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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1934

Roger Babson says no one can be blamed for the depression. He would make a poor politician.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A missionary says that cannibals will not eat people addicted to the use of tobacco. This is advanced as an argument against the use of tobacco.—Springfield Union.

A battleship was robbed of \$40 and a lone gunman raided an army post to rescue a prisoner. The United States marines are getting back from Haiti none too soon.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Republicans are gloomy about the rapid growth of bureaus, authorities, and commissions. It makes you tremble for your country to see so many jobs being held by the wrong people.—The New Yorker.

Unmitigated Carelessness

Out of the 70 people killed on the highways of North Carolina during the month of July 22 were pedestrians and of the 22 seven were children playing on the streets and highways.

Surely this old world is not so small that children must play in the lanes provided for motor transportation. Of all the seventy deaths in one month on the highways it appears that the children playing in the streets were the most uncared for.

Here is the picture: A child suddenly dashes from behind an automobile into the traffic on the street; the driver of an approaching car tries to dodge if he has time but the excited child knows not how to get out of the way; amid the screeching of brakes and tires on pavement there comes the sound of the child's body being crushed to the earth and the result is the loss of a child's life, a saddened father and a heart-broken mother.

Why do such things happen? The first and main reason is because the children's parents allow them to play in the streets out of their sight. Very frequently an over-confident parent sends a small child on an errand, probably to the corner store, and the child returns in a casket.

These word pictures are not mere rambling of the mind, but are true to life and such deplorable accidents are happening every month in our own state and sometimes in our own county. The worst part of the picture is that lives are being taken by carelessness; lives of the most innocent souls, not responsible for their own welfare and protection.

If you cannot be with your children when they are on the streets, keep them in the backyard. They are safe from passing automobiles there and you will be saved the remorse of conscience from deliberately sending your child to a violent death under the wheels of a speeding automobile.

We are not writing about a situation in China or some other place on the other side of this celestial ball; but about something in our own state, county and community. The reason many children in Wilkes county are alive today is because some automobile drivers are experts when it comes to dodging children and other pedestrians on the streets and highways insofar as the children go, the fault can be placed where it belongs—on the parents.

Speaking of youths and adults, who are not blameless when it comes to carelessness on the highways and streets, we should always remember that old saying, "Look both ways before crossing the road." Another thing that is an indictment against the intelligence of pedestrians is to insist on walking on the pavement of the highways in heavy and fast traffic when two cars are meeting. Very frequently we see as many as four pedestrians in a breast taking half of the highway, watching the car ahead but failing to look back to see whether or not a car is approaching from the other direction.

Not all deaths of pedestrians can be attributed to their own carelessness, however. There are still many reckless and downright mean drivers who would run down a walker and fail to stop to see whose life he had snuffed out.

Given No Chance

Sheriff U. C. Kimball, of Iredell county, was shot and killed Friday morning while making an honest and courageous effort to capture alive North Carolina's most desperate outlaw, Ralph Davis.

Sheriff Kimball, insofar as we have ever heard or read, was an outstanding citizen and a good officer. He was shot and killed in cold blood while trying to make a move to protect society.

When John Dillinger, arch enemy of law and order, was killed by federal officers there was a murmur of "he wasn't given a chance," that went up from all sections.

Ralph Davis shot and killed a good citizen without giving him a chance, coming from behind a door with a smoking gun. The crowd that murmured at the death of Dillinger say nothing about the tragic death of Sheriff Kimball and were secretly, if not openly, hoping that Davis would not be taken.

Sympathizers with crime and its exponents are the underlying cause of widespread banditry in this nation and the entire world. If criminals were not held up as heroes and idols of courage, when they in truth are the lowest of cowards, the life of a bandit would not be so enticing.

Sunday School Lesson
By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

HOSEA PREACHES GOD'S LOVE
Lesson for August 26th—Hosea 6, 11, 14. Golden Text: John 3-16

Hosea lived about 25 year after the time of Amos. In a period of anarchy. The kings were short-lived weaklings and murderers. The Assyrians were looming up on the horizon, and feeble Israel had no strength to resist. It was indeed a horrible time, with no certainty, no security.

