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National Hospital Week May 7-14

Of all the community's interests and goals, perhaps none ranks higher than the health of its citizens. Most of us take our "heritage of health" too much for granted. We assume, for example, that the hospital will be there whenever we need it.

But it won't be unless we as citizens of the community make some effort, take some interest, and offer our support to this institution which stands guard over our health.

We were reminded of this today, the opening on National Hospital Week, which has this year as its theme "Your Hospital - a Community Partnership."

The hospital's part in this very important relationship has been well identified. The hospital provides care to those who need it; helps educate those who give the care; provides the setting for research which improves the care; serves as a watchdog against disease in the community; and finally, helps educate the community in better health practices.

The hospital can do all of these only so long as it has the support of the people it serves. Thus the major responsibility of the community toward its hospital is interest in and support of the hospital's current programs and future goals.

Specifically the community's citizens can help the hospital through personal service as a volunteer; through participation in a prepayment program which assures payment for hospital care of its members; through support of full reimbursement to hospitals for care of welfare patients; and through encouragement of young people to enter health careers.

Our hospitals do a fine, all too often unsung, job of providing the best possible care at the lowest possible cost. We hope you will join us in saluting the hospital May 7-14, and in giving it your unbounded support all the year.

Uncle Pete from Chitlin Switch

Dear Mister Editor:
The fellers at the country store Saturday night was discussing a item from the Government saying crows was costing American farmers millions of dollars ever year. Ed Doobittle put in a good word for the crows, allowed as how crows wasn't costing him half as much as the Government. He figured crows hadn't cost him more'n \$4 annual and he wished he could say the same for Government.

Zeke Grubb said he was glad the subject was bring up on account of him not taking that crow deduction on his income tax report. He said he aimed to go home and write it on the barn door, along with his other records, so's he wouldn't forget it next year. On second thought, said Zeke, since it was deductible, he figured the crows was a little

worse at his place than over at Ed's, maybe about a \$6 deduction annual.
From crows the fellers natural got to talking about corn. One thing about a session at the country store, the various problems at home and abroad is took up in logical order and solved afore adjournment. In the Congress, they is apt to go from crows to the Congo in the same meeting and hold the whole problem over for the next administration.

Bug Hookum bring up the idea, come next Fall, of having a old fashioned corn shucking in Washington. Bug claimed that a corn shucking at the national level would do more for good will between the farmers and Congress than a new Amendment to the Constitution. It was agreed by all that the fel-

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mers should have charge of this national corn shucking. If the Congress handled it, claimed Bug, the cost would raise taxes. The farmers could handle it economic and without any long debates on protocol. If the Congress was in charge, said Bug, the Senator from Indiana would want to set at the head corn pile, the Senator from Iowa would challenge the distinguished Senator from Indiana and by the time they got this settled, the crows would have done set up the corn.
Zeke's idea was to string a pile of corn around the Washington Monument, and in places around them Government buildings that would be convenient, then invite all Government officials from the President on down. When the gala affair was over, Zeke said, a delicious barbecue chicken dinner prepared with crows would be served. Then Congressmen, allowed Zeke, would never know the difference.
If you're in favor of this national corn shucking event, Mister Editor, we'd appreciate a little publicity.
Yours truly,
Uncle Pete

CHANGES IN SOCIAL SECURITY

(Field Representative - Social Security Office)
In January, 1961, more liberal rules on earnings by social security beneficiaries went into effect. The familiar \$1200 figure remains the same but there the similarity ends. As before, earnings of \$1200 or less will be permitted without penalty. However, under the new rules, for each \$3 earned from \$1200 to \$1500, \$1 of the beneficiary's (or his family's) benefits will be withheld. For ever \$1 of earnings above \$1500, \$1 of benefits will be withheld. Family benefits are all payments to the beneficiary and his family based on the beneficiary's social security record.
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It is wonderful to have a warm ble that he knows no more" and is therefore teachable.

The huge number of people involved, the huge sums of money spent in educational enterprises are examples of man's search for wisdom. In spite of our massive efforts in behalf of education, there is a wide spread of uneasiness about our results. The prophets of old and our modern prophets do not confuse facts, which may be true today, and false tomorrow, with truth which remains forever true.

They keep their minds open to the new facts that appear, but for eternal truth they go to its source, which is God. We have a remarkable knowledge and wisdom in able example of the difference between the last few years. Never has the world possessed so much knowledge about the world and about

men; never has it possessed less wisdom. It can produce vast quantities of food. Enough to feed all peoples; however, it does not have wisdom enough to plan a way to feed all peoples. It has knowledge enough to break up the atom and release its energy, but not enough wisdom to harness that power for the good of man only.

We individuals have all the facts we need to know in order to live intelligently and well, but we do not have the wisdom to put what we know into practice.

Hosea, 2:6 declared "My people are destroyed for the lack of wisdom."

Jeremiah 4:6, Ignorance and responsibility mark the false prophets, an ignorant man does not know what is right or what is good.

"With all your knowledge, he grew wisdom," was the cry of the wise

men of old. We could, with profit, heed his words today.

spring day, especially after a spell of rainy, cool weather when the winter has lingered on in the lap of spring. Early in the morning, after refreshing sleep, one seems more

sensitive to the sounds of awakening life. The birds are twittering a cacophony of melody. High overhead a flock of geese fly by, calling to each other in intermittent quacks. Doves are cooing to each other.

