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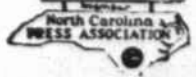
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Meditation

"Patience; kindness; generosity; humility; courtesy; unselfishness; good temper; guilelessness; sincerity—these make up the supreme gift; the stature of the perfect man. You will observe that all are in relation to men, in relation to life, in relation to the known to-day and the near to-morrow, and not to the unknown eternity. We bear much of love to God; Christ spoke much of love to man. We make a great deal of peace with heaven; Christ made much of peace on earth. Religion is not a strange or added thing, but the inspiration of the secular life, the breathing of an eternal spirit through this temporal world. The supreme thing, in short, is not a thing at all, but the giving of a further finish to the multitudinous words and acts which make up the sum of every common day."

Register

Don't forget to register for the beer and wine election scheduled for February 14. All interested citizens of Murphy should register. Registration days are January 19 and 20 and February 2. Books will be open from 9 a. m. until sunset. On all week days except Saturday the registration books will be open during the same hours at the home of the registrar, Mrs. Max Sneed.

Blood Needed

The fighting men in Korea need your blood. Do your share. Many of them are giving all. Be sure to visit the Red Cross Bloodmobile Friday at First Baptist Church between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Is It Right?

Is it right to build churches to save men's souls, and at the same time license shops that destroy men?
Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk, and then punish him for getting drunk?
Is it right to license a man to make paupers, criminals and insane, and then tax sober people to support these paupers, criminals and insane?
Is it right to license a saloon to breed vice, and then tax people for schools to teach virtue?
Is it right to derive revenue from a traffic which scientists, medical authorities, and educators cannot defend?
—The Patriot.

The March of Dimes drive is on. This is a worthy cause. It takes much money to finance the treatment of polio victims. If all will give no one will be "injured by giving."

Looking Over A Four-H Clover

BY FRANCES PUETT, ASSISTANT HOME AGENT

MURPHY HIGH CLUB ENTERS CONTEST

Each year different club members enter contests and winners are chosen. But what can a club do in a contest? Members of the Murphy High School 4-H Club have enthusiasm for the Rural Arts and Recreation program. At their last club meeting all the members voted to carry out activities that would enable them to enter the contest as a club.

The purpose of this program is to develop a higher appreciation of the cultural value of rural arts

in homes and communities, to develop personal and community resources that make for improving leisure time and happiness throughout life, to make 4-H programs more attractive and self-satisfying to learn to lead recreational activities as well as to follow, to make friends by participating as a member of a recreation group.

Under the leadership of their president, Emma Jean Shields, the club has set up a recreation committee that will make plans and

Scouting With The Editor

IF THE TEMPERANCE meeting at the courthouse Monday evening was any indication of how the people of Murphy will vote on February 14 in the beer and wine election, we can draw three conclusions: There are hundreds who are opposed to alcoholic beverages, proven by their attendance at a meeting called by temperance forces; most city and county officials including law enforcement officers, were too busy or disinterested, evidenced by their absence from the meeting; and many county people are looking with disfavor upon Murphy's calling the election after they voted almost 10 to 1 against beer and wine three years ago, shown by their attending the meeting.

THE BRITAIN AND AXLEY families have my deepest sympathy. To lose two loved ones in one day was a shocking experience, and my heart goes out to those who were near to Mrs. L. W. Brittain and her son-in-law, Mr. Tom Axley. I did not know Mrs. Brittain well, but in all the years I've been in Murphy, I have had pleasant business dealings with Mr. Axley. The community has suffered a great loss in these deaths. It is singular that a similar incident occurred in 1926, when on March 1 Mr. L. W. Brittain died, and the following day Mr. Luther D. Axley, a brother of Mr. Tom Axley, died.

THE MOVING at my house about which I wrote last week, has been completed, except for straightening up the things I have had to crawl into one apartment. The Don Ellises moved in Tuesday.

THE GENERAL CLEAN-UP resulting from the moving has brought back many memories. For instance, a little dog collar that I had not seen for years recalled the beautiful spitz, Jackie, named for the person who gave her to me. I used to have and the days when Mother would stroll down the streets of Gatesville with her on a leash, both looking happy and distinguished—and the little puppies that arrived at intervals during Jackie's lifetime. Pictures of them were unearthed in the clean-up. There are scrap books, family pictures, travel pictures, letters, souvenirs, many things to bring back memories that will be cherished always.

Count your assets. If you have a clear conscience and a good liver, if you have three good friends and a happy home, if your heart has kept its youth and your soul its honesty, then you are one of life's millionaires.—Clipped

help guide the various community activities. Chairman of this committee is James Smith. Other members are Christine Elliott, Jerry Ruth Smith, Billy Killian, Dirk Elliott, Emma Jean Shields.

This program offers many opportunities for 4-H community activities such as nature trails, outdoor sports, indoor sports, crafts, folk dancing, folk lore, fishing, etc. A \$25 cash prize will be given to outstanding clubs in the State or purchase of recreational equipment. Not more than ten counties in the State shall qualify for cash awards.

