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#### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR WEEK

**SIMPLICITY OF RELIGION.** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.—James 1:27.

#### It Pays To Investigate

The tide of anti-totalitarian action in South America rises rapidly. Colombia's alertness in exposing and suppressing a plot to permeate the Army with Nazi-Fascist propaganda is only the latest in a series of strokes from one end of the continent to the other.

Organized labor in Costa Rica has just demanded a more vigorous stand against Nazi influence in that Central American democracy.

Argentina, hitherto the least convinced of American nations concerning the immediacy of Nazi threats, has swung over suddenly into a position of leadership against the Fifth Column. Even the most trustful have been startled by ramifications of Nazi plotting uncovered on a continent-wide scale by an Argentine investigating committee.

German diplomats are disclosed to have extended their net of intrigue from Berlin through Buenos Aires to Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador in a series of fomented eruptions. Argentina took warning from Bolivia's expulsion of the German Minister, Ernst Wendler, when documentary evidence was found linking him to a planned coup against President Penaranda. Then, in Argentina's own Parana, capital of Entre Rios Province, a similar plot was exposed and suppressed.

Mexico, Cuba, and even Chile, are speaking up with increasing boldness. More significantly, they are acting to stamp out Fifth Columns. Latin Americans evidently are convinced of two facts: That their own national freedom is bound up with defeat of Nazism, and that it is now safe to adopt a more independent line in view of reverses sustained by the Nazis in Europe.—The Christian Science Monitor.

#### A Lesson From The British

Winston Churchill courageously asserted his leadership of the British Empire before the House of Commons, refusing to yield to his critics and challenging the House to repudiate his government.

The great war Prime Minister ignored the bickering of professional "viewers with alarm" and candidly warned the British people that they could not count on Russia and the United States to win the war for them.

Mr. Churchill sternly cautioned his people to be on guard for an invasion in September, declaring that it was not sure that Hitler might not gamble on the great venture.

Few English-speaking people have failed to admire the bold, bluff bravery of this war leader of an empire, now beset as she has never been assailed before. Few will forget his stern promise of desperate and unending resistance to the Germans when France, sworn ally of former wars, gave up the fight.

In his words to the House of Commons, and indirectly to the people of his nation, there is a lesson for those of us who now live under a precarious peace in the United States. Like the British, we are inclined to believe that other peoples will do the fighting that may be necessary and that we will manage to escape the losses of warfare.

This was the British idea for many years, as the balance of power in Europe enabled the empire to tip the scales either way and thus maintain peace. This may have been the idea when Hitler began his mad career, and the British remained aloof from commitments to Czechoslovakia that would compel her entrance into war against Germany.

The situation of the United States today is much the same. We seek diligently to avoid commitments that mean warfare, hoping that the British, the Chinese and the Russians, assisted by the American people, will do the fighting.

### OUT OF HARM'S WAY



**THIS BUSINESS OF Living**  
BY SUSAN THAYER

#### THIS AMAZING LAND

They were lined up three deep at the stocking counter clamoring for supplies of silk or nylon stockings large enough to last six months or perhaps longer.

As one woman near me said, "There's no telling what will happen and the only way to be sure is to have plenty on hand."

To be sure of what, I wondered? Of comfort? There was a time, not so many decades ago, when women wore cotton stockings to keep their ankles warm and dry, and there is no threat of a cotton shortage.

To be sure of smartness? If a few hundred well-dressed women begin wearing cotton stockings this fall or winter, they'll soon be smart enough to suit the rest of us. Or if they should prefer to go bare-legged or wear socks such as college girls do, why this will be "the thing" to do. Perhaps before long we'll be looking back on the silk stocking era with that tolerant smile we used when looking at pictures of hats worn in our mother's youth!

An acceptable, good looking substitute for silk stockings will be available if the need for it arises, just as substitutes for aluminum are now being used. There's only one thing that matters these long sunny August days. To keep ourselves at maximum efficiency as we concentrate on defense production—as we build the armaments that will make America strong enough to resist any

jugated, will do the fighting. Like the British, in years past, we offer to provide the munitions, equipment and supplies that will keep them in battle.

In this, we deserve no censure and certainly seek no credit. The geography of the present crisis presents us the opportunity, just like it helped the British in former years. Unfortunately, we will find, as the British discovered, that geography is not enough and that the hour comes when every people must strike in its own defense.

#### History Turns A Page

France, after straddling the fence for months, has finally jumped over into the "greener fields" of the Nazi. Only historians will write the true facts marking this definite end to the Franco-British friendship which has lasted during the past century.

To our way of "wishful thinking" France will at some date be sorry, for not only have the old men at Vichy caused a final and definite break between England and France, they have placed a breach between France and the United States.

It may be that after this hell is over this friendship may be patched up, but we sincerely doubt if it ever reaches the point where those two countries will again, together, hold the balance of power that will control Europe.

It seems to us that France has reverted to form and is again one of the lesser, squabbling pieces of land that Europeans call a nation.

#### BELVIDERE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. White returned home Friday after attending Yearly Meeting of Friends at Guilford College and visiting with relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Thomas Forbes and Mrs. Anna Chappell returned from Mrs. W. F. Simpson's high school society. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thompson.

