



Under the watchful eye of their faculty supervisor, Miss Pauline Tipton, and L. V. Morris, Black Mountain policeman who is presently assigned to traffic duty at the corner of Mountain road and State street, school safety patrolmen at the elementary school try on their badges and Sam Brown belts. This is a project of the Black Mountain Woman's club under the finer Carolina program for 1955. Joe Simons, general chairman of the finer Carolina group for Black Mountain, said today that this is just one example of what the program is doing. All committees are working and progress is being made along all lines, the chairman said.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

A GOVERNORS DAY - Governor Luther Hodges has been applying the business approach to his job as governor and shows no ill effects from the many duties and responsibilities of the office so far. When he took office he reduced the time allotted for usual office appointments for visitors to one hour from thirty minutes to fifteen minutes, and with the cooperation of the visitor he reduces this in most cases to ten minutes. Part of this is accomplished by permitting his visitor to do most of the talking and limiting his part of the visit to asking and answering questions.

WAKE ENTERPRISE, INC. - Governor Hodges is president of the Wake Enterprise, Inc., which will open a Howard Johnson Restaurant to the public on U. S. Highway No. 1 North, a mile and a half from the Raleigh City limits on the 29th of this month. So, as mentioned here some time ago, when some say they were in Raleigh and ate with the Governor it will not necessarily mean they ate at the mansion. The difference will mean something to the Governor and his visitor. To the Governor it will mean the difference between a profit and a loss.

MOTOR COURT - Sixty days from now another corporation of the Raleigh Enterprises, Inc., consisting of the following officers will open a Howard Johnson Motor Court next door to the restaurant, Kidd Brewer, President, W. E. Wallen of Palm Beach, Vice-president and S. B. Jones, secretary-treasurer. So when someone says they spent the night in Raleigh with me, it will not necessarily mean they spent the night in Raleigh with me, it will not necessarily mean they spent the night in Raleigh with me.

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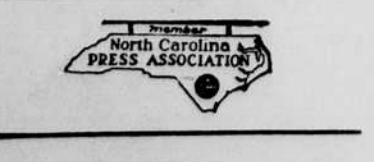
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Sunday School Lesson For Schools

Bob Walters, Pastor
Black Mountain
Methodist Church

OBLIGATIONS OF LEADERS
Scripture: II Chronicles 10:6-17
The lesson this week is the first in a series on "God in the Life of a Nation." The length, eleven lessons, bespeaks the importance it has in the minds of those leaders of the church whose responsibility it is to direct our thought in Christian education. We all realize the critical condition of our world. It seems that every person in every land is directly or indirectly involved in this world revolution when old orders are dying and new orders are struggling to be born. The words of Carlyle are so applicable to our day: "During such days as these even the fool is arrested to ask the meaning of these days." People are beginning to ponder the baffling world situation which we face. It is possible that many of us realize that our present dangers could well mean the beginning of the end for the way of life which we hold so precious. Never have people sought for a solution and a way out of the darkness as they are doing now. The man on the street is waking up to the realization that all is not well with his world. It is possible that we are beginning to take seriously those words which have become so popular "Wake-up or Blow-up!"

Our deep concern in these lessons is to try to understand how we can bring this nation under the sovereign love of God. It does not amaze us to hear the minister make such remarks but when men like Toybee, Churchill, and our own President talk about the need for a national return to God, it does impress us. We simply cannot read the documents which serve as a basis for our government and not realize that the founding fathers were conscious of the sovereignty of God. It is as though one were reading a sermon when he turns the page and finds a man like Benjamin Franklin. When we stop to analyze matters of state it becomes evident that, as a nation, we have drifted away from the dream of those founding fathers. The great leaders in our national life who have greatly inspired in forceful languages the importance of the religious foundations of a democracy. Our great concern is how can our Christianity preserve and extend the faith in God, in man, and in the future, which alone can provide the soil in which democracy is able to survive and grow. We are not without guidance but we are hesitant in believing that God was dealing with parallel situations in the life of the Hebrew nation which is recorded in our Old Testament. This is the reason why the Old Testament is such a wonderful book. The problems and the yearnings of the men and women whose lives are recorded in the Old Testament are essentially the problems and the yearnings of our day. The same divine aspirations, desperate temptations, tragic failures, and noble attainments of the characters of the Old Testament are those of our present generation. Therefore the Bible, above every other book, is priceless in its worth, timeless in its application, and universal in its appeal. This controlling presupposition of this section of our scripture is that as long as the people of a nation are loyal to God, putting Him first, they have His guidance and protection. But when the people find other First Loyalties they also find that their hope and confidence had gone. Whenever the national leaders felt their dependence upon the wisdom of God was a necessity, they have been able to direct, successfully, the affairs of state.

