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"...MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE..."

Matters of the spirit should carry greater weight with us in our everyday lives. "...Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." — Matthew 4:4.

In times of stress man ever has turned to spiritual standards for guidance. In such times the material strengths he may have developed always seem inadequate to disentangle him from the entrapment of the moment.

Why is this? It is, we believe, because spiritual values are synonymous with attributes of the soul. And the soul is the source of spiritual power, handed down by our Father in Heaven to be the great mainspring of civilization. Our souls also were given to us to mold a world based upon the supremacy of the spirit over the impermanent values of material things.

It is paradoxical that victory by spiritual measurement is sustaining and comforting, though it be failure by material standards.

So it thus comes about that we should see the great advantage to wholesome living in nurturing and intensifying our capacity to employ our spiritual powers.

We can strengthen them by employing them more often, just as a muscle is strengthened by regular and intelligent use.

We can strengthen them by education just as we strengthen our intellectual capacity by attention to regulated study, training and observation.

More regular and frequent employment of our spiritual powers and application of them to problems of daily living are obviously a matter of ordering oneself to do so.

As to spiritual education, Spiritual Emphasis Week is the immediate medium for this purpose. Daily for a week we can listen to masters of spiritual interpretation and exposition in an atmosphere in which spiritual values are reverently paramount. Spiritual education may thus be absorbed in concentrated form. We should be able to sharpen our spiritual side very substantially and enrich our faith in its potency for wholesome living.

The ministers are worthy of the deep appreciation of the community. They are offering us all this week long an opportunity to concentrate on the values of the spirit and to experience for many of us a resurgence of spiritual strength.



Strained Relation — Gov. Kerr Scott is regarded as being genuinely miffed at his wife's cousin, Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw.

Jordan, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, won't stay in harness. Scott's trace chains have been wearing against his political ankles since 1950 when the governor wanted him to go along on Frank Graham for the U. S. Senate.

Now Jordan is said to be for William Umstead. Scott is all-out for Hubert Olive; and has reportedly told friends that he is going to see to it that Olive is elected governor.

So, that row last week between Jordan and Elections Board Chairman Charles Britt of Asheville was nothing new. Consensus here was that Britt, showing a strong friendship for the man who appointed him, went over the heads

of about 30 county election boards and refused to follow their recommendations.

Jordan feels sure Scott had a hand in it. Things like that don't just happen. And it isn't the first time that Brother Britt has added fuel to the fires which already burn brightly in the ranks of the Democratic Party in North Carolina.

Feeling here is that Kerr Scott is already running for the U. S. Senate two years hence and that the recent Britt occurrence is merely part of the developing picture.

More Agile — Friends of William Umstead voiced fears last week that many of his supporters out in the counties—and here in Raleigh, for that matter—are too smug and complacent.

It is recognized here that Olive's strength is building up fast among people who have not been participating a great deal in politics.

He wouldn't allow himself to be quoted, but an Umstead campaigner, in Raleigh last week to pick up campaign literature, said that Olive's followers seem to be more agile "and are getting around more and doing more talking than our folks are."

"We have with us a lot of the

people who were with Mr. Scott four years ago, but they aren't working like they did in 1948," said this Umstead supporter in reporting that "Olive may carry our county—mainly because our people think that we can win without working."

Umstead himself—and his two chief assistants, Carlisle Higgins and young J. M. Broughton—admit that their greatest enemy is Over Confidence.

Methodist — From throughout the state we have received corrections on the error we fell into with regard to the church with which Senator Willis Smith is affiliated.

We said he is an Episcopalian. He is not. He is a Methodist.

Senator Smith says he went to a lot of trouble during his campaign to keep the folks straightened out and informed as to his church affiliation. They had all most got it straight when we flubbed-the-dub.

We knew that Smith was a Methodist, but somehow got it into our mind that he had joined the Episcopal church. Upon checking our notes we find it was two other fellows: Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, and Willie Richardson of the State Board of Health.

