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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

HAVE A HIGH PURPOSE AND ATTAIN IT: Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.—Job 22:28.

We have heard quite a bit lately about a community house for Hertford. We wonder if the issue is so dead that it is past reviving. It certainly would be an asset to our Town as well as a joy to those who could use it for various civic undertakings.

The G-Men have successfully rounded up a group of nit-wits that sought to overthrow the government of the United States. But, unless the dailies are all wrong, it seems to us that this "catch" is small fry compared to some of those who would like a change made in this country. Personally we would like to see this Government round up all of those dissatisfied with our country and ship them back to the land of their ancestors. It is not impossible. They do it elsewhere, why not here?

Re-routing No. 17

The State's proposed re-routing of highway Number 17 so that it will be a more direct route for tourists, that is, if that be the reason, and cutting out several sharp curves now on the road seems to us to be a waste of money that could well be spent for a better purpose.

Naturally, we are heartily in favor of Perquimans County receiving every bit of State aid and improvements that the county can get, but when that aid or improvement tends to hinder or work a hardship on any group of residents of Perquimans . . . then we are against it.

And that is exactly what building a new highway through a portion of the county, entirely cutting Winfall, now located on Number 17, off the highway map will do.

Several merchants and inhabitants of Winfall depend greatly upon the tourist trade that now comes through the town to enhance their yearly income and to lose this tourist trade due to changing of the route would certainly be a handicap to Winfall.

If the main reason for re-routing the road is to do away with the curves in the road located in Winfall then that can be done, and at less expense than building a new road way around the town. There is plenty of open space around those curves so that the road can be widened and the curves lengthened, thus making the highway a safer right-of-way.

It is a certainty that the State would find the folks in Winfall willing to cooperate in every manner to increase the safety of this road through their town.

In short, let's keep Winfall on Highway Number 17.

BIBLES For Bombs

We have heard much of some astoundingly effective weapons the war might produce. Now comes dispatches which indicate that Finland may have launched it; the Finns are assailing Russia with the Book. Bibles in the Russian language are finding their way into the Soviet Union and Finnish bombers are reported to have dropped New Testaments on Leningrad. The Finns declare Bibles are better than leaflets, far superior to bombs.

They can find support for their view in history. Religion has always been a revolutionary force. Consider Christianity's effects, its work in Rome, through the Reformation, the Puritan Revolution in England, and the setting up of the Am rican Republic, down to today's struggle—of which Finland's is the clearest phase—between godless totalitarianism and concepts which in some measure recognize the real man as God-endowed and capable of self-government. When Wycliffe, Luther, and Tyndale, Gutenberg and Caxton, made it possible for millions to read the Bible they released a combustible force as totalitarian counter-revolution can support.

Consider what some things the Russians may read in the Scriptures would do to regime which rests on hate, intolerance, cruelty, aggression and worship of the state. Of direct application to the attack on Finland is a certain story of David and Goliath. The Tenth Commandment has a word about not coveting a neighbor's land. Then there are the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers" for one. And other sayings of Jesus and his disciples: "Love one another . . ." "Now are we the sons of God."

This last alone will free all who understand it from the false beliefs about themselves which make war and misgovernment possible.—Christian Science Monitor.

PLENTY MORE TO DO.

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

ABOUT SEVENTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION of the world is at war. That is the estimate made by the Swiss Press Bureau which seldom makes an error. The press release goes into details which are interesting, but the following resume covers the bald facts: 1,480,000,000 human beings occupying about 36,000,000 square miles of the earth's surface are at war; an estimated 613,000,000 persons occupying about 194,644,000 square miles are at peace—or somewhere near it. We have no comment to make on the above facts except the cemment implied in those rather pregnant words "or somewhere near it."

CAMOUFLAGE AND THE CHRISTIAN FRONT. You can write most anything with a start like that. You can paint the picture of the Sunday gentleman who sings with the voice of an angel and then on Monday drives a bargain with the voice of a Shylock. We really had in mind the members of the "Christian Front" recently taken in hand by Uncle Sam. Uncle looked behind the name and he didn't like what he saw. It did not look quite Christian, nor quite patriotic, nor quite loyal. It pays these days to look very far and very closely behind the name of any organization you are asked to join or in any way lend aid to. During the last week or ten days not less than half a dozen organizations have sent their pleas for support across my desk. In every instance I believed in their object—peace. But peace cannot be won by a whole lot of little organizations with a whole lot of little programs to suit the whims and fancies of a whole lot of little leaders. A united Christian nation, guided by ideals of justice and honor, strong in its power to do, will bring peace and maintain peace. Is it too much to say that the U. S. A. is the world's great peace society? A strong nation founded on the principles of justice and honor, its citizens nurtured by a great system of free schools from kindergarten to post-graduate courses in the universities, the spiritual and religious life of its people watched over by an army of free, unfettered churches—such, I like to think, is the nation of Uncle Sam. So when I'm asked to join this or that, or subscribe to that or this, my first impulse is to say, "No, Friend, I'm too busy trying to be a good citizen."

THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED from a sheet published by the Supreme Council, 33 Degree, Masons, Washington, D. C. It is worth your attention.

Cost Of Education

The National Resources Planning Board has just issued the following figures on how the Nation spent its $59,300,000,000 income in 1935-6: Food, 29%; housing, 16%; household operation, 9%; clothing 9%; automobiles, 6½%; medical care, 4½; recreation, 3%; personal care and tobacco, each about 2%; transportation, 1½%; education less than 1% ranks lowest except for a few miscellaneous items.

