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Weekly Bible Thought

"Behold how good and pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."—11 Timothy 1:7.

Deserved Victory for Veterans

THE passage of the veterans' loan bill over the President's veto marks more than a political victory for the American Legion.

In the first place, a provision to lend half the face value of a government insurance policy from four to six years old—for that is what an adjusted compensation certificate represents—with interest at 4 1/2 per cent, would appear to be a fair business proposition.

Indeed, the passage of the present bill parallels that of the so-called "bonus" bill of 1925, granting these certificates, averaging one thousand dollars in value, to men with honorable discharges who served the nation as soldiers and sailors in the World War.

Furthermore, over against the opposition of the administration to the present measure on the ground of no money in the treasury to pay the demands thereby created, attention has been called to the fact that the treasury, under Secretary Mellon's guidance, "has been priding itself upon its achievement of anticipating the payment of a large portion of public debt before it becomes due."

Now, principally for humane reasons, Congress has expressed the will of the people in enacting, what would appear to the lay mind, a fair and just measure demanding only a reasonable bit of financing on the part of Uncle Sam.

Somehow the oracle spoke and was not heeded, although all the oracle has expressed may be perfectly true.

At any rate, the legionnaires who led this fight were supported by the rank and file, the wise and the foolish, who still have a haunting memory of a call answered, men and boys marching away—coming home—some of them; of music, cheers, oratory, gratitude, hero-worship, tears.

The New Road Law

CONFIDENCE in Governor Gardner's leadership has been responsible for constructive legislation looking to economy and increased efficiency in the state government.

Probably the most outstanding measure adopted has been the road bill, which has been passed in both houses by large majorities.

The measure also increases the gasoline tax one cent a gallon and changes the structure of the Highway Commission. Instead of nine district commissioners and a chairman, the road body in the future will consist of six commissioners-at-large and a chairman, all to be appointed by the governor.

Then, too, with the passage of the Connor bill, which embraces the Gardner highway legislation, prospects are improved for early reimbursement of this county of the \$325,000 it borrowed on bonds and lent to the state in order to hasten the highway building program in Macon.

The School Problem

WITH "the cart before the horse," the legislature has provided through the MacLean bill state support of the six months school term for all counties by means other than ad valorem taxes, and now the Johnston-Jolly bill providing the machinery for administration of the schools has been sent to the Senate.

The sub-committee of the joint finance committee named to find the money has tentatively approved plans to raise \$18,000,000 but as yet the additional \$1,500,000 is not in sight.

be greatly increased under this legislation, therefore its powers are broadened so that it can properly handle the larger appropriation.

Clippings

ADVERTISING POLICIES

"The firm which eliminates or radically curtails its advertising at this time—in the interest of economy—is pursuing a short-sighted policy," says Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, in a statement to Sturges Dorrance, prominent New York advertising expert.

"Advertising," explains Dr. Klein, "is to national business at the present moment just what initiative, courage and resourcefulness are to an individual. All signs indicate that we have reached the bottom of the decline and indeed in some places we are gradually moving upwards. Never was there a better opportunity for sound management, coupled with advertising having a real message, to help the business of the country get started on its climb back to prosperity."

There is a good deal of sound sense in that. The business man who cuts down on his advertising in time of stress can hardly have any call for complaint if his sales fall off.—GASTONIA GAZETTE.

"CAROLINA GOLD DOLLARS"

Wonder if there remain in old-coin collections about Columbia any of the privately minted Carolina gold pieces, of which at least one specimen was owned here 40 years ago?

Available references give no information regarding them, but tradition is that they were designed and cast by a German metal worker, August Bechtler, who with two sons, also metal workers, settled between 1836 and 1839 in North Carolina, three miles north of Rutherfordton, on the Jamestown road.

Perhaps North Carolina newspapers can supply details. COLUMBIA (S. C.) STATE.

AL SMITH'S ADDRESS

Far as the poles removed from any biased interest in the matter, former Governor Alfred E. Smith Monday spoke in Raleigh as an acknowledged authority on the issues of state government reorganization.