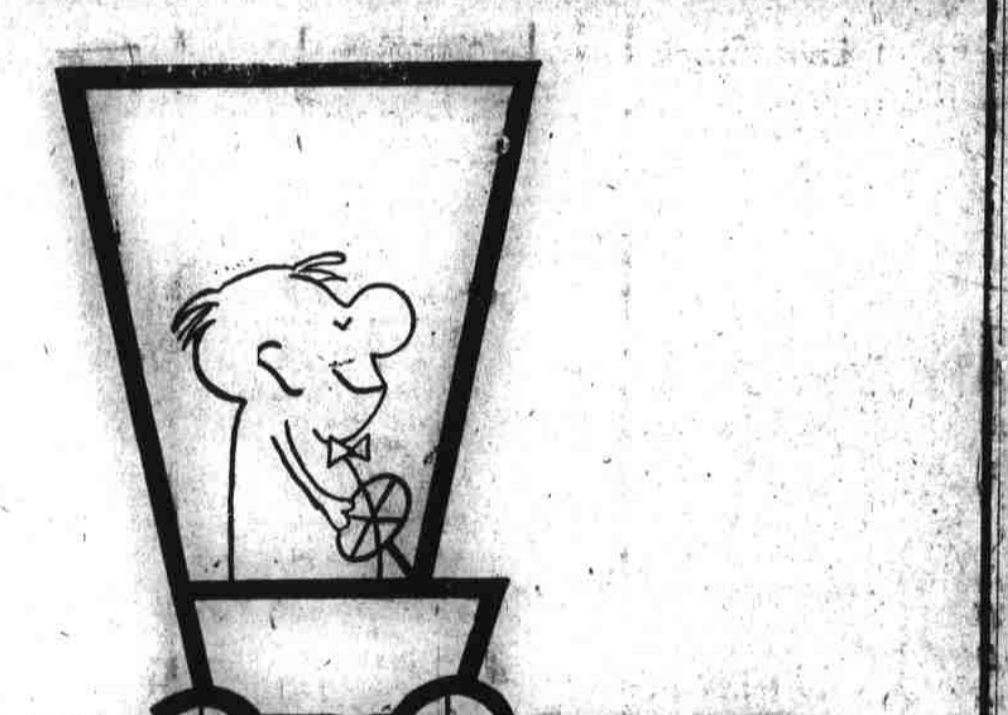
"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land." (Song of Solomon 2:11, 12)

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Out Of The Heart

"**THE HEART**" is a word which has changed its meaning in the course of time. When the Hebrews used the word, they meant the physical organ of the body—that was not understood until about 1000 years ago. They usually meant it as a figure of speech. So do we but with a difference. When we use the word "heart," they most often mean the emotional, spiritual, or moral part of a person.

"In the heart," when you mean that phrase in the Bible—does not mean in the place where you put your emotions, where you put your thoughts. It means in the whole inner self, in the attitudes of life. Two things are especially mentioned in the Scriptures which have been selected for our study this week, that should be kept in the heart. One is the Commandments, the will of God for human life. That is the place where they have to be written, do any good. The other is the Commandments in a book, in a scroll hanging on the wall, carved into a corner stone or inscribed in an etched glass pane and set on a shelf front you in a shop, or you can forget them. But when they're on your heart and you can't forget them, well, some one will say, "I memorized the Commandments and still often I don't keep them—that's because you just put the Commandments

into your brain and your brain forgets pretty easily. They have to be imprinted, cut deeply as with an engraver's tool, into your whole inner life, your mind, spirit, attitudes, emotions, personality, the whole YOU. The other thing (Prov. 4:20-21) is "my words," that is to say the words of wisdom. Wisdom has to be put inside and kept inside. Knowledge can be put in books and set on a reference shelf. But wisdom has to be carried around with you, and you can't carry wisdom in a book-bag.

Had I ever struck you that the Bible never uses the expression, "with half your heart." The English expression, "half-hearted," is not meant as a compliment. A half-hearted effort is a feeble one. A half-hearted assent is a "yes" that has echoes of "no" in it. No young man wants a girl to tell him she loves him with half her heart. Psychiatrists talk nowadays about split personalities, and that's exactly what half-hearted means.

Especially in this time, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." This doesn't mean we should never have any self-confidence, it does not forbid us to trust our friends or even (on occasion) pet, feet, stangers. It does hold before us the truth that half-trusting God is like climbing the Alps fastened to the guide with a half-tied rope.

Out of The Heart
Out of the abundance of the heart a man's mouth speaks, said Jesus of Nazareth. The "heart" is not a safety-deposit box opened only on rare occasions. The heart is not a slow-growing plant blooming once in a lifetime. The heart is always outflowing; we cannot help it. We cannot keep ourselves to ourselves, even if we shut our mouths and refuse to speak to any one, we are still giving away what kind of persons we are. For the heart is the way you are, inside, and sooner or later the heart gives itself away.

Out of the heart flow the "springs of life." (Prov. 4:23) and this means more than words out of the deep meaning of this great truth is this: If you are going to be a spring of life, and not of death, to those around you; if your life is to revive others' lives as a oasis in the desert reviving a fainting traveler, it can only be so if there is within you a life that overflows. The heart that hoards its life for itself perishes.

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