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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

HOPE IS A FORM OF COURAGE:
For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.—Romans 8:24-25.

ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT IT!

"Thirty-nine children under ten years of age spent a total of 213 days in 15 county jails during the first nine months of 1938," W. C. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

"Lack of community interest and lack of cooperation between the courts, law enforcing agencies and welfare authorities is doubtless the chief factor in this practice of putting children behind the bars of a county jail," he continued.

While none of the children mentioned by the director was held for even an hour in the Perquimans County jail, and we are happily left entirely out of the report, The Weekly still learned with astonishment that "one nine-year-old boy was held for driving drunk, and a seven-year-old child was jailed for box-car breaking, and an eight-year-old was held for larceny of an auto."

Anyone of these crimes is worthy of a much older person, which fact leaves The Weekly wondering more why the crime was committed than whether or not the child was punished in jailhouse confinement.

North Carolina grants dependent children only 19 cents a day and the average cost of keeping a person in jail is 56 cents a day in this state, and says Mr. Ezell, "That North Carolina is willing to continue the practice of making grants of only 19 cents a day to dependent children, and at the same time be willing to pay 56 cents a day to keep them in jail, or 93 cents a day to keep them in a training school, is a reflection on our whole social philosophy."

While we agree with the director in part and sympathize with him wholly, we still believe he is attacking the problem from the wrong angle. The fact that the average stay in jail of each child was three or four days, shows that the courts and law enforcing agencies, at least, were not anxious to keep the children there.

We believe Mr. Ezell should attack through his welfare offices throughout the state, putting the burden on them to keep track of the dependent children. Even then, "driving drunk" does not sound like a dependent child crime. The courts and enforcement officers are up a tree in dealing with toddling criminals, and "assault," "breaking and entering," "larceny of autos" and "box-car breaking," are not offenses that can be easily overlooked.

For the sake of fond parents who may view with alarm the jailing of 39 children under ten years of age, 32 of them were Negro boys. And less than one white child in trouble each month in the whole state is a pretty good standing, we think.

FOR THESE WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL

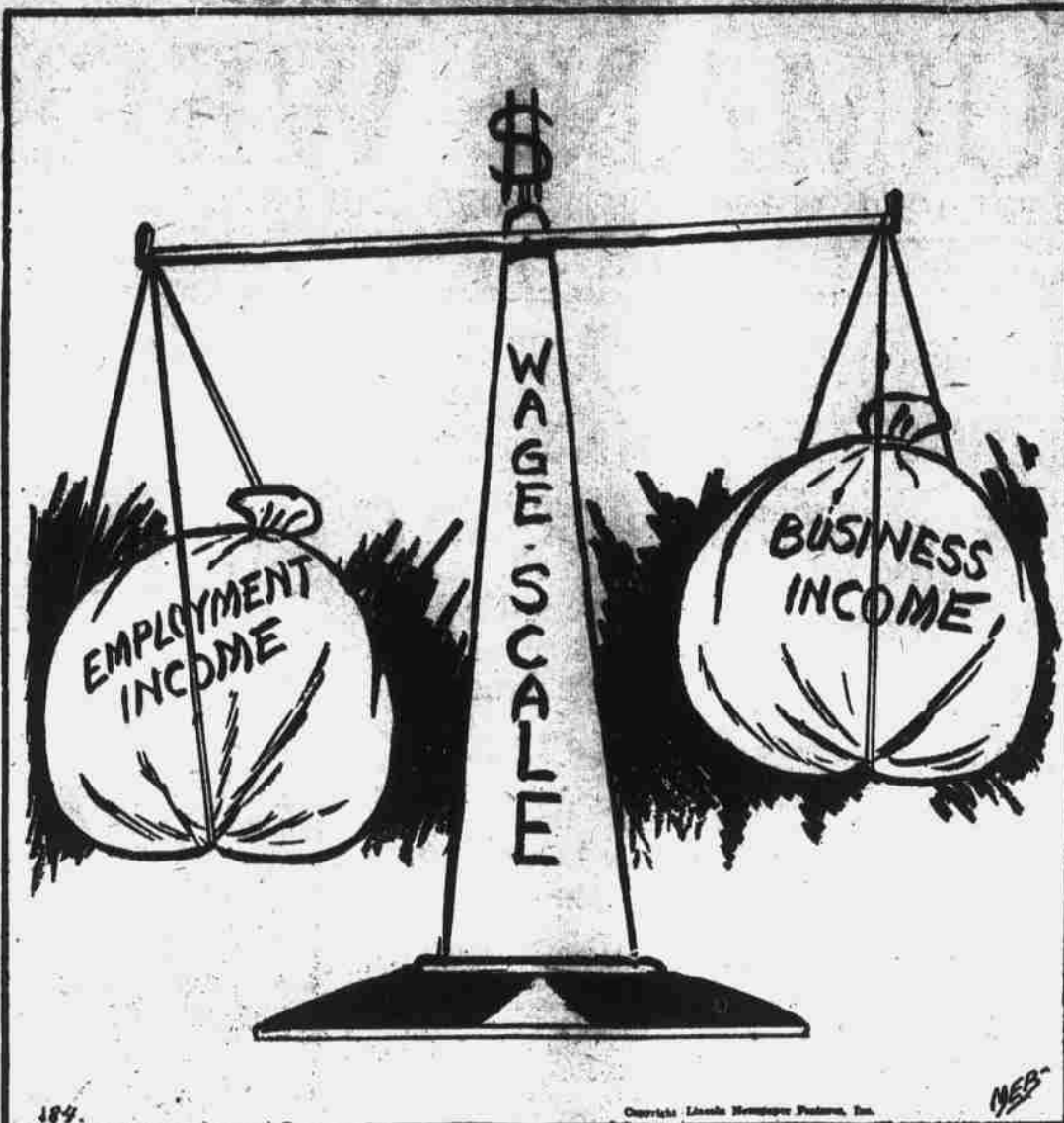
In this age of speed and enlightenment, affairs of international importance become local gossip. Radio, wireless and instantaneous news service bring into our homes incidents that take place in China or Africa only a few minutes before we hear about them.

