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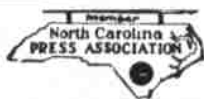
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BIBLE THOUGHT

Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.—Psalms 82:3, 4.

NO MAN'S LAND

The ruling of Attorney-General Harry McMullen that the State liquor board has no jurisdiction over the dry counties of the State coincides with logic and the realities.

The board, which deals with the control of "legal liquor," naturally could have no jurisdiction over the distribution and sale of intoxicants in those counties where all liquor is illegal. Nor could the wet counties afford to finance such extraordinary control activities in dry counties.

But the ruling tends to emphasize the chaotic crazy-quilt liquor system we now have in the State. And the decision of Mr. McMullen, while fully justified under the circumstances, makes the dry area of the State a sort of no man's land in which the distributor of bottled-in-bond liquor can vie with the bootlegger of moonshine liquors without any interference from the State board of control.

Owing to the peculiar conditions now existing in the State, the chances are that the dry counties are now obtaining much more liquor of various types than ever before, and the situation will grow worse as time goes on unless the public awakes to the moral hazards involved and moves to apply the proper remedies.—Winston-Salem Journal.

WHAT WPA WORKERS OUGHT TO SAY

"I am a WPA worker.

"I realize that the funds which come to me from the federal government are from the earnings of other citizens who earn their money in the only way it can be earned—by working.

"I understand that this money is not intended as charity, in the sense of the word that is repugnant of self-respecting and self-reliant Americans, but is intended more as a loan against my citizenship than anything else. I have been led to believe that I was accepting it without any obligation, either, to anybody other than the masses of American citizens through whose toil this aid is given me.

"Under these circumstances, I bitterly resent the attempt of any politician to dictate my political sentiments, to give me the choice of knuckling to his way of voting or of starving. I resent the implication that I am the chattel of any political party or faction, not only my labor but my mind held in bondage to a self-seeking political boss.

"The effort to control my vote implies that, through accepting the financial aid which comes from all the masses of Americans, I have thereby surrendered my own citizenship and my self-respect.

"When this pressure is put upon me to vote this way or that way, regardless of what I believe or what I think, I know what I am going to do.

"I am going to continue to eat, but I am going to keep my self-respect, and my heritage of citizenship in what has been, up to the present at least, a free country. I will do lip service to the demands of my political masters, but express my choice on men or issues, I am going to vote my own sentiments and not those who make a shoddy mockery of American institutions by attempting to build a political machine based upon the want and destitution of a part of its citizens!"

We are not a WPA worker—yet—but if we were, this would be our platform! It's the only answer to the wholesale attempt to buy the votes of the American people with their own tax money!—Knoxville Journal.

FOR PERMANENT GOOD

There is no reason why the live-at-home program should not find its finest fulfillment in this section of North Carolina. We have rich, well-drained soil; and year after year we have been blessed with favorable weather and climatic conditions.

Trailing our other farm activities, though, is our development of better livestock. Particularly is this true in connection with the milk cows that are kept on our farms to assist in providing for the family food supply.

Nothing pays a farm family bigger dividends than does a good cow that furnishes plenty of good milk and butter. It is a poor commentary on our farming system that pure-bred cows are so scarce in this county.

We know that this is a bad time of year to talk about farmers paying out large sums of money for improvements of any kind. But we now have a fine crop coming on, and there is every reason in the world to believe that seasonal prosperity will be enjoyed by our farmers this fall. With this optimistic outlook in mind, we do not believe that it is a bad idea for our farmers to resolve now to invest a part of their this year's income to livestock improvements—and we mean this with particular reference to the family cow.—Whiteville News Reporter.

"REYNOLDS FOR PRESIDENT"

The noise about a mass meeting of Democrats in Raleigh soon to launch a "Reynolds for President boom" is interesting, if it is interesting, because it flows from Mayor Tom Cooper of Wilmington, and because there were rumors during the Reynolds-Hancock campaign that a Reynolds victory would set the stage for a "Cooper for governor" organized movement.

Then it is interesting, too, because Cooper and his Wilmington cohorts aim their sharpest darts at what they term centralization at Raleigh while their bedfellow, Reynolds, is at Washington "carrying brick" for ultra centralization.

But, pondered soberly, there is about as much sense in a "Reynolds for President" mass meeting in Raleigh as there is in the "Bailey for President" palaver that is heard from distant places. Our own notion is that all either amount to is political exercise for those making the noise with perhaps a feeling of importance on the part of the boosted.

Getting down to bottom, we suspect the substance behind Mayor Cooper's motion to stage a presidential boom meeting for Reynolds is that Mayor Cooper calculates a good way to promote his gubernatorial ambitions is to swing onto Reynold's coattail, so to speak. And Reynolds—well, he is too much of a good political sport to refuse the use of his coattail.—Durham Herald.

30 MILLIONS WORTH OF FOG

Allen Keller, writing in the New York World-Telegram, discloses that it is costing the American people annually 30 million dollars for the New Deal to tell them what it is doing or proposes to do.

According to this authority, of the grist turned out by this \$30,000,000 mill (and the estimate of cost is conservative) approximately 700,000,000 pieces of mail are distributed by the government under the franking privilege each year, or enough to fill 1,750 freight cars.