Solomon was more concerned with the moral aspect of his nation than the moral and spiritual. The people had grown restless under heavy taxation which he felt was necessary to carry on his vast building endeavors. Solomon had used forced labor in that the national budget could not support hired laborers. Thus when Solomon's son, Rehoboam, became ruler over the Hebrew kingdom, he found oppressed people anxious about the new king's policies before they would pledge their support. Solomon's experienced counselors knew the feelings of the people and gave Rehoboam good advice in making new policies for the government. Rehoboam would have been wise to accept the counsel of these older statesmen, but, instead, he sought the counsel of the young men who did not know and understand noble principles nor good policies. Rehoboam rejected the counsel of those experienced statesmen and accepted the counsel of the young men because it corresponded with his own ideas. We might say that Rehoboam inherited a kingdom filled with unrest and bordering on the verge of revolution. The people longed for relief from the oppressive policies of the monarch. In an absolute monarchy the stand against tyrannical rulers may require revolutions. This is always a dangerous last resort and has frequently led to worse abuses. A good example of such abuses can be seen today in the communist revolution in Russia. Yet this revolutionary aspect appeals to oppressed people. Revolutions are not always successful in bringing about desired ends. We must never forget that our nation and its democratic principles came from a revolution against tyrannical rule. The circumstances and results were vastly different from the communist revolution. Our own nation, following the revolution, established a government of law and order. It was a government in which extraordinary emphasis was placed upon freedom. The practice and hope of freedom are deeply rooted in our tradition. I personally feel that if our nation had taken seriously the feelings of the oppressed peoples of the world and worked to remove the yoke of colonialism, we could have won most of the peoples of the world to our democratic viewpoint. These peoples, who had been held in subjection by the great colonial powers, felt that since we had gone through a struggle to gain our freedom we would understand their position. Up until the close of the Second World War most of these were our friends. When the war was over, they stood aside and turned their backs over to the colonial powers it was then that the trend definitely turned to communism. The very serious problem today is how to cope with this nationalism so as to prevent another war.

Citizens' Responsibility
Freedom based on justice is not possible without a system of orderly government which provides for peaceful changes and for curbing leaders with tendencies toward tyranny. These provisions we have in our system. But no system works unless the citizens are alert and active. We must ever be alert in this threat of tyranny within our great nation. Domineering individuals who resort to any method to achieve personal power, even if it disregards the Constitution and Bill of Rights, must not be tolerated. At least if we value the democratic way of life we must not tolerate those who would have government without order. Our people have been alerted to the dangers from without but I wonder if they take seriously the fact that a nation can be destroyed from within more easily than from without? During these days when there is a definite trend toward more conservative thinking, we must ever remain a people which can respect and value individual thought. The one thing that has made this nation so great is that it has allowed freedom of thought in its colleges, churches, newspapers, and in politics. The power which the individual has in voting is one of the most precious freedoms we have. In our local and national political life we have been able, with this voting power, to cope with those who disregard our way of government. If we have leaders who do not lead under the wisdom of Almighty God just remember that with our votes we placed them in authority. We need to work constantly for men who are conscious of God to lead us during these trying days. We need to cultivate the roots of democracy which are faith in God, faith in man, love of justice and peace, which grow in the soil of genuine Christianity. Ours is a good land because its philosophy has closely followed the ways of God as revealed in Christ. It is a good land because it can say "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, the tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

