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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

I WILL SAY OF THE LORD: He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.—Psalms 91.

HARD TO BEAT

"We were only demonstrating Perquimans County hospitality." The statement was laughingly made by one of the members of the Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, when she was told that the visiting Masons who were guests at the banquet at the Community House on Tuesday night were eloquent in their praise of the delicious meal so expertly served.

If all reports are true, the ladies made a fine job of their demonstration.

FIGURES DON'T LIE

The figures would seem to speak for themselves in answer to the question as to whether a crop control program is helpful to the farmer.

When the total amount of benefit payments made to Perquimans farmers is in hand for 1937 there will have been paid to local farmers by the federal government more than two hundred thousand dollars since January, 1934.

Not every Perquimans farmer received a share of this sum, because compliance with the program was necessary in order to receive these cash payments.

Bearing in mind that there are numerous farmers here and there throughout the county who did not comply with the requirements, one realizes that a much greater sum might have been coming to Perquimans. Not that more farmers would have shared in the two hundred thousand, for that amount would not have been spread thinner among more farmers, but to this sum might have been added perhaps twice the amount with all farmers sharing.

It would be interesting to know how much profit those farmers who did not comply with the program realized through producing more than their government allotment.

NO LET UP

Although James S. McNider, Judge of Perquimans County's Recorder's Court, has made no definite statement as to what his judgment will be in the case of persons convicted in his court of drunken driving, the judgments rendered in two cases tried at this week's court indicate that he expects to be quite as severe with this type of traffic law violator as was his predecessor, Walter H. Oakey, Jr., whose well-known position, we believe, checked drunken driving in Perquimans.

As a matter of fact, if our recollection serves us correctly, Judge McNider's sentences in the two cases mentioned are just a little more severe than any sentence ever pronounced by Judge Oakey for a like offense.

It looks like drunken drivers still may expect little mercy in Perquimans.

WHY SO LONG?

"What good are constitutional rights if those rights are denied to litigants too ignorant or too poor to give bonds and perfect appeals from J. P.'s who render unconstitutional and illegal judgments and demand oppressive bonds?"

No answer was expected to this question which was put out by Francis E. Winslow, of Rocky Mount, president of the North Carolina State Bar Association, in an address before the Wake County Bar Association in Raleigh on last Monday night.

Mr. Winslow, who is a native of Hertford, a son of Mrs. T. F. Winslow, of Hertford, and the late Mr. Winslow, spoke in the interest of the campaign for improvement of the justice of the peace system in this State, and urged support of a measure to alter the plan, likely to be introduced in the 1938 General Assembly.

He is quoted in The Raleigh News-Site of this fantastic system, there is a small and courageous minority of magistrates who still manage to carry on their duties with nobility and self-respect which lift them above the multitude," but his condemnation of corrupt J. P.'s was bitter.

"We all know J. P.'s," he stated, "who have converted appearance bonds to their own use; who have pocketed fines; who issue warrants for offenses over which they have no jurisdiction and collect costs thereon; who bulldoze and intimidate humble defendants; who render judgments by default without notice; who solicit accounts for collection; who allow judgment for their regular and irregular fees; who regularly decide

cases from personalities, prejudices or favoritism; and who are otherwise lacking in upright character."

He termed the system "a business which depends on convicting so many head a month" and said "The fault lies in the system which regulates the appointment of magistrates and the method of compensating them."

He stated that thousands of J. P.'s are appointed by the Legislature, although this is unconstitutional, and that the number to be appointed by the Governor is unlimited.

There is too much truth in Mr. Winslow's statements, and the average citizen is too familiar with the glaring irregularities practiced at times by Justices of the Peace either through ignorance or a vicious disregard of the law, for anybody to be shocked at them.

What The Perquimans Weekly finds it hard to understand is why a system which permits such a condition has been allowed to continue for so long.

It is time, we think, that the system was changed.