Addressing a joint meeting of the General Assembly, Mr. Smith told how 150 boards and commissions in New York state had been reduced to 17. He expressed his regret that the state ticket was not shortened so as to make the Attorney-General appointive, leaving only the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Auditor elective.

Mr. Smith said that the North Carolina set-up of government had the reputation of being unmanageable and Governors of this state, he reminded his hearers, had been foremost among the critics of the existing machinery.

In general, Mr. Smith believes that North Carolina is now moving towards economy and better functioning in its state machinery. On one point alone he dissented from the Gardner program, and that deals with an issue temporary in its nature.

Mr. Smith's views on some government questions arouse vast controversy. His Raleigh address should foster unanimity among Tarheels concerning the wisdom of the reorganization plan for North Carolina, certainly as the main features of the project.—THE ASHEVILLE TIMES.

OVERHAULING STATE GOVERNMENT

Those North Carolinians who are interested in the matter can look around them and see their state structure of government being radically changed before their eyes.

Last week at Raleigh the tide of legislative sentiment swung definitely to support of three major bills for consolidation of government.

(1) The bill for a central Highway Commission was approved. The new commission will take over



THE PARTY

The success of your party depends upon the forethought you give it. Seat your guests with a knowledge of their congeniality. Separate husbands and wives—not because they are not congenial—but to afford each the treat of broadened social contacts and the stimulating exchange of ideas among those they do not meet daily.

A soft candle light is heart-warming, but it should not be so dim as to make it difficult to see. Provide plenty of candles. It makes for comfort to have plenty of salt and pepper shakers, and all the accessories you will need for the meal. A little crowding at the

table is not a fault but makes for intimate jollity.

Do not make the menu so elaborate that it will consume your entire attention to manage it. The ideal party is one in which the hostess appears at ease and joins in the gaiety with her guests. Direct the conversation away from too serious or controversial questions and make it include every member of your party, even the more retiring guests. A little planning in advance will help you to think of appropriate topics to introduce. A balanced menu, a congenial company, and plenty of laughter are three requisites of the merry meal.

Testing Fabrics

The woman, who will put time and effort into making a garment, wants to be certain that the material is what she expects it to be. Every thrifty housewife should be able to recognize cotton, linen, wool, silk and artificial silk.

To distinguish cotton from linen or tell whether a fabric is wool, examine the threads and note the fabrics. Cotton fibres are short, dull and fuzzy. Linen fibres are long, bright and fine. Wool fibres are short, curly or kinky. Silk fibres are very long, fine, smooth and straight. If you tear some of the material, linen will leave straight, smooth threads along the edge, while cotton will curl up.

The burning test tells you something. Silk and wool are animal fibres. They burn slowly, go out quickly, give a disagreeable odor and leave an ash or residue. Cotton and linen are vegetable fibres. They burn quickly and continue burning until almost all consumed, leaving small ash, if any.

Artificial silk may be told from real silk by the burning test. Artificial silk burns quickly, with a decided flash and leaves practically no ash; while silk burns more slowly and leaves a residue. But artificial silk is now made so beautiful that it can scarcely be told from real silk, and it is often less expensive and wears better.

Weighted silk, or silk with sizing or adulteration, will not wear well as it will crack and break and soon go to pieces. It will shrink terribly if washed or dry-cleaned and is a poor buy. To test it, burn a piece. Silk will crumble and leave a soft ash; while the weighted silk will hold its original shape, to a greater or less extent even after it is burned.

To detect sizing in cotton or 45,000 miles of roads and highways; county authority over roads is virtually surrendered to the state.

(2) A central purchasing agency for all state departments was approved—and Governor Gardner estimates that this consolidation will save \$400,000 a year.

(3) The new local government Finance Act passed its second reading in the House and is expected to become law. The commission to be set up will virtually control all finances in the political subdivisions of the state.

More "centralization"—most of us will let it go with that characterization.

The advantages of consolidating overlapping agencies of government are granted. Many of the measures now taking shape in the Legislature are free from the criticism of centralization. They simply systematize government and mean economy of expenditure.