LETTERS
Enjoys Paper
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
OTTEEN, NORTH CAROLINA
March 28, 1955
Dear Sir:
There is enclosed my check for \$2.00 covering renewal of subscription to the Black Mountain News for Mrs. P. L. Collins, Veterans Administration Hospital, Otteen, North Carolina.
Mrs. Collins requests that I emphasize the enjoyment she derives from the News and that she looks forward each week to receiving it.
Very truly yours,
P. L. COLLINS
Manager

P. Blankenship Dies In Hospital

Plato D. Blankenship of Swannanoa died in an Asheville hospital Thursday, April 7. Funeral services were held Friday in the Free Will Baptist church with the Rev. John Cansler officiating. Burial was in Wilson cemetery near Burnsville.
Mr. Blankenship was a native of Yancey county and a resident of Swannanoa for the last 10 years.
Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Julia Ray Blankenship; three sons and five daughters, 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

Name Committees For Schools

School committees for the schools of Buncombe county were announced Tuesday by the county board of education. Of special significance is enlargement of the committees of Haw Creek, Swannanoa, and Black Mountain. At Black Mountain new members appointed to serve with holdovers, R. T. Greene and Mrs. E. V. Gouge, are Charles Burks, R. S. Leonard, and W. C. Honeycutt. New members at Swannanoa are Mrs. Will H. Davidson and Mrs. Charles S. Porter. Present members are W. Paul Young, A. B. Yow, and G. Latt McMahon. At Haw Creek Mrs. E. H. Hildebrand and Dr. Fletcher S. Sluder were added to the board which is composed of C. E. Whitaker, Mrs. Fenton Erwin, and John H. Cook. Fairview board will have as members Guy J. Merrill, S. H. Fite, A. Burgin Camby, Arvel McAbee, and John M. Nesbitt. All members of the Owen High school board were reappointed. They are Max Woodcock, Roy Alexander, W. W. White, Harry Noblett, and Gordon Greenwood. T. C. Roberson, county superintendent, said that total cost of the new classrooms to be added to the elementary school here would be approximately \$75,000. The bids have been referred to the state for contracts to be let.

Panel Discusses H. S. Curriculum

Graduates of high schools in this area, for the most part, are capable of performing the tasks required in most of the local plants, N. C. Shuford, Owen High school principal, told members of the PTA at the charter night meeting last week. Mr. Shuford was quoting the officials of some of the plants in Western North Carolina. The program consisted of a panel discussion by Mr. Shuford, T. W. Nesbitt, Mrs. Allen Perley, III, and Y. L. Medlin, all members of the faculty. They told of the problems of arranging a well-rounded curriculum leading to required meeting the college entrance requirements, and at the same time offering trade and commercial courses. They agreed that it would be all but impossible to prepare students for the trades with the limited facilities and personnel available. The plan should be to offer instead a well-rounded high school program which will prepare the students for college or to enter employment in Western North Carolina business establishments. It was brought out that approximately 75 per cent of the students here do not attend college. A total of 161 charter members joined the PTA and more than one-third of this number attended the first meeting. Copies of the constitution were distributed and approved. The hospitality committee, Mrs. R. T. Greene, chairman, served refreshments.