Amidst this scene of desolate woe we picture Hosea, a well-to-do farmer, nervous, meditative, passionate, longing with ardent zeal to find a way of salvation, for his people. And that way he discovered, curiously enough, through his own bitter domestic troubles. After his wife, Gomar, to whom he was devoted, had borne their three children, he found her unfaithful. So great was his anger and grief that a separation was inevitable. She either forsook him, or he put her away. But all the while he felt that the case was not closed. With a sublime gesture of reconciliation he took her back and sought, by degrees, to restore her to wifehood.

That tragic experience gave Hosea the clue for his inspiring preaching. Israel, he declared, was an adulteress. She had forsaken God, and become a prostitute. "The more I called," cried the Lord through the mouth of Hosea, "the more they went from me . . . My people are bent to backsliding from me."

But, insisted the prophet, God yearns after His people with the longing of a faithful lover. He will not easily forgive them, but He will forgive. His bleeding heart broods in pity over them even as did the heart of Hosea over faithless Gomar. "I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger. I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man. (See chapter 11:9.)

And so while we have, in Hosea's book, a vigorous emphasis on unfaithfulness to God as the major sin, we are also told that Love is the chief attribute of the divine nature.

Borrowed Comment

MIGHTY HARD ON THE OTHER BRETHREN
(Winston-Salem Journal)

Albert Teester, the Sylva Holy Roller evangelist, has placed his brethren of the same faith in a sort of predicament, it occurs offhand. He handled a rattlesnake, let it bite him, and recovered from the bite.

Now the lay brethren down in the ranks hither and yon have developed a yen for the sign of the rattlesnake. What Rev. Mr. Teester did perhaps their own pastor could do, would like to do. In Birmingham, Ala., a member of good and regular standing, thinking thoughts somewhat in line with the foregoing, approaches his pastor with a dandy five-foot rattler well equipped with rattlers and the usual button. He presented it to his pastor with the spoken or implied injunction for the minister to "do his stuff."

But no; Rev. Charles Herrin was not of a mind to tempt Providence by becoming intimate with a rattlesnake. Perhaps his theology could find no connection between stunting with a rattler and saving souls from the wiles of the devil, even if were true that Satan assumed the form of a reptile in order to tempt into the eating of the historic apple. With chills creeping up and down his spine, as we may well imagine, the minister told the man with the snake to get behind him.

As Rev. Mr. Herren was tempted, so will other ministers over the country, perchance, be asked to do many foolish things by the credulous, just because a mountain revivalist saw fit to offer a sign and make a dangerous demonstration which had about as much place in a revival meeting as a side-saddle has on an Arkansas razorback. Like the Birmingham pastor, they have the alternative of turning down these proposals with righteous indignation.

"Cost \$15,000 to Try to Make Doughnuts." It's lucky they didn't decide to have a cup of coffee, too.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Delicacy reported from a luxurious London restaurant is cherries growing on tiny trees and costing the equivalent of \$3 a dozen. One would be quite justified in taking two bites at a cherry costing two-bits.—Arkansas Gazette.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

POLITICS . . . and jobs. As I have pointed out before, political machines are built on jobs. I have just received a communication from Washington stating flatly that anyone who wants to get a federal job must get letters of endorsement from local, state or national Democratic politicians. The Democratic national committee has got up a "yellow questionnaire," which has to be filled out by any applicant who is serious about getting on the federal payroll. And my informant says that there is a secret method whereby letters of endorsement are classed as "genuine" or "perfunctory."

The civil service commission still exists, and goes through the motions of submitting names of qualified persons for jobs, but no attention is paid to its lists unless they also have the right political endorsement from the right people.

I can't see much hope for anything like efficiency in government so long as such a system prevails. It seems to me to provide the strongest possible argument against the governmental operation of any enterprise.

DOLES . . . and elections. I have just seen some startling figures of the amount of money which the federal government has been paying out for direct relief benefits. Not counting the three thousand millions of loans and allowances direct to state governments, more than \$3,500,000 has been distributed in "doles" of one sort or another, as against \$2,000,000,000 collected in federal taxes in the same period.