The Murphy Club has several leaders in the different phases of the program. James Smith is the county council recreation chairman. Jerry Ruth Smith has a special interest in music and is one of the council music leaders, besides being club pianist. Christine Elliott, 1951 Wildlife co-winner, is a "pusher" for study of wildlife. Various members have received special recreational training and have been in charge of recreation program. Some have studied arts and crafts, been leaders at camp, or excelled in sports. At least ten communities are represented in this club. Their plan is to direct some phase of Recreation and Rural Arts in each community.

College Publishes '52 Farm Outlook

What does 1952 hold in store for North Carolina's nearly 300,000 farm families?

Specialists of the State College Extension Service have put their heads together and come up with a summary of the State's agricultural outlook for the new year. Their findings are included in a 16-page publication called "North Carolina's 1952 Agricultural Outlook," copies of which may be obtained free from the local county farm and home agent or by writing the Publications Department, State College Station, Raleigh.

Basic data in the booklet were taken from publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agricultural Economics and from the "Farm Report" of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The situation and outlook statements were prepared by Mamie Whisman, home management specialist, and Dorris D. Brown, farm management specialist, both of the State College Extension Service. The recommendations presented for various farm enterprises were

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"GOOD MEN and TRUE"

THE TWO FUNDAMENTALS IN OUR AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE ARE: THE LEGAL PROVISION THAT A PERSON ON TRIAL MUST BE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY— AND THE RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY, WHICH PROTECTS THE INDIVIDUAL AND SAFEGUARDS SOCIETY AGAINST IRRESPONSIBLE POWER.



IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THIS SYSTEM OF JUSTICE BY SERVICE ON A JURY—TO REGARD IT AS A DUTY TO BE ACCEPTED WITH PRIDE AND EXERCISED WITH FULL REALIZATION THAT SUCH SERVICE IS VITAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF DEMOCRACY.

GIVE Voluntarily TO MARCH OF DIMES For PATIENT CARE RESEARCH EDUCATION
FIGHT HEARTSILE PARALYSIS
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Why I Will Not Vote For, Sell, Buy Or Drink Beer, Wine, Or Whiskey

By A. G. BROOKS

I will not vote for intoxicating beverages for my neighbors sake. I live with regard to my neighbor in the town or near-by country. Intoxicating beverages brought into my town, sold and drunk here would be a hurt to my neighbor who believes in civic moral decency. My vote will not be cast to hurt my neighbor and his family. I will not vote for, buy or drink intoxicating beverages for my own sake. I am glad to be living in

Are Ye Able?

By Riley Middleton
"Are ye able?" asks the Master, And with uplifted eyes we reply, "Yea, Lord, we are able and willing."

And then our faith we let die, "Are ye able?" still he asks, And, remembering the past, we falter.

Are ye able to do his bidding, To commit ourselves at his altar? "Are ye able?" again he reminds us.

As desperately we seek to find A place to escape his searching eyes;

A rest for our troubled mind, Vainly we try to ignore his challenge.

We know our wills are weak, Could we serve a god so demanding

A god whose will we must seek? And then the answer we suddenly know,

Could we have been so blind! A perfect life for us was given To offer us a life so sublime. "Are ye able?" again the question rings

Within our hearts so clear, And now without pause our answer comes;

"Yea, Lord, if thou wilt be near," Are Ye Able is a religious type poem; one which carries with each line a new idea and aspect as to the trial and indecision a man goes through before he realizes that God's strength is all sufficient to carry him through the storms of life.

drawn up by other specialists of the Extension Service.

Neighbor:
THE BLOOD YOU GIVE THROUGH YOUR RED CROSS TODAY MIGHT SAVE THE LIFE OF A NEIGHBOR TOMORROW.

Letters To Editor

Andrews, N. C.

Dear Editor: Congratulations on your cartoon appearing in a late issue of your most esteemed paper, THE SCOUT, showing John Barley Corn as he begins to coil for another strike in an attempt to legalize the sale of wine and beer in the towns of Cherokee County.

To make the sale of wine and beer legal would give the great killer King Alcohol an extra blow to bring down the morals of our country. Alcohol is one of the greatest killers that has ever invaded the haunts of man.

Alcohol strikes in many other ways. It is the direct cause of thousands of highway accidents in which hundreds of innocent parties have to suffer.

It breaks up homes. It breaks hearts. It severs the bonds of friendship. It causes them to kill their best friends. It starves innocent women and children and brings them to rags and tatters.

Don't let anyone make you believe that people are going to have it regardless, and it would be better to get the taxes on it.

A beer den in your town will bring your children and your neighbor's in contact with the evil influences therein. To have it handy makes it more difficult for those who are wont to use it. Alcohol dens are breeding places for recruits. How do you know your child will not be one of them?

Don't ever let anyone make you believe that prohibition could not be enforced if we elect the right sort of men to transact the business of our country. In many instances we elect alcoholics to our offices. They won't line themselves against alcohol. As you know a house divided against itself cannot stand. Just as a dope fiend, they don't want it put out of existence.

