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MEDITATION

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that said unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. —Isaiah 52:7-10.

Give To Conquer Cancer

Cancer kills more mothers of school age children than any other disease. No home is safe from cancer. Last year cancer killed more mothers of growing families than any other disease. Tragic—but even more tragic is the fact that many of these deaths need never have happened. Many of the mothers who now die could be cured if they learned to recognize cancer's symptoms and seek medical advice immediately, if sufficient money can be found for the cancer research needed to discover the causes of the disease, to perfect its treatment. The American Cancer Society, through its program of public education and medical research, is dedicated to the conquest of cancer. If you have not made a contribution to the cancer control drive, do so now. Cancer does not wait.

Because of the need of expansion of research, as well as treatment of the disease, every citizen should dedicate some of his time, talent and money to assisting with the drive to raise funds. Do your part to help control this cruel killer, it must be stamped out.

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Lions Club Sees Two Pictures At Tuesday Meeting

Murphy Lions club saw the showing of two motion pictures, the Red Cross film, "Danger is Your Companion", and one on wire and steel at the meeting held Tuesday evening in the Methodist church.

W. M. Davis was program chairman, and Glenn Patton showed the pictures.

Lion President H. G. Elkins called for a report on the Adult Scout membership drive, from Dale Lee, who stated that only about \$50 of the club's \$500 quota had as yet been contributed.

Glenn Raper was a guest of John Davidson. Howard Adair, a new father, had his necktie cut off by John Davidson and Mack Patton. Because he had sewed his tie to his shirt and had rigged up an apparatus to shoot water into the face of his attackers, they also cut off his shirt tail.

Marble Splits With Hayesville And Franklin

The Marble baseball nine continued their winning ways at Marble Sunday by trouncing a fighting Hayesville team by a score of 19 to seven.

Tall Silas Lance worked on the mound for Marble fanning eight and giving up only eight hits in the hectic battle. Parker and Humphries were the leading hitters for the Marble nine collecting five for six and three for four. Lance was credited with the win, while Stanley the starter for Hayesville was the loser.

Franklin Wins

The Marble entry of the Smoky Mountain league lost their first game of the season at Marble last Saturday falling before the Franklin team in a league game by a score of 15 to 6. This was the first loss in three league games. Humphries started on the mound for Marble and before the first inning was over the Franklin team had scored 11 runs. Hughes relieved Humphries in the second and finished the game. Carbin was the winning pitcher. James Coffey lead Marble at the plate getting three for five while Price paced the Franklin attack.

Eighth Graders Honored At Party

ANDREWS—Mrs. Annie Ruby Barnett and Mrs. Mary Barnard Jones gave a party in the Youth Building last Friday night to their eighth grade pupils.

Many games were played throughout the evening.

The grade mothers: Mrs. C. C. Washam, Mrs. Louise Cooper, Mrs. Lucille Bell, and Mrs. Mae Taylor were invited guests along with principal and Mrs. Boyd Robinson.

Bishop Paul Kern Speaks Sunday On Methodist Hour

The Radio Broadcast of The Methodist Hour every Sunday morning at 8:30 for three months, began the first Sunday in April. This broadcast is carried by an independent network of 66 stations with headquarters station WSB, Atlanta, Ga. These broadcasts may be heard over most any of stations, such as WNOX, WSB, WWNC, and many others. An outstanding speaker brings the message each Sunday morning.

Sunday, April 25, Dr. Roy Short, Editor-in-Chief of The Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn., was the speaker. Next Sunday, May 2, Bishop Paul B. Kern, President of The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. He will be speaking from the seat of the General Conference, now meeting in Boston, Mass. Music will be furnished by the Seminary Singers of Boston University.

Mrs. Kenneth Davis and daughter, Kenny Jane, returned Sunday from a month's visit with relatives in Winston Salem. They were joined on Friday by Mr. Davis, for the wedding of Mrs. Davis' brother, David E. Day and Miss Rebecca Brown, which occurred on Saturday afternoon at Emanuel Moravian church at Winston-Salem. Mr. Davis returned with Mrs. Davis and daughter.

National Family Week Is May 2-9

The week of May 2-9 is National Family week. Churches, schools, governments, (national, state, county and municipal,) and civic clubs are asked to cooperate in observing this occasion. This week will be observed especially at the First Methodist church here. Special services will be preached Sunday, May 2, Wednesday, May 5; and Sunday, May 9. Mother's day will be observed as a climax to this week of special emphasis on the family.

Baptists Have Two Important Meetings Soon

The interest of Baptists of this community will be focused upon two important meetings within the next few weeks. One is the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, May 19 through 23. The other will be Baptist Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 1 through 6.

At the Southern Baptist Convention, an annual meeting, plans and policies for the coming year are made by all cooperating churches of the convention. The Southern Baptist Convention is composed of 21,401 churches, with 6,270,819 members. Of that number, 3,450 are city churches, 3,562 are in towns, 4,173 in villages and 15,216 are located in the open country.

