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BIBLE THOUGHT

ETERNAL LIFE FOR BELIEVERS: *Thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*—John 17:2, 3.

LYNCHING IN THE SOUTH

Since Congress convened in January, the country has been aware of a fight being staged on the floor of the Senate over the anti-lynching bill. Weeks of filibustering have already been spent on the bill. It seems evident that those favoring the bill, are after something other than a curb of lynching.

According to figures given out by Tuskegee Institute, a negro college in Alabama, there were only eight persons lynched in 1937. In 1936 the same number were lynched. In 1935 there were 29, and in 1934 there were 15. All those lynched in 1937 were negroes.

At the present rate, lynching is showing a decided decrease, and in 1937 was confined to five southern states—Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Florida.

WHAT PRICE HASTE

A recent issue of the Rotarian Magazine used a quotation from a message of Marshall De Motte as the basis for an excellent editorial on safety. Quoting the entire editorial, which is well worth reading:

"As the year's best safety slogan, we would propose the following, gleaned from a message of Marshall De Motte to California Rotary clubs: 'As ye would that others should drive toward you, Drive ye even so toward them.'"

"And for runner-up, this from the Daily Transcript of Holyoke, Massachusetts: 'The car to watch is the car behind the car in front of you.'"

"Both are to the point that, like charity and a multitude of other good things of the spirit, sane driving begins at home. Of course, accidents are always caused by the other fellow, but nonetheless the victim—while recovering—might often with profit ask himself whether it would have happened if he hadn't, well, been in an unnecessary hurry.

"Or better yet, before the accident happens, he could do a bit of personal moralizing about this experiment carried out by the Detroit police: Two cars were sent on a 12-mile course through the city. One driver was instructed to hurry—to cut through traffic lanes, to cross intersections while lights were changing, anything to get to the destination first. The other driver was to drive like a gentleman. He did—and came in second. The reckless driver arrived three minutes ahead of him; and had picked up precisely 15 seconds per mile."

VACATIONS AND TAXES

The American Automobile Association estimates that 42,000,000 persons in this country annually take a vacation motor trip at a cost of about \$100 per individual. Adding to these figures the 7,700,000 people who travel on pleasure excursions by rail the New York Times calculates that vacation trips in the United States cost around \$5,000,000,000.

The exact figure is not important but it is interesting to realize that despite all the talk about high taxes the sum represents more than the collection of all local taxes in this nation, twice the estimated taxation by State governments, and two-fifths of all tax collections in the country.

Evidently the taxpayer is not yet broke and the nation has surplus funds with which to enjoy life. It is well to realize this and to remember that taxation is not vicious if the proceeds are wisely and intelligently expended in the public interest.

LIFE EXPECTANCY INCREASES

A new-born baby in Haywood County, or in any other county of the United States, may expect to live 61.26 years. This is the average figure for the United States.

The parents of the baby had a much shorter life expectancy at their birth, only about 49.24 years.

Figures like these have led some Americans to assume that the individual has expectation of living to a greater age than the men and women of earlier years. However, the gain in average expectation is largely due to improved health for children, which lifts the average by eliminating the deaths of infants and young children.

For example, if 100 persons, born thirty years ago, included fifty babies who died in their first year, the rest of the group could all live to be 100 years old without showing an average of more than 59.5 years. However, if 100 persons, born thirty years ago, would all die at the age of 51, the average of the group would be 51 years. This impossible illustration, we think, will show the reader that average expectancy is not to be confused with the prospect of riper age for the adult members of the group.

In fact, while statisticians conclude that we live longer than we did, which is based on the average life, it is impossible to say from any known tables of longevity how much longer any of us may expect to live in the future. The life span of man, figured on an average, has been raised by twelve years in a generation, but the maximum number of years that an individual can exist has probably not been raised at all.

THE RIGHT START

There is a man I know who has a sign above his desk which reads: "Be pleasant every morning until ten o'clock. The rest of the day will take care of itself." This suggestion creates an atmosphere of good cheer in the office. Everybody has the habit of starting the day with a smile, and a pleasant word, thus setting the right keynote for the entire day.

Another man I know reads something inspiring before he leaves home in the morning. He believes that setting-up exercises are as important for the mind as for the body. He tunes up his mind with big, positive, constructive thoughts before the day's business battle begins.

In a psychology class I attended, the instructor always started the session by asking: "How is everybody today?" and we were taught to enthusiastically respond in unison, "Fine and dandy and why shouldn't we be?" It was almost magical the way those words vitalized the meeting!

Getting off to the right start is at least half the secret of a successful day.—The Silver Lining.

THIS THING CALLED EXERCISE

My guess is that the cowboy with his "home on the range" life and his life on the horse lives no longer on the average than does the clerical worker whose exercise consists mainly of getting himself from his home to his office and from his office to his home.

