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**BIBLE THOUGHT**

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: "But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 2: 19, 20

**OUR HOSPITAL NEEDS**

Realizing for some time that C. J. Harris Community hospital, although filling a great need, is inadequate to take care of the demand now being made upon its facilities for properly caring for the people who seek treatment there, the board of directors have launched an extensive expansion program for the hospital, according to a news item carried in this issue of the Herald.

Those who have had occasion to need and use the facilities of this hospital also realize that the community is now in great need of a building to provide more beds and equipment. We feel that there are enough people in Jackson county interested in the program which the directors are trying to put over to make the program a success. Funds will be required to carry on the work and a drive to raise this is contemplated. We urge everyone to respond when called on for money in order that Jackson county may have the type hospital now so sorely needed.

This newspaper commends the C. J. Harris Community hospital of Sylva as well as the hospitals of North Carolina for the magnificent service which they have rendered and are continuing to render to our people. We look with admiration and sympathetic understanding on these noble institutions as they now struggle to provide service against tremendous handicaps. We have fullest confidence that our hospitals will survive this crisis, as they have overcome previous obstacles which they have faced. We believe that the Good Health program assures a bright new era in the health and happiness of North Carolina, and the hospitals, you may be sure, will play a major role in this development.

During this week, State Hospital Week, we appeal to the people of Sylva and Jackson county, as well as other counties and communities served by the C. J. Harris Community hospital, for a more careful consideration of the problems and handicaps with which they are faced today. Give and give gladly when called upon by one of its directors for your donation for the expansion program on which it has launched out. It is a "friend" standing waiting when you need it. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

**What Of Our Boys And Girls?**

By the time this issue of The Herald reaches you practically all of the schools of Jackson County will be closed, the children will have received their report cards, and parents will have checked the accomplishments of their children for the school year 1947-48. Are you satisfied with the results? Have the children done their best? Have they acquired the knowledge that they should and could according to their mental abilities? If not, let's check these: Home environment, physical condition, transportation to and from school, school buildings, classroom equipment, teaching load, to these we would also add the faculty. Because, if all the above were perfect and the faculty members lacking in ability and training, the accomplishments of the child would not be its best. But this, we know, is not the case in Jackson county.

The greatest need for the boys and girls of Sylva and Jackson county is more and better school buildings. Are we going to sit around and argue against and be selfish in our efforts to help provide these buildings when the time comes to vote

**INSIDE WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON — Gen. Dwight D. (Ike) Eisenhower's blunt announcement through his close friend, Maj. Gen. Floyd Parks, that he would refuse a Democratic presidential nomination "draft" was good news to political-beleaguered President Truman.

It buoyed Mr. Truman's hopes, because the Democrats may have nowhere else to go. Many anti-Truman Democrats were (and still are) hopeful that Ike might reverse himself on the loud "no" he gave Republicans in January.

Had Eisenhower done this most political observers believe the odds would have been heavily against Mr. Truman's being in the running.

They figured on the support of most New York delegates, counted certainly on the rebellious south, and estimated they could capture strong support from the west.

However, with Eisenhower having twice declared himself out, the Democrats may have to take Mr. Truman or leave the party when they go to the polls in November.

GRIST FOR MOSCOW?—A House-adopted amendment to the European Recovery Program has administration foreign policy leaders deeply concerned lest it cripple the aid plan and make grist for Moscow propaganda mill.

The amendment gives the ERP administrator final authority to say what United States goods can be exported to Russia and iron curtain countries.

More important, it provides that Marshall Plan participants shall receive no aid if they refuse to put an embargo on their own exports on goods the United States declines to send to Eastern Europe.

The focal point of Moscow propaganda against the Marshall Plan has been the charge that it represents an American attempt at "imperialism" and interference in the internal affairs of European countries.

United States Government officials fear the amendment will be used by Moscow to "substantiate" these charges. Moreover, Britain and other ERP countries may feel that the American Congress has no business legislating the operation of their economies.

Some Capitol Hill observers believe that Senate opposition to the amendment will result in its elimination from the ERP bill when it is in the joint conference stage.

STASSEN BIDS FOR CALIFORNIA —Harold E. Stassen, by announcing he will not enter the California GOP presidential primary, has made an open bid to capture the state's delegation if Gov. Earl Warren withdraws at the national convention.

It is considered likely Warren will quit if his candidacy does not "catch on." In that event, he will release his delegates to whatever candidate they choose after making his own recommendation.

Political observers think Stassen made a canny move. If Warren breaks with Taft, Dewey or Vandenberg, Stassen stands a good chance of snaring some of California's bumper crop of votes.

STALIN'S "NO COMMENT"—Rep. William Colmer (D), Mississippi, it telling friends on Capitol Hill how Premier Stalin reacted to an invitation to visit the United States and "talk things over" with President Truman.

Colmer said he extended the invitation in 1946 when he visited Moscow as chairman of a House committee studying economic conditions abroad.

The Mississippi said: "I asked Stalin through an interpreter to come to the United States and talk thing over with the president. I said if he did so it would be regarded as an indication that we could do business."

Asked what Stalin replied Colmer stated: "He just looked at me and shrugged his shoulders. He didn't say anything."

on the bond issue—just because it isn't your community that will get a new building (for certainly all can't get one)? Don't stand in the way of other boys and girls getting one. What helps one community-helps the county as a whole.

Seidel, who is quite a beerologist and has made a deep study of the bubbling brew, says that beer, next to water, is the world's oldest drinking fluid.

As soon as the caveman invented beer, according to S. J. S., civilization got underway.

**THE AMERICAN WAY**



"What's The Difference?"

