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Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see where the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that farm income is now down 10 per cent from the 1949 level. The farmers ain't plowing enough in the right place.

When I was a boy I recollect my Grandpa telling how he got rid of a feller that come to his house selling books on how to farm. Grandpa said he told the feller, "I ain't farming now half as good as I know how." It's been 40 years since my Grandpa told that story and I can't see much improvement. The farmers is farming easier and faster, but when they git 10 cent a pound for somepats that's selling at the store for 60 cent, they ain't learned how to plow the middle man under.

They was a piece in the papers the other day about some town in Utah that has cut city taxes and don't owe a dime and has got money in the bank. I'm disappointed in learning that we got such old fashioned towns left in this country. I knowed a feller from Utah once and I always thought they had real live-wire, modern, up and coming, bustling towns that was floating bonds, borrowing money, and raising taxes and going in debt for all sorts of things like all other good towns. I think they

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BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST

By Ella V. Pridgen

JUDGING ALL
 Hosea 14:9 - "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors shall fall therein."

Since God-the one God-is holy, active in history, alone creative and omnipotent and since he requires righteousness of man, it follows "as the night the day" that all nations and persons are under the judgement. Unless man is accountable to Him, his moral law has no force.

There is a divine purpose running through history, and the wickedness of man cannot defeat

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It is what the historians call the "moral sovereignty it history" We live in a moral order, and what ever is contrary to God is headed for disaster. None can escape his judgment. "The ways of the Lord are right," says one of the prophets and all of them are in agreement. There is no appeal from the judgments of the Almighty. They stand, not because of arbitrary power, but because they are right. The upright man "shall walk" (progress) in his ways, but the transgressors shall fall there in. There is no device by which this universe may be made comfortable or secure for one who defies a holy God. There are two ways and two destinies, and between them each must choose. Read Jeremiah 23:19, 29.

Some of the prophet's writings are like the roll of thunder, warning us of the approaching storm. They disturb our complacency. "Behold a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth with fury. Unless a tree is firmly rooted it cannot stand the fury of a tornado. Neither can the unrighteous stand in the face of the testing of life, which are the testings of God. There is no security in wickedness. Psalms 1:5-6 "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the ungodly shall perish."

To Organize Club

Several couples from here gathered at the Rockfish County Club on Saturday night for the purpose of organizing a new club, which at this time has not been named and details are incomplete. We will have more about this perhaps next week. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by all those attending which included Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fennell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Halberg, Mr. and Mrs. Bromby Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pope and Baxter Sanderson.

Magnolia News

Telephone 28 9-3021

By Marguerite Bradshaw

Personals

Mrs. Alma Martino, Bettie Sue and Mrs. Sallie Tucker made a business trip to Fayetteville Friday afternoon.

Friends of little Gary Smith will be sorry to learn he is a patient at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pickett of Greenville were at home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Baker left on Sunday for their home in Texas following the death of his mother last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Taylor of Penderlee.

The Magnolia Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting on Friday at the school lunch room.

Friends of Miss Macy Cox will be happy to know she is doing fine.

Mrs. Stella Matthis is much improved and able to be around after being confined at the hospital for several days.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell and children of Wilmington, Mrs. James Price and children of Rocky Mount, Miss Loyce Bailey and J. P. Rowe, also of Rocky Mount.

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Under both systems the work has to be done. People are happier and better satisfied when they call have a choice as to what they do. They work better. So all of us working together produce more which is distributed among us all. The more produced the more there is to be divided among us all.

Communism starts out with a promise that everything will be long to the people, but it ends up with everything being controlled by the commissary including the people, who cannot eat unless they obey, because all their farms and gardens belong to the state. It is said Castro promised to divide the land among the poor, but what he has done is to set up communes, controlled by the state, and the people have to move onto them and work them under the commissary!

In a free country we all work together for the good of all. Of course there have to be those who manage the enterprise and set salaries and direct the work. They are helping us all too, by making the economy run.

Paul the Apostle wrote to Titus about those who work for others as follows:

"They are not to be refractory, nor to pilfer, but to show entire and true fidelity, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior." (Titus 2:10)

Summerlins Crossroads News

By Mrs. Carl Ivey

Mrs. Julia Jones Mrs. Elbert Whitman and Patricia Whitman visited The Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Whitfield of Kenly last Tuesday. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Whitman remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cherry of Portsmouth, Va. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ivey last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Stroud of Warsaw visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Whitman Sunday.

Mrs. Cyrus Rhodes and daughter, Toni, Mrs. Fred Alphin and daughter Peggy visited Mrs. Garland Wallace, of Albertain, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bradshaw and son of Portsmouth, Virginia visited Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Bradshaw and Mrs. Eva Powell on Monday.

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Can This Be...?

LEARN FOR JANUARY 23, 1951

BELIEF does not always burst like the sudden burning-on of a thousand floodlights. Being may come slowly, like the twilight of dawn, first only a glimmer on the edge of darkness, a sliver of light gray along a cloud's rim, growing into the glory of another sunrise.

So it has always been. Many books in the Bible are concerned with faith, or belief. Especially John. Not only is Jesus in the spotlight, but John turns the light also on those who believed—and on those who did not. Why did the believers believe? Why did the unbelievers fail to believe?

Can This Be The Christ?

Stories in the Bible get their names, often, not from the Bible itself but from some student or other (perhaps centuries ago) who tagged the story with a name it never lost. One such story is in John 4, its usual name is "The Woman at the Well." She certainly has the spotlight at first, but she does not keep it. Jesus, an always in the Gospels, is in the center of the picture; but in the light, so to speak, is so held that it shines now on one, now on others of those who surround that central figure. The story begins with the woman, but it does not end with her; it ends with the neighbors (who seems to have had no friends) who also believed. Let us look at just one thing in this story; how faith grew.

It began dimly enough, to be sure. The neighbors did not believe at all, and the woman very little. But she was beginning to have an inkling of the truth. Can this be the Christ? she asked. This is the first stage of faith, and it is not very high. But it is necessary. Only from this can a higher step

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They Kept Coming

Recently this woman's neighbors did not laugh her off. Even he, trifle of faith was contagious. A man on the street may be seen looking up toward—what? He may not know, himself. He may think maybe he heard a new kind of plane overhead. But even if he is looking at nothing at all, others who see him will look up too. So we read that the men of Samaria went out to talk with Jesus and to see him for themselves. The Greek word for "they were coming" or "they came" to him is interesting. It is not the word that would be used for one single act. It is the form of the verb meaning a thing is done over and over. It suggests that they did not all go out at once, they came out one by one, by little groups. Some of them were slower to wake up than others. Faith is like that. People have different reaction-times when driving a car, some will put their foot on the brake quicker than others. They have different reaction-times about faith, too. Jesus did not hold this against the late comers; neither should we.

"And We Know"

How do people come to know, to be assured in their minds and hearts, that Jesus is indeed the Savior of the world, and their Savior? Very much as those 84 maritans did. We usually begin by some one else suggesting it. Maybe a parent, maybe a teacher. Maybe suggesting it timidly and not too confidently; but at least arousing our interest. The next step is personal contact with Christ. This is absolutely essential, the essential of any true Christian faith. No one can have deep faith in an X, a question-mark, a bare and unbodyed name. This contact must be more than for a moment only. As Christ came to that village and stayed for two days—and we can imagine how he must have been kept busy all day and far into the night—so he must be invited into our minds, our hearts. It is only after experience like that, that one can say, "I have heard for myself, and I know." This knowing is not like knowing that 2 and 2 are 4. It is the kind of knowing when person meets person, a knowing born of faith, bringing faith to its full power.

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