

Weekly Devotional Column

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In the fifth year of Rehoboam, King of Judah, Shishak, King of Egypt, spoiled the Temple at Jerusalem, and removed from it some 300 shields of gold valued at nine million dollars. Nothing daunted, Rehoboam had them replaced with shields of brass, which he kept highly polished so no one would know the difference. (II Chronicles 12:1-11).

Today, as in the days of Rehoboam, disobedience to God always brings loss. Like Shishak, King of Egypt, sin comes and takes away the treasures of our lives. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Not only did Rehoboam lose his shields of gold, but we are told he substituted for them shields of polished brass. Rehoboam was determined to keep up appearances. Shields of brass for shields of gold! I would like to point out to you three ways in which Christians today have made the same deadly substitution.

1. We have substituted profession of religion for possession of Christ. It is sad but true that our church rolls contain the names of many who profess to be Christians, but who do not possess Christ, and the new nature that is given to all who are truly born again. There is a difference. The professor of religion is lost, and bound for hell. His profession is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. The Pharisees were guilty of vain professions, and Christ pointed out the danger of their state (Matthew 7:21-23). It is not profession, but possession that saves. Have you received Christ as your Saviour? "He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12).

2. We have substituted compromise for a strong testimony against sin. Sin is poison, it results in death (Romans 6:23), but we have failed to label it as such, causing many to indulge in it to their own eternal damnation. For example, where in this town that worships the Almighty Dollar, and the social prestige that goes with it, does anyone cry out the warning that "the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy 6:10). How long is it since you have heard a sermon on James 5:1-6? Some of the "finest people" in Edenton are described in that passage. Where is there



LAST GERMAN ASSAULT—This print from the new "U.S. Army in Action" painting series depicts the 30th and 38th Infantry Regiments of the Third Division resisting the last great German attack of World War I. Firing in three directions, the regiments held and forced the enemy back across the Marne.

with the opportunity to save regularly at school. This school saving will help students to plan their future. This practical training of how to save, and what to save for will help the community to acquire better citizens. We are appealing to all parents to help their children to save, to be thrifty by joining with other children throughout the United States on Stamp Day to buy United States Savings Stamps.

Edenton High School was one of eight schools represented during the N.E.N.C. Dramatic Festival held in Elizabeth City at the P. W. Moore High School. "Mind Over Mumps" presented recently in the local dramatic festival, was one of the three plays presented during the evening session of the festival. Mrs. J. M. Hoffer of State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City, was the critic judge. "Mind Over Mumps" will represent Edenton High School during the Invitational Festival at State Teachers' College, Elizabeth City on February 18th.

The Evening School Intra-mural Basketball League for school boys and out of school youths was recently organized at the Edenton High School.

This program is designed to help keep our school boys and other out of school young men from wandering aimlessly through the street at night. By their participation in intra-mural team sports he will learn to enjoy the thrills of success which crown achievement learning to take defeat intelligently and graciously, developing worthwhile habits of leisure time

and forming a permanent interest in sports.

The Basketball League will be held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 to 9 o'clock except on the first Tuesday of the month.

Mother Of P. T. Owens Dies At Hampton, Va.

Friends of P. T. Owens, former Edentonian, will regret to learn that his mother, Mrs. Sallie Owens, 82, died Saturday in Dixie Hospital, Hampton, Va. She was the widow of the late Walter S. Owens and made her home with her son.

Surviving are her son, P. T. Owens of Phoebus, Va.; a brother, Willoughby Olds of Granby, a granddaughter and two great granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Hebron Methodist Church at Powell's Point in Currituck County.

Civil Governments Get Fast Army Aid When Disaster Hits

When disaster in the form of a tornado, fire, flood or earthquake strikes an American community, the U. S. Army always is one of the first to come to the aid of civil governments.

Shortly after a tornado thundered into the business district of Waco, Texas, on May 11, 1953, the Army sprang into action to aid victims of the disaster. The twister had left downtown Waco a shambles. One hundred and fourteen persons were dead, more than five hundred were injured, and \$50,000,000 (M) worth of property had been destroyed.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers' District Office at Fort Worth were on the scene within a few hours. Airmen from nearby James Connelly Air Force Base and National Guardsmen also rushed to the aid of disaster victims. Airmen served as rescue workers and the guardsmen helped prevent looting from damaged business buildings.

About 100 soldiers from the 16th Armored Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood—some 50 miles from Waco—arrived at the disaster area at two o'clock on the morning after the tornado struck.

During the next three days these military groups worked tirelessly to bring order out of chaos.

Mobile radio equipment, walkie-talkies and a mobile electric power plant served in place of destroyed communi-

cations and power facilities.

More than 30 engineers surveyed 2,032 buildings and homes to determine whether they were safe for occupancy. They reported 196 manufacturing and business buildings demolished and 376 others unsafe for use. In addition, 174 homes were destroyed and 1,285 other damaged.

