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EDITORIAL

Food For Thought

The next time you jump in the car and head out for a weekend of fishing, boating, or just taking it easy, you might give some thought as to why you're able to enjoy considerable time off from your job.

Sure, you worked hard all week and are entitled to a little free time. And the money you're spending for recreation is what you have left over after paying for your family's food, clothing, and other necessities.

But what if the food and clothing your family needs weren't produced by somebody else and you had to provide it all yourself? What would happen to your leisure time then?

Thanks to the hard work and ingenuity of the farmer, our food and fiber needs are so well met that we seldom give much thought to who makes it possible. A lot of us are probably in the same category as the city housewife who said her food comes "from the supermarket, of course!"

In no other nation on the face of the earth do so many people depend on so few to provide their food and fiber needs as we do in this country. Put another way, 95 per cent of us depend on the other 5 per cent of the U. S. population to produce our food and fiber.

What it boils down to is that the well-being of American agriculture is of utmost importance to each of us. We hear talk about the Congress being "urban-oriented" and not really deeply concerned about agriculture. If your Congressman isn't thinking seriously of how he can work effectively to improve agriculture's role in the nation's economy, then you can be sure he's not thinking seriously about your future well-being.

All of us—whether we live in a city or a small town—are directly affected by agriculture. And, unless the farmer can make a decent living by selling his products for a profit in the marketplace, we're all destined to suffer.

TROPICAL RAINFOREST

In El Yunque, a tropical rain forest in Puerto Rico, where some people assume to be a lush, all-in-all, the two-note call of the copper-colored tree-toad, *Craugastor*, is heard. This is the sound of the Yunque, where the rain forest is a lush, all-in-all, the two-note call of the copper-colored tree-toad, *Craugastor*.



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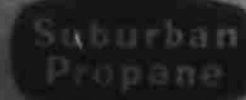
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LETTERS to EDITOR

Mr. James I. Story, Editor
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Dear Mr. Story:

With reference to your correspondent Muriel Cox's letter in the News-Record of June 21, the question at issue is not water baptism by immersion, which is clearly taught in the inspired scriptures and does not need to depend on the spurious verses of Mark 16:9-19 for its truth. The question at issue is whether the Bible teaches that the final eternal punishment for the willfully wicked is death, deprivation of life for all eternity, complete annihilation, destruction, or is it preservation of life in eternal torment as taught by the false creeds of Christendom and heathendom, when men thought they did God service by burning faithful Christians at the stake in the dark ages?

Those who believe in the false doctrine of eternal torment completely deny or disregard such plain statements as Gen. 2:17 "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." It was Satan, through the medium of the serpent who said (Gen. 3:4) "Ye shall not surely die." Who told the truth?

Moses in his last words to the assembled nation of Israel before they entered the promised land declared: (Deut. 30:19) "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life, and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Note no word of warning concerning eternal torment! It was life or death.

The Apostle Paul confirms this at Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." Note verse 23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Is God going to give His precious gift of life to the wicked? No, He will take their life away.

Believers in eternal torment cite Mark 9:43 and 44 in support of their views. "And if thy hand offend thee cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Here the word hell is a mistranslation of the Greek word GEHENNA as shown in many modern translations. This referred to the valley outside the walls of Jerusalem, which was used as the city dump. Fires were kept burning there with sulphur added to make them more destructive. The dead bodies of vile criminals were denied a decent burial and were unceremoniously thrown over the wall into this valley where their carcasses would fall into the fires to be destroyed or among the rocks where maggots would consume them. Thus Jesus showed figuratively their inevitable destruction, not their preservation in torment. Reference to this is made in

Isa. 66:24 where the context speaks how all mankind comes back into harmony with God's pure worship during the thousand years of Christ's reign except the wicked. Verses 24 states "And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses (dead bodies) of the men that have transgressed against me, for their worm (agency of destruction not preservation) is quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." Does this picture the eternal destruction of the wicked or their eternal torment?

The same figure of speech is used in the highly figurative language in Rev. 20:10 "And the Devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are (or were) and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

The Greek word for tormented is BASANIZO and is a similar word used in Matt 18:34. Here Jesus relates the story of the unjust slave whose master puts him in prison until he pays his debt. We read: "And his lord was wroth and delivered him to the tormentors (Greek: BASANIZO) till he should pay all that was due unto him." Some translators: The New World Translation, Torrey's: "The Four Gospels"; Weymouth's: "The New Testament in Modern Speech"; and others render this word JAILERS because sometimes but not always they would use torture. Therefore, this passage in Revelation can properly be rendered JAILED. In other words, restrained in eternal death. That this verse is correct note Rev. 20:14 where death and hell (Greek: HADES: the common grave of mankind) were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. The Adamic death and the common grave of mankind are emptied by the resurrection (John 5:28) therefore cease to exist. The same is true of the beast and the false prophet. (Corrupt human governments and false teachers are destroyed not tormented and preserved). Study and believe God's word.

