

## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

Thank God for Job! If ever a man has plumbed the deepest depths of loneliness, frustration and despair, it is he. Within a few short weeks, he who had been the wealthiest man in all the East had lost his sons and daughters, his possessions, his cattle, his health, and was smitten with a plague of boils that blanketed his miserable body from head to foot. The very one he loved the most, whose duty it was to remain faithful to him for better or worse, in sickness and in health, had advised him to curse God and die.

And as he sat there in the hot sun, miserable, bemoaning his fate, three of his friends came to him to offer him what they probably considered good advice. I fear we are all plagued with such friends. In life's darkest hours, in times of crisis, when a helping hand or even a bit of encouragement would mean so much, when we find ourselves on the brink of disaster and don't know which way to turn, we turn to our friends, and often all they have to offer is what they consider good advice. We would expect Job to follow his wife's advice and curse God and die. But no, not Job. Instead he cries out triumphantly, "I know that my Redeemer liveth!"

Amen, Job; Amen and Amen. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord; and Selah! I know that my Redeemer liveth! There is no doubt whatever in Job's mind! He doesn't say, "I hope that my Redeemer liveth," or "I think," or "I suppose," but "I know." The Bible is like that; it is a dogmatic Book. You'll not find any weak, compromising, so-called broadmindedness here. Phrases like "I suppose," "it may be," and words like "perhaps," are utterly foreign to the Bible. "I know whom I have believed," says Paul, "and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12). Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste, of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

For the Christian faith is not alone built upon a set of doctrines, but upon two historical acts; the finished work of Christ on Calvary, and His bodily resurrection from the dead. "... forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18, 19). Yes, and He who

redeemed us with His blood, shed freely upon the shameful cross, arose again from the dead, and is alive today, sitting at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor, and the only Mediator between God and men. Think, reader; can you say with Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth?"—or do you trust in the "good advice" of false friends and sinful men? The Christ of the cross and the empty tomb longs to be your Saviour today, if you will but trust Him, and receive Him, and serve Him. Right now, bow your head in prayer, confess your sins to God, and take His only begotten Son as your Saviour and Lord, that you may sing with the poet,

I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him,  
He's always near—  
He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus lives today.  
He walks with me, and talks with me,  
Along life's narrow way;  
He lives! He lives!  
Salvation to impart;  
You ask me how I know He lives—  
He lives within my heart.

### Schedule Announced For Camp Leach

The 1954 season at Camp Leach will be as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, June 7, 8 and 9. Fee, \$5.00.

Young People's Service League Convention, June 11-13. Fee, \$7.50.

Senior Camp, June 13 to June 20. Fee, \$17.50. Boys and girls 15 years of age and older.

Junior Camp, July 20 to August 1. Fee, \$35.00. Boys and girls 12, 13 and 14 years.

Choir Camp, June 22 to July 4. Fee, \$35.00. Boys and girls of Junior Choir age.

Midget Camp No. 1, July 6-18. Fee, \$35.00.

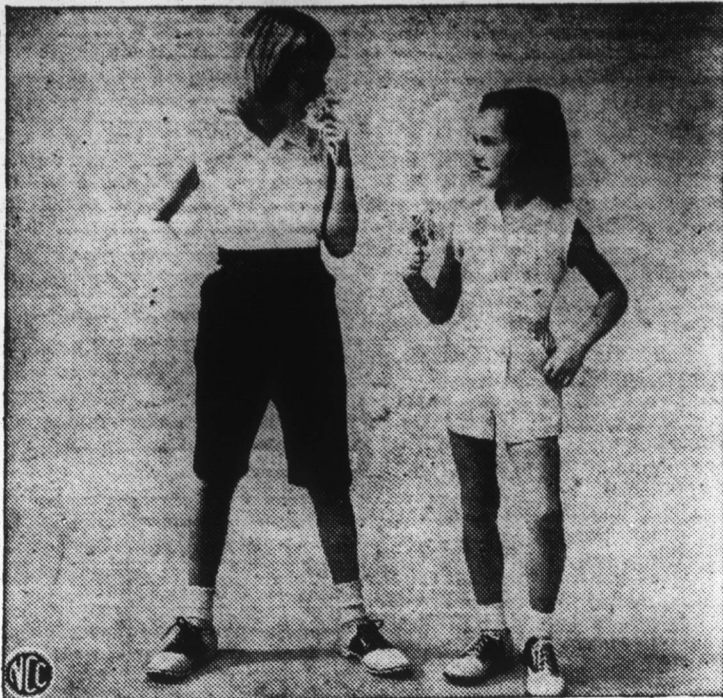
Midget Camp No. 2, August 3-15. Fee, \$35.00. Boys and girls 9, 10, 11.

This camp is not limited to Episcopalians, but is open to all persons who are interested in growing spiritually and participating in a wholesome experience of Christian living. All persons interested in attending one of the sessions are asked to contact the rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. Gordon D. Bennett, for application blanks.

