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LIVING IN THE SHALLOWS

There are many people who are looking for the easy place in life. They care not to undergo the struggle which is necessary to develop their talents. Every one has been endowed with talents which can be used for the upbuilding of humanity. Some of these talents need training in order to be of use. Was it not Socrates who struggled so intensely in order that he might develop his oratorical powers?

In these days the life of ease is making a greater appeal than ever before. With the ever increasing demands for labor saving this is true. We are living, and comfortably, too, on less labor today than ever before. Such inventions are bringing about shorter hours and fewer work days. All this has a tendency toward a life of ease which naturally would mean a willingness on the part of many to live in the shallows.

Those who live in the shallows do not get a vision of life as a whole but only think of the present. They seem to think if today is provided for, let tomorrow take care of itself. One must view today with its relations to tomorrow. Life is not a series of disconnected acts but is one grand whole with every act and idea fitting into the great unit. We must live life a day at a time to be sure but this day must have its right relation to the whole of life.

There is a curse pronounced upon every one who is content to live in the shallows. In the first place the Christian who lives in the shallows never develops his Christian life. He is willing to be a very small part when there is within him great possibilities for the Kingdom. I stood one day and beheld a child and as I looked my heart was made to quiver. Yes there was a babe in mind but a twenty year old girl in body. I wonder how often this is the case in the Christian life. There are many monstrosities in the Kingdom of God today, not because they were born into the Kingdom that way but because they have chosen to live in the shallows. As I pass over the creek, I behold hundreds of minnows playing there. Yes, they are minnows now, and unless they move out they shall always be minnows, for the shallows are not conducive to growth. So it is with many Christians; they live in the shallows of life too much.

The second curse of living in the shallows is that it prevents God from using us. God needs strong, courageous men and women in his army. There is no place for the weakling who wills to be a weakling. The battle is fierce and the sacrifice is great. Men are needed everywhere to hold up the banner of King Immanuel. There is no time to be lost. We need to hear the Captain of our Salvation say to us, as the soldier of the Southern Confederacy heard the command when he had for some reason or other fallen out of the line. The soldier asked him where to fall in line, the officer's reply was, "There is fighting all along the line, fall in anywhere."

There are dangers lurking for those who live in the shallows. The first danger comes to our faith, not being strong enough to bear us up in the storms of life. Those who live in the shallows of life never develop. Thus when the storms of life come upon them they go down. Many a Christian has been living in the shallows not thinking that the storms of life will come and try their faith. There are many false faiths which upon the surface appear real but upon further and closer examination fail to stand the test. Oh Christian! living in the shallows, the testing time is coming for your faith. There is more unrest among Christian people today than in many years. Too many have been living in the shallows and their faith cannot stand the test.

There is danger in living in the shallows to our love. Our love for God cannot be very strong if we live in the shallows. We can never know the meaning of His love for we have always lived the life of ease and our love for Him has never developed. To every Christian, especially today, there comes the moment of decision, "Is this right?" Can I do this? This moment of decision is a great one. A life can be made or lost. Others are affected by our conduct. Whether you are conscious of it or not, you are some one's model of a Christian. Some one is looking to you. Living in the shallows weakens our love for our God for we never know the depths of His love for us.

Edward J. Ingle, Pastor
Old Fort Baptist Church

Reubin Simmons of Marion was in Old Fort Sunday.

FUNERAL SUNDAY FOR MRS. ALFRED PADGETT

Funeral services for Mrs. Alfred Padgett, who died Friday morning at her home east of Old Fort, were conducted by Rev. J. L. Rayle Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Old Fort Methodist church. Mrs. Padgett was 74 years of age and was a life long member of the Methodist Church. Interment took place at Ebenezer cemetery. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lloyd Reid and Mrs. Sallie Hamby, of Black Mountain; R. C. Padgett of California; J. A. Padgett of Waxahoskie, Texas; Mrs. Etta Kelly, Mrs. J. L. Grant and A. A. Padgett, of Old Fort.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. ETTA WHITESIDES

Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Whitesides, who died on Monday after an illness of several months, were held at the campground two miles south of Old Fort. Rev. E. J. Ingle, pastor of the Old Fort Baptist Church, conducted the services. Surviving are six children, Mrs. Annie Hill of Union Mills, Mrs. John Lackey, Mrs. Luther Hoyle, Hicks Whitesides, Henry Whitesides and Andrew Whitesides of Old Fort.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEET POSTPONED TO APRIL 10

The regular meeting of the Old Fort Woman's Club will be postponed from Friday, April 3rd, to Friday afternoon, April 10th. The program will be in charge of the home department. Place of meeting will be announced later. There will be delightful surprises for everybody. All members are urged to attend.

CHURCH NEWS

The members of the Baptist church are improving the grounds around the church and plan to plant shrubbery in the near future.

The Methodist members are planning to build a new addition on the church lot. This building will consist of eight class rooms, which are very much needed.

CAFE IMPROVEMENTS

The City Cafe presents an attractive appearance in its new colors. The front of the cafe is painted in a shade of green. The interior has been redecorated in green and white, looking very clean and springlike. Mr. Gus Silvers, the likable proprietor, conducts a cafe of the highest standard, and one that can be recommended in the highest terms.

MUSIC CLUB MEETS

Mrs. I. L. Caplan, chairman of the music department of the Woman's Club, held a call meeting on Friday night to organize this department. Miss Kathryn McCall was elected choral director and Mrs. Clyde Miller and Mrs. Janie Reid were asked to plan a special Easter program for the Music Department.

