

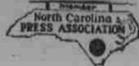
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### Weekly Bible Thought

But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.—1 Samuel 12:25.

#### Caleb A. Ridley

CALEB A. RIDLEY—preacher, evangelist, lecturer, author, poet, journalist—is dead.

It would require a full-sized book to review his career.

None but the Lord can evaluate his life. But anyone who knew him, even though casually, could not fail to discern in him a man who struggled nobly between impelling forces . . . equally strong, equally opposed.

He reached the mountain-tops of success and happiness; he descended to the valleys of failure and despair. But always he fought for self-mastery, struggled for the light . . . and no one knows how formidable were the odds.

From the pulpits of great churches he showed thousands the Way, only to lose it himself. But even when he was back-sliding, if you wish to call it that, he could point an unwavering finger to the path he wished others to take and which he himself struggled valiantly to follow.

He offered sympathy, understanding, cheer to every man; and compassion was all he asked from any.

While editor of The Franklin Press during the autumn of 1930, he wrote in his column, "Ridley's Rhymes and Rambles," a verse which we would like to see as his epitaph:

There are hours in every life  
When no one understands;  
Hours when LONE each one must go  
Unled by friendly hands.  
With pain acute and sorrow keen  
And shadows black as night—  
With not a man who understands  
You wait and long for light;  
No matter how your feeling deep  
Harrow the bleeding heart—  
In your loneliness complete  
Your life must stand apart.  
Lay bare the soul to dearest friend  
And watch his listless stare—  
The TRUTH will dawn upon you then  
That none but GOD can care.

### Our Salvation Not in Legislation

MILLIONS of people in the United States are unemployed; millions are trying to sell their labor who cannot find a buyer. Cities and industrial centers, dependent on payrolls for support, are hard hit. Their purchasing power is curtailed. Farm products as well as manufactured commodities are cheap. A great cry is heard throughout the land for government help. Western wheat growers, southern cotton planters, general farmers everywhere seem to look to their representatives in legislative halls of state and nation to intercede at headquarters in their behalf. And they are not by themselves, for industries are known to spend plenty of money for lobbying. A stranger visiting this country would think that the capitol at Washington and all the rest of the pretty, domed state buildings all over the country were the source of all prosperity and the fount from which all blessings flow. But we know better. If we do not, experience has taught us nothing.

Macon county can do very little toward solving the problems confronting the world today. After all, the world is going to do precious little toward solving the problems of Macon county. What is done we must do ourselves and that does not mean "We" as a people but "We" as individuals. Look around. Can we make more work for ourselves and our families who are able to work? Is the hog as many head of beef cattle as it can? Have been sold to be "finished off"?

E. K. Beef may be cheap but hay and pasture and pasturage is almost free. The Legislature say whether there is a possibility of production; but, at least, there is

some advantage in adding to the fertility of the land. Now is a logical time to add to the value of farms, in buildings, fences, by planting soil-improving crops, in building roads and digging necessary ditches. There is time now for home repairs and improving general living conditions, whereas when cash crops will bring more money it will be hard to find the time for such incidental work.

Recent issues of "The Waynesville Mountaineer" report that Haywood county received \$185,000 for its apple crop and \$200,000 for cattle last year. Last week's issue of the same paper carries news items indicating that commercial rabbit raising is proving very profitable, also that ten dairies in that county had just received Grade "A" permits. Somebody over there must have some money in their pockets that would not be there had they not tried to find ways and means for giving themselves bigger jobs. We wonder if Macon county is using its opportunities as well. If not, why not?

