

Letters From Our Readers

Why Should God Bless America?

God has greatly blessed America. This is true in many ways. God has blessed America geographically, in its climate and its wealth; historically in its happiness, freedom, and true worship of God; materially, our national income has increased more than 80% in the last ten years.

The automobile industry has increased 212% in the same period. The people of the United States constitute 6% of the world's population, own practically all of the world's gold, 60 per cent of its wheat; 60% of its cot-

ton; 50 per cent of its copper; 50 per cent of its tin; and 66 per cent of its banking. Our purchasing power averages four times that of Europe. But, why should God continue to bless America? The average American home today is no longer a place of Christian training. Indeed we are fighting for its very existence. There is a marked disregard for the marriage vow. America leads the world today in number of divorces.

Paul, in the first chapter of Romans, gives us a picture of a bankrupt world. It is a world on fire. He says the world is bankrupt because it is in the hands of plunderers. A nation loses its soul when it cannot be trusted.

The District of Columbia drinks

four times as much spirits per person as the nation. Is it not about time that we let our Congressmen know that if that is what Congress stands for, that is not what the nation as a whole stands for?

One half of the convicts in the nation which numbers more than two million, are under 24 years of age, and 30 per cent of all crimes are committed by boys. Arrests of women for drunkenness increased 35 per cent in the first half of 1941. During the same time female arrests for all causes increased 16 per cent; drunken driving increased 17 per cent; and burglaries increased 20 per cent. There are today in America 30 million young people who do not belong to any church or religious organization what so ever. Our national liquor bill in 1942 was over five billion dollars. The brewers in the United States in 1940 spent over twenty-one million dollars for advertising. The brewers since 1918 have spent around half billion dollars trying to make the public believe beer is a non-intoxicating drink. Alcohol is a narcotic, having the similar affect as morphine, and tends to put to sleep the nervous system. Whiskey and soldiers will not mix any better than whiskey and gasoline. Does America think she can win this awful war with drunken soldiers? We paid ten times as much to make America drunk as to make her Christmas. One county in North Carolina elected the largest bootlegger the county had, for high sheriff. Instead of singing God Bless America we should be praying God forgive America. Jesus has said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

Our gifts to our churches have decreased 20 per cent in the last ten years. Our nation spends annually six to seven billions of dollars on gambling. We are spending annually fifteen billion for crime. Thirty-eight dollars per capita for liquor. Fifteen dollars per capita for education. And six dollars per Capita for Christianity. We sing "God Bless America", and God asks why? Dewitt Tapp, Timberland, N. C.

Kudzu Good Legume For North Carolina

Kudzu is an excellent legume for reclaiming gullied lands, for grazing, for hay or soil improvement in North Carolina, says Enos C. Blair, Extension agronomist at N. C. State College.

Kudzu is usually started by setting two or three year old crowns, or rooted sections of the vines. Seedlings may also be grown in a nursery. The crowns should be set in late winter, before the plants start growing.

"On gullied land, growers dig holes about 20 feet apart, 18 inches square, and 15 inches deep. These holes are filled with a mixture of soil, manure, and one pound of superphosphate or complete fertilizer. Two plants are set in each hole", Blair says.

On cultivated land, he recommends that furrows be run about 15 feet apart, and that manure or fertilizer be applied in the furrow. The land is then ridged as for cotton and the plants set 5 to 6 feet apart, with about 500 plants per acre.

Row crops are grown between the rows of Kudzu for two or three years, dropping back with cultivation as the Kudzu spreads. This cultivation enables the plants to root properly in the freshly cultivated soil.

As the ground is covered by the Kudzu, great masses of upright shoots grow from each rooted joint. It is these shoots that are used for grazing and for hay. The crop may be grazed about five or six months each year, but it should not be grazed too closely. It takes about three years to produce a good growth of Kudzu on cultivated land.

Cattle Can Use Many Proteins

There is a large amount of information showing that the quality of protein feed, which is very important in the production of pigs and poultry, is of little importance in the feeding of cattle, says Dr. F. W. Sherwood, member of the animal industry department of the State College Experiment Station.

The reason for this, according to Sherwood, is that the micro-organisms in the paunch of cattle, sheep and goats use the protein as food for themselves. The cow later digests and uses this bacterial protein, which was developed from the original protein in her feed.

"Consequently, within limits, it makes little difference what kind of protein the cow eats, just so long as the bacteria in her paunch can make use of it", Sherwood says.

He points to the relatively low digestibility of the protein and other nutrients of lespedeza hay under ordinary conditions. Digestion trials with late-cut hay clearly show the importance of cutting lespedeza hay at an early stage.

Tests have shown that "intermediate-cut" hay averaged 37 per cent higher in total digestible nutrients than the late cut hay. There is strong indication that an acre of hay cut be-

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fore bloom will yield a much greater quantity of digestible nutrients than an acre cut after the bloom stage.

Children Ban Lifted

Landlords in Southern Rhodesia are no longer allowed to bar people with children. It is now an offense to refuse applicants with children, or even to ask if an intending tenant has children, according to the new regulations published in Salisbury. It is also made an offense for prospective tenants to advertise that they have no children. This form of advertising was common in the "houses or flats wanted" classifications of newspapers.

Football Spills Erie

Rugby and "soccer" have split Erie into factions. Recently the Gaelic Athletic association opposed the playing of these games in the Irish Army. Now the Minister of Defense in Dublin rebukes the association, declaring that its attitude is an attempt to divide one section of the people against the other, and that the man who plays these so-called foreign games is as much entitled to justice as anyone else.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

ELK RESTAURANT



ONE'S "home may be frail; its roof may shake, the wind may blow through it, the storms may enter, the rain may enter", but at New Year's even such a home may be alight with cheer.

Standing on the threshold of 1944 there is reason to believe that the new chapter has brighter pages for all. With this thought we extend to all OUR SINCERE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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David A. Smith

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A. A. GRAHAM



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RAEFORD BARBER SHOP



More and more our armies are landing our fighting troops by parachute, disrupting enemy lines, enemy communications, but paying a heavy price in casualties. Silken fineries and their substitutes are fast passing from the market to provide safe landings for our distant fighting men. We can still buy silk and nylon for them with War Bonds and Stamps. U. S. Treasury Department



HEAR THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Ring out wild bells your New Year's greetings. Blow, whistles, blow! On with the dance, let the joy be unconfined!

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C. P. KINLAW JEWELER



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