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BIBLE THOUGHT

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.—Lamentations 3:22, 23.

DANGERS TO CHILDREN

The kidnaping and murder of the six-year-old Florida boy made headlines in all newspapers, and furnished a topic for conversation in every home during the past week.

No mercy has been spared the young man who has confessed to the horrible crime. Citizens have been free to express themselves about a person who would do such a crime. A man with such a mean streak in him should not be shown any mercy, and this newspaper shares the hope of millions in that the kidnaper will get the full penalty of the law.

We agree with The Charlotte Observer, when it said:

"American fathers and mothers know of the anguish of heart suffered by the parents of the beautiful Cash lad whose body has been found and whose only ease from their anxiety doubtfully comes from the now sure knowledge that the child is dead.

"And there will be general understanding and appreciation of the feeling of fear that must steal over millions of other fathers and mothers lest some one of their children may, also, at some time fall victim to these beasts of the kidnaping species.

"But such possibility is so extremely remote as to hardly justify the uneasiness being felt.

"There are other dangers to the limbs and lives of little children infinitely more proximate, realistic and imminent—dangers attendant upon the habit of roller-skating, playing baseball or riding bicycles on the streets."

PRUNING THE WRONG BRANCH

We scratch our head and wonder what it is all about when we learn that Congress has appropriated over \$3,700,000,000 for relief, and at the same time, the appropriation for the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been slashed. Last year the Bureau, better known as G-Men, recovered in property and fines plus savings to the government, \$41,000,000. The cost of the bureau for the same period was \$5,800,000.

Aside from the cost, we should bear in mind, that there are over 4,500,000 criminals in this country, according to J. Edgar Hoover. There are three and a half criminals to every college graduate and right now crime is costing \$120 a year for every man, woman and child.

It is interesting to note, that thirty per cent of all persons listed as desperate criminals have been paroled, some as many as ten times.

With all these facts put into the balance, we find an increasing need for the services of the G-Men, instead of curtailment.

THE OTHER SIDE OF CROP CONTROL

Farmers of the nation have been, and still are concerned with the enforcement of "crop control."

The news items of the week, would indicate that mother nature is taking a drastic hand in the plan: "Continued rain, cool weather and some hail throughout eastern North Carolina have hindered the growth of cotton and tobacco, and most fields are "grassy." Another item: Hog cholera is causing considerable trouble in Bertie County, causing the county agent to vaccinate 300 hogs last week."

We lose interest in a candidate when he apologizes for his candidacy by saying that his friends prevailed upon him to run. We like to see a man come right out and say that he is running because he wants the job for the salary, or the honor, or the opportunity of service that it offers.

DEMOCRACY IN DANGER

The huge spending program proposed in Washington carries such seeds of destruction. The democratic processes of government which have created the American system of living can only be maintained when responsibility is decentralized. Whenever Congress votes three or four billion dollars to one man to spend, it has thrown Democratic government overboard. Such a huge sum of money in the hands of the Executive overpowers the legislative and judicial functions of our government. It opens wide to be applied all over the country in such a way as to make cowards of our legislators and everyone whose opinion differs with those of the administration. If such huge sums are needed to prevent collapse in America, their expenditure should be delegated to Congress and the States.

Tremendous sums of money have been spent in the last four years and the country is no better off. New floods of Federal expenditure will not improve matters. It is doubtful if they will even help the situation temporarily, but this expenditure will leave us saddled with a debt greater than has ever been carried by the citizens of the republic. Those in command in Washington seem to think that debt is wealth and that an increase in debt will mean an increase of wealth. Now, the real truth of the matter is that debt is trouble. Everyone of us has had enough experience with debt, either personally or through our friends, to know that debt means trouble. It brings in its wake lost homes, discouragement, defalcations, general softening of moral fiber, unless it is met head on and paid off regularly and promptly.

Debt for the nation will spell trouble just as surely as it spells trouble for the individual unless we get ourselves to paying it off as promptly as possible. The individual must pull in his belt and make continual sacrifices to pay off his debt. The nation will have to follow the same course or debt will lead the country into real trouble such as destruction of our democratic processes of government, or wars or other national calamity. The American people must let their Senators and Congressmen know, first—that they do not believe in piling up any more debt, and second—that if further expenditures are voted, responsibility for them must be placed in the hands of the States and Congress.—Federation News.

TEAR DOWN ADVERTISING SIGNS

A declaration destined to bring results in terms of farm beautification is suggested in this significant message from Miss Lillian Keller, home improvement specialist of the University of Tennessee Extension Service:

"During 1938 one of the major objectives of the better homes movement is to carry on an intensive campaign to remove signs from farm fences and barns. No city home owner thinks of allowing anyone to tack an advertisement on his garage or fence, yet farm people have their premises covered with tin, paper, and cardboard signs. These do not add to the attractiveness of either the farm, home, or highway. Our program calls for elimination, so far as possible, of this ever increasing flood of cheap, unpaid advertising that lines our highways from town to town, and to beautify the approaches to the towns and cities with grass, shrubs, and native trees."

