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Isn't It About Time?

Again this week I refer to the "Looking Backward" column, where "At long last Perquimans proposed to do something about the old Harvey graveyard in Harvey's Neck."
 No county in the state can lay claim to more historical distinction than can Perquimans. At least, none can claim record of earlier happenings.
 And though it be shameful to record, no county in the state has "bestirred" itself so little in the preserving of things of historical value.
 It was in Perquimans that the first land in America, of which there is any record, was transferred from a red man to a white man.
 It was in Perquimans that William Drummond, first governor of North Carolina, lived.
 One can but wonder what other distinctions Perquimans might lay claim to.
My Minute With God
 By GEORGE MILLER, Pastor
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 "Be that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."
 —Matt. 10:39.
 Beloved, we need to dethrone self in order to enthroned God. God cannot make us do right

and Satan cannot force us to do evil. However, the carnal self tends to dethrone God and allow Satan to abide in our hearts and to rule our lives. Perhaps much of our praise to God is only lip service. Behind every stubborn will is the will of Satan. Perfect peace will cost you everything. Personal freedom will not make us a master, but when we accept Christ as our Master, then we will know the meaning of freedom. When one gives up self-rule for God-rule we gain all those things which are worthwhile. If you do not have peace, happiness, and security, then turn your life over to Jesus NOW. You will be glad.
 Dear Lord, help us to make you the Master of our lives always. Amen.
 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." —James 1:27.
 What is your idea of true religion? I am afraid that there are many who profess to be religious and have no idea of what a true religion is. First, true religion is not one among many, but it is the only one that counts for something. Note, I said religion and not denomination. Next, true religion is pure and undefiled. It is not a mixture nor is it a tincture. A true religion is acceptable to God. All others are as sounding brass or some other display of ritual and emotions. And, too, true religion has a definite purpose. It keeps a person in the right relationship with God and makes one to be a blessing to his fellow-man. If you do not have the proper regard for these things, fortunate, and if you are not keeping yourself unspotted from the world, then your religion is false.
 Dear Lord, help us to live daily above the world and show forth the spirit of Christ. Amen.

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ASCS News
 BY GEORGE BELLMON

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 Now is a good time to plan and carry out needed conservation practices. Many farmers this spring are setting aside land for a conservation program under the

Feed Grain or Wheat Diversion
 program, or are reducing cotton acreage under the domestic allotment program. Conservation work of a mechanical or constructive type can most easily be done while this land is out of production.

Peanuts
 Producers having peanut allotments which will not be planted this year should release the acreage to the County ASCS Office by April 15. Farmers requesting additional acreage must apply by April 15. To date only 11 acres have been released and requests amounting to over 160 acres have been received.

Wool Payment Rates
 Wool payment rates for the 1964 marketing year were released on March 23. The payment rate for shorn wool is 16.5 percent of net sales proceeds. The rate on unshorn lambs is \$35

Whiteston News
 Rev. and Mrs. Seth Hinshaw of Guilford College attended Eastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia Conference on Sunday at Up River Friends Meeting House and spent Sunday night with Rev. and Mrs. Hershel Hill. There was a large delegation of Friends from Tidewater, Va., and Woodland and Nale, Supt. of the Goldsboro City Schools from Goldsboro. Approximately 300 attended.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, of Chesapeake, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winslow on Sunday.

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Sunday School Lesson

"WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?"
 International Sunday School Lesson for April 4

Memory Selection: "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" —Matthew 27:22.
Lesson Text: Matthew 26:1-27:26.

The lessons contained in the Scripture under study today have been studied and restudied, viewed and reviewed for countless centuries throughout the history of civilization — and Christianity. They never pall, however, and the lesson before us brings home to us the unescapable facts of our Christian duties and responsibilities.

Sparked by the jealousy and distrust and fear of the Jewish religious leaders—the leaders of the very nation with whom God so closely aligned himself—Jesus is unjustly brought to trial before the Roman overlord—Pontius Pilate.

