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Meditation

Nay, I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world; but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because we are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God, through Christ.—Galatians.

Amature Mechanic

We never cease to wonder at the man who will rush the family car to the repair shop at the first sound of an engine sputter and c " in the heating expert when the oil burner acts up, and yet when something goes wrong in his own, infinitely more complicated system, indulges in self-diagnosis and home remedy. A small sore on his lip... and he applies salve from the family medicine chest. When the sore refuses to heal, he blames it on the salve and buys another brand. Or maybe a mole that he's had since childhood starts changing in color or size. He studies it in his mirror while shaving, and decides it's "nothing to worry about. They say those things change as you get older."

His wife, who has the same respect for engines and machines and mechanical devices as her husband, sends the vacuum cleaner out for repairs when it begins to heat up. She pauses at her household chores to remember that she noticed a small lump in her breast while dressing, and reminded herself that she'd better look into it one of these days... that is, if it doesn't go away "soon."

Familiar? Alarming? So... because these are symptoms that might mean cancer. They do mean an immediate visit to the doctor for prompt diagnosis and, if cancer is indicated, prompt treatment. The appalling loss of life to this, the nation's second chief killer, could be cut one-third today if men and women came to their physicians in time. The American Cancer Society lists the seven danger signals of cancer that call for prompt action on your part:

1. Any sore that does not heal, elsewhere.
2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Any change in a wart or mole.
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

An early visit to your doctor, when any one of these conditions is evident, might make the difference to you or your family or to relatives and friends between "cured" and "condemned." It's your job to know and act upon these danger signals. If you can't remember them, cut them out and paste them on the inside of your medicine cabinet.

At the first sign of any of these symptoms, take yourself down to the man who knows what to do about it—your doctor. Give yourself the same break you're giving your car or toaster or lawn-mower. And give to the 1952 Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society.

Band For Andrews

The Andrews Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting next Monday night, a meeting that should be attended by every person who has stood and wondered, "Why can't we have a band?" when they watched the towns around us, one by one, coming through with a classy school band.

BOOKS AND PEOPLE

By PHYLLIS M. SNYDER

Regional Librarian

(Continued from last week)
Other titles on the list which are in our book collection include: Marjorie Louise Bracher's LOVE IS NO LUXURY. "Here is a book in which it is refreshingly evident that the writer knows what she is writing about. The meaning and purpose of a Christian family are told simply, but with critical insight. This is far removed from the average run of books about love and marriage."

Charles Buttrick's SO WE BELIEVE SO WE PRAY. "Some books deal with the basis of Christian belief and some with the life of devotion, but George Buttrick's book deals with both and deals with them together. It is both reverent and sound." Harry Emerson Fosdick's RUFUS JONES SPEAKS TO OUR TIME. "Rufus M. Jones, who died in 1948, was one of the great men of our generation. He wrote fifty-six books. Now his long-time friend, Dr. Fosdick, does a splendid job of producing a Jones anthology."

William Loos, ed. RELIGIOUS FAITH AND WORLD CULTURE.

"The educational work of the Church Peace Union is both demonstrated and justified by this book. Famous men of many faiths, including both Martin Bumer and Father D'Arroy, write the chapters, but William Loos has given the contributions a real unity."

Robert J. McCracken's QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK. "The minister of the Riverside Church of New York knows what problems are uppermost in the minds of modern men and women and he addresses himself rare directness to these problems." (Having heard Robert McCracken preach many a Sunday morning at Riverside Church, I can't refrain from adding a few words about QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK. Dr. McCracken was born and educated in Scotland and to hear him is to know it. His speech has a flavor almost as appealing as his ability to make each member of that large congregation feel the personal message of his sermons. The book illustrates the directness of his sermons. The titles in the collection clearly reflect individual problems, spiritual and practical.

Here are a few: How does one learn to pray? Can we follow Jesus today? How does one get on top of irritability and depression? What should be the Christian attitude to Communism?

Arnold S. Nash, ed. PROTESTANT THOUGHT IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. "The editor of this volume has performed a valuable service in collecting and directing a very strong team to show the new vitality in theological thinking in our time. There are no weak chapters in the collection."

Howard Thurman's DEEP IS THE HUNGER. "Whatever Howard Thurman writes is unconventional, but the very unconventionality of his writing demand the reader's attention. This book is no exception. Each meditation is short and none is padded."

