

BIBLE THOUGHT
When the waves of death compassed me,
the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
—II Samuel 22:5.

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To the Christian death has real significance. It is the portal through which we enter the presence of our Lord. —Hillyer

Dial System Is Progressive Step

By now, all telephone subscribers have at least had time to try out the new dial system, which was put into operation Saturday night. The citizens of this area can take justifiable pride in the inauguration of the system, which represents an investment of more than \$800,000.

What Coal Means

Suppose you had a quantity of that common black fuel, bituminous coal, and the necessary mechanical and chemical equipment to transform it into different commodities. What could you produce and manufacture?

How Times Have Changed!

Over the years, American retailing has made enormous advances in its services to the consumer—there is simply no comparison between the typical retail store of today and that of the past.

Addition Of Another Rural Route

The establishment of route four from the Waynesville post office, will mean that the number of routes have been exactly doubled in the past few years.

The new route, of course, is to take the place of the two rural post offices—Dellwood and Cove Creek—which were ordered closed on June 30th.

The four routes from Waynesville will serve about 1800 rural families, according to conservative estimates. The three present routes now serve 1,400 families.

The growth of the post office reflects the general growth and business conditions of the area which it serves. As we have often said, the post office is a true barometer for judging business conditions.

Accident Record Little Worse

Almost ten months went by without a single fatal accident on Haywood highways. Then came the time when the record could stand no longer, and two deaths resulted from one accident.

The record, as this is written, is two deaths, and 23 injuries since January first.

Oddly enough, on the same date last June the record was two deaths and 22 injuries. By that figure, 1953 is just a little worse for the traffic count than last year.

It is a fact, and we can't get around the truth. The time has come when we must be even more careful on the highways.

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They'll Do It Every Time



Voice of the People

What do you think of the new dial telephone system?
Agnes Shapter—It will increase the simplicity and efficiency of telephone service.
Bill Potts—To me, it's like comparing an electric range with a wood stove. The new system is much more convenient and certainly a step ahead for the community.
Stabley Williamson—It's in keeping with modern day telephonic advancements.
Frank James, Jr.—The dial system will certainly save time and increase efficiency.



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO
Three hundred and twenty-five stones from six continents have been received for Masonic Marker at 'Black Camp Gap.
Miss Mary Palmer and Miss Catherine Palmer are graduated from Brevard College.
Mrs. Frank Smathers and son, George Smathers go to New York to visit the former's daughter, Miss Virginia Smathers.
Miss Vera Hosaflook, Miss Emelyn Haynes, and Joe Ramsey have formal dance at the Legion Home.
10 YEARS AGO
Pet Dairy is shipping a carload of milk to Camp Blanding each day.
Joe Davis is named assistant cashier of the First National Bank.
Miss Virginia Kellett is graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College with highest honors ever given at the institution.
Pvt. Garrett Howell, who is stationed at Maldon, Mo., is spending furlough with his family.
Master R. Stuart Roberson, Jr. has sixth birthday celebration.
5 YEARS AGO
Miss Ruth Inman is winner of the annual Beta Sigma Phi scholarship presented to a member of the senior class of Waynesville High School.
Tommy Gibson has perfect school attendance record for eleven years.
Miss Lorraine Martel graduates from Rosary College in River Forest, Ill.
Capt. and Mrs. F. H. Marley, Jr. of Mitchell Field, N. Y. arrive for a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. F. H. Marley.

Views of Other Editors

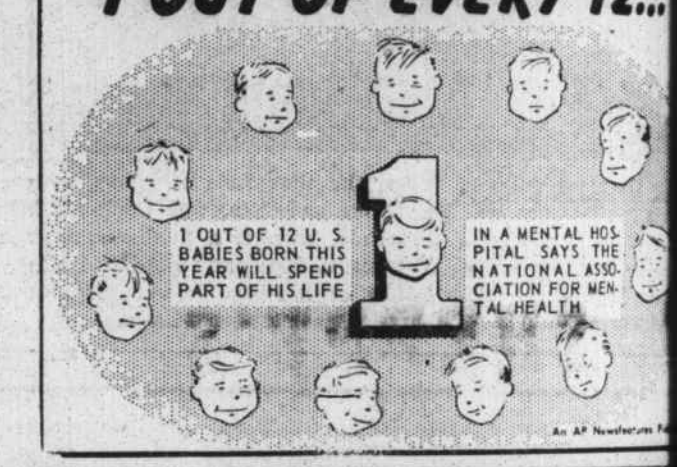
HAS CHRISTIANITY BEEN A FAILURE?
The classic statement on this question was made by G. K. Chesterton, who said, if I remember rightly, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried."
I have always thought that this oft-quoted sentence—which I believe to be essentially true—was an extraordinary utterance to come from an orthodox son of the church, as Chesterton believed himself to be.
Surely he must have remembered that for centuries the church to which he belonged was practically all powerful. Nobody questioned its authority; it could ex-communicate kings and emperors at its will; over all Christendom its sway, in the Middle Ages, was absolute. If ever an opportunity was given to any man or body of men to dictate their way of life to whole nations, that opportunity was given to the medieval church. If what Chesterton says is true, if Christianity was never tried, whose fault was it?
To me, at any rate, it seems that Christianity has never failed, but that mankind, including the leaders of the church, failed to apply Christian principle to life. It was not Christianity, but Christendom, that was tried and found wanting. It was the so-called Christian nations that failed to rise to the height of the Christian ideal.
And who can deny that we are still failing? It is impossible to read the New Testament attentively, and then to look around with clear eyes at the dealings of the nations with one another, without realizing that we are not applying the teachings of Christ to life. Everywhere the cry still is, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!"
My answer to your question is an unhesitating negative. That statement may surprise some readers of this column, who have grown accustomed to regard me as a damnably heretic in matters of theology. "It is sad," a recent correspondent tells me, "that you, who appear to be a person of some intelligence, should be a rank unbeliever." Yes, I suppose I am, if that means that I am sceptical of many things which this correspondent believes.
But I do believe, firmly, that Christianity, far from being a failure, has been a success whenever, in the lives of individuals, it has been whole-heartedly applied; and that if it were applied, as it has never yet been, of the lives of nations it would be a triumphant success.
Will it ever be so applied? It is not for me to prophesy. One can only hope that mankind may some day learn the bitter lesson of experience, and, having tried every other solution of our problems—including the atom bomb—may see at last that the true solution is to be found in the teachings of the Galleian.
At all events, we must not say that Christianity has been a fail-

