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EDITORIAL

Another Citizen Of Tomorrow Taken By Death Mark

Another of our citizens of tomorrow was taken in death here Saturday in the death of fifteen year old Mark Beers. Early in April of this year Tommy Wilder was taken in death and in June, Fannie Lane.

For these three youths of tomorrow, and I feel that this editor can speak for the entire county in their death's, the county is saddened, and their loss is felt today and will be tomorrow, as they were two of our citizens of tomorrow.

For Mark, we have the highest praise, hampered physically since birth, he was highly intelligent and strived though physically handicapped to compete with his age group. All who knew him, loved him.

For Tommy Wilder and Fanny Lane we can say the same. They were not hampered physically. They were killed in automobile accidents. No doubt Tommy would have become a great musician, as it was his first love. Mark too, had a love for music and might also have been a musician. Fannie, who lost her life in an accident in June, would have contributed to our county in some way also. At any rate, whatever these three youths may have chosen as a future, we feel they would have been patterns in life for others to live by.

To the families and grandparents of these fine youths, "We offer our deepest sympathy," as you have to pass through these dark clouds in life to really truly realize the hurt that it leaves in the hearts of their loved ones.

Hunting Notes

With the hunting season approaching we ask hunters in this community to observe sporting and humane rules in all game hunting. There was a time when disregard of the bag limit did not seriously affect the supply of game the next year; that day has passed in most areas.

Disregard of bag limits in many areas has reduced the supply of game to a point where it is obviously in the best of interest of preservation to stay within the limit.

Despite the fact that this is obvious, some hunters exhibit too much enthusiasm on good hunting days and often liberally exceed the bag limit, especially with birds.

This is an appeal to all good sportsmen to preserve the game supply in this area for future years and future hunters. The advantages in obeying the law in this respect grow greater and greater with each passing year.

Undergraduates At Chapel Hill

The following is a list of new undergraduate students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill from Perquimans County: Joseph Ray Haskett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Haskett, Charles Frederick Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Murray and Andrew Stallings Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Rogerson.

The Perquimans Students are among 3,714 new undergraduates enrolled this year at the school. There are more than 14,000 students enrolled in the University overall this year.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my gratitude to everyone for the lovely cards, flowers, gifts, visits, and all other acts of kindness shown me while I was a patient at Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Charlie (Mattie) Wright Jarvisburg, N. C.

The name Barbados (bearded) was believed given to the island by Portuguese or Spanish sailors, referring to bearded fig trees.

Bolivia was once part of the ancient Incan empire.

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FORGOTTEN SOMETHING



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.

Have you been forgetting something lately? Have you been forgetting yourself?

Let's be completely selfish, for the moment, about this matter of going to Church. Let's look at it solely from your own point of view.

Will the Church offer you an escape from reality? Will it lead you into some kind of a rosy dream world? Will it be your own, personal panacea—a kind of spiritual crutch?

Emphatically no! What the Church will do is give you Faith. It will help you find the courage and strength to meet life's tests. It will bring you complete realization of one all-important fact: with God's love, it is never too late to begin again.

If you haven't been going to church you have undoubtedly forgotten yourself. Start going now!

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Sunday Deuteronomy 13:1-5	Monday Psalms 44:17-26	Tuesday Isaiah 17:7-11	Wednesday Hosea 13:1-9	Thursday II Corinthians 13:5-10	Friday I Thessalonians 5:12-24	Saturday Titus 3:3-7
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GOD DEMANDS RIGHTEOUS RELATIONSHIPS

International Sunday School Lesson for October 22, 1967.

MEMORY SELECTION: "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you." — (Amos 5:14)

LESSON TEXT: Amos 3-6

The thoughtful student of today's lesson will make a mental and spiritual comparison between conditions existing in Israel at the time of Amos' message to her people, and those in our own country today.

Israel was enjoying a time of peace and plenty; forgotten were the hardships, and the common bond those hardships had forged among her people. Some were rich, and some were poor, and the rich devoured the poor; they squandered their blessings in ways that were contrary to God's Covenant. Their relationship with God had become loosened by their riches. They had lost their humility, their sense of direction, their closeness to the Lord.

In the days of Israel's trials and tribulations her courage and her stamina were taxed to the utmost. But—undergirded by her faith—those same qualities were unquenchable. She was a hard core of purpose—God's purpose—and nothing could vanquish her indomitable spirit. But with prosperity came a softening of the backbone of the nation, and (ultimately) transgression from the ways of righteousness and the keeping of God's laws.

Today, as a nation, are we in danger of the same laxity? The articles contained in our daily newspapers, on radio broadcasts, and on television, would seem to say that we are!

What can dedicated Christians do, to stem this deplorable state of affairs?

Righteous living, as prescribed by God, is our only weapon—but what a telling weapon against the forces of evil it is!

Sin is an unacceptable social behavior, in any day or time. It is a form of rebellion against God, and its inevitable progeny are injustices, interperate living, an overt concern for material comforts, a false sense of security, and a growing unconcern for those in need. How sinful, in God's eyes, are we?

