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Uncle Pete From Chitlin Switch SAYS

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Zeke Grubb's preacher came by the country store Saturday night, reported that things were really popping at his church these days. It all started, he allowed, when Hezekiah Adams got up at a meeting of the Ping-Pong Committee important announcement. Hezekiah announced that the church down the road was remodeling their steeple. He told the Committee he couldn't recollect when his church didn't have the highest steeple for miles around, but now the word was out that this other church steeple was going to be about two foot higher than the community. "You mean that one arse, allow Hezekiah and that was to build a new church?" Well, said the Parson, this piece of shocking news really threw the Committee into a dither. He said the folks had been trying to tell his congregation into building a new church for years, but nothing he ever said, claimed the Parson, stirred up his folks like Hezekiah's announcement. "First off," reported the Parson, "Katie Hightower, when she heard another church was getting a steeple two foot higher than hers, just keeled over in a faint. It was the first time, he said, he ever known sister Katie was so concerned about the church."

other church a thing or two. The Parson told the fellers it was a thrill to see folks taking to the Lord's work with such fire. A meeting of the whole congregation was called for the next night and things is now getting in high gear, he said. The women folks is going to put on a chicken noodle supper twice a week. They decided on this on account of it not taking much chicken and they got plenty of well water. The men folks is going to rattle off a white-face heifer. The Parson said this might look a little bad at first, on account of the church being agin gambling, but it was decided that when the church steeple was at stake, the Lord would forgive 'em. Well, that was about the size of it, allowed the Parson. He said his folks was really set on getting the new church with that high steeple. Who knows, he said, but what some of the members themselves might even make a contribution. The good Parson excused himself a little early, said he was chairman of the Measuring Committee and they had to slip down the road and put the tape on that other steeple. Yours truly, Uncle Pete

Surplus Machine Tools For Sale

About 250 surplus machine tools and related equipment having a total original cost to the Government of approximately \$3 million will be sold by auction on June 28, 1962, at the Naval Weapons Plant, Washington, D. C.

Robert B. Horning, Branch Manager, Small Business Administration, Charlotte, North Carolina, emphasized that small business concerns interested in foreign trade will have an opportunity to acquire machinery for upgrading their present equipment and for adding additional production capacity. Mr. Horning further points out that a review of the machinery offered reveals that it should be of wide-spread interest among small concerns since it was operable when the plant was deactivated. He believes that small concerns will find it worthwhile to travel considerable distances to purchase such items as automatic screw machines, turret lathes, drill presses, punch presses, shapers, grinders, planers, gear hobbers, band saws, boring, honing and threading machines and the many others of equal demand that will be offered. This material may be inspected beginning today through June 28 at the U. S. Naval Weapons Plant, 6th S. M. Street, S. E., Washington D. C. The auction No. IFB 62-75 begins at noon, June 28 at Building 150. Every possible assistance and convenience will be provided so that small concerns not familiar with this type of buying will have an equal opportunity. Parking will be available and ample directional markings leading to the sale site, will be installed. Complete information and catalogs giving detailed information may be obtained by contacting the selling installation - the Defense

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BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST

By: Ella V. Priddy

Suffering For Christ I Peter 4:12. "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as something strange were happening to you (13) but rejoice in so far as you share Christ's suffering, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."

It is doubtful whether any human being ever suffered more than Peter did in the first year of his efforts to follow Jesus. We don't know how Peter behaved before Jesus called him to be one of his disciples. We wonder why the Master did it. Peter was always too sure of himself. Peter told his Master "though all the rest of the disciples forsake Thee, I will not", and then denied Him. We cannot know how Peter suffered over his fall, but we know his heart was almost broken. He was in despair when the risen Christ appeared to him and took him back as one of his most loved disciples. We understand why Peter was qualified to write a message back as one of his most loved disciples. We understand why Peter was qualified to write a message of light and comfort to people who had also suffered.

