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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

WE ARE NOT WORMS: Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.—John 15:15.

STILL A MENACE

At times, it has always been the unpleasant duty of newspapers to "take the joy out of life," so to speak.

Right now, with the opening of school at hand, with so many youngsters proudly looking forward to their first day at school, it is "taking the joy out of life" to publish the State Insurance Department's report on the condition of the grammar school in Hertford with relation to fire hazards.

It was in May that the Town Criers aroused themselves to the extent of making an investigation—and in June the Fire Commissioner's report arrived, showing the building subject to condemnation on two counts, auditorium on the second floor with no fire escapes, and furnace room not fire-proofed. These two conditions must be corrected to comply with the minimum requirements by law. But the report speaks for itself.

"There never was a fire there, why raise so much hell about it right now?" The impatient fellow who asked this question obviously is not the parent of a grammar school pupil. Frankly, he doesn't deserve the title of "citizen."

COOPERATION NEEDED

School began Wednesday and The Perquimans Weekly thinks now is a good time to impress upon parents the importance of seeing that their children attend. Aside from the benefits derived by regular attendance, the schools' averages will be increased, probably resulting in larger faculties. This county lost a couple of teachers last year through low attendances.

There's also a matter of fines for parents who do not send their children to school continuously during the term—that is, children between seven and fourteen years of age. Delinquent parents are liable to fines from five to twenty-five dollars.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

The best news that has come out in long time is the report from Detroit that the big automobile companies are calling men back to work and that the rains have changed the "dust bowl" back into productive farms which promise the largest yield of wheat in a quarter of a century.

The motor manufacturers reduced their output for 1938, with the result that most of the stock is practically sold out, and in the higher-priced cars buyers are gobbling up the best of the "used" cars of last year's model. Now the makers of the popular-priced cars are looking forward to larger sales than ever of their new models, and are preparing to put them on the market earlier than usual.

One of the reasons for the car-builder's optimism is the certainty that there will be many millions more dollars flowing into the pockets of farmers as this year's bounteous harvest is marketed. That much of this money will be spent for new cars is regarded as certain, for the motor-car is as essential to farm life as the horse and buggy used to be. Probably the worst examples of worn-out cars still doing duty can be found in the regions where farmers have seen little or no money coming in for the past few years.

Prosperity in America has always been measured by the productivity of our farms and the ability of the rural population to buy the product of our factories. That is as true today as it ever was, though the proportion of farm folk to city dwellers continues to diminish.

There are still more than six million families living on farms, twice as many more living in rural communities and small towns dependent in large measure upon the prosperity of the farmer. And the automobile industry is only one of many equally dependent on farming.—Gates County Index.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEWSPAPER MAN DOUBTS AGE COURT HOUSE

Mr. Editor:
With true patriotic Edenton fervor and with scorn at your inference last week that Hertford has the oldest court house in the Albemarle or State, give a thought to a couple of facts. On the Main Street of this charming town, and pointing the way to all, is an official State Highway historical marker, No. 11, saying that the Chowan Court House built in 1767 is "the oldest court house in the state." Of course it is, and as C. C. Crittenden, North Carolina history chieftain, inscribed the Chowan sign, to be sure your eminent Charles Whedbee will have an easy time of it convincing Mr. Crittenden he is wrong. However, even your paper is inferentially skeptical about Hertford's ancestral claim. Court was held in Perquimans in both the seventeenth and eighteenth century, as your memoranda says and as even the merest Albemarle child knows, but not in Hertford in a building designed for that purpose, and don't you forget it. All you need do is to consult the records. The first one, in 1804, 37 years after our court house, says your clerk of the court was directed "hereafter" to move his documents and establish them in Hertford. A nickel against a turnip, you never had a court house before that date, if even then. If you wish to prove your history comb the font located here.

HARVEY THOMAS.

Edenton.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher and son, Bobby, of Norfolk, Va., were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. Mollie Tuttle, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood.

