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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

**THE MEASURE OF MERCY:**  
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.—Psalm 51:1.

WE WILL HAVE OUR TREES!

Very timely is the movement for planting trees on the Hertford streets.

The Civics Department of the Hertford Women's Club is responsible for the plan, and the idea of the women is to plant dogwood, crepe myrtle, and mimosa trees, all flowering trees and trees which do not attain any great height.

It would be foolishness, the women believe, to set out such trees as elms or other tall growing trees, which would have to be cut down or trimmed out to make way for the power and telephone wires. A great many trees were cut down this summer when the streets were widened, and it is planned to plant these trees of small growth in the places of those removed.

While credit for the plan is given the women, the men of the Hertford Rotary Club and the town officials are uniting their efforts with those of the women and will probably do the actual work. The Rotarians were very hearty in their support of the plan, as were also the town officials.

With these united bodies interested it looks as though there might be a pretty good assurance that there will be planted beautiful trees to improve the streets of the town, and there is every reason to believe that the work will be done on time.

Congratulations to those responsible for the idea, as well as to those who will carry out the plan.

NORTH CAROLINA FIRST

(News and Observer)  
And now North Carolina is first again. This time it is in homicides that the State leads the nation.

Figures made public by the Census Bureau show that in 1934 in the nation as a whole, only 3 per cent of those sentenced to State and Federal prisons were convicted of homicide, but that the crime of killing accounted for 20 per cent of all convictions in North Carolina. In no other state did convictions for killing lead the cause of imprisonment.

If these figures mean what they seem to mean, North Carolina is a violent State indeed. Professor Harry Tucker of North Carolina State College has compiled figures showing that this State kills more people in automobile accidents per gallon of gasoline used than any other state. Now comes this report of homicides.

Just last week the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company announced that the death rate from violence was greater in the United States than anywhere else in the civilized world. Now it appears that North Carolina leads the nation in criminal homicides and in automobile fatalities which too often are not held to be criminal. The civilized world, as the Metropolitan used the term, is a pretty big area. It includes some regions which the average North Carolinian does not regard as safe. He need fear no longer. He can go anywhere unafraid, realizing that however dangerous some distant areas may be, none of them can offer such a promise of violent death as his own, his native land.

HIT OR MISS

How anything so altogether harmless and free of guile as the title of this inoffensive column should be the object of so much comment is hard to say.

Some of the comment made has, naturally been favorable, some not so favorable. In fairness it must be stated, though I admit it reluctantly, that there has been no little ridicule of the title "Hit or Miss."

Silas Whedbee, in some of his caustically sarcastic remarks has intimated that the items which make up the column each week are more often a "miss" than a "hit." Nothing has been heard from that source, however, since I informed Silas of my intention to head the column sometime with that cut of him I have stored away in The Perquimans Weekly "morgue." By the way, that

Record Number of Disasters in Year; Relief Given in 128 by Red Cross



Left—Red Cross worker aids family in New York state floods. Injured father tells how mother and children were trapped in flooded house until rescued by Red Cross. Right—Terror, stripped of homes and verdure by tornado in Gloster, Mississippi. Inset—Admiral Cary T. Grayson, new chairman of Red Cross, who directs relief work.

OLD Mother Nature visited an unusual number of varied catclysms on her children during the past year, causing distress all over the nation to many thousands of men, women and children.

Her repertoire of disastrous occurrences included drought and dust storms in the midwest; explosions, fires, floods, epidemics of disease, shipwrecks, tornadoes and hurricanes in many sections.

As a result the American Red Cross reports that this year the organization gave relief in the greatest number of catastrophes in any one single year in its history. Relief was carried to victims of 123 disasters, which occurred in 37 of

the 48 states and Alaska. Food, housing, clothing and medical aid were given to 110,000 persons in 306 counties—or in almost one-tenth of the territory of the nation.

Two disasters which called into the field every available worker of the relief forces of the Red Cross were the floods in New York state in August, and the Florida hurricane in September, both of which claimed a heavy toll of life, and caused great property damage. In New York state the Red Cross had more than 5,000 families listed for rehabilitation aid, after the storm wreckage was cleared away. In Florida the Red Cross prepared to aid a thousand families, and also to act in problems of the dependents

of more than 300 world war veterans in government road construction camps in the keys, who lost their lives or were listed among the missing in the hurricanes.

The work of mercy for these many sufferers was directed personally by Admiral Cary T. Grayson, new chairman of the Red Cross.

Funds are provided for this type of work by memberships in the Red Cross and by special relief funds raised in a restricted area. Memberships in the Red Cross are sought each year at the annual roll call period, and support both the local chapter work and the national disaster, public health nursing, war, veteran and other work of the society.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, of Ahsokie, were dinner guests of Mrs. Daisy Perry on Tuesday.

