

**TODAY'S meditation**

**The Upper Room**  
 10 THE UPPER ROOM, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
**THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**

Love one another. (John 13:12.)  
 Read I John 2:7-10.

It happened back in that pleasant place we call yesterday on a beautifully wintry morning in Miss Emma's little school. There were eight little girls and six little boys.

We were standing there that cold morning beside the old box heater, warming our hands. I have forgotten now what Mildred and Margaret said to each other, and I have forgotten who said it first. Anyway, one little girl took her ruler and threw it at the other, and the other one turned around and kicked her.

**PRAYER**

Dear God, we thank Thee for the lessons of life learned in days gone by. Help us this day to show forth Thy love to others. Bless us with Thy peace. Help us to believe in Thee and to live in the spirit of Christ who would have us pray, "Our Father who art in heaven. . . Amen."

Thought For The Day  
 To love one another is to live the Golden Rule. — Margaret Moore Jacobs (Arkansas)

**FARM ITEMS**

By W. C. Williford  
 County Farm Agent

Hoke County is generally known as a cotton producing county. In previous years, we have been growing approximately 25,000 acres of cotton and about 4,000 acres of tobacco. The gross income from the 4,000 acres of tobacco has averaged from two to four hundred thousand dollars per year more than the gross income from the 25,000 acres of cotton. Actual farm records, when kept accurately and completely, show that it cost approximately 1/2 bale of cotton to produce an acre of cotton. So from these figures, we would be led to believe and rightly so, that when you produce 1/2 bale to the acre you are just farming for the benefit of the people who sell you the cotton production supplies such as insecticides, tractors, sprayers, etc. It is necessary to make more than 1/2 bale to the acre to show a profit. The slogan for this year is "A bale or more for '54", and you will hear this many times before the 1954 growing season is over.

The people supplying cotton seed for Hoke County are very important in increasing cotton production per acre and will cooperate with you to the fullest extent in getting you the best seed available. The recommended variety is the same as it has been for several years—Coker 100 Wilt. There are several strains of Coker 100 Wilt, but your seed dealers will have the best strains available. These seeds should be not over three years from the breeder and preferably not over

two. The reason for this is that this particular strain of cotton was developed by several years of careful breeding and selection and is, in a sense, a hybrid. The breeder is continually selecting and breeding for better production on this strain and will not let it run down to lower standards. The hybrid character of this cotton will cause it to have a tendency to go back to the original variety used in breeding. After several years, it will not produce as much high grade cotton per acre as the first and second generation from the breeder.

In buying your seed, also be sure that your seed has been delinted and treated with one of the recommended chemicals. Delinted seed will give a much better distribution of the seed in the row, and chemically treated seed will cause more of them to come up and survive the first few days after they sprout.

In planning your overall production, one essential thing to

remember is timeliness. For instance, last year I saw several cases of people who conducted good dusting programs except for missing one week during the dusting period. If that week happened to come during the time that boll weevils were flying from field to field, a population could build up large enough to reduce the yield per acre by a very large per cent. The seven or eight dustings that were properly applied could have no effect on curing the squares that were punctured because of one dusting that was missed at a vital time.

W. G. Andrews, Extension Poultry Specialist, will be in Hoke County on Friday, March 26. Mr. Andrews is probably the leading authority on laying flock management in North Carolina. Judging from the number of you who have called me and requested information on laying flocks, his day should be well used in Hoke County. If you would like

for Mr. Andrews to visit you and discuss your poultry problems, please let me know as soon as possible.

Several of you have inquired about the control of wireworms in newly set tobacco plants. Wireworms have usually done considerable damage before they are detected in the field. The time to control wireworms is at the time of setting the plants or before.

Three materials are good for use in transplanting water. They are: Heptachlor or Aldrin, four ounces (about one cup) 25 per cent wettable powder to a 50 gallon tank of water or Lindane, one-fourth ounce (about one tablespoonful) 25 percent wettable powder or two ounces of 5 percent transplanting solution to 50 gallons of water. These doses are based on the assumption that you use about 200 gallons of water per acre.

Another method that has worked satisfactorily is to use chlordane at four to six pounds per acre or heptachlor or aldrin or dieldrin at two to four pounds per acre disc'd well into the soil ahead of planting. This method works better if soil is in good condition.

From the best information that I can get, the billbug was a major pest in corn last year. There is no control measure that works too well if you plant corn behind corn. The best plan is to rotate and not plant corn behind corn or any nearer where corn was planted last year than necessary and dust with 5 percent DDT when billbug damage begins to appear, especially at the borders of the field. Use enough DDT to insure good coverage of the young plants.

The bulletins featured this week are: "Nematode Control in Flue-

Cured Tobacco" and a brand new publication entitled "Nutgrass Control."

