

THE BOOK

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by BRUCE BARTON

THE BIBLE CALLS HER GREAT

Ask a dozen Bible students, "Who is the one woman whom the Bible called great?" and even they would likely give a wide variety of answers. Was it Pharaoh's daughter, whose wit and courage saved the life of Moses? Was it the mighty Queen of Sheba, ruler of an empire? Was it the mother of Solomon, who made him king, or the mother of John the Baptist, who consecrated him to his splendid mission? None of these; none of the women of royal birth; none whose close relation to kings or apostles made their name famous for deeds of public renown. Quite a different sort of woman altogether. Let us look a moment at the picture of her which is given in the fourth chapter of Second Kings.

First of all, she was domestic, a homemaker, living not in the city but in one of the northern villages. Her husband was a farmer, which meant that he had his house on the edge of town, as was the custom then. A main road ran near by, and important people used it. Solomon, too, appears to have traveled there in his time.

The "great woman" had executive ability. In the early days of her married life she had no children, and that fact shadowed her life. But she did not complain. The narrative distinctly implies that she accepted the situation and made the best of it, giving herself to such activities as lightened the load of her husband. She was religious, and she was hospitable. To these last two characteristics she owed the friendship that brought her the happiness which she desired above all else, and won for her the place of honor in the Bible records.

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of god, which passeth by us continually.

Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

As to what happened afterward, the fulfillment of her long desire for a son, the growth of the boy, his illness, and his miraculous recovery at the hand of the prophet Elisha—all these are written in the next thirty verses of the chapter.

She was just a small-town woman who loved her husband and wanted motherhood more than anything else in the world, and baked good bread and kept a clean guest room. The Bible does not tell us her name, but of all the women whose biographies it records it speaks of her alone as "great."

THE WIDOW WHO GAVE THE MITE

RECKONING up the great givers of the world, the Carnegies with their libraries, the Rockefellers with their universities, the Smithsons with their gifts to learning and research, the builders of hospitals, and the doers of great deeds of mercy, whose name stands as the one whose gift has produced more hard cash than any other? Without question it is the widow who gave the mite.

The scene took place on Tuesday in Holy Week, and rather late in the afternoon. It had been a day of controversy, and Jesus, wearied and rejected, was leaving the temple. He and His disciples had been within the third court. The first was the court of the Gentiles, where any well-behaved person might go unhindered. The next was the court of the women, so called not because it was exclusively for women but because it was as far as women were permitted to go. The next was the inner court, the court of Israel, as far as a layman could approach. Beyond that was the Holy Place, where only the priests had admission, and still beyond, the Holy of Holies, where the High Priest went once a year.

Jesus and his disciples were all laymen. They went to the inner court but not into the Holy Place, much less into the Holy of Holies. And as they withdrew they passed through the court of the women. There were thirteen chests around the wall, with gold-plated trumpets into which contributions were dropped.

There came a poor widow, silently to a trumpet-throated receptacle near a corner, and cast in two copper coins so small in value that we to reckon in mills to get an approach to an equivalent.

Obligation is commensurate with ability. From the throne of God down to the depth of the lowest hell there is one rule—every moral being is under bond to do his best. God being perfect in goodness is no better than a good God ought to be. Christ's gift of Himself on the cross was not more than Christ ought to have done. Even Christ did no more than the Son of God ought to have done. In some way we must do our best or fall below God's

Governs "Youth" Funds



WASHINGTON . . . Aubrey Williams (above), newly appointed Executive Director of the "National Youth Administration," with \$50,000,000 from the four billion work relief funds, is the man to whom some 600,000 needy youths will turn this summer for help in carrying on school work and vocational training this Fall.

measure. The poor widow gave her all.

And she has inspired millions and millions of people who, except for her, would have thought their gift too small or have measured it by too unworthy a unit of devotion. If we were by reason of her gift we should know that she was first among all philanthropists. We do not need to reduce the words of Jesus to cold arithmetical prose, but if we insist on that still it is true.

This poor widow hath cast in more than they all.

PASTURES FURNISH ECONOMICAL FOOD

Lack of Pastures Is a Handicap to Live-Stock Industry

Good pastures, of which we have but few in North Carolina, and which are necessary to every diversified farm program, furnish the best and cheapest food for farm animals. They are the foundation of profitable live-stock. The lack of pastures and the failure to develop the culture of hay crops is the greatest handicap to the live-stock industry in the south.

To maintain a pasture which will afford good grazing the year-round proper management is necessary. Worn out lands and woodlands do not make the best pasturage, as the majority of North Carolina farmers seem to believe. Very little grazing, as a matter of fact, can be found in woodlands. Such areas furnish not only a very small quantity of grass but the amount of grass that does grow in woodlands is of poor quality. On the other hand, well kept pastures that have a continued young growth of such plants as orchard grass, Kentucky blue grass, white Dutch clover and lespedeza will supply an enormous amount of palatable food for cows, sufficient for increased milk production and for their health.

The Soil Conservation Service has cooperated with the farmers in establishing good pastures on hillsides too steep for growing row crops. The Service is very well pleased at the results obtained thus far in establishing pastures. The pastures planted last fall and spring have a good stand of grass and pasture mixture. For the future the Soil Conservation Service is interested in keeping this stand good and the growth sufficient at all times to furnish plenty grazing and to prevent the hills from washing down the streams. On some of the pastures seeded early in the spring, the grasses and clovers are enjoying particularly tall growth. This tall growth should be cut down either by grazing or with a mowing machine.