Why can't our officers enforce prohibition? We don't expect them to put alcoholic beverages entirely out of existence. We have a law against stealing. However, some stealing goes on. Can we afford to repeal the law against stealing?

The divine law says, "Woe unto him that puts the bottle to his neighbor's mouth." Remember, if you help make wine and beer legal, you have lined yourself up on the side of the evil forces that support legal alcohol and you have helped put the bottle to your neighbor's mouth.
Henry M. Mason

appreciate health. Intoxicating drink causes broken health and a pre-mature grave for the drinker. Drinking and driving cause the highways to be unsafe, with a high increase in the rate of fatal accidents. My vote for beer now could mean my death shortly by the carelessness of some drunken driver.

I will not vote for nor have anything to do with intoxicating beverages for my character's sake. I do not want to be classed with the wicked people of the world. Beverage alcohol affects the mind. One's judgment is weakened by even one drink of beer or other intoxicants. The highest level of the mind is judgment. Alcohol always starts at the top in destroying the mind and personality in drunkenness. As one drinks more beer, his reason, sensation and emotions are affected. Intoxicating beverages contain the poison that brings about drunkenness. I will not vote for the thing that will weaken the intelligence of our people.

Because of my love for my family I will not vote for beverages which will make people drunk, weaken their morals and decency and jeopardize the safety and welfare of my family and my neighbor's family.

I will not vote for intoxicating beverages for my soul's sake and neighbor's soul's sake. God's word teaches that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven, that all drunkards shall have their place in hell forever. God says, woe to the man who gives his neighbor drink. I do not want to send my neighbor to hell by my vote, nor do I want to be condemned by an Almighty God.

I will not vote for beer, wine or whiskey for the sake of Jesus Christ. I bear His Name as a Christian because He has saved me by His blood which he shed on Calvary. I want to be like Him in my life and relationships to my neighbors.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:10-17; Luke 11:27-28
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 9:34-38

About Face

Lesson for January 20, 1952

TAX collectors and customs officers in these days are highly respectable men. They are not (officially) popular; but every one knows they are necessary. What they collect is fixed by law, and they get no commission on their collections. They live on a salary also fixed by law. If any one feels "gouged" by taxes he never accuses the collector, the fault is somewhere else.



Now in Palestine. In the time of Christ, it was different. Throughout the gospels the name "publican" or, as translated in present-day English, "tax-collector", is evidently a name for a mean man. Jesus himself used publicans as examples of the lowest level of society. The reason was this: In the Roman system of tax collection, the privilege of levying taxes in a given district was "farmed out", that is to say, offered at auction. The highest bidder was given the franchise, and then he, or men he hired, would proceed to collect all the traffic would bear. Palestine at that time was under the Romans, and the Jews had the army of occupation with them year after year. What the tax collectors did was to turn over to the Romans what the Romans wanted, and everything over and above that amount went into the collector's strong-box.

A Christian's Job

ONE day Jesus just said "follow me" to one of these men, Matthew, and the man got up and followed him. So far as we know, he never set foot in his office again. Very likely, as a great preacher has suggested, this was not the first time Matthew had seen Jesus. Possibly they had had conversations before, out of business hours. The preacher goes on to suggest that if they have come to love the Lord, but never have seen just what he would leave it.

Matthew, I believe, will tell us a little more about a publican and a follower of Jesus. This raises a question: Are there occupations today which a true Christian cannot follow without sin? There was a dope peddler one night sitting on a stone wall outside a New England church. Somehow the Spirit of God blessed the singing that night, for one of the hymns sang its way straight into that man's heart, and that very hour he threw his packet of dope away and became a Christian. He never went back to that business. We can all see that he was right; but are there other businesses also that cannot have the blessing of Christ upon them?

Whom Do You Follow?

THE story of Matthew suggests T also that every one is some kind of follower. Some people just "follow their noses", that is, they just keep on in the routine of their lives, doing today what they did yesterday just because they have the habit of living in this way. Others follow an ambition, others a desire for revenge, others follow pleasure, others attach themselves to a leader (political, social or what not) and follow somebody else's lead.

The tragedy of the Christian church is that although every Christian, or rather every church member, has solemnly promised to follow Jesus Christ, they don't all follow him, by any means. They go right on following habit, or pleasure, or ambition, and they do not ask (as Matthew must have asked) whether these things are such as Christ can bless, or not.

In spite of Jesus' plain statement: You cannot serve God and Mammon (the god of money), people go right on serving Mammon in spite of their Christian profession.

About Face!

THE word "conversion" means simply "turning around". It means turning all the way around. When the sergeant says "About Face!" it won't do for the rookie to twist his face around, or to turn one foot. It's all the way or nothing.

Yet when Jesus our Commander gives the command "About Face!" how many Christians barely move a muscle!

The church is too well loved with half-converted people. They are turned around enough to go to church, but the rest of the week they are headed just the same way the world is headed. What we need is more Matthews, converted 100 per cent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ferguson of Peachtree visited Woody Raxler Sunday.

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