**McLaughlin School Menu Week Mar. 1-5**

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, cookies, milk and rolls.  
 Tuesday: Beef and gravy, cream potatoes, garden peas, peach pie, milk and rolls.  
 Wednesday: Black-eyed peas, stew cabbage, sweet potato pudding, milk and rolls.  
 Thursday: Vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwiches, jello, crackers and milk.  
 Friday: Tuna fish salad, green beans, apple sauce, saltines, milk and rolls.

Recent legislation allows United States cotton farmers to plant 21,379,358 acres of upland cotton in 1954, an increase of 3,468,910 acres over that authorized earlier.

**GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
 Rev. C. P. Hopkins, Pastor  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

**PITTMAN GROVE BAPTIST**  
 Rev. Taylor, Pastor.  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

**RAEFORD METHODIST**  
 Rev. J. Herbert Miller, Minister  
 9:45 A. M.—Church School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 6:15 P. M.—Senior Fellowship  
 8:15 P. M.—Intermediate Fellowship  
 3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Children's Choir Practice  
 3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Junior Choir Practice  
 8:45 P. M.—Wednesday, Young People's Choir Practice  
 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Mid-Week Service  
 8:00 P. M.—Wednesday, Senior Choir Practice

**SANDY GROVE METHODIST**  
 Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister  
 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School  
 Each third Sunday preaching at 11:00 A. M.  
 Each first Sunday morning at 9:45 A. M.

**PEOPLE'S METHODIST**  
 Luther Wesley, Pastor  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 6:30 P. M.—Young People's Service  
 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship  
 7:30 P. M.—Friday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

**COMMUNITY METHODIST**  
 Rev. James Hamilton  
 Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Mr. W. Ellis, Superintendent.  
 Preaching services each second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 2:00 o'clock.  
 6:30 P. M.—Sunday, Methodist Youth Fellowship

**PARKER'S METHODIST**  
 Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, 1st and 3rd Sundays.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
 C. O. Carter, Pastor  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 6:30 P. M.—Y. P. E.  
 7:30 P. M.—Evangelistic Service

**EPHESUS BAPTIST**  
 Rev. E. C. Taylor, Pastor  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday school  
 —Worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Every 2nd and 4th at 11:00 a. m.  
 B.T.U. at 6:30 p. m.  
 Prayer Service Sunday Night at 7:30.

**RAEFORD BAPTIST**  
 James E. Baker, Pastor  
 9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 6:30 P. M.—Training Union  
 7:30 P. M.—Worship Service  
 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Prayer Services

**ROCKFISH TABERNACLE BAPTIST**  
 Rev. Scott Turner, Jr., Pastor  
 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning worship  
 5:45 P. M.—Baptist Training Union  
 7:00 P. M.—Evening Worship  
 7:00 P. M.—Wed. Prayer Meet

**ASHLEY HEIGHTS BAPTIST**  
 W. Ray Gosnell, Pastor  
 Worship Services  
 Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.  
 First, third and fifth Sunday at 8:00 p. m.  
 Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Thad Lowder, Supt.  
 Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 m.

**RAEFORD PRESBYTERIAN**  
 W. B. Heyward, Pastor  
 9:45 A. M.—Church School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 3:00 P. M.—Pioneer Vesper  
 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Adult Choir Practice

**ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN**  
 Rev. Gower Crosswell  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday school,  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship

**SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN**  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, every first and third Sunday.

**LUMBER BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN**  
 C. M. Bowling, Pastor  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 1st and 3rd Sundays.

**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN**  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Every second and fourth Sunday, Morning Worship

**DUNDARRACH PRESBYTERIAN**  
 Rev. Gower Crosswell  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 Worship services every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M.

**PHILIPPI PRESBYTERIAN**  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship  
 7:30 P. M.—Prayer Meeting  
 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Pioneer Fellowship

**GALATIA PRESBYTERIAN**  
 B. O. Shannon, Pastor  
 10:00 A. M.—Church School.  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.  
 Every Sunday except the 8th Sunday.  
 Choir Practice 7:30 P. M., Wednesday

**THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
 Floyd B. Haywood, Pastor  
 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School  
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship

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**The Prayer Mama didn't hear**

Mama always hears my prayers. But last night I said a special prayer, after Mama turned out the light.

I said, "Dear God, please don't let my Mama and Daddy get one of those divorces, like Jimmy's Mama and Daddy are going to get."

Jimmy is the little boy who sits next to me in Sunday School. I've never seen his Mama and Daddy—Jimmy always comes alone.

I guess it's not so much fun to come to the Church all by yourself.

Tonight, after Mama turns out the light, I'm going to say "Dear God, tell Jimmy's Mama and Daddy to come to Church with him INSTEAD. . ."

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) Which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Mark	12	28-34
Monday	Luke	2	40-52
Tuesday	Luke	12	22-23
Wednesday	John	12	42-50
Thursday	Romans	10	10-17
Friday	Philippians	2	1-12
Saturday	Psalms	8	1-8

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