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### MAY BE A BREAK FOR US

The Atlanta Constitution, one of the South's most famous newspapers for its cursading activities, has started a campaign in its own state of Georgia that may indirectly affect the citizens of Cherokee and Swain counties.

This daily newspaper is offering a prize of \$3500 to the county in Georgia that shows the greatest improvement between this time and January 1, 1938.

Thriving Fannin county, adjoining us in Georgia, is one of the most interested units in this contest, and has recently organized to outline a number of projects designed to improve the county and subsequently bring them the coveted prize.

Among the list of projects outlined is the paving of the "Murphy road to the State line."

Of their ten objectives, none could be more important to us than this timely movement.

Needless to say civic-conscious men here are somewhat disappointed that this road has not been paved already. Work has been started from the North Carolina-Georgia line, at Culberson, to a paved road leading to Blue Ridge some five miles out from that town, but work is progressing very slowly to say the least.

Cherokee county should take it upon itself during this time to have their part of the job done—and done well—and meet with so little response from Georgia highway officials, is very disappointing.

There is approximately 12 miles of unpaved Georgia highway from the state line to Blue Ridge that seems to be holding up the desired "Main Trunk Line Route Between Asheville and Atlanta and the South" that would naturally pass through Bryson City and Murphy were this link completed.

By January 1, 1938, a wide new highway, capable of caring for all necessary speeds, should be provided between Topton and Bryson City as work is going forward on this project now.

With the completion of the "Georgia Link" there is no reason why No. 19 could not be advertised as the fastest and shortest route between Asheville and Atlanta, and again the towns between Canton, Ga., and Bryson City would rightfully regain business that has been lost to them through these short stretches of bad or unpaved highway.

Murphy at the same time would be in a more advantageous position of becoming a resort with this main trunk line leading past the Hiwassee dam project. Hotel owners of this section who have suffered slack business due to the "Georgia Link" and the deplorable condition of No. 19 from Topton to Bryson City would again see their rooms and their dining tables full.

We can not impress upon our Georgia neighbors, who are taking part in the Constitution's generous campaign, too much the urgent need of pressing this phase of their program. It should be even more to their benefit than to ours. Of the ten projects the Fannin countians have outlined we doubt if any one of them will prove more beneficial to them than this one.

Certainly no organized project they could attempt would provide them with more new motorists and tourists.

As it stands now traffic between Asheville and Atlanta is swinging out through Sylva, Franklin, Hayesville, Blariville and down through Georgia over a route that is not much better than was our No. 19 before work started on its this past year.

We would urge the Fannin countians to take full cognizance of these facts, and whatever system the Constitution will grade them on for their accomplishments, may they give our Georgia neighbors ten stars in their crown if this one objective is completed.

### RAILROADS AND FLOODS

When the recent floods ravaged the valleys of the Ohio, Mississippi and other rivers, the relief work of the Red Cross, various government agencies and volunteer workers both men and women, received and deserved the highest praise.

Not so much was heard however, about the great service rendered by the railroads during the emergency. Yet the railroads, many of which suffered millions of dollars in property damage, performed services the value

### EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, which fell on March 28 this year, is observed by Christians in commemoration of Christ's resurrection, but not as an actual anniversary, as its date varies from year to year, in accordance with a method of computing it adopted by the Council of Nice in the year 325.

The custom of celebrating Easter is really an outgrowth of the Jewish Passover. There is no trace of its observance as a Christian festival in the New Testament or in the writings of the apostolic fathers. In fact, neither Christ nor the apostles enjoined the keeping of this or any other festival.

But as most of the early Christians were derived from the Jewish church, many of the old Jewish festivals continued to be observed by them and gradually passed into the Christian calendar.

The name of Easter is derived from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, and many customs which have marked the day's observance are drawn from pagan sources. In the ancient church the celebration of Easter lasted eight days, but after the eleventh century it was limited to three, later to two, and finally to one.

The proper time for the observance of Easter has been the subject of bitter controversy among various Christian groups. In the year 197 Pope Victor excommunicated Polycrates, bishop of Ephesus, and his entire Asiatic following for not conforming to the Roman custom. The Greek church did not adopt the Roman date until 1923, so that only during the last 14 years has the entire Christian world observed Easter simultaneously.

According to present usage Easter can not occur earlier than March 22 or later than April 25. The last time it fell on March 22 was in 1818, after which some three centuries must elapse before it occurs so early again. It fell on April 25 the last time in 1886, and will occur so late only once in the present century, in 1943.

