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**Uncle Pete From Chifflin Switch**

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Zeke Grubb's preacher come by the country store Saturday night for a few minutes, said he couldn't stay long on account of his church was putting on a hot dog sale and he was Chairman of the Mustard Committee.

The good Parson allowed as how he wasn't agin eating but it was getting so's you couldn't hold the

weekly prayer meeting without serving hot coffee and doughnuts. At his church, for instance, he claims it takes more time and members to run the kitchen in the basement than it does to run the Lord's business upstairs. He told the fellers a week never went by but what the Kitchen Committee was putting on a barbecue supper or a chicken dinner and some weeks both.

This hot dog sale they was putting on Saturday night, he said, was somepun new and if it went pritty good he wouldn't be surprised to see 'em announce the next one on the church bulletin board out in front of the building, right under the topic for his next sermon.

And, claimed the Parson, the end ain't in sight. Just last week, he reported, some of the members was making plans to put in ping-pong tables in the basement and rig up a place to play horseshoes and softball out on the lawn. He was predicting that the time was coming when the members was going to have to make up their mind whether they was running a church or a Y. M. C. A., and whether they wanted the emphasis put on the Good Book or on hot dogs and ping-pong.

But taking everything all in all, the Parson reported he'd had a pritty good week, only two little matters coming up for major consideration. One of the members got in the hospital and it was three days afore he went to see her. The reason he was so late getting there, he said, was because none of the members told him she was sick. But some of the



congregation was mighty disturbed about it, he reported.

The second item, he told the fellers, was a little more tricky. The income tax folks was checking on one of his good members and he come to the Parson and ask him to sign a statement verifying the figner on how much he had give to the church last year. This member don't use no envelops, is one of them put-it-in-loose members, he said, and the figner he wanted signed was pritty high.

The good Parson left without saying whether he signed it or not, and to speak frank, Mister Editor, none of the fellers had the heart to ask him.

Yours truly,  
 Uncle Pete

**FOR THE PEOPLE**

By Bernadette W. Hoyle  
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 Public Welfare

(This is the 22nd of a series explaining public welfare in North Carolina.)

In North Carolina and across the nation public welfare agencies provide financial assistance to persons eligible for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, and aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

The last named program - aid to the permanently and totally disabled - is for needy persons between the ages of 18 and 65 who are physically or mentally unable to work. These persons must be making their home in this State; must not be inmates of a public institution; and must be in need because they do not have the essential requirements of daily living such as food, clothing, shelter, and other necessary items.

A typical case - that of Luther, a sawmill worker - shows how aid to the permanently and totally disabled has made it possible for a man and his wife to have the necessities of life when he has been incapacitated.

Luther had always worked hard and had been employed by the same man for a number of years as a sawmill helper. Last year he fell on an icy sidewalk and broke a leg. The fracture was complicated by the fact that he did not receive medical attention for several days after the accident. Except for this injury he is a strong, healthy man, but is unable to work. He was in the hospital for 20 days and for nine months the leg was in a cast. He is unable to do anything except hobble around on crutches and the doctor believes it will be a long time before he can work.

Luther's wife, untrained, unskilled, and mentally slow, tried desperately to get work but was unable to secure employment. They live

**BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST**

BY: Ella V. Pridgen

THE BIBLE (Taken from book, "Peace With God")

Matthew 24:36 - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."  
 Have we just been placed here by some unknown creator without any clue as to where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. We do have a code book. We do have a key. We do have authoritative source material. It is found in the ancient and historic book we call the Bible. This Book has come down to us through the ages. It has passed through so many hands, appeared in so many forms - and survived attacks of every kind. Neither barbaric vandalism nor civilized skepticism has accomplished its annihilation through the many dark ages of man; its glorious promises have survived unchanged. Let us re-read this Book of Wisdom and prophecy, let us find out why this particular volume has endured and been man's unflinching source of faith and spiritual strength.

Some few regard the Bible primarily as the history of Israel, the real theme of the Bible, which is the story of God's redemption as it exists in Jesus Christ.

Those who read the Scriptures as magnificent literature, breath-taking poetry or history, and overlook the story of salvation, miss the Bible's real meaning and message.

God caused the Bible to be written for the express purpose of revealing to man God's plan for his redemption. God caused the Book to be written that He might make His everlasting laws clear to His children, and that they might have His great wisdom to guide them, and His great love to comfort them, as they make their way through life. For without the Bible this world would indeed be a dark and frightening, without sign post or beacon. "The Bible"

ny department of public welfare or the State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh.

Horace  
 The devotion of thought to a honest achievement makes the achievement possible. Mary Baker Eddy  
 I try all things; I achieve what I can Herman Melville  
 Man is capable of all things.

