

**The Wayside Pulpit**

By D. E. Earnhardt  
Text: "The poor have the Gospel preached to them."—Matthew 11:5.

One poor fellow had too much gospel preached to him and he fell asleep. When they stood up to sing he could not straighten. They hurried him off to the doctor, who found that while the man slept he buttoned the top button hole of his vest to the bottom button. Arthur Brisbane said poor folks mean poor minds. This does not work out. Many wise men work to produce wealth for others and do not accumulate any for themselves. Edgar Allen Poe, O. Henry, Robert Burns, Daniel DeFoe and Oliver Goldsmith lived and died on a poor man's diet. Woodrow Wilson borrowed \$500 to pay moving expense to the White House. Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson gave their wives fur coats made from rabbit hides.

Preachers are the richest paupers in the world. Their wealth is chicken feed. John the Baptist set the pattern by eating grasshoppers for meat and beeswax for bread. His cut-away coat was cut away from a set of wagon harness.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD



**Mortuary Forum**

By E. N. (Pete) Manning

Question — What type of casket is mostly preferred in North Carolina?

Answer — According to the Casket Manufacturers' Association, metal caskets are most used in the Carolinas, Virginia, the big cities of Pennsylvania, the Middle West and Kentucky. In New England and New York, hardwoods are selected extensively. Cloth covered wooden caskets are preferred on the West Coast, South and Southwest. (Ex. NFDA Book, The American Funeral).

Question — Are there any exceptions to the requirement that application for the lump sum death payment under Social Security must be filed within two years of the insured worker's death?

Answer — Yes. The 1965 amendments provided that if there was good cause for failure to file within the two-

The first USS North Carolina was a frigate of the 1830's, the second was a World War I cruiser, and the third is a battleship now berthed at Wilmington, N. C.

year period, an application may be filed at any time following the initial two-year period. Whether there is such good cause depends on the facts in a particular case.

Question — May a widow authorize payment of the lump sum death benefit, under Social Security, to the funeral home if the funeral home bill is unpaid?

Answer — No. An eligible widow is entitled to the lump sum in her own right, whether she has paid the burial expenses or not. Payment of the lump sum to the funeral home at her request would constitute an assignment of her right to payment, which is specifically prohibited by Section 207 of Social Security Act.

Note: Today's column is the 20th and final installment of this series. A new series will be forthcoming in the Spring.

**County's Asked To Aid In Event**

RALEIGH—Gov. Bob Scott has called on the boards of county commissioners across North Carolina to appoint county bicentennial committees to work with the state American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in planning appropriate programs and projects for commemorating the bicentennial of the American Revolution.

A letter from the governor said, in part, that the approaching bicentennial of the founding of our state and nation would afford North Carolina citizens with an excellent and timely opportunity "to reflect upon our heritage, to assess the present, and to give due thought to the future."

Gov. Scott expressed the hope that the county bicentennial committees would reflect a broad cross section of the communities, would seek to include representatives from the various interests and organizations in the counties, and would pay particular attention to the inclusion of youth representatives. State Sen. Hector MacLean of Lumberton, chairman of the commission, has also written the county boards, reminding them that the bicentennial period will be the biggest public event in 200 years of American history and requesting a unified effort to insure that it will also be the most significant and rewarding.

The N. C. American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was established by the 1937 General Assembly and has been operative since July 1969. In addition to developing plans for state programs, it has also played a considerable role in developing national plans. Richard F. Gibbs of Chapel Hill is executive secretary of the commission.

**Personal Tags Still Available**

RALEIGH—You now have until December 15 to apply for a personalized license plate to display on your motor vehicle in 1971.

James H. Stamey, director of the Registration Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, said today that he has extended the deadline beyond the previous cutoff date of October 10.

Stamey said North Carolina motorists can secure the necessary forms for applying for the personalized plates by contacting, in person or by mail, local license plate sales offices or the Personalized License Section of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh.

Rules and regulations pertaining to the issuance of the special plates appear on the order forms. The combination of letters and numbers on the plates can be three letters, four letters and two numbers, five letters and one number or any combination of letters with a minimum of three and a maximum of six.

Unacceptable applications would be words or letter-number combinations that are offensive, suggestive or not in good taste, or any combination of letters and numbers that conflict with the numbering system employed by the Department for regular license plates.

A good neighbor is one who loans but never borrows.

**Make Going To Church A Habit**

GROWING THROUGH GIVING

International Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 15

Memory Selection: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."—II Corinthians 9:7.

Lesson Text: Romans 12:1-8; I Corinthians 4:1-2; II Corinthians 9:6-15; James 2:14-17.

Our lesson today is closely related to the purpose of our current Study Unit: "Helps to a Maturing Faith." It is a practical application of applying our faith to daily living. Thereby we mature, becoming Christians after God's own heart.

"Growing through giving" can only be achieved through total commitment to God. But the commitment must be willing. It must be an act of love and gratitude, an act of genuine appreciation for the provisions He made for our salvation through Christ.

We are not, of necessity, saved through obeying rules or being good—we are saved by accepting Christ in humble, striving and truly repentant faith. The sincere Christian cannot help but be moved by the fact that God gave up His only begotten Son for the securing of our immortal souls. And, as Christ died for us, so we must live for Him. For moral and spiritual renewal is not a transient thing—it is a lifelong and recurring cycle in the true Christian.

We are stewards of all that God has given us; He is the real owner. And we must give a good account of our stewardship. We must prove ourselves worthy of the trust that has been placed in us.

Although we cannot match God's matchless love for us, we can, each in his own way, give of what we individually possess. Some can give money in His service, while others cannot. But all can give of themselves—their time, their talents, their efforts, their hearts. Such things provide a concrete relationship between faith and action. Such things bring personal enrichment and a growing maturity to the giver.

The Disciples found this maturity and enrichment in their faith. They gladly performed their livelihood, and their humble treasures and many acts of faith; they gave up their families, followed Christ upon His missions. They shared what they had with those who had nothing, and in return they were assured of spiritual riches far beyond the intrinsic values of corporal possessions.

While we may not, of necessity, be called upon to leave our homes and our families in His service (although many still do) we are, however, called upon to share whatever we have to offer with our fellow men. This we must do gladly, not considering it an inconvenience, but rather a privilege. Our giving should not be for self-glory or smug self-satisfaction; it should be prompted by an earnest striving for spiritual maturity.

As has been pointed out, one does not have to be rich in order to give. Time, that most

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He makes a marvelous picture—but would he really make a marvelous chef? Can you imagine what might happen if you let him brew up a pot of everything his chubby little fingers could latch onto?

Let's face it! It takes thought, direction and planning to do anything well in life—even to make a good stew. Though a true chef may not follow the cookbook precisely, he will select and blend his ingredients with care and precision. Only then will the dish be a success.

What does all this have to do with going to church? More than you might think! If you have been leaving the Church out of your recipe for living, you have been missing some of life's most priceless ingredients—God's love, His priceless gift of Faith and some of the greatest lessons ever revealed to man.

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Sunday Colossians 1:1-29	Monday Revelation 1:10-20	Tuesday II Kings 6:8-17	Wednesday Psalms 73:13-28	Thursday Psalms 119:89-104	Friday Proverbs 4:1-9	Saturday I Corinthians 2:6-16
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Dear friends,

Benefits may be lost to the family for lack of knowledge. If the deceased was covered by Social Security, his beneficiary is eligible for a benefit—likewise the family of a war veteran with active service. Some trade unions and fraternal organizations provide survivor benefits. Your funeral director can assist you to learn of and apply for various benefits to which the survivors may be entitled.

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