

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

"What think ye of Christ?" (Matthew 22:42). This is the most important question you will ever be called upon to answer. Your answer to it will determine whether you spend eternity in heaven or in hell.

No doubt you have given some amount of thought to Him. For 1900 years now men have been talking about Him, thinking about Him, writing about Him and expressing opinions about Him one way or another. Yet this question is as vital and as up to date as that day 1900 years ago when it was first asked: What think ye of Christ?

You cannot be neutral in your opinion of Him; God has not made that possible. You must either be for Him or against Him. Either He is the Son of God or He is not the Son of God. He claimed to be the Son of God. If He claimed to be the Son of God, and was not the Son of God, He was an

imposter. Do you believe that of Him? Or are you willing to own that here is God come in the flesh.

What do you think of His being born in a stable when He could have been born in a palace? What do you think of His love for us that was so great that even while we were yet sinners He left the glory and majesty of heaven for the misery, and sorrow, and shame, and suffering of earth?

What do you think of Him as a teacher? His hearers all bear witness that He spoke with authority. "He spake as never man spake." So simple are His parables and stories that the youngest child can grasp their meaning, yet He confounded the wisest men of His day, and even to our own time no one claims to fully understand all of His teachings.

Today, with 1900 years of history between His time and ours, men dare to deny that He is the only-begotten Son of God. But this is not the testimony of those who met Him face to face. His enemies, indeed the very devils in hell, never fail to address Him as Jesus, the Son of the Most High God. His friends; Peter, who denied Him; Thomas, who doubted His resurrection; Paul, who did his best

to destroy the infant churches; all bear eloquent testimony to the wonderful truth that He is God's only Son. The angel, who saw Him in the bosom of the Father, who stood and wondered as He left heaven's glory to come down and dwell among men, sang enthusiastically to the shepherds as they watched their blocks about Bethlehem, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And there is a higher witness than all of these. For God Himself, at His baptism, and again on the Mount of Transfiguration, bears witness to an anxious world, "This is my beloved Son."

What think ye of Christ? God said, "This is my beloved Son. Hear Him." Are you willing to take God's advice? Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Are you willing to respond to this invitation. Do not be afraid to come, for He has promised, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." And even His enemies bear Him witness that "This man receiveth sinners."

What think ye of Christ. May God grant you not only think of Him, but also know Him personally as both Saviour and Lord.

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Q—I am a disabled Korean veteran. If I take vocational rehabilitation training under Public Law 16, will I have to give up my monthly compensation payments?

A—No. So long as you are eligible to receive the payments, you will receive them—even though you are taking training.

Q—I want to take medical internship training under the Korean GI Bill. Does VA consider it as on-the-job training or as classroom training, for purposes of the monthly allowance?

A—Medical internship is considered as full-time institutional classroom training, for GI allowance purposes. But the training must be approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association.

Q—I am a World War II veteran who recently became disabled, and I plan to apply for the VA pension which is payable for total and permanent non-service-connected disabilities. I have a wife and two children. Will I receive a larger pension because of these three dependents?

A—No. Pension rates for non-service-connected total disabilities are not affected in any way by the number of dependents you may have. The rate is \$63 a month with or without dependents, increased to \$75 when you reach the age 65 or when you have been on the rolls for 10 years.

Q—I'm planning to take a correspondence course under the Korean GI Bill. How much will my GI training allowance be?

A—Your training allowance will be computed on the basis of the established charge which the school requires non-veterans to pay for the same course.

HAYSEED

By UN- E SAM

THE POWER OF TRADE

More than four decades ago common sense was cast out of the windows by the leading nations of the world. The nations fought and millions died. They spent billions of dollars paying for warfare. They signed agreements, many of which have already been broken. Nations became allies then became enemies. At the present time the world is in turmoil.

Politicians and soldiers have failed to secure for the world a permanent peace. All their negotiations are not likely to secure peace in the near fu-

ture. Eventually the power of trade will accomplish more than all the meetings held by politicians and soldiers. There is much behind the iron and bamboo curtains which the Western World needs. There is much behind the western wall which the Eastern World wants and needs. In time the princes of trade will tire of trading through the windows in the western wall and the slits in the iron and bamboo curtains and will demand free exchange of trade. When that time comes all the walls and curtains will give way. All barriers must sooner or later give way before the power of trade.

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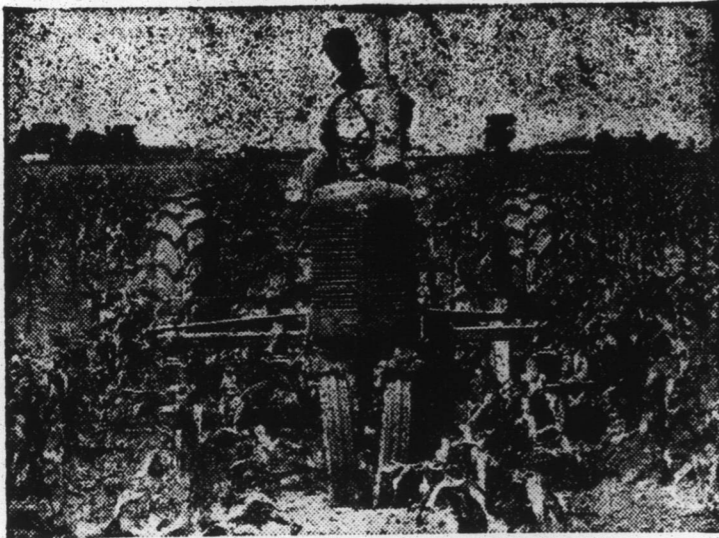
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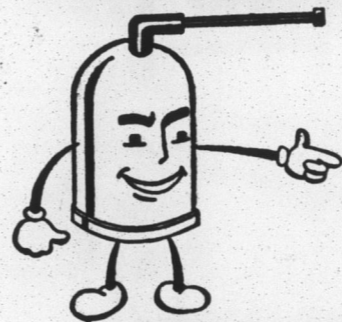
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