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Weekly Bible Thought:

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations. St. Matthew 28:19

A Community Obligation

IN 1922 the late Mrs. Mark Cozad gave to the Franklin public schools in fee simple a field of three or four acres adjoining the school property with the distinct understanding that it was to be developed into an athletic field. Now, nearly 10 years later, Franklin school boys still are without any place suitable for football or other athletic games.

The property Mrs. Cozad gave to the schools, lying as it does, adjacent to the school grounds on the south, is ideally situated for football field and baseball diamond. All that is needed to make it useful is grading and drainage.

The people of Franklin have failed woefully in fulfilling the agreement made with Mrs. Cozad. They have failed even more regretably in living up to an obligation to their children. The land Mrs. Cozad so public-spiritedly gave to the town has been allowed to grow up in weeds, an eyesore to all who pass. It should be a beautiful grass covered field dedicated to the building of a stronger youth, imbued with sportsmanlike ideals—a spot to which one could point with civic pride.

It will not involve a large outlay of money now, with labor so plentiful and cheap, to put the Cozad property in condition for use. Of course, it could hardly be shaped up before this football season ends; but work should be started without delay so the field could be used for baseball next spring and be in first class condition by the time the 1932 gridiron season opens.

There is another consideration; Franklin does not have a single designated playground. True, there are woods and fields aplenty with rivers and creeks and even a lake. But, nevertheless, these do not fill the need of a definitely appointed and equipped playground, where organized games can be played with proper direction and supervision. The high school football team has to go to the river bottoms to practice and play on a dusty, sun-baked, irregular field. When they have a game there is no way of properly accommodating the crowds or of collecting their just dues, for without a fence it is difficult to get gate receipts. Furthermore, playing football on such a field is very much the same as playing billiards on an unlevel table with a crooked cue and an elliptical billiard ball.

Development of Cozad field now can be done at a minimum cost. The work will help to relieve local unemployment. The town council, as everyone knows or should know, already is hard pressed; little or no assistance can be expected there or from the school board. The problem is one for Franklin business men and parents.

Benches are supplied for loafers on Main Street, but there are no swings for growing youngsters, not even a greensward where the older boys can get together for their games.

The County Jail

AT their regular September meeting, held on the first Monday, the county commissioners issued an invitation for bids for the operation of the county jail.

There were no complaints as to the present management or treatment of prisoners under Jailor W. M. Edwards, according to information received by The Press. The last grand jury reported the jail in good condition and the prisoners properly fed and cared for. Prisoners themselves have been complimentary of Mr. Edwards, something rather unusual. There have been no escapes.

The principal reason new bids are being entertained is that somebody else wants Jailor Edwards' job. Under the present agreement Mr. Edwards gets 80 cents a day for county prisoners and 90 cents a day for those committed by the federal court or sent here for keeping by some other county. Frequently the jail goes for days with only two or three prisoners. If it were kept full, Jailor Edwards and his good wife could not do much profiteering, even if they limited the fare of prisoners to cornbread and

buttermilk. At best, the jailor only makes a living. It is understood that several persons have proposed to operate the jail for less money. Evidently they are not good at figuring, else they are mighty hard up for a job. To come out even they would be forced to make short cuts somewhere.

The Macon county jail now is on a good basis. No appreciable amount could be saved by the county in letting the jail out at a saving of a few cents per prisoner. In view of this situation, we feel prompted to recall the wise old adage: "Let well enough alone."

Since the power company started its light curfew, cutting off current at midnight or earlier, the editor is getting a little sleep.

"G. O. P. Leaders To Rally about Hoover," says headline. Sounds like sailors sticking to a sinking ship.

A DEFINITION

Dividend:—Now obsolete but very broadly used during the paper profit era, usually meaning something for nothing.

With the turn of the weather we have been perplexed by the moot question of which is worse, sunburn or chillblains.