Elton Trueblood's THE LIFE WE PRIZE. "This new Trueblood book is a bold, ringing proclamation of a way of life that can and must endure. This is the book to read to know something about our precious heritage—how it can be put to work—how it can set us free."

Scouting With The Editor

THOUGH CLOUDS THREATENED, Easter was a pretty day, and more people went to church in this county than on any other one day the past year. From early morning throughout the day, they found their way into the places of worship. Spring having already entered with a galaxy of lovely flowers and budding trees, the newness associated with Easter was even more evident than in recent years when the observance came earlier.

SOME OF MY FRIENDS got up at 4 a. m. Sunday to attend the early service at Fields of the Wood. As usual that dramatization attracted people from many states. Someone counted 800 cars, 24 trucks and 12 buses, all filled with folks. Some were so sleepy from long hours of riding they missed the services.

THE FIRST SERVICE I attended was at 7 a. m. at Petrie Hospital, the joint sunrise program of Murphy churches. Only about 50 people got up early enough to be there, and those not coming missed a good beginning for the day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, worship service, mission Sunday School, concert at Presbyterian Church, Training Union, and worship service—these followed the sunrise service, and when the day ended, my energy was gone, but it had been a glorious experience!

EGG HUNTS always remind me of my childhood, when I looked forward eagerly every Easter to coloring, hiding and hunting eggs. Saturday at noon I got out of bed (having been sick from food poisoning for 24 hours) and went to see my mission Sunday School children enjoy an egg hunt. Mrs. W. A. Sherrill and her boys had gone on before and hidden the eggs, and our 30 youngsters had much fun finding them.

MY FRIENDS know how much I enjoy flowers, so they remembered me on Easter with two orchids, and only a few days ago there came some beautiful red roses, and before that lovely bouquets of jonquils. How they thrill my heart this week I'm enjoying lilacs from my garden. This cold weather has kept them from opening fully, but they are pretty, anyway. There are many lovely wild flowers to be found now, among them the trillium which is blooming in profusion, especially in the Nantahala gorge. The red bud has been pretty here for several days, and dogwood is about to burst into full bloom.

They watched the towns around us, one by one, coming through with a classy school band. There's few who will doubt that a school band lends spark and color to a ball game; that a school band gives atmosphere to town parades and public gatherings. Some will realize that a band allows expression for children, a wholesome outlet for their desire to create. Others will even foresee development of a child with special talent, a professional musician, perhaps.

But all this doesn't come as a gift from a fairy god-mother. It takes time, it takes money, and it certainly takes interest—not of a dozen people, but of many persons.

So let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and show our sincerity by attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night, and coming with ideas that we may share with others. If you want a band, then be a booster.—The Andrews Journal.

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

FOR THE SIMPLER LIFE IN THE EARLY DAYS OF OUR COUNTRY, SCHOOLING IN THE "THREE R'S" MET THE NEEDS OF THE AVERAGE PERSON.



AS INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS HAVE GROWN, OUR SCHOOL SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN BROADENED TO MEET THE NEED OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS WELL.



TODAY, IN PREPARING OUR YOUNGSTERS FOR LIVING, OUR SCHOOLS, MORE AND MORE, ARE TRAINING THEM IN MONEY MANAGEMENT—TEACHING THEM THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SAVINGS, INVESTMENT, LIFE INSURANCE, HOME OWNERSHIP—AS WELL AS HOW TO BUDGET THEIR EARNINGS.

Looking Over A Four-H Clover

By FRANCES PUETT And M. B. WRIGHT

COUNTY TALENT SHOW AND AMATEUR NIGHT

Four-H club members are making plans to enter the County Talent Show and Amateur Night, May 2, 8 p. m., Murphy School Auditorium. Each club has set up a committee to be sure they are well represented on this night.

This talent show is being sponsored by the County Home Demonstration Council in observance of National Home Demonstration Week. Each person or group in 4-H or H. D. club is asked to fill in an entry blank by April 28. These blanks are available through the agents' office.

SPECIAL EVENTS TO COME

Four-H Church Sunday, May 18; Four-H Club Day, June 13; Dress Review, Dairy Foods Contest, Public Speaking, Health Contest; Four-H Club Camp, June 30-July 5.

