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**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

**THE FEAST OF HARMONY.**  
—Better is a dry morsel, and  
quietness therewith than a house  
full of sacrifices with strife.—  
Proverbs 17: 1.

**FRANCE STILL INSISTENT**

The French government has  
come out with a positive state-  
ment of its position regarding  
any moratorium to Germany,  
stating that it will not agree to  
a moratorium on any terms ex-  
cept that the German mines of  
the Ruhr district of the National  
Forest be placed in the hands of  
the allies as a guarantee, and  
that no matter what happens  
France will not depart from this  
policy.

It would seem that France  
still retains a wholesome fear of  
Germany and its aggressive  
spirit and really still fears for  
its safety should Germany be-  
come too rapidly rehabilitated.

While France may feel that  
such an attitude is justified in  
order to assure its own safety,  
yet it is also resulting in delay-  
ing the economic rebuilding of  
Europe and delaying the return  
to normal conditions through-  
out the world.

France evidently has no con-  
fidence in the League of Nations,  
whose covenants would guaran-  
tee her integrity and protect  
her from any aggression on the  
part of Germany under any cir-  
cumstances.

However, France knows the  
German nature from experience  
and no doubt it is justified in  
maintaining the attitude which  
it has assumed, but to the bal-  
ance of the world it will be look-  
ed upon as a selfish position and  
without consideration of the  
greater benefit of the larger  
number.

**FARMERS FALLING IN LINE**

The local agricultural agent  
reports that forty-six farmers  
have agreed to raise hogs under  
his instruction, which is an ex-  
cellent beginning on the program  
which has been outlined with the  
idea of making this a hog pro-  
ducing section. It is becoming  
more and more evident every  
day that the time will not be  
long before this community will  
face the boll weevil situation and  
everything which is done now  
to prepare for that day is that  
much gained. Even if it should  
never reach here the program is a  
sane and sensible one.

Statistics show that there are  
only eighteen thousand hogs  
raised in Halifax County, while  
the County has a population of  
forty-four thousand people, so  
there is a market right in the  
county for a considerable

crease in pork production.

We again call upon all inter-  
ests to back this movement  
to make this a section noted for  
its production of pork. Let  
those who have not publicly de-  
clared themselves as aligned  
with the movement declare them-  
selves in positive terms and give  
their active as well as moral  
support.

**TAKE TIME BY THE FORE  
LOCK**

For several days one of the  
local banks has had on exhibi-  
tion that interesting and fearful  
bug, the boll weevil, but if re-  
ports which are received from  
day to day are true it will not  
be long before it ceases to be a  
curiosity but will be a reality in  
our midst. In fact, it now  
seems that it will reach here  
much earlier than was expected.  
Returning visitors from Pitt  
County state that it is appearing  
more and more rapidly and in  
greater numbers every day, the  
rainy, damp weather being ex-  
tremely favorable toward its  
progress.

In this section, it had not gen-  
erally been expected that it  
would reach here until next year,  
but it now seems very likely that  
the weevil will make its first  
appearance late this fall.

The program of the local  
Chamber of Commerce, assisted  
by the banks and merchants of  
the community, has been discuss-  
ed time and time again until  
there is hardly a farmer in this  
section but who has had the  
idea and plan presented to him  
in person, yet there are some  
who still persist in putting off  
until some future time his plans  
and preparations to change his  
system of farming. It were far  
better to "take time by the fore-  
lock" and be prepared than to  
wait until ones crop is destroy-  
ed and bankruptcy is faced, for  
that is surely what will happen  
if dependence is put upon cot-  
ton under boll weevil conditions  
for a money crop.

The situation is simply this:  
Preparedness means future inde-  
pendence, happiness and pros-  
perity—procrastination means  
destitution and poverty. Which  
will you, farmers and business  
men as well, for it is you latter  
who will have to encourage and  
finance the change, choose?

**The Light Is Out!**

If one of your electric lights should burn out to night,  
have you an extra bulb to put in its place? It is a  
good plan to keep two or three extras on hand at all  
times, for the very time that you would need one  
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