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**"I'M LUCKY IT FITS, SWEETIE!
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Religious Freedom And The Constitution

By F. W. McGowen (Guest Writer)

Article Six, Section Three, of the Constitution of the United States provides in part:
 "But no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."
 The first Amendment to the Constitution provides as follows:
 "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."
 These provisions were not put into our Constitution haphazardly or thoughtlessly. They were the results of experience which had been suffered by our ancestors over many years.

The President of the United States serves in the white hot glare of publicity. He serves in the executive branch of the government. He has no power to make the laws of the United States or to change the laws which separate Church and State. Much less to change the provisions of the Constitution.
 Don't let anybody fan the fires of prejudice so that the smoke gets into your eyes and blinds you so you can't see the real issues in this critical campaign.
 Senator John F. Kennedy, Democratic Nominee for President of the United States, is the son of a Gold Star Mother. Three of her sons fought for their country in World War II.

When the Kennedy sons were called to fight for their country in the front lines, they were not asked whether they were Protestants or Catholics. They were not denied the right to die for their country. One was killed in action. Another was most desperately wounded in action.
 Senator Kennedy served in the Navy in World War II with a record of Heroic Action. Entering the Navy in 1941, He served as a PT boat Commander in the South Pacific. He was decorated twice by the Navy for serious injuries he suffered, and for "His Courage, Endurance, and excellent leadership."

In a Democracy we can't ration religious freedom - just parcel it out to you and me. Democracy is not only a government - it is a philosophy, a way of life. We can't have freedom of religion in your house and in my house and not have it in the White House.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

A prosperous Agriculture is important to total economy and to all the people. The farm problem is every-

body's problem. And yet, under Republican Leadership, our urban friends have been persuaded to a position of prejudice against farmers. They are included to blame the farmer for the high cost of food when the truth is that the farmer's share of the housewife's food dollar fell from 47 cents in 1952 to 38 cents in 1959. And the difference has gone, not to the housewife, but to the middleman. Yet the administration has done nothing to counteract this wrongful attitude of the consumer.
 You owe it to yourself and to your family to vote the straight Democratic ticket and support the party that can and will protect the interests of the American Farmers.

Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
 There ain't no accounting for a woman, especial if you're married to her. My old lady said she was going to town this morning to do some "window shopping" and when she came home this afternoon she hadn't bought a darned thing. And I'll bet she pestered the daylight out of half the store clerks in town. Why is it that women is always going "window shopping"? I ask her the same question and she said for the same reason a man was always going fishing and didn't catch nothing. I was sorry I ever mentioned it to her in the first place.
 It's hard to say, Mister Editor, how far I'd have got in life if I'd followed that advice a carpenter give me one time. He said the best rule for talking was the same as for carpentering. Measure twice and saw once.
 Well, the fellers at the country store Saturday night set in judgment on several items. Like I told you once afore, when they git down to business I'd trust 'em a heap more'n I'd trust a bunch of them Congressmen. For instant, Saturday night they was agreed that about 90 percent of the reckless drivers on our highways spends half their time looking to the rear instead of looking in front. They're watching for highway patrolmen.
 It's got so a big rear view mirror and one on each fender is as important to them folks as the motor. Ed Doolittle allowed as how most

of 'em ain't scared of nothing no more except gitting caught and fined by the highway patrol. He resolved that the state bolt a big over-size cash register on the front of ever patrol car for extra effect. Zeke Grubb amended the resolution to call for a spotlight over it after dark and the fellers passed it unanimously.
 You seldom see practical solutions like that come out of a session of the Congress, Mister Editor.
 Afore the fellers got off the highway problem and got onto some-thing else, Clem Webster give 'em his new recipe for making a misde weapon. He says it don't take but two ingredients and both is plentiful. Put horsepower under the hood and a jackass under the wheel and you got it.
 I see by the papers where the head in Cleveland has perfected a stapling machine for surgery operations. It's the size of a small pair of pliers and he says it cuts down the time for a operation by half. I reckon the time ain't too far off when a feller will have to go to a office supply place to git his operation for apendicitis.
 Your truly,
 Uncle Pete

