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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

GOD WILL FINALLY HAVE HIS WAY: And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—Matt. 16:18.

MISCELLANEOUS

Norfolk, at times evidently recognizes the material value of North Carolinians who visit there and counts their visits with the profits. Anyway, the Virginian Pilot Sunday lost little time in attempting to justify the treatment of a New Bern man who was detained by the Norfolk police and later put under bond as witness in a case which involved the theft of his car.

The New Bern Times first brought the affair to public notice when it warned New Bernians to stay away from Norfolk unless they carry "large amounts of available cash or have bondsmen at their beck and call."

The Pilot was quick to give Police Justice Clyde H. Jacob front page space in which to explain the whys and wherefores. Virginia, and more especially Norfolk, are taking no chances on scaring away eastern North Carolina buyers, who annually pour thousands of dollars into the cash registers of Norfolk firms, and who might be afraid of running afoul the law there.

It seems that R. Clyde Smith, of New Bern, in Norfolk on July Fourth, left his car parked on a street and that two Negro ex-convicts had stolen it. The car and the "dangerous men" were taken by police and Smith was present to testify in police court the next day.

When Smith explained that it would not be convenient for him to return to Norfolk again to testify before the Corporation Court grand jury in August, the Justice ordered Smith held under \$250 bond, according to the Virginian Pilot.

Particular emphasis was laid on the fact that the felons were dangerous and that "the case could not be tried unless Smith was present to testify to ownership and value of the stolen property."

All of which seems pretty absurd to us in view of the car's ownership having already been established—and a rather feeble way of smoothing over an occurrence which might reflect with discredit on the police department and indirectly stop the spending of a few Carolina dollars in Norfolk.

AN EXPLANATION

It is our belief that the doings of the average petty law-breaker hold little interest for the average newspaper reader. So as a rule, The Perquimans Weekly tries to avoid boring its readers with finely detailed descriptions of the small offender's activities. However, during the week just past, the law-breaking element has forced itself into the local spotlight in a big way, so more than usual newspaper space is given this week to their doings.

Lengthy paragraphs given over to Negro fights and cursing frolics and their subsequent trials in the local courts, we believe make very poor reading.

They should not, of course, be overlooked—for they constitute an ever-present nuisance. But more pleasant things transpire now and then and the importance of the petty offender should not be given too much consideration.

HERTFORD OFFICERS ARE NOT SHIRKING DUTY

A nervy piece of work, that of Officer Robert A. White in cornering A. D. Wischon, safe-cracker who entered the premises of the Winslow-White Motor Company last week.

The quality of an officer appointed to look after the interests of the people, we think, is demonstrated not so much in the bullying he hands out to the mild offender as in the manner in which he faces real danger, and whether he knew it at the time or not, Officer White was facing a dire threat when he walked into the dark garage to apprehend whoever was lurking in the shadows.

The man he found there, a safe-cracker who exercised here Thursday morning was the same man who successfully opened safes in Elizabeth City and Edenton by the same method and likely making the same amount of noise in his activities. Herewith, The Perquimans Weekly tenders Officer White congratulations on his alertness, and bravery in performing his duty.

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Week-end Results In Very Busy Time For Town Officers

Nine Negroes Arrested Within 24-Hour Period

VARIOUS COUNTS Activities Are Confined To Goose Hollow Neighborhood

The past week-end made up in full for the city policemen who found the Fourth of July a dull day in their line of work. Nine Negroes were arrested and jailed during the twenty-four hours from noon Saturday until noon Sunday, on charges of assaulting an officer, gambling, resisting arrest, drunk, disorderly, cursing on the streets and others.

On Saturday afternoon, Officers C. E. Walker and Robert A. White called at the home of Rachel Webb in a search for untaxed-paid liquor allegedly kept by her for the purpose of sale. They were armed with a search warrant, but the Webb woman and her son, James Edward Brickhouse, 14, objected to such an extent that the boy attempted to attack Officer White with a wicked-looking case knife.

Both the woman and her son were trying to destroy the evidence of liquor sales, according to the policemen, and in the ensuing tussle, Officer Walker handcuffed the young knife-wielder. Officer White quieted the Webb woman and both were placed in jail to be released late in the afternoon upon posting of \$100 cash bond. Rachel was charged with keeping illegal liquor for the purpose of sale and with resisting arrest, and James with attempting to assault an officer.

The police department's week-end of activity was confined entirely to the Goose Hollow section of Hertford in the Negro district.

Early Saturday night they were summoned to the east end of King Street, where Fleet Cooper, old offender, was reported on a drunken rampage and beating his wife while causing other disturbances.

When the officers attempted to arrest Cooper, he resisted and one handcuff had been applied when Cooper's daughter, Gladys Cooper, appeared and took a hand in the melee in behalf of her father. Officer White took charge of Cooper and in the scramble between Officer Walker and the Cooper girl, the policeman suffered damage to his glasses and a torn shirt.

