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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE GREAT THING?: Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.—Matthew 13:44.

No, Not Lagging

Though Chowan County has not been included in the daily newspaper tabulations of scrap metal collected for the war effort, The Herald cannot say the county is lagging. Without reservation, The Herald ventures the guess that the scrap metal drive has claimed as much thought and consideration on the part of R. C. Holland, county chairman of the USDA War Board, as the average chairman in the State has given it. And, incidentally, The Herald isn't afraid to match the persistency and ability of Mr. Holland to see a good job through with that of any of the other chairmen.

Mr. Holland is a farmer and realizes the plight of the Chowan County farm people who are busily engaged in either harvesting their cotton and peanuts or else spending no little time in trying to secure labor. He well knows, too, that if Chowan County is to make an appreciable showing in the collection of scrap metal that the bulk of it must come from the rural sections, where there are tons and tons of it scattered around.

At the opportune time Chowan County will conduct an exhaustive drive to gather scrap metal, when it is planned to send a truck to every section of the county. And when, under Mr. Holland's supervision, the campaign has been completed, The Herald ventures the guess that Chowan County, as in every other venture in the war effort, except failure in reaching one month's quota of war bond sales, will stand well up in the per capita of scrap metal collected.

The Herald approves Mr. Holland's idea to put on the campaign at the proper time, outside comment and criticism notwithstanding. In an earlier scrap metal drive the bulk of the material was rounded up in Edenton and with a collection center established, which will remove from the minds of rural people the idea of personal gain on the part of junk dealers, Chowan County will undoubtedly come through with flying colors.

In the meantime, folks, if weather continues as it has been the first half of the week, don a raincoat, jump into a pair of boots and gather every piece of available scrap metal and carry it to a convenient place where it can be loaded on a truck when the campaign is launched, publicity or no publicity. We're helping Uncle Sam, you know.

Have No Fear—Be Yourself

The following paragraph was not written by the editor of The Herald, but was handed to him by a friend. The article was found on the street, and the author is unknown, but it carries so much food for thought that it is a pleasure to pass it on to all Herald readers:

"Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and ignorant; they, too, have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of times. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to the virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about life; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly counsel of the years, gracefully surrender the things of youth. Nurture strength, strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul, with all its shame, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful, strive to be happy."

Fire Losses Help The Enemy

Now that the nation has observed its annual Fire Prevention Week, it might be a good idea for the people of Chowan County to give some thought to a year around campaign to prevent fires.

Publicity experts tell us that the United States, since Pearl Harbor, has had a fire every two minutes and that the fire loss in war production plants, stock piles and dwellings of war workers in 1942 exceeds \$200,000,000. In a normal year the fire toll is 10,000 lives and one-third of a billion dollars in property damage.

James M. Landis, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense, points out that 28,000,000 pounds of rubber were destroyed in one fire, one-third of the country's production of magnesium dust in another, 10,000 tons of cork in a third and \$250,000 worth of parachute silk in a fourth. These losses represent examples of irreplaceable damage. The materials involved are scarce and needed in the war effort.

It is especially emphasized that negligence and carelessness are responsible for most of the fires that occur. Somewhere an individual in factory, office, home,

HEARD and SEEN

And talking about fishing, the boys who like to see the cork bob and suddenly dart under the water apparently are pikers compared to word from Parson Ashby and C. W. Sawyer, both former Edenton citizens. The Parson says down where he lives, St. Augustine, Florida, the fish actually jump in the boat, and at that the sort of fish you want. Friend Sawyer, who now lives at Hilton Village, Va., has this to say: "Why not come to see me and get in some real fishing? We fish with a grab hook. When the fish smell of the bait, the hook grabs them sure fire." Gosh, must I make a trip to Hilton Village and St. Augustine?

While there are many folks who like carnivals, there are also probably just as many who think a carnival is an abomination to any community. Be that as it may, it looks as though Mr. Weather Man looks with disfavor upon the carnival here this week sponsored by the Lions Club. Starting Sunday and continuing until Wednesday, and then skies still overcast, there has been almost continual rain. The carnival, therefore, was not only rained out the first three days of the week, but virtually flooded. If it continues to rain the carnival might add to their amusements by providing a boat ride around the grounds, or maybe try fishing in that neck of the woods.

