

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

Ask the average man to name the greatest empire in all history, and he will immediately answer, "Rome." For one-thousand years this great city, built on seven hills, inhabited by a sturdy and ambitious people, was the dominating power of history. Certainly the greatest authority on the history of Rome was Edward Gibbon. His "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", written almost two-hundred years ago, reads like a novel, and is still the standard work in its field. In the last volume Gibbon listed five reasons for the collapse of Rome, which stand as a solemn warning to present-day Western Civilization, and especially to America. They are:

1. Undermining of the home. The first and primary reason that Rome succumbed to the Barbarian invader, according to this great historian is that the social lives of its people no longer centered around the home. There was a time, too, when the home was the center of American life; but as we all well know, in recent years the home has become merely a place to hang the hat and grab a flop for the night. It is easy to see the danger in this. The child receives most of his training from his parents, in his home. With no orderly home life, and his parents off painting the town red most of the time, the child has two strikes on, him before he ever gets up to bat. The boy or girl who has never experienced the security and love of the family group is not very likely to become a successful and mature adult.

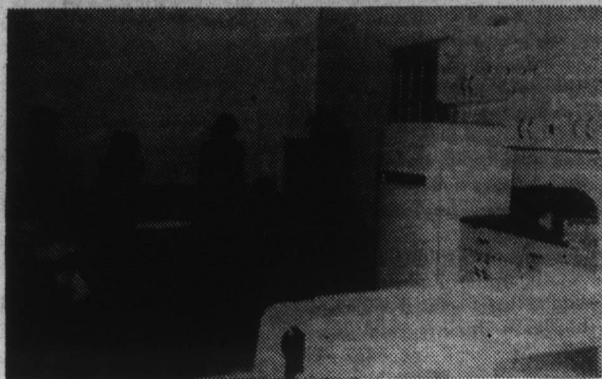
2. The craze for pleasure. By this is meant the "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," attitude. Some call it "Epicureanism." The modern-day example of what this philosophy will do to a nation, is France. That this way of thinking is on the ascendancy in our own land is only too evident in the fact that we give many times more to the sex-crazed, money-grabbers of Hollywood, as Billy Graham calls them, than to the work of Christ and His church; that we spend many times more for liquor than we do to educate our children. Indeed, if your minister were to ask some of you who read these words to give to the church as much as you waste on tobacco, soda-pop and candy, you'd say he was money hungry; thus testifying that you think more of your stomach than you do your immortal soul, and the lost and dying souls of those about you. "Where your treasure is," said Jesus, "there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). It is only too evident that modern day Americans think more of the pleasures of the moment than they do the eternal God.

3. Trust in armaments. We base our hope for survival on atomic weapons, failing to face the fact that the enemy has them also, and has them in great enough quantity to destroy us before we could retaliate. These things are vain in battle when the moral fibre of a people is gone.

Decay of culture. This is evident in our popular music, in our modern art, and especially in the cheap trash that clutters up our magazine stands and book racks. I am not so disheartened by any harm these might do as I am by the realization that only a wicked and adulterous generation would create a demand for them in the first place.

Collapse of religion. We have seen this bring about the downfall of Nazi Germany in our own day, and the same low view of the Scriptures that caused the destruction of Germany is becoming strong in America. For many the Bible is no longer the inerrant Word of God, the great doctrines of the faith are to be doubted, and a loose humanitarianism is more important than an active, vital experience with Christ. The business of

Home Economics Students At Work



The third year class this year at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School has already equipped the first aid room. They covered a mattress and made a decorative cover for the bed. They also made an attractive vanity from orange crates with a matching stool of a keg and a second hand mirror was decorated with a ruffle to look quite nice. A chair was also covered to add to the attractiveness of the room. The picture above was taken as several of the class members worked on this project. As an outgrowth of this school project many of the girls have chosen redecorating their bedrooms for a home project and are progressing nicely with it.

the church is not to function as a social club, but to win souls; and it's high time we all got back to our business.

America is desperately in need of revival. God's requirements for revival, as set forth in II Chronicles 7:14, are humility, repentance, and prayer on the part of Christians. Let all who name the name of Christ take care to meet these requirements.

Schedule Of Meetings For Baptist Circles

Circles of the Baptist W. M. U. will meet at the following times and places this month:

Sophie Lanneau — Mrs. Clarence Leary, Monday afternoon, October 26, at 3:30 o'clock.

Ruby Daniels with Mrs. George Smith Monday afternoon, October 26, at 3:30 o'clock.

R. T. Bryan with Mrs. Herbert Small, Monday afternoon, October 26, at 3:30 o'clock.

H. H. McMillan with Mrs. T. C. Cross, Sr., Monday night, October 26, at 8 o'clock.

Mary Powell with Mrs. Francis Wilkins, Monday night, October 26, at 8 o'clock.

Ola Lea at the Baptist Church, Monday night, October 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

Vivian Nowell with Mrs. Wendell Copeland, Tuesday night, October 27, at 8 o'clock.

Anne Bagby with Mrs. Myrtle Cuthrell, Tuesday night, October 27, at 8 o'clock.

Pfc. Charlie Williams Now Serving In Korea

Army Pfc. Charlie Williams, son of Mrs. Annie Williams, 216 E. Gale Street, is now undergoing intensive post-trace training with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea.

Private First Class Williams, a driver with Company M of the division's 21st Regiment, entered the Army in August, 1952, and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

The 24th "Victory" Division, first United States combat force to engage the enemy in the Korean war, returned to Korea for the second time last July (1953). A security force in Japan for the preceding 17 months, the unit had been undergoing extensive combat training on the island of Honshu.

