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Daily Bread

By Rev. A. Purnell Bailey

Who is thy God?
The self-centeredness of so much religious thought today is seen clearly in W. H. Auden's "Christmas Oratorio." He satirizes the attitude in this prayer:
"O God put away justice and truth for we cannot understand them and we do not want them. Eternity would bore us dreadfully. Leave thy heavens and come down to our earth of water-clocks and hedges. Become our Uncle. Look after Baby, amuse Grandfather, help Willie with his homework, introduce Muriel to a handsome naval officer. Be interesting and weak like us, and we will love you as we love ourselves."

Shooting Fireworks Still Illegal

The General Assembly of 1947 passed a law which prohibited the sale or shooting of fireworks in North Carolina.

Haywood had such a law several years prior to the adoption to the state-wide law.

The law is still on the books, yet there seems to be a growing tendency to shoot more fireworks every year.

Here in Haywood the situation grows worse nearer Christmas. During the football season, a number of persons engaged in the dangerous practice of shooting firecrackers during the games.

Fortunately, here in Haywood, there have not been any reported accidents from fireworks, but that does not mean that the danger has been eliminated.

Down in the Eastern part of the state, several days ago, four boys were shooting fireworks. One of the crackers was tossed too near a cargo gasoline transport tanker. A terrific explosion resulted, with all four boys instantly killed, besides great property damage resulted.

It was not too many years ago—yet longer than some of the present shooters remember—that a devastating explosion took place in Asheville, bringing death and suffering to a number of people.

Shooting fireworks in crowds, and especially around public buildings is one of the most dangerous pastimes yet devised.

The officers have warned repeatedly that shooting fireworks in Haywood will not be tolerated. Those who insist on violating the law will not have any excuse for not being warned as to what will happen.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist



Can your wife remain your sweetheart?

Answer: That depends on several factors, but one of the largest of them is your basic feeling about "moral obligations." For the difference between a wife and a sweetheart is that you are apt to feel it is your duty to love your wife while a sweetheart is someone whom you love because you want to. In so far as duty is associated in your mind with pleasurable feelings like security and the approval of your parents, you will be able to love your wife without mental reservations. But the more you grew up feeling that duty and pleasure are opposites, the more difficult it will be for you to feel romantic toward a person whom it is your duty to love.

Is modesty ever instinctive?

Answer: Quite the contrary. Natural instinct impels every child to admire himself unreservedly and to do all he can to induce others to admire him. It is not "lack of self-consciousness" that makes a small child love to parade himself undressed—it is "vanity" and the desire to attract attention. And as he grows older, he is no less eager to "show off" achievements such as walking, talking or building a block-tower. This natural exhibitionism must be gradually controlled, but be careful that in teaching your child to do this, you don't give him the impression that he "ought to be ashamed of himself," mentally or physically.

Can psychiatry be preventive?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. Theodore A. Watters, Louisiana State University psychiatrist. Psychiatry is moving increasingly from the narrow, though important, field of treating mental illness to that of promoting mental health by the improvement of conditions, especially in the home, that cause neurosis or psychosis, and of working to harmonize the medical treatment of the body with what is known of the mind's needs. With its understanding of the motives behind man's behavior, psychiatry can throw light on all human relations, from the way a baby should be weaned to the unconscious reasons which make people accept a dictator.

A Bible Verse For Solicitors

There is so much undiscovered wisdom in the Bible that a more or less regular reader is often charmed with the new truths that he finds. For example, there is a verse which tells man not to give out the old alibi: "I'll pay you Saturday." Or to put off solicitors for a good cause until a later date. The verse in Proverbs says: "Say not to thy neighbor, Go and come again and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee."

Perhaps if some would read their Bible more, they could refer to such passages to a good advantage.

Words Of Force

Words are something everyone has at their disposal, provided they make proper use of them. Lewis F. Gordon, an Atlanta banker, has made a special study of words, suggests that people use short words in an effort to get folks to act, and to understand your position. He recently wrote:

Words are tools to be used to shape the ways of men—if used well. War times call for force. The words of war have force. Fight—shoot—kill—maim—stab—guns—planes—tanks—all these and more are short, terse—but each has force.

To shape the ways of men—to move them to act—that is the goal we seek—when we put words in print—to sell. Why not use words which have such force? Long words veil thoughts—in print or speech.

What does the man say who seeks aid—right now? He shouts "Help"—"Help." He has no time for long words. He wants a friend to act at once.