Services Held For H. O. Clark

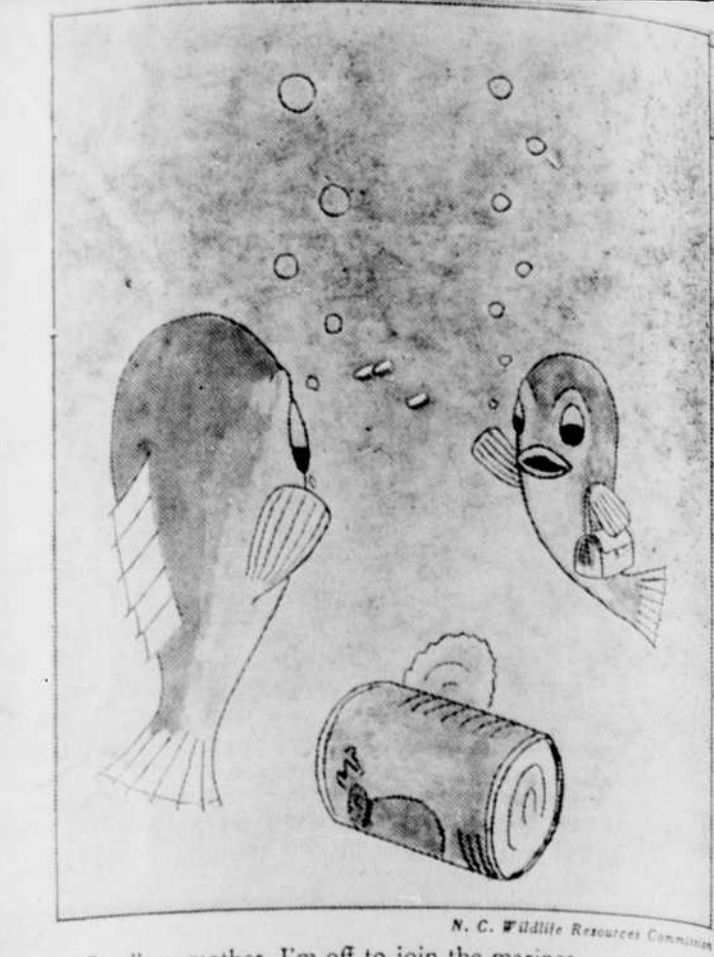
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant Baptist church for H. O. Clark of Swannanoa, route 1, who died Sunday, April 10, at his home after a long illness. The Rev. W. R. Hunnery and the Rev. M. A. Chapman officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are six sons, Martin of St. Louis, Mo., Lloyd of Baltimore, Md., Grady of Washington, D. C., Alvin of Casper, Wyo., and Fred and Luther of Asheville, and two daughters, Miss Bessie Clark of the home and Mrs. Dovie Martin of Herpel, Ark.

PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLE HAS REGULAR MEETING

Circle No. 3 of the Presbyterian church met Monday night, April 4, at 8:00 o'clock in the fellowship room of the church. Mrs. W. Klein and Mrs. T. V. Lusk were co-hostesses. Mrs. C. C. Myers presided during the business meeting. Mrs. Martha Perley gave the devotional. During the social hour refreshments were served to Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Jr., Mrs. T. V. Lusk, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. John O'Connor, Mrs. Martha Perley, Mrs. Ralph Reed, Mrs. C. D. Thomas, Mrs. Frank Wade, Mrs. E. E. White, Mrs. Leon Williams, Mrs. Wiley Norwood, Miss Josephine Woodward, Miss Lillian Russell, Miss Sarah Mosely, Miss Lily Woods, Mrs. W. Griffin, and Mrs. W. W. White.

METHODIST CIRCLES

Circles of the Methodist church will meet Tuesday, April 19, as follows:
Circle 1 - Mrs. W. T. Wright, 10 o'clock.
Circle 2 - Mrs. R. D. Rogers, 3 o'clock.
Circle 3 - Miss Mary Young and Miss Edith Chatterton, 3 o'clock.
Circle 4 - Mrs. Douglas Jones, 7:30 o'clock.
Ethel Simmons, Miss Mabel Drake, Mrs. Claude Gilbert, Mrs. C. W. Shumate, Mrs. W. H. Lindsey, Mrs. A. L. Johnston, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, Mrs. P. S. Glenn, Mrs. J. L. Potter, Mrs. Hattie Burgess, Mrs. W. E. Vernon, Mrs. W. T. Miller, and Mrs. John Kelly.



"Goodbye, mother, I'm off to join the marines... Can't stand this polluted water any more!"