Mrs. Mary A. Keaton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Matthew, near Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood, Misses Sallie B. Wood, Annie Mae and Ida Perry Matthews, and Charles McCarthy attended the pageant at Fort Raleigh Sunday evening.

Charles McCarthy, of Carmel, Cal., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood. Mr. McCarthy was director of a community theatre project in Carmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Matthews and Miss Carolyn Dean Harrell spent Sunday at Nags Head and Port Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher, Bobby Fisher, Mrs. J. T. W. Wood and Mrs. Mollie Tuttle drove across the Albemarle Sound Bridge Monday afternoon.

Wentworth Barclift, of Nignton, has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell and little Carolyn Dean Harrell spent Tuesday afternoon in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cartwright and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eure and son, Curtis, of White Hat, Mrs. W. H. Cartwright and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cartwright on Sunday.

Miss Novella Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with Miss Maxine Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whedbee and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Halsey Sunday afternoon.

CIRCLE NO. 2 MEETS

The Rosa Powell Circle of the W. M. S. of the Hertford Baptist Church met Tuesday night with Mrs. R. A. Sutton at her home. Mrs. Charles Johnson, president, presided. The subject of the program was "The States," with several members taking part. Mrs. L. B. Sitterson had charge of the devotional which was taken from the 56th chapter of John. After a short business session a social hour was enjoyed. The hostess served delicious ice cream and cake.

Visitors present were: Mrs. Tommy Sutton, Mrs. William Landing, Mrs. Jesse Campen, Sr., and Miss Harriett Seeley. The members included Mesdames Charles Johnson, T. E. Raper, Tommy Miller, E. A. Byrum, V. A. Holdren, R. A. Sutton, B. W. Pennington, Jesse Campen, Jr., L. B. Sitterson, Virginia B. Seeley, Lula Lane, W. T. Elliott, J. W. Hamilton and George Chappell.

Personal service work for September will be a cottage prayer service with Mrs. Hendricks at her home on Edenton Road Street on Thursday afternoon at 8:30. All members are urged to be present.

On Friday night at 7 o'clock the Circle members will enjoy a wiener roast on the church lawn.

The October meeting will be held with Mrs. George Chappell at her home.

10,267 DISPUTES

Geneva, Switzerland.—The International Labor Office reports show that in nineteen countries last year there were 10,267 labor disputes. The United States, with 4,740, had the largest greatest number. Poland, with 2,103, was next.

FILM FORECAST AT STATE THEATRE HERTFORD, N. C.



"Cowboy From Brooklyn." They're the best of the West—Pat O'Brien, Priscilla Lane and Dick Powell head the cast of "Cowboy From Brooklyn," Warner Bros. hilarious new musical comedy hit opening at the Strand Theatre today.

Check your dignity at the door when you go in to see "Cowboy From Brooklyn," which shows at the State Theatre Tuesday only. Comedies don't come any funnier than this musical saga of a cowboy who never rides the range because he's scared to death of horses.

With the exception of a few sentimental interludes and some musical moments every minute of this production, which features Pat O'Brien, Dick Powell and Priscilla Lane, has at least fifty-nine seconds of hilarious comedy, with the result that the audience will roar with laughter almost continuously from the first scene to the last.

It is a fast-moving farce, with songs introduced occasionally but always as a logical step in the plot, which revolves about the amusing misadventures of a singer. Some of the songs are old cowboy ballads, but there are also five new tunes, every one of which gives definite promise of being a big hit. The reviewer liked particularly the songs entitled, "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride" and "I'll Dream Tonight."

The screen play, adapted by Earl Baldwin from the stage play, "Howdy Stranger," by Robert Sloane and

Louis Pelletier, Jr., gets off to a flying start when Pat O'Brien, as a vacationing Broadway theatrical producer, mistakenly assumes that Dick Powell, who is being paid to entertain the guests at a Wyoming dude ranch with his singing, is an authentic cowboy.

Powell is actually a Brooklyn boy who has never ridden a horse, is afraid of horses and is even frightened by such tiny animals as prairie dogs. Nevertheless, taken back to New York by O'Brien, he wins great fame on the radio as a crooning cowboy.