### WHO OWNS THE CANDIDATE?

TOO many men in public office serve other interests rather than the interests of the people. When a man offers himself as a candidate for office, therefore, says The Progressive Farmer-Ruralist in a recent issue, it is pertinent to ask, "Who owns the candidate?" We quote: "The government requires a paper to publish the names of the folks who own it, and that's a good law," said a friend a few days ago. "But I wish we could go a step further now. I wish every candidate for office had to publish a list of the big corporation investments he has, so the people could know who owns the candidates." "Maybe our friend was putting the case rather strongly, and yet an ancient Scripture verse seems to support his view. 'Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also.' We cannot expect our officials and lawmakers to represent the public if they are getting most of their incomes from special interests that plunder the public. More and more we are going to need to ask the question: "Who owns the candidate? Whence comes 'his master's voice'?"

### Read All of This or None

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the protection of it.

In France, the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tired, and are yet to be tired more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events.

Of our troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this wide-spread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.

Good friends—let our conduct prove the call comes to men who have large hearts, however narrowed their homes may be; who have nothing but manhood, strong in its faith in God, to rely upon; and whoever shows himself truly a God-fearing man now, by helping wherever and however he can, will be as blessed as a great light in darkness.

Now comes the remarkable fact. What you have just read was not written yesterday, about the condition of today—but is a verbatim reprint of an editorial which appeared in Harpers Weekly on October 10, 1857.

July of that year was normal. September marked the beginning of depression. This editorial appeared in October. Seventeen months later, in March of 1859, business was back at normal again.

"Of our own troubles no man can see the end." They said it in 1857, and it has been said many times, before and since. Depressions have occurred in American business since the Revolutionary war, and every one has looked black, and seemed unending. Every one has been followed by recovery—and prosperity.

—THE PUBLISHERS' AUXILIARY.

### "Stop Thief" Should Be Cry On Road To Business Success

All that has been said about procrastination being the thief of time is true—and half the story has not been told. We have on our lists large numbers of boys and girls. Some, of course, have awakened to their opportunities and obligations and are now in school, but we are speaking of those who are still waiting and who ought to be in our school or some similar school climbing the ladder—and the only ladder—that leads to achievement.

In a very few years every position of importance in business life will be filled by a new man or woman. The successful candidates for business honors will, of course, work their way from the bottom. You will have your chance—that is all you will have. A thousand other men and women will be reaching toward the position that you covet. If you finally achieve your goal it will be because of

your industry, your good judgment, your initiative—and perhaps, most important of all, your training.

Business expects young people to take advantage of whatever opportunities the schools offer for business education before applying for employment. The modern business man has neither the patience, the time, nor the inclination to teach. If you can fill a useful place in his office he will give you unlimited opportunities for expansion—if you are helpless he will not take time to help you. These things are worth your consideration, and the Athens Business College welcomes you and offers you the training that will prepare you to meet the conditions that the business world demands.

We invite you to investigate. Ask for information. Phone 771. ATHENS BUSINESS COLLEGE, Box 543, ATHENS, GEORGIA.

### Farm Hints

#### FOUR "MONEY CROPS"

The Progressive Farmer-Ruralist gives this timely story of how one farmer, W. G. Mangum, is getting ahead:

"When the local market for country butter and buttermilk became flooded, he purchased a cream separator and began selling cream, increasing his hogs and poultry to consume the skim milk and surplus grain. Here are his four 'cash crops' now:

"1. Cows.—He is milking four to six cows that supply milk for the family, skimming for the pigs and poultry, manure for the soil, a market for homegrown feeds, and a cash income of \$350 to \$400 per year from the sale of sour cream."

"2. Hogs.—He has four purebred Duroc Jersey sows from which he clears \$150 to \$200 per year from the sale of pigs and meat. He buys a small quantity of fish meal and ship stuff but raises plenty of corn. The hogs also supply the family with meat and lard."

"3. Hens.—He has a flock of 125 White Leghorn hens and is now selling from 50 to 60 dozen eggs per week. He makes a profit of \$250 per year or more from the sale of poultry eggs. He has to buy laying mash but feeds home-grown wheat and corn for grain ration. He plans to build a modern laying house and increase his flock to 300 hens."

"4. Wood.—He sells from \$150 to \$200 worth of wood each year, from timber land and wood lots."

#### HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY

North Carolina farmers are developing a local industry of making all-wood fences on a commercial scale, according to W. R. Mattoon, extension forester. The fences are usually built of half-round juniper (white cedar) rails and mortised juniper posts, and are very durable. They are manufactured in heights and strengths suitable for any farm or stockpen purpose and can be set up without wire, nails, stretching, or special equipment. The rails, it is expected, will last a lifetime and the posts for at least 20 years. Similar fences of cypress, eastern red cedar, or chestnut grown on the farms also are advocated by the extension forester. Sales of this type of fence for shipment to distant states where timber is scarce have been made and a new source of income developed for farmers owning woodlands.

#### State Dairymen Find

##### Ideal Legume Plant

Because lespedeza has a three-point value long sought by dairymen of this state, the legume is destined to become of great economic importance to the dairy industry of North Carolina.

### JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Hot Dicketty Dorg! Teacher's Makin' Me Go an' Get Examined for th' Chicken Pox!"

Dairymen of North Carolina have been searching for many years for a legume which would reseed itself, could be used for producing both hay and pasturage and would grow on an acid soil. They have found such a crop in lespedeza, says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. Arey points out that most soils in the state are acid and it is a waste of money to sow a lime-loving legume on an acid soil. Yet dairymen must have legumes because cows cannot produce a profitable milk flow on grass hays or grass pastures. Therefore, if the dairyman cannot sweeten his soil by an application of limestone he must grow those legumes which tolerate an acid soil. Lespedeza does this and it takes a high rank among the legumes.

#### Corn Club Champion

##### Announced By Harrill

Eston Brickhouse of Pasquotank county is the champion 4-H corn club member for North Carolina for the 1931 season, according to L. R. Harrill, club leader at State College, Raleigh, who has just completed checking all the records submitted in this contest. Young Brickhouse made a yield of 151.5 bushels of corn on one acre at a bushel cost of 218 cents. He grew the corn under the supervision of county farm agent, Grover W. Falls, and kept an accurate record of all expense charges during the year. His corn yield was checked and weighed and after deducting a total expense of \$33.06,

he was left a profit of \$42.84 on the project. The corn raised was valued at 50 cents a bushel. As a result, Eston was awarded a gold medal as state prize and \$35 in cash as first prize in his extension district.

Mrs. M. A. Saunders, of Burgaw, in the eastern part of the state, reports having delicious strawberries from her own patch for Christmas dinner this year. A number of other growers report this delightful delicacy during this unusual season.

S. H. Beck of Table Rock in Burke county, reports five dozen eggs a day from a flock of 130 white leghorn pullets during the past year.

Soil specialists of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils say that it is well to build terraces on farm land subject to washing as soon as the land is put into cultivation.

Tar thinned with creosote is good for painting pruning wounds of trees. The tar seals the pores and prevents decay. Add just enough creosote to make the mixture brush on smoothly; it should be of the consistency of a thick paint.

Many scales weigh inaccurately in winter because water or ice accumulates on the parts or in the pits. If the beam works too quickly or is stiff in cold weather, something is wrong and errors in the weights are possible.

## Did You Ever Stop TO THINK—

(By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma)

THAT one of the most interesting parts of any newspaper is the advertisements. They have absorbing, profitable information for every one.

The way to find values offered by the merchants is to read the advertisements.

Helpful hints for every family can be found in the advertisements.

There is no easier way to save money than by reading the advertisements and buying where the best buys are.

Quality merchandise, fair prices and good advertising make a growing business.

A whole lot of pessimists in business are "riding for a fall." It takes optimism to succeed. Ambitious stores advertise.

Honesty, originality and persistency in advertising make a paying business.

You always know what you have to pay when you buy advertised goods.

ONE OF THE WAYS TO CUT DOWN THE COST OF LIVING IS TO BUY FROM THE MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE. THEY SELL THE BEST FOR LESS.

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