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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

GET RID OF THE THORNS: He also that receiveth seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.—Matthew 13:22.

With officials selected to act as registrars and judges in the coming election, The Weekly again wishes to call to the attention of all voters that a new registration has been called for and failure to register will mean that you can not vote. Remember to register in order that you may vote on May 25th.

Quick Work

The Weekly salutes Cherif J. Emmett Winslow on the quick capture of the four youths charged with the robbery of a New Hope store on last Saturday.

Having little evidence to begin with, the Sheriff, with the assistance of SBI men, stayed with the search until it resulted in the capture of the youths Sunday afternoon.

As we write this article, it is our understanding that a confession has been obtained implicating all four perpetrators of the crime.

That is mighty fast work on the part of the Sheriff and should serve notice to all would-be robbers that crime comes to a quick end in Perquimans County.

We Wonder

Mr. Cooper came to town this week. He came with what he called "My Machine". The Weekly, believing that every man should be given an audience and the opportunity to state his case, was glad that Mr. Cooper had a large group listening to him, but we cannot help to wonder at some of the statements made.

His platform, or topics which were mentioned here we need not go into, but we are of the firm opinion that every voter should weigh the contents of any political speech made by any candidate and the voter should remember above all, that one officer of the government has very little chance to do anything . . . he may work toward an end or strive to achieve his aims, but most times after the successful candidate has reached his office those "platform planks" become full grown trees and impossible to cut down.

Farm Loans at 3 Per Cent

When a farm benefit bill goes so far that even the outstanding farm organizations disapprove of it, there is something very remarkable, not to say strange, about it.

The Administration supported Jones-Wheeler bill before the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture proposes to reduce to 3 per cent the interest rate on all outstanding or new farm mortgage loans made by the Federal Land Banks or other governmental agencies, to refinance farm mortgages on terms up to 40 years, to remove the requirement by which borrowers have had to subscribe for stock in the land banks, co-operative or loan associations, and to do away with deficiency judgments in foreclosures.

The effects of this, in competent judgment, would be virtually to suspend the collections on farm loans that are in arrears, to mix charity and politics with the business of administering farm credit, and to divert practically all farm financing ultimately from private to government channels.

Louis J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, described the potentialities of this combining of relief and credit in one agency as simply staggering. Edward A. O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, testifying at the same time before a Senate subcommittee, criticized the present absorption of the Farm Credit Administration into the Department of Agriculture.

When two large and soundly established farm organizations like the Grange and Farm Bureau Federation



Chewing The Rag
 With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

As our city fathers have no doubt learned by this time, from various and sundry sources, the new recreation pier is not the most popular project that the town ever promoted.

Promoted, perhaps, is the wrong word. The town endorsed it . . . the WPA promoted it and largely financed it.

So, there comes to your correspondents this week a letter which foisters onto this column a trust. After the usual flutter which accompanies our receipt of a note not entitled "please remit", we got around to seeing that a sensible question was being asked . . . and one which merits answering.

For this writer's confidence in our opinions and our ability to gather facts and place them before the public, we are deeply grateful.

Boiled down, the letter evolved into this—"Do you think it's safe for our children to use the new bathing pier?"

All of a sudden it occurred to us that we had heard the thing mentioned in the same vein of thought time and again, and it further dawned that we are not qualified to answer the question.

But since the writer asked us, this column will be devoted next week to a summary of the answers we will get to a lot of questions we intend to ask.

We're going to put the questions to people who ought to know the answers.

It's very important. One letter was from a mother, the mother of two children, and some of the same talk we've heard about pollution had alarmed her.

We'll tell her all we can find out in this column next week.

both prefer an independent Farm Credit Administration rather than one possibly subject to political pressures for easy loans in a campaign year, it is evidently time to stop and think. The clear inference to those interested in the soundness of the National Treasury and in preserving some comparative rewards for efficiency in farming is that the tendency toward socialization in farm credit needs to be resisted.—Christian Science Monitor.

