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Oteen Hospital To Get \$695,000 For Facilities

A total of \$695,000 has been appropriated for the fiscal year 1947 for improvements at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Oteen, according in July or soon thereafter. to information received.

The appropriation, it was stated, \$300,000 for the enlargement of here.

dietetic facilities, and \$150,000 for the repair and enlargement of op- Improved erating rooms and new refrigera- Uniform tion facilities.

Lt.-Col. David E. Quinn, manager of the hospital, stated that work on improvements will begin

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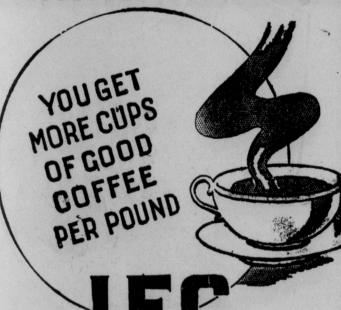
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Lesson for May 5

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TWO BROTHERS LEARN TOLERANCE

LESSON TEXT—Mark 3:14-17; Luke 9:49-56; I John 4: 7, 8.
GOLDEN TEXT—And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.—I John 4:21.

Intolerance is soundly condemned in our day, and we agree that the spirit which hates or hinders a man because he is of a certain race or creed is definitely wrong. Even within Christian circles we could well learn more of that fine spirit of Christ which is epitomized in the words, "no respecter of persons."

A word of caption is needed, however, lest we come to extend our tolerance to that which is sinful, wicked or destructive. One should never tolerate poison in a child's food, or in his textbooks. One does not tolerate a fire while it destroys one's house. Nor should one be tolerant of false teaching which breaks down faith in the Bible as the Word of God.

James and John were outstanding in their places of leadership for God. We learn in our lesson for today

I. God Wants Powerful Men (Mark 3:14-17).

There seems to be an impression current in some places that being a Christian is practically synonymous with being a weak, frightened, negative person without either personality or power.

The fact is that the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ rightly interpreted, and fully received into the heart and life of a man, brings such a tremendously enriching and transforming experience that it appeals to all, including the vital, dynamic type.

These two men were "the sons of thunder"; that is, they had that flashing alertness and power of personality which made them quick to understand and decisive in action. True, it showed itself in an impatience which was wrong and a desire to bring down judgment, when they should have shown compassion, but that was power out of control, always a dangerous thing.

II. God Wants Balanced Men (Luke 9:49, 50).

Power goes to a man's head, and ne needs the balance of God to keep him from going astray. Then too, strong men have intense loyalties and are not afraid to assert them, and are prone to condemn all who do not conform.

John was here exhibiting that dreadfully sectarian viewpoint which persists even in our day. To him it was not enough that a man was doing the Lord's work; he must either join their particular circle or quit. He was willing to stop a work of grace because this disciple of Christ was not in the regular group. That same spirit prevails today.

One wonders how some narrow sectarians can read the words of Jesus without blushing in shame and rushing to his feet for forgiveness and cleansing.

God wants dynamic men to work for him; but he wants them to be poised and balanced in their dealings with others, especially with the

III. God Wants Patient Men (Luke 9:51-56).

The friction between the Jews and the Samaritans dated from the time when the latter-a half-Gentile people-were denied the right to help in building the temple. That became the foundation for long and bitter strife, which showed up in such a discourteous act as to refuse a night's lodging to travelers because their destination was the hated city of Jerusalem.

Their offense viewed from another angle was far more than a bitter lack of courtesy, for they were turning from their door the Son of God, the Lord of glory.

Stubborn prejudice combined with spiritual ignorance to make this tense and explosive situation. The sons of thunder had an answer ready-let's blow them off the earth. Simple, wasn't it? Yes, but nei-

ther right nor kind. These poor people should have drawn forth their compassion, not their hatred or a desire for revenge. Whenever and wherever you see

a man set to get revenge on another, you see a man who knows nothing of the true spirit of Christ

IV. God Wants Loving Men (I John 4:7, 8).

Love is not merely something that God shows toward men or inspires in their hearts. God is love. Being God, he is love, and that love is not a passive quality but an active one. He loves.

Because he is love, those who profess to belong to him are also to love one another, to love a world lost in sin, yes, to love even the utterly unlovely.

Volumes have been written on this subject, but here we must be satisfied just to state the fact and to ask ourselves the direct question, I manifest the love of God in life? Well, do you?

(Continued from page 6) derson; May 20, at 10:00 a.m. graduation exercises.

Saturday evening, May 4, at 8 p.m. the High School senior class will present a three act play entitled: "One Delerious Night," by Barry Colbert. The cast of characters is as follows: Lilly Clark, Mrs. Arnold's Maid-Marguerite Hayman; Lefty Daggs, her 'steady", Lenore Flemon; Mrs. Martha Arnold, a tyrannical grandmother, Grace Poyser; Hannah, her cook, Betty Richardson; Patricia Arnold (Pat) her granddaughter who has hallucinations, Frances Briggs; Sally Winfrey, Pat's chum, Rose Marie LeBlanc; Dick Delray, Pat's fiancee, who has fits-Owen Landrum; Freddie Fenwick, Sallie's admirer-Bill Macauley; Col. Frank Delray, Dick's absent-minded grandfather, Annabelle Eubanks; Paul Hammond, Alias Hawkins, the butler-John C. Robertson; Marvis Jordan, Colonel Delray's secretary-Faye Magill; Dr. Green, who can cure anything-Jane Beasly; O'Brien, a police officer-Edith Kenedy; Director, Miss Ruth Collette. The public is cordially in-

Mrs. Sallie Dean, of Alexandria, Ala., spent a week here visiting her sister, Mrs. S. C. Farrior. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Farrior was at home for her and about fifty of her friends and neighbors came to call. Delicious

punch and cake were served by Mrs. Ruth Bell Graham and Mrs. Arnold Caccaro, Little Miss Candy Caccaro, fourteen months old, dressed in a lovely pink frock and bonnet, also assisted with the entertaining.

The Farriors have recently had an apartment built into the west end of their house and John and Hugh are now painting it.

Another most inspiring series of Bible studies was carried on this week at the home of the Misses Rankin and taught by Dr. Hopper. This was on the first part of the book of Isaiah. Montreat is indeed fortunate to have such a splendidly capable and willing teacher as Dr. Hopper. Great blessings have been received from his instructions.

Dr. W. M. Fairly preached the sermon at the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Sunday when the installation of four Elders and four Deacons took place.

Captain Johnson from Moore General Hospital has bought the Wingate place on Tennessee Road He is now moving into it and expects his wife to arrive here on May 6th.

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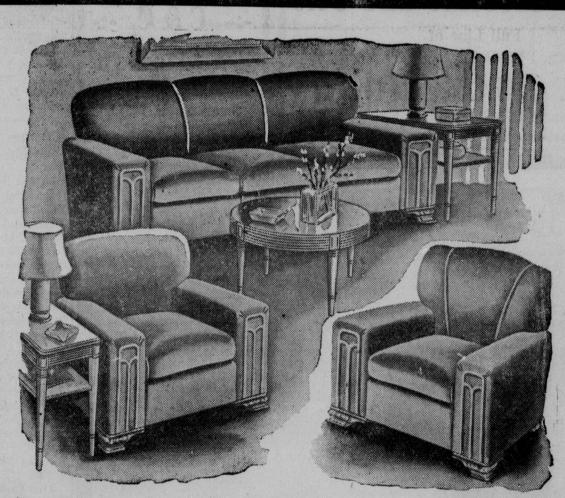
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