Some of these bills involve, in some sense, a surrender of local authority. In such transfers of authority there are inevitable gains and losses. Some of the losses are intangible; some patent to the eye and the hand. Some are negligible; some are important.

But what would you? The only way to preserve local autonomy, even in things vital, is vigorously and wisely to exercise local autonomy.

Many North Carolina local communities have squandered their powers of local self-government. Now they must see them administered by stronger hands.—ASHEVILLE TIMES.

FRUIT FLAVORS IN TOBACCO

You may not have noticed it but that morning cigar or that "healthy" chew contains the acid flavor of both the apple and orange. In other words, tobacco contains a considerable amount of the malic acid of apples and the citric acid of oranges. These are the findings of scientists who have been studying tobacco leaves at the

linen, hold it to the light or wash a sample.

Oil Utensils

The egg beater and food chopper need oiling, just as does any other machinery which operates easily. We do not like the taste of machine oil in our food, but olive oil may be used to oil food utensils.

Feed Your Shade Trees

Trees which you have set out and which are not thriving properly may need some extra food. Try fertilizing the ground about them by scattering nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia on the ground near them, about two to five pounds for a medium sized tree.

Too much fertilizer or applying it too late in the season may harm the tree by stimulating the foliage.

Slippery Floors

If the waxed floor is slippery, it has not been rubbed enough. Apply more elbow grease, to rub well into the wood all the wax which has been applied to it. It is a mistake to use more wax than can be absorbed into the fibre.

Acceptable Spinach

To make spinach or any other necessary, but usually unpopular vegetable more pleasing in the eyes of the children, garnish it with orange cut in flower or star design. Slices of lemon and plenty of lemon or orange juice help to give it a tang. Minced hard-boiled eggs are often combined with a serving of spinach.

Connecticut Experiment Station in an effort to learn how green leaves manufacture plant food. Another surprising discovery was the ability of tiny young tobacco plants to produce nicotine. Whether they grow in daylight or in darkness it was found that by the time tobacco plants are half an inch tall they contain something like three-tenths of 1 per cent of nicotine.—THE PATHFINDER.

NO SURPLUS HERE

As spring approaches, the urban home-gardener rejoices that no board, federal or local, urges him to reduce his crop. Nature and the neighbor's chickens always prevent a crop surplus.—THE ASHEVILLE TIMES.

ACCOMMODATING

If a man wants to be a cynic, there are plenty of situations to make him cynical. If a man wants to be an optimist, and wants to trust in the world and humanity, there are plenty of situations to make him optimistic and trusting. This old world is accommodating that way.—ATLANTIC GLOBE.

Horne's Homilies

BY TROY F. HORNE

A GODLY AND UNGODLY MAN A man who can face his fellow man, Brave and Bold in the eye, With a future hope and a Godly plan, Will get to heaven by and by.

But he who has no aim in view, No prayer to offer up, When nature tells him he is through, That's the end of such a pup.

He is no more than what we term An ugly little rat, Since he possesses nothing firm, The devil gets him like a cat.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT

North Carolina, Macon County. In the Superior Court. M. D. Billings, Liquidating Agent of the Bank of Franklin on behalf of himself and all creditors of said Bank of Franklin

vs. T. M. Grist, Alex Moore, C. A. Grist, and W. L. Grist.

The defendants above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendants on the 2nd day of March, 1931, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the sum of Twelve Hundred Fifty (\$1250.00) Dollars, due said plaintiff by a promissory note, which summons is returnable on the 6th day of April, 1931. The defendants will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said Clerk Superior Court on the 2nd day of March, 1931, against the property of the defendant, T. M. Grist, which was returnable before the said clerk of the Superior Court on the 3rd day of March, 1931, when and where the defendants were required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded would be granted.