According to the above figures, 85% of the total income was spent for current consumption, 10% was saved, 4% was given away to relatives, friends, churches and philanthropies.

Almost 6½% of the total consumer income was expended for the family car; only 1½% to all other kinds of transportation, which included bus, taxi, subway, railroad, streetcar, airplane, steamship, motorcycle, rented automobile, horse-and-buggy. The total spent for autos was $3,800,000,000.00.

CROSS ROADS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Evans and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and J. L. Savage Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Millie Monds and Mrs. Martha Monds are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jordan, Sr.

The community is sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perry and family. They have moved near Whaleyville, Va., to make their home.

Mrs. Lena Asbell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

The many friends of Mrs. W. A. Perry will be glad to learn that she is improving, after being very ill.

Mrs. Crist, of Lynchburg, Va., was called home last week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott spent Sunday in Tarboro with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Knight. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fannie B. Knight, who had been their guest for sometime.

Miss Helen Blanchard has returned to Norfolk, Va., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Corprew, Clifton Corprew and William Pierce, of St. Brides, Va., and Thomas Corprew spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Corprew.

Mrs. Everett Bellance attended the wedding of her sister in Elizabeth City Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bunch, in Rocky Hock, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., in Rocky Hock, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son and Miss Pennie Hollowell were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell Friday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Hollowell visited Mrs. J. C. Leary Sunday morning.

Miss Louise Wilson spent the week-end with Mrs. Z. W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell, Miss Marian Fiske and Norman Hollowell spent Sunday in Edenton as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Blow.

Mrs. E. L. Winslow and Miss Eleanor Winslow visited Mrs. R. H. Hollowell Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gordon Blow spent Tuesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs R. H. Hollowell.

Miss Charlotte Hollowell spent Monday night with Miss Mary Winborne Evans.

Mrs. Carroll Byrum and Paul Byrum spent the week-end with Mrs. Byrum's mother, Mrs. Margaret Wright, at Belvidere.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and Mrs. Isaac Jordan, Sr., Tuesday afternoon.

Miss May Belle Edwards spent the week-end at her home at Whaleyville, Va.

Welfare Office Has Many Applications For Work With WPA

Lack of Farm Work at Present Creates Unemployment; Negroes Represent Largest Percentage of Applicants

At this season of the year, when there is little extra work to be done on the farm; or at least, when practically no extra labor is employed on the farm, there are many applications for work on WPA, according to Miss Ruth Davenport, Welfare Officer for Perquimans, who passes upon the eligibility of WPA workers.

The greater portion of these applications at this season of the year are made by Negroes, probably 80 percent, with about 20 percent of the applicants being white men. Many of them have worked on WPA in former years, being released during the farming season, but there are also many additional applications for employment this year.

Each applicant is required to state in his application what time he expects to be able to secure farm labor employment, and at the time stated he will be cut off, in order to release the labor for the farmers when needed.

Asked whether or not all who applied were certified, Miss Davenport stated that when there was no other source of income they were certified. In those cases, she said, where some member of the family is employed, with an income sufficient to maintain the family at the minimum requirement, the applicant is not certified.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Missionary Society of Friends Piney Woods Church met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. J. Winslow, with Mrs. H. P. White and Mrs. R. R. White as assistant hostesses. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. H. P. White, and opened by singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. C. Trivette from the Scripture John 1:13-20. At roll call each member answered with a favorite Scripture text. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. L. J. Winslow, assisted by Miss Lucy White, Mrs. T. C. Perry and Mrs. Bertha S. White, the topic being "Friends and Assets in Home Missions." The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Trivette.

The hostesses served delicious ice cream and cake.

Present were Mrs. S. W. Chappell, Mrs. S. M. Winslow, Miss Margaret White, Mrs. L. L. Winslow, Miss Maggie Chappell, Miss Clara White, Mrs. Warren Spivey, Mrs. Curtis Chappell, Mrs. Bertha S. White, Mrs. T. C. Perry, Mrs. Callie Copeland, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Trivette, Miss Lucy White, Mrs. Mabel Harwood, Mrs. H. P. White, Mrs. L. J. Winslow and Mrs. R. R. White.

U. D. C. MEETING FRIDAY

The Skinner-Jones Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Sr., and Miss Mary Sumner on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Old Sol Finally Breaks Through But It Is Still Winter

It might be "the bleak wind of March" that blows so keenly while the sun shines so bright.

Clear, cool weather, the kind that makes every one feel better, has followed the extreme cold wave which ended with several days of disagreeably damp weather. There was considerable rain, followed by a lot of fog and dampness, altogeher miserable weather.

Today, though the wind is keen enough to make one shiver, the sun is shining.

With the lengthening days—and already there is a perceptible difference in the length of the days though less than a month has elapsed since the longest day of the year—one begins to look to the end of winter.

This, by the way, is not in sight, not yet, for winter, as everybody knows, has a way of lingering on and on, even after spring arrives, like a guest who over-stays.

The sun is shining. It is good. But a few days of bright sunshine never made a spring, to paraphrase a bit.

No, the end of winter is not yet.

Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE—GILLIAM FARM, ONE of the best farms in Perquimans County. See T. S. White, Hertford. jan.19,26,feb2

LEATHER COATS REPAIRED and truck covers. Julian Ward's Shoe Shop, Edenton.