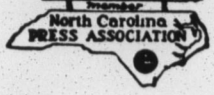


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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

ONLY SPIRITUAL THINGS ARE ETERNAL: For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.—1 John 2:16-17.

Write A Letter

There are very few people who do not enjoy receiving letters, even when at home or from home-folks when they are away from home. The same is true, except in a greater degree, with those who are in training camps or even in any of the theatres of war. We at home are enjoying life almost as usual, but who can imagine conditions of that number who are on the fighting fronts thousands of miles from home?

Those boys, and girls, too, receive little information from home. They are isolated from their relatives and without mail they are, more or less, playing the role of the "forgotten man." The value of a letter from a relative or friend and the effect it has on a soldier's morale cannot be calculated, so that it behooves those of us at home to take time out long enough occasionally to cheer up a boy and without doubt make of him a better soldier by writing a letter, even if only a brief message.

There is hardly a person in Chowan County but who has a relative or a friend already in service, and there will be others going. It is sacrifice enough to leave home, relatives and friends, but the sacrifice undoubtedly would seem lighter if an occasional letter were received.

Write a letter today to someone in service. It may seem like an insignificant thing to do, but place yourself in the service man's position and you will not hesitate long in writing to your relatives or to a relative of your neighbor.

Beats Boll Weevil

D. M. Warren, who has made a number of addresses on Chowan County and who, incidentally, knows the pulse of the county and the more pertinent facts about it than any other person, has at his finger-tips information which shows that the county occupies no back seat when it comes to raising crops and the value of these crops. In fact, the county, though one of the smallest in the State; ranks in the forefront in a number of particulars.

That being true, it is not so surprising that E. L. Ward has claimed State-wide attention in his efforts to outdo the boll weevil, and as L. E. Case, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist, says, has built a fine herd of commercial beef cattle on a practical basis, which any grower can profitably follow.

When boll weevil caused considerable loss to Mr. Ward, he decided it was time to make a change and rather than cling to the custom of planting cotton, profit or not, he branched off to raising beef cattle and now his herds and his success in the venture have gained State-wide attention. All of which goes to prove that Chowan County is ideal for raising cattle, a source of revenue which has too long been ignored by those who continue to plant cotton, as well as some other crops, regardless as to whether any profit is realized or not.

Troops Develop "Abiding Hate"

A dispatch from the Tunisian battlefield says that the American soldiers have "not changed much except that whatever their feeling for the Germans before the war was, they now have a deep and abiding hate for the enemy based, as much as anything else, on the sentiment that they 'don't play square'."

This is not surprising. The Axis nations adopted a philosophy of thievery, and, like common thugs are after the loot, regardless of principles of fair play.

People Ahead Of Congress

According to a poll, conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion, seventy-four percent of the people of the United States believe that "an international police force" should be set up after the war "to try to keep peace throughout the world."

No such overwhelming sentiment is visible in Congress, which is unduly impressed by a vociferous minority.

One problem of democracy is to secure action in the national interest, without undue deference to the prejudice and opposition of small groups. Sooner or later there will be an appreciation of the rights of the majority to rule the country.

There is only one remedy for the repeated failure of Congress to express the opinion of the majority of the nation. That is to leave some Congressmen at home. The sooner it is done the better it will be for the general welfare.

Now that the Victory Loan has been concluded, with eminent success, it might be good for all of us to remember that the nation needs money every month. Buy more war bonds as soon as you can.

The people who believed that Victory Gardens were foolish some months ago are getting a new slant on the subject.

When will the war end? Ask everybody and get a different answer every time.

The people on the home front hardly know what war sacrifices are; when the pinch really arrives they will be too weak to grumble.

HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

Religion and politics are two topics about which an argument can very easily be started and which gets no one anywhere, so that I put my foot in it when commenting in the opening paragraph of this column last week upon the religious affiliation of members of Edenton's official family. It all came about when I erroneously classified Treasurer Henry Gardner as an Episcopalian, but very soon after delivery of The Herald, I was given to understand that Friend Gardner is not, never has been and better not ever be an Episcopalian. As a matter of fact, I was informed by some of his kinfolk that he comes from a family which is Baptist to the core and that he has been a Baptist ever since he was 12 years old. The only excuse I have for the error is that by checking on Friend Henry's church attendance, darned if I could definitely decide whether he ever attends church, much less of which church he is a member. There is some consolation in making the error, however, when Cal Kramer came to my rescue by saying that Henry, at least, looks like an Episcopalian (whatever characteristic that is). At any rate, by placing Henry with the Baptists means that the whole works of the town officials are Baptist except two. Which brings to mind a statement made recently in the Baptist Church when M. A. Hudgins said that in North Carolina out of every two persons who are members of any church, one is a member of a Baptist Church, and for that reason Baptists have at least half of the responsibility to shoulder. All of which makes it very nice for Joe Conger and yours truly (wonder what we look like), for according to that calculation, he and I will have nothing to do about town affairs, while our Baptist associates carry the burden. The only trouble is, that at any of the meetings there is no consideration given to denominational affiliation and neither is there any discrimination when it comes to being the target for criticism.

And speaking about criticism, about which some comment was also made last week, I have been asked what is wrong with criticizing Town Councilmen or any other public official, for that matter. Well, to be frank, there is nothing wrong with constructive criticism, but there's a vast difference between constructive criticism and plain and unadulterated bellyaching. There isn't a member of the town's official family who resents criticism if it has for its end an improvement or more efficient operation of Town affairs, but what does get a person's goat is to hear just about the same crowd complain about almost everything Town Council does, as well as plenty of things Town Council does not do. Well, it's a great life, if a guy doesn't weaken—and the pay still is 24 bucks per year.

Despite the rush of business on the part of local barber shops, the barbers generally are still very anxious to please their customers. Take, for instance, the other day when Judge Marvin Wilson was getting a hair-cut. The barber had about finished, but in giving the final once-over, noticed that the hair was not even at the temples. The judge must have been in a hurry, for he told the barber: "Oh that will be all right, you look at only one side at one time anyway."

So far as criticism is concerned, I'm due some in connection with this week's issue of The Herald. Three local Red Men, Arthur Hollowell, Raleigh Hollowell and the writer, were obliged to attend the Great Council meeting of Red Men in Reidsville the early part of the week, and for that reason, it was necessary to leave Edenton Sunday morning. There is no use telling anybody about the help situation, so what news is in this issue had to be, for the most part, scrambled together before leaving, and as this is written, it is hoped the paper will have already been printed when the above-mentioned trio arrives home, which is expected to be late Wednesday afternoon. Here's hoping so, anyway, for who in the dickens feels like working immediately upon returning from a convention?

In "The Pasquotank Patrol," semi-monthly publication for the personnel of the U. S. Naval Air Station in Pasquotank County, an item appears in the Chaplain's Chapter entitled, "You'll Get Along Better." It is intended, no doubt, for the fellows at the Air Station, but the advice is good enough to pass along to those not in the service. Here 'tis:

YOU'LL GET ALONG BETTER—

If you remember that putting your best foot forward does not mean you should kick about everything.

If you keep in mind that your true wealth is the amount of good that you do in the world.

If you remember that light may reveal a jewel but it takes darkness to disclose a star.

If you keep reminding yourself that the best year-round temperature is a warm heart and a cool head.

If you remember that the advice you don't like is often the best.

If you recognize that bad habits are like a comfortable bed—easy to get into but hard to get out of.

If you remember that luck has a peculiar habit of favoring those who do not depend on it.

If you discern that two-thirds of "promotion" is "motion."

If you keep in mind that the more one loves the good in all the more he knows the God of all.

If you are careful to keep on good terms with your wife, your stomach and your conscience.

If you make it a practice to read not books alone but men, and, above all, to read yourself.

Time was in Edenton when storekeepers would remain open as long as there was any prospect of a customer, but that practice has gone with the wind. Take Joe Habit, for instance. The other night he wanted to close his cafe, but a fellow persisted on sipping a bottle of beer. "Hurry up and drink your beer," said Joe, "I want to close up." "Oh, don't be in such a rush," said the customer, "I get indigestion if I drink beer fast." Joe began to get impatient and after a while growled, "I don't care if you do get indigestion, get out, I want to go to bed," and out went the lights as the fellow groped out the door.

