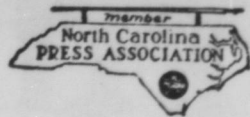


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(Sermonette)

LIARS

"I said in my haste, All men are liars"—Ps. 116:11

In a moment of quick judgment David gave expression to his opinion of folks generally when it comes to truthfulness. Yet admitting these were impulsive words, we do not find where, after due consideration, he revised his statement.

I believe every man will, if he reviews his life, admit his natural inclination to deny if not "stretch" the truth on many occasions to profit, protect or deliver himself. Then truth is an acquired virtue. Some children who are innocently truthful, become fibbers of the worst sort. Others who will tell falsehoods will become as they reach toward manhood or womanhood very truthful, so much so that they will as the Psalmist says "swear to their own hurt."

Annianus and Sapphira were probably led to lying through envy. But there may be a thousand ways and causes for lying. We lie so often that many people will lie unconsciously. Women will lie about social matters. Men will lie about business matters. Young people will lie about nothings. Church members will lie when singing, praying and giving. Once after preaching a missionary sermon I took a collection and a leading member gave 50 cents. He said at the close of the service "You got every cent I had". Later I took dinner in his home and he bragged about having several hundred dollars in the bank.

Someone has said "A lie is a handle that fits anything." One who deliberately lies will steal not only your good name, but your money and possibly your life. With few exceptions the man who goes into bankruptcy lies; perhaps perjures himself. Peter said to Annianus, "Satan hath filled thy heart" and we are told he is "the father of lies."

We have in the Bible many instances of lying. Some of them were prominent people. Abraham lied, so did Jacob, Samson, Saul, and even David. Yet none of them found it profitable, but rather made bad matters worse.

The Bible clearly tells us there are certain kinds

of people who will not get to heaven. It says drunkards, whore-mongers, blasphemers shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. It says that the one that maketh a lie shall not enter and that without is "every one that loveth and maketh a lie." Of course we may excuse ourselves for using this "very present help in time of trouble" and say we cannot believe God would deal so cruelly with an individual for such a little thing as telling harmless stories. But if we believe the Bible as the word of God, we must also believe that there will be no liars in heaven.

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DOUBLE-CROSSING DIPLOMACY

America has looked on with surprise and shock at the double dealings of Italy and Germany. Lately that has come to light which was believed all along; Germany and Italy had large forces in the Spanish war. Now Germany parades her fighting men who helped Franco win the war and boasts of her aid. This is not strange at all to one having knowledge of Germany's ruler.

One wonders if France and England had not so much at stake if they would not have played a hand in the war. And we have an idea that even the United States would diplomatically change sides, reverse, leave a weaker nation at another's mercy, if it was found that by abiding by its treaty men or money would be lost.

Coming to our own community we wonder how many of us would be willing to abide by our word of honor if we found that great loss would ensue. Before one starts throwing stones it would be well for him to consider whether he himself is without the sin of diplomatic double-crossing when personal interests are jeopardized.

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SCARE OUT OR PUT OUT — WHICH?

We have read a number of times lately the statement that every president up to the present who was elected in a year that ended with a naught was killed or died during his administration. Were these co-incidences? And why are they played up so fully just now when Mr. Roosevelt is said to be considering a third term?

While our president has done some fine things during his administration, yet he has advanced some plans and theories that have scared business and throttled democracy. In every section of the country and every walk of life there is, we believe, a growing sentiment demanding the election of a more conservative man. For eight years we have tried out his ideas and some of them have been proven unworkable. He lacks that support of business to insure the success of his program and policies. The trend of public opinion against him today would grow to a roar if not open rebellion before another four years would end. Our own opinion is that a man like Cordell Hull with his tried statesmanship and sincere conservatism would carry through the best of Mr. Roosevelt's ideals and restore the confidence of this nation in the administration of the government.

Seen And Heard

GOOD SNAPS

The best snap beans eaten in the editor's home this year were some short, round, tender ones, brought in by William Baker two weeks ago. We do not know the variety, but they were unusually good.

NO CHOW

If you chance to see a fairly small white dog with his tail curled over his back in the Chow manner, and with a straight, woolly coat, don't make the mistake of thinking him a young Chow. That is the Riggsbee Massey Spitz that has had a summer haircut and is just growing another crop.

SUNDAY HOTTEST DAY TO THAT DATE

The thermometer and the weather man said last Sunday was the hottest day of the year up to that date. But because of the humidity on Monday the close, warm air had the effect of making many believe that day warmer than the one preceding.

A SPOTLESS SPORTSMAN

Sometimes one wonders how much pleasure some people get out of life when we note that they do not enjoy or participate in such sports as we do. We have noticed that some who do not, look just as fit and happy as the average person. Standing in front of Gill's bowling alley the other day, one asked Wayland Finch if he had ever bowled any. He replied that he had not, and added that so far as he recalled he had never shot pool, a gun or a pistol, or been fishing. And yet one wonders if Wayland has not got more out of life by saving his money, missing hard work, the mosquitoes and various other unpleasant things associated with what we call sport.

GOOD, WHY NOT?

B. C. Bunn came in from the field one day hot, tired and thirsty. Mrs. Bunn brought him a drink of water, fresh and cold from the well. Drinking long and deep of the most refreshing and satisfying drink man or God ever made, he paused to say: "Lizzie, this is the best water I ever drank. Don't you reckon you

could can some of it?"

CHAMPION TRAVELING SALESMAN

One reads in the papers these days of champions—boxing, baseball, golf and various other sports. But we met a champion of an unusual order a few days ago, a champion salesman. He is a Mr. W. M. Evett of Kenly. He travels for the Maxwell Co., New Bern, and sells hardware and groceries. He starts early Monday morning and travels over Eastern Carolina for five days in the week. When he returns to Kenly Friday night he has traveled 1150 miles and called on 262 customers. Yes, he is some traveler and salesman.

A recent survey conducted in 35 states revealed that seven out of 10—farmers personally interviewed subscribed to a daily newspaper and more than half took a weekly.

INCREASING

Wild ducks are still increasing in the United States, although the total is still far below that of a decade ago, the U. S. Biological Survey has announced.

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