Later the survey was used as the basis for a reconstruction program for the city.

The Fort Hood soldiers worked around the clock in shifts. With picks and shovels, dump trucks, cranes, a wrecker, and other Army equipment, they helped dig lifeless bodies out of the rubble, demolished dangerous buildings and cleared debris from the 12-block area around the City Hall and other disaster areas.

By 3 P. M., May 15, the soldiers had clocked 8,000 man hours on the job. They added up these accomplishments: 28,000 cubic yards of rubble carried away, 14 bodies recovered, 11 dangerous buildings wrecked, four

miles of streets cleared, and 20,000 miles driven.

This Army assistance was not in the nature of "extra-curricular" activities.

As far back as George Washington's time, the Army has helped civil governments in times of crisis. It is the Army's responsibility to coordinate relief activities of all military services when a disaster gets beyond the capabilities of civil authorities.

Perhaps the best example of how Army disaster aid is received was found in this reassuring message spoken over a loud speaker soon after the tornado struck Waco:

"We have the Army in here now. We have plenty of help. Will all civilians not needed in the area please go home. Too many people create a hazard."

What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child that must the community want for all its children. —John Dewey.

COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

During the beginning of the school year many classes of the Edenton High School organized Thrift Clubs.

As an aid in the teaching of thrift, the buying of United States Savings Stamps each Monday is being made a definite activity of the clubs. This activity emphasizes the personal responsibility for saving and provides students

Taylor Theatre

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4-5—

Bing Crosby in
"LITTLE BOY LOST"

FRANK ELLIOTT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6—

Williard Parker in
"THE GREAT JESSE JAMES RAID"

M. A. HUGHES

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8—

Audie Murphy in
"TUMBLEWEED"

W. J. YATES

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9-10—

DOUBLE FEATURE

First Feature

ARLENE DAHL IN
"Diamond Queen"

KATHLEEN LEARY

Second Feature

"Black Fury"

COMING: One Week—
Beginning Sunday, February 14

20th Century Fox
The Robe
TECHNICOLOR
YOU SEE IT WITHOUT GLASSES!
CINEMASCOPE
T. C. BYRUM, JR.

Eden Theatre

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5-6—

Yvonne DeCarlo in
"SALOME WHERE SHE DANCED"

MRS. S. F. HICKS

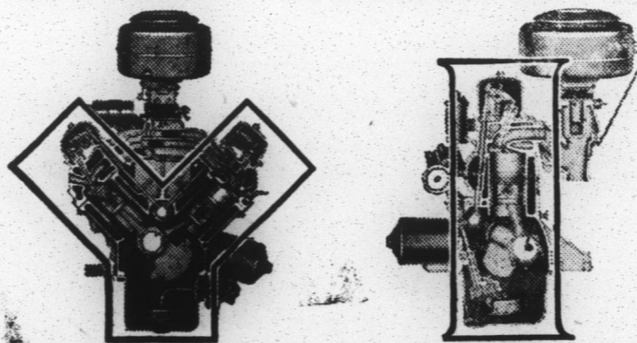
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One of the biggest advantages of the more expensive cars can now be yours for Ford prices. That is choice. For instance, Ford makes available an option of three great drives: Fordomatic Drive, Ford Overdrive, and Conventional transmission. Ford also makes available all the optional power features you'd expect to find only in the costliest cars.

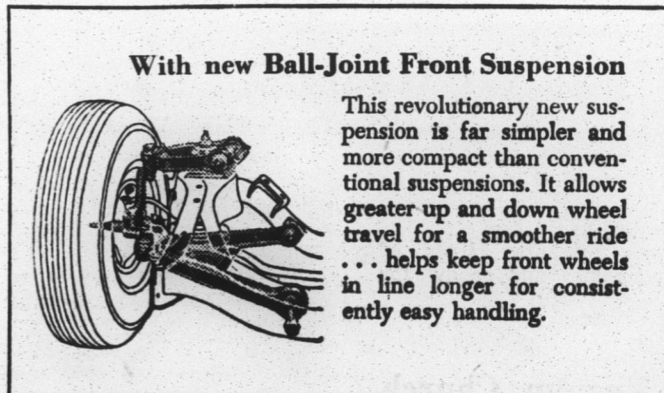


With a new 130-h.p. V-8
It's a brand new Overhead-Valve engine of deep-block, low-friction design offering 18% more power... quieter engine operation... better economy, too.

With a new 115-h.p. I-6 Six
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With five optional power assists you'd expect to find only in America's costliest cars. These fine-car power options are available in Ford at extra cost. You can have Master-Guide power steering, Swift Sure Power Brakes, a 4-Way Power Front Seat, Fordomatic Drive (or Overdrive) and Power-Lift Windows!

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With new Ball-Joint Front Suspension

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You are cordially invited to come in and see the car that's setting the trend in style and performance. Test Drive it and you'll want to drive it home!

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