These man-made miracles of communication tie us all closely together, so closely that today we find ourselves regarding as our own the problems of the Jews in Germany and the wretched Chinese overwhelmed by the might of Japan, while a score of years ago these happenings seemed so far removed from our lives that they scarcely figured in our daily scheme of worrying.

These problems now are undoubtedly partly ours, radio and newspapers have made them so, whether we are in any way responsible or not. But putting aside for a moment the persecution of the Jews, the massacre of the Chinese, and the attitudes of Hungary and other European nations, we come to the reason for the heading of this item: "For These We Are Truly Thankful."

Consider for a spell our own United States alone, without the disturbing influence of conditions across the sea. Here we enjoy, among many other privileges, freedom of worship (no matter what the denomination), free press, free assembly, free solarize,

HARD TO BALANCE



Chewing The Rag With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

NICE EDITION FROM CHARLOTTE NEWS

The infant salutes the graduate! A few days after our fourth anniversary, a copy of the Charlotte News' Golden Anniversary Edition reached the editor's desk late last week—172 interesting pages, a huge copy that almost filled The Weekly's post office drawer.

As heavy as the bundle was to lug back to the office, it impresses us first as a concrete tribute to the various departments that cooperate with precision and speed to get out a metropolitan daily. Congratulations, Mr. Dowd—to you and every member of the staff.

The Anniversary edition was a beauty. That's one way to describe it, and a fitting marker for the half-century point. Fifty years of newspapering, growing with the Piedmont city from eleven thousand people then, to an estimated one hundred thousand now. Real grounds for honest pride.

After these noble thoughts, we went on to the rotogravure section, Charlotte and the Piedmont Carolinas pictorialized. We could rave on for hours about the Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, but suffice us to say that the people served by the Charlotte News, subscribers and advertisers alike, are well-served.

Yes, the novice views with awe, and salutes the work of the master.

CHARLES JOHNSON

For a long time he was very ill at intervals; often he could not reach his office, but always he rallied and many friends were happy to see him on the streets again.

His stability will be sorely missed by the Baptist Church, for which he served many years as treasurer. His many stations of trust and responsibility evidence the esteem in which he was held by the people of Hertford and Perquimans.

Mr. Charles Johnson loved this section and, except for the stay at Buies Creek, he spent his whole life in Perquimans, and though his business interests were varied, there was still time enough to stop and chat about minor developments and problems.

