

Corporal Reid Says Prayers Of People Helpful To The Soldiers

Temptations Not As Bad As Some People Suspect, He Asserts

"It does a guy good to know that there are people back home who are praying for his safe return," says Cpl. John B. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Reid, in a letter written in response to a communication from Oak Grove Baptist church, which was sent to all men from the community in the armed services of the United States.

Corporal Reid enclosed in his letter \$5.00 to be used as the church may see fit. The text of his letter follows:

I was delighted to get the wonderfully encouraging letter and know you all still remember me and all the other boys in the service.

I got a lot out of the letter, and I'm sure all the other boys did too. It does a guy good to know that there are people back home that are praying for his safe return, but it does him more good to know that the church back home is back of him.

We have many temptations here, but it's not as bad as some people are inclined to believe. We have everything for our own benefit and good that it is possible for Uncle Sam to provide. We have our church here, but I admit, it isn't like going to church back home.

I am expecting to be home next month on my first furlough and I'm making it a date to be at church the Sunday I'm there.

As I write this, I'm listening to

FARM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: How can I stop a ring worm on my calf's neck?

Answer: Remove the scales by the use of a stiff brush, soap and water, says J. A. Arey, in charge of Dairy Extension at N. C. State College, and then paint the spot with tincture of iodine.

Ring worm is a parasitic disease and occurs on the calf's head, neck, shoulders and rump. The hair comes out and a gray scaly crust is formed over the bare surface. After the animals are treated for the disease, the stalls should be thoroughly cleaned and white-washed.

Question: Where can I get a good publication on terracing?

Answer: The Agricultural Editor at N. C. State College, Raleigh, will send you a free copy of Extension Circular No. 222, entitled "Terracing To Reduce Soil Erosion." This publication tells how to construct a V-type drag and outlines the progressive steps in terrace construction. It also tells how to construct terraces with large terracing units.

Gospel Songs over the radio.

In closing may I say, Thanks for the letter.

Fraternally yours,
Cpl. John Reid.

Zamperini Missing



U. S. TRACK champion and Army Air Forces bombardier, Lieut. Louis Zamperini, 25, of Torrance, Cal., who almost caused an international incident by pulling down a Nazi flag during the 1936 Olympics in Germany, is reported missing in the South Pacific. (International)

Poison Flea Beetle On Irish Potatoes

Yields of potatoes in western North Carolina will be greatly reduced unless measures are taken to control the potato flea beetle, now threatening serious damage to the crop, says Walter M. Kulash, assistant in the Department of Entomology of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

He reports that the crop should have been treated either by dusting or spraying at an earlier date but that present prices of potatoes warrant a fight on the flea beetle now. For dusting, he recommends a mixture of one part of cryolite and three parts of talc. This mixture should be placed in a tight drum together with a few smooth river stones about the size of the fist to help mix the materials properly. Keep the drum tightly covered and rotate for a few minutes to get a thorough mix.

Kulash recommends applications of the dust mixture at weekly intervals until it is no longer possible to use the equipment in the field without damaging the plants by running over them.

He recommends that growers, who prefer spraying, use 2 pounds of calcium arsenate in a 4-6-50 Bordeaux mixture in their weekly applications.

John's Counsel to Christians

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for June 27 is II John and III John, the Golden Text being III John 2, "Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.")

OUR LESSON today consists of two private letters written by John—two of three contained in the New Testament, the other being by Paul. We do not know just where these letters were written, nor exactly what time, but it may have been at Ephesus, where John lived for the most part after Jesus' ascension, and the time might be about A. D. 90-95.

These letters to good friends give us a picture of the life of these early Christian people and somehow make them seem nearer to us, not just some ancient people whose joys and problems are far away and utterly different from our own.

The first letter is to the "elect lady." She is simply called that, and no one knows who she was or what her name was. Some have called her Electa; others think her name may have been Kyria, a common Greek woman's name, but we have no proof that either name was hers, and will call her, as John does, the "elect lady."

The letter begins: "The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth."

Impressive Greeting

In our day of informality, the greetings of these ancient people, both when meeting on the road, or when writing, is most impressive. The salutations are also very sweet and beautiful.

"Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love," John begins.

He tells her he has rejoiced greatly that her children are "walking in truth," and then beseeches her, "not as though I write a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another."

How many times in the New Testament are we told to love one another, and how sadly we fail to obey this command.

Next John's letter warns this lady not to allow "a deceiver" to enter her house nor even wish him God speed, because that might make her a "partaker of his evil deeds." We might apply this to our lives by shunning evil companions. We all naturally imitate those with whom we are closely associated. Not only do we

imitate their mannerisms, but their speech and even their thoughts and ways of living. Isn't it much better, then, to choose friends who have high ideals and live fine lives, than to choose those that do us no good and probably do us harm?