This the 2nd day of March, 1931. FRANK I. MURRAY, 4tcJ&JM26 Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Macon County. In the Superior Court. E. M. Fox

vs. Turkey Knob Corundum Company and All Stockholders, and All Other Persons, Firms or Corporations Claiming any interest in the subject-matter of this action

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, in the above entitled action, naming and appointing the undersigned a commissioner of the court to sell the land hereinafter described, I will on Monday, the 6th day of April 1931, at 12 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in the Town of Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

First Tract: Lying and being in Millshoal Township, Macon County, North Carolina, and being the land conveyed by deed from Henry R. Turnbull to the Turkey Knob Corundum Company, of date the 11th day of March 1898, and of record in Deed Book G. G., at page 499, Office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, and bounded as follows, adjoining the lands of J. D. Moore and W. T. Gregory, lying on Saw Pitt branch, beginning on a large white oak on N. H. Passmore's line 20 poles from the branch and runs westerly 59 poles to a white oak on top of a ridge; then northwardly with the meanders of said ridge to a black oak in the Jackson-Macon county line, to N. H. Passmore's corner on top of Turkey Knob, thence southwardly with said N. H. Passmore's line to the Beginning, containing forty acres, more or less.

Second Tract: On the waters of Ellijay creek, beginning in the line of the Holbrook tract, known as the flat branch gap tract and runs south 82 degrees west of the top of Kirley Knob and north 35 degrees west of the top of Yellow Mountain and runs north 47 degrees west 5 poles to a stake in the Jackson-Macon county line; thence south 78 degrees west with said county line 18 poles to a black oak; thence north 88 degrees west with the county line 26 poles and 13 links to a white oak; thence south 22 degrees west 22 poles to a hickory; then south 37 degrees west 5 poles and 35 links to a mountain oak; then south 83 west 6 poles and ten links to a hickory; then north 76 degrees west 20 poles to a chestnut stump; then south 51 degrees west 19 1/2 poles to a chestnut; thence south 78 degrees west 15 poles to a black oak; thence south 17 west 7 1/2 poles to a black oak; thence south 6 1/2 west 22 poles to a hickory; thence north 70 east 60 poles to a hickory; then north 38 east 20 poles to a stake; thence north 62 east 56 poles to the Beginning, containing fourteen acres more or less, being State Grant No. 8666.

This 28th day of February, 1931. J. FRANK RAY, Commissioner. M54M26 cJFR

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County. Gilmer A. Jones

vs. Natural Abrasives Corporation and Metropolitan Trust Company, and all other persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action

The defendants, Natural Abrasives Corporation, Metropolitan Trust Company, and all other persons, firms and corporations claiming

any interest in the subject matter of this action, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens upon, and to subject to the payment of the certificate of sale for unpaid County taxes due thereon for the year 1925, the following described real estate:

A tract of land lying in Ellijay Township, containing approximately 1100 acres, and being known as the Corundum Hill Property.

And they will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County at Franklin, North Carolina, within thirty days from the 10th February, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, which has been filed at the office of said Clerk.

And all other persons claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action will take notice that they are required to appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in six months from the date of this notice; otherwise, they shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claims in or to the said property above described or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 10th day of February, 1931. FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, 4tcJ&JMar.5 N. C.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County. In the Superior Court. O. G. Cok

vs. J. E. Parrish and wife, Mary Parrish and all other persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action

The defendants, J. E. Parrish and wife, Mary Parrish, and all other persons owning or claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens upon and to subject a payment of the certificate of sale for unpaid county taxes due thereon for the years 1925 and 1926, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a maple on the South bank of the Tennessee River, runs S 30 W 100 poles to a birch; then S 60 E 70 poles to an ash; then N 40 E 110 poles to the river; then down with the river to the beginning, containing 60 acres more or less, same being State Grant No. 1924.

And all persons claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action will take notice that they are required to appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in six months from the date of this notice; otherwise, they shall be forever barred and foreclosed from any and all interests or claims in or to the said property above described or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 10th day of February, 1931. FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court. 4tcJ&J Mar. 5

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of W. T. Brendle, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of February, 1932, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 16th day of February, 1931.

R. D. BRENDEL, Administrator. F194cRDB,M12

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as executors of J. Z. Taylor, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of February, 1932, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 23rd day of February, 1931.

JAMES TAYLOR, WALTER TAYLOR, Executors. F244tpM19

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Marshall S. Cunningham, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of February, 1932, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 13th day of February, 1931.

ROY F. CUNNINGHAM, Administrator. F264cM19