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The Big Event

Next Wednesday will be a gala day in Hertford when the county joins together to participate in the second annual Farmers' Day to be staged at Perquimans High School. A tremendous amount of work has been expended by Farmers' Day committees to provide a program interesting and informative for those who will attend. This year's program, according to all reports, indicate the event will be better than ever and it behooves everybody to join in and help to make Farmers' Day the outstanding vehicle in promoting friendly relations throughout the county. Business booths and farm produce exhibits will offer plenty of attractions to those visiting among their neighbors here next week, so plan now to take them off for Perquimans Farmers' Day, August 17.

Beating The Heat

In these hot days, all of us find some discomfort from the weather but few of us realize the actual process occurring in the body, as it tries to keep cool. Authorities have established that if the body temperature ever reaches 106 degrees Fahrenheit, serious injury is likely to occur. To prevent this, the body's cooling system works three ways. First, heat is dissipated by radiation. Second, the body loses heat by convection. Thirdly, evaporation of sweat provides a loss of heat. Cooling by radiation is simply a radiation of heat from the body to objects around it. If, however, the objects around us are warmer than we are, we cannot lose any of our heat to these objects. Loss of heat by convection is a similar process. We lose heat to air which is cooler than the body. However, if this air is warmer than the body, it is obvious that the body cannot lose heat by convection in the surrounding air. Thus, one sometimes encounters a situation where heat cannot be dissipated by either radiation or convection. The evaporation in sweat, or perspiration, is then the only method that works. Physical exercise,

taken at this time, greatly increases the difficulty of dissipating the body's heat and, in some cases, physical exercise under these conditions should not be attempted. There is one remedy which can help, even if heat cannot be lost by radiation or convection, and physical exercise must be carried on. That is, to sponge the body with cool water. The water on the body is cool and therefore allows the body to dissipate some of its heat into the water. The water also joins in the evaporation process.

Baby Boom Continues

Statistics for 1955 show that an all-time record will be set for births this year. It might be interesting to some people to note that the summer months, especially August, are the months in which the highest birth rate occurs during the year. No one has explained exactly why this is, but, year after year, August makes an excellent showing in births. The rate of births for 1955 is already one per cent of the 1954 rate, and it is estimated that almost 400,000 babies will be born this month.

The booming birth rate means a good outlook for the business future, since the larger the population, the larger the potential demand for goods. But the baby boom also means that the shortage of educational facilities will probably continue to plague this country for many years to come.

The baby boom of World War II has already affected the schools and is causing the current severe shortage. World War II babies are about ready to emerge from school and enter the business world, marry, create new families and new demands. By 1960, it is estimated that the number of new families and the increased demand will be swelling rapidly.

By 1960, most of the war babies will be between fifteen and twenty years of age, and many of them will be entering upon business ca-

rears. This is one of the reasons why economists are optimistic about the business future of this country from 1960 onward.

Another Decline For The Farmer

The Department of Agriculture reported, at the end of July, that farm prices had declined another two per cent during the month ending in mid-July. The general level of prices received by farmers averaged 84 per cent of parity, according to the Department's computation.

Parity is a price figure set by a Government formula, supposed to represent a fair return to the farmers. It is interesting to note Editorial-Galley TWO that farm prices were 88 per cent of parity a year ago.

Thus, farm prices have declined two per cent from 1954 until June and another two per cent from June to mid-July. This indicates that the decline in farm prices is speeding up, not slowing down.

We have mentioned many times in these columns that President Eisenhower's administration faces its most serious domestic problem in the field of farming operations. Farm prices have dropped, prices paid by farmers have increased, and the farmer's net income has, therefore, suffered considerably.

There is some consolation in the fact that this year is a bumper year for many crops but, if the trend is not reversed by the time the second session of the 84th Congress convenes, we believe Congress will handle the Administration's farm program rather roughly.

Next year is an election year and if Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson does not reverse the three-trend downward, Congress will probably reverse it, in spite of Benson and even the President himself—if Mr. Eisenhower attempts to maintain the present program.

One man's wickedness may easily become all men's cure. —Publius Syrus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE COURAGE OF DANIEL (Temperance)

International Sunday School Lesson for August 14, 1955.

Memory Selection: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."—Romans 14:21.

Lesson Text: Daniel 5:17-28.

Our lesson for this week is based on one of the dramatic incidents related in the first part of the Book of Daniel. Belshazzar, inexactly described as the King of Babylon, was being host at a great banquet given for his nobles. Probably drunk, certainly careless, the King commanded his servants to bring the sacred vessels of Jehovah which had been brought from Jerusalem to Babylon when the Temple was sacked and destroyed many years before.

Contemptuously and mockingly, he served wine to his guests from these sacred vessels. Heine, the German poet, pictures the scene thus:

"Quickly the king spoke, while his proud glance burned, Quickly the servant went and returned. He bore on his head the vessels of gold Of Jehovah's temple the plunder bold."