The civilized world at the time when Peter wrote his letters was in the hands of the Romans, every one was expected to burn incense to the Roman Emperor. Yet these Christians possessed a gift beyond all other gifts. They had been born into a new life because Jesus had died and risen from the dead. This new life would go on forever and provide for them an inheritance beyond their wildest dreams. They were not protected by God's power. Why, then, should they fear what any man could do to them? (I Peter) 2:24. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

Peter reassures them about God's grace. "Accept trouble," he writes; "be willing to be abused." God can use trouble to mature you and make you better than you are. But be on your guard. Don't underestimate the devil. He does not want you to win the moral struggle; resist him, hold fast to your faith. He does not tempt only you; every Christian is tempted by him.

After you have suffered a little while, God will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you, whom he has called to live with himself forever. Peter suffered terribly in the service of Christ, he thought of his pagan converts as weaklings. There were as many professing Christians in his day as there are today, who wanted to be Christians if it didn't cost any thing. Read the letters of Peter to the Christians.

Changes In Your Social Security

By: Ed Deese, Field Representative

Social Security Administration Goldsboro, North Carolina Do not risk losing cash benefits from social security merely by failing to apply for them. Many workers are doing just that. Those who have long standing disabilities of serious nature and who have not applied for disability benefits may be depriving themselves and their families of such needed income. The actual point at which money is lost forever occurs at 18 months after a disability has become severe enough to prevent one from engaging in any type of gainful work. No loss of benefits is possible if a person files his application within 18 months after the onset of his disability.

Loss of benefits is only one reason why an application should be filed with in the 18 month period mentioned. The second reason, and one of immediate importance, is that after June 30, 1962, the law will not permit the establishment of a Surplus Sales Office, Dept. 4 S. B., Ft. Belvoir, Baltimore 19, Maryland Phone-Madford 3-9000, Ext. 715.

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disability more than 18 months just the 18 months. (2) In order prior to the date the application filed. When the disability provision became a part of Social Security Law, it was felt that a reasonable period should be allowed those persons of long standing disabilities to establish the exact time that the disability began. It was also realized that medical evidence becomes extremely difficult to obtain for treatment received many years ago that short periods of trial employment are hard to explain when the employer is no longer in business. These, and many other reasons, made it necessary to establish a time limitation on the date in which a disability could be established for social security purposes.

It is commonly believed that the only thing that can be lost by delaying the actual filing of an application is the benefits themselves. However, two additional important factors enter the picture. (1) The amount of benefits depend upon a worker's average earnings. The higher the average, the higher the payments. Since the years in which a worker has established with social security that he is disabled are not considered in this average, it can be easily seen that it is to the worker's advantage to have all years of disability established - not

just the 18 months. (2) In order to draw benefits at all, a worker must establish that he had worked at least 5 out of the 10 years just before the onset of his disability. Therefore, if by law, a person cannot establish a disability more than 18 months before application, it is quite possible that a worker with many years of disability, would not qualify at all. For example, a worker, disabled since 1952 files application for disability benefits on July 2, 1962. Under the law, he is permitted to only go back as far as January 1961, to establish disability. Therefore, social security must use the ten-year period from January 1961, to January 1961, to determine if he has the necessary 5 years' work. In this case, the worker does not have the necessary work because he has not been able to work since 1952. No payments would be due him.

If you are so disabled that you are unable to work, get in touch with your Social Security District Office at 311 E. Walnut Street in Goldsboro as soon as possible and let them help you file your application. For those unable to go to Goldsboro, a representative will be at the Courthouse in Kenansville each Tuesday.

THE WAYSIDE WULF

By D. K. Edwards

Stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph 6:12. In the greatest battle which we fight the issue is drawn as to whether God or the devil will rule the hearts of man.

Some think to beat the devil by laughing him off the stage. They claim that he plays tricks on human beings just for the fun of it. This pleases his satanic rapacity and he comes so close as to hug us while he slits our throats.

Others try to outthink him by appointing good church folk to chaperon his parties. In this way our people can safely mix with the worldly crowd and swap dirty jokes with each other's mates.

Some people solve the social problem by joining the church and going half time and giving the devil's crowd the other half.

