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BIBLE THOUGHT

"God . . . in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 11 Cor. 5:19.

Jackson County Fair

Nothing is more conducive to success and progress of any business or enterprise than the cooperation of individuals or groups of individuals. Success in a worthwhile enterprise never bring about an injury or injustice to anyone. We are speaking of the County Fair that has been announced to be held some time next fall. Without the cooperation of all farm organizations of the men and women, and boys and girls of the county, the business firms throughout the town and county, the civic clubs and the adults of the town and county, the fair will be a hard pull. However, with the cooperation of all these groups, a County Fair will be the result.

A County Fair has many attributes: it is a means of friendly, competitive contrast of what individuals and groups of individuals are accomplishing and of their abilities; it is a stimulus for bigger and better activities; it develops individuality. In many ways it benefits financially.

"You need a vacation" is the advice frequently given by physicians and friends to individuals who have by daily work and worry lowered their resistance. Those who heed such advice come back to their duties with renewed vigor and ideas. A County Fair has the same effect on all its citizens. — Let's have a Fair!

Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. . . . When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization.—Daniel, Webster.

WHO'S NEXT?

The action of United States Steel in turning down a requested wage boost to its employees, but at the same time announcing a \$25,000,000 cut in prices, inspires four immediate observations:

1. The steel corporation has learned a lesson in public relations from the very sour reaction to its price rise of a couple of months ago.

2. The new price cut, at the very least, is a welcome and commendable gesture toward breaking the inflationary spiral which has shown signs of zooming again.

3. The United Steelworkers and their president, Philip Murray, are likewise to be commended for the prompt announcement that, although denied increased pay, they will abide by their contract and do not propose to strike. The workers are disappointed, of course. They cannot hope to realize any measurable direct compensation from slightly cheaper steel in return for what they are not to get in pay. They can gain greatly, however, if this revives the trend started by General Electric and now joined by Westinghouse.

4. Since the corporation denied the wage boost on the undisputed grounds that rising wages account for one side of the inflationary spiral, the public is likely to ask whether the price cut is enough to share this saving in labor costs with the general economy. Also, in view of Mr. Murray's point that United States Steel's net profits last year were \$153,000,000, whether the company is doing all it could do.

These are valid questions. But we would not wish them to detract from our recognition of the broad significance of the example United States Steel has set in checking the wage-rise element in inflation, not by a bare refusal but by doing something on the price side of the spiral, too

Who's next? —Science Monitor

INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — President Truman and Democratic National Chairman Howard McGrath have just received a confidential and pessimistic report from New York state Democratic leaders. This report indicates that the southern rise against Mr. Truman's anti-Jim Crow program has developed a counterpart in the Empire State.

The New York revolt is due to the administration's about face on the Palestine partition program. At least five powerful Jewish leaders, or leaders closely affiliated with the Jewish vote, have stated they do not see how they can support the president for nomination in view of the Holy Land switch.

Both the president and McGrath have been informed by their highest political aides that the popular upswing which was beginning to develop in the wake of the president's message to Congress has been blocked by the Palestine matter.

T-H. LAW HITS SNAG—The Taft-Hartley law's safeguards against industry-wide production-crippling strikes hasn't been working very well in the coal walkout. One of the important phases of the act provides that either party desiring to modify or terminate a contract must notify the government 60 days in advance.

During this period, the Federal Mediation Service—also created by the law—gets an opportunity to attempt settlement of the dispute. However, John L. Lewis did not modify or terminate his contract.

Lewis only notified his miners that the coal operators were violating the agreement. The strike began in short order. Federal Mediation Chief Cyrus Ching didn't have a chance to get into action before the miners were idle. By then his efforts were futile.

The same thing is true of the president's board of inquiry. The law contemplates appointment of such a board prior to a walkout and postponement of the strike until it reports. The coal board was not set up until the mines had been down nine days.

FPC MUDDLE—Burton N. Behling, whose appointment as a member of the Federal Power Commission was suddenly withdrawn by the White House, is wondering what happened. No one has informed him.

Behling was in the very act of reaching for his hat, ready to go before the Senate committee which was prepared to examine his qualifications for the EPC post. Then his office phone rang and his secretary informed him the White House was calling.

The man on the other end of the phone was Donald Dawson, administrative assistant to the president. Dawson's message was brief. He said Mr. Truman had changed his mind and no longer wanted Behling for the job. There was no further explanation.

However, observers believe Mr. Truman, eager to rebuild his sagging political fences, was anxious to offer the post to former Senator Jim Mead of New York, and thus, as a matter of expediency, made Behling the goat.

