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## MEDITATION

"Don't give way to pessimism—don't expect the worst—think before you voice despair—look for the bright side first; don't judge by appearances, though life looks dark to you—hold to your ideal, and keep the highest things in view. Better to believe that Love must conquer at the last—Something good must come out of the anguish of the past; pessimism hangs a veil of gloom before your eyes, blotting out tomorrow's dawn that waits beyond the skies. . . . In the world today, the powers of evil seem to reign—fed by fear, and man's desire for mere material gain; yet it may be all a part of human destiny—the conflict between right and wrong . . . the struggled to be free."

## Education, Pleasure, Culture

Progressive and rendering outstanding service is the library operated in our town and region. Its influence spreads throughout the territory it serves, reaching even remote sections through bookmobile service. Our library is one to which we can point with pride, and it catches the attention of visitors who come for just a day or to spend a vacation, even influencing people to spend longer vacations here. But, most of all, we appreciate it for what it means to our own people.

The Nantahala Regional library is supported from three sources of income—local appropriations, T. V. A. aid, and State aid. Forward-looking state law makers, with Miss Marjorie Beal, state library commission secretary emphasizing to them the necessity and importance of doing so, have made appropriations in the past few years that have made library service available to many small communities that never before could afford it. Pointing to the results and the need for enlarging the program, the people of the state this year are asking the legislature to appropriate \$225,000, instead of the \$175,000 proposed, for the biennium.

The difference of \$50,000 in the state would mean a difference in this region of from \$4,987.50 to \$6,716.25, or \$1,728.75 more, according to figures compiled by Miss Dora Ruth Parks, regional librarian.

Miss Beal wrote in a current publication: "People are being born, growing up, and living all their lives without the privilege of libraries or opportunity to read good books! The rural sections shoulder the responsibility of educating their children, and then the young people move into the towns and the cities. One means of keeping rural people contented and informed is the county library. And by the county library is not meant a library located in the county seat or in the largest city and used by those residents who can visit it during the limited hours it is open. By a county or by a regional library—several counties contracting together—is meant a live, up-to-date collection of books with some way of moving them about so everyone may have books near at hand and may select those books he wishes to read. It's a simple plan, and it works."

In the opinion of The Scout, the appropriations committee will do well to comply with the request for \$225,000, as the money will be so spent that it will bring pleasure, education, and culture to our people.

## For Everybody

Many organizations and individuals are enlisted in the infantile paralysis drive now going on in our country. Our quota of \$964 should be easily raised, but everyone in the county should have a part in it. Dr. W. A. Hoover is the county chairman, and if no one contacts you for a contribution, send a check to him.

The dread of infantile paralysis is with us, even though this county was spared from having a case in the epidemic that recently spread over the state. New cases are even now being reported, and our dimes and dollars will help to lessen them and see to it that those attacked have proper medical attention.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

**JOHN FITCH**  
 JANUARY 21, 1745 - JULY 2, 1798

HIS 1786 STEAMBOAT—EACH BANK OF OARS RAISED AND LOWERED BY A SINGLE CRANK.

HIS STEAMBOAT OF 1788—WITH OARS OPERATED BY SEPARATE CRANKS—AND SUSPENDED ASH-KUWING.

HIS SMALL STEAMBOAT—1797—DRIVEN BY PADDLE-WHEELS AND SCREW PROPELLER.

PATRIOT AND INVENTOR, JOHN FITCH SERVED AS GUNSMITH FOR AMERICAN TROOPS AT VALLEY FORGE—COMPLETED HIS FIRST STEAMBOAT MODEL IN 1785, BUILT HIS LARGEST VESSEL WHICH WAS RUN AS A PASSENGER BOAT BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND WILMINGTON, IN 1790.

TODAY HE SHARES HONORS WITH ROBERT FULTON FOR THE INVENTION OF THE STEAMBOAT.

**DEMOCRACY STIMULATES INVENTIVE GENIUS.**

## Saturday Night Bible Readers

William Penn once said: "Men must be ruled by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants." In a world so full of confusion people can hardly be blamed for setting "off the beam." One writer says the American people are too weary and tired to care. Harry Hopkins said they are too dumb to understand. Barnum said they like to be humbugged.

Referring again to William Penn, the great Quaker, what happened in Russia? Before the revolution Russia at least in name was Christian. Under communism it boasts that God is to be blotted out. Russia is governed by a tyrant.