**THE WAYSIDE PULPIT**

By D. E. Earls

Test: "I wish that you were either hot or cold" Rev. 3:15

The worldly crowd don't want to be thick with us unless we let them stir up the drinks, tell us how to vote, and tell us off from the church on Sunday. They will call us good broad buddies - the best people they ever smeared.  
 The only way a man can enjoy his messiness is to go all out for it. It is the same way with religion. A man ought to be hot for something. A little religion produces warmth and pauses. If your light is bright enough it will serve as a blowtorch too.  
 Lukewarm saints convert a church into a morgue and the visitors freeze. Did you ever shake hands with a dead fish?  
 God's people don't need to choke to death on Ham an Potatoes when they can feast on angel food. Neither do they need to stumble in the dark when the "Light of the Ages" is available.

**Civil Service**  
 A new examination for Hospital Recreation Specialist has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for filling positions paying from \$4,945 to \$7,560 a year in Veterans Administration installations throughout the United States (except Hawaii and Alaska) and in Puerto Rico.  
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specializations covered by the examination. These are: arts and crafts, dramatics, music, radio or television, social activities, and sports. In addition, for positions paying \$5,355 and above, applicants must have had experience in activities associated with a particular specialization. For positions paying \$5,885 and above, a part of the experience must have been in recreation for the ill or handicapped. Full details concerning the requirements to be met as well as instructions on how to apply are given in civil service announcement No. 372 B.

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 11, Matthews 12:29; Mark 16:7; Luke 24:44; John 1:1; Acts 17:23; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 3:14; Gal. 3:12; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:13; Col. 2:14; 1 Th. 2:13; 2 Th. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 1:19; 1 John 1:9; 2 John 1:10; 3 John 1:7; Rev. 1:3.

**The Clean Life**  
 Lesson for February 25, 1943  
 WHAT is the most valuable feature of American life? It is not the supermarkets, the big double-line highways, the big cars, or even the schools. Many, even Christians, would say it is not even the churches that are the best American possession. What is it (the reader is invited to think) which could get along without the church, but without which the church would soon wither away?

The answer, of course, is the Christian home. Christian church and Christian home support each other; sometimes with an assist from the school, sometimes not. But the home is more indispensable to the church than the church to the home.

What then is the inner support and foundation of a Christian home? The obvious answer is, Christian marriage. Failure of a marriage means failure of a home. **Attack on home**  
 Today the home is under attack. Not directly; no one would get a woman's hearing if he advertised himself as opposed to good homes. But indirectly, in countless ways, marriage can be, and often is, poisoned in advance. It is well known that men marry in four, the country over, ends in divorce; and that though divorced persons often re-marry for the stark and simple reason that they already have cheated wife or husband, they are not likely to make much more of the second try than the first.

One of the deadliest ways to poison a marriage beforehand is to come to it no longer a virgin; and this holds true for man and woman alike. From the very beginning, the Christian church and the Jewish synagogue have held up one standard for marriage:

Continence before, and chastity (faithfulness each to each) during marriage. Whatever breaks down that standard does something to break down marriage itself. A "home" where husband and wife are both survivors of many affairs with other people, a marriage that knows nothing of faithfulness, a marriage ready to break in two the minute a homesomer man or a more alluring woman comes on the scene, such a "home" is likely to have little or no regard for any children and may even resent them.

**Mind and body**  
 The laws of any place fall behind the best ideals of the best people. Any good lawyer will admit as much. But even the law, clumsy and "external" as it must be, knows that adultery is wrong. But by the time adultery gets into the courts, or becomes a tragic basis for divorce, it has been going on for a long time. Jesus put it quite bluntly. Any man who looks on a woman with lust in his heart, has already committed adultery with her. There are only three requirements for any act, good or bad: desire, capacity, opportunity. And an act of adultery exists for a longer or shorter time in a mind first. A clean life is not one that lacks legally punishable acts. A clean life is one in which the law is not needed; it is a life that supplies its own discipline.

**Our special problems**  
 In America at this time and for a generation or more before now, the Christian ideal of continence before marriage, chastity during it, itself has been eroded by constant attack. Consider the books and magazines for sale at your nearby drugstores; consider the themes of popular moving pictures and novels; consider the moral standards of Hollywood and of their influence on our national life. Consider the way women and girls dress. To maintain a clean life in the midst of surrounding such as are common in America is extremely difficult, more so than for most previous centuries. Yet there is one thing it will help us to keep in mind. That is that at the time the Christian church began, standards of relations between men and women, in the Roman Empire, where the infant church was born, were just as low as they are in America today, if not lower. Yet the ideal of Christ outlived the empire. The future of America is not with those large areas of corruption; it is with the small groups that intend to remain clean.

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