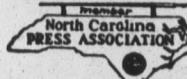


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For Good Causes.....

Person and Roxboro War Drive Red Cross Roll Call, the Library Victory Book campaign and the renewed Salvage and Tin Can drive, all announced as being planned to take place within the next few weeks, certainly by March 1, are good and worthy causes, as are the Infantile Paralysis campaign and the War Bond Drive, and all must be supported by citizens here, as we have no doubt they will be.

Some of these causes, such as the sale of War Bonds and the collection of Salvage are, and must be of a continuing nature, with us for the duration. Others, such as the Infantile Paralysis drive and the Victory Book campaign, are of an annual, semi-annual or peri die nature, and still others, such as the War Drive Red Cross Roll Call may be changed from one classification to another depending upon urgency and need.

And always, in every community, there are citizens who gladly meet each and every civic demand, just as there are other citizens, like certain types of churchmen and civic clubbers, who grow hot and cold under repeated pressures. To the honor and credit of Person County and Roxboro, it must be said that driving energy, call it hard-headedness, patriotism, or what you will, sees to it that whatever is started, whether for the War effort, or for civic improvement, is finished.

The volume measure of what is accomplished here may not be so large, but the mass-energy directing the accomplishment is wonderful to behold. For that reason the directive jobs that are upon the shoulders of various chairmen and committeemen are not unbearable. We have stood back of these leaders in the past, and we will do so for the duration. The honor of Person requires it.

Thanks, For The Illustration.....

To be formed here soon in those schools having upper grades are High School Victory Corps programs, eloquently described last week by Charles Spencer, of the State Department of Public Instruction, at an open meeting of the Person Schoolmasters' Club. The Victory Corps plan is nation-wide in scope and is intended to join together educational processes in a program of working, learning and serving so that present ugly but necessary business of carrying on the war effort can be better aided by public school pupils, particularly those of high school age.

Survey of the report on Spencer's address, plus a backward glance at the statement issued Thursday by Person Superintendent of schools R. B. Griffin, should show parents, teachers and pupils that much of what will be called Victory Corps work is already being done here, especially in production and community service divisions. Weakest local links are apt to be in air, land and sea service divisions, but it is to the credit of Superintendent Griffin that these links are seen for what they are.

If and when advanced courses in mathematics and aeronautics can be introduced into the Person system, they will be, and the same goes for expansion of already existing military drill and physical fitness and recreational programs. To be considered too is the vocational guidance offered in the name of the Victory Corps, but Superintendent Griffin is wise in the ways of Person when he plans for, as he has said he will, the full utilization of such parts of the Victory Corps program as are at hand. Illustration of practicality in adaptation of a national program to local conditions is valuable and should be appreciated. The program is good and much of it should have long ago received the emphasis it is now getting, but that is another story.

The Work Not Ended.....

Desire to shock Person folks into an awareness that the accident in which Elder Lex J. Chandler met death marked the breaking of Person's up to now perfect record for 1943 traffic fatalities influenced the writing of the headline in Thursday's Times in which it was implied that death of this Primitive Baptist minister ended his work.

As a matter of fact, his work goes on, as does the

work of any man or woman who truly gives community service. It so happens that in Person County are many of the churches of the denomination in which Elder Chandler was a minister. The field was large, but so was the man, according to the tenets of his faith. What he did here will live on in the minds and hearts of those to whom he was pastor and friend.

And it is possible that the very manner of his death, magnified by his standing in his community, may be the means of saving the lives of others, who, through carelessness or sheer accident, would be added to the traffic toll hereabouts.

Small But Important.....

Small story, but an important one came last week from Helena school, where faculty members, students and bus drivers are apparently united in a common cause, the saving of wear and tear and gasoline by intelligent curtailment of bus mileage.

In pure mathematics the difference between 152 miles per day and 129 miles per day is not much, but if all schools, all companies operating commercial vehicles over fixed routes and all passenger drivers would be as considerate in their driving there would not be so much need for such restrictive measures as the "pleasure driving" ban.

For leading the way, or for having good sense to publicize their methods, the Helena folks deserve commendation. Other schools, companies and individuals may be doing as much, but the world will not hear of their good work unless it is given out for the rest of us to see and hear.

There are vermicelli citizens who deliberately flout and evade restrictions, but it is a pleasure to know that there are many good folks, too.

Sunday School LESSON

From The Adult Student

JESUS AND HUMAN ILLS

John, like the earlier Gospel writers, represents Jesus as a doer of mighty works, commonly called miracles. He implies that there were a great many of them (see John 2:23; 3:2), but he actually describes only a few. The restoration of the son of the Capernaum nobleman (John 4:47-53) and the healing of the sick man at the pool of Bethesda seem so credible because they have a great human motive. In the presence of human ills Jesus was "moved with compassion".