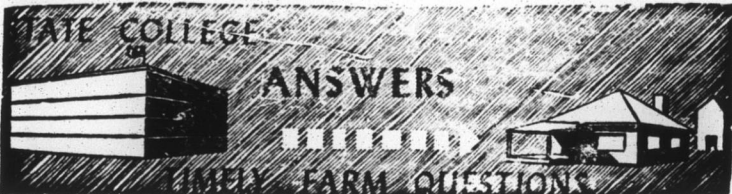
The camps are limited in number. Therefore, the earlier the registration blanks are sent in the more likely a person will have of attending camp.

#### A Good Performance

Dear Dad—We wish you could have come to the school concert. We did "Hamlet." A lot of parents came. Some of them had seen it before, but laughed just the same.



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Question: What effect, if any, does the weather have on forage crop diseases?

Answer: Weather conditions, especially temperature and moisture, largely determine the destructiveness of forage diseases. They are responsible for a disease being of epidemic proportions one season and of minor consequence the next. Unfortunately, weather conditions in North Carolina favor the development and spread of certain forage diseases the year

around. But there are ways to control them.

Question: What are some of the advantages of a home vegetable garden, other than the exercise you get?

Answer: A vegetable garden will save you money. Returns from a garden plot, on an acre-for-acre basis, are higher than for most other crops. A garden will furnish you with higher quality vegetables than is possible to obtain any other way. If the gar-

den is close by, as it should be, you will eat more vegetables, regardless of income. The garden will help provide valuable training for the children, whether in town or on the farm. It provides a hobby, especially for persons doing non-farm work. And excluding the exercise you get, it will provide you with better health. Vegetables are among nature's best foods. They furnish valuable material for building and regulating the body and maintaining health and growth.

Question: What are "robber bees?"

Answer: Bees that swarm over exposed honey, gorge themselves on it and carry it back to their own hives. Once robbing starts, it is difficult to control. Reduce the super entrances and close all cracks where bees may get in.

Question: Can forage crop diseases be controlled?

Answer: Yes, like other plant diseases, they can be controlled. The selection and breeding of forage legume; and grasses resistant to one or more diseases is the most effective method of control. Disease resistance has already been incorporated in some

of the improved forages grown in this country. Crop rotation is an important method of reducing damage from soilborne diseases. Management through proper grazing and cutting practices also is an effective means of checking the damage caused by certain diseases. The use of fungicides as sprays, dusts and seed treatment have not been widely recommended for forage crops. However, research studies are under way to determine if these methods are practical.

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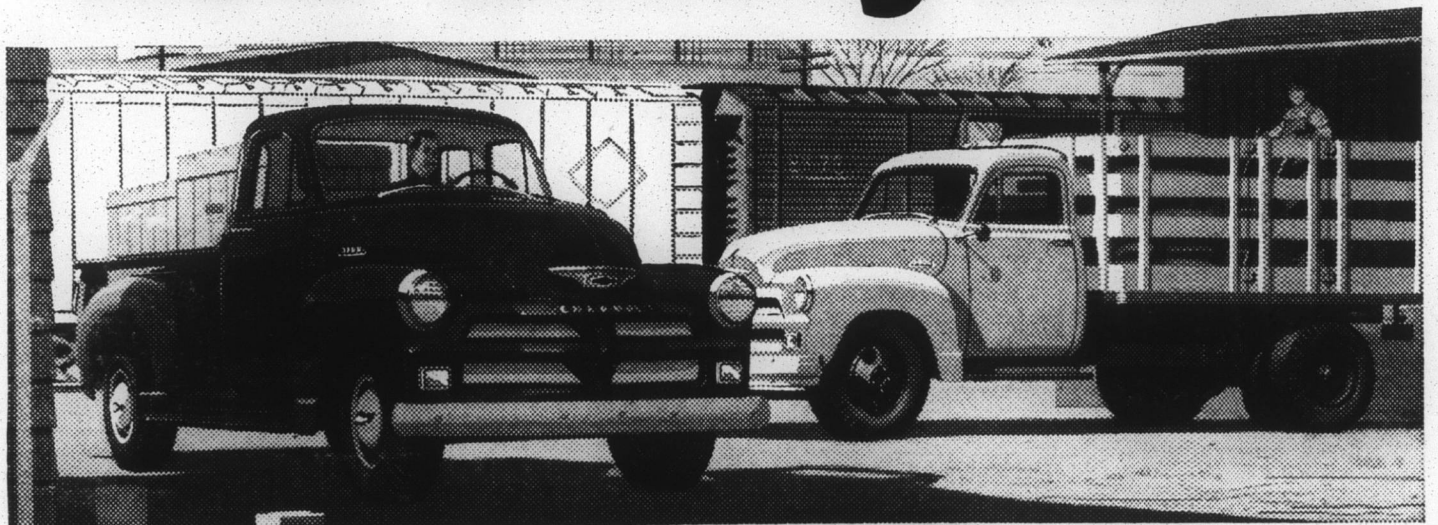
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