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"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."



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"Blessed are the Peacemakers..." Cursed be the Peacemakers

by Lew Barton

"Blessed are the peacemakers," declared Jesus, "for they shall be called the children of God." By inference one might add, "Cursed be the peacemakers. For they shall be called the children of the Devil."

There is nothing sadder than a torn-up Indian community. I have seen Indians at odds with each other in Baltimore, in Pembroke, in the Oxendine community. Race against race, friend against friend, blood against blood.

There are people who would tear up Hades, I think, if they were dropped down there just ten minutes.

Selfishness, envy and jealousy are usually at the bottom of such tear-ups. That plus greed plus plain don't-give-a-damnedness. These are people who put their own selfish wishes and ambitions above all else without a thought for the good of the community at large. These are the kind of people who pass themselves off as God's gifts to mankind.

But Jesus knew them for what they were. And He stated the matter in positive rather than in negative terms, the reverse side of His declaration seems clear.

Aren't we old enough, and well-developed enough and wise enough to recognize such sowers of discension when they arise in our midst?

Alas, I fear not. We are

ever at the mercy of the unscrupulous. And rascals come in assorted colors. They are neither all white nor all Black nor all Indian. Just because his skin is the same color as yours, is no guarantee that he is honest.

Generally, you can recognize the Devil by the fact that he is always putting one of his neighbors down. He seldom has anything good to say about anyone, except himself and his backers. Avoid such a person as though he or she were the plague.

They are worse than the plague. They are peace-breakers. They tear up churches. They tear up school communities. They even tear up individual families and they will not hesitate to tear up the Indian community at large, not if and when it serves their selfish purposes to do so.

When it happens, just remember that Lew Barton warned you.

I remember the sad words of Jesus as He contemplated His erring people: "Oh, Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Thou that stonest the prophets and killest them that are sent unto thee! How often would I have gathered thee together, even as a mother hen gathereth her baby chicks and thou wouldst not! Behold thy house is left unto thee desolate!"

Our people appear to me as sheep having no shepherd... and not wanting one.

WASHINGTON—My nearly ten years in the Senate have been blessed with almost no "hate mail." Only occasionally do I receive an abusive letter—but that does not mean that everybody agrees with me. Far from it. It does mean that the vast majority of people writing to me state their own positions politely.

Oddly enough, the most abusive mail I've received has come from people who oppose my efforts to restore the right of voluntary prayer to our schoolchildren. There have even been a few ministers who have threatened to campaign against me if and when I run for reelection again.

THREATS—On a couple of occasions, purely out of curiosity, I have checked on these ministers. Not surprisingly, they are clergymen identified in their communities as being "liberal" extremists. They insist that God has no place in the public affairs of our nation, and that America was founded to be a "secular" nation.

There was a letter a week or so ago from a Raleigh woman who described my supporters as "crackbrained reactionary Bible-thumping bigots" and "right-wing social deviants." She went on to make clear her support for abortion-on-demand, and for "continued funding for so many of the social programs which you currently oppose." She is also vehemently opposed to prayer in the public schools.

Let's examine the suggestion that America was intended to be a "secular" nation, with God having no role in our nation's destiny.

HISTORY—I beg to disagree with those who contend that I believe history is on my side, beginning with Columbus.

Columbus wrote, after discovering America: "It was the Lord who put into my mind—I could feel His hand upon me—the fact that it would be possible to sail (to America)... No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His Holy service... the fact that the Gospel must still be preached to so many lands in such a short time—this is what convinces me."

Governor Bradford of Plymouth Colony wrote, concerning the Pilgrims: "A great hope and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation, some way thereunto, for the propagating and advancing the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ..."

The Mayflower Compact—how does it begin? "In the name of God, Amen."

The First Charter of Virginia: "We, greatly commending and graciously accepting of their desires for the furtherance of so noble a work, which may, by the providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the glory of His Divine Majesty, in propagating of Christian religion..."

DECLARATION—And, of course, the Declaration of Independence, which stated: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator..." (There are other references to God in the Declaration of Independence.)

George Washington issued orders to his troops forbidding profane cursing, swearing and drunkenness. He also required "a punctual attendance of Divine services, to implore the blessing of Heaven..."

