

## Weekly Devotional Column

By James MacKenzie

"... with all prayer and supplication..." (Ephesians 6:18).

What is prayer? A well-known preacher has said that prayer is asking and receiving, only this and nothing more. Someone else, taking issue with that definition, tells us that prayer consists of self-examination and confession of sin. The child's classical answer to this question is, "Prayer is talking with God."

Which is right? I think we may conclude they all are, for the scope of prayer is greater than any of us realize. Someone has very helpfully outlined for us a few of the different divisions of prayer. They are:

**ADORATION.** In this type of prayer we bring to mind the many reasons why God is to be praised, and honored, and adored as the kind heavenly Father He is. Have you ever told God that you love Him? The psalms are saturated with prayers of adoration. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name." "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." These are all prayers of adoration.

**THANKSGIVING.** This is simply saying "Thank you" to God for the many blessings He is continually showering upon us. I fear that most of us are negligent when it comes to this division of prayer.

**CONFESSION.** Unconfessed sin forms a barrier between the saint and his God, but "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). We may hide our sins from our fellow men, but God sees the heart, and before Him we need to confess, and ask for forgiveness and cleansing.

**PETITION.** This is asking something for ourselves. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

**INTERCESSION.** This is asking God to send a blessing to someone else. Jesus' prayer in John 17 is called Christ's Intercessory Prayer because He was praying for His disciples.

**COMMITMENT.** This is dedication of ourselves to God. Jesus' prayer of commitment was, "Not my will, but thine, be done." Before any of us may be of service to God it is necessary to honestly offer a prayer of commitment.

All three Persons of the Trinity are involved in our prayers. We pray IN the Spirit, THROUGH the Son, TO the Father. Our prayers are valid only so far as they are prayer in the Holy Spirit, since He alone is able to interpret the will of God to us, and bring it to pass in our hearts and lives. Our prayers are valid only so far as they are offered through the Son, for "there is one God, and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5, Roman Catholic translation). Following the Scriptural example, we are to direct our prayers to the Father.

### Peter Francis Cobb Dies At Merry Hill

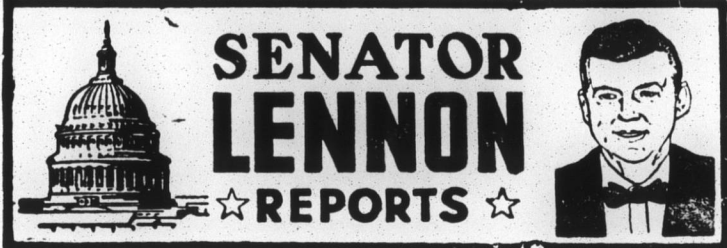
Peter Francis Cobb, 75, of Merry Hill, died in the Windsor Hospital Monday morning at 5 o'clock following a long illness. A native of Bertie County, he was a retired farmer and lived all his life at Merry Hill.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie W. Cobb; six sons, H. J. Cobb of Hampton, Va., C. V. Cobb of Windsor, S. W. Cobb of Norfolk, M. R. Cobb of Merry Hill, D. L. Cobb of Newport News and P. F. Cobb, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. C. D. Harris, Jr., of Marshallburg, N. C., and Mrs. L. O. Hill of Littleton, N. C.

He was a life long member of the Capehart Baptist Church, where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Paul Burke, officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.



**TANK-HITTING PATTON 48 TANKS, on maneuvers at Fort Lewis, Wash., line up breast in firing position. Snow-capped Mount Rainier looms in the background.**



Washington—The Senate will probably be wrestling soon with a request from the Administration to raise the statutory debt limit.

#### Debt Limit

I do not believe the Administration has made a case to prove that this step is necessary. To me, this is a dangerous habit. If we are in war or some other grave emergency, that is different; but I can't subscribe to the theory that we must continue to borrow money to saddle future generations with debt unless we have done everything to cut the fat out of our spending. I voted against extending the debt last session and I expect to do so at this session.

#### Economic Aid

The Mutual Security Act is a very complicated matter. It covers all phases of foreign military and economic assistance. As you know, last year aid cost around seven billion dollars. It is proposed to cost less this year. Since 1940, Uncle Sam has extended almost \$100 billion dollars in grants and credits to foreign governments. Grants are usually outright gifts.