Young and old alike shared in his good will, and a budding newspaperman remembers many business occasions that called him to Mr. Johnson's office. The business always followed after a session of talk on "the news," in which Mr. Johnson always took a lively interest, even while his health gradually failed.

The newspaperman also remembers the admiration with which he noted Mr. Johnson's returns from the nagging seizures of illness. Always there was a sincere interest in local and world happenings, and the newspaperman marveled again and again that he was not borne down to despair by his own dark troubles.

And so, while it is with deep sadness that we record the passing of Charles Johnson, we also say that while his presence is gone, his memory urges us on to conquer little obstacles that would have been as nothing compared to the concrete troubles that were his.

RETURN TO RICHMOND

Mrs. A. B. Parker and son, Tommy, have returned to their home at Richmond, Va., after spending several days with Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. H. V. Lamb, at Belviders. They were accompanied home by Miss Madeline Lamb, who spent the week-end with them.

SILLY SUITS, DEVELOPMENTS, MUSIC, EXCHANGE SYSTEM, HITLER, BATES' BOY, PRESIDENT'S BALL, FOOTBALL CHATTER

Add this one to your list of Silly Suits: Recently a London school teacher was awarded a goodly sum, because, as a result of an auto accident in which she was involved, she developed an uncontrollable wink.

We can imagine her embarrassment in winking at everyone and everything she sees. Still, it may also prove convenient sometimes to explain (and prove) that an intercepted wink was really unintended.

Speaking of developments, we are late this week with news of developments on Armistice Day, but we waited for Miss Mattie Saunders' report because we knew she was much better informed on the subject of Peace than we are. Peace is a virtue far removed from the duties of newspapermen, and Miss Saunders' review arrived after we went to press, so here it is this week.

Getting away from war and peace for a moment, Joe Young, cleaner and dyer deluxe, and lover of fine violins, tells us that he had the honor of playing a genuine Schweitzer instrument in the Winfall auditorium last Thursday night. The name didn't mean a thing to us (it sounded like pretzels and beer) until we learned that Schweitzers are valued from \$1,500 up and that this one was built in 1672. This old instrument, Joe says, was loaned to him by a Norfolk friend. The ancient fiddle had been cracked so many times that the back resembled an inlaid work of art, and though we know not one thing about violins, Joe says the tone was marvelous.

Music reminds of radios, and radios remind us that a commentator Sunday night quoted someone as favoring an exchange system with European countries, whereby dissatisfied Americans would be traded for oppressed foreigners who want to leave their native lands. Wilbur and I are against the whole thing, and besides, we don't believe there is an American that much disgruntled—not even a turned-off WPA worker.

Mention of Europe always brings up the name of Hitler, and "Hitler, 10 Days Ago, Was On Top of the World," recites a headline. We didn't read the whole story, but so far as we can see—he still is. The world is likely to blow up under the Nazi tyrant any day now, but he's still on top. Like sitting on an electric chair while someone repairs the wiring.

Back again to more pleasant news, we note the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates on Saturday, November 19th. The bouncing youngster, undoubtedly already viewed by his proud pap as a prospective full-back, first looked on this funny old world at the Bates' Massachusetts home.

Coach Bates left his duties here late Friday afternoon and arrived in Springfield the next afternoon, five hours before his son was born.

Don't look now, all you swing and dance fans, but there will be another President's Birthday Ball next year—on January 30th. The 29th is the President's birthday, but it falls on

Chairman of the ball, Linwood Skinner, tipped us off that this one will be even bigger and better than the last, and you all remember the last one was a honey. Remember the slogan, "Dance That Others May Walk!" They danced here until they couldn't walk. This time some of the money taken in will be kept and used at home, the remainder going as usual to the Warm Springs Foundation for infantile paralysis work.

With so much Duke and Pitt talk on the cuff, we've almost lost track of the fact that the high school Indians themselves have just completed a not unsuccessful session, winning decisive victories in four instances and losing two games. Not bad for a squad that lost 13 members in the first two weeks of practice and finished the season with two crippled regulars on the bench and two substitutes for replacements. How about a banquet, Rotary? And we understand you've got big things planned for high school athletics from now on, something that has to do with reviving dead interest.

If we were speaking of hobbies, here's one for the records. This fellow W. G. Newby, city clerk, in his spare time raises chickens that never touch the ground in their short lives, which start in the brooder and end as drumsticks and white meat on someone's dinner menu.