THIS IS THE LAW

By Robert E. Lee
CRIMINAL JURISDICTION
 William Hall, standing on Nor-

th Carolina, shot across the State line and killed a man in Tennessee. Was he guilty of murder under the laws of North Carolina?
 This was an actual case that occurred in Cherokee County. Hall was convicted of murder in the Superior Court, but an appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 1944 he was acquitted on the ground that the homicide was not committed within the jurisdiction of this State. The crime of murder was committed in Tennessee, where the shot took effect. The Supreme Court said that Hall could be brought to trial only in the courts of Tennessee.
 A person cannot, of course, be punished if he cannot be apprehended; and if he does not come within the state in which his act take effect, there is no way in which he can be apprehended without consent of the country or state in which he is. William Hall followed the practice of never stepping across the State boundary into Tennessee.
 The authorities in Tennessee, after the North Carolina Supreme Court decision, applied for his surrender by the Governor, but the demand was refused, on the ground that he was out a "fugitive from the justice" of Tennessee. Our Supreme Court, in a second opinion, said that a person cannot be a fugitive from justice "of a place where he has never actually been."
 As the result of the two court opinions in this much discussed case, the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1945 enacted a statute which made future acts of this type punishable in North Carolina. Therefore, if you stood in North Carolina today and shot a man standing in Tennessee, either of these States could punish you.
 Most states do not have a statute similar to the one enacted in North Carolina. Most jurisdictions follow the common law, which says that the locality of a crime is the place where the act takes effect. For example, if the act originates in one state but is completed in another, the crime is not committed until the act is completed; as a consequence, the crime is committed only in the second state.
 A person in England gives poison to a person there, who is ignorant of its nature, to be administered to a person in the United States. The poison is administered in the United States, and the victim dies. Where is the crime committed?
 The crime has been committed in the United States. The person committing the crime through the innocent agent may be punished here if he can be found within the United States or extradited.

CHANGES IN SOCIAL SECURITY
 By Maurice H. Moore
 Some 550,000 disabled workers, their wives, and minor children are now receiving monthly social security disability benefits totaling \$48 million a month. Many more will be drawing benefits soon as a result of the recent change in the law providing payment to disabled workers aged 50 to 65 were eligible for payments.
 Today, the Social Security Act provides monthly benefit protection for disabled workers and their families, just the same as for retired workers and their families, and for the families of deceased workers.
 To qualify for disability insurance benefits, a worker must be disabled for any substantial gainful work, and he must have worked for a sufficient length of time under the social security program.
 The work requirements for entitlement to social security disability benefits are a little more strict than the normal requirements for old-age and survivors insurance. In addition to meeting the disability requirements, a disabled worker must have had at least five years work under social security in the ten years prior to the onset of his disability. The work need not have been full time or steady, but it must have been performed in employment or self-employment covered by the social security law.
 When a worker becomes seriously disabled, with a disability that is considered to be permanent or long lasting, he or a member of his family should contact the nearest social security district office to obtain specific information about his possible rights under the social security program. Right now, disabled workers under age 50, who have not applied to their social security office in the past to have their social security records frozen, should get in touch with that office now. Payments to them and their dependents cannot begin until they make application. The social security office in Wilmington is located at 14 S. 16th St.
 Disabled workers under age 50 who have already applied to have their social security records frozen need not contact their social security offices now. They will be notified by mail of what they need to do, if anything, to get their payments started.

THE MINISTER'S DESK
 By D. E. Parkerson, Warsaw
 A man said to me the other day "I don't know how sorry people are going to get. They seem to get sorer and sorer." The man in the case was one who hires and employs several people. It seemed that he was having difficulty getting any one to do his job well. Everyone wanted to shirk his duty unless the boss was here to see and supervise his every action.
 This man's problem is universal. It seems that so many of us have lost our sense of mission in our work. It has ceased to be something creative and has resolved into nothing more than the job where you draw your pay. Being nothing more than this it becomes dull and disinteresting. Then we try to ev-

