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Whose Fault Was It?

There is the question which is always asked when someone has an accident, but the answer doesn't matter a great deal. If someone is dead or crippled for life, placing the blame doesn't help. And much as we scoff at the value of money, that is another serious problem. If the blame for an accident is placed on someone who is unable to pay the costs of repair, it really doesn't matter that he has been stumped as guilty.

A Kenansville man recently had an accident which did considerable damage to his own car and the one that he hit. The accident was caused by a third party who didn't know what he was doing or didn't care. He was not touched and no damages were done to his person or property. Had it not been for a patrolman's passing, immediately after the accident and catching the guilty man, he would have remained free from any liability for the wreck, as he failed to stop or notice the damage he had caused.

Each of us should keep in mind when driving that we not only have to abide by traffic laws, but keep in mind the fact that the other man probably won't. Auto drivers are like donkeys; their mental quirks defy analysis.

To BE-LIEVE or Not To BE-LIEVE

by Hugh Maxwell

IT'S come and gone, folks. Yep, still talking about Christmas. But there is one thing for which your woody would be word wielder remains thankful, in spite of headaches, blood-shot eyes and turkeyitis: The fact that we can sort of taper off from those wild yells of Merry Christmas by way of a few slowly fading Happy New Years, without necessity of changing our spiritual altitude too suddenly. We hereby take advantage of that fact and say a bit too loudly, "Happy New Year to you all!"

WE stared with unbelief when one time during Christmas we raised our head from under a groaning table to see a young lady in the midst of turkey, baked ham, sausage, liver pudding, oyster dressing and just plain oysters calmly nibbling at collards and corn bread. We don't know for sure, but there is a faint recollection of calling in a psychiatrist on the case. Should have if we didn't.

AND then came Sunday when we went over to help the kiddies on the Children's Hour, over WFTC in Kinston. Found ourselves compelled to kill five minutes which had been left over due to a miscalculation in the time element. Started on a little unusual item in which Robert Ripley's column (don't you know him? Just a contemporary of ours) should have been mentioned, and tore at our collar for half a minute during which we frantically repeated the name of this literary gem, unable to recall the name of Ripley's.

YOUR writer never knows when to stop, as several people will testify, no doubt, so we might as well tell you the story in which the above mentioned incident occurred. The several Tyndall families of Pink Hill have joint possession of a Police dog named Knox. Knox is more intelligent than most dogs, so he learned to take a nickel in a paper bag, go down to the meat market, and return to Tyndall's store with a bag full of beef scraps, waiting to eat said beef until he got back home.

ONE of the stockholders in the dog was told by a clerk at the meat market one night that Knox had been down to try to buy beef on credit, but the incident was laughed off. Then one day Knox was trotting down to the store with a bag in his mouth. Nobody gave him a nickel, so they wondered what it was. When he got closest it was discovered that he had a bag of beef on which was pinned a note reading, "Knox Tyndall, beef, five cents." Now Knox has an unlimited charge account. Very remarkable. Your columnist has no such thing.

NOW if you'll pardon us we'll be moving along to get another one-bitter. A very Happy

New Year, this time a little more gently said, and don't wait up for us. We might not be there.

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R. A. Cadle
THE GOSPEL OF MARK, PREVIEW

Lesson Text: Mark 10:35-45
Golden Text: "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." For the next six months we are going to study the gospel of Mark. To get the most out of these lessons it will be necessary to know something of the Author, origin, and theme of this book. Scholarship agrees that Mark is the oldest of the four gospels written probably before 60 A. D.

1. The Author and Theme of Mark. The Author, John Mark, was the son of Mary of Jerusalem, whose house was the gathering place for the disciples. From this we know that the author came from a Christian home. It is believed that he was led to Christ by Peter who calls him "Mark my son." (1 Peter 5:13) In later life we know that Mark accompanied Barnabas and Paul on their return from Jerusalem to Antioch and became their attendant in the early stages of their first missionary journey. He left them at Perga and returned to Jerusalem. This displeased Paul to the extent that he refused to take Mark another time so he went with Barnabas, his uncle. We know that about ten years later Paul was glad to number Mark as a fellow-worker. If we are in the habit of looking only for the failures in life, we might notice that here the early training and faithfulness in later years won over the one blot in his record. As to the theme of this book is quite evident that Mark writes a straightforward and realistic story of the work of Jesus Christ the Son of God. "Service" is the keyword and the theme. "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark as presented in this lesson

2. The request of James and John. In considering the theme of Mark we must not forget the request of the sons of Zebedee who ask that they might "sit, the one on His right, and the other on His left, in His glory." Here they ask for themselves a pre-eminent place above all others. In looking for a kingdom of this world they expected the greatest honors. What a worldly request. And yet, many today follow Christ knowing and caring nothing for His redeeming grace, but desiring to eat and be filled. It is sadly true that many make a profession of religion for the sake of worldly advantages. In Matt 30:20 we notice that "the Mother of Zebedee's children" displays a much greater anxiety about the worldly prospects of her children than about the welfare of their souls. Is it not true that many parents today would rather see their children riding upon the high places of the earth than to meet them in the world to come at the right hand of God.

3. The answer of Jesus to this strange request. "But Jesus said unto them ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" (Verse 38). Those who aspire to a place near the throne must expect to be called upon to resist unto blood, strive against sin, go through fire and water, and be baptized in the furnace of affliction. No cross no crown. Jesus does not deny that there are high places in His kingdom but He does unveil the terms on which they may be won. Is it at the price of self-sacrifice and much suffering? Are we willing to pay the price? It is one thing to say "we can" and another thing to do it. These two disciples as recorded in verse 38 said, "We Can" but later when the supreme trial came it is recorded that "all the disciples forsook Him and fled." But in later years after counting the cost they both paid the price, as James was slain with the sword and John was driven by persecution to the island of Patmos. They learned, what many of us have yet to learn, that honors come to those who endure hardships as good soldiers of the cross; willingly suffer for the cause of Christ; and serve until the end. By way of the cross they gain a crown.

