

TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE

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CHICAGO 24, ILLINOIS**SICKNESS AND SIN**

One thing that really concerns this writer about modern life, is how sin is constantly called sickness. A man commits some moral outrage and they say he is sick—they even tell him that.

I want to tell a man some time ago who had fallen into unspeakable immorality and it had caught up with him. For years his sanctimonious life had been a sham; now the mask was torn off and he was in trouble—real deep trouble. I had been telling him that now his best course was to make a clean confession—to the courts and to God. But someone else had gotten to him first. While he listened, this man had told his wife: "You must get Jim to see that he's sick and needs help. I'm not condoning what he has done, but I'm hopeful that if he gets the proper help he can be cured."

What a way to evade the sin question! Of course the man was sick—I imagine you and I would be sick too if we lived as he had. But

let's get this straight: His sickness came from his sin, not his sin from some sickness. He would have been far better off to sob out his heart in contrition before God and for his sin than to excuse his conduct on the grounds of illness. Rom. 5:12 says: "By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin," and Rom. 6:23 says: "The wages of sin is death."

The sobering fact is that while there may be differences in the kinds of sins we commit, or in the degrees of our sin, Rom. 3:23 declares that there is no difference in this, that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

That's why we are so pleased and proud to proclaim "the gospel of the grace of God," how Christ paid the penalty for our sins that we might have a perfect standing before a holy God, "being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!" (II Cor. 9:15).

WEEKLY MEDITATION

BY COLIN DOUGLAS

A SermonetteBY COLIN DOUGLAS
"Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."—Psalms 23:4.

There are, of course, many happenings and incidents in life that seem beyond our human understanding or comprehension. But when we cannot understand with our mind, we can know for certain within our hearts and souls that somehow, some way, all things are inevitably made right, that the Lord can be trusted always to care



REVIVAL SPEAKER—Revival services were held at the Oberlin Baptist Church, 806 Oberlin Road, March 25-27, at 8 p.m. nightly. The evangelist for the revival was the Rev. L. T. Dyer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mebane, N. C. The Reverend Mr. Dyer received his A. B. degree from North Carolina College at Durham and the B.D. degree from Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh. The Rev. Joseph P. Dempsey is pastor of Oberlin Baptist.

for His own. Although we sometimes do not realize or recognize it, the answer of the Lord is instant when we call upon Him. His spirit, when called upon in prayer, answers our pleas for courage to meet untoward circumstances. And, because of the comfort and assurance that comes to us through meditation and prayer, we can find ourselves able to meet all issues unperturbed, and with courage and confidence.

We can hear the answer of the Lord to our prayers for help in the depths of our hearts and souls. Without sound or word, His peace comes to us; His understanding encompasses us; His love sustains us.

The answer of the Lord to our needs for comfort and courage come from all about us. He speaks to us through the voices of our friends, through the printed word, through the beauty and wonders of nature about us. He assures us that all is well, that He is with His creation, that He will bless us forever.

All things are good and beautiful to the prayerful person who looks for beauty. We see what we seek to see, and if we practice looking for beauty, love, and harmony, we most surely shall see beauty, love, and harmony everywhere—for God's spirit does fill the universe, and where His spirit is there is beauty, love, and harmony.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings."—Isa. 52:7.

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PREACHES TRIAL SERMON—John D. Lockley, of 204 Camden Street, Raleigh, delivered his trial sermon Easter Sunday night at the Rush Metropolitan AMEZ Church, E. Cabarrus St. An instructor in the Harnett County School system, Mr. Lockley's subject was, "What Are You Standing For?"

On The Home Front**ON THE HOME FRONT**

Items this week from Person, Wake and Wayne Counties.)

DRAPERIES YOU CAN MAKE
Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Roxboro, Rt. 2 thinks she is quite lucky as a result of the drapery workshop in Person County. After the homemakers had attended a workshop on making draperies, they went to the home of Mrs. Johnson and assisted her in making draperies for her new home.

Miss Annie Tuck, home economics agent, says Mrs. Emma Thompson, Roxboro, Rt. 4, has made lined draperies for her living room. Both ladies realized quite a savings by making the draperies at home.

HOME CONVENIENCES
Mr. and Mrs. Junnie Lankford, Apex, Rt. 1, are adding conveniences in their home through a "pay as you go" and "do it yourself" plan.

Mrs. Mary Graham, associate home economics agent, says the Wake County family has added wall and base cabinets in the kitchen for their project this year.

EXTENSION HOUSE PLANS USED

House plans, which are available through the Agricultural Extension Service, are being used throughout the state. Miss Elizabeth Brown, home economics agent, says several families in Wayne County are using the Extension plans for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barnes of Goldsboro, Rt. 2, have just completed their new home. It is a four bedroom house built by Extension Plan No. 96. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are former 4-H'ers. She was instrumental in starting the Young Homemakers Club in her community. Both realize that money management is important when planning a new home and have economized and planned to make every dollar count.

Symposium At A And T Attracts 40

GREENSBORO—Forty-odd physicians and dentists from several sections in North Carolina last week attended the one-day second Annual Clinic-Symposium held here at the L. Richard Memorial Hospital.

