

In Memory

WILLIAM H. PHIPPS

In loving memory of Staff Sgt. William H. Phipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phipps, who was killed in action, November 16, 1944.

He was born in Ashe county, June 12, 1921, making him at the time of his death, 23 years, five months and four days of age.

He volunteered for duty in the Maryland Division, National Guard, in 1939. In 1940 he joined the 115th Infantry, 29th Division. He was sent overseas in September, 1942, where he became engaged in active service for his country. His chaplain said of him, "He was an excellent soldier and was highly regarded by the officers and men of his company."

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In the great loss sustained by his father, mother, brother and sisters, we realize how insufficient is anything we can say. Yet in their grief may they find comfort in the knowledge that he gave his life fighting for the principles of freedom, liberty and all the things that we, as Americans hold dear.

William, although he gave his life for his country, will still live in the hearts of his loved ones and all who knew him. When the great day of all days comes and he stands before the Captain of our souls, may he be able to hear him say, well done, good and faithful servant.

In writing to his mother, he said, "Mom, don't worry about me. I have changed." Those words will be cherished by her always.

Besides his parents, he left one brother, Thomas Virgil Phipps, Havre de Grace, Md., two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Senter and Mrs. Merle Brown, with other relatives and friends.

So, farewell, Billy, we hope to meet you again. Written by Rev. W. E. Denny.

Alfred Lord Tennyson was once offered 1,000 guineas (about \$5,000) for eight Christmas card verses.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

Thanksgiving



For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped, For the labor well done and the barns that are heaped... For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land, For the cunning and strength of the working man's hand... For our country extending from sea to sea, The land that is known as the land of the free, Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving! - ANONYMOUS



The Everyday Counselor

REV. HERBERT D. SPAUGH, D. D.

Indian Summer is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The month of October and the early part of November show it at its best. Many travel each year to the mountains to see Mother Nature in all her varicolored glory — the red, yellow, orange, purple and green of the changing foliage on the trees. We don't have to go to the mountains to see it. We have only to go where there are trees.

Indian Summer, so called, teaches us a beautiful lesson in living. While the springtime with its fresh green foliage reminds us of youth in its vigor and new life, yet the color of the foliage

is always limited to green. So it is with youth and its desires. They are limited largely to material things and search for them. It is when nature's foliage comes to maturity during the fall season that the variety in color finds fullest expression. So it is with maturity in life. The fall season in life should be the most beautiful. This is the time when man should give fullest expression of his life to spiritual things. Many fail to grasp this. It is those in this season of life who bring to us the finest things. It is they who have learned to know God and allow Him to find expression in their lives.

Many fight approaching old age, wrestle in confusion and desperation with that period called "change of life" which comes to men and women alike in middle years. One of the finest books I have ever read on this subject is one which I recommend to my readers, "Making the Most of the Rest of Life," by Stolz (Abingdon - Cokesbury).

Fruits, vegetables, flowers best when they are mature. So it is with life. A woman doesn't come to maturity until she reaches 35, a man until 40. Then those individual talents which Almighty God has given us commence to find their fullest expression and show their difference in color and beauty.

Fruits, vegetables, flowers come to their best maturity by regular cultivation. So we should come to life's mature years. It takes cultivation and practice. Those who learn to know their Lord in early life, live in His presence, find the Indian Sum-

mer years of tremendous satisfaction and striking beauty. Then when old age arrives it is like a beautiful sunset, a joy and benediction to everyone. Learn the lesson of the Indian Summer, apply it to your own life. Then your friends, family and your Lord will call you blessed.

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MRS. ED M. ANDERSON, Editor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of October, 1948. W. D. McMILLAN, (My commission expires October 27, 1948.)

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