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Will Agriculture Measure Up?

Agriculture is to be assigned a definite place in the defense program. Already there are some who are asking if it will measure up to the task?

It is going to be no easy task for Martin County farmers to increase their peanut crop by 11,000 or even 7,000 acres, and to boost their soy bean crop by 4,700 acres. Possibly it will mean that the tobacco acreage will have to be reduced, or plantings to other crops limited. Time and time only will give the answer, but if we continue to lambast the capitalists, the laborers and antics of others, this agricultural section will have to sacrifice something. To refuse to plant those extra peanuts and soy beans will be tantamount to a strike in an industrial defense plant.

Possibly by another spring or another year we will be glad to work without striking, invest without questioning, and plant without quarreling over allotments and prices.

So Much Going On

As the clock pendulum swings first to one extreme, we as a people are swinging to an extreme and away from the fundamental things of life. We have traveled so far in an uncharted direction that it is difficult for us to comprehend the serious situation facing the world, including that little part where we live and where we go merrily upon our ways, enjoying untold blessings and ignoring the danger signals as they flash at our every turn.

Offering no condemnation, Mrs. Askew, able Bible scholar and teacher, said during her recent visit here that she had filled 508 engagements within the past few years, that in every town the faithful few excused the small attendance upon the meetings by pointing out that there was just so much going on no one could attend half the programs or events. "We are so fortunate that we can't realize the pitiful state of the unfortunate in many lands, including our own," she said. Flashing an undaunted spirit, the teacher said, "It does look as if our people could eliminate most if not all the unworthy things from their busy schedules in life, and center more time and attention on the worthwhile and better things in life." She concluded by declaring that the Christian people must lead the way.

It is in man and not in his circumstances that the secret of his destiny resides.—Carlyle.

Facing Certain Death

The mortal conflict in Russia today is ringing with horror, but the vivid description offered by a writer just back from Europe of the migration of 200,000 human beings into scorched Russia plunges to the front one of the most barbaric moves in all Europe.

Nearly 200,000 persons are being uprooted in the conquered countries and are being driven into Russia to face certain death where retreating armies laid waste property and food to keep it out of the hands of the invaders. The millions have migrated to places of refuge in China as a result of war, but the forced migration from Czechoslovakia of 200,000 persons into Russia was deliberately planned by Hitler and his cohorts because they knew the multitude would meet certain death. It is a part of a barbaric scheme to eliminate a race of people and not a part of war itself.

The untold suffering will hardly register in this country of plenty, but the very fact that a criminal is so ruthless should prompt us to make ready to meet him, for a man that mean will not stand back and look upon us as a chosen people to escape suffering and want and misery.

The Responsibility of Youth

By Ruth Taylor.

The young people of today are most definite in their demands for "the rights of Youth." They know what they want and they are glib in expressing their desires. They are terribly sure of what is right and wrong, and they go most thoroughly and analytically into every thing—except their own obligations to society.

Youth has a responsibility in this life. The young people may grouse about the mistakes and shortcomings of their elders—but are they seizing every opportunity to gain the knowledge that would fit them to do more than their elders? Will they be better equipped for the task of making a new world out of the devastation that will be left after the present chaos has subsided? Their opportunities for education have been greater than those of their fathers; and therefore, the responsibility of Youth will be greater.

The strain on the coming generation will be great. Those who take up citizenship in this transition period will require initiative, resourcefulness, adaptability and idealism. They must have the ability to produce something for the good of all, for there will be no room for parasites.

Youth has before it now the task of preparing for the days ahead, and it must prepare by learning how to think things out and think things through. It will need initiative in order to plan constructively. It will need resourcefulness which must be gained by practical experience. It will need adaptability, which means an ability to cooperate with its fellows.

But most of all it will need idealism—but it must be a constructive idealism. Youth could well take for its creed today the Oath of Citizenship which the Youth of Athens took upon arriving at their majority.

"To bring no disgrace to this city by a dishonest act; to fight for the ideals and sacred things alone and with many; to desert no faltering comrade; to revere and obey the city laws; to incite respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught. To strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of civic duty. To transmit this city no less but more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

If the Youth of today would do this, there would be no need for fear for the future.

My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions, but in the fewness of my wants.—Joseph Brotherton.

It is common to overlook what is near by keeping the eye fixed on something remote.—Samuel Johnson.



Why Should People Go To Church?

In discussing the problem of church attendance we are considering it on a low level as long as we think merely or mainly of the means and methods of getting people to come to church. There must be some deep motive that urges them to go to church as something that is worthwhile and makes church attendance not so much a duty that should be performed, however, distasteful it may be, but as a privilege that they cannot afford to neglect and a help and a joy in all their living, without which they cannot live so well.