Benjamin Franklin, addressing the constitutional convention reminded his colleagues that they had prayed for guidance and protection. "Our prayers, sir, were heard—and they were graciously answered... the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow can not fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?"

George Washington again, this time in his inaugural message: "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States."

Abraham Lincoln recognized "the Supreme Authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and of nations..."

PRAYERS—Both the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives open their daily sessions with prayers by chaplains. The Supreme Court invokes the name of God. Our armed forces have chaplains. Public officials, witnesses in court cases, and others, take their oaths of office with their hands on The Bible.

Public prayer is encouraged, or at least permitted, everywhere and by everyone—except by children in public schools.

Who can logically contend ours is not supposed to be "one nation, under God"?



The only President to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College was George Washington, in 1789 and 1792.



Fairbanks, Alaska, is the closest city in North America to the Arctic Circle.

As I See It

by Bruce Barton

A NOTE TO READERS

I like Ms. Judy Jacobs, a young, beautiful Christian lady. Her life is a shining example to all of us. When she first told me about "The Ten Virgins" I suggested she be my guest columnist this week. She agreed, and I am proud to present her to you. She is the youngest of the famous "Jacobs Sisters," one of the first Indian gospel groups to organize and perform in this area.

THE TEN VIRGINS A STIRRING DRAMA

The stirring and awakening drama entitled "The Ten Virgins" was conceived into the heart of a true woman of God. Sister Lorraine Scott is loved not only in her home church, the Saddletree Church of God, but also in her community, in her place of employment, and wherever else she may go. She has a fine example of a Christ-like character which makes her very distinctive and unique.

Sixteen years ago God gave Sister Scott this drama and she began to utilize it for God and His Kingdom.

I can remember the impact that it left upon my life when I first saw it. Although I was very young I can still remember how God spoke to my heart and prompted me to be ready for his second return back to this earth.

This drama deals with the condition of our church-world today. It reveals the apostasy that is crippling our religious circles. It deals with the up-to-date problems with Christian believers today.

If you will read the 25th chapter of Matthew you will be able to understand the drama of "The Ten Virgins."

You will feel the joy that all the Ten Virgins felt as they walked and talked with God. You will be moved with disturbance as the five foolish virgins rebuffed against the five wise and especially God,

as they watch their oil run out of their lamps. You will be thrilled with excitement as you hear the trumpet of God sound and hear the boisterous voice as it declares, the Lord has come. Watch as the five foolish return and find Jesus gone and Satan comes and drags their souls to hell.

I am positive that all of you who will be there, this Saturday night at the Lumberton High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. will experience something in which you have never experienced in all of your life. We feel it is the drama for the hour. The angel spoke the words to His disciples in the Acts of the Apostles and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh."

God bless you and we will see you there!!

For more information call 739-3158 or 738-1566.

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH AND MT. AIRY BAPTIST CHURCH REAP HONORS CHURCH NIGHT

We thank all the churches that responded to "Church Night" at Strike at the Wind. We had a near capacity crowd. And I am thankful to all of you for helping me get down off this proverbial limb. As you know, I had promised in my usual audacious way, to fill up "Strike at the Wind" on August 6, 14 and 20 (Church Night). We did it...almost. At least we came close enough that I was able to jump off the lower limb of the proverbial tree. Thanks, again.

Rev. Lawrence Hardy, and his spirited co-workers at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke won the trophy for bringing the most folks. They brought 59. Mr. Airy Baptist Church (whose pastor is Rev. Mike Cummings) won the

plaque for bringing the second highest number, 44. And my church--Deep Branch Baptist Church--brought the third highest number, 41. It was a wonderful experience for me to share Strike at the Wind with my brothers and sisters throughout the region. AND I HAVE NOT BEEN AS FAITHFUL AS I OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN BUT...

I am going to attempt to do better, especially with the help of the Lord. As many of you know, my church--Deep Branch--split asunder a few months (maybe years now) ago and I took it badly. The split occurred without my blessings. And I have pouted, on and off, about it since. And sometimes I have not been as faithful to my church as I ought to be.

Well, I declare publicly that I am praying diligently about it and asking the Lord to give me the strength to be faithful. Now, don't be alarmed. My faith in God has never wavered, not since that day in 1978 when the Lord accepted me into His eternal fold.

But, as I say, I have pouted from time to time. No more, I say.

