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the balance, our good friends whoop and howl about spending, forgetting all the while that the school houses, public buildings, the recreational centers, the return to home and farm ownership and yes even the lowly WPA privy that dots the landscape from coast to coast stand as one great monument to the progress of this administration, a progress that embodies the greatest of assets ever amassed by any government anywhere over a period of tens of years.

Surely, when these bold facts are recognized, one must agree that there are assets as well as liabilities.

Individual And Collective Debt

Ten years ago the private debt in this country amounted to a cool one hundred and twenty-five billion dollars, and the total public debt the same year was \$35,700,000,000. A decade has spent itself and the total private debt is \$90,700,000,000, a reduction of \$34,300,000,000. The public debt today amounts to \$69,100,000,000, an increase of \$33,400,000,000. It is readily seen that the total debt, private and public, is one billion less today than it was in 1930.

It would seem that the private debt back in 1930 would have caused the alarmists to alarm, but nothing was heard from the big Wall Street financiers about the private debt and its allied dangers. It was about that time that the hammer started pounding on the auction block and home after home and farm after farm was sold from under the countless thousands who had labored long years to own and call home.

The official figures place the total debt at a point less today than it was ten years ago, and it does seem reasonable to believe that since the debt is smaller there should be no more alarm now than there was ten years ago.

Possibly the shift in the debt from the individual to the collective group is causing some worry among the capitalists who apparently would rather see individual necks deep in debt than to see the debt spread jointly upon the shoulders of the strong as well as upon the shoulders of the weak.

It was pointed out some time ago that the debt burden, that is the interest rate, is not as great as it was under either Andrew Mellon, the self-called greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Hamilton, or under Carter Glass, the financial wizard as Secretary of the Treasury. It was also pointed out that despite the increase in the public debt, the total interest burden is smaller today than it was under either Mr. Mellon or Mr. Glass.

Highway Facts And Safety Hints

Almost 58 per cent of last year's motor vehicle fatalities occurred in rural areas.

Collision is the commonest form of rural highway accidents, while pedestrian accidents occur most often in cities.

Courtesy leads to safety, especially in night driving.

Take the right-of-way when it is offered — don't insist upon it.

A clean windshield will reduce headlight glare.

In case of an accident your first duty as a driver is to stop and give assistance to injured persons.

Well-adjusted headlights reduce eye-strain.

The English Bible
By REV. JAMES H. SMITH
Pastor, Williamston Memorial Baptist Church.

How much do you value your Bible? Would you sell it at any price if you knew you could not get another one like it? Do you appreciate it so much that you read it daily? Does its teachings help you in your everyday living and business transactions? You can buy a Bible for one small dime. But if you want one and don't have the dime plenty of people and Bible publishing houses are ready to give you one free of charge . . . not because the Book is inexpensive and cheap, but actually because it costs so much and is so valuable. Ten cents would scarcely buy food enough to furnish the calories needed for the body for half a day, but ten cents will buy a Book that will guide you to bread and water which if partaken of will keep you alive forever.

The Holy Scriptures were written in three languages by thirty-six authors over a period of fifteen or sixteen centuries. As one studies its history he wonders if he can ever appreciate it as he ought. When you read from yours remember that it came to you at great expense to its inspired authors, its "faithful unto death" translators and its martyred believers and teachers. This Book which is now read in more than one thousand tongues came to us through fire, bloodshed and agony.

Wycliffe and the Bible
He believed that the Sacred Scriptures were the property of the people and that the English Bible in the minds and hearts of the people would reform and purify the English Church. When he was being tried in the Black Friars' Synod, London, 1378, the major accusation against him was for translating the Scriptures and making them common and open to laymen and women . . . "so that the Gospel was being trodden under the foot of swine." After three days' deliberation the synod condemned his teachings and work and a little later excommunicated him. However, in a short while he was allowed to return to his quiet parsonage at Lutterworth, where, with old Latin manuscripts and commentaries, he labored until the whole Bible was translated into the mother tongue. (Nicholas de Hereford is credited with half the translation of the Old Testament part of the translation.)

