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**A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**



The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. Isaiah 36:1

**NEW AND NOT TRUE TO TRADITION**

Is the spirit of brotherly love outmoded in America as might be deduced from the assurance given by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson to members of the Senate Small Business Committee recently? The Secretary was discussing the effect upon American business of the exportation of wheat to the starving people of Europe when he said, "I want to assure you, Mr. Senator, that no humanitarian consideration whatever entered into the decision."

Many reasons have been projected for the tardy reactions to conditions in Europe. It has been said that Government authorities are hesitant to displease the American people by calling for rationing. That thin excuse has been answered in part by the clamor raised by church women all over the country. Lack of shipping facilities by which to get the grain to the coast also has been used as an answer to the critics. One difficulty with that fancy was that other commodities, notably alcoholic beverages, were being shipped rather freely.

But fear of displaying humanitarianism is something new in American statesmanship. It does not reflect the attitude of America's past and one hopes it does not indicate the true concern of the people for the present nor set a pattern for her future.

**ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS**

H. Grady Hardin.

One of the problems faced by Christians in the early church was about the nature of God. Having known Jesus their question was not whether Jesus was as good as God, but whether God was as good as Jesus. Their thinking had to undergo radical changes in order to realize that God was not the Being that much of their tradition had taught. He was not to be thought of as a God of magic and unrestrained power and vengeance. They had to realize that God, as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus, was a God of love and kindness and compassion and forgiveness. To be sure God is justice, but not a hard and impersonal thing. In Jesus there was shown justice with mercy and pardon. God was more than power. He was shown to be a benevolent power. God had to become more than a tribal deity for in Jesus he was shown to be universal.

The lessons that were learned in the early church must be relearned by our generation. To overcome the problems of nationalism, sectionalism, class barriers, racism, and conflicts in all areas we must start with God. But we must start with God who is as good as Jesus revealed him to be. A God greater than groups and nations, more merciful than a treaty, more loving than court decisions, and more eternal than flags.

People ask for practical suggestions. This is it. Start with God. Find Him the dynamic, vital, loving, eternal teachings of Jesus Christ. It is a practical move as difficult as it is necessary.

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**'Y' CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED AT BLUE RIDGE**

**Colleges In South Represented**

One hundred and ten students and leaders, representing 22 colleges and universities in the south, are attending the annual Student Young Men's Christian Association conference which is in session at Blue Ridge.

