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**BIBLE THOUGHT**

**SEVEN LINKS IN A WONDROUS CHAIN**  
CRUCIFIED TOGETHER with Christ.—Gal. 2:20.  
QUICKENED TOGETHER with Christ.—Col. 2:13.  
RAISED TOGETHER with Christ.—Eph. 2:6.  
SEATED TOGETHER with Christ in Heavenly places.—Eph. 2:6.  
SUFFERERS TOGETHER with Christ.—Rom. 8:17.  
HEIRS TOGETHER with Christ.—Rom. 8:17.  
GLORIFIED TOGETHER with Christ.—Rom. 8:17.

The first and second are seen at the cross and grave of Christ.

The third to the sixth form our present privilege. The seventh has its scene in the glory.

—From "Suggestions for Bible Study," by D. L. Moody.

**RACE TRACK GAMBLING PROPOSED FOR McDOWELL COUNTY**

A bill to legalize horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in McDowell county has been jammed through the Legislature. It was passed in a great hurry, the rules being suspended in order to get the job done quickly. It was put through by the same kind of tactics the Legislature attempted with the beer bill, and with more success, due no doubt to the fact that it was a local instead of state-wide bill.

Any legislation enacted in this fashion is branded and damned by its supporters; and that is true of the McDowell county bill. However, the voters of McDowell county are to be allowed to pass on the measure at the polls and say whether or not they will make a race track and gambling arena out of their county.

The McDowell bill was passed Tuesday and on Wednesday Senator Bell of this county attempted to secure reconsideration of the bill, but his motion was lost. Senator Bell attempted this action in response to the plea of J. Wallace Winborne of Marion, chairman of the State Democratic committee, who opposed the enactment of the law.

The Times-News knows nothing of Mr. Winborne's reasons for opposing the establishment of race track gambling in his county, but this newspaper hazards the guess that one of his reasons is a sincere desire to prevent the Democratic party of North Carolina from committing suicide.

And The Times-News does not mean to say that the enactment of a local bill for McDowell county, no matter how bad the bill may be, is reasonable cause for party suicide; but this newspaper does mean to say, and will say, that if race track gambling is legalized in McDowell county the Democratic party in North Carolina will be charged with full responsibility for this grave mistake. In the coming years it will be compelled to bear the responsibility and odium of beer legislation and for the rotten record of the present Legislature in many other matters. The party cannot escape responsibility for this legislative record and it will not be able to escape the accounting which the people of North Carolina are going to demand of the Democratic party in the future.

The Legislature seems to have the determination to dig a capacious and deep grave and then blow the party's brains out and let it drop into the hole.

**SHALL THE FIRE RECORD STAND?**

The record of Henderson county fire losses for the past few years is a record that is disgraceful. Is Henderson county going to continue that record into the future? Or do we propose to have a house cleaning—literally and figuratively? We should have a concerted effort among all good citizens to put an end to incendiary fires; and then we should have an intelligently directed and honest county-wide effort to reduce fire losses that result from carelessness and other preventable causes.

Camera expert says movie actresses are really not as thin as camera trickery makes them look. But are they as dumb?

Considerable bootlegging of gasoline reported in Pennsylvania. Bootleggers are probably selling it as whisky with nobody the wiser.

**NEWSPAPERS' OPINIONS**

**ANOTHER RECORD**

The members of the 1933 General Assembly of North Carolina will not become famous or infamous, as the case may be, for just the one reason that they harnessed a general sales tax on Tar Heel people.

Although that ought to be ignominy enough to satisfy the most avid seeker after questionable honors, there is another record which has been set—and that is that the House is nearing the fifteen hundred mark in the number of bills introduced this session. Two years ago in the marathon session when the legislature ground away for 141 days, the record to that date was set, and 1,145 measures were presented for passage.

To Representative Coffey, of Caldwell county, persistent advocate of the sales tax in spite of general sentiment against such a levy throughout Lenoir and most of his county, goes the palm for having presented House Bill No. 1,146 last Friday, which set a new all-time record for the number introduced. Of course, several bills have made their appearance since that time and perhaps a good many more will have found their way into the legislative hopper before the present session writes finis to its hectic heyday of political harikiri.

The point is, as the Greensboro News notes, there is nothing to be proud of in a record number of bills presented in a session pledged to economy, and how!