However, Mead rejected the appointment, informing the president he did not feel he had the experience the EPC position required. Behling has the necessary experience, but he could hardly be re-nominated, so he is out of luck on a good job his associates say he could have handled ably.

STATE DEPARTMENT RED TAPE—Rep. Karl Stefan (R), Nebraska, is convinced that there is no red tape like the red tape used by the State department. The Nebraskan related that an investigator for a House appropriations subcommittee was assigned the task of examining State department administration.

As part of his job, he followed a simple, routine piece of correspondence through the department. For two and a half days he trailed the letter through a maze of divisions, branches and offices.

The letter went through 35 different steps, including sending it to a separating room merely to be folded. The letter went twice through each of three department buildings and the investigator estimated that it would take about 30 days to process the letter.

Eastern college is teaching girls how to shop. But our bachelor friend is looking for one who has been taught not to.—Dallas Morning News.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"New powerful poison found. One-quarter pound in water supply of city of 100,000 would kill all." This newspaper headline tells us that this new poison is the most lethal simple compound known to science.

Truly we have opened "Pandora's Box." To refresh your memory concerning "Pandora's Box," I give you the story briefly. According to Greek Mythology, Pandora was the first woman. After Prometheus stole fire from heaven and bestowed it upon mortals, Zeus determined to counteract this blessing, so he ordered a woman to be fashioned out of the earth, upon whom the gods would bestow various gifts. Epimetheus, the brother of Prometheus, married Pandora. Zeus gave her a wedding gift, the so-called "Pandora's Box," containing an assortment of evils and blessings. Epimetheus told her not to open the box until given permission to do so by Mercury. In the absence of her husband, however, Pandora could not resist



the desire to take a look into this mysterious box. She unbound the cords and lifted the lid. Immediately, the evils, which have plagued mankind since that day, escaped before Pandora could replace the lid. Hope, however, which lay at the bottom of the box, she managed to keep, Pandora having shut down the lid before Hope escaped.

Qualla H. D. Club Holds Meeting

The Qualla Home Demonstration club met on Tuesday, April 20, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Golman Kinsland with Mrs. Ben Seals as joint hostess. The roll call showed twenty-one members present. Plans were made for two articles from the club to be placed on display in Massie's Furniture Store window during the week of May 2-8, which is National Home Demonstration week.

Mrs. Emerson Cathey and Mrs. Golman Kinsland were elected game leaders and Mrs. Bessie Reagan was chosen as song leader for the club. Mrs. Kinsland and Mrs. Thad Beck were chosen to represent the club at a meeting to be held in Sylva to make plans for the curb market.

The meeting was turned over to Miss Johnston, who gave a very interesting discussion on ways of bedding and storage of sweet potatoes. She then gave each member a leaflet of recipes using the sweet potatoes and demonstrated one of them, Surprise Croquettes. During the social hour the hostesses served pineapple cheese salad, Ritz crackers, angel food cake, iced tea and croquettes which Miss Johnston had made.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Eula Beck May 18. **QUALLA PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC HELD**

The pre-school clinic for the Qualla elementary school was held in the school building on Thursday, April 22, at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. Alma McCracken, District Health nurse, was in charge of the clinic, and was assisted by Mrs. Roberta Sauter and Mrs. Juanita Phillips. Twenty children who are to enter school next fall were given immunizations against whooping cough, diphtheria and small-pox, if they had not previously had these immunizations.

After the physical check-up each child was given a cone of ice-cream and a balloon by the grade mothers for the first grade.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Little Miss Barbara Sue Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Conner of Whittier, has entered the hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Dora Lee Cowan of Webster is in for treatment.

Little Miss Patsy Watson of Bryson City, the daughter of Mrs. Jack Watson, is recovering from an appendectomy.

Mr. John Frizell of Webster is receiving treatment and improving. Miss Virginia Adams of Cullowhee is recovering after an appendectomy.

Mr. Nathan Ward of Whittier is in for treatment.

Little Miss Carol Beacham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Beacham, of Sylva is recovering after an appendectomy.

Mrs. Nettie Dockery of Speedwell is in for treatment.

Dr. Daisy McGuire of Sylva is in for treatment.

Mr. Raymon McClure of Sylva is in for treatment.

Mr. Joe Middleton of Tuckaseegee is in for observation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buchanan of Greens Creek a daughter on April 26.

Gracie Bryson (col.) of Sylva is receiving treatment and improving.

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