Merry Christmas! Nope, the writer hasn't gone nuts nor lost track of the time. But, according to information, in order to send Christmas presents and Christmas greetings to the boys abroad, this must be done during this month. Here's one who really wishes every boy abroad, as well as those in camps scattered all over the land, a Merry Christmas if such a thing is possible when engaged in preparing to knock off a German, Jap, Italian, or any other scudder who would rob us of our freedom. But then maybe knocking off a few of the cut throats would result in as merry a Christmas as one could wish, and here's hoping they can do that very thing.

Gib Perry—he's the game warden—was showing off 15 pairs of nice quail the other day. He couldn't eat 'em though, for his orders were to turn 'em loose somewhere in the county so that the bird hunters will have more to shoot at. I followed him all around, but darned if I ever saw where he turned 'em loose.

Nope, we're no longer a one-horse town, for now the bank even opens up Saturday nights. However, local people will have to transact their business as usual, for the hour and a half, 6 to 7:30, is only for the purpose of cashing checks for air station workers. Besides, you better not nose around the bank corner about that time unless you're used to being crowded, shoved around and even being trampled in a rush. It's a busy corner for a spell, if you ask me, and the boys come out with plenty of the long green.

In the mail Wednesday was a letter from Al Lamb, sports writer on the Binghamton Press, who was here last spring when the Binghamton baseball club trained on the local lot. Al says the team won 23 of the last 29 games on the schedule, pulling from fifth to third place. One of the members of the team, First Baseman Buddy Souchok, won the Eastern League batting championship, with a season average of .316. He was also selected as the circuit's most valuable player. He, together with Gus Niarhos, were placed on the first all-star team. Al says he has pleasant memories of Edenton and hopes he can come back again.

"Are you a member of the Gotta Minute Club?" I was asked in a letter from a reader the other day, which went on to say:

"Say, have you a minute to spare? Well, then sit right down and write a letter to your soldier friend away. He wants to know what is going on around home. Soldiers rate a letter from home above anything else. They enjoy reading the names of those who are in the next call for induction. Do not put it off another second, if you know a soldier, write to him and let him know everything is in good condition at home and that his friends are thinking of him. Take a few minutes of your time and do this for the soldiers. It would build up his morale."

I've joined about every other thing in town, but my news to soldiers will be for the most part confined to The Herald in which I try to include as many of the happenings as I can get up with, not only for the boys in the service, but for the other readers as well.

Football fans not on hand at last Friday's game missed a splendid game even if Edenton did lose. The Edenton boys went up against a much heavier team, and even then threw a real scare into the visitors' camp. More weight and reserve power is what beat the Aces, and here's a hand for the fine playing every last one of 'em displayed. Another good game is in prospect Friday when Scotland Neck plays here for the first time. The outfit boasts one of the best high school players in the State, and with Coach Watson's boys gradually improving another battle royal is in prospect.

or in the woods fails to take appropriate measures to avoid fire. The failure usually results from a careless attitude toward the risk of fire, with most individuals oblivious to the hazards that exist around them.

While the nation may be able to afford its annual fire bill in time of peace, when the loss can be considered a monetary one, there is no way to replace critical materials that are consumed by flames during the emergency of war. It is no longer a question of money. The negligence that invites a destructive blaze is a positive contribution to the cause of our enemies and, consequently, every loyal American should become something of a fire warden in and around his own premises.

National And Farm Income

There is substantial ground for the idea that the farmers of the nation are entitled to a larger portion of the national income. This is recognized by those who question the strategy of farm leaders in connection with recent anti-inflation legislation.

The total of national income payments for the present year is estimated at close to \$115,000,000,000. Farm cash income is expected to aggregate \$15,000,000,000.

In connection with these figures, it is only necessary to remember that approximately one-fifth of the nation's population is on its farms.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Where Are Ye Goin' With My Thimble, Sandy?"
"To Give McGregor a Drink"

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

GROWTH IN CHRIST

International Sunday School Lesson for October 18, 1942.