What started this train of thought was a remark made by a friend of mine as to the marvelous benefits of horseback riding. Of course horseback riding is great fun—any kind of exercise we like is great fun—but aside from the fun, I believe many of the exercises prescribed for us are so much bunk. At least they are for me. Take for instance setting up exercises. I never could see that I received any benefits from them. I have been just as well without them as with them, and far less bored.

I used to live very actively, and spent much of my time hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, bowling, boxing, playing tennis. I have played golf too, but never liked it. Furthermore, my vocation took me out of doors nearly all the time. Then a change of plans confined me to my office all day long for a year. To my surprise, I never felt better than during that year, though I expected the reverse.

I have come to the conclusion that there is much nonsense bound up in health rules. Live sanely, eat normally, exercise pleasantly and above all, don't fret. All the health rules in the world cannot do much for you if you fret; and you will need few of those rules if you fret.

"Take no thought of your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on," is one of the most vital admonitions ever issued—though of course it is expected that it will be applied with common sense.—Wambolt.

It was amusing, and also quite encouraging, to note that among those who received refunds for over-payment of income taxes, was President Roosevelt. That proves that not even the President understands how to make out the complicated returns.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. Curtis Russ

Judging from the number of places selling onion sets this spring, there should be a bumper crop this summer of the tasty roots.

Never, in all my life, have I seen as many places selling onion sets—and at a wide variety of prices. The first inclination on the part of the average gardener is to plant onions. They are easy to plant, easy to cultivate, and they grow fast.

Is there anything that gives a boy a bigger thrill than to snatch young onions from the garden? Neither is there anything that carries as much evidence of guilt as an onion-breath.

Speaking of onions, brings to mind that the annual ramp convention will be called soon, and according to President J. B. Davis, of Fines Creek, the gathering of wild onion eaters will meet at Soco Gap this year. It is my understanding that all are invited who can eat at least 12 large ramps.

From C. D. Ketner comes information that "banty" eggs have more flavor than the regular run of eggs. He says they are more tasty. Yet, "banty" eggs are not in demand on the market, because of their size.

I once knew a preacher who refused to eat all but leghorn eggs. He claimed that he could tell a difference by the odor even after they had been cooked. After enduring Uncle Abe's cigar smoke for over three years, I've lost all sense of smell.

How does your voice sound over the 'phone? Well, take it from me, it will be lots different from what you might think. Of course we hear ourselves when we use the phone, but our natural voice, and the 'phone voice' are quite different.

The other day, an engineer of the telephone company was here and gave an illustration of modern telephone operation, and all that sort of technical complications, and after he had concluded his demonstrations, he invited those present to hear themselves over the 'phone. An ordinary 'phone was used, and this was connected with a machine that had a lot of gadgets. We spoke into the mouth-piece of the 'phone in our ordinary tones, and in a second, we heard what we said coming back through the receiver, in our "telephone voice."

I believe it would be a good thing for the patrons of the telephone company to take a test and learn firsthand just how they sound over the 'phone. Certainly some people would improve their diction, and learn just how to pitch their voice when talking over the wires.

And speaking of diction, there seems to be a general improvement on the part of the average person to speak distinct and with emphasis. Perhaps, the talking pictures and the radio may be credited with improvement of this important, yet much neglected phase of our lives.

And only yesterday, Father Lane walked into the office while Mrs. Gwyn's 'phone was being repaired, and wanted to know if her excessive talking had put the instrument out of order. From the repairman, it was learned that the "incoming" wire was the source of the defect—this was probably caused by someone wanting to know why an account of a party held two weeks ago couldn't get in the paper after the paper was on the press—such things happen frequently.

VIEWS OF EDITORS

Truth Will Out
A banker says "a college education sets a man back three or four years." Why speak vaguely of "a man?" Why not come out frankly, and say "Father?"—The Detroit News.

Possibly
A professor says the respect children used to have for their parents 50 years ago is not in evidence today. Maybe it's because the old folks are so wild.—Yakima Morning Herald.

Wonders of Science
That Johns Hopkins chemist who has made motor exhaust fumes innocuous might now turn his attention to making them smell like fried chicken.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Isaiah Bowman, president Johns Hopkins University:
"It is the fashion today to be positive about everything, from the New Deal to the newly telephaty."

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Chinese generalissimo:
"The prestige of the white man is sinking fast."

Alfred M. Landon, former Governor of Kansas:
"We cannot live on a high plateau, above and away from all other nations."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, Baptist preacher:
"Concerning any vitally important matter, we may decide for or against, but if we do not decide, then life steps in and decides for us."

John P. Monaghan, Catholic priest:
"Labor is radical and right, but I wish it were not so politically right."

Turner Catledge, N. Y. Times correspondent, back from Brazil:
"Brazilian observers will tell you instantly that Dr. Vargas' present reign is independent first and foremost on the armed service."

Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady:
"Professional people and people who work with their heads should be on the same basis regardless of sex."

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State:
"There is no greater fallacy than the belief that a nation can exist within its own bounds without international accord."

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