyd if you doubt it.

HIGHER THE HILL, LONGER THE SLIDE



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.



"What is a good citizen?" Recently I asked for the readers of this column to send me a definition of good citizenship to accompany two others recently sent in, "What Is A Customer?" and "What Is A Salesman?"

In response to this request, one of our readers has suggested that we need go no further than the 15th Psalm to find the definition of a good citizen.

Certainly this Psalm is an excellent definition of good citizenship here and hereafter. It opens with the question:

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"

A true citizen in a Christian democracy is certainly one who has learned to regulate his life according to Divine principles, and to walk in fellowship with his God.

The Psalmist replies to his own question as follows:

"He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart." This is a positive declaration of right living in thought, word and deed, in right relation with God and our fellowman. Such a program of living produces health, harmony and happiness.

The Psalmist then becomes more explicit, indicating things which a good citizen would not wilfully do:

"He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." The good citizen trains himself to "Think no evil, hear so evil, speak no evil." He looks for the best in life instead of the worst. He has learned that a critical attitude towards others poisons one's own thinking. If he has to listen to gossip and unkind criticism of others, he lets it pass through his thinking, and promptly forgets it.

"In whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord." He will have nothing to do with the base, vile and dishonest. He preserves his own integrity and reputation in the sight of God.

"He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not." A truly upright citizen will keep his word even to his own disadvantage.

"He that putteth not out his

money to interest, nor taketh reward against the innocent." The good citizen will not become a victim of greed, nor take financial advantage of his neighbor.

The Psalmist sums up his definition, "He that doeth these things shall never be moved." Here's a fine blueprint of good citizenship in a Christian democracy.

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The North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks now owns and operates 107 fire towers in 78 counties. Three more towers are under construction as a part of the Division's drive toward a final goal of 135 towers in 100 counties.