By his method, 500 juicy broilers can be raised each month in a space 14 by 20 feet. The lives of these feathered delicacies read like a jail sentence, 30 days in the starting brooder, 30 days in the finishing brooder, and then to market and the dinner table.

The Minnie Wilson Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. A. White. Mrs. T. S. White, president, presided. Mrs. R. L. Knowles had charge of the program for the evening, the subject being "Thanksgiving." Interesting readings were given by several members.

During the social hour Mrs. T. S. White was presented with many lovely gifts, the occasion being her birthday.

A delicious salad course was served by the hostess to the following: Mesdames D. M. Sharp, R. E. Brinn, R. T. Brinn, Mark Hathaway, R. L. Knowles, B. G. Koonce, William Landing, J. P. McNider, T. J. Nixon, Jr., Nathan Relfe, Siman Rutenberg, H. C. Stokes, T. B. Sumner, W. N. Tucker, Charles Whedbee, J. T. White, T. S. White, Herman Winslow, Dan Williams, W. G. Wright, J. S. Vick, E. S. Pierce, Maude Blanchard, N. W. Trueblood, J. G. Robertson, R. C. Murray, J. A. Gault, Kate Blanchard and guests, Mesdames F. M. Shamburger of Oxford, R. T. White, Lethia Hill, Robert White, J. A. Perry, E. L. Laughinghouse, Tom Perry, Howard Pitt, Charles Skinner and Miss Elizabeth Knowles.

LOWER

In its annual outlook report for farm labor, equipment and fertilizer, the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics points out that "the combined level of farm wage rates and prices of commodities used in agricultural production probably will average a little lower than in 1937."

Form Peace League During Armistice Day Program In Hertford

Mattie Saunders Elected President of New Group

OTHER OFFICERS

Next Meeting Scheduled To Be Held Dec. 3rd In Court House

A local branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was organized during the Armistice Day activities at the Court House when Miss Mattie Saunders, vigorous exponent of peace movements, was elected president of the group which came into being with a strength of approximately forty members.

As Miss Saunders planned, there was an automobile parade, with the cars displaying Peace banners. Later, C. R. Holmes, local attorney, delivered a stirring speech on War and Peace. Miss Saunders felt that the program was successful though a great number of people did not take part.

Mrs. Bertha S. White was elected vice-president of the organization, Mrs. Mary White Winslow, secretary, and Mrs. Myrta E. Winslow, treasurer.

The next meeting of the League is scheduled to be held in the Court-house on December 3rd, at 2:30 p. m., when the president hopes that a large number of new members will be on hand. Everyone is invited to attend.

PENDER ROAD NEWS

Mrs. V. L. Proctor has returned home from Norfolk, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Hanbury.

Mrs. Dan Bassinger and two daughters, Frances Lane and Irene, of Plymouth, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Lane.

Mrs. W. W. Hanbury and daughter, Betty Lee, of Norfolk, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Proctor.

J. E. Eaves, Miss Adelaide Eaves, Mrs. Louis Eaves and son, Howard, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morgan, of near Cumberland, Monday afternoon.

Just Habit.

According to an economist, money is the people's servant. Here today and gone tomorrow.—The Humorist, London.

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Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23, 24 and 25—
Fox Movietone News of Edenton's Peanut Pictures
REGULAR ADMISSION

Thursday, November 24—THANKSGIVING DAY—
Bob Hope and Shirley Ross in "THANKS FOR THE MEMORY"

Friday, November 25—
Constance Bennett and Vincent Price in "SERVICE DE LUXE"

Saturday, November 26—
Bob Steele in "DURANGO VALLEY RAIDERS"
"DICK TRACY RETURNS" No. 4 — OUR GANG COMEDY

Sunday, November 27—MATINEE 3:30. NIGHT 9:15—
Dick Powell and Olivia DeHavilland in "HARD TO GET"

Monday, November 28—
The Dionne Quintuplets in "FIVE OF A KIND"
With JEAN HERSHOLT and CLAIRE TREVOR

Tuesday, November 29—
Janet Gaynor, Robert Montgomery and Franchot Tone in "THREE LOVES HAS NANCY"

Wednesday, November 30—
Jackie Cooper in "GANGSTERS BOY"

COMING THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1—
Shirley Temple in "Just Around the Corner"