STILL DESTROYED

Deputy C. L. Tate and W. H. Bradley destroyed a small steam still on Curtis Creek on Thursday, March 19th. The plant was discovered under huge rock cliffs that was difficult to reach, located in the section known as chestnut woods. The still was a three barrel outfit. No arrests were made.

SERVICES AT OAKDALE

Rev. M. E. Hansel will conduct services at Oakdale on Sunday a. m. at 11 o'clock instead of the usual afternoon hour. An election of church officers will be held at this meeting. Every member of the church is requested to be present.

UNION SERVICE

A union service of the Old Fort churches will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday night at 7:30. A full attendance of each congregation is expected.

Mrs. Horace Burwell and two small children, Jimmie and Bobby, of Spindale, spent the week-end with Miss Bula Kanipe. Mrs. Burwell was before her marriage Miss Mozelle Hunt and was a member of the Old Fort High School faculty several years ago.

Mrs. H. C. Marley and Mrs. E. J. Ingle, who attended the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina held in Gastonia, returned to their homes in Old Fort on Thursday.

The first cuckoo clock, known as the Black Forest cuckoo clock, was made by Franz Anton Ketterer in Schonwalud, Germany, in 1730.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

H. C. Fisher was in Marion Friday.

Miss Della Williams was in Asheville Saturday.

Mrs. W. C. Early was a visitor in Marion Monday.

Bill Dalton, who is ill with pneumonia, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. LeFevre spent Saturday in Asheville.

S. F. Mauney was confined to his home on Monday with flu.

Miss Nora Bright of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

Mrs. Ada McCall of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Helen Watkins of Raleigh is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sue Sandlin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Reid of Black Mountain were in Old Fort Friday.

Mrs. Bessie Allison of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Greer of East Marion were in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Ethel Allison of Morganton spent the week-end with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Padgett of Marion were visitors in Old Fort on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Stevens of Marion spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Early.

Mrs. Roy Early has as her guests this week her brother, Mr. Clarke and family of Canton.

Mrs. Bessie Watkins of Marion visited her daughter, Mrs. Haynes, here last Wednesday.

Vernard Steppe of Asheville spent Friday in Old Fort with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Steppe.

Miss Estelle Lavender, who is teaching in Marion, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Misses Margaret Maness and Gladys Warren spent Saturday in Asheville.

Misses Kathryn McCall and Mildred McDade spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Anne Porter, a teacher at East Marion, spent the week-end at her home here.

Misses Annie Belle and Polly Noblitt and Robert Hughes spent Wednesday in Asheville.

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre has returned after a visit with her daughter at N. C. W., Greensboro.

R. H. Landis of Tryon was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Lavender over the week-end.

The many friends of Mrs. J. L. Lackey will be glad to know she is much improved in health.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. Henry C. Fisher on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Rayle and small daughter have returned to Old Fort after a visit of several days in Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Early and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Silver visited relatives and friends in Canton Sunday.

Misses Arwyn Steppe and Nellie Allison returned to Asheville Normal school this week after spending two weeks in Old Fort.

Lesley Mauney returned to Raleigh on Monday, after spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

Mr. Amery, an official of the United States Tannery Company, of New York, visited the Union Tannery at Old Fort this week.

Miss Margaret Marley, instructor in the Lenoir high school, has returned to her work after several days spent with her parents here.

Miss Lenore R. Keatley, who has been visiting her mother in Havre de Grace, Maryland, returned to Old Fort on Thursday morning.

The hydraulic automobile lift recently installed by the Kanipe Motor Company is attracting much attention and favorable comment.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore and two children were week-end guests of Mrs. Moore's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Preas, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Crawford Fortune, who spent his mid-term vacation with his mother, Mrs. Ado Fortune, in Old Fort, returned to State College, Raleigh, on Monday.

THE SENIORS

Come on, Seniors, Join in the fun! In just a few more weeks Our work will be done. We have waited patiently and long. Now the goal is just a little farther on.

A little more studying, then a diploma we shall own.

Come on, Seniors—it won't be long! Our troubles, joys, cares, and our teachers, too,

Juniors, we will give them all to you. But if it were possible, to beg, take, or steal—

For us, such a thing, to do— Juniors, do you think we would leave Mrs. S. for you?

Mabel Curtis, Class '31.

JOHN HARRIS GILLIAM

John Harris Gilliam was born on January 13, 1852, and departed this life February 21, 1931, at the age of 79 years, 1 month and 8 days. He leaves one brother, W. H. Gilliam; two daughters, Mrs. A. L. Hogan and Mrs. T. R. Burgin; two sons, G. H. and C. E. Gilliam, and twenty-one grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

In early years he professed faith in Christ as his Savior and united with Pethlehem Baptist Church, later transferring his membership to Cherry Springs Baptist Church. He served as a deacon at Bethlehem for a number of years and at his death was senior member of the board of deacons of Cherry Springs church. He also taught the men's Bible class for a number of years and served faithfully in any capacity the church asked him to serve.

He loved the simple life and his light shined brightest in the home and in his daily associations with relatives and friends.

His work on earth is finished. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. He has joined his companion, children and loved ones gone on before him, but best of all, we believe, his eyes have seen his Lord, Whom he loved and served. We who are left behind today are bound to heaven with a stronger tie than ever because where our treasures are our hearts are there also.

Nearly 7,000 pounds of lespedeza and grass seed has been ordered by Cumberland County farmers this season in starting new pastures and for hay and soil improvement.

FOR SALE

25 thoroughbred ever-lay Brown Leghorn hens, and two roosters \$1.00 each.

W. W. LeFevre,

Old Fort, N. C.

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