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### BIBLE THOUGHT

Behold happy is the man whom God correcteth, therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.—Job 5:17.

### TWO EXTREMES

There are two schools of thought now prevailing in this country, and more especially in Western North Carolina, that makes a confusing jumble for the average person who tries to see beyond the present.

As we all know, the state and federal governments are now working out plans for taking care of larger relief rolls than ever. Unemployment is steadily increasing, we are told. Curtailment, and even closing of plants is not uncommon in many sections.

That is the one picture, while on the other hand these same governmental agencies are being called upon to provide money for the establishment of more parks, and playgrounds for people to play and enjoy themselves. These same advocates of bigger and better state parks are teaching people how to play.

In both instances the governments are doing the financing, and in each instance, the unemployed and the players, are yelling their heads off because of high taxation.

As we said in the opening paragraph, we have two decided, and extreme schools of thought prevailing in this country, and the two are so far apart that there is no middle ground. The man who is employed cannot, or at least does not feel inclined to spend much, if any, money playing, when he knows that in order to keep out of debt he is going to be faced with heavier taxation to help pay for the carrying on of relief rolls, and the maintenance and building of playgrounds.

It seems that those charged with dishing out all the people's tax money, should realize that a playing nation cannot be a progressive nation.

It seems that we, as a nation, are putting a premium on idleness and play instead of honest work. The old pioneer spirit of going out and making our way in the world, and to be proud that we are workers, seems to be swiftly fading away.

The result of this let-down in that it is honorable to work is resulting in a contented unemployed group who are willing to remain on relief rolls and take what is handed them instead of bettering their conditions.

We just wonder if the rising generation, being brought up with such conditions prevailing, will have the courage, and spirit to carry on and preserve the ideals of this nation?

It seems that these two extremes should be brought closer together for the common good of all.

### DEBTS AND COURTS

"Lorenzo McGuire, 16-year-old Negro, was convicted of stealing \$13 in merchandise from the State Drug Store and ordered to reimburse the store or take 60 days on the roads." That statement from the news report of last Monday morning's session of the Raleigh City Court is familiar enough, too familiar. Too many judges mistake their function on the criminal court bench as debt collectors instead of crime correctors. Obviously, under the terms of this judgment Lorenzo McGuire is a criminal if he can't raise \$3, a free man if he can. Certainly where such a monetary distinction is made by judges, it is not strange if the distinctions made between right and wrong by those who come before them are not always as clear as they should be.

It is no more the business of judges to require private restitution than it is to satisfy private vengeance. If a man is a thief, he should be punished as such. Restitution to the robbed is by no means full payment of a criminal's debt to society.—Raleigh News and Observer.

### LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS IN THE MAKING

Just as we thought the subject of the sales tax was beginning to die out, there comes news from Winston-Salem that a store is being opened there just for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the laws under which the sales tax is being levied and administered.

The store is being opened by the secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, and the owner will pay the sales tax under protest. The plans are to take the case to the United States Supreme Court, if lower courts fail to rule in their favor.

The Association was organized in 1933, and adopted a three point program: Promotion of economy in government; abolishment of the sales tax and reduction of automobile license tags.

During the past year, the public has taken the sales tax as a matter of necessity, and sentiment has been growing in favor of the tax which is branded as "the fairest of all taxation."

This question is just one of many that are now in the making, that will be dumped into the lap of the 1939 legislature to unravel.

### HOW N. C. PROFITS

It is interesting to note that North Carolina benefits very substantially from expenditures of the railroads, and this should give us all an added incentive for hoping that a practical solution can be reached by which the carriers can solve their financial problems and operate at a profit.

In 1937, for instance, the railroads spent a huge sum in this state for materials, supplies, fuel and payrolls, it is revealed in a special study which has just been completed by the Bureau of Railway Economics of the American Association of Railroads.

Railway purchases in North Carolina totaled \$2,248,521, the report shows. These purchases were made in 345 towns and cities located in 88 of the 100 counties of the state.

Wages paid to railway employes in North Carolina during 1938 amounted to \$23,598,573.

The review discloses that, for the nation as a whole, the railroads last year paid \$1,132,361,468 for the more than 70,000 different items which they use. Materials, supplies and fuel cost \$966,383,000, and expenditures for all new equipment (except that constructed in railway shops) totaled \$166,978,468. More than 12,000 towns and cities located in 2,638 of the 3,072 counties of the United States derived benefits from the large volume of railroad buying.

