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### BIBLE THOUGHT

Faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1—American Revision.

The problem of reconciling the goodness and the power of God in the face of frustrations and sufferings, the cruelties and stupidities of life has never been logically solved. The only people who have been able to deal effectively with this problem are those who have lived rather than argued their way into it.  
—Quotation from "An Emerging Christian Faith," Justin Wroe Nixon.

### Finns Lay Down Their Arms

THE heroic Finns laid down their arms on Wednesday morning, stunned and bewildered by the harsh terms of peace imposed by Soviet Russia. The war, which lasted 104 days, will go down in history as one of the most magnificent defenses ever sustained against overwhelming odds.

The tragic end witnesses the losing of a war after the winning of every battle by the gallant Finns. Like the vanquished Southern army in the War Between the States, it may also truly be said that the Finns "were not whipped, but just wore themselves out" fighting the Russians. A report over radio states that the Finnish troops were not conquered, but lack of essential war materials forced them to stop fighting.

All speculation as to a different ending had the Allies sent prompt aid is futile now in the face of the fait accompli.

Prime Minister Chamberlain's statement 12 hours before the peace terms were announced, that the Allies stood ready to send reinforcements should the Finns request it, only adds another impotent gesture to the weakness of Chamberlain's government.

The world knows now that Great Britain and France are unable to help their weaker neighbors in dire need.

However disastrous the terms of peace to Finland, the fact of another Nazi-Soviet territorial aggression strengthens communism and weakens the cause of democracy not only in Europe but throughout the world. This peace brings democratic Scandinavia within the sphere of alien domination, and menaces the present relations of the Allies with Italy, Turkey and the Balkans.

Berlin, in jubilant note, predicts defeat of the Allied cause, rejoicing that the re-opened routes for supplies will thwart the Allies' blockade and swing allegiance of the Balkans towards their powerful neighbors.

That the outlook is grave as Stalin strengthens his hold on Europe and Asia, cannot be denied. The end no one can predict or foresee.

### Federal Aid to Public Schools

THE Thomas-Harrison bill to provide federal aid to public schools would operate in a way similar to our state equalization fund. Provision would be made to give equal educational opportunity in those states that are poorer in money and richer in children.

Southern states and rural schools would be the chief beneficiaries of this bill, with North Carolina standing second on the list of states in the amount received. Grants under the terms of the bill would be made for improvement of secondary and elementary schools, adult education, rural library service and administration.

Since North Carolina has nearly twice as many children per adult population as the nation's average and is able to spend only a little more than a third as much as the nation's average per child, it is easy to see why this state, blessed with many "quivers full" of children, stands to benefit if this bill should be enacted into law.

Friends of federal aid to public schools have based their advocacy upon the sound and farsighted thesis that the whole nation suffers from the existing condition of unequal opportunity. Statistics show that young people from the poorer states, seeking employment elsewhere are at a grave disadvantage, adding to the problems of the richer sections.

That rural schools suffer most from lack of funds is well known, so that the large number of youth who are forced to seek employment in the cities deserve at least an even break in their preparation. For the greater number, a high school education is the limit of their training. University of North Carolina's records show that students from other states with a longer term and another year in the public

school system, make better grades than native sons from the state public schools.

On another page in this issue, Dr. Harl R. Douglass of the university, sets forth clearly the need of our schools and the advantages to be derived from this bill. He also shows that this financial aid would in no way carry with it any federal direction of the schools' courses or administration—a bogey that has been used by lobbyists of selfish interests to prejudice some Southern members of Congress.

Only a solid Southern support can effect the passage of this bill to remove intolerable inequalities in Southern educational opportunity.

### Communications

As there has been a bit of discussion concerning the work of the Boy Scouts in Macon county and as it was my privilege to work in some capacity in the recent Boy Scout drive, there is a word I would like to add to your articles in that connection.