### THE MEANING OF "30"

While the symbol "30" has been used for perhaps three-quarters of a century to indicate "the end" by telegraphers and printers, its significance has been generally unknown.

Inquiries have been made about this quaint custom for many years, but not until Paul Sullivan, the nightly news commentator, began ending his broadcasts "Good night—and thir-tay" has the general public become so interested in it.

Just why the symbol "30" was chosen for the purpose is not known, but it has been employed since the early days of telegraphy by operators to indicate that their transmission of messages was finished. One authority says in relation to its use by newspapermen, "it was adopted by them to inform the printers that there would be no more copy for the day, or night, as the case may be."

More generally, however, newspaper men seem to think the custom originated in New York where the old Sun was located in a building numbered "30". There by lamp-light in the smoke filled, paper-strewn rooms, what ending could be more appropriate?

By extension, the term has been used to indicate death, in publishers' and printers' trade journals it has often been used in the lead for obituary notices. Also such phrases as "answered the call of 30" or "30 came to", applied to a person simply means that he died.

The other newspaper custom, which excites a number of inquiries from observers, is the use of an "x" for a period. This is more easily explained.

All newspaper copy is read over twice before it goes to the printers. It is checked carefully by the copy men to detect any errors in either fact, spelling or grammar. Thus when it gets to the printer it is so marked up and scribbled over that the average person would never recognize it. But each symbol means something vital to the printer, and it is so easy for a pencil to make a dot, that the figure "x" has been adopted for many years as the symbol for a period.

Many people want to know if small "o's" are used to denote periods. Our answer is that no newspaper man ever used this mark. A proofreader draws a small circle around an omitted period so it will be easily seen, but the use of "o's" in correspondence is merely a whim of the writer—and usually a fancy one at that.

of which cannot be overtimated.

They carried the bulk of all the food, clothing and other supplies which went into the stricken areas, although laboring under the severest handicaps. Much of this service was performed without cost to relief agencies or the refugees. And by almost superhuman efforts the railroads restored regular service within an incredibly short time. All this was done quietly and with little publicity. It hardly made news, because it was taken for granted.

It may be that taking for granted the fine service rendered by the railroads and public utilities generally is an unconscious tribute to them. But these vast enterprises are run by human beings to whom an expression of appreciation occasionally would not be amiss.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Western Newspaper Union.

### Lesson for May 2

#### ABRAHAM A MAN OF FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-18. GOLDEN TEXT—By faith, Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed. Hebrews 11:8. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Friend of God. JUNIOR TOPIC—A Hebrew Pioneer. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Adventurous Faith. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Creative Faith.

One of the greatest characters in all human history comes before us today in the person of Abraham. He is venerated by Christian, Jew, and Mohammedan alike. His personal history is replete with interest and instruction. But his claim to an outstanding place in history is broader than any of these things, for he was the one by whom God called out a nation for himself and began his dealings in sovereign grace which continue to our day. In choosing Abraham God began the history of the Jewish people, his chosen nation. They were called by him to be not only a national witness to the one true God, but also to be the repository for his truth (the Holy Scriptures) in the earth, and, above all, to be the channel for the coming of the Redeemer to the earth.

Our lesson, however, centers on the faith of Abraham. As the Golden Text (Heb. 11:8) indicates, it was by faith that Abraham responded to the call of God. That call came to him in his father's house in Mesopotamia (Acts 7:2, 3). His partial obedience brought delay at Haran (Gen. 11:31), and wasted years, but in Genesis 12 we find his complete obedience and resultant blessing.

The study of faith is always fascinating. Faith is the thing in man that pleases God. He is quick to honor our trust in Him. Unbelief shuts the door not only to blessing, but also to usefulness.

#### I. Faith Calls for Separation, Obedience, and Worship.

1. Separation (Gen. 12:1). "Get thee out" was God's command to Abraham. It is his command to his followers today. "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (II Cor. 6:17). This is the crying need of the church in our day. Instead of the church's being in the world seeking to win it for Christ, the world has come into the church and destroyed much of its vital testimony.

2. Obedience (Gen. 12:4,5). "So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken." Faith obeys God, without question, without hesitation, and without reservation. We need a revival of obedience in the home, in society, and in our relation to God.

3. Worship (Gen. 12:7, 13-18). "There builded he an altar unto the Lord." Faith in God is far more than the psychologist's preachment of self-confidence. It results in fellowship with God, reliance upon him, not on one's own strength or personality. Faith worships God.