Deep Branch Church has been good to me. For instance, in spite of my carelessness in attendance, they turned out overwhelmingly to support me on Church Night. I felt a little ashamed.

For instance, Deep Branch Baptist Church is in revival this week and somehow I neglected to get anything in the Carolina Indian Voice about it. I am sorry about that. Anyway, our revival continues this week through tomorrow night and revival is being conducted by Rev. Jimmy Strickland, the dynamic young preacher from Ten Mile Center Church. Services have been held nightly beginning at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Strickland has brought some stirring messages this week, and he has revived my flagging spirit.

Enjoys 'Strike at the Wind!'

Dear Bruce and Barbara,

We would like to take the opportunity to Thank You for all the time you spent in arranging our tickets and all the extra time you spent making sure we enjoyed the program, "Strike at the Wind!"

It is people like you that make coming home and bringing friends home to share our heritage with them meaningful.

A special thanks to you, Barbara, it was good talking to you again, after so long a time. Hoping you and yours all the best in Christ.

You are wonderful people.

Yours in Christ,
Effie Locklear
Advisor
Sunshine Club

IT'S A FACT!



Within the next decade, nuclear energy's share of total electricity is expected to account for nearly 25 percent.



This growth, say the experts at the Atomic Industrial Forum, is expected to employ nearly 60,000 people during the next decade alone. Jobs will be stimulated in related fields as well. Nuclear technology is used not only to produce electricity, but in medicine, agriculture, manufacturing, food processing and ecology.

Warriors open Season

PEMBROKE - The Pembroke High varsity football team opens its 1982 football campaign Friday night at home against South Robeson.

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...REcalls how the drama, 'Ten Virgins' evolved



SISTER LORRAINE SCOTT

by Sister Lorraine Scott
In February of 1965, I felt that God would have me to resign my present employment. And I did, before seeking further employment. I was praying and asking God to direct me. I picked up my Bible, I turned to the Book of Isaiah, the 6th chapter. I began to read. The Prophet Isaiah spoke these words. "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord setting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the Seraphims each one had six wings. With twain he covered his face and with twain he covered his feet and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another and spoke Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory."

I felt the presence of the Lord fill the room where I was reading. I read on. "Then said I. Woe is me! for I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips for mine eyes have seen the King the Lord of hosts. I felt as the Prophet Isaiah did, and when the seraphims laid the live coal from off the altar on his mouth his iniquity was taken away and his sin purged. Then he heard the voice of the Lord saying whom shall I send and who will go for us. Then said I, here am I, send me." As I read these verses I felt his holy presence as I had never before in my Christian experience. It was as though he was there with me in

person. I knelt and prayed, Oh God, thou art holy. I thanked him for his mercy and goodness to me, for coming into my life and changing my life completely. I felt that I had done nothing to prove to God that I loved him. I had a deep desire to do something that would win souls for the Kingdom of God as I prayed and asked God to help me to be a soul winner. He spoke to my spirit and told me to turn to the 25th chapter of St. Matthew. As I turned to this chapter and began to read, I picked up my pen and began to write the drama of the Ten Virgins. God gave me the characters, everything that made the drama a success. To God be the glory. We have presented the drama approximately 25 times in different churches and God has blessed it tremendously. Since December 6, 1981 we have revised the drama which has made it more effective and more receptive to the audience. If there were words to express my gratitude to the cast, I would like to say them to Debby, Ruth, Kay, Faye and Helen, Gracie, Jacqueline, Debra, Linda and Devon, Billy and Ken, the musicians, singers, lighting and sound technicians, who have done an outstanding job and Judy Jacobs who has spent endless hours promoting the drama. Of course, to our beloved pastor for his tremendous work in our church and district, May God through His Spirit continue to make this drama an inspiration to all viewers.

Pharmacist

Howard Brooks

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Rules to avoid heat stroke

Heat stroke, or sunstroke, occurs when the body can no longer rid itself of excess heat. It is caused as a result of excessive sweating and a consequent loss of body fluids and potassium with a resulting salt and chloride imbalance in the blood.

To avoid heatstroke work gradually into heavy exercise such as football practice and steer clear of continuous potassium-depleting perspiration. Eat fresh fruits for liquids daily, and reduce "quick energy" sugary snacks which may lower blood sugar.

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