Where the grass has run up very high a mowing machine should be used to cut it. This cutting would also rid the pasture of weeds and other obnoxious growth. Grazing should be light in the beginning, and to avoid bloating or other digestive troubles to cattle it is advisable to allow them to graze such pastures only a short time each day for the first few days. After the first few days they may remain in the pastures at all times during the day. Care should be taken not to leave them on pastures when the land is wet. It is easy to overgraze young pastures. If grazing becomes too close, cows should be taken out for a few days. Overgrazing will stunt the growth, prevent the proper root development, and consequently cause washing of the land.

The correct amount of grazing will keep down tall growth and assist in establishing a good turf and root system. A better pasture can be developed by the proper amount of grazing. After the turf is well developed more grazing will be furnished.

Let's keep the good pastures good in order to control the erosion and

to supply the livestock with the best and cheapest food obtainable. Let's raise the standards of living in the agricultural south by diversifying our agricultural program.

Brier Creek News

Showers have refreshed the corn and tobacco crops. Farmers are now busy sowing peas.

May Boyd, 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Vetra Boyd, returned to her home last week from the Wilkes hospital where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is improving nicely.

This community was saddened by the death of J. M. Crater, at Cycle, Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West, Walter Ford and Mrs. Irene Beck were guests Sunday in the home of Misses Mattie and Armissa Sale.

Mrs. John Hubbard and daughter, of Richmond, Va., visited her mother, Mrs. W. A. Bentley, at the home of her son, O. D. Bentley, in Ronda last week.

About ten days ago Quince Sebastian was assisting Worth Sale in stacking grain and got a rye beard in

his throat. He is now in Hugh Chatham Hospital, Elkin, suffering from a badly infected throat.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sale, of Ronda, accompanied by Mrs. W. G. Church, Miss Delight Church and Aubrey Church, of Elkin, motored to Winston-Salem Sunday where they were the guests of Mrs. Church's daughter, Mrs. John Sappenfield. On their return they visited Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kelly, in Yadkinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Sale and daughter, Miss Mary Kate, spent Saturday in North Wilkesboro shopping.

Mrs. S. E. Shumate and son, Graham, of Elkin, were the guests Sunday of Mrs. Worth Sale.

Next Sunday the relatives and descendants of the late J. B. Martin will meet in reunion at the home of George Smith, Ronda, Route 2. Much pleasure is anticipated on this occasion.

FIFTY-FIFTH

Professor (to mother of freshman): "Your son has a great thirst for knowledge. Where does he get it?"

Mother: "He gets the knowledge from me and the thirst from his father."

Rusk News

Sunday visitors here were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sheppard, of Elkin; Miss Vertie Holyfield, of High Point; Floyd Alberty and John A. Snow, of Dobson; Joe Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodruff, of Booneville; Miss Thelma Cockerham, of State Road; Artice Phillips, of Twin Oaks, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jenkins, of State Road.

R. A. Jenkins, of Winston-Salem spent the Fourth here with his family.

A. V. West, of Mount Airy, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on Home Missions here at the Little Richmond Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. While here Mr. West was the guest of N. E. Wilmoth and family.

Billy Burch spent several days last week in Greensboro with his sisters, Misses Sue and Rachael Burch. He was accompanied home Sunday by his sisters and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Alfred and small son, Leonard, Jr., of Greensboro, who were dinner guests of Mrs. Ila D. Burch.

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Report of the condition of THE BANK OF ELKIN

At Elkin, N. C., to the Commissioner of Banks At the close of business on the 29th day of June, 1935

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$190,767.17
United States Government obligations, direct and-or fully guaranteed	17,366.73
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	75,554.45
Total Loans and Investments (Items 1 to 4)	\$283,688.35
Banking House, \$9,700.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$1,775.00	11,475.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,842.19
Cash in vault, exchanges, cash items, and balances with other banks	233,289.21
Other Assets	1,690.88
TOTAL ASSETS	\$534,985.63
LIABILITIES	
Deposits of individuals, partnerships or corporations payable on demand or within 30 days	207,201.52
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships or corporations payable after 30 days or subject to more than 30 days' notice	118,452.10
Public funds of States, counties, school districts, municipalities or other political subdivisions	39,825.54
United States Government and postal savings deposits	10,179.92
Deposits of other banks, cash letters of credit, certified, officers' and travelers' checks outstanding	65,822.72
Summary of Items 12 to 16, inclusive:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and-or investments	\$ 48,635.03
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and-or investments	392,846.77
(c) Total Deposits	\$441,481.80
Interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid	278.75
Other liabilities	4,028.39
Capital account:	
(b) First preferred stock sold to R. F. C. 250 shares, par \$100 per share, retireable at Par per share	\$50,000.00
(e) Common stock, 250 shares, par \$100 per share	
(f) Surplus	16,000.00
(g) Undivided profits—net	8,641.00
(h) Reserves for contingencies	14,347.35
(i) Reserve for undeclared dividends on preferred stock, and for accrued interest on capital notes and debentures	NONE
(j) Reserve for dividends payable in common stock	NONE
(k) Retirement fund for preferred stock or capital notes and debentures	208.34
	89,196.69
Total, including capital account	\$534,985.63

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SURRY—ss. Garland Johnson, Cashier, R. C. Lewellyn, Director, and R. C. Freeman, Jr., Director of The Bank of Elkin, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

R. C. LEWELLYN, Director
R. C. FREEMAN, Director

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