I would like to state that none of the members of my churches are connected with the scout movement here, but it is our desire that we should be. It is for that reason I am so interested personally in the connection of our troop with the Daniel Boone Council. I feel that the growth of Scouting in Macon county is very likely to depend upon the cooperation and direction that we can best get through the trained leadership of the council.

The program of Scouting is more than local, and it is certainly to our best interest to be connected with the great movement that is The Boy Scouts of America. However, it would be unwise to allow our viewpoint to become over-balanced, for we must recognize our local needs as well.

We want to pay for value received but not for more than that. We want cooperation from the headquarters in Asheville.

Rev. Frank Bloxham, local scout leader, has put in on an average of one week every summer as well as the regular meeting nights in service to the scouts. The financing of the troop is partly helped by the weekly contribution of five cents from each boy. Mainly the balance, for gas and other items, Mr. Bloxham has made out of his own pocket. And all of us know that a small town minister's salary is not large. We are very much interested in the greater program of scouting throughout the country, but we must not fail to recognize the contribution that one of our own number is unselfishly making for the betterment of the lives of the boys of our community. The effectiveness of his work, due to many years of training and experience in scouting proves that he merits not only our appreciation and respect but our cooperation and personal help. His job has been very difficult and has required more an effort than most of us realize.

Unfortunately we haven't made his work easier by very much help and cooperation in the actual work of leading and training the boys in scouting. Not only the future of our community but the future of the boys in and around Franklin depends upon the recreation and growth we can provide. Brother Bloxham is doing his very best and as one of your scout leaders, he deserves your cooperation.

This month ends the period of time that I have been privileged to work with the people of Franklin and the outlying communities. Whatever small service I may have been privileged to render has been a source of great pleasure to me. The people of Franklin and Macon county and their needs and interests will always lie very near to my heart.

My great desire to see the development of Macon county and its people in the years to come prompts me to add a last word to this letter. The future of Franklin and Macon county depends upon what this generation can do for the next. I urge you to give the young people their opportunity for developing into worthwhile and dependable citizens, so let us advance scouting and all other such programs and organizations that go towards the building of true American citizenship.

Rev. Harry S. Williams

### Joseph Ashear Talks To Future Farmers

The Future Farmers of Franklin held a meeting March 12 in the auditorium of the high school.

A prominent business man of Franklin, Joseph Ashear, talked on his vocation. He told of his schooling and why determination plays such a great part in life. He also spoke of the many conveniences we have today in comparison with what he had when he was of school age.

Mr. Ashear said, "you may fool some people, but you can't fool yourself. Every person knows just where he stands."

Reporter.

Cash income from farm marketings and government payments in January totaled \$733,000,000, a rise of nearly \$100,000,000 over the income and payments of the same month a year earlier.

### Muse's Corner

#### RED SNOW

The world is white and cold and still;  
Birds peck the snow at my window sill;  
A black dog tracks the snow at will.

White is the garden, warm, my room;  
On the window shelf a plant in bloom;  
Its petals breath a light perfume.

A cardinal flies, a dart from a bow,  
A fiery meteor hurtling bow,  
A blood-red streak athwart the snow.

My thoughts as swiftly flee this place  
Of warmth and flowers and curtain lace—  
On wild wind-steeds they wildly race.

On Finland's hills the snow is red;  
On Finland's fields her valiant dead,  
Whose pall the snow has gently spread.

Fast bound to me by Freedom's ties,  
A brother dead, each dead man lies;  
Reproach is in their staring eyes—

Reproach for soft complacency  
That lies asleep while Liberty  
Sweats blood in bleak Gethsemane!  
—Charlotte Young

#### ONE BY ONE

She who is rich may have fine things,  
But she has not waited as I have done;  
She has not gathered the treasures in  
Slowly and gladly—one by one.  
I do not think her great rooms shine  
Any more radiantly than mine.  
—Grace Noll Cowell,  
Macon County  
In Carolina Co-Operator.

### Mrs. Lou Sanders, 84 Passes Monday

Mrs. Lou Sanders, 84, died at her home in the Bethel community on Monday night about 10 o'clock, following a lingering illness of several months, although she had been critically ill for only the past four weeks.

