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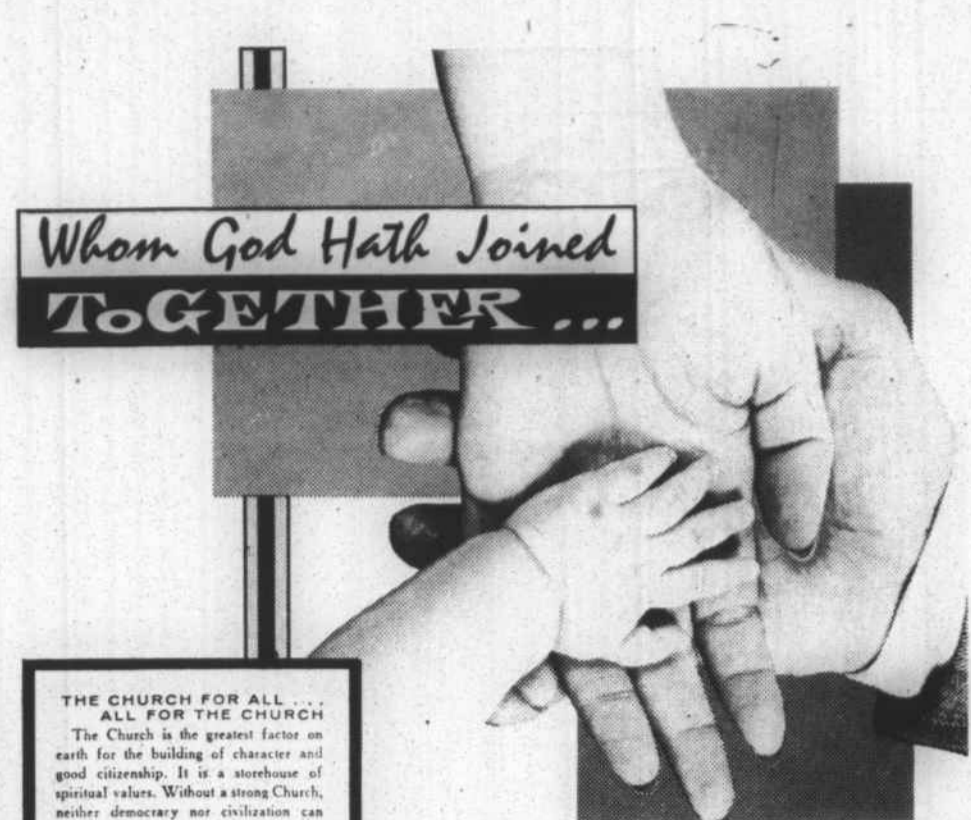
by John S. Smith
 A man who believes in doing a job right when he undertakes to do something is Mr. Ira Owenby, of Culberson. For several years now he has had a pasture and cultivated field on his farm which stood under water most of the time, even in dry weather. About four acres of the field were too wet to plow, mow or work in any other manner. After so long a time, Mr. Owenby got tired of dodging this area in the field and decided to do something about it. Besides not producing anything useful on the field, he didn't like to have a swamp detracting from the appearance of an otherwise well kept farm.
 The wet area was growing up in alder tags and bull rushes and gave a very unfavorable look to the whole field. A particularly big puddle at one end of the field was full of tadpoles.
 When Mr. Owenby went to the ASC Office this spring to sign up for his assistance for 1961, he was told that he could get some help with tile drainage if he needed any ditching. He decided that the time had come to eliminate the unsightly swamp, so he requested assistance with the ditching.