For the first time in history England had the Bible in the language of the people, but Wycliffe had some powerful enemies who were planning to take his life, but about the time the king, Pope and friars were ready to strike him, on the last day of the year 1384, "he was not, for God took him." Forty years later his bones were dug up and burned, and the ashes flung into the little river Swift which ran by his church at Lutterworth. "As the Swift bore them into the Severn and the Severn into the narrow seas, and they again into the ocean, thus the ashes of Wycliffe is an emblem of his doctrine, which is now dispersed over all the world."

His new Bible was being widely read when Parliament forbid its circulation. Readers of the Book were burned with copies round their necks, men and women were executed for teaching their children the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments in English and children were forced to light the death fires of their parents. Possessors of the Wycliffe Bible were hunted down as if they were wild beasts, "but what God had spoken could not be stopped by the breath of man."

Tyndale and the Bible
One hundred years after Wycliffe William Tyndale determined, regardless of the cost, that the Bible must be spread among the English people. One of his opponents said to him, "We had better be without God's laws than the Pope's." Tyndale rose and said, "I defy the Pope and all his laws; and if God spares me I will one day make the boy that drives the plough in England to know more of the Scriptures than the Pope does."

The invention of printing and the revival of Greek learning would assist him. The knowledge of Greek would take him back nearer the original New Testament and the printing press would make copies of the Book for him at the rate of two every minute. (Wycliffe's Bible was based on the Vulgate and being in manuscript form it took a copyist ten months to make one copy of it.)

In 1524, seeing that there was no room in England for him to translate the Greek New Testament into English, he left his native land, never to see it again. At Hamburg, Germany, in poverty and distress, and amid constant danger, the exile worked on his translation so diligently that in the following year his Testament was ready for the printer's hand. He went to Cologne to have the printers do his work but was forced to escape in order to save his precious sheets of translation. He escaped to Worms and there had many copies made. Soon thousands of them were scattered over England. Thousands of the copies were seized and burned with solemn ceremony at the old cross of St. Paul's as "a burnt-offering most pleasing to Almighty God."

Still other thousands supplied their place. About 15,000 copies were issued during the first four years. People were reading and learning from the New Testament and Tyndale was still in exile. When he was invited to return home he refused to come because he knew how angry were the bishops.

(To be continued next week.)

Just Like His Dad

"Well, what are you going to be, my boy. When you have reached manhood's years: A doctor, a lawyer, or actor great. Throughs moving to laughter and tears?"
But he shook his head, as he gave reply
In a serious way he had:
"I don't think I'd care to be any of them. I want to be like my Dad!"

He wants to be like his Dad! You men,
Did you ever think, as you pause,
That the boy who watches your every move
Is building a set of laws?
He's moulding a life you're the model for.
And whether it's good or bad
Depends on the kind of example set
To the boy who'd be like his dad.

Would you have him go everywhere you go?
Have him do just the things you do?
And see everything that your eyes behold,
— And woo all the gods you woo?
When you see the worship that shines in the eyes
Of your lovable little lad,
Could you rest content if he gets his wish
And grows to be like his dad?

It's a job that none but yourself can fill;
It's a charge you must answer for.
It's a duty to show him the road to tread
Ere he reaches his manhood's door.
It's a debt you owe for the greatest joy
On this old earth to be had;
This pleasure of having a boy to raise
Who wants to be like his dad!

—From an old scrap book. Author unknown. Used at Scout, Cub and Dad Banquet in Everetts, Wednesday, February 21, 1940.

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
Third Sunday in Lent.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Tuesday Litany, 5:15 p. m.
Wednesday Litany and address, 7:30 p. m.
Thursday Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m.
Friday Litany with junior choir, 5:15 p. m.
St. Martin's, Hamilton
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday Litany and address, 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject of sermon: "Seing and Using Our Opportunities."
Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock. This service closes the month's study on missions and a motion picture on missions in China, a picture sent to us by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will be shown in the evening service. Rev. Mr. Piephoff will project the picture.

