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Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

SAYS

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I reckon we had what them Congessmen would call a fillabuster at the country store Saturday night. Ed Doolittle took the floor and it was harder fer git him to set down that it is fer git Senator Morse to shut up.

First off, Ed was upset over reading in the papers where Senator Gruening of Alaska got up in the Senate the other day and give a commercial fer his new state. He announced that men was outnumbering wimmen in Alaska by 22,567 as of now and advised wimmen to hurry to Alaska afore the gap closes.

Clem Webster allowed as how they used the Senate fer everything else and he didn't see nothing wrong with Senator Gruening trying to git rid of the bachelors in Alaska. He resollicted onto when Senator Byrd of Virginia got up in the Senate and give a recipe for apple pie, advising that nothing but Virginia apples was fitten fer the best pies. Farthermore, claimed Clem, Senator Byrd even had the recipe printed in the Congressional Record. Anyhow, allowed Clem, bachelors ain't noted fer raising large families and we got to keep large families comin gaing to meet the tax load. Come to think about it, said Clem, it was a mighty patriotic thing fer Senator Gruening to git up in the Senate and advertise the shortage of wimmen in Alaska.

Bug Hookum was lamenting it was a great pity them Senators didn't spend more time on items like the shortage of wimmen in Alaska and apple pie in Virginia and less time on stockpiling and foreign aid. Bug said it would save the taxpayers billions.

Zeke Grubb, who is a authority on wimmen, put the lid on this subject by claiming it was a dead issue by now anyhow. Zeke recokened that 24 hours after the Senator's announcement, Alaska was stampeding with wimmen.

Another item Ed claimed upset him a bit was that piece in our latest pamphlet from the Department of Agriculture announcing some college was gitting watermelon vines that would grow six or eight melons to the vine like tomato vines. Ed claimed the country was already overstocked with watermelons and afore we knew it the taxpayers would be paying millions fer storing the surplus.

All the fellers was agreed that folks would have more peace of mind if the Department of Agriculture would quit putting out any more pamphlets till we git the New Frontier better explored. Fer instanst, Ed claimed he was reading a piece about a Cannibal Chief in Laos setting alongside a pot where he was gitting a victim ready fer dinner. Ed allowed as how the piece said the Chief was reading a U. S. Department of Agriculture pamphlet titled, "100 Ways To Serve Mankind."

Yours truly,
Uncle Pete.

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BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST

By: Elia V. Pridgen
Godly Home

Samuel was born in a Godly Home. The boy Samuel became the last of the Judges of Canaan, and the first of the Prophets. He was born 1100 B. C. Samuel is the best known book of the Bible.

Everyone knows that the strongest single influence in a person's life is his home. We sometime take that for granted. On the contrary, a home may wreck a man before he starts. It is said many alcoholics get their start - not their start in drinking - but their start in the nervous, unsettled disposition which easily slips down into alcoholism and other drug habits and even before he is six years of age the lack of harmony between parents, ill treatment, or simple neglect.

What does God require of us as parents? Bring up our children "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord", not bring them up as animals. Their spirits as well as their mind and body must be cultivated. Teach them about God, and the purpose of their present life. Take them by the hand and the gentle urging of love, lead them to Christ. We are responsible to the extent of our ability not only for the welfare of our children, but for their eternal welfare.

When Samuel heard the voice of God, it sounded to Samuel like Eli, the Priest, Samuel loved Eli. A child needs the Godly influence of church and home also personal influence.

THE WAYSIDE PULPIT

By D. E. Earnhardt

My people perish for lack of knowledge, Hos. 4:16.

Ignorance is the mother of little ignorances. Devotion comes from intelligent concern.

When a man knows everything his egotism is a painkiller that keeps his ignorance from hurting him.

Somebody is responsible for a crowd of religious morons who know Donald Duck and not Daniel, Olive Oyl and not Onessimus Sonny Mooseface and not Sampson. They think piety refers to blackberry time, and Divine Grace to a goodlooking Jane.

I told my boy to take his books and go on to school and not bring back any ignrance He said, "I can get that at home".

Every home needs three books-a dictionary, a bankbook and a Bible. The bankbook needs a rubber band but the Bible is like a pocket knife which is useful only when it is open.

Helicopters are being used to erect glued laminated arches of Southern Pine in roof systems of buildings. In a Pasadena, Texas, chemical plant, the whirlybirds put the arches in the roof system in one day.

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WASHINGTON REPORT
from
Your Congressman
DAVID N. HENDERSON

I am concerned, as are all Americans, by the recent shipment into Cuba of Soviet military equipment and technicians. It is not, however cause for panic or hasty, ill-advised action.

This kind of general news always gives rise to rumors, speculation and suspicion. A New York Senator, for example, has been quoted as saying that he had information from reliable sources that the Soviet Union had sent "Thousands of uniformed troops" to Cuba. At least three Senators are openly urging immediate, direct military action against Cuba and, indeed, one is attempting to make this a campaign issue.

Rumors are rampant that the equipment included large missiles and that the Soviet personnel who accompanied it will proceed to build launching pads from which missiles launched in Cuba could be directed with pinpoint accuracy to any point within the United States.

The facts, as distinguished from the rumor and speculation, are these: (1) Russia has, indeed, sent some 5,000 men identified by President Kennedy as "technicians" to Cuba. (2) Russia has sent to Cuba certain weapons and military equipment, largely unidentified thus far, but known specifically to include anti-aircraft artillery with radar sighting devices of a type the Soviet no longer uses and considers obsolescent. (3) Thus far, there is no evidence that construction of rocket launching pads is under way.

