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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

NO DESPAIR COMES TO THE FAITHFUL: Now why dost thou cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee? Is thy counselor perished? —Micah 4:9.

Here And There

What with every county surrounding Perquimans publishing its budget for the coming fiscal year the budget for Perquimans County is conspicuous by its absence.

They say that coming events forecast—a shadow . . . with barely two months remaining before the opening of the second Perquimans County Fair it is expected that the sponsors will shortly begin preliminary work to make this event the biggest crowd gathering Hertford has ever had.

One well-known man told us that he disconnected his radio the past two nights . . . just so he couldn't be bothered by the New Deal Convention.

What Is The Crisis?

We have always been interested in history. No doubt that is one of the reasons why we listen to political conventions, speeches and the like. For, whether we realize it or not, that is history in the making.

For sometime now, we have been hearing about the crisis confronting the United States. If our memory is correct the subject began sometime during the past winter. We realized then and we realize now, that there is a crisis confronting us, but we believe that like the river that changes its course . . . the crisis has changed its trend.

However, to our way of thinking, the crisis that confronts us today is an economic one. The reports given out by our government surveys show that we still have enormous surpluses of crops . . . and if conditions in Europe turn to the worse, the world will probably see international trade on a barter system, something in which we, in this country, with our high standard of living, can not compete . . . then we would see a fight for our very existence.

Peace Plank

The Republicans at Philadelphia attempted to take upon themselves the mantle of a "peace party" and to push the Democrats into a corner labeled "war party".

We believe this would be a disservice to the Democratic Party and to the Nation. From the Party's standpoint it would lose the favor President Roosevelt has won by his diplomatic resistance to totalitarian aggression.

HE WHO GETS KICKED



parties attempt to "sell" themselves to voters on promises to keep out of war, they will merely conduct what Herbert Hoover called an "auction" instead of an election.

Armament Is Expensive

Economists have estimated that Hitler's Germany expended half of the national income, for a period of at least five years, upon the development of the greatest military machine in the history of the world.

It is said that the rearmament of Germany represents the equivalent of twenty billion dollars a year for five years. Back of this expenditure is the intensive organization of the entire German people into the component parts of a fighting nation.

It is the unfortunate condition of world affairs that forces the United States to extend its defense preparations to record proportions. If we are to remain free, in a world that is largely dominated by aggressive totalitarian states, we must have the power to meet their challenge.

The menace to the United States that stems from a Hitler-dominated Europe is directed against our economic strength as well as our political and military position. The German system of barter represents the acme of business amalgamation, with all Europe included in one super-trust, endowed with the powers of government and utterly unscrupulous in its dealings with the balance of the world.

Because Germany must export to prosper in times of peace, we might as well prepare ourselves for an economic offensive even if the threat of immediate warfare is remote. For this reason it seems to us that the United States is wise in preparing an economic offensive, designed to protect our hemisphere from the totalitarian invasion.

The plan to outbid the dictators for the resources of South America may cost some money but it will be well-spent if it prevents Hitler, Mussolini and, maybe, Japan, from consolidating the advantages that accrue to them through their present military positions.

SO WHAT?

BASTILLE DAY 1940 and France mourns. The cry Liberty, Fraternity, Equality is changed to Labor, Family, Fatherland. The latter motto is imported from Germany or rather it is forced upon the people of France by their German masters.

CONGRATULATIONS, "MIS S ALICE"

We do not know from our own experience whether through the years you have been a great teacher because we are one of the few who missed the opportunity of being helped along the way by your teaching and your influence.

Never before has there been dumped in youths' lap the opportunity to learn mechanics, cooking and forestry while the government foots the bill and hands out comfortable salaries on the side.

WALT DISNEY AND THE W. C. T. U.

Walt Disney makes good pictures—interesting, artistic, clean, worth seeing. So good in fact are his pictures that on two occasions the State Theatre, with the consent of the Town Fathers and the approval of the great majority of our citizens, has shown them on Sunday.

Chewing The Rag With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

DEPRESSION—YOUTH'S UTOPIA
It is difficult for an old-timer who pulled onion weeds from the neighbor's lawns at the magnificent price of a cent a dozen not to view enviously the opportunities of youth today—the opportunities of depression-reared youth.

Today's youngsters (17 to 25) have forced on them the opportunities that youths of ten or twelve years ago would have given their buck-teeth for.

For never before has the government extended youth the privilege of learning a trade and drawing a salary while the learning was in progress (except in service circles).

Not today, but twelve years ago if these youngsters finished high school they left with a smattering of Latin and French and no uses to put them to. Had they never finished high school they would have been no less equipped to command specialized jobs.

In the NYA, girls can take instruction in handicraft, clerical work and various other trades we don't recall at the moment, while the government hands them \$14 a month as an inducement.

Such a system was never dreamed of twelve or thirteen years ago before the government degenerated into an administration of alphabet sets, and when Henry Clay Sullivan and Yours Truly organized the Driftwood Lumber Company. We would

Please, you Who Watch Carefully the Unregenerate, don't bring too much pressure to bear on the Fathers! They might forbid all Sunday pictures and then we might not see Walt's next.

THE PERQUIMANS RED CROSS
We have been asked to say another word about the Local Chapter of the Red Cross. How can we? How can a fellow write something about nothing?

Mrs. G. W. Gregory and Mrs. Max Griffin, of Woodville; Mrs. Edward Gregory and Mrs. Ralph Mercer, of Elizabeth City, visited Mrs. Moody Harrell Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas and Norman Barclift, of Nixonton, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrell recently.

Mrs. Benjamin Smith spent Wednesday with Mrs. Max Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. George Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Saunders, at Weeksville, Sunday afternoon.

MORE ABOUT A WEEK

(Continued From Page One usually consisted of eight or nine dozen eggs, cereal, seven quarts of milk, hot cakes and syrup. And somehow the troop made away with 900 pounds of ice during the week.

The eating was done inside the Nixon Cottage, but most of the boys preferred to sleep outside in one of the three tents they pitched near the Nixon Cottage. Some nights there were as many as seven in one tent.

All the boys had a fling at kitchen duty and came away none the less prepared to dine at supper on ham or chicken, and plenty of vegetables. Unidentified friends at the beach were very cordial to the troop; once or twice they were set up to ice cream for the whole outfit.

Early in the week the Scouts cut a 20-foot flag pole, planted it in front of the cottage, attached the flag and raised it at dawn with appropriate ceremony. The banner was lowered promptly at dusk while Bugler Jim McNider sounded the Color Call. Jim got the boys up, too at 6:30, with Reveille.

Present at the encampment, and in charge of Scoutmaster Howard Pitt, were the Bob White Patrol, the Flaming Arrow Patrol, the Hound Patrol and the Eagle Patrol. Committee Member C. P. Morris, and Bob Morris and Lawrence Towse also spent a few days at Scout Camp Quarters.

The funds to make the encampment possible were given by local merchants and individuals in Hertford. Each Scout paid five dollars for his share of the expense. They returned last Sunday.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrell and children, of Richmond, Va., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell.

Mrs. Mary A. Keaton has returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews, at Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Sr., of Norfolk, Va., spent their vacation visiting relatives and friends in the community.

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