The following excerpt of this comment of The News is interesting:

Any number of factors may have entered into the new high figure. Much as one hates to believe it, house members may not only cling to the idea, but have it growing upon them, that county, state, national and world problems can be solved by passing a law. There are infinitely more problems to be solved than ever before; hence more laws are proposed, if not actually passed. Inability of the present general assembly, and therein the legislators may be acting like the most of us, to make up its mind may be a contributing factor. Instance after instance might be cited where the house has looked with favor upon a measure today, repealed it tomorrow, and then come back to its original or a slightly altered position the next day.

How many of the measures proposed have actually been placed on the books the Daily News does not know. But, surely, the total has been sufficient to make them more cluttered up than ever, to cause a floundering citizenry to have still less certainty as to when it is or is not violating the law, and to make the legal profession, which has far more than its quota in the assembly, more necessary and hence more lucrative.

All this too is beside the point that it costs the taxpayers to have bills proposed, put through certain preliminaries and discussed; yet a legislature which is pledged to economy sets a new mark. No wonder establishment of this new record is not heralded with peans of acclaim, and the brows of those who established it wait in vain for bestowal of laurel wreaths.—Hickory Record.

**BOYCOTT BEER DEALERS**

To the Editor of The Observer:

While beer-drinking parties here on May Day were boisterously celebrating, a group of earnest citizens were meeting in West Raleigh to protect themselves against what they conceived to be the baneful effects of legalized beer. They proposed to put themselves definitely in line with the nation-wide movement to resist the brewers in their efforts to make beer a part of the stock in trade of every grocery store and filling station.

These citizens met for business and organized for definite action. The first aim will be to press the "Buy Dry" movement in their community. A committee was named to see the local grocers and druggists and filling station men to encourage them not to handle beer. This committee immediately went to work. They offered these dealers their trade and their influence on condition that they agreed not to handle the drink. They frankly told those who proposed to handle it that they would have to boycott them. The approach was in the spirit of good friends and neighbors. They assured them that the boycott would be purely in self-defense, and in no sense vindictive. This was emphasized in the meeting of citizens. Parents strongly expressed their unwillingness to have their children enter stores or other places where beer is sold, believing the ideal of total abstinence will be undermined in children who daily witness the purchase of beer under the protection of the law. The parents declared also, that they wished themselves to avoid the revolting sight. And they propose to tell their grocer and druggist that, if they hand booze over their counters, they will feel compelled to go elsewhere to escape the sight. They hope thus to encourage enough places to remain dry to meet the demands of the "Buy Dry" movement. And the committee was encouraged by their visits. Some places were found dry in sentiment, but in danger of yielding to the clamor of a few booze lovers. The offer of support by booze haters will keep them dry.

The new organization will be known as the Wilmont Citizens club, with Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace, of the Meredith College faculty, as chairman.—S. L. Morgan, in Charlotte Observer.

**A BANK OF HONOR**

An interesting story comes from Sarasota, Fla., where the Ringling circus makes its winter home and where John Ringling established a bank in the palmy Florida days. When the real estate boom in that state collapsed the Ringling bank was crippled and recently accepted voluntary liquidation. John Ringling is dead but his widow was named chairman of the board since she was the principal stockholder. She has announced that the deposits in the bank, which amount to \$411,000, will be paid 100 per cent and the settlement will be made from her private funds.

It is a far cry to the days at Baraboo, Wis., when the Ringling boys established their first circus. It has grown to be the giant of the circus world. The Ringlings banished the shell game and other catch pennies from their shows. They adopted the principle to give value received for every admission sold to their shows. Mr. Ringling also banished shell game methods from his banking business and Mrs. Ringling is standing by even at considerable personal loss.—Spartanburg Herald.



**SOVIET LIVING STANDARD LOW**

**Undernourishment of Millions Feature of New Five-Year Plan**

By EUGENE LYONS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
MOSCOW, May 5.—(U.P.)—Progressive lowering of living standards in the last year, chiefly as a result of difficulties with the "socialized" peasantry, is the most apparent element in the Soviet economic picture of the second five-year plan.