Conquering Rome, to uphold the glory of the Roman Empire, installed a governor in Judea, and gave him jurisdiction in the area of ecclesiastical trials involving religious matters, although denying the Jews the right to hold civil trials. Therefore, the only indictments the leaders who wished to rid themselves of the threat Jesus presented to their positions, could bring against the Son of God had to revolve around religious disagreements. And, although Pontius Pilate apparently had little love for the Jews, still he was afraid of them. Too loud a clamor from those he governed presented a threat to his position, so, when he was forced into asking Jesus the direct question, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus' answer helped him not at all. He could not, however, afford to ignore the implications, lest to be accused of disloyalty to the Roman Empire. Cornered, therefore, Pilate publicly "washed his hands" of the whole matter, and turned Jesus over to the throng to be crucified.

Although it must be said to his credit that Pilate tried to save Jesus, he did not, in the final analysis, stand by his conviction that Jesus was an innocent brought to trial by misguided men.

How many of us are guilty of Pilate's sin? How many of us, despite our expressions of Christianity, when faced with our responsibilities, back away from unpopular stands and decisions, and shunt the responsibilities to the shoulders of others?

Daily, as we go about the business of living, we come face to face with the best that is in mankind; and we are often confronted with the worst! The questing spirit of man looks for new worlds to conquer, new discoveries to be made in regard to medicine and disease, the elements of weather and space, and honestly endeavors to turn these bits and pieces of knowledge he is permitted to glean to the benefit of mankind as a whole; and, all too often, turns a blind eye to the injustices and evils that exist around him in his own life.

Too many of us feel that, to justify our existence and to secure a place in the Kingdom, all one has to do is to be good and to avoid evil. Christianity and salvation are not, unfortunately, so easily secured. We may avoid evil ourselves—but do we help others to avoid it? Many of us would claim that we have never led anyone astray. How many of us can claim (and justifiably so) that we have led anyone right? Therein lies the real concept of our Christian faith.

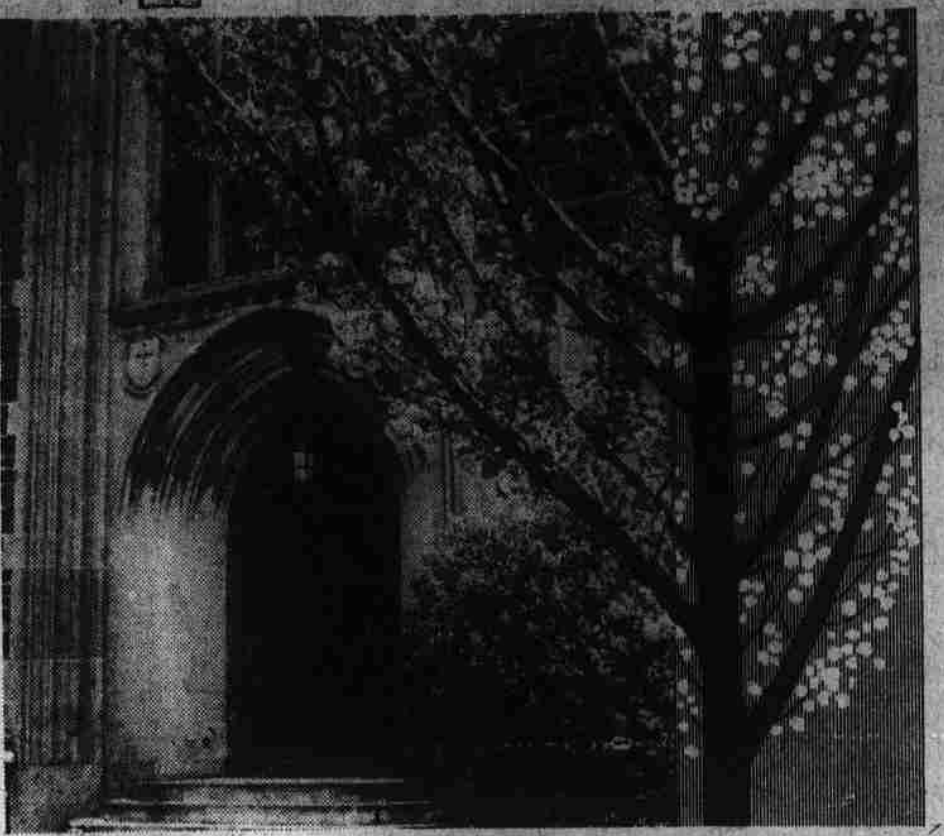
Jesus did not judge or condemn his tormentors; he neither judged nor condemned Pontius Pilate for his weakness. Indeed, his words: "Judge not, that ye shall not be judged" embodied one of the most inspiring precepts of his life on earth. And we might do well to remember these words before we condemn Pilate too hastily—and take a close look at ourselves at the same time.