A large portion of this amount has been in economic aid. I believe any thinking person felt the necessity to go to the aid of war-destroyed economies and suffering people to help them get on their feet after the war.

We did that. But now the question is—will there ever be an end to costly foreign aid? I sincerely doubt that we can, in the immediate future, eliminate foreign MILITARY aid, but I think we must eliminate foreign ECONOMIC aid so long as our nation's budget remains unbalanced.

#### National Debt

Our total national debt, subject to statutory limitation, is now running around \$270 billion dollars. The fiscal year ending June 30 was the first full fiscal year in office for the Eisenhower Administration and it left a deficit in the budget of almost \$3,300,000,000. For this reason, I plan to vote against what I believe to be wasteful foreign economic spending. At the same time, I will support necessary foreign military spending.

#### Red China

I have been asked about my position on the admission of Red China as a member of the United Nations.

My reply is that we must vigorously oppose admitting Red China. No only does Communist China have the blood of American soldiers on her hands, but she has also been at war with the UN, she still holds American men as prisoners, and many other reasons compel us to resist her admission.

At this time, I cannot go so far as to say that we ought to withdraw our

membership if Red China were admitted. I think it would be better to meet that problem when it arises and work hard in the meantime to keep it from happening. I believe we can. We must never let communism take over in the world through a diplomatic forfeit by the United States.

### 125 Receive Old Age Assistance In June

During June 125 persons in Chowan County received \$3,110 in old age assistance, while 13 aid to dependent children received \$483, 12 blind cases \$451 and 13 aid to permanently and totally disabled \$463.

For general assistance \$33 was given in four cases. Other financial assistance included five cases hospitalized in the county, \$308.50, two cases hospitalized outside the county, \$30.75 and \$6.00 for medicine.

Service cases included one adult parolee under supervision, five child labor certificates issued and 16 children receiving individual service.

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### Dusting Cotton Is Holding Down Weevils

The boll weevil is being held down on dusted cotton fields, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. The punctured square count on dusted fields was much lower last week than the week before. On the other hand, the count in undusted fields was higher than last week.

"Growers should dust cotton every seven days," says Overman. "The first generation of new weevils will be coming out this week. Every female weevil, on an average, will lay 500 eggs that will hatch. About half of these will be females which will produce 500 more three weeks from now. Ten pounds of dust per application per acre is sufficient."

"Red Spider is beginning to appear in cotton fields. The spider did much damage and ruined some fields last year. To control red spider dust with 1 per cent Parathion Dust—20 pounds per acre, or use plain dusting sulphur—20 pounds per acre. Repeat in seven days if necessary."

### Japanese Beetles Are Attacking Soybeans

The Japanese beetle is attacking some fields of soybeans, says C. W. Overman, county agent. Other insects are beginning to attack soybeans also.

"Dust soybeans with 10 per cent DDT dust at the rate of 20 pounds per acre," says Overman. "Repeat application when found necessary. Growers should watch their fields carefully and not wait until considerable damage has been done before applying control."

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### Legal Notices

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE**  
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of W. P. Sinclair, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Ryland, North Carolina, on or before the 9th day of July, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This July 9, 1954.  
ELIZABETH J. SINCLAIR,  
Administratrix of  
W. P. Sinclair Estate.  
W. A. HOLLOWELL,  
Attorney.  
July 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 1954

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of Inez White, deceased, late of Chowan County, North

Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hobbsville, North Carolina, on or before the 30th day of June, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This June 30, 1954.  
W. M. HOLLOWELL,  
Administrator CTA of Inez White Estate.  
W. A. HOLLOWELL, Attorney.  
July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 1954

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE**  
Having qualified as Administratrix CTA of the estate of H. C. Goodwin, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 10th day of June, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This June 10, 1954.  
MARGARET B. GOODWIN,  
Administratrix CTA of  
H. C. Goodwin Estate.  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 1954

**EXECUTRIX NOTICE**  
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of H. J. Boyce, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 7th day of June, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This June 7, 1954.  
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