Norman M. Drysdale
Old Mill Wheel
Marshall

HICCUPS

Dear Sirs:
Many hiccup cases may be cured by breathing slowly and deeply then holding the breath as long as possible. This may be repeated until the hiccup leave, which should be in a couple of minutes.
Yours truly,

Ricky Ballard

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George Joyce, of Mars Hill, a son, June 18, 1973, in Memorial Mission Hospital.

PERSONAL MENTION

Jodi and Jackie Norris, of Lincoln Park, Mich., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Rachel Payne, of Marshall, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Erman Norris on Spring Creek.



INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 1973

Psalm 33: 12-22 from The LIVING BIBLE
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do. The best-equipped army cannot save a king—for great strength is not enough to save anyone. A war horse is a poor risk for winning victories—it is strong but it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine! We depend upon the Lord alone to save us. Only he can help us; he protects us like a shield. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him. We trust his holy name. Yes, Lord, let your constant love surround us, for our hopes are in you alone.

Religious Heritage of America

HEARD AND SEEN

By POP

The Mars Hill Lions Club officers were installed on Tuesday night of last week at beautiful and picturesque Pisgah View Ranch, nine miles from Candler and I was there. It was my first time at the Ranch and I thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the installation of the family-style dinner, gosh, what delicious food, beef dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Drake, "Bill" and I, other MH Lions and Lionesses and a good time just sitting on the beautiful lawn and talking...then during dinner we were entertained by Mr. Chester Cogburn, owner and operator of the Ranch...a former state senator and now a well-known lawyer, Mr. Cogburn is also a humorist whose jokes keep the "eating customers" happy...it's a delightful place to visit and I hope to return soon the installation services were impressive with Lion J. P. Ramsey, formerly of Marshall and now a member of the Elawah Lions Club and former District Governor, being the installing officer...he did a magnificent job and his talk on Lionism was excellent...incidentally, the Mars Hill Lions Club has perhaps the youngest members (average) in 31-A, and the youngest new president, Alan Briggs...in fact, Lion Alan is probably the youngest Lion President in North Carolina. I want to thank the Mars Hill Lions for inviting my wife and me to the meeting we enjoyed every minute of it...another occasion we thoroughly enjoyed was the wedding of Miss Rebecca Ann Sams to Mr. Richard Page Ellis Saturday afternoon in the Mars Hill Baptist Church it was a beautiful wedding, the bride's maids wore the most beautiful

addresses I've ever seen and Rebecca was a "dream"...not only did we enjoy the wedding but we also enjoyed seeing and talking to many of our friends...I was also invited to luncheon last Thursday at Mars Hill with Tom Shuping and Art Sakowski, Shadowline officials, after luncheon in the Faculty Lounge of Mars Hill College, and a nice talk with Dr. Fred Bentley, president of MHC, Tom and Art took me on a tour of the new Shadowline plant near Mars Hill...it isn't quite completed but it will soon be and it's located on one of the most beautiful knolls in WNC...the scenery is gorgeous and the new plant is quite massive, modern and built for the comfort convenience of its employees...from all indications, Madison County is truly "On The Move"...let's keep it going...

Students On Dean's List

Misenheimer, N. C.—Miss Julia Ann Proffitt, Hot Springs, has been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the spring semester of the 1972-73 academic year at Pfeiffer College.

The daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Baxter Proffitt, she is a sophomore majoring in mathematics and is a graduate of Ashe Central High School, West Jefferson.

To be named to this honor list at Pfeiffer, a student must have "a level of academic attainment worthy of special recognition."

Miss Proffitt is one of 165 students named to his honor list.

Deborah Karen Ponder, daughter of Mrs. Betty D. Ponder, Route 1, Marshall, has made the Dean's List at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, for the spring semester.

Pharmacy Comments

SUPPORT FOR DRUG EDUCATION

Has Drug Education been misdirected? Is it responsible for additional drug experimentation? The National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse thinks so. They suggest that federal officials have been dealing more with the politics of the problem, the public alarm, than with the dilemma itself. Perhaps this is true, for we fully suspect some poorly-planned drug

educational programs have resulted due to motivation by political approval.

