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BIBLE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100.

THANKSGIVING

As we pause each year at the Thanksgiving season to recount our many blessings and to give thanks to the Almighty, we are prone to feel that for that particular year we have more than ever for which to be thankful. Not since the war ended, however, have we had so much to be thankful as we in Jackson county have this year. In our county there have been no outbreaks of epidemics, our people are reasonably healthy and happy, our crops have been bountiful, the elements have been most kind in that we have suffered no great destruction of property or loss of life from storms and floods such as have occurred in so many sections of this country.

Our greatest thanks should be for the excellent growing season and for the bountiful crops of foods. With so much of the world suffering from the lack of necessary food to sustain healthy bodies and minds, while in some sections for the lack of it men, women and children died, we should go before God with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving.

On this day let us all go to God in prayerful thanksgiving for the manifold blessings of the past year.

CAN WE FORGET THEM?

We Americans are on a spot. Perhaps it's unpleasant to be reminded of it, but it's also necessary.

After two years of trying to erase war from our memories, we have almost succeeded. We all hate war, and as a national attitude that is good.

GI's who came home sound in body and mind have been welcomed back and absorbed. Many of the wounded have recovered and are busy and reasonably happy.

Those who died have been fittingly honored. Some bodies are being returned to native soil. When this gloomy chore is done we'd like to draw a curtain across the past, blot it all out.

It isn't so simple. There remains an American army which we should not and must not forget. It lies like a loadstone on our community conscience.

This is the doomed army of GI's who were permanently incapacitated. For them there is no forgetting. For them there is no end to the war.

More than 100,000 of them, life-timers all, linger in veterans' hospitals and homes through the nation, wondering cynically how soon we'll forget.

Their very cynicism is a challenge to us all, their worst dread, that of impinging loneliness, is a poignant admonition.

A way has been provided whereby we can help these unfortunate heroes have a little of the happiness which they so richly deserve, and to let them know that their fellow Americans have not, and will not forget them. A national organization has been chartered known as the Hospitalized Veterans Foundation, thru which your funds may be sent to help provide entertainment and equipment for the GI's who won't get well.

It's a careful, judicious program. Its conduct has been entrusted to able, un-

INSIDE WASHINGTON

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional action may result from Russia's refusal to permit members of the House and Senate inside her borders.

There is strong sentiment on Capitol Hill to limit Russian entrance visas to this country to the number granted Americans who want to visit Russia. According to the State department, on Feb. 1 there were 286 Americans in Russia, compared to 1,500 entrance visas granted Russians this year.

Among influential congressmen favoring visa-for-visa action are Senator Styles Bridges (R), New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, Rep. Charles A. Eaton (R), New Jersey, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, and Rep. Earl C. Michener (R), Michigan, chairman of the House judiciary committee.

Michener's group has jurisdiction over visa legislation and he has expressed the hope that his committee "will take early action when Congress convenes to make this a two-way street."

Michener added: "It is unthinkable that our country should continue present immigration privileges to Russia as long as Russia maintains the impenetrable iron curtain. . . . If our official representatives are not permitted to visit Russia, the same rule should be applied to Russians visiting our country."

INFLATION SIDELIGHT — Many employers are concerned about a labor problem entirely outside the realm of the Taft-Hartley law — the upswing in "in-plant gambling" that is taking place in countless industrial establishments.

This problem, and what to do about it, has become acute. It has attracted the attention of the National Foremen's institute which points out that management has a vital stake in curing gambling.

The institute says many heavy losers explain their cut in take-home pay by circulating stories in the community that the company has cut overtime, introduced a wage slash or changed its incentive system.

Employers are advised not to "become moralistic and condemn off-premise gambling" but to hit hard at in-plant games. The institute says gambling on company property should be made punishable by discharge after a second offense. Plant guards should be instructed not to permit "bookies" or numbers takers in or near the plant.

The Ford Motor company recently fired 19 employees for too much gambling.

TOW ROPE TACTICS—The tow rope which pulled grampa's car out of the ditch 40 years ago is playing a part in modern aviation.

United States Air Force tacticians, seeking the jet plane's greatest utility, have been stumped by its high fuel consumption and resultant short range.

So, at the Air Material Command headquarters at Wright Field, Ohio, the Air Force is experimenting with jet-tows. By towing highspeed jet fighters to a rendezvous with bombers near the combat area the planners believe enough fuel will be saved to permit the fighters to protect the "heavies" through their bombing runs and then escort them back to the base.

Another problem, that of gliders forced to fly on instruments when being towed in zero-zero weather, may succumb to a new twist in the tow principle.

AMC is using a short rigid metal bar in glider-tow experiments in place of the old-time slack rope. Thus the plane in tow actually becomes a part of the towing plane, with the tow-plane pilot flying both craft.

An Oregon fisherman caught a salmon that sneezes. Caught a cold due, no doubt, to wet fins.

A bandit raided a gin rummy game and bagged \$2,000. This made the big winner the heaviest loser.

Two thousand were invited to Princess Elizabeth's wedding. My, how the old has grown!

selfish men. It affords every American a chance to get OFF the spot.

"PYRRHIC VICTORY"



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

So many of us want more than is good for us. We don't recognize our limitations. We don't know a good thing when we have it. I have never forgotten the prayer which a dear friend of mine told me that his father was often accustomed to pray, "O Lord, let this vessel of clay, dip down into the well of Thy grace, and bring up only as much as is can hold."



