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Growing by Working... Lesson for September, 1952

NOW I get me up to work... I pray thee, Lord, I may not shirk.

When I lay me down at night... I pray thee, Lord, my work be right.

These lines by an unknown author... hung in the bedroom of a man who during his 85 years

There is No Free Lunch... The little church at Thessalonica was troubled with "moochers."

not eat," he said. Help the needy, yes by all means; but don't feed the lazy.

What is Useful Work?... Now there is no special virtue in work, in itself.

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Work makes the man. Or at least, work shapes the man. Look at any picture of a high school senior class; they look all about alike.

But take a picture (if you could get it) of that same class twenty-five years later, or more, when they have all been at work in various jobs for years.

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The Christian Viewpoint

Prepared by Department of Bible Eyes may see and not perceive.

"When e'er I see a sunset, My heart is thrilled to praise.

That every day may end in glory, Unblinded, let my soul and eyes, Behold, O God, thy evening skies."

May we never become inanimate to beauty, goodness, and truth. It is said Charles Darwin stated he had lost the ability to enjoy music and art because he had so long neglected to give any attention to his eyes.

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A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

Bringing In The Sheaves

A dance hall fiddler remembers his youth

Somewhere in rural Ohio a century ago, a fiddler played and dancers danced. Perhaps the merry-makers noticed the troubled look on the young fiddler's face.

Knowles Shaw sang his popular "The Handwriting on the Wall" and, it is said, brought 20,000 converts to the altar.

All told, Knowles Shaw wrote a 114 gospel hymns. He preached and sang his songs across America. He played his own accompaniment on the violin he had once played in dance halls.

GIVEN BELOW is Knowles Shaw's most popular gospel song. It has been sung in every English speaking country in the world for nearly 100 years. But Knowles Shaw would never have written "Bringing in the Sheaves" nor would he have preached or sang or played his songs of while playing in a dance hall when he was 18 years old. For what Knowles Shaw remembered was his father's dying words, "Son, prepare to meet God."

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Waiting for the noontide and the dewy eve; Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master, The loss sustained our spirit often grieves; When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, Fearing neither clouds nor Winter's chilling breeze; By and by the harvest and the labor ended, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Chorus: Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves, Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.

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-Go To Church Sunday-

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Spiritual Priorities

By REV. C. HERMAN TRUEBLOOD

TEXT: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Mat. 6:33.

The things that are uppermost in our minds and dearest to our hearts indicate the nature of our characters. What we most adore gets our best interest and attention. What are we concerned about, earthly or spiritual matters? What are our hearts centered upon, material or eternal values? We are not what we outwardly appear to be, but rather what we think and wish to be - "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7.

The little text at the head of this little message—"Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God," is a challenge to our heart's first allegiance, a call to "Put First Things First" to recognize "THE PRIORITY OF THE SPIRITUAL." We owe God the priority of:

- 1. OUR THOUGHTS.** "Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.
- 2. OUR TIME.** Some church members think they are wonderful Christians if they give God thirty minutes a week in some Sunday School class, while they devote the other one hundred and sixty-seven and a half hours of the week to their own pleasure and earthly gain. The kingdom of God deserves the priority of our time, and a great deal more of our time than many are giving. Let us "Walk in wisdom, redeeming the time." Col. 4:5.
- 3. OUR INFLUENCE.** One man speaking of another said: "That man's influence counts for God, he is always on the right side of every moral issue." Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world—let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works—neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel." Matt. 5:14-16.
- 4. OUR MEANS.** "God so loved the world that he GAVE—gave His best for us." There is no need for us to profess to love God if we don't GIVE to His Cause. We owe God our best gifts, "THE FIRST FRUITS of our increase; and our gifts should be cheerfully presented—for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." 2nd Cor. 9:7.
- 5. OUR EFFORT.** Yes, the Kingdom of God, deserves the priority of our Thoughts, Time, Influence, and Means; moreover, the on-going of God's kingdom demands our definite, positive, active service. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22.

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Approved Federal Funds To Employ Assistant Agents

The bulk of North Carolina's share of recently approved federal funds, earmarked for a more personalized educational service to the farm and home, will be used in 14 counties to employ 50 assistant farm and home agents and secretaries, according to D. S. Weaver, director of the State College Agricultural Extension Service.

Congress Approves \$7 Million

The Extension Service, through its farm and home agents in the counties and specialists at the college, traditionally has provided advice to farm people on specific projects or enterprises. With increased demands on agents' time, there has been a decreasing opportunity to give an overall planning service to individual farms, Weaver said. To introduce such a program into extension, Congress recently approved \$7 million. North Carolina's share is approximately \$940,000.

Money Earmarked

The money is earmarked for three purposes: 1. farm and home development, 2. educational work in marketing, and 3. educational work in public policy. The bulk of the money (85 per cent) must be used at the county level in farm and home development, the goal of which is to place "a sound economic base under every farm."

Weaver said farm and home development, variously known as the "farm unit approach," and "farm and home planning," views the farm and home as one, rather than as the separate enterprises and operations that make up the farm. In giving advice to families selected to participate in the program, agents will take into account their land, labor, ability, credit and markets. The agents and family will work out plans designed to return the highest possible income and raise the standard of living.

N. C.'s Share Not Enough

A similar TVA - Extension program has operated successfully in North Carolina for several years. Because of this leadership the na-

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and describes briefly 25 general publications, 52 on the Northeastern region, 1 on the Pacific region, six on the Southeast, and 20 covering the States west of the Mississippi to the Pacific coast States.

It also lists and describes 212 publications covering the wild plants of individual States. There is at least one of these popular botanical publications for each of the 48 States except Rhode Island. Some cover only a county or other restricted area. There are 17 listed for California, 13 for Florida, and 10 for Texas, Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania have eight each. The number of publications for other States runs from one to seven.

Some of the publications listed are out of print, but undoubtedly they can be located in public libraries. The brief introduction is packed with lore about American flowers and facts about standard references on this subject. All efforts are directed toward making it easy for the nontechnical botanist to find information about flowers.

Bibliographical Bulletin 23 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 25 cents a copy.

Negro Farmer Earns Premium, Melons

D. W. Diddy, Negro farmer of Gatesville, marketed 500 watermelons in early August, beating the general crop and therefore beating the general price for later melons.

H. L. Mitchell, Negro farm agent in Gates County, reports that Diddy also discovered that buyers like watermelons fresh from the field better than those that are shipped in.

Diddy admits there are other good varieties, but he'll stick with the Congo. They produce well and have high shipping qualities. They also pass the most important test—the taste test—with flying colors.

New Flower Guide Available

For commercial flower growers and amateur botanists interested in the flowers of their locality or region, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has published a guide to publications on popular flowers of the United States and Canada. The new bulletin lists by author

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