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The U. S. Civil Service Commission today announced examination for Medical Technician (General Medical Technology), Medical X-ray Technician, and Tobacco Inspector. No written tests are required.

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Applications for Technicians examination will be accepted in the U. S. Civil Service Commission,

Washington 25, D. C., until June 7, 1949; applications for Tobacco Inspector must be received not later than May 3, 1949.

Further information and application forms may be secured from the Commission's Local Secretary, Mr. Fred J. Boars, located at Warsaw Postoffice.

**88 Students Visit E. C. T. College**

High School seniors from schools in the eastern section of the state spent Thursday on the ECTC campus. The visitors, 2396 of them, took part in events of the first High School Day to be staged at the college since 1941. A full program of social and educational activities was carried out during the morning and afternoon. Sunny spring weather contributed to the pleasure of the occasion.

Duplin Schools and the masses represented from each were as follows:

Kenansville, 22; Camptown, 25; Faison, 13; Warsaw, 5; and Warsaw, 21.

**BIBLE SPEAKS**  
By R. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:16-21; 14:27  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Mark 9:47

**Rules of Temperance**

Lesson for April 24, 1949

THERE IS REALLY something funny about it. Consider the First Church congregation, sitting "Jesus, I my cross have taken. All to leave and follow thee. Destitute, despised, forsaken. Thou from hence my All shalt be. Oh, come, come, ladies and gentlemen! Your cross? Where is it? "All to leave"—? You are going right back to your homes for an extra good Sunday dinner "Destitute"—? (Some congregations, believe it or not, actually sing "hacked, poor," instead of "destitute.") Not a one of you ever has been on relief; you probably have more money in the bank than most of the people who didn't come to church.



**Some People Cannot Be Christians**

IT MAY BE FUNNY to compare what the congregation is singing about themselves with what they really are. But it is sad, too, because that hymn illustrates how foggy-minded some Christians are about their own "cross."

They can sing blithely about it, and even complain (in song) about their own condition as something for the Salvation Army to look into, when they don't mean a word of it.

The fact is, Jesus did demand just the thing the hymn describes. He said, in so many words, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

**What Did Jesus Mean?**

THERE ARE TWO ways of misunderstanding Jesus here. One wrong line is taken by those who think Jesus did not mean a word he said. The other wrong line is taken by a very few people, a very few indeed, who take Jesus absolutely literally. They believe that no one can be a true, 100 per cent Christian, unless and until he gives up all his property, all his family, and lives alone and wild, a hermit in the wilderness. The facts show that both these interpretations are false. The world has never been really made better, either by selfish, comfort-loving, worldly Christians, or by the wild and woolly hermits who are clean "out of this world."

**"Love Thyself Last"**

THE WISEST, the most devoted Christians, have known better what Jesus meant. Jesus' own parable of the "rich fool" gives us the hint. He tells of a man who had everything he wanted, but when he came to die, discovered he had nothing. In that little story Jesus shows us a man who put himself before all other persons; who put himself before God; and who put things before character. He lived for his body, he lived for his comforts, he lived for himself.

The neighbors, maybe, called him smart because he was rich; but God called him a fool, and what God calls a man that he is.

Taking the cross means, not as Jesus lived, not as that fool lived.

**Christian's and Liquor Don't Mix**

CONSIDER JUST ONE illustration of what Jesus means. Should a Christian drink alcoholic liquors? If you are not a Christian, you can try to answer this from non-Christian reasons; but that is not the question. Shall a Christian drink? Just think about this in the light of what Jesus said. The disciple of Christ will deny himself; does the drinker deny himself? The disciple of Christ will put Christ first always; but what does the drinker put first? Jesus called a man a fool who lived for his bodily pleasure; lived for himself; what would he call the man who thinks he can "take it or leave it" but who is actually tied to his bottles?

It is true, a selfish man may perhaps (for selfish reasons, such as saving money) deny himself liquor, tobacco, or even tea and coffee, and still be no Christian.

But a man who really denies himself, who loves himself last, will find that other self-denials follow as a matter of course. A man who lets his appetite dictate to him, especially his appetite for alcohol, is a man who is letting real self starve.

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**Senator Graham's Noted Duplin Forebears -**

By: A. T. OUTLAW

From the Dickson family name in Duplin has come a long list of distinguished educators, legislators and statesmen, comparable perhaps to that of any family in the South. Included in the list, and most outstanding at this time, is Dr. Frank Porter Graham, erstwhile President of the State University and widely known as a great American, who is now serving as North Carolina's Junior United States Senator.

Colonel John Dickson, the founder of the family, was a native of County Down, Ireland, and came to the section via Chester County, Pennsylvania, about the year 1744. He promptly became identified with public affairs and served as a militia officer, member of the Colonial Assembly, and as Clerk of the County Court. He was well edu-

cated and his handwriting among the old records is a model of excellence. He died on Christmas day, 1774, leaving a large and prominent family.

Major Robert Dickson, one of several sons of the emigrant, was an outstanding Revolutionary patriot. He was a member of the State House of Commons for many years and of the State Constitutional Convention of 1789. His first wife was Catherine Pearsall and their daughter Ann was the fourth wife of Captain Kedar Bryan of Sampson County.

Captain James Dickson, another son of the emigrant was a Revolutionary patriot. He was Register of Deeds in Duplin for a period of twenty-eight years. His first wife was Dorothy Pearsall and their daughter Eleanor married David

Sloan, Jr., whose family, like the Dicksons, had come to the section from County Down, Ireland.

Dickson Sloan, son of David, was an outstanding citizen of Duplin and Sampson Counties and represented Sampson in the State House of Commons and the State Senate for many years. His wife was Catherine Bryan, daughter of Ann (Dickson) and Kedar Bryan, and they were the parents of Dr. David Dickson Sloan who was the maternal grandfather of Senator Graham.

During the eighteen-forties Dickson Sloan and family resided in Kenansville on what has since been known as "the old Hotel lot" near the court square. The same lot had previously been occupied by the maternal grandparents of another United States Senator, the Honorable William J. Harris of Georgia.

**Magnolia News**

**INTENDED FOR LAST WEEK**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mallick spent the week end in North and Richmond.

Mrs. B. B. Wilson has returned from Birmingham, Ala. where she spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Hatan Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. and Mrs. and Mrs. Ed. Heston and their mother, Mrs. Tom Heston, moved out of town Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Pope and her son, Earl, returned from New York City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turner, of the local school, returned from a week's vacation in North Carolina Sunday.

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Q: Can you send me a table showing the best planting dates for various vegetables in North Carolina? A: Write Virginia H. Editor, State College of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., Box 122, The University of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.

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