

Our Sunday School Lesson For The Week

(By Cale K. Burgess)
The Topic this week for the International Sunday School Lesson is "Plain Facts about Honesty." This provides an occasion for us to consider and discuss an ancient and important virtue in human conduct.

Honesty is the quality or state of being honest. It is akin to fairness, integrity, trustworthiness and uprightness. A person is honest when he is free from crookedness, deceit, deception, fraud, untruth and unrighteousness. An honest man is truthful in speech and true in his conduct. Honesty is more than the quality of a financial transaction; it is a quality of the man himself. Honesty is goodness and truth in action.

Honesty in human relationships is indispensable. In business, honesty is important. An honest merchant will not cheat his customers. An honest employee will strive to give full value for his salary. An honest employer will pay equitable wages. Honest men will not exploit, plunder or swindle those who are ignorant, helpless or weak. Furthermore, modern business is based largely upon credit; and credit in business is based upon belief and confidence in the integrity and honesty of customers and patrons. Honesty is not only right as a principle, but it is also important and valuable as a business policy.

In the personal and social contacts of men, honesty is vital. Friendship is based upon confidence and respect. Dishonesty does not inspire or promote friendship. Men and women are afraid of lying tongues. A deceitful and dishonest person has only a few friends, if any at all. Our abhorrence of dishonesty is so strong that we detest and loathe flattery and hypocrisy. True friendship cannot endure between human beings unless their relationships embody TRUTH and HONESTY.

In the home and in the family, honesty is vital. Children will not respect parents, who deal with them dishonestly and untruthfully. Parents should strive to instill habits of honesty and truthfulness in their children. Love will not prevail between husband and wife unless their companionship embodies truth and honesty. If a husband or wife is dishonest in dealing with third persons, even this tends to destroy the confidence and respect of the other companion. However, when deceit and dishonesty enter the dealings between the parties themselves, love between husband and wife is destroyed. A man or a woman cannot love a companion, whom they cannot believe or trust. Hence, the permanence of the home as an essential institution in human society depends upon this vital virtue that we are studying this week. Our Courts are crowded with divorces, because in many cases the marriage vows have been disregarded and violated, because deceit and deception have been practice in many homes, and because in many instances dishonesty has poisoned the relationship between husband and wife. Without honesty and truthfulness, there can be no confidence and trust between man and woman; and, without confidence and trust, there can be no love between husband and wife. Without honesty in the Home, there can be no love, no happiness and no peace. It matters little where I was born, whether my parents were rich or poor, whether they shrank from the world's scorn, or whether they walked in the pride of wealth and success;

whether I live an honest man, and hold my integrity firm in my conduct, or whether I am a cheat, and sell you, Brother, plain as I am, matters much.

Honesty in business is important. Honesty in our social contacts is vital. Honesty in the Home is indispensable.

However, there is a more compelling reason for honesty than values in these relationships of the Home.

We live in a moral and spiritual universe. We are a part of this universe, the creation that is pervaded by truth and goodness. We were created to be true and good. When we cheat and steal, we are doing the wrong thing—we are violating the very nature of our being—we are denying the conscience that is within us. That is the reason that dishonesty destroys our self-respect, and our personality, and our self-confidence and our poise and peace of mind. Honesty and happiness cannot exist in the same bosom. We can be honest only when our thoughts, words and our deeds are in harmony with Truth and Goodness, because these are the eternal principles of the universe, of which we are a part.

It is our own self that we must follow, as the day the sun sets, and the stars appear, and the moon is not then be false to any one.