RECORDER'S COURT

A heated argument between Attorney P. G. Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, and Solicitor C. E. Johnson featured the morning session of county court Tuesday. After the trial of William Winslow, Woodville Negro, charged with driving drunk and being drunk and disorderly, whom Mr. Sawyer represented, the Elizabeth City attorney delivered an impressive lecture to Hertford officers on law enforcement and court procedure.

Recorder James S. McNider, however, decided in favor of the State and Winslow was convicted on all counts. He drew a fine of fifty dollars, 15 days in jail, was ordered to pay the costs of court, and lost his operating permit for 12 months.

One of the solicitor's questions, put to the defendant and concerning two witnesses whom Winslow had secured subpoenas for but had not summoned, brought on the objection from Mr. Sawyer which furnished the session's highlight. On this score the judge ruled in the defendant's favor, after argument, and the solicitor's question was not put.

Winslow was arrested on a Saturday night by Officer R. A. White while driving along Front Street. Both the officer and M. G. Owens, city parking lot custodian, who helped to bring about Winslow's arrest and conviction, testified that Winslow was not driving fast or in a reckless manner, but that he was "just too drunk to drive."

The officer's contention that Winslow had accused him of "being cute" in making the arrest, denied by the defendant, was dealt with at large by both prosecution and defense.

A Saturday night rampage in the Goose-Hollow section of Hertford resulted in a sentence for Cora Martin, Stokes Lane Negro girl, on charges of being drunk and disorderly and destroying personal property.

Cora entered a plea of guilty, and while not in the business of housewrecking, admitted that she probably broke a few window panes, vases, chairs, etc., in the home of her grandmother where she lived. Sadeyed nineteen-year-old Cora reluctantly stated that she "really didn't remember what happened."

An examination of the Martin girl's court record revealed that she had appeared in Perquimans County Court four times in the past 18 months—three of the visits resulting in court orders which Cora rarely complied with.

"Such conduct is consistent with unemployment," said Recorder McNider when he learned that Cora is never regularly engaged. The Recorder ordered that she serve twelve months in the county jail and that she be put to work at odd jobs in the jail and on other county property.

Willie Wadsworth, Negro, convicted of driving while drunk, was taxed with the court costs and fined fifty dollars, driver's permit revoked for the period of one year, and in addition he was given four months on the road, the road sentence to be reduced to 15 days in jail upon payment of the fine and court costs on or before May 3. Capius to issue on May 30 upon failure to pay fine and costs. The same judgment was entered in the case of William Winslow.

Lee Sawyer and Hoyle Jones, convicted of allowing stock to run at large, admitted that they habitually allowed their stock to run at large upon the lands of others, contrary to law, but claimed that such was a neighborhood custom.

Prayer for judgment was continued until complaint is made at any time within two years of any of the defendants' stock running at large.

