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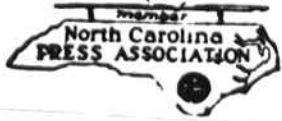
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BIBLE THOUGHT

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you.

That ye may be children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Matt. 5: 44-45

IT HAPPENS TOO OFTEN

Another child is dead—shot through the head with a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of a younger brother—this time it's 12-year old Virginia Condrey of West Marion. The weapon, in the hands of her 9-year old brother, Freddie, supposed to be unloaded, was picked up from a corner by the youth, who in a playful act, pointed it at the sister and pulled the trigger, the bullet going through her head. An older brother had carelessly set the gun in the corner without having removed the shell. Results—the funeral for young sister held Wednesday afternoon.

Home fatalities, as well as the death tragedies of the highway and airways, are usually the direct result of someone's carelessness or neglect—all of which either snatches off a beautiful and useful life or maybe rushes off a life to an eternal destiny before it is ready to go. Think thru the Lord's reply to Cain's question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4: 9-13.

A National Highway Safety Campaign

Through the combined efforts of thousands of daily and weekly newspapers throughout the United States, a National Highway Safety Program was launched this week throughout the nation. Because of its purpose alone, the campaign is one of the most praiseworthy and beneficial public services in recent years.

Any effort to reduce or eliminate the tragic toll of traffic accidents which annually account for thousands of needless deaths is worthy of wholehearted support.

Last year 33,500 persons were accidentally killed on our streets and highways. The staggering total of 1,150,000 were injured and an economic loss of over two billion dollars resulted.

What makes those lost lives, the pain and suffering, and the economic loss more tragic is the realization that, with proper care and precaution, they could have been avoided.

Now, as a result of the President's Highway Safety Conference last year and the second meeting of the Conference last week, an intensive effort is being made to prevent traffic accidents in the future. Much has already been accomplished in the way of traffic enforcement and engineering. The National Highway Safety Program is the newspapers' contribution to the educational phase of accident prevention.

But it has been significantly pointed out by Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, general chairman of the President's Highway Safety Conference, that brief, spasmodic campaigns will not bring lasting results. There is need for intensive effort on the part of every man, woman and child.

"Each one of us, as driver or pedestrian," says General Fleming, "must accept in good faith our own individual responsibility. Each man, woman and child must accept in his own conscience, as before the law, the responsibility for the consequences of his own acts."

That can mean only one thing. We must all, by our own individual efforts, strive constantly for the improvement of the public attitude toward safety. The result will be the sparing of our own lives and the lives of the ones near and dear to us.

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Agriculture department officials are casting cautious glances at the 1947 potato crop, which may be a bonanza like last year's when many millions of bushels were destroyed to keep prices up.

Already a relatively small amount of the 1947 potato crop has been destroyed in Alabama. How much more of it will have to be disposed of by the government is yet unknown — and will remain unknown until the northern states crop is harvested.

Under a mandate of Congress, the government is forced to pay subsidies to potato growers when the market price falls below parity. This cost Uncle Sam a good bit of money last year and lost a lot of potatoes from the bumper crop.

Now angry cries are heard in Congress about the government destroying potatoes from the 1947 crop. Most of the blasts come from new congressmen, who — department officials say privately — do not know the law about potatoes, or that Congress ordered the subsidy.

The United States has tried to give potatoes to the starving people abroad, but they will not take them. Great Britain, which has a terrific food shortage, will not accept United States potatoes, claiming they have a disease which would blight British spuds.

The situation: The government is spending the taxpayers' money to keep the price of potatoes up so the taxpayers will have to pay more for them.

Rosie and Winnie — Remember Rosie the Riveter and Winnie the Welder? They are back in peacetime jobs, they have traded slacks and overalls for daintier attire. And they like it!

The United States Women's Bureau so states in a report based on a spot survey designed to find out what happened to the thousands of Rosies and Winnies who lost their wartime jobs after V-J Day.

The Bureau found that at Baltimore, a large industrial city, two-thirds of women war workers now have steady peacetime jobs.

The agency said that women in factories have turned from such rugged jobs as welding and riveting to assembling, testing, inspecting, and operation of light machines. The report observed:

"Women like such work because it gives them an opportunity to use their natural dexterity, exercise responsibility, and pay attention to minute details."

However, war work had one major effect on women in industry. Before the war, more than 50 per cent of factory-employed women worked in garment or textile plants. Now they prefer metal working assignments.

FCC Economy—The Federal Communications Commission is aligning itself with the current lower-prices campaign by pushing down the price of transcripts of commission testimony.

In inviting bids from stenographic reporting companies for the next fiscal year, the FCC emphasized the desirability of lowering the cost of the transcripts to the radio industry and other interested parties.

Moreover, the commission announced that it will forego the \$15,000 yearly bonus which the stenographic companies have paid the government in the past for the exclusive privilege of doing this work.