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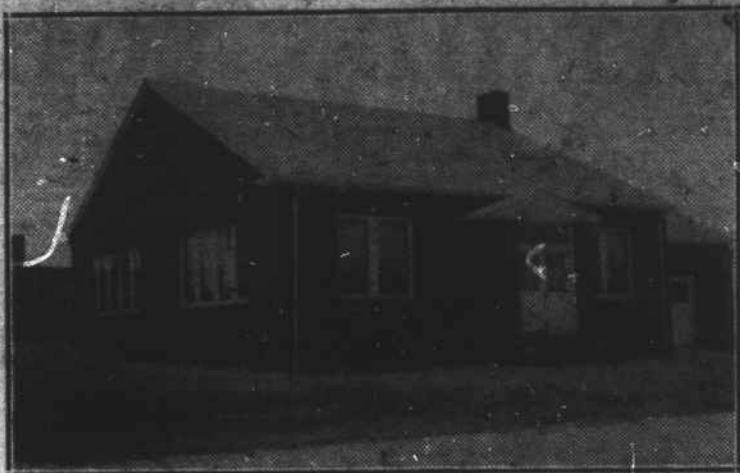
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Vocational Agriculture Building In Use Again!



Following a two-year lapse brought about by an acute shortage of teachers during the war, the vocational agriculture building at Farmville high school will be used again this year. New instructor is E. P. Bass, who began work July 1. Mr. Bass plans to start a class of veterans training under the "G. I. Bill of Rights" about January 1.

Much Food Donated For School Lunches

Food commodities valued at \$924,632 wholesale were donated to public school lunchrooms in North Carolina during the fiscal year ended June 30, it was reported by J. P. Davis of the Markets Division of the State Department of Agriculture,

which distributes surplus foods for the Federal government. Approximately 1,335 school lunchrooms, feeding about 538,000 children, received help in providing low-cost meals for children by the use of these commodities.

Food went to 33 institutions, including State hospitals, county homes and orphanages and to private non-profit hospitals for use of

charity patients, Davis reported. It was fed to 19,760 persons. The Department of Agriculture has distributed food to institutions only since last March, and during the remainder of the fiscal year the commodities given to institutions had a value of \$90,000 wholesale.

Food already is being stored for use of schools and institutions in the current fiscal year, Davis said.

The State Department of Agriculture acts as the distributing agency under a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The foods are purchased by the Federal government as a price-support measure, which is beneficial to farmers caught on falling markets or faced with a surplus, or it is purchased from funds appropriated under the National School Lunch Act.

Last June, when the market in North Carolina was so badly swamped by potatoes, about \$9,800 worth of North Carolina potatoes were distributed to welfare clients through the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare and county welfare superintendents in Forsyth, Guilford, Durham, Buncombe and Mecklenburg counties. Ordinarily, distribution is not made to general welfare clients in this State, but during the June period of extreme emergency, surplus potatoes were distributed to 260,400 persons who were receiving

assistance from welfare agencies. At the end of the fiscal year, the Department of Agriculture had on storage approximately \$30,000 worth of foods which are being held for distribution at a later date. A large quantity of additional food is expected, Davis said.

"We have received notice of allocation of nine carloads of dried eggs for distribution to institutions and

school lunchrooms, starting about September 1," he reported. These dried eggs have a value of about a quarter-million dollars.

Through the cooperation of the North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control, a large part of the huge cold storage plant at Camp Butler has been made available to the Department of Agriculture for storage purposes. Now stored there are

about 40 cars of North Carolina Irish potatoes and 75 tons of concentrated orange juice. That's enough concentrate to make 90,000 gallons of single-strength orange juice.

The price of snap beans has been so low during the past few weeks that the government is buying a quantity to help relieve the congestion in commercial trade. These

