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COME AND BE SAVED

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...God wishes us to come to Him and be saved, and says, he saves all to the uttermost that comes to Him by Christ Jesus. And Christ says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; and no man cometh to the Father but by Him." Our subject is, "Come and Be Saved." And our text is found in St. John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Someone may have the idea that God only has a predestinated few that will be saved, only as they read this text. But the text teaches exactly to the opposite. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me. This is the language of Christ. Salvation is free, and whosoever will may come. Christ is the propitiation for our sins, and not our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world. We read in the Bible, that the Father gave the Son to be the Saviour of the world, and not just only a predestinated few. Who may come? And the Spirit and the bride say, come, and let him that heareth say come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17. First, you must desire to be saved, for God doesn't save anyone against his will. Some folks think that everyone will be saved anyway without any effort at all on their part, and say that this is a universal salvation. It is not only under certain conditions. Says one, what are the conditions? The conditions are that you meet the requirements of God's Word. The first word of our subject is, Come. God says come, and if we never come we will never be saved. Christ says, no one can come unto Him except it be given him of the Father. Then how shall it be given him of the Father? Through His Word it is given and that way the whole world has a chance to come. He further says, "No one can come unto Him except the Father draw him. How will the Father draw them? By His Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Christ says, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto Me." He will be able to draw all men unto Him through the gospel. This is all the way that God works with the human family, or ever will work. Through His Word. Paul hath said that it pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. And again he says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. So we must repent and believe the Gospel. The commission to the ministers given by Jesus Christ after his resurrection, just before his ascension back to the Father. Go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.—Mark 16:15, 16. God help us then to preach nothing but the gospel, because the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, and should be preached in its fullness. When Christ sent his disciples out to preach while he was here he said, Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send more laborers into the harvest. This is my prayer. Lord send more Holy Ghost filled, consecrated ministers and gospel workers into the great harvest fields of Almighty God, anointed for service with the pure gospel message to the world that they may know what to do to be saved. All that the Father give shall come to me; and he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. Will you come, dear sinner, and be saved? If you will come he will in no wise cast you out, but will save you on the terms of the gospel. He, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.—Isa. 55:1. In conclusion: Will you come? Yours in Him,
 W. E. McFALL.

One citizen of the dusty road said he did not belong to a profession because he did not profess to work for nothing.

THE NEWS-RECORD AN OPEN FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

THE PUBLISHER MAKES STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO CRITICISM OF COUNTY, STATE OR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

With No Desire to Suppress, He Does Not Encourage Continual Friction and Disturbance in County

Several articles have appeared in the columns of The News-Record in the last three or four months written by Mr. Ira Plemmons of Hot Springs, which articles are criticism of the various taxing agencies of the National, State, and County governments. He discusses the possible elimination of certain duplicating and unnecessary offices and the substitution of more modern methods and equipment for accomplishing the same results at less expense and a saving of taxes. As this publisher sees it, a discussion along this line, looking to a more economical method of running governmental affairs, provided the desired results can be obtained, is not objectionable, but on the other hand, is quite desirable provided the criticism is really constructive rather than destructive. If the purpose of the discussion is to give vent to personal animosities or to ride over prejudices into office or self-exploitation, the publisher of this paper does not wish to become a partner in it. On the other hand, if the discussion is to point out in a friendly or brotherly way, the mistakes of present or past officers or methods, in order to bring about more efficiency or economy in government, such a discussion is welcome.

Some have considered the tax articles of Mr. Plemmons to be of one class, while others have considered them of the other class. The future will doubtless reveal definitely to which class they belong. But, due to the difference in opinion about the articles, the publisher of the News-Record has thought it best to withhold the publishing of these while away in the eastern part of the State until he could return and give more careful study to this matter. After due consideration and after having been assured by Mr. Plemmons that his articles are not being published through personal motive or animosity and that he has no intention of running for office and that his purpose is merely to point out the mistakes of our officers and to put them on guard as to a repetition of such mistakes, we are resuming the discussion until such a time as his articles shall appear, in our judgment, to be objectionable. The purpose of The News-Record is to serve the entire County in a constructive and uplifting and entertaining way. The publisher is absolutely free from the domination of any party, faction, or fraternity. He has refused to join the Masons, or the Woodmen, or the Odd Fellows, or the Ku Klux, or anything else that would make him feel under any obligations to any set of men, and The News-Record is a paper not dominated by any man or set of men, but of course the publisher realizes that a County paper like this is a quasi-public institution. While it is privately owned and operated it cannot run without the support of its constituents and the people of the County have certain rights with reference to the paper—moral if not legal.

While we are publishing the tax discussion of Mr. Plemmons, the publisher extends to any person the privilege of a reply. We not only welcome but earnestly desire that some reply be made. If his statements are not true to the facts in the case, if his conclusions are not correct, then answer him.

But let all articles be with the one purpose of making Madison County, our State, and Nation, a better place in which to live.

—THE PUBLISHER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

will be held at—
 BALDWIN'S CHAPEL
 4th Sunday in November, at 10 o'clock A. M.
 J. O. BALDWIN, Township President

It has been announced that the next Rotary Orthopaedic Clinic will be held in Asheville on Saturday, November 26th, in the Parish House of the All Souls Church and the Biltmore Hospital in Biltmore as heretofore.
 All cripples in your county are invited to attend this clinic for examination and treatment by an orthopaedic specialist.



