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Avoiding Accidents

Mishaps, other than highway accidents, have cost the lives of several highly respected citizens, or former citizens of this community, this year. The number of serious accidents, some of them fatal, which occur unnecessarily is staggering to the imagination.

Statistics show that a fatal accident is occurring somewhere in the United States every few minutes during every day of the year. This does not mean much, expressed in these words, but when it comes nearer home and involves a member of your own family, it is a tragedy beyond the power of words to describe.

Home accidents rate surprisingly high on the list of fatal mishaps in the United States. We are all well aware of the terrible toll taken on the highways, but accidents in bathrooms, stairways, with electricity, involving heat and cooking, and especially the simple art of walking (stumbling and falling), take a huge toll of lives each year.

One recommendation we make to all those who might read this editorial is that they seek to remove sources of danger in their home and its surroundings. This may not be the most profound advice you ever received, but it may also save your life, or the life of some one else, and the reader would do well to think a little about safety in his, or her, home as a means of preventing tragic accidents.

How Much Do You Read?

A survey conducted recently by an educational institution indicates that nearly half of the American people do not read books. This, despite the fact that more than half of our adults live within a mile of a public library.

Presumably, most Americans are satisfied with what they know and do not bestir themselves to find out anything new. It may be, too, that radio and television broadcasts have taken the place of reading to a large segment of our popula-

tion. The making of books has become a mass-production enterprise in the United States. Unfortunately, many of the books published are not worth the time consumed in their reading. Others are extremely partisan, presenting prejudiced viewpoints and artful propaganda for theories that appeal to the author.

We have heard young men and women talk about their difficulty in selecting authoritative and worthwhile books on subjects in which they happen to be interested. These people realize that you cannot believe everything that you see in print and without the technical information necessary to choose wisely among the authors, find themselves at a loss in the selection of intelligent, impartial and interesting volumes.

Nothing is to be gained by criticizing the authors of popular volumes or the publishers who put them on sale. After all, the author wants to write a book that will sell and the publishers want the profits that come from publishing a best seller.

Nevertheless, libraries and publishers might render a public service if they created some agency to function in an advisory capacity and to serve the interest of readers, rather than the writers and the publishers. In the long run, everybody would gain.

Accessories Extra

There had been a motor wreck. One of the drivers climbed out in a fit of temper and strode up to a man standing on the sidewalk thinking him to be the other driver.

"Say, where the devil's your tail light?" he roared.

The innocent bystander looked up at him. "Wat do you think I am—a boom'n' lightning bug?"



Howard (Sonny) Matthews, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews of Hertford, recently returned home after spending 12 days at Schiff Scout Reservation, attending a junior leaders training center there.

Sonny is a Star Scout and senior crew leader of Troop 155. He holds a Bronze rating in the Explorers and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been active in Scouting for the past five years and attended camps at Camp Darden, Philmont, Camp Sherando and Schiff. He is a junior at Perquimans High School and has a grade average of 90; a member of the Student Council and active in extra-curricular activities and athletics.

Camp Schiff is dedicated to training leaders of American youth in the high principles of the Boy Scouts of America and includes extensive training in Scoutcraft, woodman's tools, and pioneer skills as well as Scout spirit and leadership.

A Shame

"I'm sorry, madam," said the attendant at the movie, "but you can't take the dog into the theatre."

"How absurd," protested the woman. "What harm can pictures do a little dog like this?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE WAY OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

International Sunday School Lesson for August 12, 1956.

Memory Selection: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — I John 1:7.

Lesson Text: I John 1:1-16.

It is strange that nothing is recorded in the New Testament about John's activities as an apostle after Christ's ascension, except that he is associated with Peter in the event immediately after Pentecost, and is also mentioned by Paul as one of the pillars of the church at the time of the Council in Jerusalem.

However, five books in the New Testament are credited to the pen of John. These are the "Fourth Gospel," the three epistles of John and the Book of the Revelation. All were very probably written near the end of the first century when John was a very old man.