A tradition had grown up around the pool of Bethesda. Evidently an underground spring fed into it at irregular intervals. When the spring burst into action, the waters of the pool were agitated. The tradition ignorantly ascribed the movement to an "angel". It would seem that the inrushing waters had certain curative powers.

That cures sometimes occurred is quite credible. Two factors worked together—the psychological factor of expectancy and the specific mineral quality of the inrushing water. It would require only an occasional cure to give rise to the conviction possessed by the man to whom Jesus spoke.

But the cure effected by Jesus was not of this sort. There belonged to Jesus a power that was his alone. He did what nobody else could do for the one reason that there was nobody else like him. That is, he was the Son of God in the flesh, and he was the only Son of God.

This is the one intelligible explanation of Jesus' healing power. As he himself so plainly said, what he did, he and the Father did together; which is the plain meaning of verse 17, a thought repeated and elaborated in the verses that follow (especially vss. 19-20).

Why did Jesus cure only one of the great multitude of sick persons that lay around the pool? The question is an important one.

Jesus exercised his healing power according to the principle of parsimony. That is to say, he used it with restraint. It would have been a doubtful blessing for him to have cured all the sick people of Palestine. The resultant agitation would have been uncontrollable. He cured some, partly as a witness to himself and his mission, partly out of his great sympathy; but he left many uncured.

Jesus left them uncured because he did not want to appear to be just a wonder worker, because he did not want great crowds following him for wrong

reasons (as suggested in John 6:26), and because he did not want to take away from the well and strong all responsibility for the sick and afflicted.

Ministry to the sick, properly undertaken and properly notified, is an activity creative of indispensable human values. If all pain and distress were to disappear, much else would disappear as well—tenderness, sympathy, patient care, and that discipline in loving service which produces great souls.

But we still ask, why did Jesus select this particular man from all the rest?

For one thing, we must remember that many of those who lay there were fakers. The professional beggar was common, as he still is in the East. He simulated diseases and infirmities he did not actually have. This man, however, was no faker. Jesus knew him. He knew his story. He knew that for thirty years he had been in that case. He knew that the man desperately desired to be healed. These would be reasons enough.

We may well believe, however, that Jesus was looking beyond the sick man and his necessities. As we ponder his public ministry, we observe that Jesus often uses a single incident to dramatize his total mission. He does so in the present case. The healing of the infirm man becomes, so to speak, a living sermon. It constitutes a challenge. It is not difficult to see what the challenge is. The challenge is, in fact, threefold:

Galley 2 Sunday school lesson

1. The incident challenges the powers of evil. Jesus did not believe that infirmities expressed the will of God; he believed that they expressed a demonic interference with that will. Every time he healed the sick, he was serving notice that there was a power in the world which would not always yield to evil.

2. The incident challenges a burdensome tradition. It was the tradition that the Sabbath was

more important than human welfare. Institutions, so Jesus believed, were important only as they served human good. Not that Jesus would do away with the Sabbath, but he would restore it to its proper place.

3. The incident challenges human complacency. Little was being done at that time for the afflicted. All too often they were left to look after themselves. Jesus held an afflicted man up before the face of men of power and compelled them to recognize him. They looked for excuses, but it is not to be doubted that they were made uneasy and began to take more note of the sick on their streets.

ANSWER: Because of the complexity of the task involved, it is now impossible to state the exact time. However, the program will begin as early in February as possible. It will be necessary for every member of the family to secure War Ration Book No. 2. Following the registration date for the new ration book, there will be a freeze period (perhaps about 10 days) during which no point rationed goods can be bought. During this period, merchants will make preparation for the new system by stocking up on supplies and posting the point values of each rationed commodity.

QUESTION: What is the best type of homemade chick brooder for North Carolina conditions?

ANSWER: There are a number of different types of homemade brooders used on farms in North Carolina, and each type appears to be giving satisfactory results. These homemade brooders are designed for a particular

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On Arctic Patrol



THE HUGE GUNS of a British battleship on duty in far northern waters. This picture gives an idea of the icy conditions in which the supply route to Russia is maintained. It will be a tough job for the chipping party to get these guns cleared.

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Answers Timely

Farm Questions

QUESTION: When will the point rationing program begin?

more important than human welfare. Institutions, so Jesus believed, were important only as they served human good. Not that Jesus would do away with the Sabbath, but he would restore it to its proper place.

ANSWER: Clinics are being conducted in a number of counties during January and February. The Animal Husbandry Extension office of N. C. State College has arranged these clinics, in cooperation with county agents and local veterinarians.

County agents should be contacted by those interested in having their animals treated and to see if one of the clinics is scheduled in the county.

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