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-- Overlook On Life --

By WARREN S. REEVE

The idea of "Overlook" is taken from the Overlooks provided for viewing panoramas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In primitive times and among primitive peoples famines were frequent. Our generation in America has never known a famine. The worst stringency we have experienced was the shortage of certain articles during wartime. With our modern knowledge, we are able to preserve surpluses, and, with the facilities of transportation, we are able to move commodities to the places where they are needed. Thus, the American people, for the most part, have plenty to eat all the time.

When it comes to books, the same sort of thing obtains. Today there are books, books, everywhere. But there were times in history of our country when books were scarce, and when a single good book was prized as a great treasure. Going back further into history — into the history of Europe and Asia and Africa — there were in many places and for long periods of time no books at all for the masses of the people. Priests and monks and scholars may have had their manuscripts in temple or monastery, but they were useless to a people that was largely illiterate and inaccessible to the few who were literate.

Today we have so much food and so many books that our wastefulness has become appalling. Looks that in other times and places would have been prized now get burned because they are in the way. Another tragic effect of our plenty is that if we read at all, the quality of our reading is inferior. Instead of reading carefully, instead of imbibing the spirit and having our thoughts re-echo the graceful phrasing and felicitous diction of a fine piece of writing, we read grudgingly, we conspire with ourselves to be bored by it, we read with half a mind and lay the book down, content to forget it. (At least, that is the way many, I fear — including the high school young people — do their reading). The quality of our reading is inferior, moreover when we choose poor books. Often, I think the public raves over a book that isn't worth much. Highly advertised, it sells well and represents the "latest style" in "clothing for the mind!" Thus many readers are wasting their time and their intellectual energies zine articles, when they could if on cheap, taudy books and magazines wanted to, feed their minds with the best in literature.

If a person selects a worthwhile book, or even a very short passage of superior writing, he will get the most out of what he reads only if he puts effort into the reading. Often it is better to read a short passage carefully than a longer one cursorily (though rapid, cursory reading also has its place and value.) But reading a little at a time, and perhaps re-reading it, may be essential if we desire to capture the thought and ourselves to become possessed by it. If, after reading a passage thoughtfully, one goes over it again in one's mind, trying to recall the chief points and the logical connections as well as the fine phraseology, one is giving oneself an education that is equal to school or college training.

A few lines of poetry read over again again, and perhaps memorized, can become an intellectual investment from which large individuals will come back year after year throughout ones life.

How long is it since you read a play of Shakespeare's, One reluctantly has to confess to the im-

pression that of those who in high school studied Shakespeare, many have never looked at the text of one of the plays since leaving school. (We even lag behind the Russians who bought up Pasternak's translations of Shakespeare with surprising eagerness).

Unique in literature is, of course, the Bible, and, apart from its religious function, its value in giving us an understanding of the English language and a capacity to use our language well cannot be overemphasized.

As a door to a true and undistorted view (as nearly undistorted as possible) of ultimate things, it is indispensable. The vast realm of the eternal is inapprehensible to us, save as God may have revealed Himself; and in the Bible we have presented to us that which purports to be the revelation of God. Our individual personal destinies, our highest welfare, as well as the meaning and value of corporate relationships, depend on our apprehension of the essential message of the Bible and on our response to it. Thus, literarily, culturally, but above all religiously, we need to be a Bible-reading people. Everybody, from children of

WHAM!

By H. M. Alley

Often the difference between two men is the same woman.

Would the "Kind" Republican from Newport News, Va., please submit his name to either The Yancey Record or Rev. H. M. Alley, Burnsville, as Rev. Alley would like to correspond with him.

8 or 9 upwards, should aim to spend five minutes or more every day with the Bible.

The American Bible Society has invited churches of all denominations to observe the second Sunday of December as Bible Sunday. It has also issued a schedule of suggested Bible readings for every day from Thanksgiving to the end of the year. The reading for Bible Sunday, December 11th, is Mark 12:1-31. The following are the readings for the rest of the week. Monday, Dec. 12th, John 3:1-21

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, John 11:1-27  
Wednesday, Dec. 14th, John 20:1-31  
Thursday, Dec. 15th, Romans 5:1-21  
Friday, Dec. 16th, Isaiah 61:1-11  
Saturday, Dec. 17th, Luke 7:18-30  
Matthew 11:25-30

When one reads a passage of the Bible, one is apt to get more out of it if one asks oneself questions about it. The following are some questions I would suggest we might profitably ask ourselves after reading each of the above passages:

1. In what way is the picture of Jesus set forth clearly in this passage?
2. If this passage that I have read had not been included in the Bible, would the picture that I have in my mind of Jesus be less clear? Would it be impoverished?
3. In what way was the coming of Jesus into the lives of the peo-

What Can We Do?

