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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

A MUCH NEEDED PRAYER:

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10.

A GOOD SIGN

The Perquimans Weekly observes with gratification that we are growing law enforcement conscious in Perquimans. It is a good sign.

Certain friends of Special Night Officer M. G. Owens took exception to the statement made by the editor of The Perquimans Weekly, in its issue of November 29, that law enforcement officers are deplorably lax in their duties, calling the editor's attention to certain outstanding bits of work on the part of Officer Owens.

As a result of this, a special survey of the work of the law enforcement officers of Hertford, with special reference to traffic laws, was made by this newspaper this week, the story of which appears on the front page of this issue, and which story speaks for itself.

The friends of Officer Owens may well be proud of this record, and The Perquimans Weekly takes pleasure in bringing the matter before the public and in commending Officer Owens.

It is, we believe, particularly noteworthy that a number of the arrests made by Officer Owens involved men with whom he was well acquainted. In some instances men whom he considered personal friends.

It takes a real man to do this, to act without discrimination, to carry out his duties without fear or favor. That is the kind of officers we need.

WE NEED A LEADER

How we need leaders! Most of us are drifting, this way and that, with no particular objective other than to make a living. Most drifters would follow a real leader, whether they consciously wish one or not.

It is, of course, important that a leader, one who is strong enough to lead the people, be wise, else there had better be no leader.

Where are the leaders in this particular community? Who are the men and women strong enough and wise enough and sufficiently interested to take the lead in community affairs?

Do you know a man in Hertford who would be the fitting head of an organization, a group of persons interested in building up our community, a chamber of commerce, or an organization by whatever name it might be called, to work for the common good of the community? Surely we have such a man.

There are those interested in this matter who feel that they themselves lack the essentials of leadership. They want a leader.

The leader of such an organization must be a man in whom the people have confidence. He must be sincerely interested in building up the community. He cannot be seeking primarily the good of his own particular line of business.

He must have tact, and understanding, and a spirit of cooperation. He must not assume dictatorship.

Do you know him? The Perquimans Weekly would be interested to receive your suggestion and to pass it on.

LEST WE FORGET

Bright lights, glittering decorations, hustle and bustle, and preparation, happy greetings, and merry-making all good and all a part of Christmas, merry, merry Christmas!

But amid all the rush and strain, the hustle and bustle and preparation, all the happy planning, let us not lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas, the coming of the Christ Child, God's great gift to man.

Let us not fail, amid all the mad rush, to hear the message that the angels brought on that first Christmas night, of peace and good will, lest we miss the real meaning of Christmas.

Up to the present time, cotton farmers of Hoke County have purchased 118,000 pounds from growers of Montgomery County.

Crowd On Hand To Hear Bishop Darst

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and that we have got to put hope, and courage, and faith, and high adventure, and tenderness, and the love that comes from contact with our Lord.

The speaker declared that the best was not how your life measures up to the best man or woman in Hertford, or the best soul in the State, but how your life measures up with the one perfect life of Jesus.

"Oh, how high the standard!" he said. "So high that down in the dust of our failures and of our sins we feel as hopeless about it, and yet we must keep on striving. There can be no lower standard. There can be no earthly standard!"

"Let's be honest enough to test out life, our honor, our integrity, our faith, our loyalties to great causes, by that standard, and by that standard alone."

"I go into a dark room at night and I put my hand on the side near the door, I feel a button and I press the button and the dark room is suddenly flooded with radiance, and I can see. Why? Not because there is a little button there, but because there is a connection between that button and a power house somewhere, and the connection is not broken."

"My friends, here in Hertford, and everywhere, there are men and women walking in the darkness, walking in the constant darkness of ignorance, and sin, and failure to understand. Those men and women put out their hands and they touch your life and mine, and they have a right to expect light and radiance. Do they find it? If they do not it is because there is a broken connection between your life and the great power house of God. There is no question about it. Test yourselves! Is it light within your soul, or is it darkness?"

"In God's name, establish the connection, through prayer and communion with Him, through the breaking of those ties that hold you to the earthy clods of existence, establish the connection, and the Great Power House of God will send energy, and light, and wisdom and joy, not for us to hold, but for us to pass on until other lives are lighted and radiance comes to the other souls because you have not failed."

"Yes, it is time to test ourselves, to put ourselves to the proof, to take inventory of our souls. And how hard it is to do! How much easier it is for me to stand up here and preach about it than it is for me to do the thing that I am trying to preach. That is true and I feel, and I am sure you feel, that in our own poor strength the thing would be impossible."

"I do not care how good my intentions might be, they would go to smash within 24 hours if I did not realize that there is something else besides myself."

"These wonderful closing words of St. Paul's in this particular passage which I have read this morning, 'Do you not understand that Christ Jesus is within you? Otherwise you must be failures.' That is the power, not my poor life, but the fact that, being

a son of God, there is a something in my soul that it is Christ's dwelling place. For, unless, dear friends, that I am, the Son of God dwells in dwell with me, and because He is there, there is nothing I cannot do.' Because He is there, there is no need too heavy for me to travel, no burden too heavy to bear, no joy beyond the attainment of my life."

"Oh, the wonder of it, as we approach the Christmas season again, the season when, in response to the great cry of a hungry world, He came to dwell with men!"

"God, give us the power to receive Him, that He may be to us Emmanuel, God with us, so that we may go forward, the store house of our life filled with beauty, and power, and purpose, the connection established between us and God, a broken world redeemed, on its way back to Him, because we have allowed our light to so shine before men that in that light they have found the peace, and the presence, and the fellowship of God. Amen."

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Doctor—Are you still smoking? Patient—Yes. Doctor—How am I going to do anything with you if you persist in that? Patient—That's what I'm paying you for to find out.

Court Introduction. First Lawyer—You're a lowdown cheat? Second Lawyer—You're an unmitigated liar? Judge (rapping)—Now that the attorneys have identified each other we shall proceed with the case.—Capper's Weekly.

Just the Goat. "Funny, ain't it, pa," said Johnny, "that everybody in our house is some kind of an animal?" "What do you mean?"

"Why, mother's a bear, and baby's a little lamb, and I'm a kid—I can't think what you are, pa." "I'm the goat, my son."

Vote Getting. "How do you expect people to listen to your speeches if you don't make your ideas clear?" "I don't want 'em to listen," replied Senator Bergum. "I simply want to talk enough to get a good crowd together and then shake hands with everybody."

No Small Sorrows. "A man likes big and heroic enterprises." "That's right," replied Mrs. Cornwell. "Alexander wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. But you never hear of a man shedding a tear because there's no more wool to chop or water to carry."

HOPEWELL NEWS

Mrs. E. D. Conroy has returned home after a month's stay in Miami, Fla., where she was at the bedside of her son, Edwin Conroy, who is now convalescing after an attack of typhoid fever.

Gray Chimes continues quite lively at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Gump.

M. T. Griffin spent several days in Louisa last week. He was called there by the death of his uncle, Paul Griffin.

Miss Katie Barber, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, of Newport News, Va., visited T. J. Long and Mrs. Mary Hayman last week.

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