Golden Text: "Grow in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."—II Peter 3:18.

Lesson Text: Luke 2:40-52; Hebrews 5:11-14; II Peter 1:1-18.

While growth is natural as long as immaturity continues, the rapidity of that growth depends on whether or not the conditions of growth have been met.

It is natural, in a lesson on this subject, that our minds are turned to the growth of the boy Jesus. While we know very little of the boyhood of Jesus from the time of his being taken to the Temple by his parents in his infancy until the time of his visit with his parents at the age of twelve, Luke records that "the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him," and "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

The main point in both of these verses is that Jesus grew as a normal child. While he was God, he was also a man, and, in emptying himself, he voluntarily accepted many of the limitations of human flesh. Everyone should seek, in their lives, the well-balanced growth that characterized the life of Jesus. Physical and mental growth and health, and the development of a well-rounded personality will contribute to spiritual vitality and health.

Every thinking person agrees on those things which are necessary to proper physical growth—food, exercise and rest. Mothers, interested in the welfare of their families, see to it that all of these elements are supplied in proper proportions. Very often, however, these same mothers are not as interested in seeing that their families develop the other facets of their personalities. They do not encourage the social natures of their children, nor do they do what they should to see that the spiritual growth keeps up with physical growth.

What must we do if we are to grow spiritual? or "Grow in Christ?" We should certainly feed our souls the proper spiritual food, the Bread of Life, which is the word of God. Bible study should have a more prominent place in our lives, if we would grow more like Him. We should cultivate the spirit of meditation, of relaxation when we can let our minds think of God and can listen to Him, in the guidance of our lives. Such quiet times bring spiritual renewal and strength to our souls. We should also exercise ourselves in doing the work of the Lord. The soul needs to be fed, needs to be guided, and it also needs to use the strength that is gained for the Lord and to serve our fellow man.

Peter sets a standard for individual Christian growth in his second epistle, given for our consideration. His points are: (1) faith; (2) virtue; (3) knowledge; (4) temperance; (5) patience; (6) godliness; (7) brotherly kindness, and (8) charity, or love. How do you measure up by Peter's standard? Are you a growing Christian, or are you a Christian like the writer of Hebrews had in mind, when he declared (Heb. 5:12) "For although from the length of your Christian experience you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very elements of Christian truth, and you have some to need milk instead of solid food." (Godspeed).

Let us remember, to be sure, that none of us can reach perfection, that none of us can be like Him, but that the test of the Christian's life is not his attainment of the perfect ideal of

Jesus, but the constant movement of his life toward that ideal. "The heavenly journey is measured, not by the number of miles traveled, but by the height of the mountains climbed."—Ivan Panin.

Deduction Rate For AAA Limestone Is Set For County

Holland Urges Farmers Place Orders Early As Possible

The deduction rate at which farmers of Chowan County may obtain ground limestone from the AAA under the 1943 Agricultural Conservation Program has been set at \$2.70 per ton, according to R. C. Holland, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

Rates in 44 other counties already have been approved and vary from \$1.30 to \$2.85 per ton, depending on freight rate from point of shipment to railroad points in the counties. Six counties have established rates for farm yard delivery which range up to \$3 per ton.

This limestone, the chairman said, is furnished to farmers by the AAA and costs are deducted from any payments due the farmer at the close of the program year. Rates include actual cost plus transportation charges. "Farmers of Chowan County," Chairman Holland said, "will find use of limestone more important than ever before during the coming farming year. We won't be able to obtain as much commercial nitrates as we have in the past, and we will need limestone to promote better growth of legumes which will produce nitrogen for use. We also have been asked to produce more livestock next year and we will need good pastures to maintain the animals. Use of limestone is necessary to a good pasture."

The chairman urged farmers to place their orders for limestone under the 1943 program as soon as possible to avoid delays caused by transportation difficulties.

He said that farmers of Chowan County were furnished 707 tons of limestone under the 1942 program. Final date for orders under the 1942 program was September 30.

Mrs. T. J. Wood New Dressings Supervisor

Mrs. Thomas J. Wood has been appointed a supervisor in the surgical dressing division of the Red Cross. Mrs. Wood succeeds Mrs. E. A. Gorlock, who has left Edenton to return to her home in Washington, D. C.

