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EDITORIALS

Low Prices

Senator Jordan Reports On Tobacco

By Senator B. Everett Jordan
WASHINGTON - Although it is still early to make any final evaluation it is obvious that we in North Carolina should be greatly concerned about the low prices tobacco has been bringing since the market opened two weeks ago.

The farmers throughout North Carolina have been shocked at the way tobacco has been selling and I am very hopeful that the early trends in the market can be reversed.

I have been in almost constant contact with the Department of Agriculture since the border belt markets opened and I have urged the Secretary of Agriculture to examine very closely the procedures that are being followed in the grading of tobacco on the warehouse floor.

It seems that one of the biggest problems at the moment is that some slick tobacco is showing up, and under the new grading regulations graders must grade a pile of tobacco as slick if they determine that it has as much as 20% slick tobacco in the pile when it is graded.

I think that in view of the fact that this is a new regulation the Department of Agriculture has a responsibility to use reasonable judgment in grading the tobacco on the warehouse floor and at the same time I think farmers should make every effort not to mix slick tobacco with the better grades.

There is some slight indication that prices are beginning to firm up, and I certainly hope that we will see a marked improvement in the immediate future.

We cannot avoid the fact, however, that we stand a chance of ending up with the 1963 crop of tobacco being far in excess of demand and displacement. This means that we can reasonably expect our surpluses to further increase. I think this fact is the big reason such large amount of tobacco is now going into the Stabilization Cor-

poration. Although I am not advocating poundage controls, I think it would be very well for farmers to begin examining the basic principles of the tobacco program and give serious consideration to adopting a system of poundage controls.

On a number of occasions we have seen tobacco acreage allotments reduced in an effort to reduce production. But in most instances, when we have reduced the acreage, the per acre production has increased and we have ended up with just as much total production.

I realize that opinion is divided concerning the wisdom of poundage controls, but we may soon reach the point where we must go to poundage controls or run the risk of losing the tobacco program entirely.

What Questions Vets Are Asking

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q-Am I automatically eligible for nonservice-connected disability pension because I have become 65 years old?

A-The VA nonservice-connected disability pension is not based on age but on the fact that the veteran has become totally and permanently disabled. However, your age may be a contributing factor. Since each case is decided individually, you should consult your nearest VA office.

Q-How can I get the medal the government gave to all World War II personnel at the end of the war?

A-Write to the branch of the service with which you served and give your dates of services as well as your identifying service number.

Q-My claim for death pension for our children was denied in 1959 because their father had no service-connected disability. Should I re-apply?

A-Yes, reapply immediately. On July 1, 1960, the requirement was eliminated that a World War II or Korean veteran must have a service-connected disability at the time of death.

Q-Does the VA recommend converting term insurance to permanent plan insurance?

A-Both have their advantages. It would depend on the individual circumstances. Term insurance supplied maximum insurance for minimum cost. Thus, it might be ideal for veteran with a large family of children. The cost of term insurance, however, increases as time goes on and becomes very expensive in late, middle or old age. It offers no loan value nor any permanent equity. Thus, after children are grown a veteran might wish to convert all or part of his term insurance to a lower cost policy with premiums that never change and the other advantages mentioned above.

Q-May the family - wife and children of a veteran obtain

medical care and hospital treatment at a VA hospital?

A-No. Only veterans themselves may be treated in the VA hospital system.

Q-When is the final date for any World War II veteran to get a GI loan?

A-The GI loan program comes to an end for all World War II veterans on July 25, 1967. For the great majority of World War II veterans it will end sooner than that - the calendar date reached by adding ten years to their date of discharge from the last period of active service plus an additional year for each three months of active service.

THE WAYSIDE PULPIT

D. E. Barnhardt

Some said an angel spoke but others said it thundered. Jno 12:29 St. Paul served as a referee at a murder scene and, trying to shake off conviction, heard a voice. Some said it thundered but others said an angel spoke to him.