PRESBYTERIAN
The regular services will be held at all points Sunday.
The sermon subject will be, "It Takes Temptation to Make a Man." Have you ever wondered why we have so many temptations? Have you ever said that you were tempted so strongly that you could not resist the temptation? Is it possible for a person to so live that he will never be tempted? I once had a man say to me, "It is much easier for a minister to do the right thing than for the rest of us." Was he right? Do we all have the same kind of temptation? Is temptation a sin? You, who are so sorely tempted, come and worship with us this Sunday.

RIDDICK'S GROVE
Regular services will be held at Riddick's Grove Church Sunday at 2:30 o'clock.

METHODIST
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. "The Strength of Unity" will be the subject at 11 o'clock. "Thumbs and Great Toes" will be the subject at 7:30.
Epworth League meets at 6:45.
All members are especially urged to be present Sunday morning and night. The public is cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN
The regular schedule of services will be observed in the Christian church Sunday.

Services To Be Held In Everetts Church

By J. M. PERRY, Pastor

Regular worship and preaching services will be held in the Christian church in Everetts next Sunday. Mr. Garland Bland, a special music student, now at A. C. College, will bring a message in song and the junior choir will sing.

At both morning and evening services the community may expect real enjoyable, helpful services, both in sermon and song. The pastor will preach at both morning and evening services on vital themes.

Take your family and your friends. All members and friends in the community are cordially invited.

The superintendent of the Bible School is anxious for a great Bible school at 10 a. m.

Interesting Bits Of Business In U. S.

A cotton stamp plan for distribution of cotton goods through regular trade channels to needy families will be started on an experimental basis next month — similar to the food stamp plan . . . Nations at war were heavy buyers of United States copper in 1939, so much so that stocks of refined copper at end of year were 46 per cent less than at end of 1938— Japan was major buyer, but in last seven months France alone has spent \$60,000,000 here for copper . . . Greater tonnage of chemical fertilizer predicted for 1940 as result of gains in farm buying power.

Regardless of its flaws and drawbacks, America's spending since 1933 has not been in vain. Instead of censoring the program in an effort to give vent to some minor grudge of a personal slant, it would seem far better were we to take stock and recognize the assets as they are reflected in new school buildings, parks, recreational centers, medical buildings and last but not least the conservation of millions of our youth and the almost countless needy and unemployed.

No administration before or even a long list of administrations combined even considered the expenditure of more than thirty-three billion dollars in the period of a few short years. But no administration or several administrations combined can point out with pride the long list of last assets created by a thoughtful and understanding government as can the present administration.

Into every nook and corner, to the sweat shop, to the farm and to the needy in the hovels and slums, a helping hand has been extended by the present administration. The opposition can bray about the debt, but the facts themselves challenge the truthfulness of their statements when they shout to high heaven that billions of dollars have been squandered.

It has been said that great financiers got their start and maintained their domineering positions in the financial world by selling second-hand armaments and other goods to the government at exorbitant prices in years gone by. In the course of history, billions have been squandered under the disguise of contract bids and shady acts. Such doings never reached the front page of the controlled press, and the good politician never breathed a word of complaint to his listeners from a political platform. But today when human beings are weighed in

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Look in the Classified Section of this paper for your Chevrolet Dealer's Used Car Program

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Ann Page SALAD DRESSING 17c

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SPARKLE 3 Pkg. 10c

JELLY Ann Page Grape or Crabapple 5-Ct. Jar 9c

A&P BREAD Softwhite or Pullman 2 Loaves 15c

MAYONNAISE Mercor Pt. Jar 19c

8 o'Clock Mild & Mellow Coffee 3 Lb. Pkg. 39c

OXYDOL 19c **SUPER SUDS 19c**

MEATS

RIB SIDE PORK — pound 8c

Nice Lean SLICED BACON — pound 19c

SMOKED SAUSAGE — pound 17c

Sliced LUNCHEON MEAT — pound 15c

PICNIC HAMS — pound 15c

VEGETABLES

CERTIFIED SEED POTATOES — Cobblers or Red Bliss — barrel \$4.00

Fancy SWEET POTATOES — 4 pounds 10c

Fresh California CARROTS — 2 bunches 15c

Fresh GREEN CABBAGE — 3 pounds 10c

YORK APPLES — 4 pounds 15c

CANADIAN RUTABAGAS — 3 pounds 10c

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