God's messages, throughout the years, have called for repentance. He still demands it, today, if we are to serve him faithfully and well. Each individual must decide for himself; but—in making his decision—he cannot afford to ignore the lessons of history! For those peoples who have set themselves against God and His covenants, have inevitably fallen from His Grace! Can we afford such a payment? Individually or collectively?

Our security, both as individuals and as a nation... lies in a right relationship with God. To attain such a state we must be temperate in all things—not just abstaining from alcoholic beverages (which is usually associated with the word "temperate"—but temperate in our ambitions, our physical needs.

Our responsibility to God and to mankind lies in good stewardship of our many blessings—money, courage, kindness, concern...for all these are "wealth". Spiritual values, to the dedicated Christian, are wealth, indeed, to be husbanded with care. For while misfortune can rob us our money, it can only strengthen the spirit.

As practicing Christians we must forget self, and remember and care for others. This is righteous living, approved by God.

We can find, in this chapter, many guidelines for our personal lives, for the evils existing in Amos' time are not so different as those existing today!

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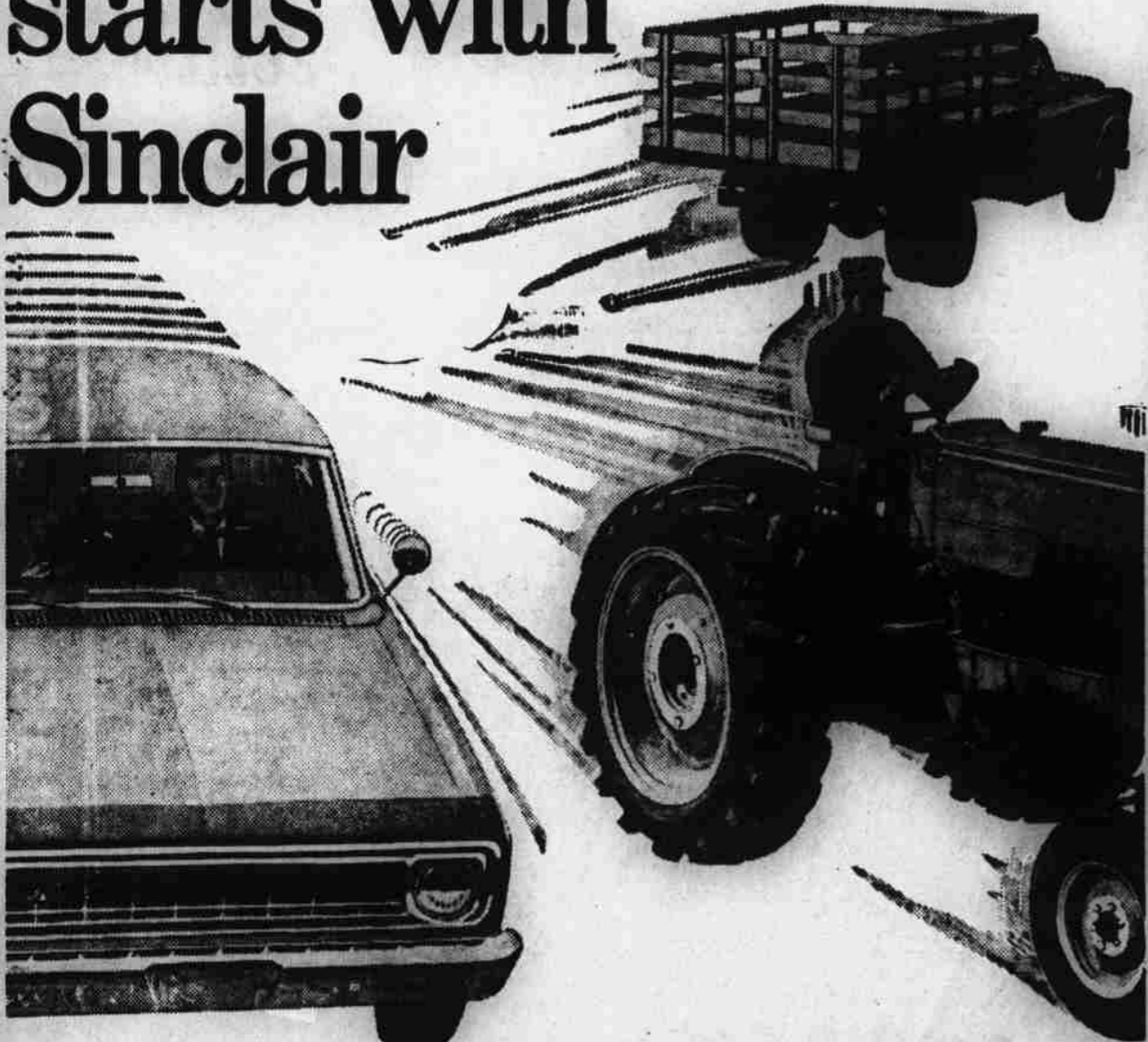
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