The dentists heard two lectures, one in the morning and a second in the afternoon, by Dr. J. B. Singleton, head, Department of Oral Surgery, Meharry Medical College of Dentistry, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Singleton spoke on, "The Proper Diagnosis and Aid Toward Avoiding Postoperative Complications and Accidents," and in the afternoon on the subject, "Postoperative Complications and Accidents."

Dr. D. Bishop Announces 6 FSC Workshops

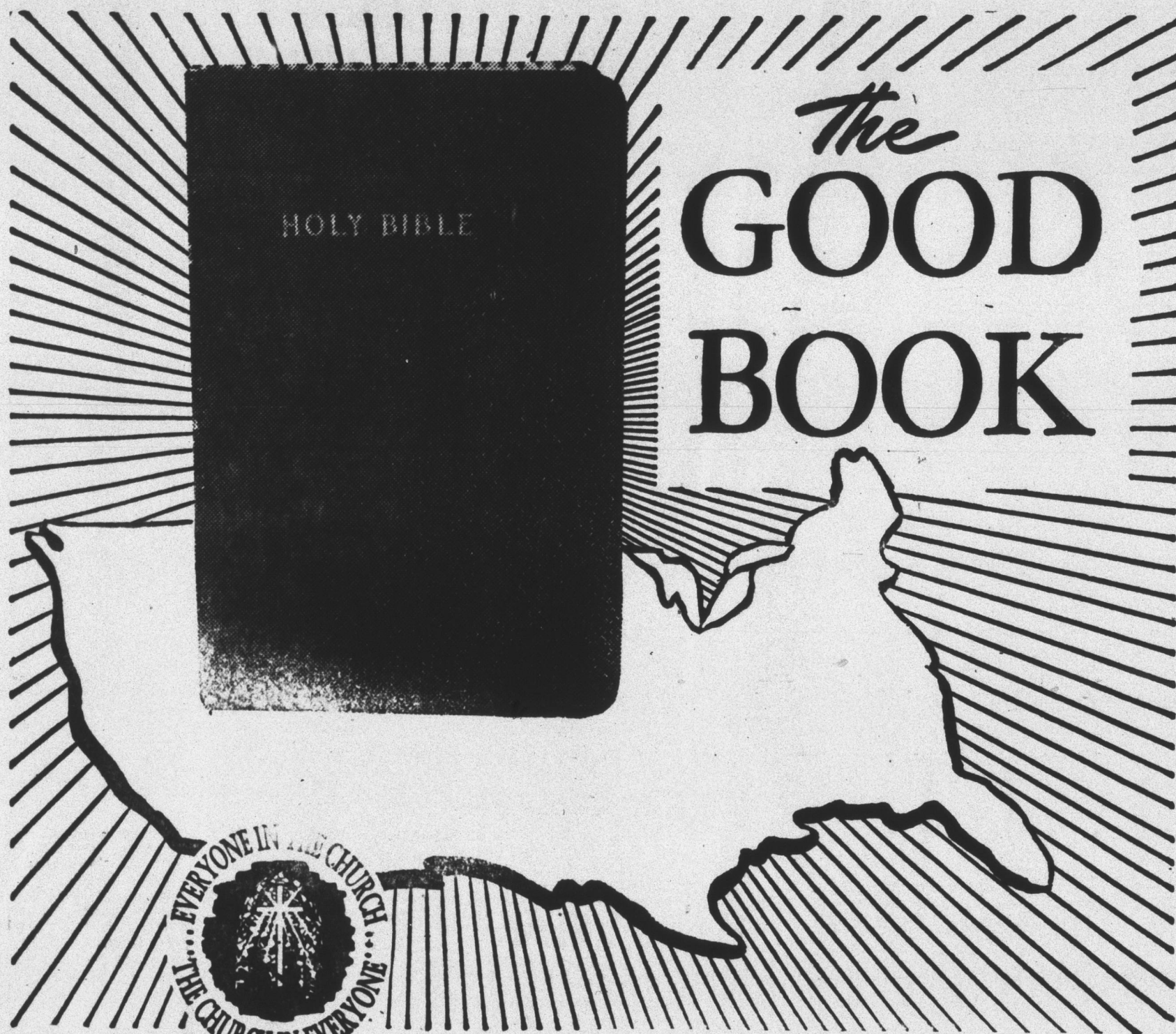
FAYETTEVILLE—Dr. D. W. Bishop, director of the Summer School at Fayetteville State College, has announced the six workshops to be held at the College for the Summer. Two workshops will be conducted for a three-week period, June 8 to June 26, for three semester hours of credit. They will be Audio-Visual Methods and Materials, and Recent Advances in Earth Science.

Two workshops will be conducted for six weeks for six semester hours of credit from June 8 to July 17. They will be Library Science and Reading.

Two State-sponsored tuition-free programs will be offered in Recent Advances in Earth Science and Special In-Service Enrichment Programs for Elementary and Secondary School Teachers.

The Enrichment Program is designed specifically to provide cultural opportunities for high school and elementary school teachers. It includes experiences in the traditional liberal arts subjects. The credits taken may, or may not, count toward renewal of "A" certification.

A 60-day Guidance and Reading workshop for a three week period for two semester hours credit from June 9 to July 17.

**With Faith...
You Are Never Alone
Attend Church Regularly**

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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