

Soil Conservation News
by John S. Smith

The Cherokee County Soil Conservation District recently completed its seventh year of operations with one of the best years from the standpoint of conservation work accomplished.

Between 1 July, 1960 and 30 June, 1961, fifty nine farm owners were assisted in developing complete Soil and Water Conservation Farm Plans for their land. These plans contain two aerial photographs of the land, one showing the different soil types, and the second showing the field divisions, roads, buildings, streams and other physical features of the farm. The folders also include much useful information on how to carry out the various conservation measures needed on the land.

Forty two new cooperators signed agreements with the Soil Conservation District during the year, and requested assistance in developing complete plans on their farms. At the end of the fiscal year, a total of four hundred fourteen land owners had

become cooperators with the District, and two hundred ninety one of these had already received assistance in the development of complete plans.

One of the major conservation undertakings in the county was the installation of the tile drainage. More than ten thousand linear feet was installed in ditches dug by more than twenty farmers. A total of thirty five acres of formerly wet or swampy land was brought into condition for more intense and more profitable cultivation or pasture.

Another major conservation practice was tree-planting and natural re-forestation. Co-operators with the district planted one hundred twenty seven acres of tree seedlings, and allowed seventy two more acres to reseed naturally. This makes a total of one hundred ninety nine acres of new forest started on farms of District Cooperators during the year.

Timber stand improvement of older stands was carried out on more than two thousand acres.

Words Of Life

by Rev. E. B. Whitson
Andrews Presbyterian Church

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things," 1 Corinthians 13:11

One of the manifestations of immaturity in modern-day persons is the widespread lack of self-discipline. One psychologist has said that if a child does not learn to yield its will to another before it learns to talk, it will never do so apart from compulsion. Equally difficult is the task of mastering the will. The human will is not an arbitrary ruler lording it over the personality. It is, rather, "a function of the self." It can have no existence apart from the self. It ought to be wholly under our control. "Obey your impulses" someone will tell you, but that is to enthrone chaos in your life. It will leave you at the mercy of your inner drives and desires. To let desire rule us is to be less than mature men and women. Just as soon as we lose the power of controlling and directing our lives we begin to deteriorate. The child acts according to impulse. The mature adult acts according to reason and moral considerations. It is not good enough to speak and think and reason like a child. When we reach manhood and womanhood, we must give up childish ways.

Years ago a Shanghai express agency used to carry on its window this notice: "Your bags taken and delivered in all directions." That sounds like a description of some people. They are always going off at a tangent. We need periodically to pull ourselves together so that we may become disciplined persons. Are you building now a self-reliant, courageous character that can confidently meet life's crises? That is the test of your maturity.

The Christ-mastered man, such as Paul, is the only truly self-mastered man. Studying

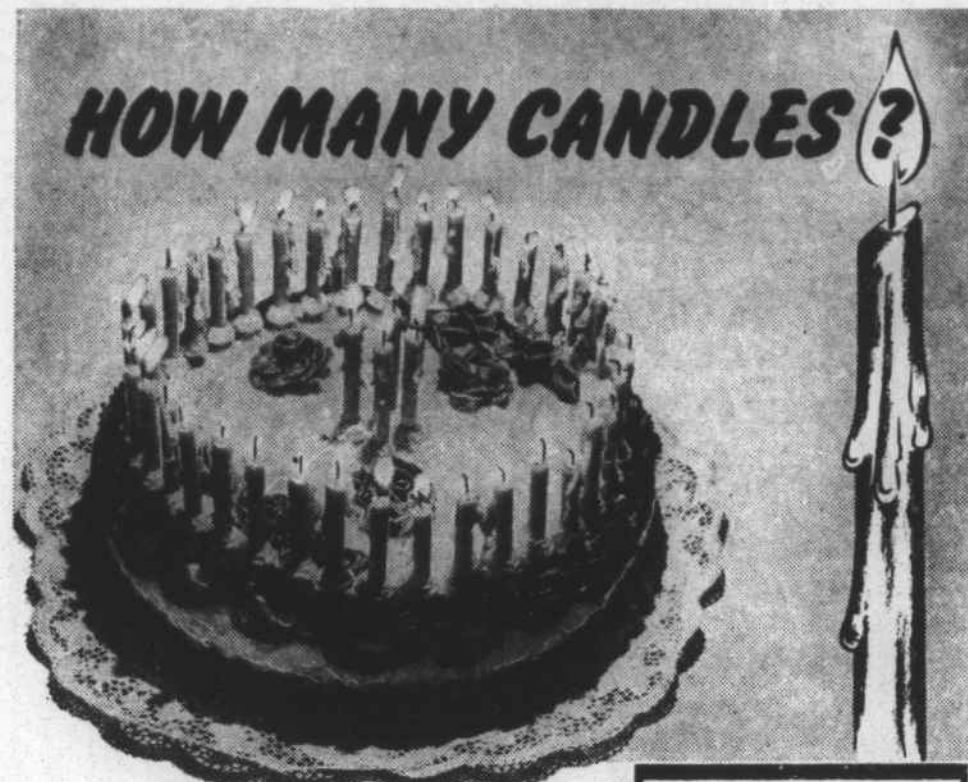
the life of the apostle we cannot but feel a sense of his consciousness of inner power through a unified life. It challenges and inspires us to bear him say: "I am not going to let anything master me."