This group of workers are now busily engaged in making 4x8 dressings at the usual hours, and any new workers will be welcome to join in this work.

Group Colored Boys Examined Oct. 19th

Fifteen Chowan colored boys will leave Edenton on October 19 for Fort Bragg, where they will receive their final physical examination prior to induction into the Army.

Those who will comprise the group are Milton Cuffie, Robinson Bennett, Squire Simpson, James Wills, Shelton Badham, Noah Bell, Joseph Johnson, George Washington Armstead, Carlson Boyce, John Cooper, John Elliott, Herbert Copeland, Arthur Nowell, Charlie Sessoms, Jr., and James Clifford Smith, who was transferred from Georgia.

Farmers Meet To Consider General Problems On Farm

354 In Chowan Fail to Carry Out Soil Building Practices

LOSE \$7,600

80 Meet at Briggs' Store to Hear County Agent C. W. Overman

Eighty farmers met Wednesday night of last week at L. C. Briggs' store, when general farm problems were discussed by County Agent C. W. Overman. Coming in for a share of the discussion were Farm machinery, the farm truck situation, changing of the AAA year to June 30, and winter legumes. The seeding of winter legumes was particularly emphasized; first, because of the shortage of nitrogen in fertilizers for next year. The farmers were urged to grow this nitrogen in winter legume crops this winter and, secondly, to reach their soil building goals for the 1942 and 1943 year.

James M. Price, AAA clerk, discussed peanut marketing quotas and issued peanut marketing cards to those present.

A check-up shows that there are 354 farmers in Chowan County who have not carried out a sufficient number of soil building practices to earn their special allotment payment under the 1942 program. These 354 farmers stand to lose approximately \$7,600 in special allotment payments this year if the soil building practices are not carried out. A letter is being sent to each farmer showing the number of soil building units that he lacks, approximately the amount of his special allotment payment that he will lose if no more practices are carried out during the program year. Every farmer is being urged to grow winter legumes to add nitrogen to his soil for next year's crops.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is St. Elmo's fire.
2. Who said, "I have put on my old soldier's coat"?
3. Who was Fritz Todt?
4. How many babies were born in the U. S. in 1941?
5. What were the Eagle Squadrons?

6. Who is the president of Brazil?
7. What is a "bush-master"?
8. If the Russians drink vodka, what do Japanese drink?
9. What is the prescribed temperature for heating interiors under fuel oil rationing?
10. When did the British and Free French try to capture Dakar?

THE ANSWERS

1. A discharge of atmospheric electricity.
2. Adolf Hitler, as he started to invade Poland, in 1939.
3. German organizer of special labor corps for use behind the battle line.
4. 2,728,000.
5. American volunteers in the R. A. F.
6. Getulio Vargas.
7. A large and poisonous snake of the Caribbean area.
8. Sake.
9. 65 degrees.
10. In September, 1940.

Farmers Urged To Save Lespedeza Seed

Lespedeza is the favorite soil-building crop, and one of the principal grazing and hay crops, of Tar Heel farmers. Enos C. Blair, Extension agronomist of N. C. State College, reminds North Carolina farmers that the season for saving lespedeza seed is at hand.

"During the War, when nitrogen fertilizers are extremely scarce and likely to become even harder to obtain, it is the patriotic duty of every farmer to grow legumes," said the Extension Service specialist. "We also need more feed and pasture to meet our livestock-production goals in the Food-for-Freedom program."

The Common, Tennessee 76 and Seed of the Korean variety of lespedeza will remain on the stalk until five or six weeks after they mature. In fact, they do not ripen enough to permit the use of seed pan in harvesting until three or four weeks after ripening.

Combines are rapidly doing other methods of harvesting lespedeza seed, the Extension worker said. The seed pan, long the principal means of harvest, is a metal pan attached to the cutter bar of a mower. A number of different lespedeza harvesters are manufactured or distributed in North Carolina. Most of them are essentially seed pans with some kind of attachment to rake stalks over the pan and beat out the seed.

All Tired

"Wake up, your car is at the door. I know it—I hear it knocking."