Gladys was charged with interfering with an officer and cursing on the streets, and Cooper with drunk and disorderly conduct and assaulting his wife.

Four were jailed early Sunday morning on gambling charges: John Powells, Puddin' Winslow, Luke Bowser and Adlee Foster. Foster was also charged with operating a gambling house.

Emma Winslow was arrested and charged with assaulting one Mutt Reed.

Cats at Sea

In the old days of sailing vessels, it was considered very unlucky for the ship and all aboard her if the ship's cat left the vessel while in port and did not return. Many were the gloomy predictions of storms and ill-fortune among the seamen, if their ship set sail without the cat, and even if another cat could be brought on board at the next port, it was doubtful whether the ill-luck could thus be turned. Even now sailors take very great care of the ship's cat, whose duty it is to keep the mice and rats in check. She is the pet of all the crew, even if she is no longer the object of the old-time superstitious beliefs.

treating a dog or whether he punches the time-lock at regular intervals, so long as he can be counted upon to perform his duty in a workmanlike manner when the performance will place him in bodily danger.

The Perquimans Weekly does not intend to advocate fool-hardy actions or chance-taking risks on the part of our local officers. On the contrary, we think the life of any one of Perquimans County's enforcement agents is worth more than the apprehension of any criminal, no matter how badly wanted.

But most of us do sleep more soundly when we know that the men who look after our property in those darkest hours before dawn are ever on the alert for the slightest sound or suspicious move, and that they are not afraid to investigate the threatening evil.

After all, it is said that the safe-cracker who exercised here Thursday morning was the same man who successfully opened safes in Elizabeth City and Edenton by the same method and likely making the same amount of noise in his activities. Herewith, The Perquimans Weekly tenders Officer White congratulations on his alertness, and bravery in performing his duty.

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Hints for Homemakers

By Jane Rogers



START with your windows first when you start with your spring refurbishing! Look at them with a severe eye! Are the curtains crisp and dainty? Are the window shades underneath sparkling and clean? Are they the right new color to tone in with your summer draperies and slipcovers?

And speaking of color, we've found out that the newest tone for spring and summer is green—a green of the springleaf range. Soft, muted, in tone to rest the eyes and calm the nerves—and of course to keep your rooms cool and livable. It is particularly appropriate for bedrooms to shade your eyes and that of your children from the glare of the morning sun.

Another thing we've discovered, many women are putting up double shades—that is, one color for the inside of the room and a second color, usually cream or white, to face the street. In this manner they achieve smart and complete uniformity. It is a good idea, don't you think?

The Man With the Hoe Says



Plan your garden for the greatest yield. Allot only as much space as needed for each vegetable, and know what will re-plant after it is harvested. Make provisions for poles for your pole beans, stakes for tomatoes, chicken wire for cucumbers; it saves space to grow such vegetables in the air.

Lay out the garden in plots, so that you can conveniently work every section without trampling. It will appear better if you trim each plot with flowers, such as ageratum, sweet alyssum or miniature marigolds or zinnias.

Funeral Thursday For George Gregory

Funeral services for George W. Gregory, young Belvidere man who died Wednesday morning, were conducted from his home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was made in the family cemetery where he was buried with full Woodmen of the World honors. Mr. Gregory, 30 years old, was a member of the local camp of W. O. W.

Mr. Gregory was taken seriously ill late Sunday afternoon. He was carried to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, where his condition became progressively worse until he died Wednesday morning.

Surviving are his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gregory, one son, William, and a sister, all of Perquimans County.

ALLEGED SAFE CRACKER HAS LONG RECORD OF CRIMES

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opened, and its contents were still intact.

The record, as furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shows Wischon in an almost continuous parade of crime, sentences, and escapes from prisons throughout the United States.

And though Wischon's crimes include auto thefts, breaking and entering, tampering with the mails and forgery, there is no mention of murder, assault or anything pertaining to bodily violence on his part. The man now awaiting trial for breaking and entering in Hertford, lays claims to being a smart man—which probably accounts for the fact that guns played no part in his numerous illegal activities.

Among Wischon's aliases, under which he has served sentences, are: Martin Tabor, James Tobin, John Erps, James Goff and others.

After the Edenton hearing Wischon will probably be turned over to Pasquotank officials for trial. He is also suspected of having rifled a safe there.

EVANGELIST SMITH CITES IGNORANCE ABOUT BIBLE
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to name three prophets of the Old Testament. This was missed by more than 16,000 out of the 18,434. There were 12,600 students who were unable to name the four Gospels; and nearly

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of C. F. Sumner, Sr., deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., on or before the 13th day of July, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 13 day of July, 1938.

MARY E. SUMNER,
Administratrix of C. F. Sumner, Sr.
July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19

CIRCLE MEETING TUESDAY

The Minnie Wilson Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church will meet Tuesday, July 19, with Mrs. T. S. White at her Nags Head cottage.

He announces the following sub-



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