Sunday School Louis SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35-6:6. DEVOTIONAL READING: Paalm 145

Power of God

Lesson for February 4, 1951

ONCE UPON a time, miracles O were one of the strongest arguments supporting Christianity. In our times, it is quite the re miracles are for many Christians a major

embarrass m e n t, and for others a principal reason for not believing what Christians teach. There is no room in one column to debate this ques-tion. A very read-

able recent book on this line by C. S. Dr. Foreman Lewis, called "Miracles," may help to clear the reader's mind, showing that the common idea that miracles are impossible, is a mistaken idea.

Christ the Power of God PAUL calls Jesus Christ "the power of God" (I Cor. 1:24). Whether you believe that Jesus

could perform miracles or not, whether you find such a belief hard or easy, depends a good deal on what you think of Christ. If you think of him as a main much like yourself, and no more, then you have as hard a time believing that he could work miracles as in believing that you yourself could do so. But if you believe that in some way he was more than simply a man like yourself, but that God was in Christ (as Paul said), that in his mind was the wisdom of God and through him surged the power of God, you will not have much difficulty with the miracles.

But suppose you cannot start with the high faith in Christ as Son of God; at least you can start with historical facts which no one can reasonably doubt. One of these facts is that there lived a person named Jesus of Nazareth. Another fact is that it was believed about him, already in his lifetime, that he could do all sorts of astounding things,-cure hopeless cripples, bring people back from the dead, stop a storm in its tracks, drive demons back to hell. You will have to admit that this

Jesus must have been an extra-ordinary character to have such things believed of him, even if they were not true. Starting from that point, you may be led to look into this man's story further, and-like many others-may come out at last believing in Christ as the divine Lord. . . .

Motive for Miracle

ONE THING the thoughtful reader will see in these miracles told of Jesus: they were not done to show off. Jesus himself did not brag about them, nor call attention to them, nor talk much about them. He saw people in trouble and he came to their help. It was as simple as that. He is not re-ported to have stopped all the storms in Galilee, but only one: and that one not to save himself nor even to save any one else from death, but to save them from fear

He sent the demons tumbling into the lake, not to ereate a wonder-tale nor to show how much stronger he was than demons, but he did it to help s talk has been made about the "in-dependence" of this legislature, how it could not be buildozed by Governor Kerr Scott and how it had a mind of its own. Most of this conversation has

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come from the extreme conservalive, or anti-Scott forces.

These folks -- sitting in the saddle at the beginning of the 19-51 General Assembly some four weeks ago -- suddenly have discovered that "independence" is a two-edged sword that is likely to cut their own throats.

These folks also have discovered that the Legislature is divided into three parts: (1) the ultra-conser vatives, hold-the-line, no new taxes -no new spending group that in-cludes the anti-Scott boys -- although all of this group is by no means anti-administration despite the fact that the leaders generally are "agin-Scotters"; (2) the "downthe-line" supporters of Scott who, if anything, think he was too conservative in his recommendations to the Legislature; and (3) the lawmakers who are not on either side but are considering each individual measure with an open mind, trying to do what is best for North

Fortunately, the latter group is the largest. Incidentally, most of the freshmen senators and repre sentatives fall into this category. They have not lined up on either side, although they are resentful of the ramrodding attempts of the ultra-conservative group -- particularly as evidenced in the stacking of committees -- and at this writing are leaning toward the administration and the liberal side of the fence.

Carolina.

The conservative leadership lost ground with the committee ap-pointments, but the investigation of the building of the State Fair coliseum -- which they were sure would cast discredit upon the administration -- turned into a boomerang that had them talking to themselves by last week end.

The would be Legislature bosses discovered that killing the collseum, which at first seemed to have universal favor, was heartily opposed by agriculture leaders. These leaders at a public hearing told a special committee investi-gating the building that it would be a big boon to agriculture and industry in the cattle industry, which they inbeled as Tar Heella's greatest field for "cash crop" growth.