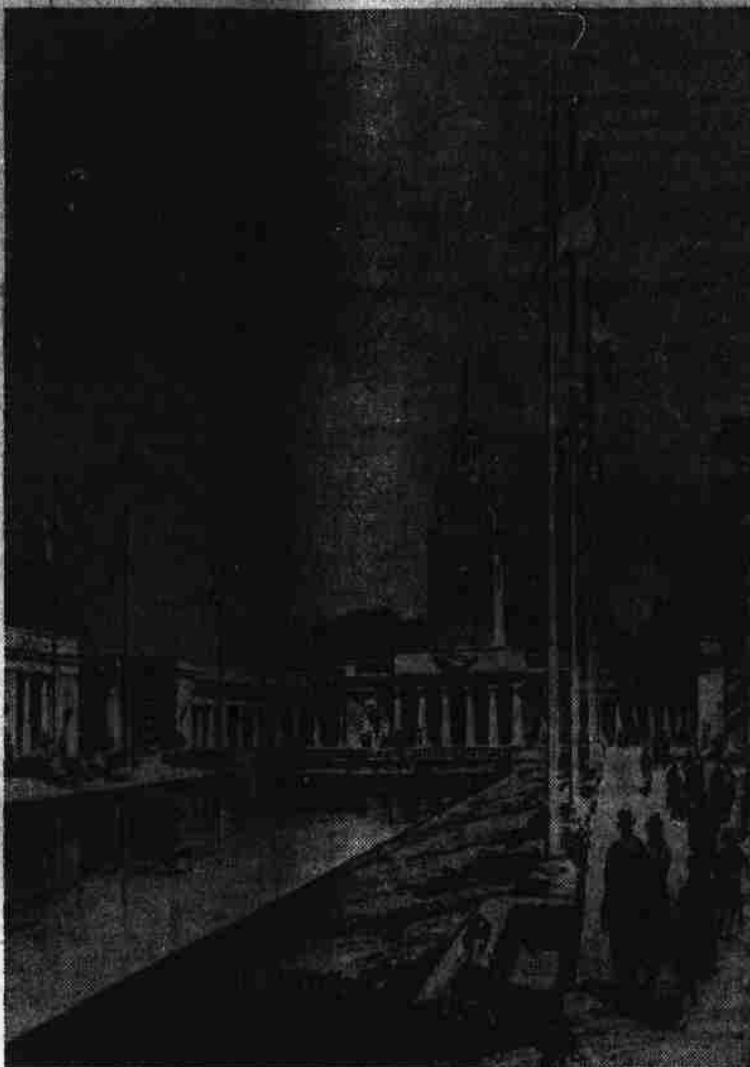
J. W. Nowell, who plead guilty to allowing his minor son to drive an automobile was fined ten dollars and taxed with a dollar.

William Henry Eason, the Negro youth from the New Hope community, convicted of forcible trespass and destruction of property, was sentenced to the road for two years.

Henry Bolden, Negro, convicted of simple assault and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs.

Bessie Farber, Negro, was found not guilty of selling liquor.

States' Buildings at New York Fair



NEW YORK—This sketch was made from final plans for the Court of the State Buildings at the New York World's Fair 1939. Here the various states of the union, most of which have taken space for their displays, will exhibit their natural advantages and industrial accomplishments. The English section is shown above. There will also be French and Spanish areas.

125 MASONS ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

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 E. Johnson furnished music for the occasion.

The meeting was declared by many to have been the best of its kind ever held in Hertford, and the friendly and brotherly spirit that dominated the entire meeting was keenly felt by every Mason present. Ninety or more visiting brethren were present from the following lodges:

Eureka Lodge No. 317, of Elizabeth City—Wilfred Hopkins, Wm. McQueen, Horace Lynch, Roger Taylor, C. L. Ziegler, W. D. Chandler, Roscoe Wynn, C. L. Twiford, H. P. Smith, W. M. Smith, G. A. Cox, J. C. Munden, L. S. Nixon, J. E. Blades, E. L. Owens, W. F. Clinkscales, W. F. Jennings, Henry T. Peele, G. O. Peele, F. W. Selig, W. T. Robbins, C. M. Griggs, E. S. Peabody, C. A. Johnson, Thomas Whaley, R. L. Rollins, A. G. James, Nick Poulos, Gus Gevaris, J. E. Ward, M. M. Harris, Jr.

New Lebanon Lodge No. 314—J. J. Brothers, G. M. Needham, Rufus Hewitt, J. W. Jones, F. V. Jones, C. L. Granger, W. I. Halstead, G. F. Riggs, H. S. Hewitt, J. Wilson Jones, W. E. Grainger, W. T. Stafford.

Wanchese Lodge No. 521, Wanchese—W. M. Jolliff, R. E. White, M. L. Midgett, G. T. Westcott, Sr., Leo E. Midgett, Raymond Westcott, E. S. Daniels.

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton—Paul Olsson, B. F. Britton, C. W. Sawyer, W. J. Daniels, E. T. Rawlinson, T. B. Williford, J. A. Curran, C. H. Wood, E. W. Spires, F. O. Muth, R. R. Roper.