The United States cannot and should not tolerate the sending of large numbers of Soviet troops to Cuba. It cannot and should not permit Cuba to be made a gigantic launching pad for Soviet-controlled Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. In short, it cannot and should not permit military take-over by the Soviet Union in Cuba in violation of the spirit of the "Monroe Doctrine." However, this is a time for cool heads, reliable information and clear thinking. We will gain nothing by rash statements, reckless action or another "Bay of Pigs" type fiasco and our people should not be stampeded by politically-inspired demands for hasty action.

Changes In Your Social Security

By: Ed Deese, Field Representative
Duplin County

Are you age 62 or older and still working? Have you ever checked to see if you might be eligible to receive social security benefits? Have you ever applied for social security benefits and been turned down because you had not worked long enough under social security? If so, you may now be eligible for payments because of recent changes in the law.

Men may now choose to have their benefits begin as soon as they reach 62. However, just as in the case of a woman worker, a man who decides to take his benefits between the ages of 62 and 65 will get less per month than he would have received at the age of 65. This works out so that a man who takes his benefits as soon as he becomes 62 will receive 80% of the monthly benefit he would have received had he waited until he was 65.

In deciding whether he wants to apply for benefits before he becomes 65, a man should weigh several factors: for example, his health, family situation, and probable earning power in the immediate future.

As a result of another change in the law, less work is required to qualify for social security benefits. This means that those people who could not qualify previously, due to lack of sufficient work under social security, may now be eligible. A typical case was recently discovered by a Social Security Office. Mrs. Smith, as we shall call her, had been a widow since 1956. Her husband had never worked in employment covered by social security, so there were no social security survivors benefits payable to her. Mrs. Smith worked in 1957 and 1958 as a domestic employee. When the Social Security District Office contacted her, she was told that she had just 8 quarters of coverage for the years 1957 and 1958, the only years she worked under social security. According to the law in effect at that time, she needed 16 quarters to get benefits.

In August of 1961, however, the social security work requirements were changed by amendments to the Social Security Act. As a result of the changes, Mrs. Smith now needed only 8 quarters to be insured. She read about the change in the law, and got in touch with her Social Security Office again. She was awarded benefits beginning 1961, the first month for which the change was effective.

If you believe that any of these changes in the law may apply to you, please contact the Social Security District Office located at 311 E. Walnut Street in Goldsboro.

"Give me liberty or give me death" are not the only words of Patrick Henry that go ringing down the years. He also said, "He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

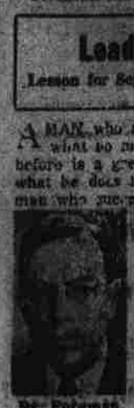
By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Bible Material: Nehemiah 2: 4; 6:15.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 150.

Leadership

Lesson for September 16, 1962

A MAN who succeeds in doing what no man has ever done before is a great man, provided what he does is worth doing. A man who succeeds where others have failed, is even greater — again supposing that what he does is a good thing to do. Nehemiah was such a man. He would be a success anywhere, and not only at the time and place where he lived.



Dr. Foreman

The first we hear of him, he is a member of the royal court in what is now Iran, the ancient Persia. He was evidently a man the king trusted, one to whom the king gave much power. Yet he was one of the down-trodden Jews, as they were at that time. Nehemiah himself is a fine example of what happened to the Jews who were taken into captivity. They were not put into dungeons, only some of the more prominent ones suffered that fate. Most were left to sink or swim, and being Jews they generally swam. Nehemiah showed how far they could rise if they had the chance.

The Time and the Man

A glance at the calendar helps us to understand the genius of this man. It was now about 140 years after Jerusalem had been destroyed, or 90 years after the Temple had been started. But in all that time no one had ever succeeded in getting a stable government in Jerusalem or to build practical protection against their numerous enemies. In those days every going city had to have a wall around it; but in 140 years the city wall had been lying in ruins exactly as Nebuchadnezzar's primitive bull-dozers had left it. This was all news to Nehemiah when he first heard about it; it was a shock, too. That this should be so, goes to show that prosperous Jews like Nehemiah had no action of the poverty-stricken, danger-filled lives the Jerusalem Jews had been living.

When Nehemiah, with government backing, went to see what he could do in Jerusalem, by building the wall as his Number One project he became the man of the hour. Five generations had passed; Nehemiah had been needed long before now; but at last he arrived and took charge.

Knowledge and Leadership

What are the qualities that make a man a hero? What are the characteristics of a "man of the hour"? Nehemiah is a very good example. He was a successful leader, partly because of what today we would call "know-how," a penetrating understanding of a situation, an accurate aim at the heart of the problem, and above all an art in getting people to do what they ought to do. Sometimes a leader learns on the job, so to speak, as Abraham Lincoln did. Sometimes he comes to his great task already knowing what to do and how to do it. But if he neither knows nor can learn, he is no leader. Nehemiah's genius lay chiefly in this: he was able to make handicaps work with him, not against him. The people had always been a quarrelsome lot, as the Old Testament shows us. There were many cross-currents of jealousy in the dusty rubble-filled insignificant village that wanted to be a city again. These had defeated other men, no doubt. But Nehemiah put these jealousies to work. He had the goldsmiths working at one section of that wall, and the priests somewhere else. He pitted them against one another, and so induced them to do their best work.

Leadership and Faith

Readers may be interested in studying the story of Nehemiah to see what were the various ways in which he showed his power of leadership. But one of his qualities was vital, and must not be overlooked: Faith. The book called by his name, though filled with action, begins and ends with prayer. This man had faith in himself; self-respect was a notable quality in his make-up. He had faith in people if rightly led. But first and last his faith was in God. He could undertake the impossible because he believed God willed it, and what God wills, can be done. Nehemiah makes it quite clear that while he worked and planned, his energy would have faded, his undertakings miscarried, if he had not been sustained by the God in whom he constantly trusted.

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