And many of the legislators, when they found that the coliseum would not be a basketball or iceskating arena, but would be used primarily as a livestock arena, decided that it was not the monstros ity it had been at first pictured. They learned, too, that it would cost the State quite a bit of money to welch on its contract to build the colliseum, and many of them did not like the idea of the State trying to get out of a contract any-

They learned, too, that the in-vestigation had been promoted back of the scenes by some would-be political string-pullers with a primary aim of embarassing the administration. Ironically, one of these ambitious big wheels now is talking about how "disappointed" he is one of the legislators fighting the hardest for discontinuance of the coliseum. This same would-be kingmaker helped to investigate the investigation, it is reported, despite the fact that he at one time fought for the coliseum and also contributed to the election cam-paign of the very legislator he now is tossing to the wolves. All of which adds up to this: You can expect some knock down dragout legislative fights. The balance of power in the Legislature may swing to the admini stration.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29 - Much | finance committee ses indicate that several of the boys will stage a fight to put theaters back under the sales tax and eliminate many, if not all, of the sales tax exemptions.

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**** A hill probably will be introduced this week giving ABC officers the right to go into every county in the State in an effort to stamp out

bootlegging. Now, the ABC investigators can go only into those counties having legal sale of liquor or beer and wine.

The measure would have the effect of setting up a state-wide unit similar to the Federal government's Alcohol 'Tax Unit, which is the scourge of white liquor makers.

Much has been said about the laxity of law enforcement in socalled dry countles. In many of them you can buy liquor easier and cheaper than you can in those counties having ABC stores, Public apathy, indifferent law officers, and in some instances payoffs are responsible.

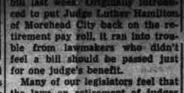
This bill would give ABC officers the right to go into any county in the State to make investigations and arrests of bootleggers and other violators of the liquor, beer and wine laws. Its backers claim it

would increase enforcement of the laws immeasurably and cut down bootlegging to a minimum. Ironically, opposition is expected from the drys -- who yell for

a state liquor vote but in many instances don't bother to try to enforce the prohibition laws in their own dry counties. *****

Incidentally, the Allied Church League has declared war -- come 1952 -- on all legislators who aren't militant drys. This organization does not approve the present bill before the legislature, which would call for a vote on an all-wet or alldry State. It will draw up one more to its own liking and seek some legislator to introduce it. Such a bill would call for an all-dry or an "as is" state -- the Allied Church League being afraid to take a chance on a real test of wet and dry strength. Their attitude is "we want you to quit selling liquor but we don't want to take the remote gamble that you might win and be ble to sell your hooch in our terrifory." And they claim such a vote should be taken in the name of democracy! This corner believes the State would go dry if a referendum were to be held, but the

question should be honestly answered and not on a half-way basis.



the laws on retirement of judges

should be rewritten entirely. Among other things, they have discovered that judges do not contribute to their own retirement They don't put one penny in the State employees retirement fund. That caused some raised eyebrows. It probably will cause the bill to be much amended, if it ever sees the light of day again. And there

was some speculation that if and when it is passed it will either leave Judge Hamilton out in the cold or name him specifically.

You can expect a conserted ef-fort and considerable pressure to get Governor Scott to name Bruce Etheridge of Manteo to the Board of Conservation and Development to succeed the late Roy Hampton of Plymouth.

The conservative forces already are pushing the "Duke of Dare" who resigned as director of the Department of Conservation and Development because he and Kerr Scott didn't exactly see eye to eye. Should be right interesting to watch the parade.

Senator Junius Powell of Colum bus has been introducing all kinds of measures aimed at putting more stringent restrictions on the highway laws. They range from outlawing stock car racing to putting more severe penalties on speeding, drunken driving, and the like to lowering certain speed limits.

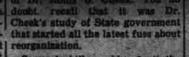
But just because he introduces them doesn't mean that he is for them. You see, he's chairman of the Senate Roads Committee. Custom has it that the chairman of this committee introduces Motor Vehicle Department-sponsored bills, whether he personally backs them or not.

..... Legislators dodge questions on senatorial redistricting much in the same way they would evade such queries as "have you beaten your mother-in-law lately?" They feel like they can't win, no matter how they answer.

Most of the districts would lose by redistricting, and no lawmaker wants to go on record as favoring something that would hurt his section of the State. Charlette, Greensboro, et al, will

yell, but it wouldn't be at all sur-prising if the constitutional requirement for redistricting every 10 years is ignored by this session of the General Asembly.