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Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News
By Frances Gilbert Frazier
During a visit to New York, Mr. and Mrs. Abbe attended a quiz program, and much to Mr. Abbe's surprise (and consternation) he was selected as a contestant. All went well, albeit until the final question. "Now, Mr. Abbe," the quiz master his most genial, jovial voice, "just one more question stands before you and the thousand dollars; that is, of course, if you answer correctly." Then the announcer took over and for two minutes the virtues of the sponsor's output. By the time the Q.M. to Abbe back into the fold, Mr. Abbe was a nervous wreck, and he the voice as from a great distance, saying: "Now, here is the and dollar question. Listen closely for I cannot repeat it. Mr. what is an antimaccassar?" Mr. Abbe shut his eyes, gulped, and a shot in the dark. "An antimaccassar is the old maid aunt Mac Cassar family." The Q.M.'s voice was deeply sympathetic. "I'm so sorry, Mr. Abbe. An antimaccassar is..." (Do you what it is?).
Rudeness is something that lies dormant but ever ready to spring at its victim.
Johnnie was the possessor of what every ten-year-old boy in abundance... curiosity. So naturally he was all attentive new dial arrangement on the family telephone. He managed in trouble every time he attempted to make a call and finally on his mother for assistance. "You work it too fast, Johnnie," told him, "See, this is the way?" and she carefully showed him to separate the numbers. But when Johnnie again took over, no success and he turned away in disgust. "Well, at least, I know the GL 6 stands for," he muttered. "It means 'Got Left 6 times'."



Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS
TVA Grows to Seven-State Industrial Giant Since 1933
Development Affecting Millions of Nearly Four Million People
Special to Central Press
WASHINGTON—In the two decades since Congress created the Tennessee Valley Authority on May 18, 1933, this expert in multiple-purpose river valley development has grown into a young giant whose industrial biceps bulge in seven states to produce atomic energy and transform life for nearly four million people in the 41,000 square miles of the Tennessee valley. Chairman of board of directors of this huge enterprise is Gordon R. Clapp.
TVA dams have created a 630-mile navigable channel in the Tennessee river. They have prevented devastating floods that ravaged the Tennessee valley. They have provided vast quantities of electric power for municipal industries, and rural electrification of farms out of eight. They have established a series of southern great lakes affording recreation facilities previously unknown in the region.
President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt made his first visit to the Tennessee valley on January 1933, for an inspection of Muscle Shoals. That night at Montgomery, Ala., he expressed his actions and proposed course of action.
"My friends, I am determined on two things—a result of what I have seen today. The first is to put Muscle Shoals to work. The second is to put Muscle Shoals a part of a greater development which will take in all of that magnificent Tennessee from the mountains of Virginia down to the Ohio and the Gulf. Roosevelt sent a message to Congress five weeks after his inauguration suggesting legislation to create the Tennessee Valley Authority. On May 18 Congress passed the act creating the TVA.
TVA HAS TRANSFORMED THE VAST VALLEY from a practically agricultural region to one where industrial expansion is taking place rapidly.
Chemical industries have made the greatest growth as a result of TVA power. Two of the largest, of course, are atomic energy plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky. Others include rayon, and other synthetic fibers, phosphorous, chlorine, plastics, drugs, fertilizers, and various gum and wood chemicals.
TVA power and water developments have attracted a new million newspaper mill to eastern Tennessee. This will have an capacity of 130,000 tons of newspaper and 50,000 tons of sulfate billion have been invested in the new atomic energy plant at Paducah with an expansion of facilities at Oak-Ridge. TVA provides the power for both installations.
TVA OFFICIALS ESTIMATE that the huge tonnage of shipping on the improved river channel between Knoxville and Paducah will save shippers about \$8 million in transportation costs.
Great lakes of the south resulting from TVA dams, nine of which are on the Tennessee river itself, have stimulated a multi-million dollar recreation business that attracts millions of tourists.
Forests cover more than half of the Tennessee valley, and under TVA direction 236 million seedlings have been planted in the program of reforestation and erosion control.
Fertilizers produced in TVA's experimental plant at Muscle Shoals the largest of its kind owned by the government, are distributed agricultural experiment stations over the nation. These have tested on nearly 70,000 test-demonstration farms. Vast quantities have been sold through farm co-operatives.
TVA's river-harnessing experiment has attracted worldwide attention. Last year more than 2,000 scientists, engineers, and administrators from nearly 70 foreign nations visited TVA to study its activities. It is an industrial giant girded to serve the nation in peace or war.

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