Are we truly worthy of God's wonderful provision for our salvation?

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Make Church Going A Habit

Beyond the Blossoms



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. 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 his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) 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.

When the buds burst into fragile flower, and their breath is everywhere, and a warming breeze caresses the cold, damp earth . . . this is more than Spring. This is the time of Promise.

For these same festive branches shall lift a precious burden of fruit when the red-gold mantle of harvest falls across the land.

When human souls awaken to the reveille of faith, and hymns and prayers fill the arches of heaven, and the warmth of an ageless hope reaches from heart to heart . . . this is more than Lent.

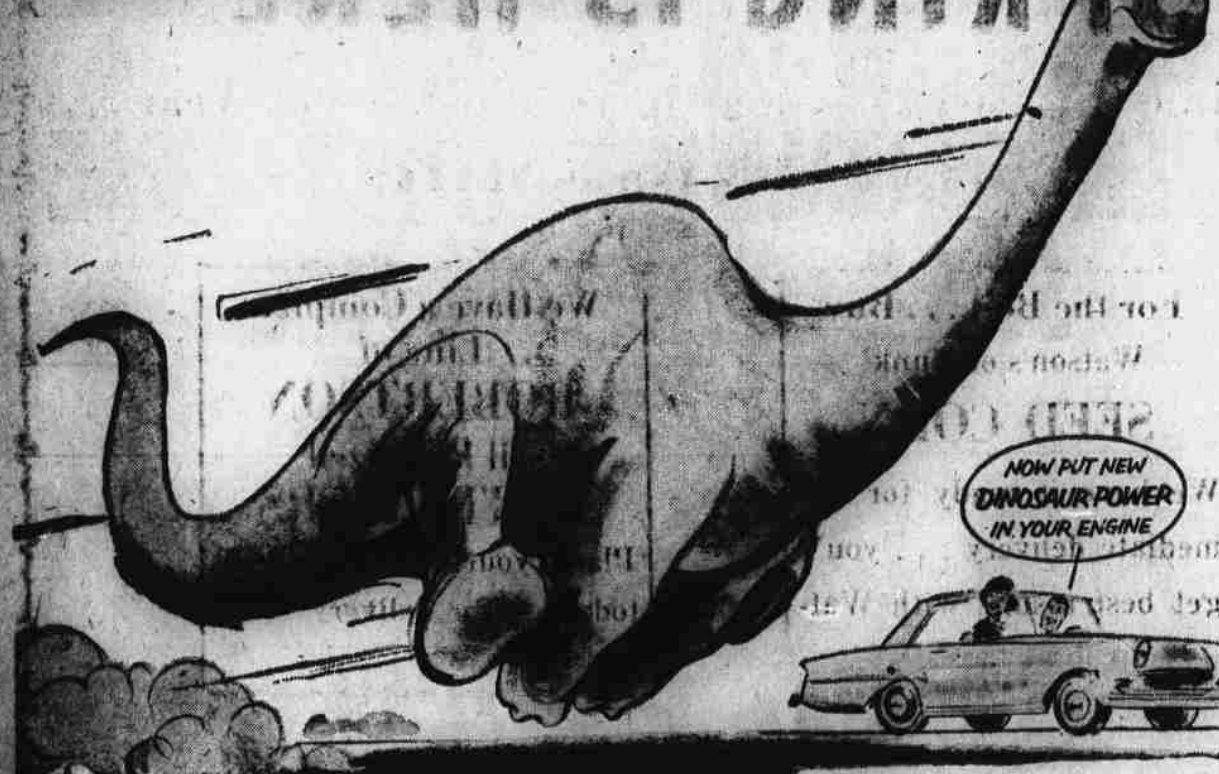
For the faith which blossoms today will bear its own precious fruit. Love! Joy! Peace! The harvest of souls like yours and mine is beginning anew to grow.

Sunday Isaiah 16:1-7	Monday Isaiah 38:1-10	Tuesday Matthew 13:24-32	Wednesday John 4:31-38	Thursday 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20	Friday 1 Peter 1:6-21	Saturday Revelation 14:12-16
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