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TODAY'S HOMES BUILD TOMORROW'S WORLD

By: Fannie Southerland Newkirk

The children of today should build a better world for tomorrow, for many reasons. They have many advantages over the children of yesterday.

The poorest child in the country can go to school and get an education if they will. The wonderful work of the 4-H Club where they can learn the better ways of life and doing things.

Of course the home is the most important. Any teacher knows that a child is taught and trained at home. Nothing can influence the child so much as the home. The Home Demonstration Club which has always had the home as its major project is doing fine work with the home-makers. Teaching the home-makers how to make homes of their homes - for we know all homes are not home. It teaches us how to appreciate the things that we grow, the things that God gives us that money cannot buy. To have more beauty in our homes and lives. A young son

writes from Japan and says how much he enjoys the beautiful cherry blossoms. He was taught at home to appreciate flowers.

Our Home Demonstration Club which meets each month of the year always bringing us a supply of instructions, inspires us to better ways of life, teaches us "to beautify the path as we go - that others may know the way we went." The many useful and beautiful things instilled in the lives of club members are passed on to their daughters and their families. Thus "The Home-makers' World profits by today's Club Work."

I salute the Home Demonstration Clubs of Duplin County for what it has meant to me.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
 Lesson for May 25
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WHY NATIONS PERISH
 LESSON TEXT—II Kings 17:12-22, 23; Isaiah 28:1-4.
 MEMORY SELECTION—For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.—Psalm 1:6.

Nations as well as people come to crossroads in their history, and taking the wrong road then means future disaster. Solomon had built up great national prosperity, but at the expense of heavy taxes. He had forgotten God, and was succeeded by a son who followed in his footsteps.

Offered an opportunity to ease the burden of the people (I Kings 12:14), Rehoboam in his folly made it greater, and the nation was divided. The ten northern tribes, which were henceforth to be known as Israel, followed Jeroboam, and the two southern tribes under Rehoboam became the kingdom of Judah.

Jeroboam started with God's favor, and might have led his people right, but instead he became the king whose name stood for wickedness (see II Kings 15:18). The story of that downfall is a sad picture of unbelief and failure.

Through varied experiences and under different kings, Israel had gone down, down, down in its history of sin and departure from God.

I. Doomed by Sin (II Kings 17:5-12, 23)
 The hour had struck when God's heavy hand of judgment had to fall on them. Verse 6 relates their carrying away into captivity to Assyria, and verses 7-8 tell us the reason for that judgment.

Ingratitude for God's blessing (v. 7) led to the worship of other gods (v. 8). They knew God's hatred for the sin of idolatry, and his judgment upon those who walked in that way, but they went right on.

Note in verse 9 that those things were done "secretly." "The same thing is true today of many who profess to be the people of God. The line of demarcation between the church and the world is not clearly drawn. We do well to note carefully the outcome of this course of procedure on Israel's part (vv. 6, 18). The fact that Israel did these things secretly did not hide them from the eyes of Jehovah (Ps. 139:1, 2; Heb. 4:13)" (John W. Bradbury).

The statement in verse 23 is a striking one. The prophets had repeatedly spoken of the impending destruction of the nation. Now the time had come that the Lord could no longer stand to look upon their sin, and in a sense put them "out of his sight." That does not mean that they had been forgotten or that God was not watching over them in mercy and love, but that he had to judge them for their sins, and for a time bring them into judgment leading to repentance.

There is always a reason for a nation's deterioration, and with Israel there were many reasons. Outstanding among them is the one for which they were rebuked by Isaiah in the verses of our lesson, namely, drunkenness.

II. Deceived by Drink (Isa. 28:1-4)
 The picture here is a graphic one. The leaders of Israel (here called Ephraim) lingered long over their bowls of wine, and in their drunken stupor gloried in the fact that Samaria, their capital city, was situated at the head of a valley that it was not only beautiful but practically safe from attack by the enemy.

The drunkards spoke with pride of their nation and of Samaria its "crown." The description was apt for it was beautiful, situated on a hill surrounded by a terrific sea of hills. But their boasting was vain, for after a bitter three years' siege, the city eventually fell to Sargon II of Assyria.

All this has a familiar sound. We think of the nations that have gone down to oblivion even while the people engaged in foolish levity, and in the awful stupefying and degrading use of alcohol.