All is well now, for the Town of Edenton is fully equipped for Councilmen to properly conduct a meeting. And all because Percy Perry came to the rescue and contributed a gavel to be used by Mayor Leroy Haskett. Something was said in this column about a gavel last week and Friend Perry, while his brother Gib wasn't looking, grabbed one of a number in the Perry store

JUST HUMANS

By GENE GARR



"Lookin' Glasses Is Only Fer Jans, Anyway"

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BIBLE TEACHINGS ON WINE'S DECEITFULNESS.
(Temperance Lesson)

International Sunday School Lesson
for May 23rd, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—Pro. 23:32.

Lesson Text: Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35; Matthew 24:45-51.

The lesson text from Proverbs should be carefully read. It is the voice of antiquity, speaking words of wisdom which are just as fitting in this modern world as they were at the time they were written.

In Proverbs 23:29-32, we are given a realistic picture of the woes and sorrows which come to those in the clutch of the alcohol habit. "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath complainings? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?" the writer asks.

Anyone who has ever come into contact with a drunken man or woman can testify to the accuracy of the picture drawn. The writer then proceeds to answer his own questions, when he says, "They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed wine."

Warning of the consequences of partaking of such beverages, the writer says: "Look not, thou, upon the wine when it is red (in the last stages of fermentation), when it sparkleth in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly," for "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Wine and similar intoxicating beverages may delight the palate and "lighten the feelings for a while, but the pleasure and delight are short-lived.

In his book, entitled, "Alcohol: Its Effects on Man," Professor Haven Emerson states that there is general agreement among students, teachers, doctors and scientists on the following points:

1. Alcohol is a narcotic, which, by depressing the higher centers, removes inhibitions.

2. Outside of the nervous system and the digestive tract, alcohol used as a beverage has little demonstrable effect.

3. It is a food, utilizable as a source of energy and a sparer of protein, but it is such only to a very limited extent.

4. The therapeutic usefulness and value of alcohol are slight.

5. It may be a comfort and a psychological aid to the aged.

6. It does not increase and it sometimes decreases the body's resistance to infection.

7. By releasing inhibitions, it in Rocky Hock, brought it to town and presented it to Mayor Haskett. A gavel is needed by the Mayor when too many decide to talk at about the same time, and here's a hint for the new Mayor to bring it into play when necessary to preserve order. The town owes Friend Perry a vote of thanks, for it eliminates an item of expense, and I owe him a vote of thanks, too, for I don't fancy the idea of a Mayor using my faithful pipe as a gavel.

Jim Wood struck upon a novel way to send greetings to Edenton Rotarians in service a few weeks ago when he sent a bag of shelled peanuts to each one. For some time now a committee has been appointed at various times to send greetings to the Rotary soldiers, but instead of a card or a letter, Jim sent peanuts. Word coming back to the club is to the effect that they were greatly appreciated and, in one instance, they proved to be a curiosity, for they arrived at a camp where some of the boys had never seen peanuts in that form, so that a lot of explaining was due on the part of the Edenton soldier.

makes for social ease and leisure, and herein lies one of its greatest dangers.

8. Its effects are best studied by changes of conduct.

9. It impairs reason, will, self-control, judgment, physical skill, and endurance.

10. It may produce situations from which crime and social lapses react.

11. It is a frequent destroyer of health, happiness and mental stability.

12. Its use commonly lowers longevity and increases mortality.

The lesson, which will be taken in many classes as one applicable solely to the alcoholic evil, is much broader and the individual who thus attempts to limit its usefulness will miss much of its grandeur. In every phase of man's daily activities the implications of the exhortation should exert its influence. Life should be expressed temperately and this warning thought should be with us all as we translate our personalities into deeds and words that give us contact with other human beings.

There are many that teach temperance by stressing its restraining influence upon what some of us are inclined to call the "things of evil." We seldom reflect upon the implications that temperance reflects upon some of the things that we associate with goodness. Temperance, in life means balance; it negatives intolerance just as much as it denies evil.

We are all familiar with the individual, identified in our thinking, as an example of wickedness. Here the personality seems to be in league with the forces of darkness. It gives way to appetite and passions and certainly needs the lesson of temperance, as a stepping stone toward better living.

If temperance in life means balance, then the excesses that lead us to either side of the narrow path are evil. The fanatical zeal that shows a "holier than thou" attitude toward mankind may, possibly, do the ultimate purposes of God as much harm as some excess of bad habits. Certainly, it will obscure the search for truth and the worship of truth by the individual, which is a great damage to the development of the spirit.

