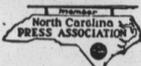


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## Above The Emeralds.....

Roosevelian optimism, evidenced in the President's message last week to the 78th Congress, has it that the United Nations will this year come closer to the goal of victory and that in 1942 the Axis nations were more than held at Bay.

The President's message, in other words, was a bid for political peace at home, in the United States, and for a vigorous carrying on of the war in the hope that international peace can be arrived at during the lifetime of the 78th Congress. Scene on Capitol Hill on Thursday was indicative of that happiness and consecration to high purposes found in a Moravian love-feast.

The bickering and the biting, indicated at the moment by the issue about to develop over Mrs. Harry Hopkins' emeralds, will come later, but good citizens will devoutly hope that the Congress which reflected honor upon itself by being in a gracious opening humor will be blessed with memory long enough to keep its cooperative idealism held high. Liberty's touch is so held and the men and women who work in her name ought under God to do no less.

## For Good Intentions.....

OPA order relative to "pleasure driving" is not as clearly defined as it might be and in such rural-urban areas as Person County will leave many motorists guessing, but to those who have a conscience, maybe of the Presbyterian variety, definitions will not be so difficult. What is to be done under the order is what should have been done aforesaid.

Cutting out of pleasure driving, as we see it, should make for elimination here of those social visits where chief occupation is gossip. It will or should hit bridge clubs, unnecessary PTA and farm conferences and it will mean that County folks who want to come to town to see Dorothy Lamour or Joan Crawford will have to contrive some business purpose with which to combine their search for entertainment. For the rest, the way is clear: driving to church or for any essential business, whether of an economic or an administrative nature, is permissible.

Success or failure of the ban on pleasure driving will have to depend on a commodity all of us have at our command: commonsense.

## Unimportant Episode.....

Confusion that resulted here last Wednesday, when somebody, somewhere, slipped up in issuance of a stop-sales order for A, B and C gasoline coupons, has turned out to be an unimportant episode and should be so regarded. Philip L. Thomas, Person's War Price and Rationing Board chairman, who acted on stop-sales order, and was as quick to rescind it later, acted on the first order in good faith and his motives should be regarded in that light.

At this writing, responsibility for what happened has not been pinned on anybody, either here or in Raleigh. Chances are it never will be. If the confusion had been more widespread than it was it could have had State-wide significance. About all that really comes out of it is a wholesome and much needed lesson in caution and in avoidance of rumor spreading. Motorists who heard, and ran to nearest station before they thought are as much to blame as anybody for what happened here.

## "Priority Of Youth".....

Person delegation that went to Graham Thursday night to the annual Cherokee Council Boy Scout dinner heard from Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of Baptist orphanages and speaker for the occasion, a challenging message on the abiding "Priority of Youth." Dr. Greer believes in young people. In war and in peace, for many years he has worked with them and for them.

The Greer technique is by nature a Christian one. He could have no other, but with it he has a faith and a

confidence in the future and in the work to be done in the future. Rub is that what is to be accomplished must be accomplished by youth. Boys and girls now in Grammar grades and high schools will be the citizens who will have to be taken over by youth, and our present and pressing obligation to prepare youth now for the job ahead.

Dr. Greer does not blink at the fact that the world as it now is, a rather sad and sorry world, is the responsibility of those of us who are now in the saddle, and incidentally, riding a bucking horse. What is on his heart is our obligation to improve the world that will have to be taken over by youth, and our present and pressing obligation to prepare youth now for the job ahead.

Priority of youth is what keeps the world from being scuttled, but the job touches the old, the young and those yet unborn.

## He Never Knew.....

George Washington Carver, who died last week, was known throughout the world as the man who re-discovered and put to use all of the elements in the peanut. Out of the lowly "gouber" he wrought economic changes in a wide area of the Southland and brought to the land, his land, a wealth not dreamed of by the Negro and poor-white tenants and the landowners who lived there, and still live there.

Dr. Carver must remain in history as a scientist first, a Negro afterwards. A devout man, having the true humility that goes with knowledge, Dr. Carver regarded himself as a human instrument working under God's law. His parents were slaves, he knew not the year of his birth, but he worked for that larger freedom desired and in that work was honor.

## Sunday School LESSON

From The Adult Student

### GOD'S LOVE — AND OURS

Our Golden Text is one of those glorious statements of Christian truth which shines so brilliantly it fairly dazzles the human mind.

It staggers the human imagination to think that God loved—and loves. But to think that he loves enough to give his only begotten Son—indeed, to give himself in that Son—who can dare measure such a momentous fact?

These exiting words clearly and forcibly declare that God's heart is filled with compassionate, understanding, redeeming love. The Heavenly Father stretches out his hand and will not turn us loose until he brings us safe to shore.

At Calvary we glimpse both the measure and the cost of diand redemption of a Deity whose love. It tells us of the work heart was in every gesture of devotion and whose every service is a portrayal of his tender care.

This is the deeper message of those marvelous stories of pursuing love such as the one that describes the shepherd's concern for his lost sheep. That he refuses to give up until he has found the lost is a truth that we formally accept, but we shall never truly appreciate it until we understand that the heart of the shepherd is the heart of God.