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 "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting", says the Word of God in Daniel 5:27. King Belshazzar was unable to read the writing that was on the wall in his banquet hall. He became frightened and sent for his wise men; that is, he sent for the men who were thought to be wise. But there is no wisdom except from God. The men of the world cannot discern the things of God. Only one who knows the Son of God through a personal experience of redemption can give a true interpretation of God's Word.
 Such a man as this was in the custody of the King at that time. That man was Daniel. He sent for Daniel. Daniel repented him how both his father and grandfather had betrayed and turned away from God. Then he went straight to the interpretation of the handwriting on the wall.
 "This is the interpretation of the matter", says Daniel. "God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end", Daniel 5:26. Was this some future event? Would this drunkard be permitted time to reform? Can the drunkard not have a few days, or years in which to revel in his drunkenness? Hear what the Word says: "That same night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain." Daniel 5:30. The king wallowed in his own blood "that same night." Let any who would receive money from advertising, selling, drinking or voting for strong drink in any form, see this king and his high lealets who a few minutes ago were dressed neatly, now wallowing in their own blood as they lay in a drunken stupor upon the floor of the king's palace.
 Why go back to Babylon? Open your eyes. Can you not see that father who has taken a gun and put to death every member of his family and then blown his own brains out as he rages in a drunken stupor? Or see the car sliding from one side of the highway to the other. Hear the screeching of the tires. Now hear the groans of the passengers who were innocently traveling in another car, but were put to death by the influence of strong drink. Repeat this some twenty thousand times in our nation, for in one year's time almost forty thousand people die upon our highways. Thousands are crippled for the rest of their lives. Some place the causes of wrecks from strong drink are as high as sixty per cent. But be that as it may, if only one person died as a result of intoxicating beverages, the price is too high to pay. We are too busy these days trying to find a cure for the disease, when we ought to be trying to stop the source of the disease by outlawing forever the outlet of strong drink. The following poem is pertinent to what is trying to be said in these articles.

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
 Tho to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
 But over its terrible edge there had slipped
 A duke, and full many a peasant;
 So the people said something would have to be done,
 But their projects did not at all tally.
 Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff;
 Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."
 But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
 For it spread thru the neighboring city,
 A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
 But each heart became brimful of pity
 For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff;
 And the dwellers in highway and alley
 Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
 But an ambulance down in the valley.
 Then an old sage remarked, "It's a marvel to me
 That people give far more attention
 To repairing the results than to stopping the cause,
 When they'd much better aim at prevention.
 Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he.
 "Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally:
 If the cliff we will fence we might almost dispense
 With the ambulance down in the valley."
 Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old
 For the voice of true wisdom is calling:
 "To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best
 To prevent other people from falling."
 Better close up the source of temptation and crime
 Than to deliver from dungeon or galley;
 Better put a strong fence 'round the top of the cliff,
 Than an ambulance down in the valley."
 Joseph Mallins

Regeneration (new birth), Education and Legislation are all necessary to the solution to the alcoholic problem. You are being weighed in the balances. Are you found wanting?

SUNDAY IS A HOLIDAY AND A HOLY DAY



Whom God Hath Joined TOGETHER...

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ... ALL FOR THE CHURCH
 The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Genesis	22	1-18
Monday	Ephesians	6	1-4
Tuesday	I Chronicles	16	23-29
Wednesday	Psalms	93	1-6
Thursday	John	4	19-24
Friday	Psalms	66	13-20
Saturday	I Timothy	3	1-5

... let not man put asunder.
 Before the Altar of Christ they took their vows. And now God has placed another hand in theirs; a small hand, needing tenderness and guiding love. Before the Altar of Christ they come with their child, and according to the baptismal beliefs of their church dedicate his life to God.
 Before the Altar of Christ they worship each Sunday, and eagerly help their growing son to master the Truths that will undergird his life.
 Of course, there are times when the responsibilities of marriage and parenthood test their patience, and understanding, and courage to sacrifice.
 But they have learned long since to conquer their selfishness and surrender their pride where they receive forgiveness, strength and ever-deepening love—before the Altar of Christ.

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Sure sign of a forward-looking community

PRACTICALLY EVERY community wants and welcomes new industry. Yet it's surprising how many communities, which devoutly desire new plants, take no steps to protect the availability of their choice industrial sites. Instead of reserving now the most attractive potential plant locations for later industrial use, they thoughtlessly allow these tracts to be gradually "eaten away" by non-industrial installations and uses. As a result, such land is unnecessarily and forever lost for future industrial purposes.
 The whole community pays for this neglect. Most new job opportunities in an area are created by industrial expansion. In addition, a new industry in town greatly improves work opportunities in countless other services and professions, too.
 Many factors must be taken into account to arrive at a sound, long-range planning program for local industrial development. But all the others are meaningless if the potential new plant can find no place to go. For your own sake, don't let this happen in your community. Do as others are doing throughout the South—protect your community's industrial future by protecting its most desirable industrial sites—now!

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