Misses Doris Cagle and Annie Trotman are visiting their aunt, Mrs. John Symons.

Miss Ruth R. Wilson spent Tuesday night with Miss Jean White, in Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Miss Marguerite Etta Evans, from near Edenton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Jr., Sunday.

Miss Cora Layden and Mrs. Daisy Perry were visitors in Elizabeth City Saturday.

Mrs. Melvyn Boyce and Miss Jennie Hurdle were shoppers in Elizabeth City Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Deal and daughters, Misses Sarah and Emma, and Mrs. Melvyn Boyce spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Chambers near Elizabeth City.

Miss Lillian Bright, who has been very ill, remains about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy were visitors in Elizabeth City Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead, Misses Allie Whitehead and Ruth R. Wilson were visiting friends in Winfall on Sunday.

Mrs. P. L. Griffin, Mrs. Erma D'Orsey, Misses Lena Symons, Gerrie Griffin and Waverly D'Orsey spent Sunday in Portsmouth, Va., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Branch.

Walton Whitehead spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Whitehead.

MEETING OF W. M. SOCIETY OF WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Missionary Society of the Woodville Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George Gregory on Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Max Griffin led the devotional, reading the 1st chapter of John, and Mrs. Johnny Bray offered prayer. The roll was called, 14 members being present. Mrs. West read the minutes of the last meeting. The

COTTON GINNING

W. M. Harrell, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 2,485 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1935, prior to November 1, 1935, as compared with 3,800 bales ginned to November 1 of the crop of 1934.

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EDENTON NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Police Dept. Sponsor State-wide Amateur Contest

Members of the Raleigh Police Department are sponsoring a State-wide amateur contest which promises to eclipse anything of that nature ever before held in North Carolina.

As a rule, policemen don't often get mixed up with theatricals, but this is an exception to the rule. Members of the Raleigh force are inviting amateur talent from all parts of the State to participate in the "Policemen's Frolic" which is to be staged in the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, on the nights of December 12 and 13. They are after singers, imitators, impersonators, musicians, tap-dancers and all others who have talents which can be broadcast over the radio. They are offering prizes to the winners in the form of three trips to New York, all expenses paid and the expenses of the three trips are not to exceed \$75.00 each. The purpose of these trips will be to obtain an audition with Major Edward Bowes, together with the possibility of getting a try-out on one of the Major's Sunday night amateur hours over the radio. There also will be ten or more cash prizes to other contestants.

It is expected that wide interest will be aroused in the "Policemen's Frolic." Prospective applicants are requested to communicate with the Police Department, Raleigh, N. C., and a formal application blank, together with other information, will be sent them.

The purpose of the police officers is to raise a "Santa Claus Fund" for their children. They are busily engaged in their spare time, selling tickets, and they expect large audiences at both performances.

Following the show at Raleigh and before the winners go to New York for a try-out, they also will be given an opportunity to broadcast over North Carolina radio stations. There are no restrictions to the competition, except that all entrants must be bona-fide amateurs.

REV. B. P. ROBINSON SPEAKER AT GATES CHURCH DEDICATION  
Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, preached the dedicatory sermon at Kittrells M. E. Church, at Gates, last week. Mr. Robinson was a former pastor of this church.

Club Women Study Christmas Cakes

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent, has announced that during December the club women will study Christmas cakes and Christmas suggestions.

Below is given a recipe furnished by Miss Hamrick for the making of Christmas fruit cake:

1 cup butter, 1 1/2 cups candied cherries, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1 cup chopped figs, 2 teaspoonsful salt, 2 teaspoonsful cinnamon, 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, 3 cups flour, 4 eggs, 1 cup raisins, 1 teaspoonful ground cloves, 1 cup chopped candied pineapple, 1 cup fruit juice, 3 cups nuts, 2 teaspoonsful allspice, 1 cup shaved citron.

Mix sugar and egg yolks, beat for two minutes. Sift together spices, salt, baking powder and two cups of the flour, and add alternately with the fruit juice to the first mixture. Then add the fruit and nuts which have been mixed with the remaining cup of flour. Add the butter, fold in the egg whites beaten stiff, and bake in a very slow oven (275 degrees F) for about 4 hours.

Note: A like amount of Weason Oil or Fluffo Salad Oil may be used in the place of the butter.

Play Wednesday At Beech Spring School

"Our Awful Aunt" is the title of the amusing play to be given at the Beech Springs School on Wednesday night, November 20. The curtain will rise at 7:45 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged, and the public is cordially invited.

COTTON - SUFFOLK

Market at close Tuesday this week 12.15 for average cotton, this before recent rain. Suffolk is still the highest cotton market in Virginia.

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