POULTRY CHAIN

The following 4-H members have been chosen to participate in the 4-H Poultry Chain, 1952: Jack Garrett, Unaka; Jimmy Mintz, Rt. 3, Murphy; Billy Parker, Rt. 1, Marble; Ruth Logan, Rt. 2, Murphy; Don Peacock, Murphy; Roger Swanson, Ranger; J. B. Curtis, Unaka; Jerry Ruth Smith, Rt. 2, Murphy; Ted Anderson, Rt. 2, Murphy.

These boys and girls will receive their chicks Thursday, April 17, at the Farmers Federation, 3 p. m.

GROW BETTER 4-H CHICKS

Raise your pullets separately from old birds. By following this practice you will have healthy and well-developed pullets to put in the laying house. Old hens drive young chicks away from feed and water, thus causing stunted and unthrifty chicks.

The flock that lays is the one that pays. Cull out poor layers as soon as they appear in the flock. In order to build successfully a flock must be fed and managed well. Good hens will appear as culls unless they receive good rations and good care.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Bill Sloan, N. P. & L. Representative, presented a program to the 4-H Council group, leaders, and parents, Tuesday evening. He showed a silent film of scenes he had taken last summer at 4-H Camp Schaub in which several Cherokee County 4-H'ers were present. There were scenes of farm and home projects showing labor saving devices and the use of electricity in projects that made for better production and easier work in poultry dairying, growing of plants, etc.

Mr. Sloan explained the purpose of Farm & Home Electric project, the awards offered, and the State 4-H Electric Congress held in Raleigh each year for winners in the project. N. P. & L. Company sponsors this trip and the prizes for the winners in this district.

After the program there was a short business session and fellowship of the group. Jerry Ruth Smith, council music leader led the group in a short recreation period.

Win Play Awards

Frances Robinson and Guy Dockery won distinction for their portrayals of Alice and Grandpa in the Murphy High Seniors' presentation of "You Can't Take It With You" April 11 and 12. Second place awards went to Emma Jean Shields and Ray Sims.



An Expensive Bite! There Would Have Been Many Less If None Had Been Drinking!

Postmasters . . .

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dean of WNC postmasters," and who, in turn, introduced the speaker, Mr. Ackerman.

Mr. Ackerman is Inspector in charge of the Atlanta Division which covers the areas of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Expressing his pleasure for the opportunity for a visit to Western North Carolina, Mr. Ackerman directed his remarks to the postmasters, commending them for past and present service and suggesting methods of improvement. Mr. Ackerman stated that a postmaster must remember that sympathy and guidance is needed by each employee under him.

He stated that special respect and appreciation is due to rural and town carriers, whose loyalty and faithfulness to duty, often in the face of physical discomfort, is unsurpassed in any field of work.

He urged a training program by each postmaster so that in case of illness or other emergency requiring the absence of a regular employee, there might be a capable and trained substitute.

He warned against discouragement in the event of extra work and of criticism. He assured the postmasters that good service was appreciated, at least by part of the public served.

Mr. Ackerman urged promptness in making of reports and in the remittance of funds.

He suggested an overhauling, on the local level, of Star route schedules to see that they are modern and meeting the needs of changing conditions.

Mr. Ackerman stressed the importance of adequate supervision. He suggested advance planning, and continuous study and the putting of knowledge to work.

On the lighter side Mr. Ackerman suggested that postal clerks be chosen who have attractive smiles and are not slow to use them.

He concluded by complimenting the District 12 postmasters as a group and by singing out several whom he had had occasion to commend.

The Copperhill Quartet, of Copperhill, Tenn., sang several gospel songs. They were encored enthusiastically and were very popular with the audience.

Galusha Pullum, Andrews postmaster, Chairman of the District, presided at a business meeting.

Officers were elected for the coming year. Charlie Potts, postmaster of Highlands, was chosen chairman and Thurman Smith, postmaster of Hazelwood was re-elected secretary.

Sylvia extended an invitation for the group to meet there for their August meeting.

W. T. Martin, Bryson City postmaster, expressed the thanks of the group to Mr. Ackerman for his address and to Mr. Ray for his excellent program.

Approximately 85 persons attended the meeting, including six inspectors, in addition to Inspector in Charge M. H. Ackerman. Other inspectors attending were Kenneth Brown and G. C. Harris, of Asheville; M. V. Saylor, J. N. Towns, Maurice Campbell and Mr. Najour, all of Atlanta.

Egg Hunt Given For Sunbeams

The Sunbeams of First Baptist church had an egg hunt Friday at 3:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Jewell Miller. Thirty-two children enjoyed the hunt.

