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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—Psalms 16.

Another Holiday

Monday is another holiday. It is Labor Day; the last big holiday of the summer months. Usually after that date we all look forward to the fall months.

One thought well worth consideration, along with holiday plans, is for the motorists of our State to resolve that this shall be an accident-free holiday. We might add that pedestrians have a hand in this, too, and can help keep this coming Labor Day free of accidents.

Last year, during this same holiday, seven people in North Carolina lost their lives due to automobile traffic. . . this year let's hope there will be none.

Start The Ball Rolling

Two weeks ago we gave a salute to the Rotary Club for its proposal to build a modern gymnasium for Perquimans County High School. We haven't heard any more about the proposal, but we assume that the committee, appointed to work toward the project, is going ahead with its plans. . . but today we say, let's get started. . . let's talk this gymnasium business until we have a new athletic plant at our high school.

The Weekly has no intentions of trying to acquire or steal the idea that first came to light at the Rotary meeting, but we do think so much of it that we intend to try to assist the club to bring it to realization.

As far as we have been able to learn, our community is the only one in the Albemarle section that has not an adequate gymnasium. There can be no excuse for that. . . with all the federal monies that are being given away for public buildings, along with PWA labor for the construction of the buildings, certainly the cost of such a building as we need here, which would be of more benefits and less expensive than some things that have taken tax monies in the past. . . the cost to the taxpayers would be mighty small.

Let's all get behind this gymnasium proposal. . . talk to our Town Council and to our County Board of Commissioners. . . let's have a new gymnasium in Perquimans County before school opens in 1941.

Army Recruiting

While the conscription bill is being debated in Congress, the Army is making an unusual drive for volunteer enlistments, including an innovation in the form of traveling recruiting offices. These are composed of a truck and trailer for each recruiting party, which moves from town to town seeking recruits.

The first of these parties began work in Georgia a few days ago, but a total of 18 is contemplated, making two recruiting offices on wheels for each of the nine army corps areas. Since the beginning of an intensive campaign for recruits on May 16, about 85,000 enlistments were obtained in the first three months, by far the largest percentage according to population coming from the South.

Enlistments made during this period were for three years, the pay for recruits being \$21 a month with food, lodging and clothing furnished by the government. In the matter of pay, the Army has been at a disadvantage in obtaining recruits, as Navy pay begins at \$30, with better opportunities for advancement than are afforded enlisted soldiers. It is believed that a new law may place the military services on a more nearly equal footing with respect to pay.

There is no doubt, however, that some compulsory service plan will be adopted, as it must be if the national defense program is to be carried out as proposed.

Advertising in The Weekly is not a substitute for the mint but it helps.

Not every fisherman catches fish.

THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH



Chewing The Rag With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

WESTERN MOVIE, Condensed. Caliber Colt with whiskered old pal, Wheezy Organs, rides from nowhere into Coyote Junction. Sees pretty girl on run-away horse.

Rescues pretty girl as horse stumbles in path of stampede started by Black Hart, rustler, who works for mysterious "Boss" (really the town's leading citizen.)

Colt's old pal disgusted that partner is taking up with danged female, but June Gale (the gal) tells Colt that her pa is about to lose the ranch on account of rustlers.

Nobody around Coyote Junction works except the crooked Judge; they either rustle or hang on the saloon bar.

Colt joins up with Black Hart's gang and June thinks her new boy friend is a meanie until Old Pal Wheezy tells her that Colt is really a special agent working for the Cattlemen's Association.

By this time, the Boss, realizing the jig is up, steals the money from the safe (in any safe). As the Sheriff's posse closes in on the gang, the Boss gets away. . . but not for long.

Colt sees him and gives chase on a faster horse. The Boss fires dozens of bullets from a sixshot revolver without re-loading, but Our Hero isn't hit. He downs the Boss in a flying leap from horse to horse, clips him on the chin, and that's all there is to it.

Fade-out as Colt necks June, and Wheezy nudges her pa in the ribs while choir of loyal ranch-hands sings Tumbling Along With the Drifting Stumbleweed.

OBSERVATION by Wilbur. That two heads are probably better than one except when they're together in front of you in the movies.

AND SPEAKING of movies, reminds us to agree that "Maryland" is an excellent one with a single exception. Compared to the other reels picturing the horsey loveliness of old Maryland, the corn liquor swilling little Southerner from Norfolk is as out of place as a gag-writer at a mourners' convention. It is a limitless source of surprise.

SO WHAT?