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COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

The Adult Sewing Class of the Edenton High School held its regular meeting Wednesday, October 14, at 7 o'clock in the Homemaking Department, under the instruction of Mrs. Minnie Wilson, home economics teacher.

The unit for the course is "Clothing for the Family." The members of the adult sewing class are making clothes for themselves or friends and are very anxious to do a good job.

There are fourteen enrolled in the class. They are Mrs. C. C. Cox, Mrs. L. Blount, Mrs. Mary Lewis, Mrs. Mable Jordan, Mrs. Gladys B. Austin, Mrs. Rebecca Blanchard, Mrs. Dorothy M. Walker, Miss Gussie Elliott, Mrs. Eva Riddick, Mrs. Annie L. Newsome, Mrs. Elnora Nixon, Mrs. Nora J. Bonner, Mrs. Rosa Valentine and Mrs. Pearl Gilliam.

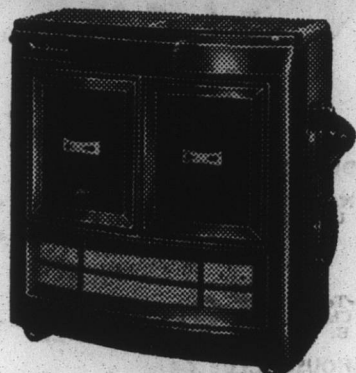
CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M., all services.

God is able to meet the need of all and fulfill every desire; it is just a question of your hunger for righteousness. —R. A. Butler

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Award For Quiet Outboard Motor

Noise Abatement Council Issues Certificate To Johnson Motors

The National Noise Abatement Council has announced the awarding of a "certificate of merit" to the Johnson Motors Company, Waukegan, Illinois, for its research and engineering progress in the reduction of unnecessary outboard noise.

The award, made to the Illinois company "for their development of a quieter outboard motor", was the first of its kind presented to any manufacturer.

The Council is an organization which cooperates with the public, municipalities, industries and other civic groups in combatting the excessive noise problem.

The certificate of merit will be presented to Johnson Motors officials by Willis L. Manning, Libertyville, Illinois, President of the Council, and Foye P. Hutchinson, Chicago, a member of the Board of Directors and of the Council Awards Committee.

The new 5 1/2 h.p. motor, for which Johnson was cited for reducing the noise factor, has recently been introduced to the public. It was reported that the quieting features of the motor resulted from a unique design principle involving a new floating suspension mount that eliminated most of the boat vibration and consequently most of the noise.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Morning worship at 11 A. M., sermon by the pastor, the Rev. James MacKenzie. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Midweek prayer service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in all services.

The ping-pong room is open after school and on Saturdays. All Edenton youngsters are welcome to use this and other recreational facilities.

TAYLOR THEATRE

EDENTON, N. C.

Week Day Shows Continuous From 3:30
Saturday Continuous From 1:30
Sunday 2:15, 4:15 and 6:15

Thursday and Friday,

October 22-23—
Clifton Webb in
"MR. SCOUTMASTER"
A. S. HOLLOWELL

Saturday, October 24—
Alan Rocky Lane in
"SAVAGE FRONTIER"
S. M. WILKINS

Sunday and Monday,
October 25-26—
Gary Cooper in
"RETURN TO PARADISE"
WILLIE SAUNDERS

Tuesday and Wednesday,

October 27-28—
Double Feature
Lex Barker in
"TARZAN AND THE SHE DEVIL"

—also—
Irene Dunne in
"IT GROWS ON TREES"

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Friday and Saturday,

October 23-24—
Dale Robertson in
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Friday and Saturday,
October 23-24—
Robert Young in
"THE HALF BREED"
W. H. CREEDE

Sunday, October 25—
Bob Hope in
"OFF LIMITS"
SIMEON BROWN

Monday and Tuesday,
October 26-27—
Burt Lancaster in
"SOUTH SEA WOMAN"
C. T. GRIFFIN

Wednesday and Thursday,
October 28-29—
Virginia Mayo in
"SHE'S BACK ON BROADWAY"

Note: If your name appears in this ad, bring it to the Taylor Theatre box office and receive a free pass to see one of the pictures advertised in the ad.

Orphanage Bowl Game Scheduled On Saturday

The Sixth Annual Orphanage Bowl Game of Sudan Temple will be played in Riddick Stadium at State College, Raleigh, on Saturday evening, October 24th, between the Oxford Orphanage and the Methodist Orphanage of Raleigh.

Kick-off time will be at eight o'clock.

The Orphanage Bowl Game was started six years ago by Sudan Temple with all proceeds going to the two schools. As a result of the first five games the schools have received \$24,382.50 each. The 1952 game was the most successful with the schools getting \$10,000.00 each.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

October 5, 1953.

The Chowan County Board of Education met in the office of the superintendent at 10 A. M. The following members were present: Conroy Perry, G. E. Nixon, J. I. Boyce, Carey Evans, D. H. Berryman and G. B. Potter.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Potter, chairman, by requesting the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were read and adopted upon a motion made and passed.

The reports of the county treasurer and the local school fund treasurer were read, and the reports were adopted by a motion made and passed.

The superintendent called attention to the September Grand Jury's report, by reading the items pertaining to the schools of the county administrative unit.

Motion was made and passed to pay

the membership to the North Carolina School Board Association.

The secretary read the bills for September in the amount of \$4,719.91, upon motion made and passed, same were approved as follows:

Capital outlay, \$2,419.39; teacherage fund, \$12.50; lunchroom program, \$136.06; veterans program, \$583.25; vocational teachers' salary and travel, \$718.00; current expense, \$850.71.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

G. B. POTTER, Chairman
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary

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