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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:  
 I would like to thank the good people of your town for all the assistance and concern in the recent tragedy involving two of our employees.

I would especially like to thank your Sheriff and the men of the Rescue Squad. The efforts of these men will not soon be forgotten by the families of the employees of our company.

Lastly let me say thank you to your Coroner and Mr. and Mrs. Swindell for their concern and advice. In these times it is most gratifying to know that people will help those in need, even though they are strangers. Thanking you again,  
 Sincerely,  
 Thurston Moor  
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Richard H. Leapley  
 To the Editor:  
 I am glad to see that our Superintendent of Schools Mr. Mayo, is for scouting and knows first hand the benefits of scouting according to an article released in January 26, Chowan Herald. I am sure that all of us want to sponsor any movement for better citizenship, especially among the boys and girls of our city and county.

The article said that "Superintendent Mayo said prior to his policy change several months ago, the local troop was sponsored by the school, the school activity bus was used by the troop, and money collected and disbursed through the school. As I understand it, the Edenton City School trustees are responsible for the establishment and any change of policy with regard to any functions or activities in our schools. By law, this is their duty. I understand that Superintendent's administer the schools according to policies

set down by the trustees. I raise the question whether his policy should not have been discussed by the trustees and if any change were to be made, made by them. Since this does not appear to have been done, I request the trustees to discuss this matter at their next meeting and come to a conclusion about it.

I am sure that in this day when we are all concerned about so many activities which we say break down good citizenship among our young people, that the people of this county, and especially the school trustees, will continue to support and will not make any policy which lessens the effectiveness of the scouts, an organization which is known throughout the world for its

character building and citizenship building activities. Let us build better citizens in our county together.  
 G. W. COOPER

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You'll never have a quiet world till you knock the patriotism out of the human race.  
 —George Bernard Shaw.

**Sunday School Lesson**

**THE DANGER OF HYPOCRISY**

International Sunday School Lesson for February 5

Memory Selection: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—Luke 12:34.

Lesson Text: Luke 11-12.

In our study of Christian discipleship we examine today one of the sins against which Jesus urged an unending war—the sin of hypocrisy.

It is a sin to which all of us are prone, and it is all the more insidious because—despising it—we are loath to admit that we are often guilty of it.

Our Scriptural verses for today pinpoint instances where the outward trappings of faith became a cloak for inward, spiritual deceit. So intent were the Pharisees in preserving the rituals of their faith, that they became insensitive to the true meaning of what that faith meant.

In studying these chapters in Luke, we cannot help but be impressed with the abhorrence in which Jesus, Son of God, held such hypocrisy, and in the light of His words, we should be moved to examine our inner thoughts and feelings in this regard.

Are we—as self-professed and publicly-declared Christians—as guilty as the Pharisees? Do we—claiming to aspire to all the attributes of Christianity—feel the loving concern for our fellow men that Christ demanded of His followers—and still commands today? Do we count our blessings, and give heartfelt thanks for them, and share them with the less fortunate among us? Do we suffer in silence when someone wrongs us, or does us an injustice, and forgive them for the errors of their ways? Do we continue in our forbearance still, and turn a loving countenance toward them, as Jesus himself did, or do we turn on them in fury, waxing loud in our denunciation, and act spitefully toward them? Are we merely giving lip service to our professed faith?

Does our church (and what it stands for) have a place in our life one day a week—or does it have a place in our lives seven days a week?

And before we answer: "Of course I am concerned for my neighbor; of course I am mindful of my blessings; of course I forgive my enemies—I am a Christian"—we will do well to remember that God sees what is in our hearts, and judges us accordingly.

For Jesus, in rebuking the Pharisee for the importance he placed on outward observances of his creed, was drawing attention to the mistaken idea held by that religious group, that if their bodies were clean and undefiled during their devotions, then they themselves were acceptable to God. A clean heart—greatly desired by the Lord—was not so easily attained. Nor could it be attained by the formality of the washing of hands.

Again, the Pharisees were meticulous in tithing, for such was the law. They completely overlooked the fact that tithing was not a legal matter, to a true Christian. They also failed to recognize the important aspect of such things as all of which were also judgment, mercy and faith, enumerated in their laws.

Today we face the same traps as those that beset the Pharisees. Too often, without our being conscious of it, we become overly engrossed with material riches, and neglect the riches of the spirit. We fail to recognize that material riches—concrete possessions—are the most illusionary riches of all. The intangible riches of the spirit—a happy and loving heart, a generous and out-going spirit, a sense of responsibility and a willingness to serve whenever and wherever an opportunity occurs—these are the only riches worth possessing, and these are the only offerings we can make to God, with a certainty of their acceptability in His sight. How rich we are!

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**Make Church Going A Habit**



**A MATTER OF VIEWPOINT**

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

The Church is the greatest factor in 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.

What is as thrilling to a child as winter—and a nice fresh snow? But for an adult, shopping or working in winter weather, nothing is more miserable.

This goes for so many things. What looks good to one person looks terrible to another. What one person enjoys doing, another dislikes. What agrees with one disagrees with another.

There is nothing wrong with this. We have a right to our individual likes and dislikes, to our individual opinions. We also have the right to know the basic things in life, the truths that apply to everyone. These are the foundation blocks upon which all else is built. This is the kind of knowledge given to us by the Church.

If you have been thinking that church-goers are conformists—people who believe what they are told and let it go at that—then you've been making a mistake. Because a group of houses are built upon the same firm ground does not mean that each house cannot be separate unto itself. Because a man goes to church does not mean that he is one of a mold. Try it, and see.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deuteronomy 7:6-11	1 Samuel 16:1-5	1 Samuel 16:4-13	Psalms 24:11-15	Proverbs 14:9-16	Luke 10:38-42	John 15:18-27

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