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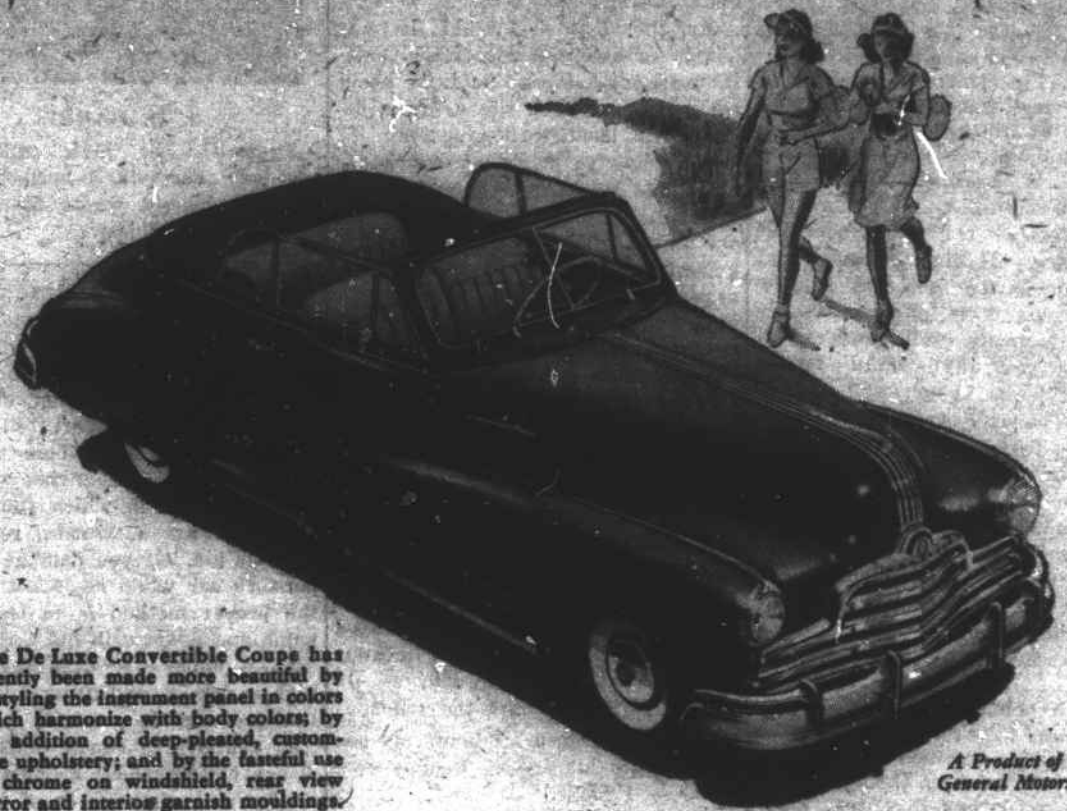
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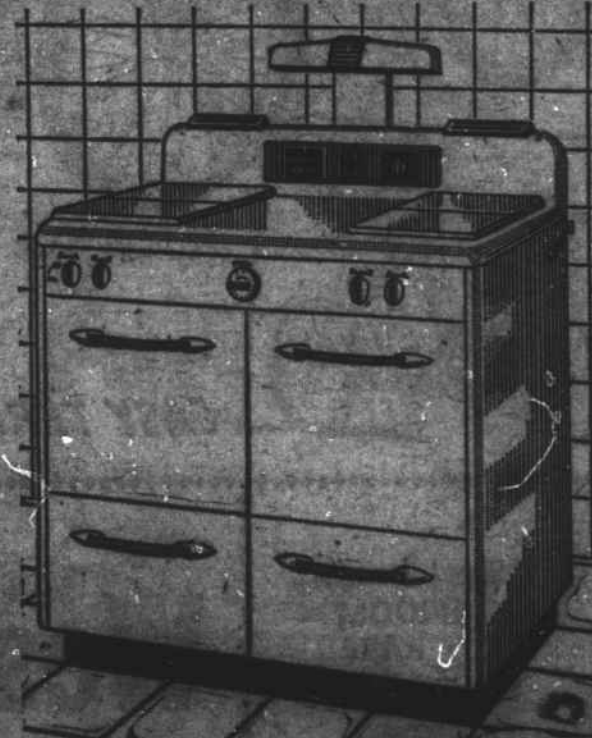
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