St. Augustine, fleeing from God, heard a voice. Some said it was a thunder squall denoting a change in the weather.

John Wesley was transformed from an inebriate ritualist by an inner voice. Some said it was a case of indigestion and whirlwind colic. Others said an angel spoke to him.

We have some extreme liberals who explain away inner voice, but the saints still hear it and work wonders.

BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST

BY: Ella V. Pridden

Mark wrote the second Gospel. It is the Gospel for the Romans. The Gospel of the present. The Gospel which represents Christ as the son of God, and the Lord of the world. He emblem is the lion; expressing courage, dignity and energy.

Mark's Gospel was substantially the preaching of Peter to the Romans.

The Gospel for him must represent the character and career of Jesus from the Roman point of view, an answering to the idea of divine power, work, law, conquest and universal sway.

Mark was not one of the twelve. Peter is the source of his information.

Mark being the interpreter of Peter, wrote exactly what Peter told. Peter told the story of what he had seen Jesus do, and heard him teach. A story here must have told many times in the hearing of Mark. Besides this, reports from the other Apostles must have been in circulation among the churches.

Many were put in writing. The traditional statement is that it was intended primarily for Gentiles and especially for those at home. A review of the Gospel itself confirms this. Mark's Gospel, is occupied almost entirely with the ministry in Galilee and events of the Passion week.

It is the shortest of the four Gospels, and contains almost no incident or teaching which is not contained in one of the other three Synoptics: (Matthew, Mark and Luke are called Synoptic Gospels, they are Gospels presenting similar views of the life and teaching of Jesus).

St. Mark is by far the most vivid and dramatic in the narrative, and their pictorial character indicated not only that they were derived from an eye and ear witness, but also from one who possessed the observation and the graphic artistic power of a natural orator (such as Peter emphatically was).

One peculiarity strikes us the moment we turn to read the Book of Mark, the absence of any genea-



"WHO IN THUNDER IS SNOOKIE-YOOKUMS SUGAR PLUM AROUND HERE?"

Uncle Pete From Chinlin Switch SAYS

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where a Government food expert says "fresh and tender grass" would be a good food for human beings. Farthermore, he claims if they would package it under an attractive name, it would sell to the American housewives.

I put this item on the agenda at the country store Saturday night and all the fellers was agreed it won't work. Ed Doolittle said he recollected back in 1944 when the Congress changed the "Skim Milk" label to "Dry Milk Solids" hoping to

help sales, Senator Overton of Louisiana reported Ed was agin the change and when they done it over his protest, he put in a bill of his own. He ask them to change the name of Castor Oil official to Necktar of the Gods. That didn't git but 2 votes in committee so Senator Overton substituted another bill to call it Elixir of Life, and when that didn't git but one vote, he quit trying.

Zeke Grubb said he was brung up on the saying that they was tw things that was hard to do, climb a fence leaning toward you, and kiss a gal leaning away from you. Zeke claims a third thing hard to do is take somepun everybody knows about and increase sales by giving it a fancy name. He allowed as how you could put a basket of fresh grass on the grocery counter and call it Astronaut Salad and it still ain't going to sell.

I reckon I'd have to agree with Ed and Zeke on this item, Mister Editor. That Government food expert probable had time hanging heavy on his hands and come up

with this idea while he was playing golf on fresh and tender grass. Clem Webster said this name changing business bring to mind a item he saw in the paper last week about a movie actress getting married for the fifth time. Clem reported he had got used to reading about these movie wimmen and it was all right with him if she got married 10 times, but they was one feature of the ceremony that ought to be agin the law. Ever time one of them wimmen gits married of divorced, claims Clem, the papers lists all the previous victims. It will say her first husband was Senator Jones, her second the Duke of Hayville, the third the Attorney General

of France and so forth. Clem argued that no woman should git all this free publicity at the expense of the men she has tricked into marrying her. The fellers agreed Clem had a mighty strong point, and it was voted to git a letter off to our Congressman on the matter.

