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THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Part III

All the time Jesus had been talking to the woman at the well He was telling her how to receive the living water. Or He was telling her that she must be born again if she was to ever reach Heaven. If we apply this lesson to our own lives we may understand the true mission that Jesus was on. All through this lesson Jesus is seeking to save this woman. And He did. Jesus not only won her confidence and friendship, He actually won her heart. She accepted Him as the promised Messiah. Was there ever a better example of childlike faith than this woman of Samaria?

When the disciples arrived they were startled to see Jesus talking to a woman of Samaria. But this gave her a chance to get away so she went into the city to tell others about this man. When we get THE LIVING WATER we want to tell someone else about JESUS. This woman left her water pot because she didn't need it to carry this living water in. She carried this living water in her soul.

She told her friends and relatives that there was a man at the well that told her all that she had done. And she asked them to come see this man. They followed her out to the well—these pre-

judge, reluctant men and women who an hour before would have thought it incredible that they should ever hold a conversation with their traditional enemies. But they soon became interested in what He had to say and wanted Him to stay with them.

No doubt, one secret of Jesus' success was his real affection for people. Even the commonest man in the group felt at home. No one feels out of place with Jesus.

But before these people came out of the city to Him, He was giving His disciples a lesson also. Just as the woman was leaving Jesus to go tell her friends about Him Jesus' disciples came with food. They tried to get Him to eat but He wouldn't. He had been filled with spiritual food. Jesus' mission was to do THE WILL OF HIS FATHER.

We can liken this world as a field of grain. Each of us has a job to do. We can do something that would cause someone to be led to Jesus. Now is the harvest time.

Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. (St. John 4:35)

The world is the field, the harvest is now. Let us lift up our eyes and see that, that must be done.

Note: I must acknowledge that Mr. Walter S. Greene's article, "She Left Her Water Pail" has been a great help to me in writing this article.

Grassroots Opinion

WAYZATA, MINN., HERALD: "The sale of this newspaper . . . terminates my tenure of responsibility for these editorial columns. A tenure that spans almost thirty years. . . I have welcomed the opportunity presented through these

columns to speak to the consciences of my readers, to speak those things which I believe to be right, and true. . . Basically, I have often, and always, returned to the promise that our government is a democracy, that a de-

mocracy is something that involves there can be no appreciation without effort and no achievement without participation, that democracy must always be something that builds from the bottom up and can never be something that can be handed to the people from the top down."

WALDOBORO, ME., PRESS: "The eternal inconsistency of government! Most states pay for care of blind and deaf children, but charge parents of mentally retarded children over \$1,500 per year. On top of that, the federal government only allows a deduction of \$600 for that same child."

ST. LOUIS, MO., LABOR TRIBUNE: "Minorities with grievances have gained infinitely greater redress by taking their causes to our courts than by mass protestations when they themselves violate the law by their violence, as has happened so often during the past year and in the process they create a climate of hatred and intransigence that never existed before."

CATESVILLE, PA., RECORD: "The United States in the years to come, and starting right away, is to far outdo that Biblical reference to a land of milk and honey, according to the 3,900 word State of the Union message. . . And the inference was plain that if you don't happen to like milk and honey, that's what you're going to get anyway. The broad objective of the 'Great Society' (a strictly Federal institution) will be to 'improve the quality of life for all.' It will teach us 'how to use our wealth as well as how to create it.'"

AZTEC, N. M., INDEPENDENT-REVIEW: "Everything is going fine with people and prosperity but the problem is poverty."

Burley Tobacco Allotment Notices Mailed

Notices of individual farm acreage allotments are now being mailed to farm operators, Ralph W. Edwards, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, has announced. The notices are sent in advance of the February 25, 1965 marketing quota referendum so that farmers will know how the quotas they are voting on would affect their individual farming operations for 1965.

For the 1965 crop of burley tobacco, the Department of Agriculture has announced a total of

294,146 acres available for allotment. This compares with 315,698 acres allotted for 1964. If quotas for the 3 years, 1965-67, are approved in the February 25, 1965 referendum, the allotments for 1966 and 1967 would be determined and announced one year at a time before February 1.

Growers voting in the referendum may approve or disapprove marketing quotas for the next three crops of burley tobacco. Growers eligible to vote include those producing this kind of tobacco in 1964, and any person who was either the owner or operator of a farm for which a 1964 burley tobacco allotment was established—even though no tobacco was produced on the farm in 1964. If an allotment was established for the farm for 1965, any question about voting eligibility should be taken up with the ASC County Committee before the referendum.

If at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum approve quotas by voting YES, the law provides the quotas and acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1965, 1966, and 1967 crops. Penalties for marketing excess tobacco will also be in effect, and price support will be available to growers who do not exceed their farm acreage allotments.

If marketing quotas are not approved in this referendum, there will be no quotas, no marketing penalties, and no price support on the 1965 crop of burley tobacco. In that event another vote would be held next year on quotas for the following 3 years.

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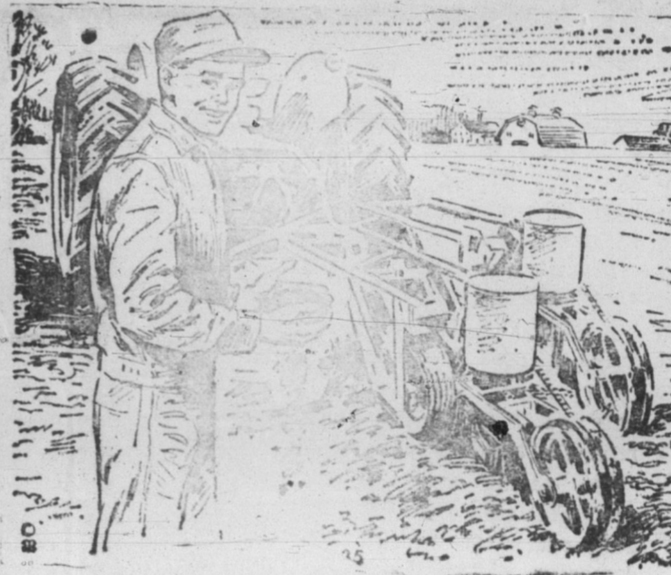
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