Remember the fall of France in the recent World War when its own leaders said that the defeat could be largely ascribed to the tremendous increase in the use of alcoholic liquor.

What about our own United States? With an annual liquor bill of about eight billion dollars, saloons on almost every corner, liquor flowing freely in hotels and restaurants, bottles and cases of it being brought into the home, booze the common medium of not only social but business relations, our insane asylums so crowded with alcoholics that the poor inmates have no real care—but why go on? It is a picture so appalling and so utterly distressing that every sensible person is shocked by it.

Do we think that God can long withhold his judgment upon a people blessed by all his many bounties, and yet using them for destruction of body and soul? Can a people continue to be strong which is determined to undermine itself by the use of alcohol?

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State College Hints To Homemakers

For three years, the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been making an intensive study of home canning low-acid vegetables and meats.

Given below in recipe form are the Bureau's new directions for home canning asparagus and green peas.

Asparagus: Wash asparagus; trim off scales and tough ends and wash again. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Cover with boiling water. Boil two or three minutes. Pack hot asparagus to 1-2 inch of top of glass jars. Cover with hot cooking liquid; or, if liquid contains grit, use boiling water. Leave 1-2 inch space at top of jar. Add 1-2 teaspoon salt to pints; one teaspoon to quarts. Adjust jar lids. Process in pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure (240 degrees F.) - pint jars, 25 minutes; quart jars, 35 minutes. As soon as jars are removed from canner, complete seals if not the self-sealing type.

Green Peas: Shell and wash peas. Cover with boiling water. Bring to boil. Pack hot peas to 1 inch of top of glass jars. Cover with boiling water, leaving 1 inch space at top of jar. Add 1-2 teaspoon salt to pints; 1 teaspoon to quarts. Adjust jar lids. Process in pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure (240 degrees) in either pints or quarts, 40 minutes. As soon as jars are removed from canner, complete seals if not the self-sealing type.

my eyes. When I asked how he knew so much about agriculture when he worked in an office all day, same as I do, he explained that he worked with the State College Extension Service where he dealt in crop statistics.

Looks like I'll have to get better acquainted with my neighbors—and my native soil.

State College Answers Farm Questions

Q. When should I place by pull-outs on range?
 A. Get them on the range as soon as possible after they are ten weeks of age. Before they are moved they should be thoroughly culled. By providing good range the feed bill may be reduced from ten to fifteen per cent.

Q. How can I control root knot in garden vegetables?
 A. Gardens should be located in a different site each year if possible. If not convenient, plantings should be rotated in the garden.

Q. Is it necessary to provide minerals to hogs?
 A. A good mineral mixture should be kept where sows and pigs can have access to it at all times. The following is recommended: 10 lbs. finely ground limestone, 5 lbs. thoroughly cleaned domestic bone meal and 2 lbs. of salt.

Strawberries Now Move By Air

Prices are remaining fairly

steadily in North Carolina strawberry markets, according to the Federal-State Market News Service, who also reports that daily shipments by air to northern markets have become an established factor this season.

One to two planes leave daily from Washington, each carrying from 150 to 175 crates of top grade berries from the markets at Wallace and Chadbourn. Principal destinations were listed as Providence, R. L. Albany and Syracuse, N. Y.

3 N. C. Counties Lead Nation In Tobacco Growing

Pitt County, N. C., is the ranking tobacco-growing county in the U. S., according to figures from the 1945 Census of Agriculture. A total of 37,630 acres of tobacco was reported in Pitt County in 1944.

The second highest is Johnston County with 32,079 acres of tobacco in 1944, as compared with

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41,584 acres in 1939 when it also ranked second and Robeson ranked third.

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AT HOME ON THE FARM WITH MY COUSIN

"It's no wonder, Magruder, that Dan Boone blazed a trail out of North Carolina," I says to my neighbor the other evening as I was working in my garden and he was leaning on his clothes pole, helping me.

"If he ever stuck a hoe in this soil — I figure I might have to blast to get my beans in!"

"Now, Cousin," he says, "don't go gettin' excited 'cause you can't raise vegetables in that basement dirt."

"If the soil's so poor, he says, "how do you think th' farmers got more than nine million bushels of potatoes to grow last year? — by setting them out with a pneumatic drill? And besides, it takes 100 years to add one inch of top soil on one acre. Don't get in any hurry!"

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