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The Christian Viewpoint

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 A wedding is a beautiful thing. The loveless is not only in the outward appearance but in the inner meaning. The glowing candlelight from the seven-branched candelabra, the white flowers banded against green fern, the familiar background of the stained glass windows and classic architecture of the interior of the church, the soft glow from concealed lights, the black robes of the officiating ministers, the striking contrast between men's faces, white ties and vests, and black full dress, the brightness of the lovely bridesmaids in their colorful dresses, and the stately presence of the fair young bride in sparkling white. The silent glow of friendly appreciation from the sea of faces which fills the church! The swell of the organ the tenderness of the vocal solo, the round cadences of the ministers' voices, the soft whispers of the responses by the groom and the bride!
 "Dearly beloved, - in the presence of God - join this man and this woman in holy marriage - a right spirit within me."
 Isaiah 40:31 - "But they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."
 Psalms 68:11 - "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."
 Psalms 71:5 - "For thou art my hope, O Lord God, Thou are my trust from my youth."
 Philippians 4:11 and 13 - "Now that I speak in respect of want: I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."
 Philippians 3:13 - "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
 Ephesians 2:8 - "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."
 I John 4:18 - "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."
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able the responsibility or else pass the buck on to some one else.
 Church members are guilty of this tendency to run away from responsibility too. Quite often they would sit back and let others carry the whole load-stewardship-wise and other wise.
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 Devotional Reading: Psalm 68

Facing My Sin

Lesson for November 6, 1950
 IT IS NOT necessary to be "fit" before being in touch with God. God is always in touch with all he has made. The trouble is, being in touch with God may not be a happy experience at all.
 Consider the case of the poet who wrote the 32nd Psalm. He begins his poem by rejoicing in the happiness of a man who has had his sins forgiven. The forgiving touch of God does indeed bring joy to the heart. But the sense of God's presence had not always been a delight. (We can assume that this poet is talking about his own experience, not some other person's.)
 Dr. Foreman

God Has a Heavy Mand

He writes: "Day and night thy (God's) hand was heavy upon me." He suffered not only spiritual depression, but he had been physically worn-down too. Doctors today will tell you about "psychosomatic" ailments; that is, troubles which begin in the mind but which affect muscles and nerves and bones. Every hospital has patients who would not need to be there if themselves and their problems. Ministers and hospital chaplains and psychiatrists know that often the only cure for an illness is not miracle-pills or an operation, but (so to speak) an operation on the soul. This is a modern re-discovery of what the Psalmist knew long ago, that a guilty conscience can actually bring on a fever and make a man lose weight and strength. God is in touch with sinners; but his touch is not to them a tender one.

Turning-point

The turning-point in that poet's experience came at the point where he "declared his sin," - when he broke down and confessed. There is no mention here of any "Confessor" who stood in the place of God. The sinner faced his God directly. He made his confession at first hand.
 Much is said about a forgiving God. He is even thought of as a kind of gigantic forgiving-machine, with pardons rolling out like newspapers from a printing-press. Not at all. God's forgiveness is never in the Bible said to be automatic. There are conditions. The main condition is certainly not to get a great deal better, or even a little better, before God will consent to do anything for you. That's hardly possible. The condition is that you face your self, your actual sinful selfish mean self, get a good look and be ashamed. The condition is that you realize you cannot forgive yourself, you don't need to and it will do you no good. What you need is forgiveness from a higher source, nothing short of God.
 On God's Way

After God has forgiven, then what? Do I sit down happily and contemplate his grace? Do I take up my time with hallelujahs? Do I spend the rest of my life writing songs about God's forgiving love? Not so. It is true, the experience of relief, release and rejoicing; that overwhelms one who has repented and confessed, has inspired many another forgiven sinner, and not only the author of Psalm 32, to write poetry describing his great experience. But most of life is not poem-writing. Life for the forgiven man is like a road, it stretches out into the future, and it is not always clear daylight on that highway. Confusing shadows lie across it, a man needs guidance. That is the point of verses 8 and 9 of Psalm 32. The forgiven man is in touch with God in a new way: the Lord is his guide. He had been like a fractious mule, pulling away from God all the time, and feeling sore from the bit pulled tight. Now God tells him to be a man, not a mule any longer, a man, not a beast, a man who can follow directions, a man who has his ear and mind open to the wise counsel of God. There is something more than wisdom on the way of God; there is love. A less than loving God is not going to be a forgiving God, and so the forgiven man looks back and realizes that God's once heavy hand lay on him not to destroy him but to draw him into God's true way.

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