He concludes by saying that he has many things to say, but would not "write with paper and ink," as he hopes to see her and her family before long. The "paper" he speaks of was Egyptian papyrus, and the ink was lamp black and gall juice or soot and water. This is the only time in the New Testament where paper is mentioned.

Letter to Gaius

The second epistle was written to a friend named Gaius. There are four men by that name in the New Testament—one a member of the church at Corinth, a companion of Paul seized at Ephesus, and a third a companion of Paul's. The one to whom John wrote this letter was still another. John begins with a beautiful salutation: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

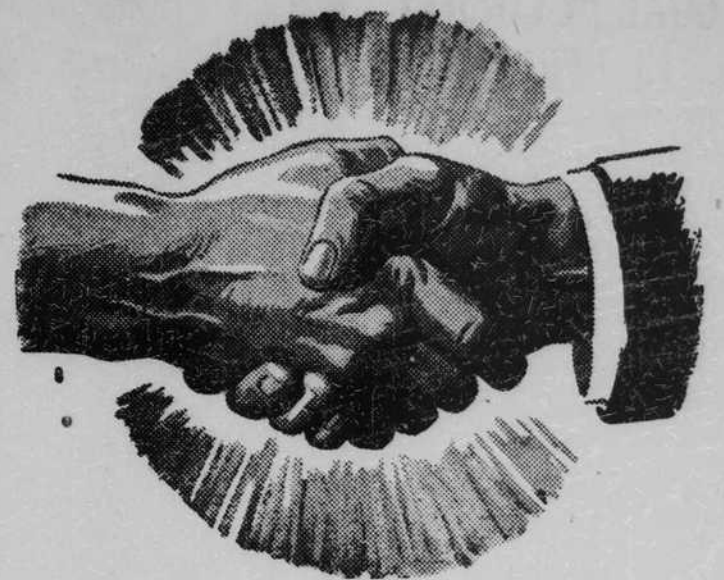
John was sure that Gaius' soul was in health, for he says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

He then commends Gaius for his faithful work. These preachers and teachers of the early church went from place to place in the name of the Lord Jesus, preaching the word. They were poor and had to depend upon the hospitality of other members of the church for food and lodging.

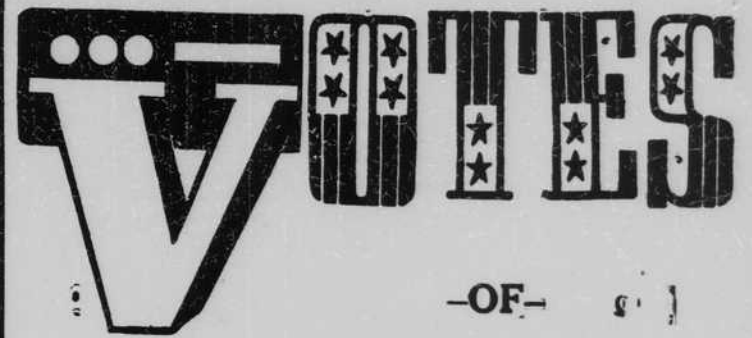
Even among those first disciples of the Master there were some who were selfish and self-seeking. It seems almost impossible that so soon after Jesus' passing they would forget his life and teaching, but so it was, as it is today. John writes to Gaius of Diotrophes, who was such a man. He wanted to dominate the church, to "boss" it, as we would say today. He had forgotten Jesus' injunction that he "who would be greatest among you, let him be your servant," and took it upon himself to say who should be received of the congregation and who should not, and worse still, spoke maliciously of John and others of the faithful, refusing to receive them and even casting them out of the church. John wrote that he would remember these things when he visited the church.

Demetrius he spoke of warmly, as a man who "hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself."

He concludes his letter: "I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be with thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name."



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Timely Hints For Farm Homemakers

By Ruth Current

It is saddening to read the annual accident record for 1941 and find the appalling number of 31,500 deaths due to home accidents. Accidents are real enemies of the home and most of them are caused by thoughtlessness and carelessness. Make your home a safe home by taking care of the danger spots which cause most accidents.

- 1—Have you a step ladder in good repair?
- 2—Are there handrails for all stairways with open sides?
- 3—Do you have a regular place for tools and toys when not in use?
- 4—When using a sharp knife, do you always cut away from you?
- 5—Are poisons and medicines clearly labeled and stored out of reach of children?
- 6—Do members of your family

carefully read labels on medicine bottles before using?

- 7—Are all home-canned vegetables and meats boiled for 15 minutes before using?
- 8—Do you empty large receptacles of water immediately after using them?
- 9—Do you immediately wipe up water and grease spilled on the kitchen floor?
- 10—Are the porch steps in good repair?
- 11—Are you learning the habit of turning handles of cooking utensils toward the back of the stove?
- 12—Is some member of your family qualified to give First Aid?

If you fail to answer "yes" to all of these questions, get your family to help you strengthen the weak points so the enemy, "Accident," cannot enter your home.

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