SENATOR ERVIN SAYS

WASHINGTON - The proposed nuclear test ban treaty with Russia has raised a national issue. The treaty requires thoughtful judgments in many areas which go to the heart of our national security and survival. The treaty poses a question which I cannot answer to my own satisfaction until I have heard the testimony of our military and scientific advisors. At this time they are presenting their opinions to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and to members of the Senate Armed Services Committee who have been invited to hear their testimony. For this reason, I have postponed any decision as to how I will vote on the question of treaty ratification until I have heard their testimony.

It is my judgment that the Senate should vote to ratify this treaty, if and only if, it is convinced that our adherence to this treaty will not impair our capacity to develop and maintain the weapons necessary to our defense and our national survival and that of the free world.

I would be more inclined to favor agreements with Russia, if Russia would remove the 15,000 troops which it has in Cuba and cease to build underground fortifications which are now underway there. I think that Cuba is the area where we should be pushing for some agreement that would result in the cessation of construction of Russian fortifications and the withdrawal of Russian troops. Such an agreement would set a better framework in which to judge any test ban treaty.

I comment on the treaty with the realization that, of course, great harm can come to the peoples of the earth from nuclear fallout, and I realize the immense concern which this has brought about. At the same time, however, I think great harm can come to this country and the cause of freedom every-

where as long as we permit the Communist occupation of Cuba by Russian troops.

MILITARY DIRECTIVE - The recent directive which has been issued by Secretary of Defense McNamara ordering military commanders to declare "off limits" any businesses or areas where any racial discrimination may occur raises questions which ought to be clarified by an investigation by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The United States Constitution declares that all legislative power of the Federal government is vested in the Congress and none in the President. It also says that Congress shall make regulations for the governing of the armed forces. I do not see how the President has the power under our system of government to convert the military services into a political arm of the Executive branch of the Federal government.

This directive, in effect, authorizes the military forces to engage in economic warfare with the civilian population of the country for the purpose of coercing the civilian population into the surrender of the right to use private property freely in the rendition of services to customers whom it selects. Congress has not legislated in this field. This military directive sets a precedent of immense consequence for the nation.

The value of the soybeans crop in the U. S. has increased a hundred-fold in 30 years.

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This marrying business, Mister Editor, gits complicated in the space age. I was reading where a college student said one wife was monogamy, two wives was bigamy, and 3 wives was trigonometry. And I reckon that about sums up the attitude of the younguns of today toward matrimony.

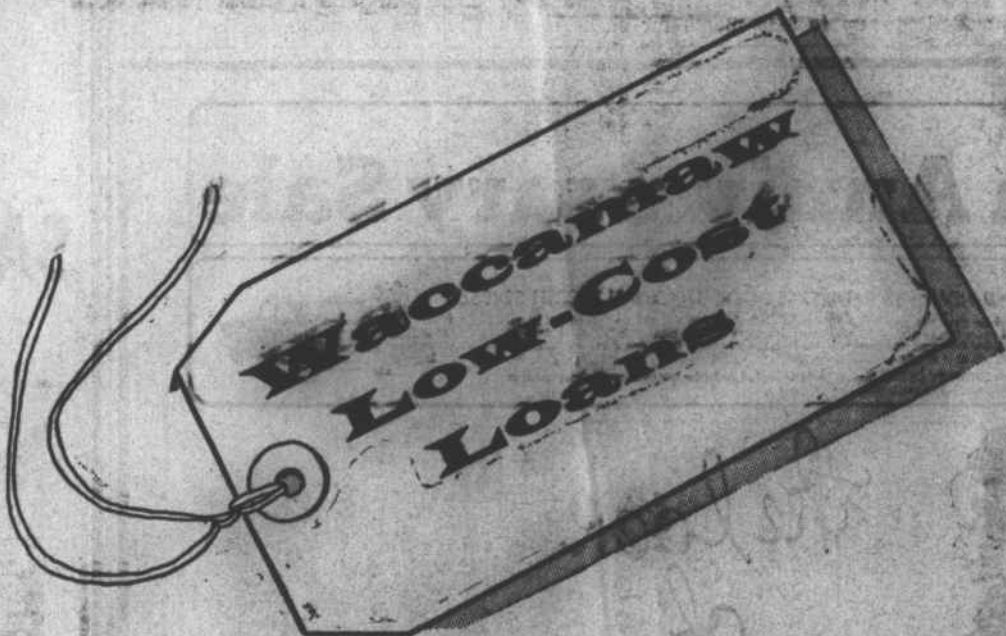
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Conversion