If Eliphaz had played that game the ravens would have eaten him instead of feeding him.

The reformer must be a hero at all points, and he must have conquered himself before he can conquer others. Mary Baker Eddy

Headlines Of The Past

Fifteen years ago this week. Mose Wells - Duplin Murderer dies today in gas chamber. Pete Quin opens new store here - Kenansville is on the March. Lost Colony starts 10th year.

Ten years ago this week. Rones Chapel Section due to get telephone service at once. Supt. O. P. Johnson to be on panel at E. C. College. Mammoth new C. P. & L. Street Unit will boost power in Duplin County.

Five years ago this week. Duplin County Red Cross Chapter holds annual meeting in Kenansville recently. Warsaw Garden Club presents award to Mr. and Mrs. Emmon Garner. League delegation of teachers to attend National Education Association Meeting.

One year ago this week. Defensive driving can be your life saver. Heavy rains in area do damage to tobacco crops - extent unknown. Bill to permit small acreage transfer is now being considered by Congress.

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A People In Peril

Lesson for July 1, 1962. AMERICANS are conditioned not only by temperament, but by the news and the TV programs we like to see - conditioned to hate death escapes. The hero must not have too much of a time of it. He must barely squeak through. But it must be an escape; the ending has to be a happy one, with the cavalry or Superman or Dick Tracy or Perry Mason or some body triumphing again.

People who think of the Bible as a book of comfort only, must prepare for a shock when reading this part of the Old Testament. This is the tale, not of a narrow escape but of a narrow failure to escape.

A young leader King Josiah was a young man on the throne and he wanted to do what was right. The prophets told him, and it was quite true, that unless the nation turned to God it would be destroyed. Josiah knew what that meant; it meant getting rid of the swarms of idols, false gods, whose shrines were everywhere in the land. So he got rid of them. He took a courageous stand for the true God. But the nation went right on the downward slide, and the final crash turned out to be only a few years away.

What was that? What did King Josiah do that was wrong? The truth seems to be that he did nothing particularly wrong; but he was acting alone. No one backed him up. He did not persuade his own men to his point of view. He destroyed idols, "high places," (pagan shrines and altars) and he compelled all citizens to worship at Jerusalem. But there was nothing popular about it. We can see how this nation in our own country, a nation that has made many national reforms, may have a sensitive social conscience, but unless there is something contagious about his idealism or his courage, he remains a lone voice crying in a wilderness.

When a man is sick, sometimes the best thing for him is a shot in the arm. But this is an emergency measure. It would be far better if the man had been living wisely, building up his health by wise habits of eating, exercise and so on. Josiah's reform, sincere as he was, amounted to no more than a sort of shot in the arm. The disease of Godlessness was deep-seated. It was not to be rooted out by a mere change in the place where God was to be worshipped. It was to be cured by a king calling the people to worship the true God, and to make sure they did this, destroyed idols. The revival, so called, of Josiah, would have been more effective if the people had turned away their sins themselves. The goodness, true religion, of Josiah can be commended to those who come from within.

Some kinds of illness can be cured by diet. Apples, for example, are excellent help in the cure of some conditions. But one slice of apple a day is not going to help a man who needs half a dozen, and furthermore, if the man's illness has progressed far enough, a whole basket of apples won't help him. They are plenty, but they are too late. When tuberculosis strikes, complete rest is the road to cure, if cure is possible. But to rest five minutes after each meal is the little while of the patient's condition. It is hard until he is in "the Peter's hard" at death's very door, rest a bit of rest; it is now too late. In the days of Josiah, so many little things, a nation has gone down to ruin not for lack of good intentions but because the nation did what was right too little and too late.

Who is most to blame for national catastrophes? False prophets? Well-meaning but feeble reformers? Or the masses - everyday people? (Based on national catastrophe by the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Johnson, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Address at the World's Fair Service.)

The future is no more uncertain than the present. - Walt Whitman. ADVICE: Advice is like snow; the softer falls the longer it dwells upon, the deeper it sinks into the mind. - Samuel Taylor Coleridge.