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**"This is Where I Live"**

Nothing could be more universally true than that "a man's home is his castle."

And in this country there are probably no words spoken with more feeling or greater pride than when a person says of his home community: "This is where I live."

Into those words goes a great deal more than the mere fact of residence. When someone speaks of his home and says, "this is where I live," he is more probably expressing the pride of knowing that his house stands where only bare earth stood before, that it is a monument to his thrift, to his independence and to all the other things that give him self-respect in his community.

And when those same words are spoken they express each individual's honest belief that the place in which he chooses to live has an importance far greater than the mere value of its buildings.

Folks who live in a community whether it be large or small, find honest pride in the knowledge that the world is just a little better off because that particular place exists.

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**Lesson for March 17**

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**THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF A PEOPLE**

**LESSON TEXT:** Ruth 1:8-17. **MEMORY SELECTION:** "Treat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.—Ruth 1:16

A good life in the midst of a corrupt and confused age—such is the life of Ruth in the awful chaos of the time of the judges. One is reminded of the poet's words:

"How far that little candle throws its beams!  
 So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

It is refreshing to have a glimpse into the home life of God-fearing people who live right in spite of the low standards around them.

Ruth knew life's sorrows and its bitter disappointments. She was a widow, destitute of all she held most dear. Yet she, because of the sweet purity of her life and her devotion to God and those she loved became an example for others.

As we read our lesson we first hear how logic speaks, then love replies, and finally a life says the final word.

**I. Logic (vv. 8-13).**  
 Tragic misfortune had visited Naomi, who with her husband and two sons had gone from Bethlehem to Moab in a time of famine. Not only had her husband died but also her two sons, who had married Gentile women, leaving three widows in one family to mourn together. Naomi craved the fellowship of her own people in her hour of trial, and she arose to return to her own land.

Her departure brought out in the two daughters-in-law the expression of kindness and loyalty which should exist in every family, but which is all too often lacking. Her own testimony concerning these girls of Moab is that they dealt kindly with her and with the dead. That word speaks volumes. There is so little genuine kindness in the world.

Both Orpah and Ruth went with her on the way, protesting their loyal purpose to go with her all the way. Naomi met their kind offer with the only sensible answer. There was no point in leaving their homes and loved ones and going with her to another country.

Logic is so conclusive and so final. Yes, and sometimes it reaches the wrong conclusion. Love has something to say about the matter. Let us listen to its voice.

**II. Love (v. 14).**  
 Orpah loved her mother-in-law. That is evident. She wept at the thought of parting, and was affectionate in her final farewell. We must not be too quick to censure her. She did what Naomi told her to do. She responded to her love for home and kinfolk. She gave up reluctantly, but she did give up and turn back.

How glad we are that Ruth showed a deeper love. "Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her." There is a difference. Such love cannot be denied. It is the most precious possession that a man can have, apart from his fellowship with God. The love of a devoted father or mother, of a noble helpmate, or of a little boy or girl, these are the things that really make life worth while.

Life has put into the hands of many of us the opportunity of showing just that kind of love in these postwar days. A boy comes home crippled and disabled and a loyal sweetheart shows her undiminished love for him, even though he can never again be what he had expected to be. That is love. A mother and a father take to their hearts a promising young son who returns from overseas with a shattered nervous system, and give their lives anew to him. One could go on and on with such illustrations, but what we are saying is that it takes more than a kiss and some tears to express real love. "Ruth clave unto her." Such love expresses itself in a

**III. Life (vv. 15-17).**  
 Literature knows no more beautiful declaration of faith and devotion than these words, and nothing could improve on it. Lord Tennyson said of the book of Ruth that "no art can improve on it." And of these verses another said, "We cannot hope to contribute to literature a sentence so exquisite and thrilling as that into which Ruth poured the full measure of a noble heart, but we can imitate her devotion" (William Jennings Bryan).