This is what the whole life of Christ says. Peter may deny him, and Judas may betray him; but with increasing intensity and genuine devotion he follows on with one supreme thought—that of saving them. This is why he hastens on to Jerusalem and to his death.

All this is the love of God. W. R. Maltby has discerningly and appealingly written that Pilate could wash his hands of Jesus, but Jesus could not wash his hands of Pilate. He loved him too much. And, mark you, this is God's love.

So great is the love of God that even though men try to defeat it with the Cross, he leaves on. He will not give us up.

There is no way to understand that God's heart is portrayed by all the experiences of Christ except to be baptized with the same love. We must make his concern our very own.

The Heavenly Father has the most vulnerable heart in the world. That is why we have

such divine portrayals of devotion and tender grace in Jesus Christ.

Calvary led to glory because the heart of God was in it. Any human sacrifice becomes glorious to the extent that our hearts are in the experience. We do not give anything buoyantly unless our hearts are in the gift. Certainly we do not truly give ourselves until we give our very hearts.

The trouble with the young man who came to Jesus and was unwilling to sell what he had and give to the poor was essentially a lack of love. He had rigidly kept the commandments but was aware of the fact that something was still lacking. When Jesus gave him the right direction, he refused to meet the challenge. So he went away sorrowful. It was because his heart was not even in his charity.

The apostle Paul understood the importance of this. This is why he wrote in his hymn of love:

If I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:3.)

In our intimate human relationships there is no happiness or abiding blessedness save when our hearts dictate our deeds. We may do all our domestic duties and have no blessedness and experience no joy simply because

## Know Your Income Tax

### WHAT IS INCOME TAX?

The federal income tax is, as the name implies a tax levied upon incomes, and it is payable in relation to the amount of income. Income, for Federal income tax purposes, means in general any compensation for one's services, whether the compensation be in money or in goods or other services; it includes also the net value received for the product of one's labor, as farm produce in the case of a farmer; income from investments; profit from business operations; and other gains from sales and exchanges of goods and property. Certain limited categories of income are however, tax exempt, and to the extent of such exemption are excluded in computing the tax.

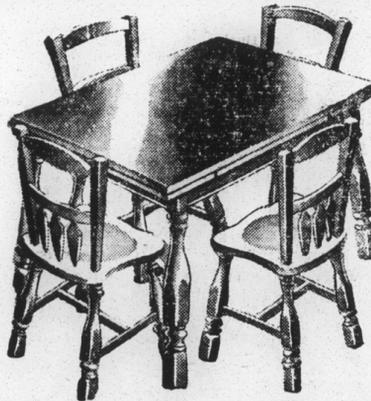
Because of exemptions from the tax given to persons having less than certain stated amounts of income, as well as because of various deductions and credits allowable, only a small proportion of the number of persons receiving income have until recently been subject to the tax. Thus, of the estimated 55 million persons in this country who received income in one form or another during the calendar year 1941, only some 26 million persons were required to file Federal income tax returns for that year, while of these same 26 million, more than 9 million were not taxable due to credits and deductions allowable.

As a result of the lowering of exemptions, many more persons are now subject to the Federal income tax than before, and for the calendar year 1942 it is estimated that more than 35 million persons will file Federal income

our hearts are not in our homes. But when our heartstrings get tangled up with those of another, we feel deeply.

We may read the daily newspapers quite nonchalantly, being interested but not greatly concerned about those whose deaths in air, on land, and at sea are reported each morning. But if our son is in the number—ah, that makes all the difference in the world! Why? Because our hearts are in the suffering and agony of it all.

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tax returns. To the large number of persons now subject to the federal income tax, who have never reported income before for Federal tax purposes, an understanding of the law and applicable regulations is of prime importance.

An income tax return is a declaration on the part of the taxpayer of his total taxable income for the year, together with the various deductions, exemptions, and credits to which he is entitled. It is in reliance upon voluntary disclosure, and the integrity of taxpayers generally, that the cost of administration of the income tax can be kept at a minimum. Though the return is a voluntary statement, any person who willfully makes a return which he does not believe to be true and correct in every material matter is subject to the penalties provided by law.

The first requirement of the law is the filing of an appropriate return. For individuals generally, this must be done by

March 15 following the end of the calendar year. The return must be filed with the appropriate Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the person making the return.

Under the present law every single person, and every married person not living with husband or wife, having a total income (earnings, together with other income) of \$500 or more, and married persons living with husband or wife throughout the taxable year, who have an aggregate income (total earnings of both husband and wife, together with other income) of \$1,200 or more, regardless of the amount of net income, must file a return.

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## THE NEW VICTORY TAX

It is important to understand the new Victory Tax, as it is a charge against your 1943 income. Almost every worker will have to pay it. If you have a regular job, your employer will deduct for the government 5% of your income over \$12 a week. Others, including professional people and agricultural workers, will pay their tax in one sum after the end of the year. Certain post-war refunds or current credits are granted which will eventually return a portion of the tax you pay, but they will not reduce the 5% withheld each pay day.

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