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

MY DEAR JACK:

We liked the article which you wrote for us last week. Along toward the close of that paper of yours you had something to say about enthusiasm. You wondered why Hertford did not stir up some of that quality and get some new industries to come into the community and give employment to more men as well as bring in more money income for the folks to spend. It is quite a question. There must be an answer to it also. Every question has an answer—the hard thing is to find the answer. There seems to be two possible answers to the question you propounded. First—we have been in a decline due to senility so long that we cannot stir up any enthusiasm for anything. And it does take enthusiasm on some one's part to bring new industries into an old town. Second—it is just possible that the spirits that control the town are quite satisfied with the dormant condition in which they have been resting these many years. That is hard to conceive, isn't it? Still, you know the old ground hog packs away a lot of contentment during those long months while he sleeps in his hole. He never would get out and dig for himself if Old Mother Nature didn't get down behind him good and hard

With considerable favor, we note the advent of a local man into the race for one of the First District's seats in the State Senate.

We've known Candidate-Attorney C. R. Holmes for a number of years . . . we've known him as a speaker of eloquent phrases. In court we've admired his usage of the English language. We've heard that he's in demand on many occasions as a part-time preacher, and at other times, simply as a speaker.

We glanced at some of the planks in his platform; of some of them we didn't know enough to draw a conclusion, namely, reducing the sales tax and elimination of exemptions. But there was one plank that struck us right between the eyes . . . "that a larger portion of funds of the Highway Department be spent on farm-to-market and farm-to-school roads to the end that these roads shall be safely usable the year round."

Holmes has something there. At present the funds are distributed on a basis of area and population rather than on a basis of need. The need is evident in Eastern Carolina rural roads made impassable after a fair-to-middlin' snow storm . . . the area and population is missing. Likewise an ample allocation to keep the roads "safely usable."

Holmes doesn't curse, but a farmer with a trailer-load of fresh produce stuck in the mud on one of the Eastern Carolina-abominable dirt roads is sufficiently provoked to shout loudly all the epithets at his command.

If Holmes gets to the Senate, we hope his more sedate use of words and phrases will get the same idea across.

and drive him to it.

DRIVERS UNDER TWENTY-FIVE TAKE NOTICE. We had something to say last week about safe driving. Since then we have noticed some statistics which we thought interesting. It appears that drivers under twenty-five years of age have five times as many accidents as those drivers who fall into the age class between forty-five and fifty, which class, by the way, holds the best record for safe driving. After drivers pass the age of fifty, they begin to have more accidents again but never reach the record for carelessness of the group under twenty-five. We can do two things about this if we want to and thereby lessen the dangers of the road. If we are under twenty-five we can make an effort to use more judgment, restrain the natural impulse to take a chance, develop a greater sense of respect for the rights of others. If over fifty, we must admit that our reactions are not as rapid as they were, that we tire more easily and so our efficiency is more quickly impaired by fatigue, that perhaps our sight and hearing are not as acute as formerly and so some danger creeps up on us before ever we see or hear it. If you are a member of either one of the two age classes mentioned—think it over.

THE CITY'S FINEST FLING LEATHER. Yes sir, last Tuesday night the boys of the Police Force were swinging at each other inside the squared ring. 'Twas a great sight—some really good boxing was in evidence, much better in spots than has been the case in several recent professional escapades called prize fights! It all happened in New York City. But wouldn't it be a fine thing if our local boys would mix it up a bit? First, we could have an elimination contest among the members of the Hertford Force, then challenge the best that the proud guardians of the peace in E-

denton could produce; winners of the Hertford-Edenton contest could then meet the mighty men of Elizabeth City! It looks like a good idea to us in this corner. Great fun for the boys, good exercise—and good amusement for the onlookers. There is nothing like boxing to keep the members of the police force in the pink of physical condition!

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Miss Sarah Elliott attended the Senior Class play at Chowan High School Friday evening.

Mrs. Roy Branch and son, of Portsmouth, Va., spent Thursday with Mrs. P. L. Griffin and attended the funeral of Mrs. Ed Stallings, in Elizabeth City.

Miss Doris Lewis has returned from Henderson, where she attended

the W. M. S. conference as a delegate from Oak Grove Church.

Mrs. Daisy Perry and Mrs. John Symons were in Elizabeth City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilder spent the week-end in Chowan County with relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson went on the Farm and Home tour to Currituck County Tuesday.

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