

Weekly Devotional Column

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"In the beginning God . . ." (Genesis 1:1). These first four words in the Bible are, I believe, the most momentous words ever penned. Surely they prove conclusively that this book is God's Word, and not man's, for man would have written, "In the beginning Man . . ."

"In the beginning God . . ." Here we have the answer to all the foolish fancies of modern "rationalism" and infidelity. These words nip in the bud any attempt to reconstruct this book and make it a record of mankind's search for God, rather than accept it for what it is, a self-revelation of a God who seeks men who have deliberately and willfully alienated themselves from Him. I have in mind that notion which arose in central Europe about seventy-five years ago, and which is directly responsible for the rise there of communistic and fascistic ideology; the notion that at the dawn of history man had a very low concept of God which evolved into a higher one as man himself evolved. Certainly the facts do not support this! Here at the very beginning of the Bible we find a concept of God that is consistent with the rest of His Word, and which has never been, nor will be, surpassed. Let the infidel corrupt Genesis 1:26, and say that man made God in man's own image; no one who has taken the time to understand human nature will take such a notion seriously.

Have you ever stopped to realize how much of Himself God has revealed to us in the very first chapter of Genesis? Here we read of One God, who has existed from eternity; but who exists in more than one Person (Genesis 1:26). He is presented as a Spirit Being, since He created all matter out of nothing (this is the meaning of the Hebrew word translated "create"). He is a God of love and justice, a God of order; a God who is all-powerful, who has a purpose that He can and will fulfill. Here, above all, we discover that the chief end of man is to love and serve His Creator. And the infidel, realizing this, discards the Word of God since it disproves his pre-conceived prejudices, and chooses rather to trust in his own finite mind.

This first verse in the Bible also negates the unfounded pride of the guilty sinner and the worldly church member. "In the beginning God . . ." but how often we fail to let God have first place in our lives. If we who call ourselves "Christians" would do this it would mean an end to petty squabbles, bitterness, worldliness, pride, envy, strife. Let me say in Christian love that if church members would put God first in their lives they would more than support His work with their tithes and offerings, and there would be no excuse for church bingo-games, raffles, bridge-parties, bake-sales, and preachers walking up and down the streets begging unsaved men and women for money to support the church. Come to think of it, there's no excuse for any of that anyway.

"In the beginning God . . ." If these four words were the only Bible we had, I fear they would still be a lot more Bible than most of us are willing to put into practice.

OCTOBER CHICK PRODUCTION IN U. S. LARGEST ON RECORD

The number of chicks produced by commercial hatcheries during October was the largest on record for the month, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Chicks produced totaled 95,922,000, compared with 86,442,000 in October last year, the previous high record production for the month, and the 1947-51 average of 61,444,000. The demand for chicks for commercial broilers continues

strong and a record high November hatch is in prospect, as the number of eggs in incubators on November 1 was 16 per cent larger than on November 1 last year.

The number of chicks hatched during the first 10 months of this year totaled 1,632,472,000, compared with 1,556,946,000 during the same period last year—an increase of 5 per cent and a record high production for these months. Through October, 526,584,000 chicks were placed in 11 principal broiler producing areas, 6 per cent more than during the first 10 months of 1952.

All parts of the country showed increases in October, except the West North Central States with no change, and the Mountain States with a decrease of 5 per cent from last year. Increases reported were 26 per cent in the mid-Atlantic, 21 per cent in the New England and East North Central, 11 per cent in the West South Central, 8 per cent in the South Atlantic and Pacific, and 3 per cent in the East South Central States.

Prices received by farmers for eggs in mid-October averaged 53.3 cents per dozen, compared with 50.3 cents a year earlier. Chicken prices (farm chickens and commercial broilers) on October 15 averaged 23.3 cents per pound live weight, compared with 24.5 cents a year ago. Farm chickens averaged 20.0 cents and commercial broilers 27.0 cents, compared with 20.6 and 29.1 cents in mid-October last year. Turkey prices in mid-October averaged 33.3 cents per pound for live weight, compared with last year's price of 32.9 cents. The cost of the farm poultry ration in mid-October was \$3.72 per 100 pounds compared with \$4.17 a year ago. The egg-feed, farm chicken-feed, and turkey-feed price relationships were all more favorable than a year ago.

Chowan County 4-H Clubs Hold Meetings

Regular 4-H Club meetings were held at the schools last week. The boys' meetings were on record books. At these meetings record books were collected and corrected by Assistant County Agent R. S. Marsh.

A local 4-H Club meeting was held at the home of Bernie and Walter Baker, in the Tyner community, for the local members of the Hobbsville, Gliden, Cannon's Ferry and Ryland communities. Bernie and Walter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baker, had a weiner roast for the club members. The club members and the agents are deeply grateful to the Bakers for their interest in the local 4-H group. It was decided to have one club meeting for all of these communities instead of a club meeting in each one. There are very few club members in some of these communities and it is impractical to try to hold a meeting there.

BIBLE CLASS MEETING

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the church. The president, Mrs. M. L. Bunch, urges all members to attend.

A little given seasonably excuses a great gift. —George Herbert.



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Publicity Is Given To Christmas Seal Sale

John Mitchener, Jr., Seal Sale Chairman of Chowan County, reports that Christmas posters, small displays, bookmarks, and Christmas color charts had been placed in Chowan High School, Edenton High School, Rocky Hook School, White Oak School and Edenton Colored High School.

Mrs. Wales, librarian, will see that bookmarks are used in books during Christmas.

A trailer movie will be shown in the theatre also.

Presents which our love for the donor has rendered precious are ever the most acceptable. —Ovid.



Although evergreens may be transplanted most anytime of the year due to the fact that they are dug with a ball of earth on their roots, the best time to set them is in the fall of the year—October and November.

The larger the ball of earth the better the root system in most cases, so try to get as large a ball as possible. In transplanting, it is not necessary to remove the burlap wrapping from

the ball of earth. Set the plant in the hole prepared for it and then unfasten the burlap from around the stem and fold it back. Then fill it with top soil and thoroughly water the newly set plant. The burlap will rot away in a short time.

Most plants should be set slightly deeper than they were in the nursery or where they were growing. Camellias and azaleas are exceptions to

this rule. They must not be planted any deeper than they were before.

The hollies have become very popular in recent years for ornamental plantings. There are a number of kinds of species—American holly, Chinese holly, Japanese holly, English holly, yanpon and galberry. Most hollies are dioecious; that is they have male and female plants. The female plants are the ones that bear the berries, therefore, in buying or selecting holly plants be sure to get female or you will get no berries. There is no way to tell the sexes apart except at blossoming time or in the event that a plant has berries on it when you select it. Japanese holly and galberry have black berries. The others mentioned above have red berries.



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