ST. AGNES
Episcopal Church
Franklin, N. C.
Rev. Norvin C. Duncan
Priest-in-charge

SUNDAY
11 A. M.—Holy Communion and sermon, Church of Incarnation, Highlands.
7:30 P. M.—Evening prayer and sermon, St. Agnes Church, Franklin.

TUESDAY
10 A. M.—Prayer service.

to realize that they are but re-echoing, in different words, the teachings of Jesus Christ when they point out the absurdity of war, and its plain contradiction of what Christians are supposed to believe about the brotherhood of man. These men, agnostic and atheistic, constitute no menace to Christianity. Most of them are sincere. What, perhaps, more than their science, has led them to their painful conclusions, is the obvious contradiction in the profession of Christians and its effect upon their lives—enough to puzzle anyone.

Some Christian living, not discussion, is the order of the day.

SOUTHERN FORESTS

BY REV. NORVIN C. DUNCAN

I have been reading "Living Philosophies," a series of intimate confessions, by quite a number of the world's outstanding men, most of them confessedly agnostic or atheistic. I am much impressed by the note of hopelessness and despair which run through most of them, and instead of being living philosophies, they are philosophies of despair.

There is also the very obvious fact that while the authors know something of the Bible, their ignorance of its real make-up, its spirit, and its great message is pathetic. Curiously enough they are quite modern in their science, but have the fundamentalist's view in regard to the interpretation of the Bible. Certainly they do not betray any understanding of modern scholastic interpretation. All their criticism seems to rest upon the fundamentalist's interpretation of the Bible, as if no other existed.

But there is another most impressive thing about the articles—the writers are more Christian in some of their views on social and economic questions than the Church as a whole seems to be. Their attitude towards war breathes the spirit of Jesus. On this question their reasoning is convincing, and their outspokenness most commendable. They seem not

Southern forests cover approximately one-fourth of the total forest area of the United States. When the uniformity of type and fast rate of growth of trees in the southern "pine woods" also is considered, they are unrivalled in their total productive capacity by any other forest type in the country. U. S. Forest Service investigators estimate the second-growth pine woods of the South, under adequate protection and systematic forestry management, can be made to produce at least one-fourth of the total timber requirements of the country and practically all the naval stores needed for domestic consumption.

GAS RATS

The exhaust gas from an automobile will "gas" rats in their burrows. Attach a hose to the exhaust pipe and hold it in the burrow, letting the engine run at moderate speed for about 10 minutes.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our deepest appreciation and sincere thankfulness for the unnumbered deeds of kindness performed during the illness and death of our father and husband, J. J. Conley, and also for the many beautiful flowers, and expressions of sympathy.

MRS. J. J. CONLEY AND FAMILY.
Itc—adv.

Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN S. COBB

The Old-Timer's Prophecy

By IRVIN S. COBB

UPON the death of his father a young man succeeded to the presidency of a certain struggling railroad in the Northwest. The son, on his first official trip of inspection, was distressed to find that the equipment was not in good shape. As a matter of fact the father had milked the line for dividends, working the rolling stock and the employees without mercy. He had not been popular with the hands in his lifetime and his memory still abided with them as a sort of bad smell.



The special bearing the heir stopped at a junction point and the young man left his private car to look about him. Along came a grizzled person in overalls examining the greasceups and tapping at the wheels with his little hammer.

"What do you think of this outfit here?" the new chief asked.

"Plenty good enough for the rails it rides on," was the ambiguous reply.

"Well, what about the rails?"

"Rotten."

"Listen here," said the young executive, do you know how I am?"

"Nope."

"I'm the president of this road now."

"So that's who you are, eh? Well, I was here when your old man was president and I guess maybe I'll still be here when he gets to be president again."

"Again? Say, where do you get that stuff? Don't you know my father's dead?"

"Sure he's dead. And the road's goin' to hell too!"



Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Macon County. Whereas power of sale was vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust from John T. Siler, Eliza Siler and Fannie Siler, to Lucille Pattillo, Trustee for Jones Brothers, dated 16th of November, 1929, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Mortgage Book No. 31, page 302, to secure the payment of Three hundred thirty dollars, and whereas default has been made in the payment of the above amount, and the holders of said note having requested the undersigned trustee to exercise the power of sale vested in her by said deed of trust;

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested on Monday the 17th day of October, 1931 at twelve o'clock noon, sell at the court house door in Franklin, North Carolina, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

Situate in Cartersgap Town-ship, Macon County, State of North Carolina, and described as follows: All the land described in a deed from W. C. Siler and Rose Siler Thomas H. Siler and Linnie Siler and G. G. Phillips and wife, Louis Phillips, to J. T. Siler and Eliza Siler, dated Sept. 7, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book of Deeds J-4 page 14.

This 15th day of September, 1931
LUCILLE PATTILLO, Trustee
S24-4tc-J&J-045

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
Having qualified as administratrix of J. T. Corpening, 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 September, 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 September, 1931.
MARY CORPENING,
Administratrix.
S17-4tc-FIM-08

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust from C. W. Vanhook and wife, M. C. Vanhook to the undersigned trustee, dated the 20th day of April, 1928, and duly recorded in book No. 31 at page 50 of deeds of trust in the registry of deeds for Macon County of North Carolina, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, and the holder of the notice having made demand upon the undersigned trustee that he exercise the power contained in said deed of trust and sell the property therein described in satisfaction of the debt, I will, therefore, on Monday, the 5th day

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of October, P. M., at the Court House door of Macon County in the city of Franklin, N. C., expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described pieces, parcels, or tracts of land, situated, lying and being in Macon County, North Carolina, the same being a part of the Chas. Hayes lands:

"Tract No. 1"
Beginning on the northwest corner of No. 2 on the east side of the Tennessee river at the mouth of Spring Branch; runs S. 50 W. 18 poles to a stake with the meanders of the river; then S. 15 E. with the river 34 poles to a stake; then S. 35 E. with the river 30 poles to a locust on the bank of a long ditch; then S. 85 E. with said ditch 60 poles to a stake in cow pasture; then 80 E. 25 poles to a locust on the bank of the Georgia Road; then S. 30 E. 10 1-2 poles to a Spanish oak at the ford of the branch; then S. 86 E. 74 poles to a dogwood in Vanhook's line; then N. with Vanhook's line 77 poles to a black oak at "Old Factory" then with the line of No. 2 118 poles to an apple tree; then North 55 W. with the line of No. 2 28 poles to a stake in ditch and down line; then S. 85 W. 58 poles to a stake in the ditch; then No. 62 W. 24 poles to a stake; then N. 10 W. 22 poles to the beginning, containing Eighty Eight (88) acres more or less.

"Tract No. 2"
Also another tract containing 28 1-2 acres more or less, both of the above described tracts being fully described in a deed from W. J. Phillips to C. W. Vanhook, of date August 18th, 1888, and being of record in Deed Book X, page 503 office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, S10-4tc-McC-01

and reference to which deed is hereby had for fuller description of said property. This the 9th day of September, 1931.
J. FRANK RAY, Trustee.

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
State of North Carolina,
County of Macon,
In the Superior Court.
Hermey Liner Stockton

vs.
D. C. Stockton

The defendant, D. C. Stockton, will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 7th day of September, 1931, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, in an action to have a reasonable subsistence and counsel fees allotted and paid to her from the estate or earnings of the defendant, which summons is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon county, at his office in Franklin in said County, on the 7th day of October, 1931. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, on the 7th day of September, 1931, against the property of the defendant, which warrant is returnable before said Clerk, at the time and place above named for the return of the summons, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted.

This the 7th day of September, 1931.
FRANK I. MURRAY,
Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, North Carolina.
S10-4tc-TJJ-01