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SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS

Sunday Schools

A college professor in a late address before a Lynchburg, Va., Woman's Club declared that the average Sunday School is "practically worthless" to children. "If religious instruction is important," said he, "it should be as well presented as the other phases of learning." No doubt many agree with him. Singing the same children's songs Sunday after Sunday, hearing the Lord's prayer repeated much like a parrot might say it, then some picture lessons and a beautiful little parable from nature and school is over.

A recent survey to determine the effectiveness of Sunday Schools showed a .002 ratio between a child's development and what he learns in Sunday School certainly a very low ratio. This is one shadow of coming events that pastors should examine carefully. They might find that many adolescents experience a religious crisis because of their failure to get the right religious instruction in earlier years, if what they received might really have been religious instruction.

Present World Conditions

Have not the most of us asked ourselves, "Who is to blame for the present condition of this world of ours?" Can we truthfully lay the blame on any one man, or group of men, or even a nation? Probably the best place to start our thinking would be the Bible—what we call the word of God. Are its teachings true? Do we believe them as the word of God? Is their meaning and message applicable to our times and to us?

If turning away from God, forgetting or ignoring his commandments, and "turning every man to his own way" would bring catastrophe to the race, do we find any answer to our first question in the present condition of the world? Isn't it time that we recognized the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the awfulness of sin and the certainty of its punishment?

We believe the world is to blame for things as they are, that not just one individual, or one nation has forgotten God, but to a great extent the whole world has forsaken him. In America we still go to church, we still "have a form of godliness," we still say our prayers, we still give a mere pittance of God's benefaction back to him and his church.

Until the people return to God, repent almost literally in sackcloth and ashes, we shall continue to "have wars and rumors of wars," and the hand of God will lay heavily on all people. As long as man takes advantage of man, or nations of nations, to mass more and more gold, we shall reap the whirlwind of our own stirring. It is this kind of man of whom there are millions, with his many inventions for power, pleasure and profit, that is responsible for all the misery, murders, sorrow that envelops the earth today. It is all the result of evil thinking and doing. The teaching of the Bible finds expression in the words of Shakespeare: "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." We need to take Paul's advice in Phil. 4:8 and try that for awhile: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

We need to change our thinking and doubtless we may change our way of living. Till then, "Wars and rumors of wars will continue, and there will be no resting place for the dove of peace in a dreary, wasted world."

Foresight and Hindsight

No one can afford to forget the future in the activities of the present. Quite true it is that he who looks well to the present has fortified himself in much for the future. Russia and England have looked ahead and when the moment comes for decision and action they more often than other-

wise are ready. This is illustrated very strikingly in regard to Poland and other lesser nations freed from the Huns and Hitler. And it appears that owing to a definite course of action outlined and planned, it will be the same in a great measure with each nation involved, even when the interests of the U. S. may be vitally involved.

America seems to have nothing definite to offer the little nations of Europe in their return to their countries. The President, the Secretary of State, and even Congress have not arrived at anything definite as to what they believe will be best for Poland, Italy or Greece. While we wrangle, argue, hesitate, and prognosticate, Russia and England step in with an assurance and definiteness that, being the best—in fact, all that is offered them—is gladly accepted. Too late America realizes that she is too late!

Our own opinion is that when all governments of Europe are re-established once more, they will be advised and dominated by the three big powers and America will have little to say and not much to do except keep on paying the bills for all the old world. With all our sacrifice and lend-lease it is entirely possible, if not probable, that our country will have less prestige and influence than it did following the first world war.

Will America wake up to its responsibility and opportunity before it is too late? For once our foresight has been eclipsed by our hindsight. We have been so intent on things of the present that we have almost forgotten that there will be a future. Our country's attitude casts a shadow whose length may reach far down the century.

Big Champ Too Fat

To the Twenty-third 4-H Congress came a chubby 17-year-old youth, Raymond Taylor, Kentland, Ind. He was chock full of ambitions to win the junior feeding contest in the Chicago Market Fat Stock Show with his Prize Chester White porker, Prince.

Ray's fond hopes were blasted when Prince stepped on the scales. Officials disqualified the animal: "Sorry, youngster, but your pig is eight pounds overweight."

Exercise is reducing, Raymond figured, so he and Prince began a walking tour of the stock yards.

Boy and pig's two-and-one-half hour marathon paid off when Prince weighed in again, topped the scales at the proper 299 lbs., then stepped down with the grand championship purple ribbon.

"I expect I lost more weight than Prince," Ray said, "But it was worth it."

Postwar Outlook

When WPB says "go" on civilian cars, the motor industry will be ready. C. E. Wilson, General Motors president, predicted that a pent-up growing demand for automobiles during the first peacetime years will be 50% ahead of any year before the war.