Luther turned the mind of the German people to God and the Bible. Then it was God. Now it is Hitler.

Italy, one time a religious center. Came decadence and then Mussolini.

One of the big modernist preachers of this day says the Bible contains the word of God, but not that it is the word of God. He believes that Jesus was a great prophet but not the Son of God and his sacrifice on the cross entirely unnecessary. He criticises other modernists because they go too far.

But where is the stopping place. One modernist throws one thing out and another throws something else out. A third thinks these didn't go far enough so he finds something else to throw out. The first gets a little way from God. The last gets clear away. Then comes the tyrant.

In America not more than 12 per cent of the people attend church or read the Bible to find out what God has to say as to how people and nations should live. Coleridge says that St. Paul's letter to the Roman's is the "profoundest document in the possession of the human race." The letter points the way to be governed by God.

Force are beginning to operate in America in this year 1945, to awaken the people to the dangers of the hour and to search the Scripture, and be governed by God and the instructions in his inspired word.

When a super-airplane gets "off the beam" it crashes and the passengers get killed. Get this nation off the sure safe beam of God's Inspired Word and it will crash too. Everything that we have in America that is worth while and worth preserving was built on the Bible.

You can't help much towards preserving America and all that is good in it if you are ignorant of the Bible and its teachings as God's Word. The conflict in America and in the world is between what God in the Bible says how people, individuals, and nations should live and act and how the forces against God are trying to get people and nations to act.

Prepare yourself to help by dedicating Saturday night to careful reading and study of the Bible. Do it every Saturday night. Get your neighbor to do it. Redeem Saturday night from one of revelry to one of reverence.

## Price and Ration News

**MEATS, FATS—Red Stamps** Q5 through X5 good indefinitely. No new stamps until January 28.

**PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps** X5 through Z5; A2 through G2 good indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until February 1.

**SUGAR—Sugar Stamp** 34 good for five pounds indefinitely. No new stamp until February 1.

**FUEL OIL—East and Far West** 1, 2, and 3 period coupons good indefinitely all over the country.

**SHOES—Airplane Stamps** 1, 2 and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

**"Essential" and "Critical" Draft Guides**

The guides set up by the War Manpower Commission for Selective Service in inducting men in the 26 through 29 age group make a nice difference between the "essential" industrial employment and that which is considered as "critical" to the war production program. Most smaller communities (excepting mining and specialized manufacturing towns) which are closely related to their agricultural areas, will find that most of the men in the affected age group fall into the category of "essential" employment when they work in such fields as the following:

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**

Commercial poultry hatcheries, seed processing, animal breeding, crop disease protection services, initial processing services of compressing, threshing, cleaning, shelling, curing and the like, irrigation services, farm repair and maintenance services, farm product assembly services, custom grist milling and ice harvesting. No "critical" employment is listed under the WMC guide for agricultural services. The production of packaging materials for shipping and preserving essential products is also listed as an essential class of employment.

In the category of "critical" employment, as it may affect the draft status of citizens of non-industrial smaller towns, is listed such work as the repair of automobiles, busses, trucks, tractors and farm equipment. However, it

is intended that in the category of repair services consideration be given only to individuals qualified to render all-round repair services on the types of equipment included in the essential list. Types of repair service other than the above are deemed "essential."

In the field of health and welfare services the critical classification is applied to physicians, surgeons, dentists, oculists, osteopaths, sanitary engineers, veterinarians engaged in farm live stock treatment, medical, dental and optical laboratories, pharmaceutical services, hospitals, nursing services, and institutional care. Into the "essential" class go mortuary services, auxiliary civilian welfare services to the armed forces, welfare services to civilians, church activities, accident and fire prevention services and structural pest control services. Only educational service considered critical is the United States Maritime Service Training program; most others are listed as essential services.

In the forestry and lumbering fields the only critical classifications are those of timber tracts and logging camps, cutting of pulpwood, wood for tanning extract, sawmills, veneer and planing and plywood mills.

Substantially, the guide system set up by WMC, which is in accordance with the directive to Selective Service by the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, James F. Byrnes, reflects the intensified demands on American resources of men and materials to wage the war, and the fact that the past years of war have absorbed the more readily available resources.