#### II. Faith Results in Blessing, Protection, and Liberty.

1. Blessing (12:2,3). "I will bless," said God. "The Lord's commands are rarely accompanied with reasons, but they are always accompanied with promises, either expressed or understood."

In the case of Abraham the promise was not only to him, and to the nation of which he was the father, but to "all families of the earth." That promise was fulfilled in the coming of Christ to earth to be our Redeemer (Matt. 1:1).

2. Protection (12:3). "I will . . . curse him that curseth thee." That promise to the seed of Abraham is still true. The nations have forgotten it in their hatred of the Jew, but God has not forgotten. The promise is equally true in the case of those who follow Christ, "the son of Abraham." His protecting hand is over us even in the dark hour when it looks as though the hosts of Satan had conquered.

3. Liberty (13:14-17). "All the land . . . will I give." After many and varied experiences in which Abraham proves God's grace and power, he comes out into a place of unlimited liberty.

The man who boasts of his "personal liberty," who feels that he is free from the "bondage of religion," is in fact a slave to the enemy of his soul. And the man who becomes "the bondsman of Jesus Christ," he alone is free. None is more fettered than he who shouts "I am the captain of my fate. I am the master of my soul." And none is so free as he who can say, "Christ is the Captain of my fate, the Master of my soul."

## TURNING BACK HISTORY'S PAGES

From Files Of The Cherokee Scout

### 10 YEARS AGO

Friday, April 1, 1927  
Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ellis, of Chadron, Neb., are visiting relatives and friends in the county.  
Mr. E. P. Hawkins motored to Asheville Wednesday

Mr. W. Christophner was in Atlanta on business the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee arrived Saturday by motor for a visit with Mrs. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown, of Macon, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGuire, of Atlanta, were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore.

Miss Katherine Miller and Mr. Harry Miller were in Atlanta last week.

Col. and Mrs. Bud Anderson and Early Anderson of Hayesville, were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. F. Abernathy accompanied by Mrs. Phaup went to Atlanta, Monday. Mrs. Abernathy will remain with Dr. Abernathy while he is a patient at a hospital in Atlanta. Mrs. Phaup returned Sunday night.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Friday, March 30, 1917  
T. N. Elrod of Patrick, paid as a call last Friday.

Mrs. Norine Gibson and son, Lloyd, of Almond, were visitors here on Monday.

Mrs. E. G. White, of Bellevue, spent the first of the week here with friends.

G. S. McCall of Marion, was the guest of his brother, J. H. McCall, this week.

G. W. Candler spent the first of the week in Atlanta on business, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Abernathy and little son, Miles Henry, of Andrews, were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Sadie Odom, of Ogleeta, is visiting her brother, W. P. Odom, in the Register of Deeds office.

Col. and Mrs. J. N. Moody returned Tuesday from Robbinsville where they spent ten days, the former attending court and the latter visiting relatives.

Mrs. Annie Kirkman and two children, of Asheville, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cooper.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 1, 1902  
Mrs. D. L. Agar and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson are stopping at the Elliott House.

Dr. J. O. Nichols, of Warne, left Wednesday for an extended trip to Florida.

T. J. Sword arrived yesterday from Georgia, where he has been handling stock.

Col. F. P. Cover, of Andrews, was here Wednesday shaking hands with his many friends.

John O. Scroggs and A. O. Allison, two prominent business men of Hayesville, were in town Friday on business.

T. C. Dickey and A. J. Martin returned Saturday from Southern Georgia.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, March 30, 1897  
A. M. Hatchett and R. M. Whitmore, of Cobbs, were in town last Friday.

W. W. Anderson, of Calberson, was in town yesterday.

Miss Edith Dickey has returned from an extended visit to Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. W. S. McCombs, our dentist, visited Young Harris and other points last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hall, from the lower section of the county called at our office Thursday.

Capt. R. L. Herbert and Mr. J. C. Jenkins, who have been in Washington since the inauguration, returned Friday.

A. L. Cooper and son Willard, returned from Swainsboro Ga., a week since, accompanied by Leon Bell, son of Dr. Bell, of that place.

Misses Sallie and Hettie Cooper entertained a number of their friends at an apron party Thursday night.

Mrs. Jane Dehart and her granddaughter, Miss Emma Dehart, of Bryson City, who have been visiting Mrs. Winslow Davidson are now at Mineral Bluff.

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