By: Trena P. Fox

It has been the policy of The Yancey Record to remain bipartisan in all matters regarding politics in this county. We feel that this is the wiser policy since there is but one paper in the county. However, we feel that when any party oversteps the bounds of what we think is human logic that it is time to take a stand for the right. When either party—Republican or Democrat—uses its power and authority to carry out a plan that looks like revenge against the other and takes away some of the protective force and thereby allowing possible harm to come to the citizens of this county, we feel that it is time to take a stand against that party.

Mr. Buchanan, in his advertisement in this week's Record, refers to the fact that the Democrats are just as honorable as the Republicans. We feel that this is true. This paper does not wish to take a stand against Democrats because we feel that they are—for the most part—fine people. However, we would like to take a stand against a certain few who, through their actions might endanger the safety and protection of the citizens of this county.

Sheriff Donald Banks has worked hard since his election two years ago to build his department into an efficient office—for the prevention of crime and the enforcement of law in this county. He has accomplished much with the aid of the Republican Board of Commissioners. He has made a respected office of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department. And he has done much of this at his own expense. We salute Mr. Banks in his efforts to build Yancey County into something more than a backward little mountain county.

Now that the Board of Commissioners is Democrat why should this progress be halted? Does a political grudge come before progress in this county? Is it not possible for two opposing parties to work hand in hand for the common good of the citizen?

We feel that it is bad to fall out with a group of men because of party affiliation. We will stand behind the present Board in all that they do so long as they do not over step the bounds of common sense and good judgement.

What can we do? Why not sit down and write a letter or have a talk with a member of the Board. Try to convince him that taking away a county car and cutting men from the Sheriff's Department is not going to accomplish anything for the Board or the county.

Read The Want Ads

ple mentioned in the Gospel passages significant? In the other passages, what teaching do you find about the significance of Jesus' coming into the world?

4. What message does the passage carry for me personally?
  5. What verse in the passage appeals to me as being the most beautiful?
  6. Which verse would I like to retain in memory longest?
  7. What message does the passage carry for our local community? for our nation? for the world?
- If you have not been in the habit of reading the Bible every day, why not start now?

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Record Price To Increase

The Yancey Record will increase its subscription prices beginning January 2, 1961. This increase in price is brought about by the increase in the prices of paper, ink, and all other materials used in the publishing of a newspaper. This is the first price increase that has taken place at the Record in many years.

It would be wise for all subscribers to renew their subscriptions now while the old price is still in effect.

Along with this price increase, the Yancey Record is initiating a subscription campaign. This campaign offers opportunities for anyone in the county who wishes to earn wonderful gifts to do so by

joining in this subscription campaign. The Record also offers opportunities of earning cash to anyone who would like to become a Record Community Salesman. For details on the subscription campaign see advertisement in this issue. For details on becoming a Record write, phone or come to the Record Office.

The new subscription rates which will go into effect on Monday, Jan. 2 will be as follows: \$2.50 per year in the county and \$3.00 per year outside the county.

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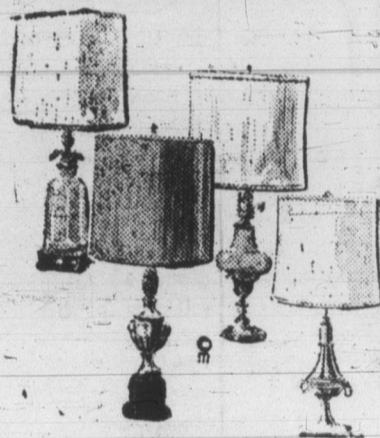
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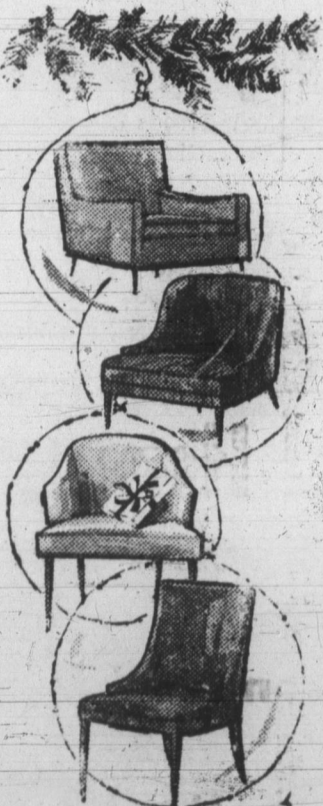


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