In the convincing judgment of The Nashville Banner, "New Deal statesmanship is as expensive as the commodity itself." That newspaper calls it "\$30,000,000 worth of condensed vapor."—Charlotte Observer.

The reason men have to have pockets is they can't stick things down their necks the way the women do.

TWO MINUTE SERMON

BY THOMAS HASTWELL

THE ALABASTER BOX OF THOUGHTFULNESS

In the book of Mark appears the beautiful story of the woman, who, one day during the last week of Christ's ministry on earth, broke upon his head an alabaster box of precious ointment. Because of the act she was criticised by several of the group who deemed it a heedless waste. Christ rebuked her critics and shamed them into silence. The picture is one of striking contrasts. On the one hand we see a group of followers who had been with the Christ for three years, yet here within the last week of his earthly ministry, when the shadow of the cross had already darkened his pathway, they found fault with this gift of devotion and revealed that they did not yet understand him, nor his teachings, nor his mission upon the earth. On the other hand was a woman. Little is known about her. She was not included among the chosen disciples. She had had little opportunity to sit at her Master's feet and learn from his deeds and teachings, yet she was willing to give a costly gift because of her devotion. No wonder the Christ silenced her critics. Here in his last days on earth, with Gethsemane but a few hours away, when fellowship and understanding and loyal devotion were most needed, his own followers did not understand. Only the woman understood. Hers was the last earthly touch of ministering love and devotion that the master received before he faced the cross. How often it happens today, that we, buried in the things that fill our days, forget, until it is too late, to render the thoughtful little services that mean so much. The smallest service may be more precious than the rarest alabaster box of costly ointment. It is precious, not because of its great cost, but because of the thoughtfulness, and the sympathy, and the understanding that prompts its giving.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



Random SIDE GLANCES

By W. Curtis Russ

It is amusing, as well as pathetic, to realize how little we know about the community in which we live.

Recently, I overheard a stranger asking a professional man several questions about this community, and every answer was wrong, but neither knew the difference.

It is only natural for strangers to ask questions.

How many of the following questions are you positive you can answer correctly?

- 1—How far is it from Waynesville to Newfound Gap?
- 2—How high is Newfound Gap?
- 3—What is the altitude of Waynesville? (Not 3,000 feet).
- 4—What is the population of Waynesville? Hazelwood? Haywood County?
- 5—How far is it to Lake Junaluska? What does it cost for one-day ground fees?
- 6—How far is it to the Country Club? How many holes on the course?
- 7—How many places on Main street sell beer?
- 8—Is there any place in town where cars can be stored? Name them.
- 9—How far is it to Soco Gap? What is the highway number?
- 10—When was the court house completed?

The above ten questions are just a few of the many that will be asked hundreds of times during the course of the season.

How close an observer are you? See how many of these you can correctly fill in—

There are _____ furniture stores in Waynesville.

_____ different brands of gasoline are sold on Main street.

The light poles on Main street are painted _____.

The letters on the court house are _____ (Color).

The post office letters are _____ in color.

The largest neon sign in Waynesville is at _____.

The benches on the court house plaza are now painted _____.

The largest auditorium in Waynesville is at the _____.

The direction of Main street is _____ and _____.

The shooting gallery is next to _____.

There are _____ traffic lights on Main street.

Water fountains will be found at _____ different places on Main street.

Sunday evening church services are held at _____ o'clock, at what churches.

The price of gasoline is _____ cents a gallon.

The First National Bank is or is not taller than the court house.

Your Horoscope

June 19, 20—You are very impractical, even though you have ability in both a commercial and executive manner. You will be disappointed many times and reverses seem to follow you and involve those who follow in your lead. You are often misunderstood and misrepresented.

June 21, 22—The happiness and comforts of others is your chief sin, and their sorrow and disappointment weighs heavy on your shoulders. You are religious, thoughtful and scholarly. You like wit and fun, if it is clean and wholesome, and you can make a very entertaining companion. As you are of a mechanical turn you can work out many beautiful adornments for the home.

June 23, 24—Pleasure means more to you than business and therefore receives the most of your attention. You like to make a show and will go to most any ends to gain your own aspirations. With all your faults you are able to retain the love and affections of your friends as you are

THIS WEEK in HISTORY

June 20—First parliament opened in Japan by the Emperor, 1871. Great seal of the United States adopted, 1782.

June 21—Founding of Halifax, N. S., by Lord Halifax, 1759. U. S. States constitution adopted, 1787.

June 22—Napoleon, defeated at Waterloo, abdicated for the second time, in favor of his son, who was proclaimed emperor of the French, 1815. Bank of New York (oldest started, 1797).

June 23—Foundation of England rule by Clive's victory at Plassey, 1757. Declaration of the rights of man by French convention, 1789.

June 24—Henry Ward Beecher born, 1813. Cabot discovered North America, 1497.

June 24—Virginia ratified the Constitution, 1788. British under Admiral Cockburn, with 2,000 troops, took Hampton, Virginia and sacked it for two days, 1813.

June 26—First distribution of Victoria Cross by Queen Victoria, 1857. First American troops reach France, 1917.

S. C. CONGRESSMAN DEAD

A few hours after the 75th Congress adjourned Thursday night, Congress A. H. Gasque, South Carolina Democrat, passed away at Washington hospital. He was 66 and had been ill of an heart ailment since late in May. He has served for the past 15 years and was chairman of the house pensions committee.

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