That leaves a good deal less than nothing out of the tax receipts on which to operate the government.

I have heard of a good many candidates for re-election to congress boasting about the way that they have "taken care of" their constituents by getting so much money for them out of the federal treasury. I have not heard of any of them telling his constituents that much of this money has been pure gifts to people who did not really need it, but I know that is true in many cases.

I am far more concerned about the habit of reliance upon government to help people out of their troubles than I am about who gets elected to congress or anything else. Nothing could be more of a calamity than that.

UNEMPLOYMENT . . . today.

I have never had the slightest confidence in any of the so-called "statistics" of unemployment. Many of them, I have felt certain, were greatly exaggerated. Everybody who had ever had a job, was listed as "unemployed." That included stenographers who had got married, men who had saved up enough from their wages to retire on, and all the great fringe of unemployables who had had occasional jobs but couldn't hold any of them long.

I am inclined to take more seriously the figures recently put out by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, indicating less than seven million persons unemployed "for all reasons," than the Federation of Labor's statement of more than ten million. If the actual facts could be obtained, it probably would be shown that no more than three or four million workers who are able and willing to work are out of jobs today.

PRODUCTION . . . normal. So much has been said and written these last couple of years about "overproduction" that people have the idea that there was a great surplus of everything people consume. That was true, however, of only a very few commodities, and those mainly raw materials produced everywhere in the world, such as wheat and a few other agricultural products.

FAMILY PROTECTION

We realize that an insurance policy of only \$50.00 on children and \$100.00 on adults may seem very small but when we have gone as far as we can with those we love and the time arrives that we have to think of placing them away, even this would be of great help to most of us.

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We actually imported some \$600,000 worth of food in 1933, because we were not producing enough to meet the demands of our people. And when it comes to manufactured goods, carefully checked statistics prove that for a long period of years the production of men's clothing, to take one example, amounted to less than one-third of a suit per year for every man in the nation.

I have never known a time when so much nonsense was being talked by folk who ought to know better and believed by some people as the actual truth.

BISHOP FLAYS MINISTERS WHO 'DARE' SNAKES

Cleveland, Tenn., Aug. 20.—Denunciation of preachers who deliberately dare rattlesnakes to bite them in "staged" demonstrations of faith came tonight from the founder of the Church of God, whose members are familiarly known as "Holy Rollers."

At the Tabernacle, world headquarters for his sect, which stresses the "healing power of Divine love" and disapproves of medical aid, Bishop Ambrose J. Tomlinson asserted:

"There is a big difference between deliberate handling of serpents to test one's faith and handling them under the power of the Holy Ghost."

Bishop Tomlinson disclaimed Albert Teester, North Carolina's mountain preacher who let a rattlesnake bite him two weeks ago, recovered after a week of torture, and Dewey L. Dotson, itinerant evangelist, who put on a show with a fangless serpent for the newsreels at Birmingham last night, as authorized ministers of his church.

"I approve of the handling of serpents," the bishop said, "which is according to the Scripture, but only when the power of the Holy Ghost for it thus shows the power of God."

"But there never is any justification for any planned demonstration because it is not known when the handler will be under the power."

"I know nothing of Teester or his motives," Bishop Tomlinson continued. "I do believe it possible for God to protect one who exposes himself to serpent's fangs, even after bitten. But the suffering which he must undergo, even when his life is spared, is God's punishment for deliberate handling of the snake rather than handling it only when under the power."

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JOHN WALDROP DIES OF SKULL FRACTURE
Raleigh, Aug. 20.—John D. Waldrop, 46, chief engineer of the state highway and public works commission, died today in a New Bern hospital of injuries received Saturday afternoon in an automobile collision near the outskirts of the Craven county town.

AVERY PROMOTED
Washington, Aug. 20.—Effective Monday Johnston Avery is to be appointed assistant to Dr. C. T. Murchison, now head of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, over which Secretary Roper presides. This announcement was made today by Thad Page, secretary to Senator J. W. Bailey.

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