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An Easter Message

(Ed. Note:—The following article entitled, "I Believe in the Church," was prepared by Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist Church.)
The church stands forever as a symbol of the spiritual in a physical world, a reminder that life is more than meat, drink and shelter. It answers the question eternally in the heart of man, "What is the good life?"

The church teaches the perfection of which Jesus spoke, yet it receives me with all my faults, not demanding that I become perfect before becoming a member. In fact, one branch of the church began with eight or ten persons who were not satisfied with their Christian experience. The church proposes to make me a better person, helping me by showing me my faults and sins, and inspiring in me the courage to live differently. The church has rigid standards, constantly challenging to a better way of life, seeking to make people who are unkind, unforgiving, anti-social into peaceful, loving citizens through leading them into an experience with God, and guiding them in the Christian way. I may fail to live up to its teachings, or refuse to be guided by its noble principles, but such action does not do away with its essential purpose or its high standards. The church is both a fellowship and a creator of fellowship. It furnishes me with association with the finest persons in the community, offering ever new opportunities for friendship and social contacts.

ishes me with association with the finest persons in the community, offering ever new opportunities for friendship and social contacts. It has something vital to say in regard to questions about life and death. To one who has failed, it stands along with Jesus in saying, "I am the way of life. Go, and sin no more." To one who stands beside an open grave, it says, "In My Father's house are many mansions," pointing to another life more glorious than this one.

The church has founded schools, colleges, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged. It has inspired persons to enter every kind of humanitarian service.

Such an institution is worthy of my—of your—support.

Go to the church of your choice, but go to Church.

Good Government Up To the People

The government of any people will be no better than the government that the people demand.

The political principles of men in office will be no better than the principles of the people who put them in office.

The way to have good government in the United States is to have good citizens, intelligent voters and honest men and women.

Children Should Be Taught Safety Rules

North Carolina apparently is making little or no progress in the very necessary matter of educating school-age children to walk, play, skate, and ride, bicycles safely, judging from a survey just completed by the Highway Safety Division.

A study of deestrian fatalities in the State from 1935 through 1939 shows that the percentage of school-age children killed on the streets and highways showed no decline during the five-year period.

The total number of pedestrians killed from 1935 through 1939 was 1,780, of which 481, or 27 per cent, were under 15 years of age. Of the 331 pedestrian fatalities in North Carolina last year, 93, or 28 per cent, were under 15 years of age.

"This clearly points to the need for the teaching of safety in the schools," says Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division. "The schools play a very large part in the forming of children's habits, and the schools are the proper place

BICYCLISTS AND ACCIDENTS

By RONALD HOCUTT
North Carolina Highway Safety Division

Ronald Hocutt, Director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, reported recently that 37 bicyclists were killed and 215 were injured in this state last year.

"The bicyclists were at fault in a majority of these accidents," Hocutt said. "A person riding a bicycle is too often inclined to feel that he has the right-of-way over all other traffic and that drivers of motor ve-

hicles are supposed to look out for him.

"This division urges upon bicyclists the importance of giving proper hand signals, riding on the right side of the street, keeping near the curb or shoulder, and especially refraining from cutting across the street or highway unexpectedly. We, also, urge motorists to watch out for bicyclists and be prepared for any unexpected move that they may make."

to teach safe habits of walking and playing. And this—the teaching of safety in the schools—ultimately will be the most effective means of reducing accidents, injuries, and fatalities on our streets and highways. A few schools in the State are teaching safety, but what is needed is the inclusion of safety education in the curriculum of all State-supported schools."

Buying Turkish Friendship With American Tobacco

Hertford County Herald

The British have decided that bullets are more essential to them in winning their war than cigarettes—at least cigarettes that are to be made from tobacco that must be brought from a nation determined to be neutral in Europe's war. They will buy no tobacco from America, they say. It might be blown up in crossing the seas infested with German submarines. Furthermore, the hardheaded British declare that they must reserve the money and credits they have in the United States to buy ammunition, airplanes and guns, and give their business in tobacco to Turkey and other friendly nations near at home who in return for this business might be induced to give England other war aid.