Sensational comparisons with the famine of 1921, when millions died, clearly are exaggerated, as all foreign observers who witnessed that tragedy and are living here now can testify. The present condition more correctly can be described as undernourishment for many millions, amounting in the worst regions, such as Ukraine and North Caucasus, to near-hunger.

**OFFICIAL ADMISSION**  
The fact that the government has undertaken to feed the peasant population in many districts, especially in the Kuban and Don Cossack areas, amounts to an official admission of the seriousness of the situation in those places.

Foreigners, who visited the affected regions recently brought back drab reports. In some of the villages the inhabitants are without bread and they subsist exclusively on potatoes and other substitutes. Livestock is being slaughtered in those villages, to the detriment of the whole national supply of animal products.

But it must be remembered that conditions are far from uniform in the Soviets. At one extreme are the half-starved Caucasian, Ukrainian and Lower Volga villages. At the other are relatively well-fed villages of the Central provinces, Western Siberia, Upper Volga and other areas.

That food shortage is the most pressing national problem, however, is a self-evident fact. Even in the capital rations have been reduced to a minimum.

**FIGHT DIFFICULTIES**  
The brighter colors in an otherwise black picture are provided by the vigor with which the ruling Communist party is moving to overcome the difficulties. On the "Agrarian Front," the Kremlin has mobilized its best forces against hostile conditions.

In the worst provinces commissions have been set up, with power to "mobilize" unwilling labor for sowing and harvesting. Rebellious villages are being punished in masse, sometimes by exile to Far North. The death penalty is being used unsparingly.

But the Bolshevik regime does not count casualties. Deliberately it is intensifying the class struggle in every village, on every collective farm, the kulaks being hunted out and punished pitilessly.

In the midst of such a fierce struggle, life in the Soviet Union naturally is harsher than it has been for some years.

**CHESTNUT GROVE**

CHESTNUT GROVE, May 5.—The Rev. Mr. McKinley and family of Fruitland, have moved into this community recently and will make this their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Connor spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Connor.

The people of this section have reorganized the Sunday school at Mount Zion. A log church is being built there, on May 9. Everybody is invited to attend the working.

Miss Isabel Connor has returned home after spending some time with her relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. Mary Garven is ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Laughter at Fletcher.

Curtis Connor's mother of Marietta, S. C., was a visitor at Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Connor's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd French of this place, are visiting with Mr. French's brother near Face Rock. The latter is home now after an absence of several years.

Chase Fox of Brush Creek, recently visited Mosey Connor.

Mrs. Dora Rhodes visited at the home of her mother, who is ill, at Fletcher, on Monday.

Bonsey Connor and Porter Connor attended a birthday dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wilson in honor of "Grandma" Wilson. She is now in her 83rd year. A large crowd was present and a splendid dinner was served.

Mrs. J. E. Cox called on Miss Isabel Connor Monday afternoon. Herbert Lyda of Dana, spent Sunday night with Mosey Connor.

**BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON**

BY RODNEY DUTCHER  
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Why do people go broke?  
Uncle Sam knows most of the answers after a careful study of the bankruptcies of numerous salaried and wage-earning individuals.

Optimism—that's the chief reason. Most of the bankruptcies studied were traced to extravagance—often at the behest of a high pressure "buy now and pay later" salesman, endorsement of notes for friends or relatives who failed to make good, avoidance of liabilities on foreclosed mortgages that couldn't be carried, and speculation in stocks or real estate.

Less than five per cent of the 250 consumer bankruptcies covered by the survey were regarded as primarily "dishonest" by the experts of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and Yale University's institute of human relations and law school. However, the latter believe that "the number of extravagant and dishonest, incapable or speculative debtors securing bankruptcy discharges is in excess of the number of unfortunate debtors who deservedly receive freedom from their debts."

ONLY 13 per cent of the cases were laid to decreased income, although the fact that the survey covered the eight months ended June, 1931, suggests that unemployment and wage cuts may be a heavier factor in current consumer bankruptcies.

Debtors can be discharged so easily through bankruptcy that there has been a big increase in these actions among wage earners—114 per cent between 1920 and 1930. In 1929 more than \$25,000,000,000 in retail sales were made on credit, upwards of \$6,000,000,000 of it on the installment plan.