The individual, seeking the development of perfect character, and its expression in life, which seems to us to be the goal of revelation, must not lose sight of ultimate truth in the presence of fogs that accompany our interpretation of truth. It is not irreligious to earnestly seek to distinguish the Divine from the Human, and to look with faith toward the Light from God that shines upon mankind, but must pierce the frailties of human flesh.

Undoubtedly appetites, passions, ambitions, ignorance and other human forces, tend to obscure our vision of God and our understanding of His purposes. The very teachings of Christ have been "interpreted" by human beings into many varied and diverse meanings, both in the world today and in the years that have passed. To divorce our beings of this human handicap it is necessary to be temperate in regards to the "things of evil." It is also necessary to be "on guard" against the errors that spring from human nature itself if we expect, eventually, to arrive at perfect truth and to express it in our own characters.

Four Selectees Sent To Fort Bragg Tuesday

The following inductees left the Edenton Armory on Tuesday morning, May 18, for Fort Bragg, where they were given final examinations prior to induction into the Army: Marvin Ralph Alexander, Thomas Edward McClenny, Milton Collins Mayo, (transfer from New Bern), and Carson Howe Annas, (transfer from Lenoir).

Red Cross Ships 30,000 Dressings

Volunteers Needed If Necessary Dressings Are Completed

The Red Cross Surgical Dressing Class has finished, and has ready for shipment, 30,000 2x2 surgical sponges, and has already started on another 30,000 of the same type, which are needed for early shipment.

In addition to the 30,000 2x2 sponges, the Class has made and shipped several cases of surgical pads of the 8x10 measurements.

These shipments, from time to time, are sent to Army hospitals and medical depots, and from there they are distributed to places where they are greatly in demand.

Volunteer workers are making the shipments possible, and Mrs. W. H. Coffield, chairman, and Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, co-chairman, have expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the splendid cooperation and work of the supervisors and volunteer workers who have rallied so loyally to the cause.

With the new quota of urgently necessary 2x2 surgical sponges on hand, to be made and shipped at an early date, there is a necessity of more hours to be given to the cause, in order that the shipments may leave on time, and be shipped to headquarters. For that reason, the chairman and co-chairman are urging those who have enrolled in the class, and any other volunteer workers, whether old or new, to be on hand as much as humanly possible during the rest of this month particularly, and lend their help to make this quota go entirely over the top, on scheduled time.

The new hours for meeting are from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings the class meets from 10 to 12 o'clock, and again in the afternoons as designated. The night classes are held three times each week, from 8 to 10 o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Fire Chief Hall Issues Warning To Motorists

The following letter, written by R. K. Hall, fire chief, should be read carefully, as the Fire Department is in earnest about violations of the laws relative to parking near fire hydrants.

"It has come to my attention recently," said Fire Chief R. K. Hall, "that many of our citizens are disregarding the law relative to parking in front of fire hydrants. The State and also the local laws provide that no vehicle shall be parked within 15 feet on either side of a fire hydrant. This means that no parking shall be done within the 30-foot area.

"We have notified the Police Department to check carefully on this and to cite all violators to Court. It is hoped that our people will realize the importance of obeying this law, as otherwise our fire trucks will have considerable difficulty and delay in making a connection with these hydrants if they are blocked out by vehicles.

"Moreover, it is possible that the car or truck obstructing a hydrant, in case of a fire, may be seriously damaged in moving same.

"We hope, therefore, that our people will give us their usual cooperation when such matters have been called to their attention."

Prices Fixed On Fresh Country Eggs By OPA

The Chowan War Price and Rationing Board has released the following prices relative to the sale, both wholesale and retail, of fresh country eggs:

Wholesale prices are: Grade A—Large 43.3, Medium 39.3; Grade B—Large 41.3, Medium 37.3; Grade C and assorted—Large 38.3, and Medium 34.3.

Retail prices of stores with a volume of less than \$50,000: Grade A—Large 51.0, Medium 46.0; Grade B—Large 48.0, Medium 44.0; Grade C and assorted—Large 45.0; Medium 40.0.

Farmer prices will be the same or 17% if he sells to an ultimate consumer. Independent merchants with a volume over \$50,000 and chain stores having a smaller percentage mark up according to their rating.

Husband: "I sure miss the old cuspidor."
Wife: "You missed it before; that's why it's gone."

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In Good Mechanical Condition
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