Head Of Hair — Women don't look at candidates for office the same way men do. For instance, they say Tom Dewey's mustache beat him. In the fall of 1948, when President Truman spoke on Capitol Square here, a woman in the audience stood looking at him intently. She seemed to be listening to every word he was saying—"in rapt attention", as they say, or hanging on to his every word. Suddenly she turned to the lady standing next to her and whispered: "Doesn't he have nice teeth?"

We note that Abie Upchurch, Olive's publicity man, has put his candidate's likeness on his campaign letterheads. He also has in the lobby of the Sir Walter a painting of him just exactly as big as a barn door—a dairy barn door, that is.

A lady stood in the lobby last week and remarked a propos of nothing, "Doesn't Mr. Olive have a nice head of hair?" This sweet little statement seemed to irritate her husband no end.

But it set us to thinking. Bill Umstead is a long way from being bald-headed. Kerr Scott has a regular John L. Lewis mane, Governor Cherry had plenty of hair; and Gov. Broughton was also wonderfully blessed in this regard. Then there was the master, Gov. Clyde R. Hoey. J. C. B. Ehringhaus had it in waves, O. Max Gardner had plenty. Although no roacher, Gov. A. W. McLean had hair enough when he became governor. This applies also to Cameron Morrison. This carries us back 30 years.

In fact, we just don't seem to have bald-headed governors in North Carolina. So, dear reader, if you are losing your hair you might aspire to be congressman (Ed. Note: C. B. Deane and Robt. L. Doughton) but better forget any gubernatorial ambitions. Unless you are the type which likes to fly squarely into the face of precedent.

Mountains To Coast — North Carolina's mountains and seashore, rugged gorges and lazy swamplands, are pictured in Saturday Evening Post and Life magazines.

The mountain feature, concerned with the work of Veteran Highway Engineer Getty Browning, is carried in the Post, while the Life treatment consists of five pages of Wilmington azaleas in natural colors. Combined circulation of the two publications is around 12 million.

Breakdown? — Reports we have received since state employees were placed on a five-day week is that the system has worked well, with some minor exceptions.

Now, some of the school personnel out over the state are complaining that it is extremely difficult to get their problems settled by letter or telephone. They say conferences and conversation are needed—Saturday conferences — with officials of the State Department of Education. School people want the offices kept open on Saturday from September through May.

Of course, school teachers are the original Saturday-off people.

Mother And Daughter Visit In Eastern N. C.

Mrs. Thomas Sharp and Mrs. Anne S. Harrison have returned from the eastern part of the state. Mrs. Harrison was a delegate from the Ruth Davidson Chapter D.A.R., Asheville, to the state convention in Greensboro.

At New Bern they visited the plantation across the Neuse river of their great-great-grandfather and the home of their aunts of the Custis family. While there Mrs. Charles Hollister and daughters invited 50 tea guests, descendants from old families, founders of New Bern and people Mrs. Sharp's family knew in the 1700's, to meet them. The Hollister home is one of the historic show places of New Bern as is that of Mrs.

Our understanding, however, is that they have a good case.

The 40-hour week is nice, but it doesn't always work out in practical application. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the school brethren and sisters can work out their troubles without resorting to the beginning of a breakdown of the five-day work week begun only two years ago.

To Russell — Decision of President Truman not to permit himself to be a candidate for reelection will throw North Carolina's Democrats solidly in the lap of Senator Richard Russell. Even before Truman made his announcement last Saturday night, a majority of the Democrats was in Russell's camp. Since 1945 it has been HST—or preferably HT—and before that, FDR. Now if Robert A. Taft were to become the next president, wonder if the newspapermen would continue to deal in initials.

Hugh Swan, who entertained for them at a luncheon.

Miss Ethel Hughes had a tea for them, inviting only those eligible for membership in the National League of American Pen Women. Mrs. Sharp then organized the Branch of Pen Women there.

At Salisbury they were the guests Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. Frank Wilson and Mrs. Ed Church, formerly of Montreat.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson and Mrs. Swain Holcombe of Asheville were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. William Holcombe.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Mack Milton and Donna Kaye and Mrs. Bunt Barnwell left Tuesday to join their husbands in the vicinity of San Diego, Calif.

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