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"The basic of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."—Thomas Jefferson.

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**KING STREET**  
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lot through the intervening years . . . Mighty glad to see our friend of other years . . . brought back pleasant memories of happier if leaner days.

**WISH TO CONGRATULATE**

Sheriff Watson, Jailor and Mrs. Church on the management of the county jail, as shown following its recent inspection by a State official . . . The management of the bastille, the attitude of the officials toward the inmates, and the quality and quantity of the food served, all came in for praise . . . in fact, so the letter accompanying the report, said: "There is no criticism or suggestion from this department. . . . That's just about as good a report as could be made, and we think it's mighty fine . . . prisons are one of those unpleasant necessities, which all too often are operated without too much regard to the comfort or well-being of their inhabitants . . . We are glad that ours is kept in tip-top shape and take pleasure in commending the officials in charge for the fine record they have made along this line.

**WALKING ALONG THE**

Street with J. M. Moretz, one of the older residents of the town . . . he moved to Boone in 1896 just in time to cast a vote here for W. J. Bryan in the "16 to 1" silver campaign, conducted a general store here fifty years ago, has been Mayor of the town, member of the city council, furniture merchant, and provided the town with its first water system, without public funds.

**MR. MORETZ**

relates that he was a member of the board of aldermen when the first tax levy was made . . . the street along by the Democrat office was built in wet ground, frogs were beginning to croak in the puddles of the marshes along the road, and the town decided to do something about it . . . T. F. Coffey and R. C. Rivers, Sr., the other members of the board, voted with Mr. Moretz and levied a 12 1/2 cent tax. . . . W. L. Bryan, Esq., the Mayor, or at that time, opposed the tax, and offered his resignation as the result of the action, Mr. Moretz said . . . All the street work prior to that time had been done by "warning out the hands" . . . that is, every man was required to do so many hours work on the roads during each year, or pay the equivalent in money, if he was unable to wield a pick or a shovel.

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told of his association with the late Daniel Dougherty, pioneer editor of the Watauga Democrat and a fine gentleman of the old school . . . Some preacher had come into the territory from the North and "written up" the hill country in some church publication . . . it seemed as if local residents felt the minister hadn't quite tracked the truth, and Editor Dougherty castigated him for his attack on his people . . . Winding up the editorial Editor Dougherty is quoted as saying something like this: "The suffix, 'D. D.' at the end of some men's names put us in mind of the kink in a pig's tail . . . it's more for ornamentation than for utility."

Storage holdings of apples as of January 1 were reported at 30 million bushels, compared with about 27 million a year ago, according to USDA. The increase occurred largely on the West Coast.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

**ETERNAL LIFE (Easter)**

International Sunday School Lesson for March 28, 1948

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "This is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."—John 17: 3.

**Lesson Text:** Colossians 3: 1-4; 12-17; I John 5: 11.

While Easter takes its name from a pagan celebration of the very distant past, it embodies the greatest joy of the Christian believer, because it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus and carries with it an assurance of personal immortality. Christians identify Easter with the resurrection of their Lord. Having been arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane late Thursday night, falsely accused, convicted and humiliated early Friday, he was finally escorted out to Golgotha where he was crucified between two malefactors. His body was placed in the tomb by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, where it lay from late Friday afternoon until his resurrection early on the first day of the week, called by us, Sunday.

A group of women, who had known and loved Jesus, went to the tomb early on Easter morning, weeping because they had lost one whom they loved so much. They were suffering the sadness that is probably the most common sadness that people know, that of parting from a loved one by death. However, the joy that came to them in the knowledge that Jesus had risen from the dead is one that is shared by many. Because Jesus rose, we believe we shall rise also. This belief should do much to dispel the fear that many people have of passing through the shadow of death.

A personal faith in immortality is the strongest possible incentive for living properly. Rufus M. Jones declares, "The business of loving or hating, of being pure or impure, of spreading peace or of weaving bitterness into the fabric of life is eternal business. For all the time as one acts, one is forming the atmosphere in which he is going to live eternally . . . This life and the life beyond are not two things but one, or at least parts of one whole."

Paul, in his writings, shows clearly that he has no use for that type of individual who thinks of the life and immortality which Christ brought to light as something to be enjoyed only after death. He knew that here and now, amid all the struggles and trials and temptations of this present life, the faithful rise with Christ from the death of sin to newness of life. This new life must be lived faithfully every day, and cannot be put on and taken off as one would a new garment. The Christian clothes himself, at the beginning of each day, with unselfishness, compassionate kindness, patience and forgiveness. Inner peace will show itself in peace with all men as one practices the presence of Christ in the life.

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The Apostle John says that one who has been raised with Christ may know that he is the child of God and if the child of God, then heir to eternal life. How may one know that he is eternally saved? John answers by giving at least seven reasons: (1) Because we believe in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:1). (2) Because we are obedient to him (1 John 2:36). (3) Because we have been given spiritual insight. (John 2:20). (4) Because we have been enabled to persevere (1 John 2:19). (5) Because we have been strengthened to overcome the power of sin (1 John 3: 6, 9). (6) Because we love the brethren (1 John 3:14). And, (7) Because we have the Spirit of God in our hearts (1 John 3: 24).