From California comes the story of two close friends and residents of a thriving community. One of them, C. V. H. Jones, was a real estate operator. He and his friend, Perry Byerly, led a successful plan for widening the main street of their community to bring increased traffic through the town.

Someday later Byerly was killed as he crossed the busier, widened thorough-fare. Saddened, Jones proposed traffic signals for the highway. He went before the County Board of Commissioners to urge their installation, particularly at the intersection where his friend Byerly was killed. A few days later Jones, too, was dead — struck down by a motorist at the same intersection.

Of course there are those who will say that they simply paid the price for progress which they urged, and that they were killed by their own negligence. However, we can't help but wonder whether this would have happened if they had retained their narrower, quieter and less-frequented city lane.

So many of us try to outreach ourselves. Long ago when old Aesop wrote his fables, he told the story of a dog who had stolen a piece of meat out of a butcher shop. Crossing the river on his way home, he saw his own reflection in the stream below. Thinking that it was another dog, with a larger piece of meat in his mouth, he made up his mind to get that also. But in snapping at the shadow, he dropped the meat he was carrying and so lost all.

This is written at the beginning of the earliest Christmas-shopping season I have known. Although it is not yet Thanksgiving, merchants are displaying articles for the Christmas trees. Street lights have been put up. Christmas parades and all the wildest displays that human ingenuity can devise have been promoted.

As if this were not enough, today I received a sales letter from a church supply house advocating that I purchase my Lenten and Easter supplies now.

Truly we seem to be outreaching ourselves in our mad rush for things, things, and more things!

The North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks, one of the six Divisions within the Department of Conservation and Development, protects nearly 17,000,000 acres of forest land from destructive forest fires.

In the past two years, the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks has given management advice and help on more than 100,000 acres of privately owned forest land in 40 counties.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the American Legion and the host of relatives and friends for the beautiful floral offerings and sympathy extended and services rendered in behalf of our late son and brother, Pfc. Thomas B. Cowan, who gave his life for his country. Also we wish to thank the town of Sylva for the beautiful gesture of reverence and respect extended to us.

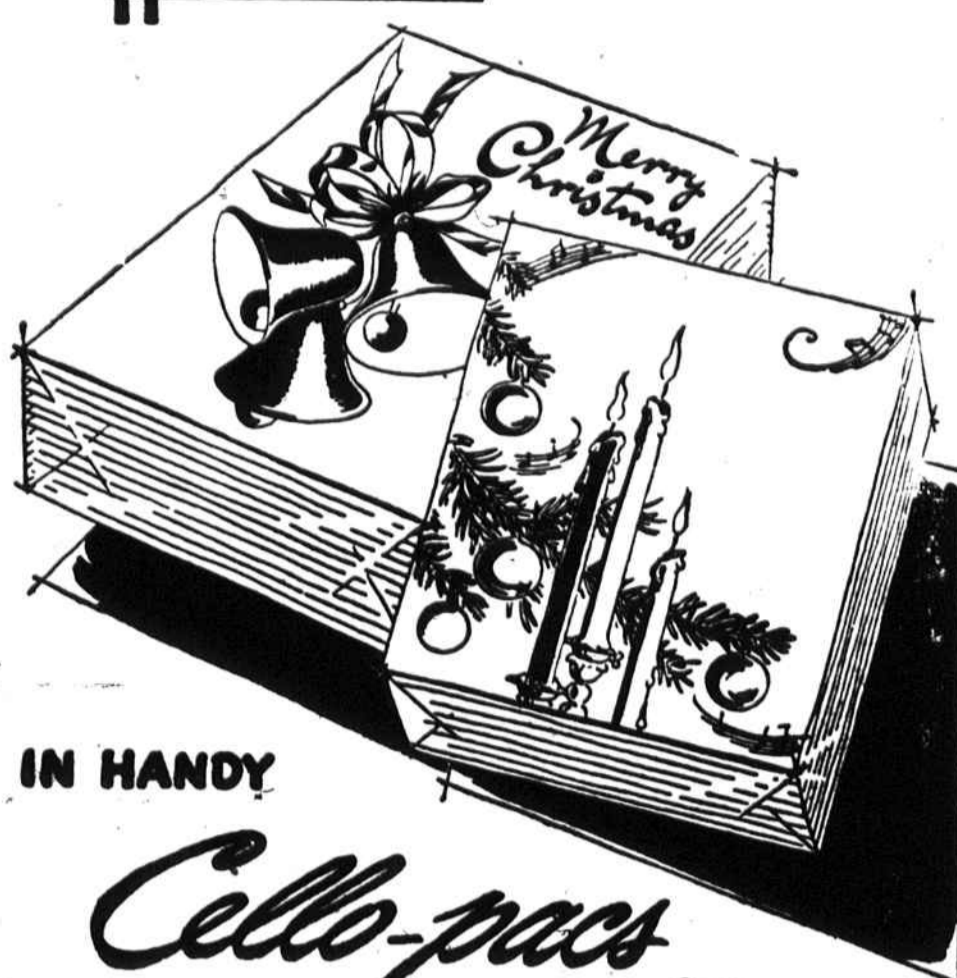
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