That which we feel is best said in short words. "I love you"—"Please give me a kiss"—are pleas which have force. "I hate you"—leaves no doubt of what we have in mind. "Buy now"—"do it now"—"the price is right—why not act at once?"—all these and more stir us to make up our minds.

Long words have use at times, of course, but if short words tell the same tale, why not use them and be sure? When next you speak in print—and want to get folks to act on what you have to say, why not try short words?

This piece is written entirely in 226 words of one syllable. Had you noticed it?

Hog Diseases Pose Threats To N. C. Herds

The usual fall swine diseases have hit North Carolina and are taking a heavy toll on some farms.

Reports of recent disease outbreaks in hog herds have been received from Wake, Scotland, Bertie, Martin, Gates, and Brunswick counties.

Jim Butler, animal husbandry specialist for the State College Extension Service, estimated that farmers in 80 counties have experienced losses so far this season. He said many herds will be wiped out, while others will be partially saved only after heavy cost to the farmer in both money and labor.

The leading disease, affecting swine in North Carolina, according to Butler, is cholera, which in one year could destroy one-fifth of all hogs in the state if proper control measures were not followed.

Erysipelas, swine plague, enteritis, and swine flue, all of which may be confused with cholera, also are prevalent. For this reason, said the specialist, it is highly important that a veterinarian or other trained worker be called in to diagnose and treat sick animals.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO: Waynesville police use their new 1937 Ford in getting 177 gallons of liquor.
10 YEARS AGO: Bill Milner, University of South Carolina football star, is chosen as one of the All-Star Sophomores.
5 YEARS AGO: Mrs. Ned Howell, October bride, is honored at shower by Mrs. Hurst Burgin.
The Rev. R. A. Kelly is elected president of the Haywood Ministerial Association.
Max Thompson is named on the veteran's conference committee of the American Legion.
Leaf price on the Asheville market goes down after first day sales.



TIMBER!—Last week as Theron Lamar Caudle, bleeding and weak in the knees, tried desperately to dodge the blows being rained down on him by the King subcommittee investigating Federal tax frauds, another North Carolina Fair Dealer was also down with miseries.
Nobody was glad it happened, yet it seemed oddly humorous and appropriate that National Committeeman Jonathan Daniels should suffer a broken toe in his back yard as the dead wood fell in Washington.
Just like we said: Daniels was was carrying of a big stick of wood into the house. He didn't have a good hold on it, and it fell squarely on his big toe.
Heavier timbers seem to be falling in Washington—and the wounds may well be more severe than a broken toe.
HOLD ON HERE—The State, Raleigh's weekly magazine, is conducting its annual poll on North Carolina's Man of the Year.
Among those nominated in the current issue is one Kerr Scott, "because it was his idea to push a program for more and better roads for our State and he is doing what he promised us." The letter happens to be from Mrs. Joe Graham of Iron Station in Lincoln County.
Now, hold on here, Mrs. Graham. The State wants unbiased opinion; and you know your husband is a member of Scott's State Highway Commission.
It is funny the way family opinion swings. From 1937 until about 1945 the Graham's of Lincoln County had little use for Kerr Scott, because he so soundly trounced their kin Will Graham, when he ran for State Commissioner of Agriculture in 1936. The father of the Graham whom Scott licked had defeated Scott's father for commissioner many years before. So, it is easy to see how the Scott's and the Graham's were bitter political foes for several years.
However, along about 1945, Kerr Scott made a bid for Graham friendship. The feud came to an end. In 1948, the former foes of Scott were his vigorous supporters for Governor. He rewarded them by making Joseph Graham of Iron Station, a very capable gentleman; a member of the State Highway Commission.
Now Mrs. Graham wants him to be The State's Man of the Year.
Hint: Mrs. Graham should consider casting a vote for Evangelist Billy Graham, who is probably no kin, but who seems to be in the lead as North Carolina's Man of the Year for 1951.
CHRISTMAS WATCH—Wake Forest Athletic Director Jim Weaver likes loud socks. He has several pairs of these argyle, checkerboard variety.
They say that the laundry at Wake Forest has not been treating Brother Jim right. It seems that they have been shrinking his clothes, including the precious argyles. Last week he got tired of it.