Religion is the craving of the soul for God, and all our faculties and needs cry, "Show us the Father and it sufficeth us." This need is age-long and worldwide and is as constitutional in us as our hunger and thirst or as our social and affectional nature. The church and priest did not make it, but it made the church and priest. It is not at all a human invention or an artificial and manufactured article in our life, but it is born in us and begins to act when we begin to breathe and grows with all our growth. It acts with the spontaneity of an instinct. We do not begin its activity and we cannot stop it. It is true that we can feed and stimulate it and can also starve and wither it, but it is there and cannot be wholly suppressed or eradicated. Even those who come to deny it cannot wholly exterminate it and let surprising confessions escape from them. The most inveterate agnostic or sceptic is often discovered to be a sincere and even sad seeker after

some kind of religious faith and hope. Reason did not create this constitutional need, and reason cannot kill it. It is deeper than the brain and is rooted in the heart.

Any movement of the spirit needs to be organized into an institution and implemented with means. It may be said, and some do say, that this religious nature will take care of itself and find food and expression anywhere and therefore we need no church and ordinances and that such things rather hinder true religion by incrusting and imprisoning it in forms that constrict it to death. There is danger in this direction, but the main truth lies the other way: that religion without organization and forms of worship evaporates into sentiment and leaves only a sediment of dust. The spirit cannot live without a body and cannot move and propagate itself without hands and feet, tongue and speech. Every idea must get such means of growth and expression. There may be and is some education going on outside the schools, but self-educated men usually show how unsymmetrical and incomplete their education is. Some education can be obtained out of books, but there is something in the school that cannot be found in books, the personality of the teacher and the contagious spirit of culture. The impact of mind upon mind and of spirit upon spirit is the most vital means of education, and so is it of growth in the religious life. Religion is the most social and contagious form of our social life and so it has ever assembled people together and kindled their religious nature and needs by common ideas and aspirations and compacted them into mass movements that have swept the community and country with Pentecostal wind and fire. The reason we should go to church is of the same order and necessity as the reason why we should go to school for edu-

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon topic: "Finishing the Task."
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
The services Sunday are the last for the conference year. The pastor leaves Monday for the conference which is to be held at Trinity Church, Durham. All the members of the church and congregation are urged to be present at these final services for the conference year.
The board of stewards will meet at the parsonage Friday evening at eight o'clock, and the final meeting of the board will be held at the church Sunday after the evening service.

CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Gleanings from the Convention.
Prison camp service, 2:30 p. m.
Young People, 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Christian Youth at Work for Peace."
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "After the Flood."
Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Change Your Mind."

Piney Grove Baptist

Regular services at Piney Grove Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday at 11 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

22nd Sunday after Trinity.
The Collect
Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon by the Rev. J. R. Rountree, 7:30 p. m.

Our Mission begins on Sunday night and will continue through Friday night. The services will be held twice daily at 10:30 in the morning and 8:00 in the evening, with the exception of the Sunday night service. The Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, D.D., will visit and to the bakery for bread, and to the factory and store for goods. We must go where these things are prepared in the best way and are to be obtained by the best means. When this is realized people will go to church out of the practical necessity and rich reward of having an orderly and fruitful religious life, supplied with its proper food and stimulated and set on fire by the contagious worship of the church where the Spirit of God is more fully shed abroad in their hearts.—Selected.

Announce Mission In Local Church

The Rev. J. R. Rountree, of Kinston, will speak on the following subjects during the Mission to be held in the Church of the Advent twice each day from Sunday night through Friday. The services in the morning will be at 10:30 and in the evening at 8:00 o'clock. The service on Sunday night will be at 7:30. The subjects for the morning services are: Monday: "The Church and Her Faith"; Tuesday: "The Church and Her History"; Wednesday: "The Church and Her Sacraments"; Thursday: "The Church and Her Bible"; Friday: "The Church and Her Worship."

The subjects for the evening services are: Sunday night: "God, Man, and the Universe"; Monday night: "God's Indictment"; Tuesday: "The Crucifixion—Why?"; Wednesday: "Wouldst Thou Be Made Whole?"; Thursday night: "Why God Needs You"; Friday night: "Why Be a Christian."

As the topics indicate the morning services will be devoted to teaching. It is well for us to draw our attention to those great foundations on which the Church is built and through which its vital purpose becomes a reality. The topics for the evening services deal with certain fundamental truths of the Christian faith. They will help us to realize the necessity of dedicating the life of today to the purpose of God.

The people of our community are urged to attend as many of these services as possible. Mr. Rountree is an eloquent speaker and his consecrated spiritual life radiates through his personality. Any sacrifice made to attend the services will be well worth the effort.

Speak over a nationwide broadcast of the Columbia network at 10:00 Sunday morning.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as executor of the estate of E. G. Godard, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston, N. C., R.F.D., on or before the 30th day of November, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 30th day of October, 1941.
GROVER GODARD,
Executor.
B. A. Critcher, Atty. c31-6t

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