Refreshments were served to the guests by Mesdames Everett English, Lewis King, Calvin Stiles, M. L. Williams and Jewell Miller.

RANGER

The Rev. Alfred Smith filled his regular appointment at Ranger Methodist Church Sunday.

Jess Winget spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Dickey at Copperhill, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent the weekend with Mrs. Iduma Baily.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hughes and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hughes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Evans of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hedrick and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed and family.

Miss Medley Fox is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Art Lashaw, in Murphy.

Postell

Mrs. Mary Henry spent Saturday night with Mrs. Eliza Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stiles visited the former's brother, Hershell, and family at Marble Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Long of Ducktown visited Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Quinn Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green and little daughter, Deborah, visited Mrs. Eliza Johnson Saturday night.

Mrs. Luster Baker and children spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coleman.

Symbol of Mercy



Wear it Proudly



SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:17-20; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 16:16-17; John 1:17; DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 119:1-16.

Jesus and the Law

Lesson for April 20, 1952

THE ELKS CLUB has a constitution and by-laws, but if you are not an Elk you can pass by the clubhouse a dozen times a week and never so much as wonder what the by-laws are. No Elk will think the worse of you for it, either. The laws of the Elks are for Elks, not the general public.

The Christian church also has a set of laws posted somewhere in every church building, or at least written in a book you will find in every church; namely the Ten Commandments.

People who do not belong to the church sometimes give these laws no more thought than they would give to the Elks' constitution or to the ritual of the Signa Phi Nuthin' fraternity. But that is a mistake. The Ten Commandments are a kind of constitution of mankind, not a set of rules for a private club.

No Ladder to Heaven

HOWEVER, even inside the church, Christians often have mistaken notions about the law of God, particularly the basic laws embodied in the Ten Commandments. Two of these wrong ideas are almost exactly opposite each other, with the truth in the middle.

One mistaken idea is that the law is a kind of ladder to Heaven. That is to say: God is supposed to run a sort of book-keeping department, with a Recording Angel (or perhaps millions of them), one looking over every man's shoulder, jotting down everything a person does from birth to death. Every time he acts in accordance with the Commandments, down goes a plus mark. Every time he breaks one, down goes a minus mark. At the time of his death the account is balanced. If there are more pluses than minuses, then the man is admitted to heaven; if the minus side puts the man "in the red" with God, then off he hustled to Hell. In other words, on this theory (which is very popular though false), you write your own ticket to Heaven, you climb there on a ladder of your own good deeds.

Jesus did not hold to this notion, indeed taught quite the contrary. Call me man good! he said. For one thing, plus-marks do not cancel out minus marks, and for another thing, seen with the eyes of God, as the famous Richard Hooker said, "the best things we do have somewhat in them to be pardoned."

Jesus, the New Testament, and the church after them, teach with one voice that we are saved by faith—it is God that saves us, not we ourselves.

Love Is No Excuse for Sin THE mistake at the opposite end of the line is to fancy that if we love God we can do as we please. In other words, the idea is that love is a substitute for obedience. If we just love God fervently enough, then his laws do not apply to us.

Now this mistake is just as bad as the first one. What would we say to a man who is a careless driver, and when arrested for hit-and-run driving tells the Judge, "Your honor, I love everybody, I have nothing against anybody, I love my country, and you ought not to bother me with traffic laws!"

What could we say about a man who claimed he loved his wife very much but never paid any attention to the common rules of politeness when in her presence? What would a grocer say to a man who owed him fifty dollars if the customer claimed to be such a good friend the grocer ought not to send him a bill?

No: Jesus did not teach that God's children have any right to disregard their Father's will.

Living in Obedience ON the contrary, a Christian will be all the more eager to do what God commands, not because he fears punishment, not because he thinks he can earn his way into God's love, but because: obedience is the way God has given us by which we can sincerely show our love to him and to our fellowmen.

As Cardinal Newman put it: "Justification (the theologian's word for a person's being on right terms with God) is received by faith; consists in God's inward presence, and lives in obedience."

To put it another way: Doing what God desires is not the cause of being saved; it is the result of being saved. When we have done all we can, indeed all we have been commanded, Jesus said, we are still "unprofitable servants"; we have nothing to boast of, at our best, for our best comes from God.

Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Mrs. Grady Coleman visited Mrs. Lucy Horton one day last week.