Voice of the People

If you could have the thing you want most for Christmas, what would it be?
Mrs. Fred Allison: "Peace, health, and happiness."
H. B. Angel: "I'd like a big new 10-wheel, 3-ton truck to haul moments—in compliance with the new law which prohibits hauling a satisfactory pay-load on one axle."
C. C. Poindexter: "World peace and the boys at home."
John W. Sparks: "My son at home from Korea."
Mrs. W. E. Carter: "Peace and all our boys home for Christmas."
Mrs. Homer Justice, Jr.: "That new Buick being given away."
Ben Messer: "I think the best Christmas present anyone could wish for would be peace in the world and our boys back home for Christmas."
Mrs. Roy Parkman: "Peace—all over the world."
Mrs. J. J. Pipes: "All the boys home from overseas—and peace."
Coatings of Synthetic Origin
The great majority of industrial finishes are almost wholly of synthetic origin. Even the natural products, such as vegetable oils, have been taken apart molecule by molecule and put back together again in a fashion that suits the needs of the protective coating technician better than the original substance produced by nature.

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News—By Frances Gilbert Frazier

We wouldn't have believed it if it hadn't happened to us. For over eight years, we have used the same swivel desk-chair. Cushions have come and gone but we have sat on. Last Saturday out of the deep, dark gloom of midnight our mind, having nothing special to do at the moment, asked us if our desk chair had arms. Why, of course it did; we did a flash-back as to how the chair sometimes stuck when we tried to push it under our desk at quitting-time. Or was that the supports that spread out? Of course! Remember the time our dress caught on a nail and tore? That was from a nail that held the arm to the back—or was it the back where it fastened to the seat? At long last came Monday and we found out. Ladies and gentlemen, the desk-chair does NOT have arms. Routine can certainly blind our eyes and shut the door of observation.
When the road ahead darkest, a light usually to guide you.
Everything that could go wrong, did; and the radio at the banquet being given by the Trustees of the College in a small town, has the patience of the radio crew. control had stamped in mental outbursts and guests had thought it cute to up to the microphone and such inanities as "Hello, M. "Wish you were here."
Finally the harassed and clutched his hair in one hand his script and courage in the other. "Ladies and gentlemen," claimed into the microphone with great pleasure and a chair I now introduce to you the chairman of the Board of the Even remote control spurt the roar that followed.
A decade since Pearl Harbor, crime. And peace has come—and with time.
Consider the lowly wooden, spring clothespin! Do you realize what a handy little helper it is, besides the use for which it was originally intended? If you have some small articles you wish to dye, use two of the pins as fingers and you won't need rubber gloves.
Dining Light
Frogs have been known to get lit up dining on fireflies. Birds, despite their good appetites for insects, are more fastidious, and rarely if ever eat fireflies. U. S. Government studies show
Queer Bird
The goal-sucker, or night bird around which a number of legends have been woven, anciently believed it sucked at night, that the goats named "dried up" and lost their sleep.

Parent Problems

You Can't Expect to Make Children Over All at Once
By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.
MANY a mother listening to a lecture on rearing children will evidence emotional torment. "Oh, there's another thing that I've done wrong—and another—that's the worst of all—why should I have ever been a mother anyway?"
"When I go home I'm going to change a lot of things. Gertrude's got to help me more. Cleero must keep his room tidied up. Little Dot must eat her carrots and be broken of thumb-sucking. I must get them all to bed much earlier, and that quarrelling must be stopped."
Dejected Mother Milligan goes home; she begins to put in force her resolutions. But alas! She quickly meets with disappointment. The children grumble and grow stubborn and their quarrels multiply. The mother, vexed at their resistances, drives harder, making them rebellious, disobedient and irritable. Even Dad grows crabbed. Never was the family atmosphere so highly charged with tensions. A few more days of this and Mother Milligan either grows more irritable, annoying everybody or gives up in despair and soliloquizes, "What's the use? I'm just a terrible mother, I guess."
It would have been a whole lot better if she had not heard that lecture. Some conscientious mothers are affected likewise when they read a book on rearing children.
Let us, therefore, pick out one problem at a time and on that, let the others go for present and not worry about them. Lots of them we'll solve entirely. If we can keep heads up and our hearts as these problems eventually do not prove very important way.
Go on, Mother Milligan, your love and patient sympathy at home. Your children will turn out to be among the upright, lovable and useful zens of their neighborhood even the envy of the neighbors that you were good for!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Obsolete wind instrument (Mus.), 6 A firm hand grasp, 10 Roman garments, 11 Dip out, as liquid, 12 Sing softly, 13 Metal bolt, 14 Shelf, 15 Articles, 16 River (Latvia), 17 Not hard on a shield, 22 European, kites, 26 Scorches, 28 Appearing as if eaten, 29 A commission, 31 Bristle-like part, 32 A rare, gaseous element, 34 Neuter pronoun, 35 Maxim, 38 Century, 41 Winter (U. S.), 43 Jewish month, 44 A gentleman's manservant, 45 Blooming, 46 Bored.

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