Creditors rarely oppose consumer bankruptcies and the appli-

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**THOUGHTS OF A FISHERMAN**

By Ike Walton, Redivivus

The pictures in the magazine ads give me the creeps. I wonder if the nimblecompo artists think they sell anything that way. Probably the artist splits his pay with the advertising agent, and he gives the publicity man a rake-off, and the publisher assures the advertiser that the aesthetic value of his ad was a subject of admiring comment by all the readers of the Ninny's Gazette, and the poor soap manufacturer never studied Michael Angelo and all art is just art to him and so the reader gets to be the

Creek, was in this section on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Connor of Hoopers Creek, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Connor on Sunday. Misses Fay Freeman and Ruby and Francis Norris were callers in this section Monday afternoon. Miss Isabel Connor, Porter and Fred Connor attended preaching at Hoopers' Creek Sunday night.

Mr. Frisby, the agricultural instructor at Edinville school paid a visit to Mr. Porter Connor recently.

Farmers in this section are getting along nicely with their work. Hubert Collins of Liberty was a visitor in this section Saturday. Raleigh Williams of Hendersonville, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams in this neighborhood.

goat, and is allowed to gaze on the skinny bones of the bathing beauty with an expression like Jezebel's and an eye like Potiphar's wife's and all that. I'd rather look at my nanny goat's kids gambolling in the clover meadow, and see the cardinal on the fence post, and hear the thrush singing in the crab apple thicket, and get my art that way. Good Lord, do those magazine fellows take us for a lot of rustic fools?

One of the worst offenders is the cigarette ads. They try to fix up a girl to look smart and "chic" and succeed only in making her common and vulgar. I sometimes wonder who the fellows are who get up those ads. They must be a queer lot. Their ideas of what is attractive must be based on some of the art practiced by the Benamfala and the Kopakanawas. The insipid and silly grins on the faces of the whang-doodle models would make an orange-outang indignant if he thought they were trying to claim kin with him. I suspect a lot of smokers buy their tobacco from somebody else because they get tired of those idiotic ads. I know a man who does. He said he would not smoke cigarettes that made a man look as much like a smirking ape as those advertisements did.

The magazine people might do the public a service if they would teach the ad-writers how to show the public their wares without insulting the taste of everybody who must see those pictures; and especially do it now before the beer advertisers get started with some more rot—for the beer crowd must sooner or later come with cigarettes as well as nearly everything else.

**THE TWYMANIES**  
Story by MAL COCHRAN  
Pictures by GEORGE SCARBO



SAID Copy, "Gee, what can we do? I do not like the woman who is chasing those two little girls. They're scared as they can be."

"We might rush out and start a fuss. The woman, though, might capture us. Perhaps we'd better follow them, and see what we can see."

"A good idea," Scouty said. "Be careful as we move ahead. Just jump along from tree to tree, so we will not be seen."

"The woman's heading toward her house. If we're as quiet as a mouse, it's likely she won't hear us. Gee, I'll bet that she is mean."

THEY got down on their hands and knees and reached the little house with ease. "I'll do the knocking," Scouty said. "The rest of you lay low."

"Don't let the woman see your face, unless you want to leave this place," said Duncy. "If will spoil the whole thing, if we have to."

Then Scouty heard the woman say, "I'm glad I found you girls today. You see, I am the work witch. I despise all sorts of play."

"You both are going to work for me—and you'll be busy as can be. I'll find enough to keep you busy all the live-long day."

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THEY all took Scouty's good advice. Of course poor Duncy stumbled twice and made some little noise, but the woman didn't stop.

"For goodness sake, be quiet," he'd say. "Every time you talk, you seem to take a 'lep'."

"They've reached the house," another cried. "The little girl have gone inside. I wonder what will happen now. Gee, how can we find out?"

"I know," said Copy. "We will sneak up to a window. Then we'll peek. I cannot rest until I know what this is all about."

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(Duncy suggests a way to help the little girls in the next story.)

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**HOLLYWOOD FILM SHOP**

By ALANSON EDWARDS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
HOLLYWOOD, May 5.—(U.P.)—If stone age gentlemen hadn't started high hating their women folk, there probably would be no room today for the army of Hollywood artisans who turn out clothes creations for movie stars.

It's a long dinosaur leap from Neanderthal caves to Hollywood cuties but it explains why women pass up potatoes for lettuce in order to meld themselves into a \$100 model marked down to