The above program is one that might well be carried on in every state. Such signs are not only destructive of beauty but may be actual traffic hazards, often obstructing the view of a driver and leading to accidents.—Miss Sallie F. Hill in The Progressive Farmer.

A committee meeting is a scheme by which a dozen people get together and spend an entire evening handling a matter which one or two persons would dispose of better in twenty minutes.

TWO MINUTE SERMON

BY THOMAS HASTWELL

TWO SPECIALISTS

The other day I met a friend of mine who had just returned from a visit to a great specialist in an effort to discover the reason for his failing health. The only thing the specialist advised was some changes in my friend's diet and eating habits. After following the specialist's advice for six weeks my friend was amazed and delighted at the results. He felt better, and more efficient, and his whole outlook upon life was more hopeful. The conclusion obviously is that if one is to live at the highest point physically, and enjoy the priceless blessing of good health, one must follow common sense rules and refrain from eating the things that are known to be injurious, and eat the things that supply the elements the system needs. The same thing is true of our spiritual lives. If we are to enjoy spiritual health and know the blessing of an efficient, spiritual life, the soul must be nourished with the things that contribute to its life and well being. Christ, the Master Specialist, has prescribed all the rules necessary for us to build up perfect spiritual strength. Like the specialist who advised my ailing friend, Christ cannot compel obedience. The individual may do as he chooses, but the reward for obedience to spiritual needs is just as sure and just as satisfying as the reward of abounding physical health is to the one who obeys the rules of physical health.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. Curtis Russ

Near the top of the list of live wire civic clubs can be listed the Hazelwood Boosters Club, an organization known for lots of action and little talking.

What talking they do, when the business is disposed of, is along a humorous line, which is quite natural, as there is more native wit per capita in the club than in any group of similar size I've ever known.

Last Thursday the Boosters entertained the Rotarians from Waynesville. They fed them fried chicken, and too many of the usual trimmings. All during the meal, whispers went around "Who is the speaker?" and to every question, came the same answer: "No one knows."

Curiosity was about to get the best of some, when Joe Davis, the duly elected Booster "cut-up," was introduced as professor something or other, who turned out to be a master ventriloquist. He put on a good act, getting off a joke on every Booster and some Rotarians. Some yarns were publishable—many not.

Joe is a natural comedian, and has the nerve and glib to stick with his guns.

He got his first yarn mixed up, and told the last of it first, but from then on he carried the two voices fine, although the false whiskers kept getting in his mouth as he twisted his lips back and forth. It was fun for all except Joe, who perspired as if in a Turkish bath.

As master of ceremonies, Bill Chambers puts it over in grand style. He has the pep to keep things moving, and the fire to shoot back at the things cast at presiding officers. He's popular and efficient in his place at the head of the table.

For women only—The women who serve the Boosters Club have a lot to learn about serving meals—they can't possibly serve such meals and make any money. The men would get their money's worth with just half as much food.

Whitener Prevost, mayor and secretary-treasurer of the baseball team, sought moral and financial support in behalf of the Manufacturers, and timidly and half-heartedly promised more "wins."

R. L. "Pop" Prevost, is apologizing to all he sees, for forgetting to mention the building and loan when he reported a building boom in progress in Hazelwood. He was so interested in numerating every building now under construction, that he forgot to say building and loan was playing an important part in them.

The beautification program is well underway, and the Hazelwood Scouts, according to C. E. English, are busily engaged in beautifying the highways leading into Hazelwood. A WPA project is laying a sidewalk on the west side of Main street, in addition to paving the streets along the northern section of the town. Since the streets have been paved, a number of homes have been painted.

The club at Hazelwood is well named, yet it does not exactly fit them, in that besides being boosters, they are hard civic workers.

Jim Huggin—his name out of the pulpit—in a brief pointed talk, hit home with the value of fellowship. "Pop" Prevost followed with remarks

MARRIAGES

William L. Tuttle to Mildred M. Arney, both of Lenoir.
Lynn Murray, of Canton, to Shirley Boyd, of Waynesville.
G. C. Rogers, of Canton, Route 2, to Martha Cook, of Canton.
M. Brown to Orma Miller, both of

bearing on the practical application of closer fellowship.
The Boosters have their serious side—just as serious as a Methodist preacher, and who wouldn't, when as full of fried chicken and strawberry shortcake as they were Thursday night?

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