"With daring hand, in his frenzy grim, The king seized a beaker and filled to the brim, And drained to the dregs the sacred cup, And, foaming, he cried, as he drank it up,

"Jehovah, eternal scorn, I own To Thee, I am monarch of Babylon."

In the midst of the wild revelry, however, the king had a strange vision. A hand appeared and wrote on the wall the words translated into our language—Meme, Tekel, Upharsin. Troubled and awed, the king called for his wise men to interpret the magical formula but this they were unable to do. Then Daniel was mentioned to the King and his past performances recounted. Thereupon, the king sent for him, promising him great wealth and honors if he would interpret the message.

Before interpreting the meaning of the mystic words, Daniel reminded Belshazzar of his previous interpretation of the dream of Nebuchadnezzar and related how, when that great king had been lifted up by his pride and arrogance, God had deprived him of his reason and caused him to wander about the fields like a wild beast until, finally, when his reason returned, he realized how foolish he had been and that God was indeed the ruler of the earth.

Belshazzar had not profited by this experience of his predecessor but had grown in pride and debauchery, until, finally, he had used the vessels of the Lord's house in the praise of false gods, which he worshipped. Daniel's interpretation is given in verses 26-28. Meme is very similar to the Aramaic word for "numbered." Tekel suggests in Aramaic the word "weighed" and Parsin suggested "divided and Persian." Therefore, while Daniel scorned the king's proffered gifts, he informed him that God had numbered his kingdom, weighed it in the balances and that it would be divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

There is some confusion in harmonizing the history as recounted in Daniel with the other historical records. For some time, no reference was ever found on any Belshazzar in the various inscriptions unearthed around Babylon. But, in 1864, an Englishman found in the Cuneiform writings a reference to such a person, who was described as the oldest son of the king, Nabonidus, known to be the last monarch of the Babylonian empire. Inasmuch as Belshazzar was the Crown Prince and the commander of the military forces, it is thought that the title "King" given him in the Book of Daniel was more or less a natural error, although it is possible that, after the army of Nabonidus had been defeated by Cyrus outside the walls of Babylon, Belshazzar may have ruled as king for a short time.

Another fact should be cleared up, namely, the reference to Belshazzar as the son of Nebuchadnezzar. As a matter of fact, there was (Continued on Page Five)

HOW TALL THE TREES...

How tall the trees, and how straight the road. It cuts unwaveringly through the countryside, and the trees border it like sentinels. Sentinels they have been too, walls of protection during storm, blessed shade when the heat of the noonday sun is mercilessly strong.

As we go through life, it might be easier if our roads could be that straight. But so often they aren't. So often they are full of unexpected turnings. So often we're tempted to stray from them entirely.

But we, too, have a sentinel to protect us... in the Church. It is there to shelter us in storms, to shade us when we've erred.

The Church teaches mercy. It teaches compassion. It teaches forgiveness. We need the Church, and it is never too late to find it.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor for our worth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his community and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalm	1	1-5
Monday	Genesis	2	1-8
Tuesday	Psalm	91	1-16
Wednesday	Genesis	17	2-17
Thursday	Matthew	18	18-27
Friday	Luke	19	27-48
Saturday	Romans	12	14-21

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 James O. Mattox, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
 Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.
 Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
 First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
 Phil H. Quidley, Pastor
 Church services second Sunday at 11 A. M., fourth Sunday at 8 P. M., Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
 H. M. Jamieson, Pastor
 First Sunday: New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M., Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Second Sunday: Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M., Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M., Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Third Sunday: Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M., New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Fourth Sunday: Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M., Woodland Church, 10 A. M., Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
 Fifth Sunday: Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M., Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH
 P. M. Porter, Jr., Pastor
 Church School, 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Hugh Ross Williams, Pastor
 Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.
 First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.
 Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
 James Rahenkamp, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 A. M., Church Services 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.
 Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M., Prayer Services, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. J. D. Stoner, Pastor
 Sunday School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Evening service 8 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
 U. Virgil Pitts, Pastor
 Church School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Caleb Goodwin, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday School 10:30 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday.
 Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
 I. S. Richmond, Pastor
 Church School 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
 Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
 Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM CHURCH
 Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11 o'clock.
 Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.
 Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. Paul B. Shanks, Pastor
 9:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday.
 11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd Sunday.
 11:00 A. M., Holy Communion 3rd Sunday.
 7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 4th Sunday.
 7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 5th Sunday.
 9:45 A. M., Church School, Every Sunday.

BERRA CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 A. M.
 Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
 Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

CHAPPEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Ralph Knight, Pastor
 Sunday School every first Sunday at 8 P. M.; preaching at 3 P. M.
 Sunday School every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 11 A. M.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 G. B. Lawrence, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 A. M., Worship at 11 A. M., CA, 7:30 P. M., Evangelistic Services 8 P. M.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!