This year one of the outstanding events at the convention will be the Friday night program, when missionaries of the Home Board will give a picture of the spiritual condition of America, and will tell of the work being done by Baptists to make America more Christian.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, employs 720 missionaries who serve in the eighteen states of the Southern Baptist Convention, the District of Columbia, Cuba, Panama, Costa Rica, and the Canal Zone. During 1947 these missionaries reported 24,221 conversions.

Evangelism and the problems of rural church life will be the topics of discussion at the conferences at Ridgecrest. Baptist leaders from every section of the South will participate in these conferences. The improvement of the spiritual life of rural America will be the aim of these meetings.

TO THE YEARS

By Nora Cobb Spencer

As youth flees and age approaches, We wonder at its easy tread. When winter's snow softly encroaches On autumn's glamour, why need we dread?

Old colors are the mellowest, The mountain peaks are old and grand; On their dizzy heights the sun's rays rest As they stretch their shadows o'er the land.

Old stately trees cast deepest shades, Their arms made strong by rain and storm, Their bosoms warm by sunshine made Give birds a refuge from all harm.

The seas as old as vales and hills, Restless and changing through ages past— Old places, old boulders, the old mill Stir hallowed memories that hold fast.

Aye, the years, you etch our faces With lines of sorrow, joy and pain— Erase not one they mark the paces On our march to life's refrain.

Conference Being Held In Boston

The General Conference of the Methodist church is holding its quadrennial meeting in Boston, Mass., April 28-May 9.

The programs began Wednesday morning and will end on Sunday, May 9, at an evening session. Outstanding speakers from all over the world will take part on the program.

First Methodist church here observed Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27-28, as days of prayer and fasting for the conference. The doors of the church were open all day for those who desired to come to the auditorium and pray.



SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 1-7. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 122:1-9.

Nehemiah Rebuilds Jerusalem

Lesson for May 2, 1948

BORN and reared in Persia, Nehemiah appears in the opening scene of his prophecy as cup bearer to King Artaxerxes in the royal palace at Shushan. He was a favorite at court, due, no doubt, to his personality and training, plus a keen desire to serve his people. He obtained a royal order from Artaxerxes, granting him passage to Jerusalem. It was a long and dangerous journey, but

Dr. Newton

Nehemiah travelled not only with letters from the king, but assurance in his heart that he was on the Lord's mission. He was given authority to seek help from other nations. Just how much help he received from other nations is not definitely certified, but we do know that he achieved the high purpose which God had put in his heart. He governed the city wisely for a dozen years, and wrought many notable reforms. Read the first seven chapters of Nehemiah for the complete story. Read also Psalms 122:1-9.

WHEN FRIENDS WORK TOGETHER

UPON arrival in Jerusalem, Nehemiah made a tour of the city by night. He was shocked and amazed at the ruins. He called upon the people to come and help rebuild the walls. And they were impressed with the earnestness and sincerity and courage of his call. "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work," Nehemiah 4:6.

There is work for everyone who is of a willing mind. There is work in the home. Boys and girls who pitch in and share in the everyday work of the home make glad the hearts of their parents, and at the same time they are learning how to care for their own homes when they grow up.

STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

NEHEMIAH set the people together in families, with tools for work and weapons for defense against the enemy. And in this union of numbers there was both strength and courage. We need today to learn anew this lesson of working together. So often we witness evidence of people pulling against one another. We see it in the home and in the school and in the wider areas of life—in politics and in the clash between capital and labor.

THOSE WHO OPPOSED NEHEMIAH

OUR lesson describes not only the courage and wisdom of Nehemiah in getting the Jews to work and work together, but it tells us about those who opposed the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Sanballat was the governor of Samaria, and when he heard that Nehemiah was rebuilding Jerusalem, he put in to defeat him by many schemes of sabotage.

He began with ridicule. "What do these feeble Jews?" he scoffingly asked. Ridicule is always one of the weapons of those who would tear down and destroy. Young people will do well to guard themselves against the snare of cynicism. It is a dangerous thing. Sanballat and his cohorts, Tobiah, and certain Arabians and Ammonites and Ashdodites, conspired to hinder Nehemiah in many devious attacks; but the people worked and fought, in the name of the Lord.

WHAT MAKES A REAL LEADER?

THIS is the question which will inevitably arise as we study this lesson. How could one man inspire people to undertake the impossible? First, Nehemiah relied implicitly upon God's help. Second, he threw himself into the task, fearlessly and intelligently. Third, he possessed the quality of inspiring faith and hope in others. These are the qualities that make a real leader, anywhere, any time.

How do we need such leaders today! And the Bible speaks to us, in the story of Nehemiah, reminding us how real leaders are produced. Read the 122nd Psalm. Here is the secret of it all—"They shall prosper that love thee." Every difficulty confronting the home, the community, the nation, the world, can be met and mastered, provided we tackle it in the name of the Lord, relying upon his wisdom, his strength, his poise.

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Miss Mary E. Jones who has been ill for sometime has resigned her position as teacher and gone to the home of her sister in Ware Shoals, S. C.

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