Ford Motor Co. sets 2,000,000 cars as its share of this vast market and will be ready three months after an okay from WPB with a "face-lifted" version of the 1942 model to sell at less than \$300.

Other Ford plans: A new low-price model, built partly of aluminum, to run 28 to 30 miles on a gallon of gasoline, a new Mercury and two Lincolns.

What price will be right for post-war cars? OPA began asking manufacturers for cost data; Pricing Chief Bowles was quoted as wanting a 5 per cent increase over 1941 levels.

Motor makers thought a boost of 15 per cent to 25 per cent would be more like it, chiefly because of hiked labor costs.

Mrs. C. C. Alford and children are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Privette, after spending two weeks with her husband at Camp Blanding, Fla. She expects to return to her home in Newport News, Va., in a few days.

Candy, Apples, Oranges, Raisins, Sugar, Coffee, Tea
A. G. Kemp — Zebulon

SMART GIRL
Hilda Terry—King Features Syndicate, Inc.

buying MY winter outfit at the Post Office this year—to wear in 1955.

STUDENTS RETURN
The following young people have returned to their schools after spending the holidays at home here: R. H. Brantley, Bessie Kay Williams, Wake Forest; Margaret Bunn, Cleo Glover, Joyce Temple, Meredith; Rebecca Horton, Anne Massey, ECTC; Douglas Chamblee, State; Frederick Corbett, Campbell; Louise Johnson, WCUNC; Doretha Parrish, King's Business College, Raleigh.

Mrs. J. G. Kemp spent the holiday in Fredericksburg, Va., with relatives, making the trip with Dr. and Mrs. Flowers as they went to Baltimore.

Mrs. W. N. Pitts is considerably improved from her recent illness and is now able to be up a good part of the time.

1945 Census

Farmers throughout Wake County are advised to take inventory of their farm operations in order that they may have factual information at hand when the census taker visits them to get this information. This visit will be made by the census taker during the month of January.

This will be the fourteenth agricultural census to be taken. The first one was taken in 1840. This information is used to keep our nation up to date as to the agricultural situation and conditions that exist from year to year.

The census taker will have need of information pertaining to the following subjects: acres of different crops planted in 1944, the yield of these different crops, the amount of fertilizer used, the cost of the fertilizer, the number of heads of livestock and poultry, the purpose for which they are used, the amount of farm equipment used, the number of heads of workstock, value of farm buildings, number of farm buildings and dwellings, number of different people living on the farm and their ages, number of fruit trees, amount of products sold from livestock, crops, and fruit trees, and many, many other questions that are directly related to agricultural production. If possible, it would be advisable for you to take a brief inventory so that you could save yourself and the census taker's time whenever he or she visits you for this information.

New USES Office Opened In Franklin

The United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission is opening a branch office to serve the County of Franklin beginning New Year's Day, January 1, 1945.

This office will be located on the second floor of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company Building on Main Street in Franklin, N. C. and will be a full-time branch office under the supervision of the Raleigh Local Office, announces L. J. Craven, Manager.

Mr. Goodridge A. Wilson will be the Interviewer-in-Charge of this office. All persons and employers residing in the County of Franklin will please contact this office instead of the Raleigh Local Office for all activities pertaining to both employment service and claims, which will include unemployment compensation claims and readjustment allowance claims for World War II Veterans.

For the time being Mr. Wilson will be found in the office every morning from 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; but will be working mostly out of the office during the afternoons, serving employers and recruiting for the War Effort. Therefore, any office contacts you will please make during the morning part of the day. Telephone service has been ordered for this office and will be installed very shortly.

PTA Study Group

P.-T. A. Study Group program for Tuesday, January 9, 1945, at 5 o'clock:

Topic: "Guiding the Citizens of Tomorrow".

1. Song—"America".

2. Devotion—Mr. George Griffin.

3. "Guiding the Citizens of Tomorrow in Social Life"—Mrs. Ida Hall.

4. "What Recreation Can Do About the Citizens of Tomorrow"—Mr. Lowry.

5. Special Music—Music Committee.

6. Education For Guiding Citizens of Tomorrow—Mr. Pittman Stell.

7. "Religion For Guiding Citizens of Tomorrow"—Mr. C. E. Vale.

8. Speech—Mrs. R. J. Pearce, State Chairman Study Groups.

Bring your supper to be served picnic style in the home economics building.

Mrs. M. J. Sexton, Chairman.

The WFA predicts that the 1945 butter production will be even smaller than last year, but supplies of margarine are reported ample. Peanut butter promises to be of better quality.

It is mind, after all, which does the work of the world.—Channing

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