In 1938, the country's rail carriers also distributed \$1,983,990,485 in wages to their employes, the report says.—Hickory Record.

We note with regret that it is reported that it will be necessary, because of lack of funds, to reduce the working force under J. Edgar Hoover in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This, we believe, is a serious error on the part of the federal government. It is an announcement that will be hailed with joy by all gangdom. The cost of this department is little enough compared with its value as a law enforcing agency. It would seem, in the light of the most elementary common sense, that with all the money the federal government is spending for every thing imaginable, that sufficient funds cannot be found to maintain this valuable department. The capture of one gang of kidnapers a year is worth easily all the department costs.

We hear a great deal about unemployment these days, but we can't remember a time when there was a piece of public work going on that there were not more watchers than workers.

### TWO MINUTE SERMON

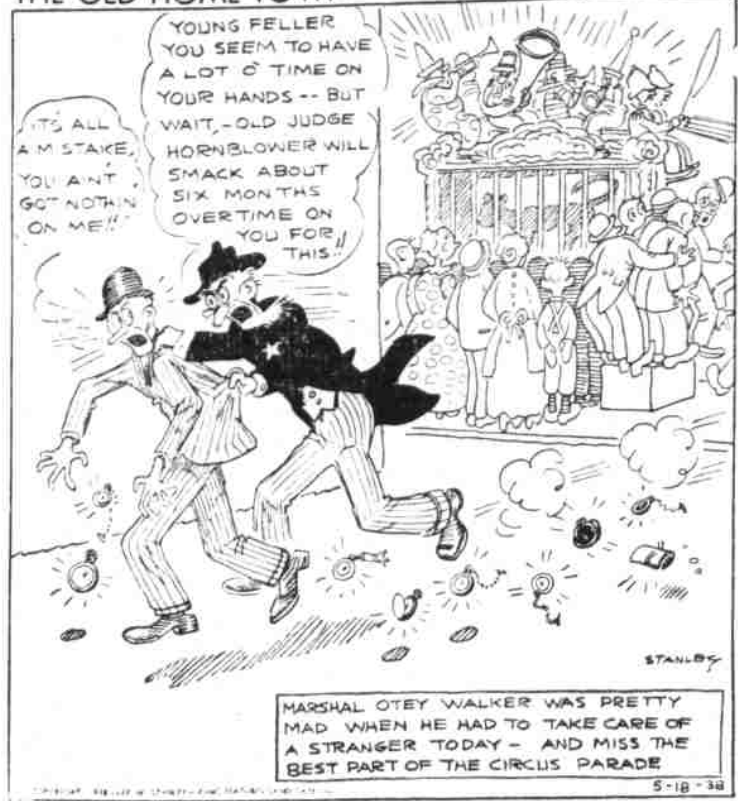
BY THOMAS HASTWELL

#### THE POWER OF A VISION

Every accomplishment of men has been preceded by a vision, a vision in which they saw a definite picture of the thing they desired to produce or accomplish. The electric light, the telegraph, the automobile, the airplane, alike are the material results of some man's vision. Without the vision they would not have been possible. It is just as necessary that a man have a vision of Christ if he is going to build that kind of a life, as it is necessary for him to have a vision if he is going to produce an electric light or paint a picture or build a railroad. Without such a vision he flounders aimlessly. His Christian life is without purpose and without plan. It was such a vision that Peter, James and John had when they went up into the mountain and in a beautiful setting, in the shadow of snow capped Mount Hermon they were permitted a vision of the future glory of the Christ. The memory of this occasion clung with them throughout their earthly ministry. Always before them was the vision inspiring them to greater service. I have seen many whom I felt had no such visions to shape and direct their lives. They floundered aimlessly in their efforts to build a Christian life. On the other hand I have been privileged to know many whom I felt had had a vision like unto that of Peter, James and John. It shone in their faces, and radiated from their hearts, and found expression in every act and every word. Their lives were strong and purposeful, and a power for good. Like Peter, James and John they had tarried in the shadow of Mount Hermon. They had caught the vision of the Christ.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



MARSHAL OTEY WALKER WAS PRETTY MAD WHEN HE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF A STRANGER TODAY - AND MISS THE BEST PART OF THE CIRCUS PARADE

## Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. Curtis Russ

Mrs. W. T. Crawford, after reading last week's list of useless mail dumped on my desk, consoles me with the fact that Congressmen get a larger variety and in more abundance than an editor.