By WHATSO

FEEBLE CELEBRATION AND FIERCE NOISE still is the order of the day in the Senate of the United States. The debate over universal military service is still on! Hard words indicative of soft thinking still characterize the minority in opposition to the measure. The vast majority—judging from the several popular polls which have been taken on the question—favor universal military training. As we implied last week, we believe that the State belongs to the people, the citizens, and that it is the inherent obligation of the citizen to defend his own in such manner as the government may deem necessary. That means that the fighting ability of a man may be commandeered when it is needed; his factory geared to the production of the requirements of war; his farm required to produce the needed food for a nation under arms. If all this is true, there is only one thing to argue about and that is—when shall a nation begin to prepare for danger? There is but one answer that an intelligent person can make. That answer is being made on every hand by every class of American citizen. Now is the time to prepare when the danger is seen and before it overwhelms us. We do not know whom the feebly thinking, fiercely talking minority in the Senate may represent, but we do know that they do not represent the American people.

to Wilbur that Hollywood—able to portray convincing truths in many instances—can manage to be so ridiculous in the simple matter of Southern accents.

The single interlude (or interruption) of the "Newfolk" girl who asked a person—over person, mind you—"Have you all ever drunk cawn likker from a fruit jar?" was a definite blot on the whole picture.

"Hollywood can make a Siberian Seal Hunter speak with the accents of a Yorkshire Duke," roared Wilbur. "It can imitate the sound of a toothless Poobah calling to its mate. It can put you in the midst of all the fury of a hurricane or an earthquake. Why in thunder," he rasped, "can't they give us the Southern accent?" All they really need is a Southerner.

BUT LEAVING the movies to thrash it out for themselves, here comes a WPA joke from the Western part of the state, from a guy, who, we are told, thinks about as little of the organization as we do. . .

Two WPA workers decided to go fishing. And while one sat down again to watch the fishing poles the other got up and went off to look for bait. He lifted a board and found tree snails under it. . . but two of them got away.

AMONG the threats of suits for unpaid bills this week is a letter from Holt Scott. Holt, if you remember, is one of the boys like many others who had a Hell of a time making a decent living in Hertford.

But he decided to quit trying and went over the mountains into Tennessee with a Bible salesman and landed a job as projectionist in a theatre there. "Getting along okay now," Holt writes.

He was in a plane accident about three weeks ago. Nothing serious, he said. He was flying around with a Memphis pilot, and when they started to land the tail wheel broke off.

"I often think of the gang around there and get kinda homesick once in a while, but may I say," he added, "that reading The Perquimans Weekly is like a letter from home."

Your piffle is expensive, Senators, on with the vote!

DEAR READER, IF ANY, WE SMILE AT OUR OWN PIFFLE! What Senator is going to read the above? Still it does represent the opinion of many a humble citizen and the majority of opinion of many a small community. It would be well for the august ones in positions of political power to consider now and then the attitude of the humble voter and the small community because, when all is said and done, we are the majority and we can yield the authority—we do have the vote!

HEFTY HARRY HURLS A HOT ONE when, among other bright remarks, he refers to Wendel Willkie as "a simple barefoot Wall Street lawyer." It may be that after an attempt to practice law on Wall Street Mr. Willkie came out bereft of his foot wear! He may have found the tricks of the Street were not the kind he was accustomed to. After all, he was born a poor boy! He did make his living by honest work and the sweat of his brow. Perhaps the slickers of the Street were too smooth for the man more accustomed to the rough but honest ways of those who labor for a living. Perhaps by his simplicity he did lose his shoes and stockings on "the Street." He could have lost more valuable assets! At any rate, Mr. Ickes, you are to be congratulated that your candidate was not so simple. He probably did not lose his shoes or anything else in the cloth-

ing line when he attempted to practice law on "the Street"—and floated a few "securities." But then your candidate, great man that he is, never knew what it was to mingle with the rough and hardy men of simple ways who win their bread by the sweat of the brow! He was, as we say, "more to the manner born!" Perhaps the smooth boys could not take him in—but how they rustle the very shoes off the less sophisticated ones!

FROM THE CALL TO WAR TO THE MINISTRY OR MATRIMONY! What won't a man do to keep out of war! But if you are a man of peace why give up the Army or the Navy to rush into the ministry or into matrimony? After all, there may be no war and then if you are in the armed forces of the nation, you will be able to live a life of regulated peace! However, the second men realized that married men would be exempt from the first draft, if and when it comes, how they rushed to get themselves all tangled up with matrimony! And now we learn that preachers and theological students may be exempt from service! Well, if men rush to the ministry as they rush to matrimony to avoid war, it will surely be tough on the ministry! But there is a sad humor to it all. Running from the Army or the Navy to find peace in the ministry or married life! There is real tragedy in it, too—think of the sorry husbands and the mis-fit parsons that will be the direct result of the draft! Gentlemen of the Senate, who oppose the draft, perhaps there is something on your side!

Grading Of Tobacco Will Be Demonstrated

Lloyd T. Weeks, Extension tobacco specialist of N. C. State College, has announced plans for a series of tobacco grading demonstrations arranged by county farm agents of the Extension Service, and presented with the assistance of marketing specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

W. L. Brasher and J. O. Armistead of the U. S. D. A., will give the demonstrations. Weeks and possibly other specialists from State College will assist with some of the grading schools.