All of this may help England win her war but it is not going to help the North Carolina tobacco grower. On the contrary, it is a serious blow to his established economy. It has brought the war into his own backyard almost as effectively as if the English had dropped bombs from their airships and destroyed one-third of his tobacco crop and barns, for it has at one stroke effaced one-third of his market and cut him off from his chief source of income. It is a stunning blow, too because it was not expected from the nation for which the

United States repealed its arms embargo in order that England and her allies might buy here the supplies with which to protect themselves and win their battles. The English, of course, have a right to buy their tobacco any place they see fit, but the North Carolina farmer is not accustomed to the sort of one-sided friendship displayed in this case. The English can not expect that the ties of friendship and sympathy will be strengthened by the sort of double-dealing that seeks favors in America but bestows them upon Turkey and other nations at the expense of the American farmer. Congressmen Warren, Keer, Cooley and others of the North Carolina delegation in Congress have already spoken sharply against the English action, and have taken the subject directly to the State Department and to President Roosevelt, asking that the full weight of official protest of the government be thrown against this arbitrary discrimination against American tobacco by England.

It is a serious situation for the tobacco farmer and of England persists in this attitude toward imports of American farm products it is likely to put a severe strain on the heretofore friendly attitude that the American public has maintained toward England's war objectives. It is possible that it may cost England a friendship more valuable than any advantages she may gain from buying Turkish friendship with the American farmer's tobacco trade.

Rambling About

By THE RAMBLER

The meters and rhythm in this little poem may be lacking but it carries a lot of thought of the cares of the young girl for a home when the mother is ill. It came from Miss Marginette Furlough, of Roper, and she has dedicated it to Dr. Claudius McGowan here.

I wash the dishes, pots and pans,
Hurrying, as fast as I can;
Already had the dinner cooked,
The cleaning chores next are booked.

Gently, but clearly, down the hall,
Comes my mother's weakened call:
The baby cries in another room,
As I swiftly wield a broom.

Every one, it seems, is sick,
A city gent, or a country hick,
As they get quiet, here comes Doc,
His mind is like an adjusted clock.

Mother first; the thermometer true,
"Fever," says Doc, "One hundred two"
"Give her these pills three times a day,
"Follow directions, as I say."

Sister next, she weakly smiles,
"She'll be alright in a little while."
Baby stares when offered candy,
As a bribe it comes in handy.

"Keep her quiet as you can," he said,
"Plenty of milk and a nice warm bed,
Brother coughs a little too,
"Yes," says the doc, "you have the flu."

Another patient, then I sigh,
"Mustn't do that, it's head's too high."
Sister calls "coffee, please!"
But Doc advises juices and teas
Sipping the tea from a cup,
She whines, "I want to get up."

"Sorry, Sister, tomorrow, perhaps"
As the doctor wets the lips that chap.

It's almost dusk, blessed night,
I've been working since crack o' light;
Awake at night, not very much rest,
Bless old Doc, because he knows best.

As It Should Be Done—

For the ultimate in nonconformist reporting, the palm goes to a writer in an unnamed Waterboro, S. C., paper, as reprinted in the Columbus County News column of Lem Wine-sett, formerly of Plymouth. Becoming fed up with the lack of attention paid to the bridegroom at weddings, the South Carolina writer decided to

give the man a "break" with the following result:

"Mr. Phil Bert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brazil Nut, of Nuttingham, became the bridegroom of Miss Equal Rights at high noon today. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents and was largely attended.

"Mr. Nut was attended by Mr. Pecan as groomsman. As the groom approached the altar, he was the cynosure of all eyes. Blushing prettily he replied to the questions of the clergyman in low tones but firm. He was charmingly clad in a three piece suit consisting of coat, vest, and pants. The coat of some dark material was draped about the shoulders and tastefully gathered under the arms. A pretty story was current among the wedding guests that the coat was the same worn by his father and grand father on their wedding days. Mr. Nut neither affirms nor denies the truth of this sentimental touch. The vest was sleeveless and met in the front. It was gracefully fashioned with pockets and in the back, held together with strap and buckle. Conspicuous on the front of the vest was the groom's favorite piece of jewelry, an Odd fellow's pin and from the upper left pocket was suspended a large Ingersol watch, the gift of the bride to the groom, which flashed and gave the needed touch of brilliance to a costume of perfect taste and harmony. The groom's pants were of some dark worsted material and were suspended from the waist, falling in a straight line almost to the floor. The severe simplicity of the garment was relieved by the right pantleg which was caught up about four inches by a Boston-Brighton worn underneath revealing just the artistic glimpse of brown holeproof above the genuine leather shoe, laced with strings of the same color. The effect was rather chic. Beneath the vest the groom wore blue galluses, attached fore and aft to the pants and passing in a graceful curve over each shoulder. This pretty and useful part of the costume would have passed unnoticed had not the groom muffed the ring when the groomsman passed it to him. When he stooped over to recover the errant circle the Cerulean hue of the galluses was prettily revealed.