4. The attitude and ambitions of the ten. "And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John." Perhaps they heard the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples and felt guilty because of the worldly ambitions in their own hearts. Not expressed perhaps but there just the same. I wonder if this will not account for their indignation as they were just as blind as James and John in what really constitutes greatness and determines honors. The ten saw their character reflected in the blind boldness of their comrades, and it displeased them. It is ambition angry at ambition. "But Jesus called them unto Him" and this indicates that they needed the lesson just as badly as James and John. And what is the lesson? That the mark of true greatness is service. Jesus came to serve not to be served. And today, as never before in the history of the world, Jesus asks us to SERVE.

OUTLAW'S BRIDGE MISSION CIRCLE TO MEET SATURDAY P. M.

The Outlaw's Bridge Mission Circle will meet Saturday afternoon, January 1st, at 2 o'clock with Mrs. M. L. Outlaw, Jr. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO YOU

Friends:

As the old year comes to a close we feel deeply grateful for the business you have given us, and take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and to wish for you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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ROSEHILL

KONIGSBERG, R. T. A.

TO MEET SATURDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Rosehill P. T. A. will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 4, at 3:30 in the Rosehill school auditorium.

The program committee for this meeting is Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Mrs. O. A. Teachey and Rev. S. G. Hargess.

All patrons of the Rosehill school, especially the Room Representatives, better known as the grade mothers, are urged to be present.

Mrs. B. C. Sheffield, of Warsaw, Dr. Chas. Johnson, of Concord, and Dr. Graham Johnson, of Jacksonville, recently visited their sister, Mrs. O. A. Teachey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Davis, of Winston-Salem, spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bradshaw, of Richmond, Va., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Scott and Paul Scott, of Richmond, Va., spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall and children spent Christmas Day with relatives near Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Litchfield and children, of Aurora, visited friends here during the holidays.

Mrs. A. B. Wells and small daughter, Annie Davis, visited relatives in Burgaw this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Teachey and children, of Wallace, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Teachey.

Daniel Reed, of New York City, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Juliette Davis, of Burgaw, recently spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Wells.

R. F. Newkirk, of Richmond, Va., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Newkirk.

Mrs. Virginia Teachey has returned from Washington, D. C., where she spent a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. James Peak, of Elizabethtown, recently visited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lanier, Miss Sallie Henderson, who teaches in the Nahant school near Fremont, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Mary B. Forlaw and Miss Elizabeth Forlaw are spending several days with Mrs. Cornelius Lowenburg in Wilmington.

Miss Sallie May Johnson, who is a member of the Fuquay Springs school faculty, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Allen during the holidays were: Mrs. Nixon, Billy Nixon, and Mitchell Allen, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Marshall, and Barbara Marshall, of Wilmington, and Miss Mary Marshall, of

A. BROOKS

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Kenansville, N. C.

Our Yesterday

History — Memory — Inspiration
(By A. E. OUTLAW)

SPRUNT:

The following appeared in the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer of December 19, 1937:

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 19

Funeral services for Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER SPRUNT, pastor emeritus of the First (Scott) Presbyterian Church, who died Wednesday in Lynchburg, Va., were held yesterday morning in the church.

The services, attended by a congregation which filled the body of the church, were conducted by four pastors: Rev. Edward G. Lilly, pastor of the First Church; Rev. George A. Blackman, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. John N. Thomas, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Dr. John Van de Erve, pastor of the French Protestant (Huguenot) church.

Members of the Charleston ministerial union attended the services of the dead of Charleston clergymen in a body. A large number of friends attended the committal rites in the cemetery and a steady stream of friends paid a last tribute to the man who had served his congregation for more than 35 years. His body lay in state in the church yesterday afternoon and this morning.

Dr. Sprunt's death came after a fall November 17, in which he suffered a fractured hip. He was 85 years old and a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He came to this country as a young boy and was reared in Wilmington, N. C.

Dr. Sprunt was a nephew of Rev. James M. Sprunt, D. D., of Duplin County. He attended the Union Theological Seminary at Hampden Sydney, Virginia, and preached his first sermon in the town of Kenansville in May, 1877. He was licensed to preach by Wilmington Presbytery at a meeting of the Presbytery held on April 28, 1878, at old Mt. Zion church near Charcity, this County. The Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., of Wilmington, father of the President, Woodrow Wilson, was present at that meeting and was Dr. Sprunt's examiner in Theology. His other examiners were the Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., then pastor of the Mount Olive church, and the Rev. James M. Sprunt, D. D., then pastor of the Grove church at Kenansville. Joseph H. Carr was the delegate of the Kenansville church in that meeting of the presbytery.

Dr. Sprunt's last visit to Duplin County was on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Grove church, Kenansville, November 29, 1936, when he delivered the principal address.

NOCHE BIRTHDAY PARTY
Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Noche enjoyed a Christmas dinner Dec. 25th which also was in honor of Mr. Noche's birthday. An improvised table was erected in the yard, where the elaborate dinner was served. After dinner the guests gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols, after which presents were opened. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and expressed the hope that they might be present next year.

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2 cans for 23c

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Sweet Corn, No. 2 Cans, 2 for 17c

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