**War Expenditures at New High**

Evidence of the demands of a vast war effort is the fact that in December, according to the Treasury Department and the War Production Board, war expenditures averaged \$313,400,000 a day—a new high for the daily outlay. The daily rate last month was 14.8 per cent higher than in November.

**Consumer Front Little Changed**

The consumer front remained little changed with continued tight rationing controls by way of fairer distribution of limited wartime supplies. Most consumers recognize that 1945 will be a "tight" year for most commodities. Retail prices on smoked pork loins and loin cuts have been cut by OPA by one to two cents a pound and retail cent-per-pound ceiling prices were established on both kosher and non-kosher cooked corned beef briskets. Owing to the critical manpower situation in the Mansfield, Ohio, area, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., voluntarily stopped output of electric irons in its factory there (half of an authorized 157,000 irons had been completed). Every town, every business district is asked by the Government to turn off advertising signs, dim illumination and use electricity sparingly to save coal for winning the war.

**Hayesville**

Rev. R. Lane Akins spoke at the Baptist church Sunday morning on "Getting Ready for the Evangelistic Crusade." The church voted to adopt the crusade goals suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention, including the Sunday school goals. These will include a census, an extension department, a cradle roll, an enlargement campaign with study courses and visitation periods; a drive to enroll all resident church members in Sunday school, a vacation Bible school, a training school for the Sunday school workers, new classes, a drive for an increased enrollment of at least one-fourth and an increased attendance of at least one-half, a monthly visitation day, an evangelistic effort to win at least 75 converts; increased offerings to missions through tithes, and other aims.

The subject of the evening service was "Grow in Grace and Knowledge."

Everett Crawford and Miss Velma Beam were lay speakers in the services at Hickory Stand and Ogden Methodist churches Sunday. They spoke on the "Crusade For Christ." Rev. Clark W. Benson also conducted services at Oak Forest church Sunday night, speaking on "Wing Power."

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church is meeting today at the home of Mrs. Ed Curtis.

Community prayer services were held Monday at the home of Mrs. Paul Vaught.

About five million pounds of food will be stored in freezer locker plants in North Carolina during 1945. These plants will also cure about 8 to 10 million pounds of meat for farmers.

## Scouting With The Editor

THE GENERAL BOARD of the Baptist State Convention, composed mostly of preachers representing each region of the state, met last week in Raleigh. Being the only woman member present did not seem so strange to me, since my profession has on numerous occasions and at many events taken me into groups where I was the only woman. Nor did being an editor in that majority group of preachers seem so strange when I looked around to find three other editors—Sanford Martin of the Winston-Salem Journal; Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder; and Dr. Sylvester Green, of the Durham Morning Herald.

THE BOARD spent long hours mapping out the year's work and planning the budget. The educational committee found its task the hardest and sat in conference longer than any other. It falls to this committee's lot to supervise the work of and allocate the funds for our various educational institutions, and with each college pouncing upon them for a large share of the favors they will no doubt have many headaches in the year ahead.

THE PRINCIPAL NEWS developing from the board meeting was the unanimous passing of a resolution to dispense with all Baptist meetings, statewide or others that will require an attendance of as many as 50 and use public transportation, hotel and eating facilities while the ban on such meetings exists, making application for holding any kind of meeting only in case of emergency.

GOING TO RALEIGH via train was comfortable and was the occasion for meeting several interesting people. Mr. Damoff of the Champion Paper and Fiber Co., who used to spend a good deal of time in Murphy, was headed for the capitol city. Major Murphy of Texas thought that the Murphy for whom our town was named might have been an ancestor of his. C. B. McFee, Jr., of Asheville, who sells clothing at the Man Store knew several Murphy folks.

GOING THROUGH the New York car to the diner, I saw Martha Lee, en route to New York markets, and Loretta Ashe, who was accompanying Martha to visit her brother, Grover Ashe, who is in the Marine corps stationed in New York.

IN RALEIGH MONDAY Louise Myrick, who visited me here in October, and her little girl, Carrie Stell, came over from Tarboro to meet me, and we had a few hours together.