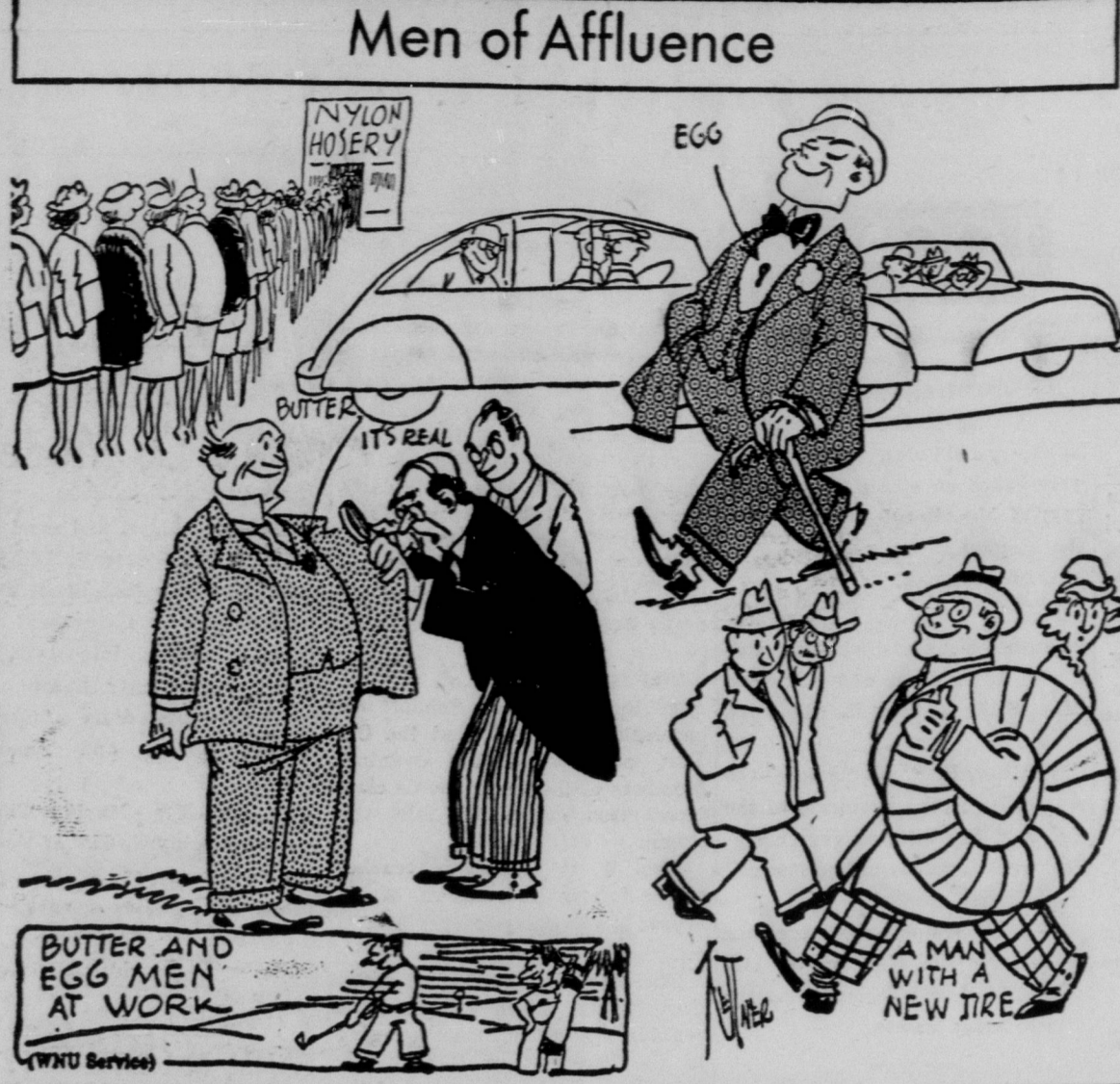
Dr. David J. Evans pastor of the First Baptist church, Americus, Ga., will deliver three addresses to the group on the theme, "Spiritual Maturity Through Personal Growth, Social Responsibility and World Outreach."

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, founder of Blue Ridge and former president, now on the faculty of Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn. leads the vesper each evening giving an interpretation of Christian faith and its relevance to the new world order. Miss Elizabeth Stinson, Wesleyan college, Macon, Ga. assists with the worship program.

The World Student Christian Federation banquet was held Sunday night, with the Rev. H. Henry Brunner, Zurich, Switzerland, as the principle speaker Henry T. Ware, secretary, Student YMCA, outlined to the group the work of the WSCF.

Burney Morris, George Peabody Teachers College, Nashville Tenn., assisted by Miss Carolyn Campbell, supervisor public school music, Murphy Junior high school, Atlanta, Ga., has charge of the music during the conference. Charles McAdams, assistant student YMCA secretary, North Carolina State college, Raleigh, is directing the recreation.

The conference is sponsored by the Southern Area Student Council, YMCA, Atlanta, Ga., but representatives of YMCA's are invited, and 37 of the present group are young women from the various colleges of the South.



**Our Short Sermon**

God has given the ability to think, and also to shape and form our thoughts. This formative power of thought requires the use of the faculty of imagination to enable us to picture what we desire our life to be and to make this picture manifest in accordance with the divine will.

In the book Christian Healing Charles Fillmore says: Every thought that goes forth from the brain sends vibrations into the surrounding atmosphere and moves the realm of things to action . . . . What we think we usually express in words; and our words bring about in our life and affairs whatever we put into them." When we let our imagination function under the guidance of Spirit, it leads us to think thoughts and speak words of Truth words of light, life, peace, joy, happiness, strength, courage and love. Such words are radiant with divine light, and stir into activity the spiritual gifts that we are seeking to express.

According to the kind of thoughts we think, our life and affairs manifest health and plenty of sickness and lack. This law of mind action was succinctly stated by the author of Proverbs thus: "As he thinketh within himself, so is he."