While Mr. Crawford was in Congress, there was a regular dispatch from some crank, urging the building of a trans-continental railroad from the north pole to the south pole. That fellow lived too soon. If he had waited until today perhaps some of the government agencies would have taken him up on his proposition.

While on the subject of publicity, and propaganda, I run across a list of rules for publicity agents, compiled by a group of editors in Honolulu:

- All music must be special.
- All men when they die must leave a host of friends.
- All wives must be attractive.
- All the public must be general.
- All invitations must be cordial.
- All parties must be enjoyed by one and all.
- All Welcomes must be warm.
- All authors must be brilliant.
- All movies must be colossal.
- All stamps must be beauties.
- All babies must be new.
- All decorations must be lovely.
- All brides must be blushing.
- All parents must be proud.
- All fathers must be young.
- All hopes must be high.
- All visitors must be prominent.
- All currency must be crisp.
- All collations must be delicious.
- All speeches be stirring.
- All talks must be inspiring.
- All remarks must be brief.
- All comedies must be sparkling.
- All heavy rains must be deluges.
- All girls must be vivacious.
- All performances must be brilliant.
- All approvals by crowds must be roared.
- All efforts must be painstaking.
- All patients must be rushed to hospitals.
- All teas must be delightful.
- All large fish must be monsters of the deep.
- All boxers must be battlers.
- All times of peace must be piping.
- All solos must be rendered.
- All sopranos must be colorful.
- All success must be howling.
- All baby boys must be bouncing.
- All Boy Scouts must be alert.
- All balls hurled by pitchers must be sizzling.
- All wrestlers must be pachyderms.
- All good cars must be rattling.
- All hints must be helpful.
- All socials must be get-togethers.
- All kisses must be cloying.
- All thuds must be dull and sickening.

We would like to know if there is a law which makes it mandatory to serve green peas at all banquets? I don't recall having ever attended a banquet where peas were not served.

If candidates only knew how conspicuous their over-politeness was, I believe they would leave it off.

**CHILD SMOTHERS BABY**  
NEW YORK—Explaining to his father that the baby "was cold," little Vincent Salerno, Jr., 2½ years old, said he had put a pillow over the 7-months-old baby's face to "keep him warm." The baby was smothered to death in his crib when the father, a WPA worker, returned home.

### Your Horoscope

May 15, 16, 17—You take a great deal of pride in your own accomplishments, especially if they are for your own profit. You sometimes go to the extreme in order to achieve your aim. You possess a cautious, keen, well balanced mind, a strong will and much executive ability and would make a good leader. People ask your advice on important matters and generally follow it.

May 18, 19, 20, 21—Being of a social nature, you enjoy entertaining, and social events of all kinds like to meet at your home for they know they will be royally entertained. You appear to good advantage and like to manage different social affairs whether

## THIS WEEK in HISTORY

May 16—Congress passed the first law in the United States giving the First women's suffrage in 1848.

May 17—Patent law was passed in America, 1802. Robert Fulton was holding out since 1800 against the Bays.

May 18—St. John's, N. B. is the oldest incorporated town in Canada, 1785. Peace Conference held at the Hague, 1899.

May 19—United States entered seventh war to punish the Bays Algiers, 1815. Jeff Davis was at Fortress Mombasa, Victoria.

May 20—Cuba became independent, 1902. Lindbergh started Paris, 1827.

May 21—Ferdinand de Soto, Spanish adventurer, died while exploring the Mississippi river, 1542. U. S. Red Cross founded, 1811.

May 22—First passage of the Atlantic attempted by steamship. Savannah sailed from Savannah, Liverpool, 1819. Deaths from plague in India for once, 750,000, 1905.

er they be church of public life. Music and art are your special interests although you are fond of amusement and sports. You are loyal to your family, but not always to your friends.

**A CAREFUL THIEF**  
PHILADELPHIA—Entering a laundry where she worked, a woman robbed Miss Pauline Kane, 22, of \$100 and then plunged a penknife into her thigh, "just to make sure you follow me."

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"The desires of men are without end, but the things that give content are few and well known."

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