The epistles, like the Gospel of John, express profound thought in simple words, dwelling on the spiritual elements in religion rather on the external and emphasizing faith and love, obedience and knowledge, light and life.

The first letter of John, which forms the basis of our study this week, is the longest of the three and was probably written in Ephesus. It is a solemn warning to the Christians of that day that they could not hold views of Christ which are untrue and, at the same time, have fellowship with God through Christ.

John was endeavoring to combat the heresy of the Gnostics because he realized what a deadly heresy they taught when they said that one living in sin might still be "spiritual" and a "child of God." In his letter, John shows very clearly the relation of doctrine and conduct.

John has become known as the "Apostle of Love" because he stressed Christian love more than any other New Testament writer. A careful reading of John's writing will certainly reveal the emphasis he places on love. Love is the theme of this letter. Twice in this first epistle he says that God is love, and several times he declares that love is the evidence that one is born of God.

John's description of a Christian, as outlined by Marthar Tarell, is as follows: "God is revealed in Jesus. To know what God is like, look at Jesus. To hear God's message, listen to Jesus. If we desire to please God, to be a Christian, live like Jesus. And all this sums up a life of love lived daily among our fellows, loving not in word, neither with tongue, but in deed and in truth."

"Confession of faith, generosity in service, all the godlike things named by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; are implied in our brief texts from John's first epistle. Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. Find God through Christ, and show your Christianity by daily living lives of love."

Are you a Christian? Do you bear any of the marks of a Christian? Percy J. Grubb, in Wesleyan Methodist Magazine, once wrote: "You have all heard of Alexander the Great. He conquered country after country in quick succession. We are told that he had in his army a soldier whose name also was Alexander.

"One day he sent for the man to appear before him. When he came, Alexander said to him: 'I have heard two things about you: the first is that you are a great coward, and whenever a battle is to be fought, you either get out of it altogether, or you go somewhere out of danger; and the other thing I have heard is that you bear the same name as myself.

"Now, you must do one of two things: either you must become a brave soldier like your general—always in the forefront of the battle, always in the thick of the fight, always at the post of danger; or, if you cannot do that, you must change your name; you shall not disgrace the name of your master!

"So, Christ comes to every one of us, young and old alike, and he says: 'If you bear the name of Christian, you must also bear my mark and badge upon you. You

Don't cry, little man, don't cry...

This unhappy little fellow is learning an important lesson—tears do not solve problems.

Life brings many difficulties to the average person, often heavy burdens of responsibility, grief, and pain that must be met without compromise.

But there is a wise solution for all of us if we fortify ourselves with qualities that will give courage, faith, and hope in the face of all trouble.

In hours of stress and anxiety, the Christian religion is a rock of refuge. In the Church you will find spiritual strength, guidance, and enduring comfort. Go to God's House and put your trust in Him.

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) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	I Chronicles	16	23-26
Monday	Isaiah	5	1-4
Tuesday	Isaiah	6	2-7
Wednesday	Mark	8	27-28
Thursday	Mark	9	33-38
Friday	Mark	12	23-24
Saturday	Romans	7	14-25

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 Evening Worship, 8 o'clock
 Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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 Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
 First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.

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 New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M., Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Second Sunday:
 Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M., Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M., Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Third Sunday:
 Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M., New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Fourth Sunday:
 Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M., Woodland Church, 10 A. M., Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Fifth Sunday:
 Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M., Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH
 P. M. Porter, Pastor
 Church School, 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Charles Sinclair, Pastor
 Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.
 First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.
 Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
 Orval Dillon, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
 Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
 Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
 Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

BEITHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Philip Quidley, Pastor
 Sunday School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Evening service 8 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
 Dr. Virgil Pike, Pastor
 Church School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
 J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
 Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

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 J. A. Auman, Pastor
 Church School 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock
 Youth Fellowship 6:45 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
 Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
 Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11 o'clock
 Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock
 Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor
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 Neal Puckett, Minister
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 Church Services First and Third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock; evening services, first and third Sundays at 7 o'clock.
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 G. H. Lawrence, Pastor
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