The conclusion of the story finds Ruth married to Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer, and "living happily ever after," as a true romance should end. God gives happy endings.

Here we find the right attitude toward marriage, something which needs emphasis in our day. Above all, as we remember that Ruth was an ancestress of Jesus, we see anew the importance of clean, noble, godly living. What will the generations to come be able to say about our lives?

**THREE DUPLIN GIRLS HONORED AT ETC**

Student officers recently elected for the 1946-47 term at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, include Misses Anne Dall of Kenansville, cheerleader; Annette Pridgen of Warsaw, Associate business manager of "Pieces o' Eight," college magazine; and Ruth Best of Warsaw, Marshall.

The student body went to the polls on Wednesday, Feb. 27. A requested half-holiday was granted so that the elections might be conducted properly. About 70 officers

were chosen to head the various student organizations for the coming year. They will assume their duties during the spring quarter, which begins March 20.

**New Bulletin**

"North Carolina Farm Facts," a publication summarizing the findings of the 1945 farm census in this State, made its first appearance last week.

Published by the Statistics division of the State Department of Agriculture, the 12-page bulletin is designed for use by county and State officials and newspaper editors.

County Commissioners received much of the credit for facts presented in the new publication. It was pointed out that "without the county commissioners' cooperation through their township taxlisters, that the publication could not have been prepared."

**CIGARETTES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH**

The manufacture of cigarettes during 1945 reached an all-time high with 335 billion being produced -- an average of 6.6 cigarettes each day for every man, woman and child in the United States.

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**JEFFERSON STANDARD'S 39th ANNUAL STATEMENT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT • DECEMBER 31, 1945

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$ 1,820,826	Policy Reserves	\$123,474,031
United States Government Bonds	35,566,252	This reserve is required by law to assure payment of policy obligations.	
State, County and Municipal Bonds	3,842,440	Reserve for Policy Claims	744,729
All Other Bonds	14,494,209	Claims in course of settlement on which proofs have not been received.	
Stocks	14,494,616	Reserve for Taxes	624,596
Listed securities carried at market, cost, or call value, whichever is lower.		Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance	2,711,493
First Mortgage Loans	66,792,718	Policy Proceeds Left With Company	12,587,064
Real Estate	6,807,617	Dividends for Policyholders	1,510,619
Loans to Our Policyholders	10,281,816	Reserve for All Other Liabilities	1,125,514
Secured by the cash value of policies.		Liabilities	\$142,778,046
Premium Loans and Liens	2,316,658	Capital	10,000,000
Secured by the cash value of policies.		Surplus Unassigned	8,500,000
Investment Income in Course of Collection	1,236,376	Total Surplus Funds for Additional Protection of Policyholders	18,500,000
Premiums in Course of Collection	3,433,992		
All Other Assets	190,526		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$161,278,046</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$161,278,046</b>

**INTEREST EARNINGS AND INTEREST PAYMENT MAINTAINED**

★ Jefferson Standard maintained its national leadership in interest earned on invested assets. During the year 5 per cent interest was paid on funds held in trust for policyholders and beneficiaries—this rate has been maintained since the company was organized in 1907.

**ASSETS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY**

★ Assets increased \$18,000,000 for 1945. Total assets are now \$161,000,000. For every \$100 of liabilities there are \$112.96 of assets.

**LARGEST CAPITAL AND SURPLUS**

★ With a 10 million dollar Capital Stock structure, added to \$8,500,000 Surplus, our company is in the strongest financial position in its history.

**YEAR OF RECORD ACHIEVEMENT**

★ (1) Largest sales in history—\$70,000,000.  
 (2) Largest gain in insurance in force—\$46,500,000.  
 (3) \$589,000,000 insurance in force—the greatest on record.

**"PLANNED PROTECTION" AT WORK**

★ \$7,500,000 in benefits was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries in 1945. Total benefits since organization in 1907—\$151,600,000.

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