The first bill really doing anything about reorganization of the



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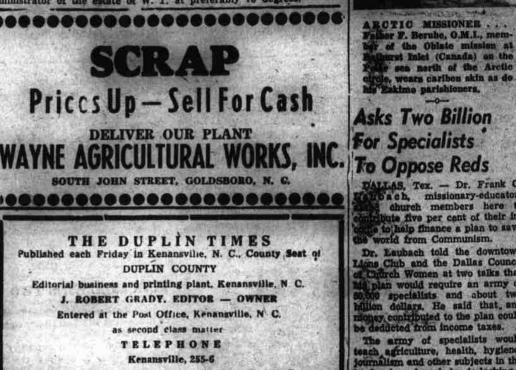
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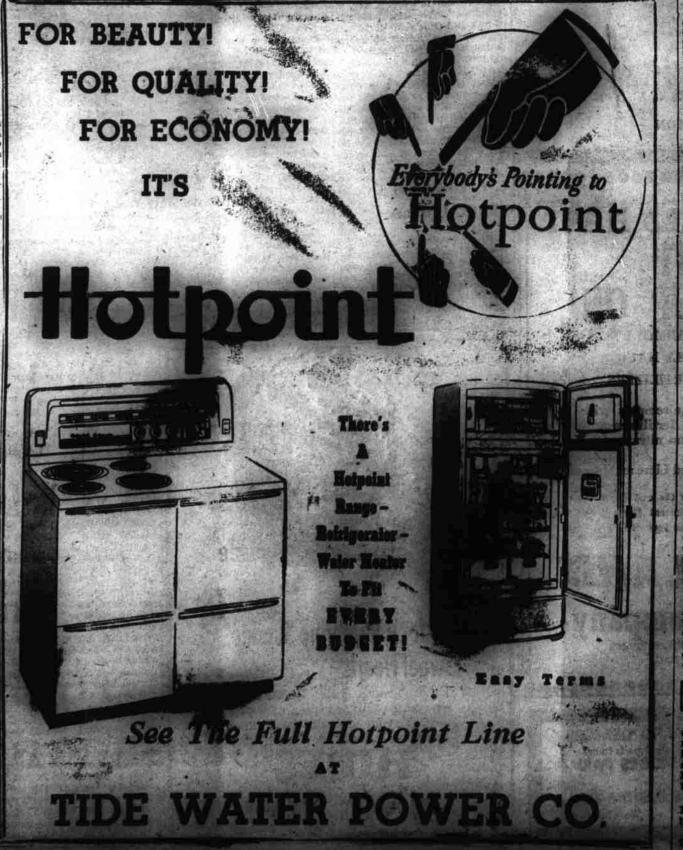
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Asks Two Billion For Specialists To Oppose Reds

D'ALLAS, Tex. — Dr. Frank C. A to a ch. missionary-educator, durch members here to missionary for the second second mission of the second second second to help finance a plan to save the world from Communism.

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"We are winning the fight in Ko res." he said, "but we have no begun to win the cold war, except in Europe. Asia is disintegrating China went hat year; India and are in danger of falling t

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There is a certain modesty about all these miracles; and there is love in each of them. The great difference between miracle-working power in the hands of Jesus and such power in the hands of erdinary men, is suggested in the remarkable tale by H. G. Wells, "The Man Who Could Work Mir-acles." It is the tale of a man who found to his dismay that his supernatural powers brought only dis-aster to the world.

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And he who messes with toplevel politics frequently finds his fingers singed.

Incidentally, a lot of the law-makers are waking up to the fact that the "hold-the-line", recom-mended budget really is a "back of the line" budget. It left out even the contingent

to the pay raises for school teachers; it pay raises for school teachers; it left out some \$8,500,000 for the hospital building program, and it ignored marit pay raises for State employees under the general fund. employees under the general fund. Just adding up those items comes to something like \$25,000,000. Add in money enough to take care of enough teachers to keep the tea-cherioad the same as it is now and you get pretty close to the \$30,000, 000 mark. Add upkeep and staffing of permanent improvements, and you get mighty close to the \$38,-000,000 that Governor Scott asked for in addition to the recommend-ed budget.

ed budget. Even some of the conservatives are beginning to talk as though the governor know what was needed. However, they still are fighting taxes. Their sim, apparently, is to cut enough money out of the \$44.-100,000 still unspent or not yet contracted for in the permanent improvement kitty to make up the lifference.

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Arab Orthodox Protest **Disregard** of Rights

CAIRO — A protest has been made here against the alleged dis-regard of the rights of Arabic speaking adherents of the Greek Orthodox community in Egypt by Greek Orthodox Patriarch Chris-topher of Alexandria. The protest denounced a recent declaration by Patriarch Christoph-er barring use of the Arabic Im-paage in church services, in the religious status courts, and in the official transactions of the patri-archato.

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