Above is a cut of the new Virginia Dare hotel in Elizabeth City, N. C., recently completed at a cost of around half a million dollars. It is modern in every particular and is a credit not only to Elizabeth City, but also to eastern North Carolina. A most delightful banquet was held there Friday evening, November 11th, 1927. It should be patronized, as it is more an expression of community pride than a money-making institution. Its more than 500 stockholders have reasons to be justly proud of this great accomplishment.

PROBLEM OF EVANGELISM

As never before the problem of evangelism is confronted with difficulties and perplexities. The confusion and complications of the modern world present a formidable and challenging situation. Dr. Grenfell while walking the streets of New York stopped suddenly and said: "I wish I were back in Labrador. It is much easier to know what is right in Labrador than it is in New York City." Conditions in New York City are not different in a measure from conditions which prevail almost in every city and town and even in the rural sections throughout our country. The cause for amusement is appalling. Moving picture shows are drawing many thousands of people and countless numbers of church members spend more for their entertainment in the movies than they contribute to all the pressing causes of Christ. The automobile carries many from God's house, to say nothing of other distressing abuses and evils of the automobile business. Other forms of worldliness bewilder God's people and we are troubled and sometimes feel that conditions in this modern world of distraction and dangers have nearly overwhelmed our efforts for good.

But I started out to write more definitely of the fanatic and the faker who capitalizing the ignorance, the prejudices and the psychological condition of the times bring the cause of revivalism into disrepute and hinder the work of evangelism by creating an atmosphere and arousing prejudices which unite to defeat the kingdom of God. In a town of a thousand people which I have known from my youth; the religious and spiritual life of the community, so far as I have observed has been degenerating for a decade. Recently an observing citizen who has lived in the town for several years, told me that in recent years three evangelists of the interdenominational type, independent and without denominational authority or direction had conducted meetings in the community. Great crowds attended their meetings, drawn by the entertaining features and clap-trap methods; vulgar sensationalism, fads and eccentric theories which usually characterized such gatherings. Large sums of money had been collected by these religious charlatans and demagogues. It was discovered after they went away that they were frauds and

fakers. He declared that this was the cause of moral and spiritual lethargy and general religious decline of the community life. Multiply this instance by the many similar revivals conducted in many places all over the land and we do not wonder at the situation confronting our efforts to win souls.

BUCKNER ANSWERS

I see from an issue of The Asheville Citizen where Mr. Blankenship, Superintendent of Public School for Madison County, states that Wiley M. Roberts, Chairman of the Board of Education for Madison County, and himself have given bonds as required by law. Sec. 2 Chapter 132 of the Public-Local Laws, 1927, requires the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to give bonds. The chapter referred to reads as follows: "The Chairman of the Board of Education and the County Superintendent of schools shall each furnish a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties according to law, said bond to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners." No bond for either of these parties has ever been presented to or approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County. Neither of these parties have given bond.

I have not issued warrants for either of these parties, nor do I expect to do so. Under the law it is the duty of the Solicitor of this district to institute action upon proper proof shown him. Mr. McDevitt took the matter out of the hands of the Solicitor, and issued a warrant for me for failure to give bond, when he could have readily seen by an examination of the Clerk's office that I had given my bond. I want to know why Mr. McDevitt took the authority to act for the solicitor, and after assuming such authority, why he did not issue warrants for his appointees, who are required to give the same section to give bond. The law should not be construed politically, and if he indicted me, he should have indicted his political associates and appointees along with me.

W. G. BUCKNER.

The use of airplanes, power boats, sailboats and other floating devices for the purpose of concentrating, rallying or stirring up migratory waterfowl to improve shooting conditions has been prohibited by a Federal regulation.

FROM HOT SPRINGS

Mrs. Honess of Asheville visited her daughter, Mrs. Kimberly, Thursday.
 Mrs. W. J. Parker spent the day in Newport, Tenn., Wednesday.
 Frank Lance and friends visited Mrs. N. J. Lance over the week-end.
 Mrs. W. R. Ellerson motored to Waynesville, N. C., to meet Mr. Ellerson, who was on his way home for a few days' stay.
 Mr. J. D. Hensley made a business trip to Knoxville Friday.
 Mr. Roy Plemmons spent the week-end with Mr. Buquo of Black Mountain.
 Misses May and Ethel Fleming, who are in school at Asheville, visited home folks over the week-end.
 Mrs. Della Culbertson and daughters, Rue and Edith, of Bluff, were in Hot Springs Monday.
 Mrs. Oscar Brooks returned home from Asheville Sunday.
 Mr. Walter Albony's little boy was seriously burned about the stomach and hands Tuesday.
 Mr. W. T. Davis motored to Asheville Tuesday.
 Miss Joe Culbertson was in town for a short time Monday.
 Mrs. W. R. Ellerson motored to Asheville Thursday to visit her brother, Mr. W. N. Garrett.
 Mr. Henderson of the Spring Creek Bargain Store was in Hot Springs Monday.
 Mr. George Odell of Greeneville, Tenn., was in town Tuesday.
 Mrs. E. M. Hulsey returned Sunday from Gainesville, Ga., where she has been visiting.

The Ladies Aid Society held their Bazaar Tuesday afternoon. Beautiful fancy work and most tempting refreshments were served. They realized quite a nice little sum, and wish to thank all who helped in any way making it a success.



Sentiment That Uplifts
 Gratitude is one of the noblest sentiments which wells from the human heart. It purifies, uplifts and ennobles. It is an attribute of stability in character. A man may have many imperfections, but if he is capable of gratitude he is far from being all bad. And when gratitude is offered to the Most High, it brings the soul into tune with the Divine as scarcely anything else can.