It becomes necessary, however, for O'Brien to prove that his singer is a real cowboy, and he arranges to have the timid hero demonstrate his cowboy talents at a rodeo in Madison Square Garden. To tell here how this seemingly impossible task was hilariously managed would take the edge off one of the most ingeniously amusing sequences seen in any picture.

The great promise as a comedian shown by Powell in his first motion picture role some years ago—"Blessed Event"—is amply realized in his merciless caricature of the timid cowboy crooner. Pat O'Brien, of course, is veritable perfection in a fast-talking role and Priscilla Lane is both charming and amusing.

The production was directed by Lloyd Bacon, and it confirms a judgment which has long been accepted in Hollywood—that he is one of the very best comedy directors in the business.

PENDER ROAD NEWS

Mrs. R. A. Perry has returned from Washington, D. C., where she was the guests of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stallings.

J. E. Eaves spent the week-end with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eaves, near Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry and two sons, Edgar Young and Dan, spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Irving Stubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sutton and son, Sidney Tucker, from near Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Perry and son, J. J., of Sunbury, were guests of Mrs. R. A. Perry on Sunday.

Mrs. Homer Derring and son, Frank, have returned from Norfolk, Va., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kempson.

Mrs. Eugene Remson and son, Joe, of Norfolk, Va., are spending a few days with Mrs. S. I. Cullipher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eaves and three children, Onella, John and Ava Ann, of near Norfolk, Va., called at the home of J. E. Eaves Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Harrell and two daughters, Juanita and Peggy, of near Norfolk, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harrell Monday.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

C. P. Quincy and daughter, Janet, and Miss Al Whitehead motored to Windsor Tuesday morning.

Miss Louise Watson and Walton Whitehead, of New Holland, spent the week-end with Mrs. Bertha Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. John Asbell and children have returned home after visiting Mrs. Asbell's mother, Mrs. S. M. Woodley, in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead, Misses Al Whitehead and Louise Watson and Walton Whitehead spent Sunday with W. F. Howell.

Miss Hilda Byrum has returned after a visit with relatives at Moyock.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson spent Friday in Elizabeth City.

Calvin and Curtis Wilson attended the circus in Elizabeth City Tuesday. Pool White, of Elizabeth City, was here Tuesday afternoon on business. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Lane were in Norfolk, Va., Tuesday.

WHITESTON NEWS

Arthur Chappell and Fred Chappell, of Portsmouth, Va., Miss Pleasant Winslow and Lous Winslow, of Chuckatuck, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Winslow.

Ether Winslow spent a few days last week with Mary Leland Winslow, at Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Williams and son, Herbert, and Elihu Winslow spent Wednesday at Nags Head and attended the showing of "The Lost Colony" Wednesday night.

Miss Miriam Lane left Tuesday for Norfolk, Va., where she will be a student in Keys Secretarial College.

John L. Winslow and Mrs. J. D. Winslow, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Edward Weeks and children, of Richmond, Va., spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Winslow and children, Selma and Ann Elizabeth, of Elizabeth City, and Miss Johnnie White spent Sunday with Miss Edith White.

Misses Miriam and Lucille Lane, Willard Baker and William Winslow spent Wednesday afternoon at Ocean View, Va.

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Willis, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell, Mrs. Lina Chesson, Miss Essie Mae Chesson and little Gene Proctor, of High Point, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Proctor.

Miss Genevieve Standin, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Standin.

Mrs. Joe Phillips has returned from a visit to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Phillips, in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Annie Norman Chesson has returned to her home in Edenton, after spending a week with Miss Marjorie Proctor.

Mrs. L. C. Butt and children, Mary Lou, Calvin and Joseph, were week-end guests of Mrs. Butt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs.

Mrs. Joe Harris, of Englehard, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kramer Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Long and S. L. Long, of Hopewell, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Long Sunday evening.

Mrs. Beulah Williams has returned from Nags Head, where she spent the summer.

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