Lyman Abbott, in The Other Room, declares: "The difference between the mortal and immortal life is not made by death. The immortal life is the life which pain, sickness, and death cannot terminate. It is the life of faith, of hope, of love. Such life is immortal life, because mortality cannot touch it. The body is always dying; it is in an ever-perpetual process of decay; it is not mortal. It is eternal because it stands in no time-relation; not because it begins beyond the confines of time,—there are no confines,—but because it has no time-boundaries.

**WAITER CLEANS TABLE ALSO THE CASH BOX**

Pittsburgh — A large downtown restaurant closes on Sundays, but passer-by didn't see anything unusual about a man cleaning up tables.

As a matter of fact, even policemen who walked by didn't think it unusual either—the "waiter" was wearing a uniform and hard at work. But when the proprietor made a routine checkup a few hours later the police went into action. They found that the "waiter" had taken the cash box containing \$350. His discarded uniform lay nearby.

During the week ending Jan. 31, hatcheries and dealers placed 149,000 broiler chicks with producers in the Chatham commercial area.

**BRIEF NEWS**

Cominform Communist central unit, urges "purge" of Czechs. Finnish Diet's aim to restrict Russian pact is evident. United States surplus passes \$5,000,000,000 for the first time. Tools and production methods that won war declared obsolete. World scarcity of food seen a spur to frozen products. Irish linen industry fears Americans won't pay high prices. Outer Mongolians find China is not a United States province. Peiping intellectuals seeking a way to make democracy work. Census Bureau sees nation's population at 166,000,000 in 1975. Germans would unite with United States in anti-Soviet role. Ex-Secretary Byrnes urges a full Army to check Soviet. Treasury seen wishing to broaden base of double taxation. Savings and loan funds for mortgages called ample. Consumer now is seen coming into his own. Filene cooperative department store is opened in Virginia. Nation's steel production in February sets peacetime mark. British are fearful that Italy may be next Red coup victim. United States atom secrets viewed as safe for many years.

**GROUP SEEKS FATHER WITH LARGEST FAMILY**

New York — The National Father's Day Committee announced yesterday it will give a \$100 U. S. savings bond to the father who has the largest number of living children.

The committee said it is trying "to encourage the old-fashioned idea of larger families and closer home ties." This will "build a strong America through wholesome child up-bringing," it said. Last year's winner of the father award had 20 living children.

**MONEY FLIES**

Detroit, Mich. — When Joe Andonowski's wife told him at breakfast that she needed cash for groceries, Joe, who was short of cash, promised to send her some as soon as he got to work. Stopping by his pigeon rookery as he left for work, Joe picked up a pigeon and tucked it under his overcoat. When he got his pay, he carefully taped a \$20 bill to the leg of the pigeon and released it. Mrs. Andonowski, hearing a commotion in the rookery, examined a lot of the 60 birds before she found the one entrusted with the money. It had arrived safely.

**GOLDEN GLEAMS**

The flowers appear on the earth; the mite of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.—Solomon's Song 2: 12.

Now every field is clothed with grass, and every tree with leaves; now the woods put forth their blossoms, and the year assumes its gay attire.—Virgil.

When lovers are far apart they are made even sadder by the loveliness of Spring.—Bhartrihari.

It were an injury and sullenness against nature not to go out and see her riches, and partake in her rejoicing.—John Milton.

Spring makes everything young again, save man.—Jean Paul Richter.

In the Spring a livelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove, In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.—Tennyson.

**LAZY DYNAMITE**

Mt. Pleasant, Pa.—A New Jersey man was killed and another injured when their truck, loaded with dynamite, careened out of control down a hill, crashed through a guard rail and plunged 75 feet down an embankment. The driver, Lawrence Ewan, 38, of Mt. Royal, N. J., was crushed to death, and his assistant, Kenneth Baldwin, 20, of Wenonah, N. J. was hurt. The fifteen tons of dynamite carried in the truck did not explode, however.

**"PUSHED" BOY FALLS UNDER TRAIN**

Philadelphia, Pa.—One of a group of boys playing near the railroad tracks pushed 7-year-old Johnny Guille, causing him to fall beneath the wheels of an approaching freight train, which severed both of the child's legs. Johnny's hands were clasped in prayer as he watched rescue workers raise the car with huge jacks so they could extricate him. He apparently was beyond pain and did not cry.

Production of eggs on North Carolina farms during January was up seasonally, but still 14 million eggs below January production a year earlier.

**TIME FOR DIVORCE**

Detroit, Mich.—After testifying that her husband threw books, a vase and shoes at her and then tossed an alarm clock, Mrs. Sybil W. Kries was granted a divorce from her husband.

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