Widow's Son Lodge No. 75, Camden—F. P. Wood, W. W. Morrisette, B. H. Cartwright, R. L. Bray, S. B. Seymour, C. H. Parker.

Present from other lodges were: W. W. Stinemat, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; S. E. Burgess, Hall Lodge of Indian Town; J. A. Price, of Wildwood, N. J.; Louis F. Callaway, Dallas, Texas; C. F. Joyner, Smithfield, Va.; J. M. Jolliff, Gatesville; J. T. Boyce, Gatesville; S. E. Phelps, District Deputy Grand Master of District Two, of Windsor; C. R. Brinkley, Colerain; W. E. White, Colerain; J. J. Beale, Fotsesi.

There were several visitors present who did not register.

The following members from Perquimans Lodge were present: G. W. Jackson, Claude D. White, J. G. Roberson, A. L. Skimmer, G. C. Buck, E. S. Pierce, J. W. Zachary, J. E. Tove, John D. Hill, W. A. Hodges, J. S. Vick, B. C. Berry, Simon Eutenberg, L. M. Dixon, J. E. Winslow, C. P. Morris, J. S. McNider, S. M.

Long, D. J. Pritchard, C. P. Quiney, R. C. Skinner, W. H. Pitt, J. F. Winslow and F. T. Johnson.

All visiting brethren expressed heart-felt thanks and appreciation for the most excellent supper furnished and served by the Eastern Star ladies, and for the most cordial way and manner in which Perquimans Lodge entertained them.

Farmers Benefit By Program Compliance

Some figures furnished by County Agent L. W. Anderson reveal interesting facts as to how much the farmers of Perquimans have been benefitted by cash payments since the farm program went into effect.

The figures are not complete, because not half of the payments for 1937 to which the Perquimans farmers are entitled and which they will receive later, have been made, neither do the figures cover the amounts paid in connection with the plowing up of cotton in 1933.

However, since January 1934, when the farm program proper went into effect, the farmers of Perquimans County have received the sum of \$192,285.75, representing benefit payments on cotton, peanuts, corn and hogs, and other payments made directly to the farmer.

Of the amount Perquimans farmers are entitled to receive in 1937, only \$14,806.95 has been paid to date, representing less than half of the amount they will receive.

The farmers are entitled to a cotton price adjustment payment on cotton produced in 1937, which will amount to approximately \$31,000.00, provided they comply with the 1938 program, said Mr. Anderson.

Use of Term "Cloudburst"
 The term "cloudburst" first was used in the United States about 1840, and in India about 1860. It seldom is used unless at least six inches of rain falls in an hour.

Announcement

J. T. Benton seeks reelection for the House of the General Assembly of 1939, subject to the Democratic Primary in June. Your vote and support is solicited.

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L. C. Winslow at Blanchard's

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. R. Furell entertained a number of the friends of her young son, Richard, at a theatre party on Saturday, in honor of Richard's seventh birthday. After attending the show at The State, the children enjoyed refreshments at Roberson's Drug Store. Richard received a number of birthday gifts.

The guests included Howard Pitt, Billy White, Pat Morris, Lindsey Reed, Howard Broughton, Charles Skimmer, Carlton Davenport, and Katherine Ann Holmes.

Paul Luveis, of Paris, left his estate of \$200,000 to his three nephews on the condition that they never engage in business.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League of the Hertford M. E. Church held its regular meeting Sunday night. Jeannette Fields, president, had charge of the program. Various people who attended the Aldogate Conference in Washington, N. C., told some interesting things about the meeting.

Made Himself Immune to Poisons
 Formerly in medicine the word mithridate signified a compound electrolyte, used as an antidote or a preservative against poison. The word is derived from King Mithridates VI of Pontus, who is said to have made himself immune to poisons by accustoming himself to taking them.

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