"His neck was encircled with a collar characterized by a delicate saw-edge and around the collar a cravat was loosely knotted so that it rode up under his left ear with that sordid carelessness which marks supreme artistry in dress.

"Mr. Pecan's costume was essentially like the groom's and as the two stood at the altar, a hush of admiration envolved the audience at the complete and wonderful harmony of raiment. Actually, you could hardly have told one from the other had it not been for a patch of court-plaster worn by the groom over a nick in

Quantities Which Should Be Canned

Thirty-two quarts of vegetables and 24 quarts of fruits should be canned for each member of the family, says Miss Mary E. Thomas nutritionist of the State College Extension Service. She also recommends 10 quarts of canned meats, 10 pounds of dried vegetables, two quarts each of preserves and jam, and one quart each of jelly, kraut, pickle and relish for each person on the farm.

"Canning is the simplest and most satisfactory way of maintaining the year-round health of the rural family, and is essential in the economical balancing of the food budget," Miss Thomas declared.

The nutritionist listed the following vegetables, and quantities of each, as a desirable canning budget: Asparagus, 1 quart; string beans, 5 quarts; lima beans, 1 quart; beets, 2 quarts; carrots, 1 quart; corn, 1 quart; soup mixture, 6 quarts; okra, 1 quart; garden peas, 2 quarts; and tomatoes, 12 quarts.

Fruits, and the quantities to be canned for each person, are: apples, 3 quarts; blackberries, 3 quarts; dewberries, 2 quarts; huckleberries, 2 quarts; cherries, 1 quart; grapes, 2 quarts; peaches, 4 quarts; pears, 4 quarts; plums, 2 quarts; and fruit juices, 1 quart.

"If all of the varieties of fruits and vegetables are not available, can more of those that are available," Miss Thomas declared. "To determine the family canning budget, multiply the requirements for each person by the number of persons in the family."

his chin made by his safety razor. "Neither Mr. Nutt or Mr. Pecan wore a hat at the ceremony.

"As the former Miss Rights led her groom from the nuptials, it was noticed that she wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms."

IN MEMORIAM

S. B. PHELPS
In memory of S. B. Phelps, who died March 24, 1939.

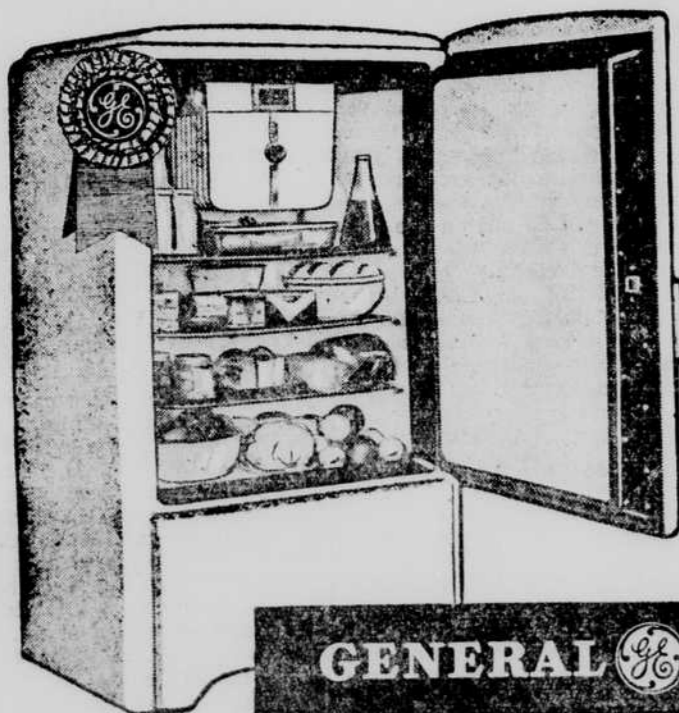
Daddy, thou has left us,
But your memory lingers on;
And some day we hope to meet you
Around God's white throne.

The old home is so vacant,
For your smiling face is not there
Everything seems so much like you,
Even your old rocking chair.

Some day we shall meet him,
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"Her husband's always boasting about her cooking, Eve—but she never has that just-out-of-the-kitchen look."

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