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EASTER MESSAGE

The real message of Easter: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

The real question to answer: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen."

The real test of life: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

The real command to obey: "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel and lo, I am with you always."

HOUSES OR WINE CELLARS—WHICH?

When it was announced that the government would loan money to repair or make necessary additions to homes, we applied for a small loan to build an extra bedroom to our home. After waiting for months we were informed in a beautifully worded form letter that it was with regret that the loan could not be made.

And today we got another communication from the same department telling us that the government would be glad to make a loan to us to build a wine cellar. The strange thing about much of this government help offered is the inconsistency of it. This particular branch, the HOLC, insists on people going to the bank and borrowing money for a few years to add many things to one's home that can very well be done without. And, should many of us do as they ask, in three years time it would be just as hard to pay the money back as it would be tomorrow. We do not believe President Roosevelt himself would approve of much of the propaganda being put out by some relief agencies if he knew it.

POLICING THE HIGHWAYS AND MORE

About the most practical thing proposed by the Legislature in our opinion is changing the Highway Patrol into a State Police. Every law enforcing officer should be sworn to arrest any violator anywhere whom he finds breaking the law.

The patrol has an unusual opportunity with little additional cost to the State of dealing with the public enemy as he patrols the highways all over North Carolina. In the past the patrol has been more or less an honor escort for higher officials and funeral processions. No other enforcement officer has such an opportunity of dealing with the liquor problem as has the patrol. If he is only to catch the fellow who ignores crossings, drives on the wrong side of the road, or fails to have the right license, then we favor giving the money the state has been paying for this service to some more needy and practical object.

North Carolina highways need policing, not patrolling.

RALEIGH'S CANDIDATES

Two of Raleigh's candidates for re-election have announced themselves independently. If one would believe their attitude, then he must conclude that each believes the other unfit for the position he now holds and seeks again. If

they feel like they would make the public believe, then won't it be a "pretty kettle of fish" should they both be elected. The differences and opposition have been bad enough during the present administration, but it will doubtless be much worse if they are again elected. A city or any other government administered by a set of men wrangling and bickering with one another makes a good government difficult.

EDUCATE OR ERADICATE

In Congress a few days ago, when a plea was being made for an appropriation to the public schools of the country, a member from New York with a foreign name said: "We have authorized an appropriation of \$38,000,000 for naval and war purposes in less than one hour's time and with less than 38 members present and here we have 3,000,000 children who will be thrown out of school because of lack of time."

This act of our national government is in keeping with its course for years. Why educate children if they are to be used in the war game? The more animal they are with less intelligence beyond sense enough to obey a war lord, the better soldiers they will make. Develop the body by all means, but keep the mind as dark as possible. We need ships not sense; more power not principle.

other makes a good government difficult. This is what the war lords and munition makers would say, but we believe if the great mass of the American people could speak, that 90 per cent of them would say less war preparation and more intellectual training.

SEEN AND HEARD

Brantley Richardson, of the Hales Chapel section, was in the Record office on Wednesday and spoke of having found a skim of ice on the horse trough at his barn that morning. He said the canvas over his plantbed was covered with frost, but thought no great damage was done.

Elizabeth Broughton, Wakelon tenth grader, has discovered that there's no personal profit in altruism. She was heard on Monday to declare that she had helped get herself into a fix. When her mother was asked to become president of the Parent-Teacher Association Elizabeth said she insisted that Mrs. Broughton accept. "And now," continued Elizabeth, "the very first thing she does is to rush off to Asheville to a State meeting, leaving me to keep house."

'T was ever thus: from childhood's hour
The families of those who lead
Must rally round with all their power
And help to serve the leader's need.
(With apologies to the poet)

Selfishness and Sacrificing

A woman was telling me last week about how much the family needs money. She lives just outside town and has a beautiful home and fine farm. She said her children needed money so badly. (There are two and one of them is married.) She went on to say, "They are building a new church and wanted us to pay a lot on it and you know if you don't pay to the church people will criticise you. I wanted a new frigidaire, but made the sacrifice and gave my money to the church instead."

She thought she was really making a sacrifice, yet we know lots of folks who would not have done that even under the lashing of criticism and conscience.

A recent visitor to our town remarked that everybody on Gannon Avenue has gone crazy over flowers; that she had never seen such exchanging, giving and buying of plants. If you pass that way this week, notice Mrs. Horton's tulips in front of spirea. Mrs. Barbee's pink flowering dogwood, which is in its glory, and Mrs. Mizelle's smaller one which looks like a little girl dressed up for Sunday School. The dogwoods and lilacs on the Robertson lawn have been lovely. And don't forget to see Mrs. Jethro Stell's yard. All the flowers are not on one street.

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