

### Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

Wilt thou be made whole? (John 5:6)

Isn't that a strange question to ask a sick man? The Bible tells us that for 38 years he had been helpless, infirm, dependent upon others for food, shelter, clothing, all the basic needs of life. We find him at Bethesda, a pool supposedly possessed of healing powers. Perhaps for all these 38 years he has been there, waiting patiently, hopefully, though often discouraged. Never has he been able to enter, because he is infirm, and each time the water is troubled the others ignore him in their mad rush to the pool. There seems no need to ask this man if he is willing to be cured, his very presence at the pool is proof of that. Yet Jesus asks him, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

For Jesus never forces Himself on anyone, and the question today, as then, is "Wilt thou be made whole?" "Whosoever will may come," says the Bible, and again, "whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." There are some who fail to realize this. They attend revival services with their minds made up not to make a decision for Christ. The meeting is, so to speak, a contest between them and the evangelist; and when they sit through a stirring Gospel sermon, resist the plea of the Holy Spirit to accept Christ, and walk out of the meeting still unsaved, they think that they have won a victory, that they have done something smart. But that isn't smart. No evangelist in the world can force you to make a decision against your will, nor will the Holy Spirit Himself.

If the evangelist were to hold up a ten-dollar bill before you, and use all his powers to persuasion to get you to accept that bill as a free gift, and you refused it, that wouldn't be smart. Neither is it smart to refuse the far greater free gift of eternal life through God's Son, Jesus Christ. It is not an intelligent thing for a sick

man to refuse an offer of relief and healing. Neither is it wise for one who is sick with sin to reject the diagnosis and spurn the services of the Great Physician. Today He offers Himself as a free gift to all who will receive Him, promising reconciliation and cleansing through His blood, which is the only remedy for sin.

There's a Stranger at the door,

Let Him in;

He has been there off before,

Let Him in;

Let Him in, He is your Friend,

He your soul will sure defend,

He will keep you 'til the end,

Let Him in.

Hear you now His loving voice?

Let Him in;

Now, oh now, make Him your choice.

Let Him in;

He is standing at your door,

Joy to you He will restore,

And His name you will adore,

Let Him in.

### Agent Warns Of Spray Dangers To Farmers

Dusting or spraying with insecticides will do much to promote the healthy growth of fruits and vegetables," says C. W. Overman, County Agent for the State College Extension Service. But insecticides often have just the opposite effect on man. Even though the container may not bear the skull and crossbones label, caution is necessary since many substances are harmful in some way to man, despite the fact that they may not definitely be poisons.

The National Safety Council points out that special precautions should be taken to avoid inhaling fumes or vapors from fumigants, which, if not poisonous, will usually prove irritating to humans. Special emphasis should also be placed on the necessity of proper labeling for all insecticides and safe storage where children cannot reach them.

Simple precaution is the most im-

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### Ralph Flannagan Will Play For June German



**RALPH FLANNAGAN**  
Jim Wilgus, publicity chairman of the Carolina Cotillion Club of Rocky Mount, has announced that plans are almost complete for the 73rd annual June German, scheduled to be held in Rocky Mount June 19.

Ralph Flannagan and his orchestra have been engaged for the big dance which will be staged in Planter's Warehouse No. 2. Flannagan and his orchestra are the Disc Jockey's choice for America's No. 1 band according to the Billboard Magazine 1953 poll.

port thing to remember in the safe use of insecticides. The following are a few rules which point out the most important things to remember:

1. Follow the directions of the manufacturer in handling, mixing and applying.
2. Always—spray or dust with the wind.

Wear respirators when there is

danger of inhaling fumes. Only those approved by the U. S. Bureau of Mines for the particular job you are doing should be worn.

4. Gloves, long-sleeved shirts and clothing to cover the entire body are recommended.

5. Wash hands and other exposed parts of the body thoroughly with soap and water after using poisonous chemicals.

6. Store poisonous materials in strong leak-proof containers. Be certain that they are out of reach of children or livestock. Bury unused portions.

7. Thoroughly wash fruits and vegetables to which poisonous chemicals have been applied.

### PROMOTED IN JAPAN

Eugene Chandler, whose wife, Inez, lives on Route 1, Winterville, N. C., was recently promoted to first lieutenant while serving with the Army in Japan.

He is a platoon leader with Company G of the 24th Infantry Division's 19th Regiment, now receiving intensive field training in Japan.

Lieutenant Chandler, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, arrived overseas last August.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie C. Sharpe, Route 3, Edenton, he formerly was a hotel manager at Belmont Plaza in New York City.

### The Salesman

Wife: "Have you ever seen the man that sold you those Florida lots that were two feet under water?"

Husband (sheepishly): "Yes, I saw him the other day."

Wife (suspiciously): "Well, what happened?"

"He sold me a boat."

### P & Q Error

An error was made in last week's advertisement of the P & Q Super Market, where Parkay oleomargarine was advertised at two pounds for 25 cents. The correct price of this item is two pounds for 45 cents.

The Herald regrets the error and is glad to make this correction.

### HINTS FOR PARENTS IN REARING CHILDREN

Are children becoming more of a problem? What parents can do to make boys and girls better, more solid citizens. Read a famous New York clergyman's formula of ten simple rules in rearing the young, one of many features in the May 8rd issue of

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