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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

THE POWER OF FAITH IS CONDITIONED: If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it .- John 14:14.

A Case Of Equity

Twice within a short span of years Edenton and the surrounding territory has been the subject of almost violent economic upheavals due to the closing or the threatened closing of military establishments located within the area. The first upheaval was the expected aftermath of the war; the threatened second upheaval is palpably unjust to the little Colonial capital and to Northeastern North Carolina in the light of the moral issue involved. That issue involves the enormous outlay of money in building projects and other utilities expenditures to help the government house its service men and their families. True, there is never a complete fulfilling of all needs, but the effort made and the money involved, dependent on assurances that the base would be permanent, raises a moral issue that cannot and should not be overlooked by our government in Washington, D. C. This newspaper does not object to economy but the economy should definitely consider moral commitments. Neither our citizens nor our military personnel should be subject to decisions which could have ruinous effects upon their economic stability.

Dead Giveaway

The radio giveaway is often described as a means of bribing the public to listen to programs it would otherwise ignore. Now it has been described by the Federal Communications Commission as a form of lottery and therefore illegal.

The morality and the legality of these programs are two different matters. The decision, handed down by only three members of the seven-member commission, faces an inevitable court test. What will be decided then is whether the ban against lotteries in the United States Criminal Code can be legitimately interpreted to apply to giveaway programs which rest more on chance than on skill.

What will not be decided in the courts is the wisdom of the radio industry in fostering these gilded appeals to the desire to get something for nothing. Broadcasters may claim the rights of free speech and free enterprise, and the courts may or may not sustain their claims, but the propriety of bribing people to listen to stupid programs by gifts of electric refrigerators and junkets to Honolulu is at least questionable.

Even if it is legal-and easier to dish out than really good entertainment-radio suffers from it. more legitimate forms of advertising suffer from it, popular taste suffers from it, and a good many Americans looking and longing for better radio fare suffer from it.—Christian Science Monitor.

By "BUFF"

Within a few fleeting years I am again obliged to write something for this column when a heart is aching from grief and at times, even in the wee small hours of the night when awake, feels as though it will break. For the most part the usual frivolous items, of course, will not appear this week for while deriving some degree of pleasure in gathering material and writing the various items from week to week, this is another time when the more serious and heart-rending experiences in life's pathway try a man's soul. After more than 35 years of married life, death on Sunday night robbed me of my life-partner, only a few years since the grim reaper claimed a son and grandson at one time almost in a twinkling of an eye. It was, then, the second time within a comparatively short while that death hit me a colar plexus blow. First, without a minute's warning, my oldest son and precious little grandson were claimed by death in a drowning accident. Death at that time was kind to me and allowed me to continue on life's pathway. It was a different story with my partner in life. Death for four months gradually but surely pierced its icy fingers into her vital parts and the brittle thread of life was broken at 8:20 o'clock Sunday night after members of the family were given to understand four months ago that her days were numbered. Having, then, experienced two methods of death's havoc among the human race and realizing the fact that it is hard to lose loved ones, here's one who would rather see the last summons come suddenly instead of slowly but gradually snuffing out the breath of life. Living together for 36 years is quite a long time-one in which we've had our spats and arguments. Some of these misunderstandings would have been reason enough for some couples to call it quits and resort to the divorce courts. Not so, however, with this union, for both of us had indelibly stamped upon our minds the words "what God hath joined together let no man put asunder." There were three precious children to be considered, which during the years meant deprivation, sacrifice and give-and-take. It was a life of sacrifice and devotion to her children on the part of the one who has left a vacant chair-but the happy and proud realization that they grew up to be two fine boys and a daughter. True, she, like all of us, had her peculiarities and faults, but she was possessed with a kindly disposition and was generous almost to a fault. Despite the fact that we have, together, traveled one of the rough pathways in life, along the way there have been many reasons for real joy to cause happy reflections now after the union has been broken. Her troubles and pain are now over, and the latter days of her sojourn, despite suffering, were made very much lighter by a host of friends who believe in "giving flowers while living." A great lover of flowers, she thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the many beautiful flowers and other tokens of love sent while in hospitals and confined to her home. Many smiles were forced upon a face which reflected an ill body, and many expressions of thanks and appreciation were uttered when it would have been much easier and probably more comfortable to be silent. Yes, death has again robbed me of a loved one, but "the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." I. as well as other members of my family, are so deeply appreciative and thankful for the many expressions of love and neighborliness during the ordeal. It has made the burden much easier to bear. Thanks, everyone of you.

Rotarians were disappointed last Thursday when it was announced that General Sanderson was unable to attend the meeting as scheduled. It might have been a blessing in disguise, however, for Major W. R. Lucius, who would have introduced the General, worked far into the night on the introductory speech (in fact so long that the Missus chased him to bed). Friend Lucius was go ing to tell about the General accepting the Jap surrender at Wake Island and all the other instructions contained in his "correspondence course." I'm satisfied the General would have had little time left to speak to the Rotarians, but then I'm also satisfied that the General for one time at least would have heard something nice said about him. Well, that's where the General missed out, but what's worrying me is when the Major gets an opportunity to cut loose that speech he's been working on



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