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**BIBLE THOUGHT**

Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.—Job 12:9, 10.

**FINES CREEK AND CRABTREE STILL IN THE MUD**

The citizens of Fines Creek and Crabtree are as a whole soft-spoken, mild tempered folks. They have enduring natures and tolerate more than perhaps they sometimes should. At any rate, they have every right now to raise their voices, roll up their sleeves and demand action.

For years those hard working, heavy taxpayers have been wading muddy roads to get in and out of their community.

To relate the number of promises that state officials and highway men have made the citizens of the section would fill several columns. The people of the community have "voted right" in every election, and have been promised a better road. Yet the road is not built.

As recent as April 11th of this year, members of the County Commissioners and others went to the district member of the state highway commission, and in company with engineers and others, the Haywood group were "assured immediate action."

An impassable mud hole was filled. The rest remains as it was.

The people of that end of the county are paying their part into the over-flowing state highway treasury. They are due a better road. They have been treated as red-headed step children long enough. They have gone along on promises until they believe them no more.

It is not fair to them, or to the county to continue to keep them in the mud.

And now, since there are ample public funds, both federal and state, we see no reason why that section should be ignored any longer.

**ANOTHER POTATO MARKET OPEN**

Potato growers in Pasquotank, and other Eastern North Carolina counties, report that 98 per cent of the seed potatoes planted this year were certified stock from Maine, but that the acre yield was lowered due to blight, stem-end rot and blackleg. A report from that area says that the growers plan to change seed sources next year.

It seems to The Mountaineer, that right there is a good lead on some profitable business. Certified seed potatoes can be grown here as well as in Maine. And Eastern Carolina is a big market for seed potatoes, and if properly worked, it seems that a profitable outlet could be made for Haywood farmers down on the Atlantic coast.

**AMERICAN WINGS OVER CHINA**

Last week, Haywood County along with the rest of the United States, rallied to the call for funds for suffering Chinese. Rice bowl dances and parties were held, and thousands of dollars were contributed.

This week, the New York Times, carried an authentic report, that since the warfare development against China last July, export licenses have been issued for the export to Japan of American aviation material valued at \$7,415,189.01.

When standing afar and looking on such a complicated question as the Far East situation, it appears that we Americans are somewhat "two-faced" or rather inconsistent, to say the least.

Here we are at home sending money to help Chinese who are suffering from wounds caused by bombs dropped from American-made planes.

It must have been a fisherman who coined the expression: "Anticipation is more than half the fun of any event."

**LADY ON RELIEF**

What Mrs. Betty G. Powell, 66, appears to have been doing on the WPA in Granville County is simply to pick up a little extra money and to find some outlet for her energy. Her son, Charles G. Powell, \$5,500-a-year chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, says that she is very active but that she is well provided for and shouldn't have done it. He intends to pay back the money she drew.

Well this is wholly understandable, though nonetheless embarrassing. The lady should have known better, in spite of the philosophy that has developed in this county under the New Deal—the philosophy of helping a sucker to part with his money. Everybody's doing it, Mrs. Powell probably reasoned; so why shouldn't she?

But when it comes to the agency in Oxford which certifies persons for work relief, that is a horse of another color. That agency is bound to have been aware that this genteel client did not need relief and was by no stretch of sympathy entitled to it. And if widowed mothers of sons drawing \$5,500 salaries can get relief when they ask for it, the suspicion is aroused that a great many people are getting it who don't deserve it.—Charlotte News.

**ANOTHER 'VERSION**

A Yankee was talking to a Confederate Veteran. Asked the Yank, "I suppose you always vote Democratic."

"Sure," said the son of the South, "I vote Democratic. My father voted Democratic, my grandfather voted Democratic. . . . But if you damned Yankees don't quit voting Democratic, the country's going to the dogs!"—Cobb County Ga., Times.

Within the last few months there has been, in this country, several instances in which men have committed murder and have escaped the payment of any penalty because of their ability to employ attorneys who based their defense on the fact that the murderer was insane at the time of the act. It then became the duty of the jury to decide whether or not the murderer was insane two weeks after the act. In three recent instances in this country this was done and, although the defendant shot down in cold blood his victim, he was set free without having to serve even so much as a jail sentence. It is things like this that create disrespect for law. We can teach respect for law in every school and from every pulpit and in every newspaper in the land and destroy the effect of our teachings by one such case. To the mass of people a murderer is a murderer, and a thief is a thief, and a kidnaper is a kidnaper, and a rapist is a rapist, and all the fine-spun, high-flown theories of the smartest attorneys in the land are not going to make them think any differently. The way to create respect for law is to make the law deserve respect.

Sponsors of the Union Services, which are held every Sunday evening in Waynesville, are elated over the attendance. Right now, something like four times as many people are attending the Union Services as attended all church services before the consolidation.

One can't get away from the fact that crowds draw crowds, whether it be church, circus or a string band on the court house plaza.

The neat red and white traffic signs just erected on Main Street and several side streets, in town, setting forth parking and turning laws, are proving to be good reminders to motorists to do exactly what the law prohibits.

Superintendent of the city water department, Oscar L. Briggs, publicly states that the community is using about a million gallons of water a day. It is interesting to know that, but there is one thing sure, there is not near enough of that million gallons going down bathtub drains.

