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Worthy Of Support

Next Monday is B-P Day in Hertford. Residents of Perquimans County are being appealed to for support of a program which is of vital importance to every man, woman and child; a program which provides assistance to some and is available to all.

This program, which is so vital and which may be eliminated insofar as this county is concerned unless the public gives it better support, is the Red Cross blood program.

All day next Monday, December 12, a Red Cross unit will be stationed in Hertford to secure blood from donors of Perquimans County for use in providing free transfusions to hospital patients.

A number of ladies are volunteering their time and effort to help this program by providing refreshments and serving as assistants; a committee of young men is contacting individuals to donate blood... you can support this worthy program by appearing at the Municipal Building and being a blood donor. Don't wait for a special invitation... you do not need one. Just go to the blood headquarters and volunteer your support.

In the past, residents of this county have not supported this program to the extent needed and unless more blood donors volunteer for the future it is possible the Red Cross will eliminate patients from this county as being eligible for free transfusions.

Our neighboring counties are cooperating in this public service program... Let's boost this program in Perquimans and get our county in line with our neighbors.

Benson's New Program

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has come up with what is intended to be an answer to critics of his farm policy. The new Benson proposal would pay as much as \$5,000 a year to farmers who divert surplus land from crop-producing acreage to grass, forage and tree-growing.

The proposal is intended to reduce production of surplus crops on a long-term basis and help solve the surplus problem which has hounded the Eisenhower Administration and previous administrations for many years. The new proposal is the main feature contained in a new farm program to be put before Congress next year.

The new program will also be taken up at the December meeting of the National Agricultural Advisory Commission, a body created by President Eisenhower two years ago.

To be eligible for payments under the new program, farmers would have to sign up for five years and agree to take specified acreage out of production of surplus crops. Farmers cooperating under the program would be able to harvest seed or graze livestock on the acreage taken out of production, but they could not harvest crops.

It is estimated they would be allowed from \$15 to \$20 an acre for seed in addition to annual payments amounting to over five percent of the appraised value of the land.

It is thought that Secretary Benson would take more than 16,000,000 acres out of production in the first year of the program. If this is done, some 800,000 farmers would probably cooperate to reduce acreage this amount. Over a fifteen-year period it is expected that at least 23,000,000 acres would be put in reserve by more than a million farmers.

Next: The Christmas Rush

Now that Thanksgiving is over, the attention of Americans everywhere is focused on the fast-approaching holiday season. Christmas this year falls on a Sunday

Between now and the 24th of December, billions of dollars will be spent in the United States for Christmas gifts, arrangements, parties and for travel. We hope these billions of dollars, spent by Americans, who are the only people on earth who could spend such an amount for Christmas, will bring about a realization of the values of Christmas and its meaning.

Christmas has been over-commercialized for many years. Remembering, and the thought of wanting to do something for someone, is the real spirit of Christmas. Expensive presents, lavish parties, commercial extravaganzas, and so forth, are not the real spirit of and that means that the last shopping day before Christmas will be Saturday, the 24th.

Christmas.

One of the other unfortunate recent aspects of Christmas is the fact that December has become a month of staggering highway fatalities. December claims more traffic and highway victims than other months, and one of the reasons is the great amount of travel during the Christmas season.

Some of this travel is necessitated by shopping trips to other cities. We ask all local citizens to shop at home this year, as much as possible, both to keep down highway traffic and to keep our money at home—where it will benefit all of us again and again. And we urge our readers to do their shopping and enjoy Christmas, 1955, by remembering the true meaning of the observance and enjoying it for

Later

"I would love to share your troubles," she cooed.

"But, darling, I have none."

"No; I mean after we're married."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

International Sunday School Lesson for December 11, 1955.

Memory Selection: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."—Luke 10:27.

Lesson Text: Luke 10:25-37.

Our lesson for this week is based on one of the eleven parables which are found only in Luke's Gospel. The story of The Good Samaritan ranks with that of The Prodigal Son as the best known of all the parables of Jesus.