The companies make up the bonus through sale of transcripts to interested parties. The commission feels that in shunning the bonus it is setting a good example in the trend to save money for buyers.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

Connecticut police time fast traveling automobiles by use of radar. Add to the list of those who lost the war the reckless driver and speeder.

Wet weather may reduce the supply of honey this year. Science should get busy and develop a bee-size umbrella.

New York university now has a course for traffic policemen. When exam time looms many a student will wish he could make a quick U turn.

A Hungarian physician claims he can hypnotize bears and lions. Meanwhile, the Russian Bear goes ahead and hypnotizes the Hungarians.



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"We don't want pity and sympathy, we only want honorable means to earn our livelihood and to be accepted for what we are and what we can do," declared a blind veteran in one of the most moving addresses I have ever heard. He was addressing a civic club convention to which he was a delegate of his local club. His ability to overcome his handicap, and reach the important post of president of his club was a tribute to ability and determination.

He made a moving plea for the disabled and handicapped. He said that one out of every five persons in the United States was either disabled or handicapped; one out of seven needed rehabilitation; that one out of eight had a disability which was more or less permanent. There are now eighty-five thousand disabled civilians, and two hundred and twenty-eight thousand disabled veterans in the U. S. available for reemployment. Of these, he said one hundred thousand disabled veterans are now under training.

The disabled veteran wants a job which gives him the dignity of self-support. He has earned it, and is willing to work for it, and to maintain it.

The federal and state government is providing increasing service to enable the disabled and handicapped to train for employment by which they may earn their livelihood. Any disabled civilian or veteran can learn of this service through the welfare agencies or veteran's organizations.

The time was, when these handicapped people were considered a total financial loss to society. Now it is realized that the majority can be trained for useful occupations. This not only restores to a man his self-respect, but also relieves family or state of maintaining him in unemployment, to the cost of from \$300 to \$600 a year.

These disabled veterans deserve all that we can give them. They want to be rehabilitated so that they can move in society as normal people and not as objects of sympathy and pity. Let's give them what they ask and what they deserve, a fair chance. During the war, they were in our prayers, our bond campaigns, in our letters. Now they deserve to be in our thoughts and plans. They eminently deserve a fair and large place in our economy.

Town Board Seeks Improved Conditions; Water Leaks Repaired

Our new year begins July 1, 1947. As a new mayor and Board of Aldermen we want to do all we can to make our town of Sylva the best place on earth to live. We want a clean, wholesome, and beautiful town. To have such a place we must work together for one common cause.

There are quite a number of improvements we need to start with but, since new materials are almost impossible to get, we must repair and take care of what we already have.

Our water supply is very low due to the fact that a number of people need to repack their water faucets. A lot of water is wasted in homes and business places because of such leaks. We are doing all we can to find and repair all leaking water mains as quickly as possible. To keep those repairs up takes financing and we find in checking over the water accounts that there is some \$1000 in delinquent water rents.

We will be sorry if you do not have water but we must be fair to all. If you are behind in your rent as much as four months or more, pay up at once or we will be forced to cut off your water supply to protect those who do pay. We ask you therefore to please stop your leaks and pay up your water rents.

We, the town mayor and Board of Aldermen, ask you to co-operate with us by putting your shoulder to the wheel and pushing with us for a bigger and better Sylva.

Jack Allison, Mayor
Aldermen:
Dr. Harold McGuire, Chmn.
R. R. Nicholson, Jr.
Ed Baldrige
Lloyd Cowan
Joe L. Wilson

The size of a dairy or beef herd should not exceed the carrying capacity of pastures and roughage available on the farm.

LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

Miss Myrtle Keller, of Cullowhee, who has been recently appointed Home Demonstration agent for Buncombe county, will leave about July 4th to assume her new duties. She is at present in New York. She has had ten years experience with the Extension service in North Carolina.

Sylva scored its fifth straight victory in the Smoky Mountain league when it trimmed Leicester here Saturday 7-0. The Sylva Juniors defeated the Hazelwood Juniors on Friday, 12-7.

Dr. F. F. Brown, president of the Southern Baptist convention and pastor of the First Baptist church in Knoxville, will preach at Scott's Creek Baptist church Sunday at 8 p. m. Dr. Brown is well known here, having been born and reared in this county near Glenville.

Chester Glenn and little R. L. Glenn returned yesterday from Wilmington. They were accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. Fannie Glenn, and Katherine Glenn, who will spend the summer here.

Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton, who spent the past year in Oklahoma with her aunt, Mrs. Bryson, has returned home.

The Young Men's Boethian Bible class of Dillsboro Sunday school

SALLY'S SALLIES

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"Lots of us women work, but we don't boast about it so boldly."

Production of peaches in North Carolina is indicated at 3,383,000 bushels for this year.

In 1946 the property loss from fire was \$561,487,000, an increase of 23 per cent over 1945.

accompanied by the Young Women's class, enjoyed a picnic at Lake Sequayah near Highlands Sunday, June 12. Mrs. J. C. Cannon, teacher of the class, and Mr. Cannon went with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ensley have returned from Norfolk, Va. and Washington, D. C.

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