**TWO MINUTE SERMON**

BY THOMAS HASTWELL

**IF WE BUT UNDERSTOOD**

In the book of Mark is told the story of Christ's retreat to the Garden of Gethsemane, where, accompanied by his three chosen disciples he endeavored to prepare himself for the ordeal of the cross. Few passages in scripture reveal more of the human side of the Christ than does this. Though there was the natural shrinking from the cross, as much, if not more, of the human side of the Christ was revealed in his desire for human companionship. What poignant yearning is revealed, as three times he comes back to the three sleeping disciples. They, lacking understanding, slept on. What could have contributed more to the darkness of that hour? The Christ did not desire his disciples to save him from those, who, led by Judas came under the cover of night to arrest him. He had no need for this. The angels of heaven would rush to do this at his bidding. What he desired was human companionship, human sympathy, and understanding, and fellowship. We wonder as we read these tragic lines that the disciples could be so blind, so thoughtless, so heedless. But how different is the world today? How often do we fail to see the need for understanding and sympathy? There are many burdens that might be made lighter and many ways that could be made easier among those with whom we come in daily contact—if we but understood—if we but stopped to think.

**THE OLD HOME TOWN**

By STANLEY



**Random SIDE GLANCES**

By W. Curtis Russ

J. E. "Movie" Massie, took time off several years ago and traveled 3,000 miles to the west coast and to see how movies were made. While there he went down to the seashore, and cast his eyes upon the peaceful Pacific.

Last Sunday he headed east, and after traveling less than 300 miles saw the Atlantic for the first time. J. E. has not only made good in the theatre business here, in Canton and Sylva, but is recognized by fellow theatrists in the Carolinas, and is a director of the Carolina organization.

Dr. Robert Peter Walker, is one of the few men who carry umbrellas. The one he now carries is 18 years old, and being afraid to trust his memory at where he might leave it, he is this week having his name engraved on the silver band, under the deer horn handle.

Dr. Walker wears a coat no matter what the occasion. Only last week, while shooting birds from the cherry trees in the Presbyterian church yard, he had on his coat.

This worth seeing: Caesar Ferguson riding with high boots on a bicycle down Main street.

My nomination for the best collector in town: LeRoy S. Davis.

Rotarians never miss an opportunity to give due recognition to "new papas" in the club. Last week, the ribbon banner with "New Papa" in bold letters was pinned on Robert "Bob" County Agent Smithwick, while a nipped bottle of milk was set before him as Dale Stentz sang an appropriate "baby" song.

Everyone knows that to make a to-do would only make matters worse, so the "new papa" usually is ready with a comeback, which makes it a joyous occasion.

From an authority on lightning, I learned that electrical storms occur before noon, as a rule, do lots more damage than do those that come in the afternoon. The morning storms have higher voltage, while the afternoon storms make more "noise." This same authority has been called in court over a hundred times as an expert electrician to testify in damage suits.

He says it is useless to pull a switch during a storm. The switch leaves about a two-inch gap, and lightning often jumps several feet.

His advice is to get from under trees or open shelter. He pointed out that lightning always seeks the ground, and takes the shortest course.

Dancers in this section this summer will dance to the music played by union men. This will be the first time all band members have been union members. The minimum wage is \$5 per man per dance.

Members of Company "H" are elated over their annual summer encampment which will be held the first two weeks in August in lower Mississippi. No objection to them getting elated, not at all, but I'm all tired out and have imaginary pains in my back and hips, just from hearing that for the two weeks, they will have to sleep on the ground, instead of in bunks as on former encampments.

Even the officers will have to dig

**Your Horoscope**

June 25, 26—While you are a good business man you do not offer accumulate much money and when you do you are not able to keep it. You would make a good teacher as you love to instruct. You are fond of your home and true to those you love, and expect their affection in return.

June 27—You are happiest when alone and enjoy nothing better than being left alone with your thoughts, which are generally of a very high order. If a woman, you like to adorn yourself with showy jewelry and finery.

June 28—You have excellent taste and wear your clothes well. You out their own hip holes, instead of turning in on a nice bed in a cozy cottage like last year.

It will be a great two weeks, and every one of them will be bigger and better boosters for this section when they get back home, I betcha.

**THIS WEEK in HISTORY**

June 27—Cairo surrendered to French to the British, 1819. Stages established between Montreal and Quebec, 1721.

June 28—Commodore Decatur arrived off Algiers with the American squadron to subdue the Barbary pirates, 1813. Treaty of Versailles signed, 1919.

June 29—Henry Clay died. British under General Howe evacuated Sandy Hook, 1776.

June 30—Indian Territory established, 1834. Great fire on Hudson N. J., docks, with loss of \$2,000,000, 1900.

July 1—The first steel made manufactured at Trenton, N. J., The Dominion of Canada established, 1867.

July 2—"Bob" Zupke, coach, 1879. New York's first skyscraper, 1867.

July 3—Quebec founded, 1608. Normal school in America opened in Lexington, Massachusetts, 1839. You are loyal, true, kind and sympathetic. You do not possess much ability and are apt to be imprudent in business matters.

June 29, 30—You are loving expect love, and you are not disappointed. Truthful and just spiritual nature within you is strong. You have much self-reliance and to rule. At times you display a temper, are secretive, and have appreciation and renown. You are very fond of dress and have excellent taste in that direction.

Maybe the reason some people to the straight and narrow is because there isn't so much to do.

Marriages may be made in heaven but the sofas in homes have been scene of a lot of preliminary arguments.

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**"Hail Does \$200,000 Damage To Crops In The Piedmont Section"**  
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