Then when we go into interpersonal relations we find that the spiritually mature person is a purveyor of good will and understanding. This is true whether it be in a school or a college, a church or a fraternal society, a bank or a store, a factory or an office. Life in America is lived under increasing pressure and proceeds at high speed. Everyone finds himself at times gripped by tensions. Nerves are frayed. Tempers are strained. Patience is sometime exhausted. It is so easy under these circumstances to revert to early infantile emotional reactions--to behave like naughty children. And how childish we become at times--taking an unfair advantage of other persons, repeating unkind gossip we have heard, believing the worst about people, resenting the advancement that comes to others and glorying in any that comes to ourselves, exposing the faults of others instead of trying to correct our own. One is reminded of the song we used to sing as children:

"I don't want to play in your yard, I don't like you any more; you'll be sorry when you see me sliding down our cellar door; You can't holler down our rain-barrel, you can't climb our apple tree, I don't want to play in your yard if you won't be good to me." Love is an unfailing remedy for these immature reactions. When love fills our lives we are no longer preoccupied with our own petty concerns. Here, as elsewhere, Christ is the answer. His Spirit within creates mature Christian personalities who can say with the apostle Paul, "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, but when I became a man I gave up childish ways."



SUNDAY IS A HOLIDAY AND A HOLY DAY



HOW MANY CANDLES?

Do you count the candles on your birthday cake? Why bother? Once you're sweet sixteen, it doesn't matter how many candles you're entitled to. What counts is what you're doing with those years.

The years that are past have burned themselves out. Perhaps they have been all you've wanted them to be—but, if you're like most of us, maybe you could have made them a little better.

One of God's greatest gifts is the marvelous fact that it's never too late to begin again.

Birthdays remind us of the passing of time, of a new life. Celebrate your birthday by giving. Give something of yourself, by going to your church and taking part in its activities, especially those that help others. Next year, the added candle on your cake will burn with a special brightness!

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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	Ecclesiastes	11	1-6
Monday	Psalms	27	1-6
Tuesday	Romans	8	1-5
Wednesday	Romans	8	16-17
Thursday	Psalms	131	13-19
Friday	Philippians	12	12-18
Saturday	Luke	12	32-34



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Arnold Bettis, 39, Marble and Frances Mae Kernea, 34, of Brasstown.

You And Your Insurance

"Trusted" Employees Embezzle Millions

How trustworthy are "trusted" employees?

You may be surprised to learn that last year they stole upwards of a billion dollars from their employers. This is twice the amount of goods and money taken by all the nation's robbers, burglars, pickpockets and auto thieves. Nevertheless, employers were protected by surety bonds for only about 10 per cent of the losses.

The surety industry has urged both large and small commercial firms to take stronger action against thieving employees. They recommend tighter internal control and more adequate bonding protection.

While not minimizing the responsibility of the thieving employees, some of the blame must be placed with the employers for allowing the embezzlement.

One thought is that the United States government might do well to fine businessmen for "tempting thievery" as some European countries do. This might go a long way to encourage businessmen to take common sense precautions against losses.

Embezzlement is not limited to the actual fraudulent taking of money by persons to whom it has been entrusted. It encompasses all sorts of theft, ranging from nuts and bolts to autos and refrigerators. A manufacturer of floor tile recently reported thefts of material running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and embezzlements by high ranking banking officials has soared to astronomical heights.

It seems that people who would never dream of taking a penny from a friend or a neighbor or lifting even the smallest item from the counter of the corner confectionery store would not think twice about stealing from an employer.

What can we do about this? The Surety Association of America offers these suggestions:

Better supervision and internal control, plus a very thorough check of employees.

Bond employees, thereby alerting them to the fact that if something is stolen they have to answer not only to the employer, who may be a forgiving chap, but also to a realistic bonding company.

Watch dishonest business practices which may breed dishonesty in employees. If employees see the boss stealing from the public, they seldom see anything wrong with their stealing from the employer.

Avail the firm of outside audits by Certified Public Accounting firms. Periodic complete audits on a surprise basis can go a long way in disuading the light-fingered employee.

For protection against those losses which do happen despite all precautions see Hyde Insurance Agency.

Murphy Personals

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Fred Starr and children, Ricky, Mark and Cindy of Riverside, Calif., have been visiting Mrs. Starr's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Savage.

Mrs. Joe Ray, who underwent surgery at Piedmont Hospital on last Friday, is getting along fine.

Mr. J. A. Reynolds of Crestwell and nephew, Johnnie Reynolds of Norfolk, Va., were guests last week of Mr. Edwards' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clayton and children have returned home from a couple days visit with friends in Alexandria, La. and Demopolis, Ala.

GOOD NEWS! MOTHERS!

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