Mrs. Sanders, widow of the late Julius Sanders, was born in Caswell county and came to this county with her parents, the late Alfred W. and Elizabeth Brown Horne. She was born on April 16, 1856. She was a life-long member of the Bethel Methodist church.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church, with the Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor, in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers included Troy Horne, Wiley Brown, Fred Horne, Pritchard Peek, Leonard Horne and Robert Fulton.

Surviving are one brother, Ed Horne, of Franklin Route 2, 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. She was a sister of the late A. W. Horne, one of Franklin's leading attorneys.

### Cancer Curable If Fought With Knowledge

When ignorance, apathy, and fear of cancer are banished, the disease can and will be controlled, Thomas Parran, M. D., surgeon-general of the U. S. public health service, declared in a statement made public by Mrs. J. E. Perry, captain of the Women's Field Army unit in Macon county.

Dr. Parran's full statement follows:

"Despite the progress made by medical science in the treatment of cancer, approximately one in every eight persons over 40 years of age in the United States is doomed to die of this disease. With the knowledge now available, the death toll from cancer could be materially reduced if the public availed itself of the protection afforded by early diagnosis and prompt treatment of every potentially cancerous lesion.

"The Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, through its divisions in 46 states, has launched an attack against three of cancer's most potent allies: ignorance, apathy, and fear of the disease. When these are banished, cancer can and will be controlled."

### To Rule England?



Adolf Hitler's choice to rule Britain—if Germany wins the war—is reported to be Ernst Wilhelm Bohle. British born, Bohle is the leader of the Reich's foreign organization which maintains contact with Germans living abroad.

### Fred F. Anderson, 38 Dies Saturday, March 9

Fred F. Anderson, 38, died at his home on Anderson Creek in the Cartoogechaye section Saturday, March 9, at 8:40 p. m., after a year's illness of tuberculosis.

Mr. Anderson was born and reared in Macon county and had lived here all of his life. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Perlee Dills, and five children, Helen, Freda, James B., Dorothy and Rogers Anderson.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Mount Zion Methodist church conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Swain. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### United States Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for filling the position of Deputy Black Bass Law Inspector, \$1800 a Year, in the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Interior, Columbia, S. C., for which the receipt of applications closes March 25, 1940. Applications must be on file with the manager, fifth U. S. civil service district, New Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., on or before that date.

Applicants must have had at least four years' experience in the enforcement and administration of fishing laws.

Full further information may be obtained from the secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first-class post office, or from the office of the manager, Fifth U. S. Civil Service District, New Post Office Bldg., Atlanta.

### Political Announcements

#### For Representative

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative of Macon County in the General Assembly of 1941, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of May 25, 1940.

W. A. ROGERS.

### Macon Theatre

Night Shows 7:00 and 9:00  
Matinee 3:30 P. M.  
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO 11 P. M. SATURDAYS

### PROGRAM FOR WEEK

Beginning Monday, March 18  
Night Shows 7:15 and 9:15

FRIDAY, MARCH 15  
"ALL WOMEN HAVE SECRETS"

Also: ALFALFA COMEDY And Chapt. No. 3 "OREGON TRAIL"

SATURDAY 10 A. M., MARCH 16  
SPECIAL SHOW

BENEFIT SCHOOL LIBRARY  
Thrills on an Arizona Horse Ranch

"TWO THOROBREDS"  
With: JIMMY LYDON  
JOAN BORDEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 16  
1:30 P. M.

Two Big Shows  
WALTER PIDGEON  
RITA JOHNSON In

"NICK CARTER,  
MASTER DETECTIVE"

And  
WILD BILL ELLIOTT In

"PIONEERS OF THE FRONTIER"

MON.-TUES., MARCH 18-19

FRED ASTAIR And  
ELEANOR POWELL In

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

BETTY FIELD And  
JACKIE COOPER In

"SEVENTEEN"

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

WAYNE MORRIS And  
PRISCILLA LANE In

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