Jesus was passing through Perea when he spoke this parable. Five figures appear in the story, each portrayed in a few potent words. The parable teaches tolerance, inasmuch as one of the hated Samaritans was exalted, but, more vitally, emphasis is placed upon deeds of love rather than pretensions of faith.

The first character to appear is a certain lawyer, who took advantage of an opportunity to open a theological discussion with Jesus, by asking the question often met in discussions: what must be done to inherit eternal life? The rich young ruler asked the same question and Jesus repeated to him the social commandments. In the case of this lawyer, Jesus replied by asking him his own opinion.

Having the inquiry presented for his own answer, the lawyer quoted Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, enjoining love for God and "thy neighbor as thyself" a part of the Shema, which every devout Jew repeated twice daily. Thereupon, Jesus affirmed the correctness of his answer, telling him that if he did this, he would live.

This disposition of the discussion did not satisfy the lawyer, who had been put in the position of asking a question to which he already knew the answer. So, seeking a justification, he put to Jesus the historic question: who is my neighbor? In Leviticus, a neighbor was held to be one's own people and the lawyer departed from this accepted dogma, he could be accused of contradicting the scripture.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan was Jesus' answer to the question. How easily and wonderfully he avoided the trap set by the lawyer, and declared everlasting truth which even the questioner himself had to confirm. Instead of setting a limit to the scope of love and raising a restriction upon the duty of a man to his fellows, Jesus taught a love which knew no limit, recognized no barrier and gave not only of time, but also of resources and ability.

The thoughtful and careful love exhibited by the Samaritan in this story has caused subsequent generations to refer to him as the "Good Samaritan," placing an adjective before him which is not mentioned in the gospel record, for Jesus only referred to him as a "certain Samaritan," designating him by the same word used in reference to the victim of the robbers, the priest and the benefactor.

The story is probably familiar to all. A man on the descending road from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers, who left him bare and badly hurt. A priest and a Levite, both officials of the Jewish church, passed their stricken brother and unconcerned continued on their journey. The Samaritan, of mixed blood and despised by the Jews, had pity on the wounded man, disregarded the prejudice which he knew resided in the Jew's heart toward him, and ministered to his relief. Not only was his present needs cared for, but the Samaritan carried him to an inn and, before leaving him, made arrangements that his care and necessities would be provided for. All this was done without any hope of reward, actuated only by a feeling of love and concern for a fellow human being in distress.

Too many people in the world today are passers-by, just like the priest and the Levite of this story. The former probably excused his callousness by thinking of the ceremonial defilement which would result if he touched a dead body, or fearing that the bandits might still be lurking nearby and attack him, or possibly that some religious service would be delayed if he stopped, or maybe he knew the Levite was following and left the

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SO WITH PRAYER

The sure and nimble touch of the hands of a great pianist is the result of hours of daily practice over a period of years. The great and thrilling music which he creates is the product of daily devotion to his art.

Every fine accomplishment in life requires the same daily devotion. If your house is neat as a pin, if you have a lovely garden, if your office is well-run and efficient, you know that it takes hours of daily care and devotion.

So with prayer. Prayer is one of the highest gifts a man has. But if it is to become more than a spasmodic and superstitious cry for help, it too requires daily care and devotion. It takes practice!

The Church stands ready to help you and your children know the great joy which comes to a man through daily prayer. And the best part of it is, the more you practice prayer, the greater the joy and happiness you will derive from it.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth 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. These 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	Psalms	5	1-8
Monday	Psalms	55	16-23
Tuesday	Psalms	141	1-10
Wednesday	Psalms	1	10-17
Thursday	Mark	9	3-6
Friday	Mark	14	32-42
Saturday	Acts	7	31-40

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HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
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
E. R. Meekins, 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, 7:30 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.
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Charles Sinclair, 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
Orval Dixon, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 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
D. Virgil Pike, Pastor
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. 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
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 E. Shultz, 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
Walker Ferris, Pastor
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.

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
C. B. Lawrence, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Worship at 11 A. M.; CA, 7:30 P. M.
Evangelistic Service 6 P. M.

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