It logically follows that if we are not manifesting perfect health, there is something the matter with our thinking. Perhaps we have been ill or out of sorts for some time; in that case we should call upon that good helper, our imagination, and let it picture for us the condition that we desire to manifest.

Having established in mind the health that we anticipate having, we at once begin to think thoughts that are in accord with it. These healthy thoughts of our mind are radiated into our body, and God's perfect health comes forth in us. "They looked unto him, and were radiant.—Psalms 34:5.

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**Dr. W. O. Lewis Charges That Russia Hinders The Church Freedom**

Russia has freedom of religion but has ways of underhandedly demolishing it. Dr. W. O. Lewis, of Washington, D. C., secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, declared in an address Tuesday night at the South-wide Young Woman's Auxiliary camp now in session at Ridgecrest.

He charged that the Russian government takes steps to see that ministers at times are unable to fill their pulpits and said the steps taken sometimes include jailing the ministers as spy suspects. Members of the clergy, he said, are sometimes beaten. He also charged that when shortages of paper pulp develop, Bibles are taken from the people to be converted back into paper.

People in Russia, he said, are allowed to go to church, but little by little the government is trying to demolish religion. Speaking for the need for overseas relief and how the Baptist church is meeting it, he expressed the view that there will be need for aid in Europe for at least two more years.

He touched on the problem of displaced persons and said that from Russia and Southeast Poland, there are about 4,500 Baptists. The World Alliance, he said, hopes to eventually bring a number of these Baptists to the United States where they will be established in colonies and supported for a time by the church.

Dr. Lewis declared that not only physical relief, but reconstruction is needed.

The German Baptist Theological seminary and publishing house were demolished during the war and are not back in operation. He explained methods in which is being administered—some through interdenominational organizations and the remainder through individual church groups.

The young women attending the church session up to Tuesday night had contributed \$3,450 toward a goal of \$3,500 and leaders expressed the view that the goal will be surpassed before the meeting adjourns Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Lewis explained the functions of the World Alliance as "to love all Baptists and get all Baptists to love each other."

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**Youth Fellowship Organized By Methodist Church**

The Youth Fellowship of the Black Mountain Methodist Church was organized last Sunday evening with Mrs. Douglas Jones as adult advisor. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Buckner; vice president, Miss Betty Brown; secretary-treasurer, Miss Patsy McDougle. The meetings are held in the Fellowship Room of the church each Sunday evening at seven-thirty. Next Sunday the program will be under the direction of Miss Betty Brown on the theme, Understanding Among Christians. Chairmen for the four commissions will be elected at this meeting.

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**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

(It is suggested that you tear this prayer out and place it at your table to be used as a basis for family devotions each morning of the week.)

God of all men, teach us to know thee as we ought. Expand our minds to be capable of including some of thy truth. Help us to see as thou dost see. May we learn to see all peoples with thy love and compassion and understanding. Give us the strength to stand firmly upon that which is true and right, but let us be tolerant of the convictions of others. Help us to be willing to change our minds when we are in error and guide us in our doubting until we may know the certainty of thy will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**ALL VETERANS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CLAIMS**

Not all veterans of world war II who files claims for Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances, under the G. I. Bill of Rights are eligible for these allowances, it is pointed out by R. Fuller Martin, acting chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

For example, of the 14,013 terminations made on New Veterans' Claims in May, 507 were held to be ineligible for payments. Martin reports that 12,919 of the claims were held eligible for payment in due course.

Of the weekly average of 27,704

continued claims of veterans dis- posed of in May 26,964 were cer- tified for payment and 740 were not certified for payment. Of these 118 were disqualified for various reasons. Disqualifications are penalties imposed for a specified number of weeks, ranging from one to thirty- seven weeks. These penalties are imposed for voluntarily quitting suitable work, misconduct on the job, refusing to accept suitable work and labor disputes. None were disqualified for participating in labor disputes in May.

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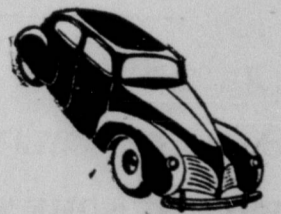


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