### State Cotton Crop Estimated About Half Of Last Year

According to the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, North Carolina farmers expect to harvest 497,000 bales of cotton this year compared with 739,000 bales last year and a ten-year (1930-39) average of 629,000 bales. This is 33 percent less than produced in 1940 and 21 percent below the ten-year average production.

August 1st condition of the crop indicated a yield per acre of 297 pounds, or 130 pounds less than the record yield of 427 pounds harvested last year.

July weather was favorable for boll weevils and light to heavy infestations were reported throughout the State on August 1st. Fields are badly infested in the southeastern portion of the State, particularly in Robeson, Scotland, and Richmond counties. In Chowan, however, little damage by boll weevils is reported.

July weather was especially favorable for rapid, somewhat weedy growth of cotton. Plants in many areas of the State are larger than average for this season of the year.

Of course, serious changes in weather conditions after August 10th, may alter the expected yield considerably.

### Seventeen Found To Be Average Age Man Starts To Drinking

"The real key to the problem of whiskey addiction lies in the field of education," states C. D. Cunningham, Director of the Alcoholic Research Department of the Keeley Institute, in Greensboro, this week.

"This organization has just completed a study of the history of more than 400,000 Keeley patients who have taken treatment for whiskey addiction during the past 50 years. Among the startling facts revealed by this study is that the average man needing treatment started his drinking at the tender age of seventeen," Mr. Cunningham continued.

"A thorough training in the effects of alcohol upon the mind and body, given in the grammar schools of the nation, would be the greatest single step toward a logical solution of the problem that has yet been made. We who have worked for a half-century with the treatment of men addicted to whiskey will be the first to subscribe to this long-range program of control," was Mr. Cunningham's closing comments.

### Committeeman Answers Questions About Wheat Insurance

W. Herbert White, Caswell county grain farmer and member of the State AAA committee, has listed the following answers to the question "how wheat crop insurance helps the farmer and the business man."

"In putting in a wheat crop there are certain fixed charges such as tractor fuel and oil, seed and fertilizer, besides, sometimes, labor hire. All of these mean an outlay of cash that many of us farmers have to get on credit. A banker or a merchant won't hesitate to give credit till harvest to a farmer who has insurance on his crop.

"That means sound credit and sound credit means a low interest rate. If the crop is protected by insurance, the farmer, and the business man, need not worry about losses which could occur from such things as hail, storm or drought. There is certainty that there will be a cash return from the crop which is insured."

The Caswell farmer explained that the wheat insurance proposition works on the same plan as fire insurance on other property: the farmer can insure up to 50 or 75 percent of his crop.

Premium rates, it was added, are based on "less cost." Premiums are paid on so many bushels of wheat and the farmer is guaranteed that many bushels at, threshing time, regardless of the price of the crop, Mr. White added.

### Soybeans Satisfactory For Pigs During Early Fattening Period

Each year large quantities of soybeans are left in the fields on North Carolina farms—unused despite their value as food for young pigs, says Ellis V. Vestal, swine specialist, says the Extension Service of State College.

Some of the soybeans left on the land are shattered beans that are left after harvesting while others are from beans that have been seeded as a soil improving crop. Since the pig is the only animal that can satisfactorily utilize these beans after

they are on the ground, an experiment was begun in 1937 to determine just how useful these wasted beans might be for fattening pigs, the specialist reports.

Practical experiments had shown that a pig would result if peanuts were fed in the ration of a pig that weighed more than 100 pounds. Since soybeans also produce soft pork, the 1937 experiment was planned so as to start the pigs at initial weights of 40 pounds, feed them on soybeans for a gain of 45 pounds, then change them to a corn ration containing 13 percent cottonseed meal for the latter part of the finishing period. The plan was to remove the pigs from soybeans at an average weight of 85 pounds and put them on the corn-cottonseed meal diet until they had attained an average slaughter weight of 225 pounds, Mr. Vestal continues.

From results to date, it appears that a basic ration of soybeans, either in the field or dry lot, will produce as good gains when supplemented with a mineral mixture as when fed with a protein-mineral-alfalfa leaf mixture. A small amount of ground legume hay seems necessary, however, when the pigs are kept in a dry lot.

7. Has aircraft production in the U. S. doubled, tripled or quadrupled in the past year?
8. Are the harvests in Europe this year better or worse than last year?
9. When did President Roosevelt make his famous "quarantine" speech?
10. How strong is the U. S. Army in the Philippines?

#### THE ANSWERS

1. Mitchell Field, New York.
2. The body of water between Scotland and the Hebrides.
3. Bohemia.
4. An African tree-snake.
5. It is under guard in New York City.
6. From \$25 to \$100.
7. Tripled.
8. Better.
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### Who Knows?

1. Where are the headquarters of the U. S. Air Defense Command?
2. What is The Minch?
3. In what country did the polka originate?
4. What is a bucephalus?
5. What happened to the large French liner Normandie?
6. What are the denominations of the Series A, tax anticipation notes?

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