The schedule announced by Weeks is as follows: August 22, Jones County; August 23, Onslow; August 26, Lenoir; August 26 and 27, Wayne; August 29 and 30, Johnston; August 30, Carteret.

September 4, Craven; September 4 and 5, Beaufort; September 5 and 6, Bertie; September 6, Hertford; September 9 to 17, Wilson; September 9, Edgecombe; September 10 and 11, Pitt; September 16 and 17, Harnett; September 18 and 19, Wake; September 20, Vance; September 23, Cumberland.

September 24, Moore; September 25, Richmond; September 26, Anson; September 30, Franklin; October 1, Durham; October 2, Orange; October 3, Rockingham; October 4, Guilford; October 7, 8 and 9, Forsyth; October 10 and 11, Stokes; October 14, Davidson; October 15 and 16, Yadkin; October 17, Wilkes; October 18, Alexander; and October 21, Alamance.

Weeks said that two demonstrations per day will be given in a county. The times and places for the demonstrations will be announced locally by the county farm agents.

Who Knows?

1. Where was the heaviest earthquake ever recorded in the U. S.?
2. How many men will be drafted if the compulsory service bill becomes law?
3. What is the strength of U. S. forces at Shanghai?
4. How many members of the British Commonwealth have dominion status?

THE ANSWERS

1. At Charleston, S. C., August 31, 1886.
2. Between 800,000 and 900,000 by next July.
3. 1,200 Marines.
4. Canada, Australia, New Zealand.

CENTER HILL NEWS

Misses Myrtle and Lois Hope Lane have returned to Fayetteville, after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mrs. J. T. Stanford, her daughter, Miss Nellie Blanche, and her nephew, H. Pickett, spent last week visiting with relatives in Aulander, Scotland Neck and Rich Square.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner and two children, Robert and Peggy, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Winslow and daughter, Ruth, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Maids White, of near Hertford, were dinner guests of Mrs. J. M. Turner Sunday. In the afternoon Mrs. Tom Bunch, William Perry and son, Billy, of Norfolk, Va., J. P. Perry, of Hertford, Mrs. Raymond Goodwin and two children, Ray and Nita, and Jesse Jones, of Sanbury, called.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Chappell, Sheriff, and Mrs. J. Alvah Bunch and daughter, Gene, of Edenton, spent Sunday at Ocean View, Va. Miss Thelma Ellis visited Mrs.

Otis Ellis Saturday afternoon. Tommie Purvis, of Fayetteville, visited Miss Lois Hope Lane during the week-end and accompanied her back to Fayetteville.

Miss Jo Hunter, of near Hertford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Asbell.

Miss Mary Frances Dail has returned to her home near Hertford, after spending last week with her sister, Mrs. Nearest Jordan.

Mrs. Elliott Belch is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Upchurch, at Mt. Glead.

William Hunter has returned to his home in Winston-Salem, after being the guest of his sister, Mrs. Tom Asbell, last week.

Miss Florence Jones has returned to her home near Gatesville, after spending last week with her cousin, Miss Delsie Jordan.

Miss Thelma Ellis, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Lillian Ellis attended "The Lost Colony" Thursday evening.

Mrs. Oliver Jordan and son, Oliver, have returned from Norfolk, Va., where they visited Mrs. Jordan's older sons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baldt, of Philadelphia, Pa., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Cameron Boyce is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., in Rocky Hook.

Miss Josephine Eldridge, of Edenton, was the dinner guest of Mrs. Cameron Boyce Wednesday evening.

Willie Monds, of Norfolk, Va., is spending his vacation with relatives.

Miss Artelissa White, of Greenville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White.

Henly White, of Durham, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Smithson, their son, Misses Myrtle and Lois Hope Lane and Tommie Purvis were in Newport News, Va., Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston, of Pink Hill, dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White Saturday.

Miss Garnett Jernigan visited

Misses Thelma and Lillian Ellis on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Florence Jones, of Gatesville, and Miss Delsie Jordan were dinner guests of Mrs. J. P. Byrum Thursday.

Mrs. J. P. McNider, Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, and Mrs. Herman Lane called on Mrs. P. L. Baumgardner Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Bunch visited her sister, Mrs. Jesse Dail, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. M. Williams and son, Melvin, have returned to their home at Boykins, Va. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jordan and son, Jimmie, who will be their guests for several days.

WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. White and family, of Elizabeth City, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Winslow.

George W. Baker, U. S. Coast Guard, Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stallings, of Sandy Cross, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Winslow.

Mrs. Russell Smith and children, Mae Talmadge and Janice, of West Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lane a few days this week.

William Winslow, U. S. N., Norfolk, Va., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow.

Miss Juanita Stallings, of Sandy Cross, visited Miss Lucille Lane on Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of extending our thanks for the kindnesses shown during the illness and at the death of our beloved husband and father, J. T. Jordan. Also we wish to express our appreciation to the Baptist Church choir, to those who furnished cars and for the beautiful floral tributes.

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