**The Everyday Counsellor**

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"What makes an alcoholic," is the title of a full article in April 19 Newsweek, which gives the findings of Dr. Robert V. Seliger of Johns Hopkins Hospital, chief psychiatrist of the Neuro-psychiatric Institute, Baltimore. It is based on his twenty years of experience in handling drinkers of all degrees, from the "light social" drinker to the pronounced alcoholic. This article should be read by everyone who drinks alcoholic beverages.



Dr. Seliger admits with all authorities on alcohol that for the third-stage alcoholic, the one who is allergic to alcohol, there is only one answer — total abstinence for the rest of his life. It is to these estimated 750,000 alcoholics that the Alcoholics Anonymous particularly directs their attention.

Dr. Seliger goes further than the chronic alcoholic, and points a finger of solemn warning at the social drinker. He says, "I am convinced that heavy social drinkers actually cause more trouble, as a group — and this group numbers into the millions — than do the estimated 750,000 alcoholics." He warns of the increase in heavy social drinking or "incipient alcoholism," and the dangers "taused by these heavily "bourbonized" men and women in a "supersonic mechanical age."

The heavy social drinker, according to Dr. Seliger, gets himself and others into trouble, and from his ranks the chronic alcoholic usually develops. He says their number is increasing — "At any hotel bar or grill you may see at any dining hour a number of well-dressed, presumably influential men who, as the rounds pile up, become louder, more argumentative, and expansive in movement." This produces inefficiency. "When calm in business or profession is required, alcoholic states of mind are comparable to a cut-off in electricity at a peak hour of production." He said that the executive who dictates a wrong letter, thereby losing several millions of the

stockholders' investments, "hurts and harms in a bloodless way," as does the clerk who drinks during the noon hour and makes other errors the rest of the day. "Such episodes of 'absenteeism on the spot' from the top down are probably as many as, perhaps more than, those of orthodox absenteeism due to alcoholism," Dr. Seliger said.

He blames this condition on the prevailing social attitude towards heavy social daytime drinking. "If we could change this attitude so that it would not be considered obligatory or 'smart' to drink heavily, we would be saved much trouble and so far as auto accidents are concerned, much tragedy."

Most of us are careful about the drugs we take into our bodies, and try to learn what the results will be. Intelligent people should do the same with regard to drinking alcohol, even if it is sold as a beverage.

**PERSONALS**

Miss Chris Rucker has returned to her home in Shelby after spending the week-end in Sylva with Mrs. T. O. Wilson and family.

Mrs. Elwood Horne of Durham is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Keith Hinds and Mrs. Leon Sutton. While here she attended the graduation exercises of Sylva High school. Her niece, Miss Linda Sutton, is a member of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Shepherd of Asheville were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Carey Allison. Mr. Shepherd returned Sunday but Mrs. Shepherd remained for graduation at Sylva High, where her niece, Miss Peggie Jo Sutton, is a member of the graduating class.

Capt. Sam C. Allison arrived last week from Puerto Rico, where he is stationed at an Army hospital, to spend three weeks with his mother, Mrs. Carey Allison.

**TIMBER TALKS**

By W. C. HENNESSEE

While we are growing trees to replace the millions of board feet cut in Jackson County during the war years, let us use wisely timber we have left. Avoid wasteful practice whenever possible.

Cut only trees that are mature and are ready for market. As an example of what I mean. Did you know that it cost more than twice as much, in both time and labor, to manufacture 1 board foot of lum-

ber from a tree 8 inches in diameter (4 1/2 ft. above the ground) as from a tree 25 inches in diameter. Less than one-half as much saleable lumber is obtained from a cubic foot of wood in an 8 inch tree as from a cubic foot of wood in a 25 inch tree. Furthermore, the lumber obtained from an 8-inch tree has less than half as much value per 1,000 foot as that from a 25-inch tree.

Small trees make big trees by and by.  
LET'S KEEP JACKSON COUNTY GREEN!

Read Herald Want Ads.

**CANDIDATE**

For

**STATE SENATE**

32nd

Senatorial

District



W. H. (Gudger) Crawford

In making my Campaign for Nomination in the Democratic Primary for State Senate I wish to state that I am running entirely on my own platform. As far as having lined up with any Faction, such statements are not true.

**MY PLATFORM FOR TEACHERS**

1. Reduced Classroom load with at the most 30 pupils, preferably 25.
2. Some provision of security for holding position, including a 30-day notice before school is out of non-re-election or change.
3. Fair salary increase (Minimum of \$2400.00).
4. Equalization fund whereby poorer counties might get aid for buildings and equipment.

My Platform on Roads Will Appear Next Week. Your Support Will Be Appreciated.

**W. H. Crawford**

**BRANDON P. HODGES**

OF ASHEVILLE

**CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER**

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY  
MAY 29, 1948



Brandon Hodges has the support of his homefolks for the office of State Treasurer. The Buncombe County Bar Association unanimously endorsed him. Democratic Chairman Robert Williams said the Democratic party "could offer no person better qualified to fill this important office." The Asheville Times said editorially that "Mr. Hodges has outstanding qualifications for this highly important office." Asheville's Mayor Clarence E. Moran described him as a "man of outstanding ability." Philip Woollcott, past president North Carolina Bankers Association, said, "Mr. Hodges is well qualified for the office of State Treasurer by character, education, experience and business ability."

Brandon Hodges is a native of Asheville. Educated at University of North Carolina and Wake Forest college. An outstanding member of the Asheville bar since 1926. Buncombe county attorney for 10 years. Member of the 1943 and 1945 State Senate. Chairman of Appropriations committee in 1945 session. Chairman of N. C. Advisory Budget commission 1945-46, and legislative counsel to the Governor during the 1947 session of the General Assembly.

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