Williamses Will Be Honored on 50th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Nash Williams will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 17. A reception will be held in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Cooper, 6839 North Main street, in Dayton, Ohio, from 2 to 5 p.m. Rev. Williams has been in the ministry of the Disciples of Christ for 53 years. At present he is serving as pastor of the First Christian church of Black Mountain. Rev. Williams began his ministry in Louisiana; and has also served in Virginia, Texas, Ohio, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Since retirement he has done ad-interim work in Florida, South Carolina, and Ohio. While preaching in Westmoreland county, Virginia, Rev. Williams met and married Josephine Broadus Gouldin. They had two children - a daughter, Louise, now Mrs. Kenneth Raper, whose husband is professor of bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin Madison, Wis.; a son, Charles, who died as he was just entering his twentieth year. There is one grandson, Charles, who, with his wife, Margaret Ann, and two little daughters, Kathleen and Josephine, are living in Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Watkins Is Honored

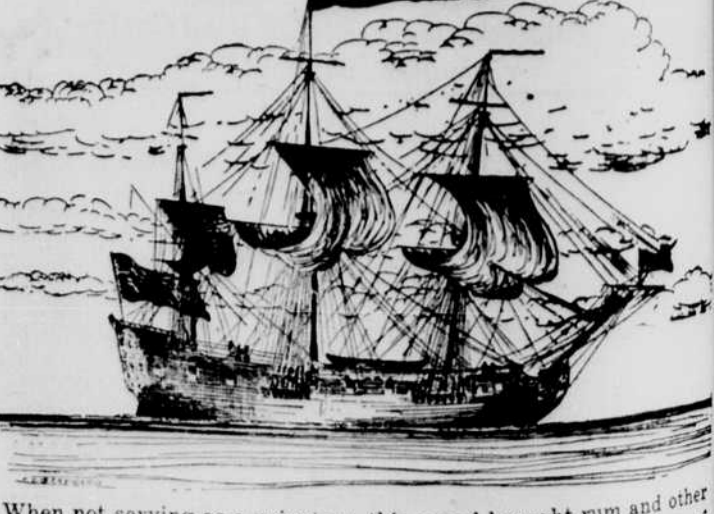
Miss Ruth Watkins, bride-elect of Bud Norton, was honored with a linen shower, Friday, April 1, at the home of Mrs. Frank Watkins with Mrs. Robert Reese as co-hostess. The group enjoyed games. The bridal motif was carried out in refreshments. A salad course and Russian tea were served to the following: Mrs. Irvin Page, Mrs. Clyde Reese, Mrs. George Tatham, Mrs. Frank Ledbetter, Mrs. Doyle Turner, Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. June Glenn, Jr., Mrs. Alvin Covin, Mrs. Johnny Rice, Mrs. Dwan McDougle, Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. E. M. Norton, Mrs. Bruce Ensley, Mrs. Clyde Watkins, and Carol Watkins. Those that sent gifts but did not attend were Mrs. Robert Hawth, Mrs. D. P. Dinwiddie, Mrs. William Hickey, Mrs. Leonard Keever, Mrs. E. V. Gouge, Mrs. Robert Maney, Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb, Mrs. J. N. Wright, Mrs. Zeb Suttles, Mrs. Homer Atkins, Mrs. William Hummer, Mrs. Bill Costner, Mrs. Tony Sansosti, Mrs. Vernon Elliott, Mrs. Roy Burgin, and Mrs. A. G. Callison.

TEA AND TOPIC CLUB HEARS BOOK REVIEWS

The Tea and Topic club held its regular monthly business and literary meeting Monday night, April 11, at the home of Mrs. W. White. Mrs. Roy Taylor, president, presided during the business meeting. Mrs. S. S. Cooley was in charge of the program.

A Famous American Ship

The BETHEL, which in 1746 captured a 100-gun Spanish frigate, was a typical American merchant vessel of her day.



When not serving as a privateer, this vessel brought rum and other luxuries to the Colonies. Today's American merchant fleet of tankers, colliers, freighters and passenger ships serves an equally important dual role - vital in war as in peace.

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