AT THE CAPITOL Tuesday our representative, Mrs. G. W. Cover, was receiving compliments from various legislators on the speech she had made that morning in behalf of the school teachers of the state. She said she just couldn't stand to see the requests of the teachers cast aside and the feelings of the NCEA representatives hurt, and it challenged her to make her first speech before the House. Mrs. Cover is the only woman in the Legislature this year and she is doing credit to the county she represents. She has been appointed chairman of the committee on enrolling bills and vice-chairman of the committee on public utilities, and is a member of various other committees.

THE FIRST familiar face I saw in Raleigh was that of Lee Parker, insurance executive, formerly of Ahoskie. Then I had occasion to chat a few minutes with newspaper friends, Bill Horner of Sanford, representing Lee county in the House, and Tom Bost, veteran news man whose principal work is for Greensboro Daily News, as its Raleigh representative; Thad Eure, Secretary of State (we were neighbors in Eastern N. C.); Rev. Oscar Creech, a

former pastor, who has been pastor of Ahoskie Baptist church for 20 years and will always be one of my favorite preachers; Dr. E. H. Potts, pastor of the First Baptist church, Elizabeth City; Dr. J. B. Turner of Laurinburg, who was instrumental in helping me land a summer job on the Raleigh Times following my freshman year in college; Jas. P. Davis of the War Food administration; Rev. Donald Myers of Wadesboro and Rev. S. L. Morgan, Jr., Dunn, Ridgecrest friends; and a few others whom it is always a pleasure to see.

MR. FRANK JARRETT, famous for the good food he and Mrs. Jarrett serve at Jarrett Springs hotel, Dillsboro, and father of Clyde Jarrett of Andrews, is a member of the General Board, and he was on the same train I was, on the return trip. He is interesting to converse with, praises Dillsboro whenever there is half an opportunity, and is sincerely devoted to the Baptist work in Western North Carolina. He particularly likes poetry, but he could not understand how I could keep my head in a book (The Green Years, Cronin) most of the way home. However, the only time I got to read is when I ride, eat or just before I sleep. While I read, Mr. Jarrett picked up two pocket magazines I carried along and found them worth a few minutes' reading. He later said if he traveled with me long he was afraid he'd get in the habit of reading and get "educated."

Dear Miss Cooke: In your "Scouring Around" column, you occasionally toss a few posies, where they are richly deserved, I have no doubt.

Since you do not have a Winchell's "Orchids To You" column, I would like to tell you a story that I personally believe rates orchids of the year.

There is an elderly man, Fred Sneed, who with his family reside in the country some distance from the rural mail route. His son, and I believe his youngest, is a soldier, who had been in the army some time before he was badly wounded, in the left side of his face and his left shoulder. All the father knew was that his son was in a hospital in France. You can imagine how anxious this father was. Every day he would trudge through the mud to the mail box to wait for the carrier, hoping, praying that he would hear from his son. Day after day, until the days grew into weeks and the weeks grew into seven . . . no word . . . no nothing . . . just grief.

The carrier on this route knew all his patrons and tried to look after them in the very best way he could, trying to accommodate them if the opportunity came his way. It almost broke his heart to have to tell this poor man each day that there was no mail for him. He just dreaded to get to this box for he knew that he would be there and that all he could do was to sadly shake his head and say "sorry, no mail today, maybe you will hear tomorrow." To him it was a pitiful sight to see the father turn away from the mail box and go back home with only his thoughts.

One Sunday this carrier, thinking to expedite his work for Monday went to the post office to case his letters, and in so doing he found three letters from this wounded soldier to his father. The thing that the carrier first thought of was the look on the father's face when he would not hear from his son. So the kind hearted carrier took these letters out all this long distance to the man, walking the muddy road where his car could not go, in order that he might lighten his grief and bring him happiness . . . news of his son . . .

So, won't you agree with me that John C. Odell, rural carrier on route 1, deserves the orchid of the year?

Sincerely,  
 THELMA DICKEY

## Our County Farm and Home Agents

During the past two weeks 4-H clubs have been held in Murphy, Hiwassee Dam and Andrews high schools; Peachtree, Martin's Creek, Ranger, Hiwassee Dam, Wolf Creek, Marble, Murphy and Andrews elementary schools.

Much interest was shown by the boys and girls of these schools in the selection of their projects for 1945. Cherokee County 4-H club boys and girls have done an excellent job during the past three years in helping to meet the national food, feed and fiber goals as well as participating in all war emergency programs and campaigns. It is expected that 1945 will again find 4-H clubsters "on the alert."