Lesson for August 23, 1963

Bible Material: Genesis 28 through 32
Devotional Reading: Psalm 121

IF GOD does not speak to people in dreams today, one reason may be that few people in our time would accept a dream as a message from God. But there was a time when not every dream was regarded as a revelation from God. Certainly, the least we can say about such a story as this one about Jacob at Bethel is that this man believed that God had actually spoken to him and that God made him a magnificent promise, and he names the place "Beth (house) El (of God)" the place, or a place, where God lived. We can learn something about religion from the way Jacob reacted to what he understood to be a vision of God. One question will bring this story right down to ourselves: Was Jacob converted by this experience, or not?

Jacob needed conversion

Conversion is an important word. It means a turning around, a 180-degree turn; it means turning from evil to good, from disobeying God to obeying God, from hating, or denying God to loving Him with all the heart. Now if you had asked any of Jacob's neighbors at that time, before he started his journey back east to see his relatives in the Ephraim Valley—if you had asked them what they thought of Jacob, they could have said little good of him; indeed, his own family were against him. He had tricked his brother into giving him his birthright, and then he had stolen the blessing, his father intended for Esau, in revenge. Esau had sworn to kill his younger twin Jacob, and Jacob had had to leave home to seek safety far away. We know his father had plenty of animals he could have offered Jacob to ride; but he didn't offer one. Jacob had to walk, and we may guess he made a lousy record.

The point is in Billy Sunday's famous words, Jacob at this time was so low down he had to reach up to touch bottom, and so crooked he could hide behind a cork screw. "The world's my orange and I intend to squeeze it" might have been his motto; for he had never been known to do an unselfish thing in all his life. If ever a man need to be converted, it was Jacob.

Blessurey of God

Conversion always begins with a meeting between God and a man. The meeting may take place in many ways; but none stranger than this dream at Bethel. One thing Jacob learned that night which he had not realized before. It was a lesson even Abraham had a hard time learning: God is everywhere. Jacob thought he had turned his back on God. He believed in Him of course; he never had been an atheist. But somehow he thought God must be confined to one district, as human beings are. If you run far enough and fast enough, you can escape from most people. If you shut the door and draw the bolts, you can keep many people out. But there's long door yet made, which can keep God out. He is on both sides of all doors, He is everywhere. He is the God of the stranger and of those who play at home. This is a great discovery, and Jacob was awed by it.

Promise with an if

Jacob sounds alone enough. He promises to pay them, and that was good. It is sometimes said that the experience at Bethel was Jacob's great turning point, his conversion on the other hand, there is some reason to doubt that anything radical happened to him. True, he discovered something very important about God; but knowing about God is not yet conversion. ("The devil believe, and tremble.") When you look at it closely, you find that this vow of Jacob's to give God a tenth was a promise with an if. If God will arrange everything right for me, and if He will do for me what I want done (he says in effect), THEN He will be my God and I will give Him ten per cent of all my profits. Furthermore, Jacob is so far from offering himself to God that in the years just ahead he is going to cheat his own flesh and blood relatives. Just as he did before. He is going to be out for Jacob first. He is changed very little by this dream, and if he is changed we can hardly call it conversion.

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