Yet, because of Drug Education, we feel today's youth are better informed to avoid killer drugs. (A decline in heroin usage is one such case in point.) To educate is to enlighten, and Drug Education, we believe, has made such a contribution.



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The above comments appear each week as our thoughts, opinions, and information we believe to be important to our friends and customers. Your comments are welcome.

Just A Woman's Observations

BY DOROTHY BRIGMAN SHUPE

Ge, this house cleaning would be fun if it didn't take such a long time! I cleaned out a closet in my dining room Friday and found about 50 books I thought I had lost, and also found three of my college annuals. I sat down and looked through them and read what all my friends had said about me at that time. They were rather flattering—you remember how you write in them—and it pepped me up for several hours! I believe it takes more time to just enjoy what you find than to actually clean up the joint!

Oh, yes, I also found some puzzles that I hadn't worked in years. I am working on one now that Gary Sprinkle brought to school one year and neglected to take back home. It is round and the most aggravating thing I have ever seen! But I'm going to keep it at—ad odds times—until I get it done. I heard Gary got married so I expect he will come for the puzzle one of these days soon to take to his new home. He neglected to invite me to his wedding, so I'm mad at him for the oversight!

I repotted my snake plant last night and it had 21 shoots—if that is what one would call them—and I planted one in each of my two pots and the rest are lying in the yard waiting for anyone who wants them. They require

a deep pot and not much care otherwise. I water them about once every three weeks and that is all the care they require. I kept the one shoot that had the stem of the bloom for one and the other just because it was about the same height. They add a nice bit of greenery in my living room.

My goodness, summer is fast going away. The Presbyterians and Baptists have both had their Bible schools and both reported good attendance and had good programs for the parents to enjoy. Saw Geraldine McDevitt at the corner grocery—Johnson's, of course—and she said the Baptists had one of the best schools ever.

I haven't been riding my bicycle as much as I planned to do. It seems that I'm in such a hurry to run to the store and get the mail and often, it is just too cool to ride up to Verran and Knox's so I hop into the car and go. I guess my cleaning is taking care of my exercise! I did get a lovely basket for the front of my bike at the Western Auto Store if and when I get back to riding so I can now carry groceries—or letters! I'm sure that Tim Hodge's mother waited on me there and was very nice to me. She didn't question my check, Suzanne!

OBSERVED—You wouldn't believe I am writing this Tuesday morning before 9

o'clock - I had planned not to write - but I remembered the three people that read this and decided I should - It's nice to observe that we have another former MHS graduate joining the Health Department - Congrats, Mike Bradley, I'm sure we're rid of mosquitoes, bugs, and all harmful health menaces with you in the department - That was a nice write up in North Carolina magazine about our Representative Liston Ramsey - He has made a good legislator and we should be proud of his accomplishments - Heard that Shirley Flynn and James Kent got married recently, very best wishes to you and may you have a long, happy married life - We'll miss Shirley at Marshall! I hope, but she will complete her schooling at her new home near Fletcher - I'd better get back to these windows, floors and all things involved in cleaning - Have a good day!

Togetherness

DOUBLE DUTY—The Ralph E. Briggs and Ed Ramsey families believe in doing things together. They went to the altar together in a double wedding Nov. 8, 1946, and suddenly, last Wednesday, found themselves to be grandparents together.

The Briggs' daughter, Sherry Carter, wife of Ray Carter of Weaverville, gave birth to a daughter, Jolie Rae, at 10:19 on Wednesday, and three later Jo Neil McFee, wife of David McFee of Asheville, gave birth to a son, Gregory Ferguson.

They're in the same hospital, same room, and had the same doctor.

The grandmothers said their daughters have already started planning a wedding between the newborn babes. Why not? Considering the circumstances, it would seem inevitable, wouldn't it?

—Bob Terrell Column
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Briggs are residents of Mars Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ramsey are formerly from Madison County, now living in Beaver Lake, Asheville.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Carter are also formerly from Mars Hill.

Concert At MHC Next Thursday

A background of natural beauty will provide the setting for the Celo Chamber Players concert presented by Music in the Mountains Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m. at the Amphitheatre at Mars Hill College (or at Moore Auditorium if it rains). Mozart Pieces for Musical Clock will be offered by a woodwind quintet. The gifted Eve Lynne Reeve, founder of Music in the Mountains will play the harpsichord in a Bach Sonata. A Boccherini Quintet will be given by a string quintet.

HOMEcomings Homecoming will be observed at the Walnut Creek Baptist Church this Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

An all-day service is planned with lunch on the church grounds.

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