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National 4-H Week

Whatever you're doing and wherever you live—during the week of September 25 through October 2—you should give attention, interest and support to an observance that will take place at that time. It is National 4-H Club Week.

It would be difficult to praise the 4-H movement too highly. Because of it, great numbers of boys and girls are helped to learn the fundamentals of farming—and farming, in these days, is a combination of business, art and craft. The ancient virtues that are an implicit element in land and nature are combined with the technology of today.

We live in an increasingly urbanized society. Inevitable as that may be, a very great deal of the strength and the character of this nation is found in the rural side of its life. The land, and those who work the land, feed and clothe and sustain us. And there, away from the congested cities with all their problems, is the strongly beating heart of America.

There are no juvenile delinquents in the ranks of

Letter To Editor.

Mrs. Virginia Transeau The Perquimans Weekly Hertford, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Transeau: I want to send you personal thanks for the help you so generously gave to Project Head Start this summer. I am deeply grateful.

When we launched the program last spring, we knew its success would largely depend on how well local people responded to the call for volunteers. We needed more than teachers and doctors and other professionals. We needed an army of what President Johnson called "good neighbors", people of all walks and interests who would lend their talents, their warmth, their hands and their hearts.

A great force did respond—500,000 strong—and you can be proud to have been part of it. Whatever success we have achieved is in large measure due to your dedication, your eagerness to contribute something of yourself to poverty's most innocent victims.

Head Start has been an overwhelming success. With your help, more than half a million children are facing brighter futures. And this is why my thanks to you is more than just a personal expression. I speak also for every child of your project center, all the youngsters you reached and benefitted during your many hours of service.

I know that your good work will be rewarded by their achievements in the years to come.

Sincerely, Sargent Shriver Director

Lay aside the best book whenever you can go into the best company; and depend upon it, you change for the better.

—Lord Chesterfield.

4-H. They carry on those traditions—pride of purpose, fair dealing, independence, consideration for others—that are so vital to that heartbeat

MY MINUTE WITH GOD

By GEORGE MILLER, Pastor Chowan Methodist Church

"Who is this that cometh from Edom? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save," Isaiah 63:1.

Since the time of man there have been many who under-estimate the love and the power of God. I am wondering if you are one of those persons. The universe was and is now a mighty ruin. Man is helpless to save himself and the law cannot save him. This takes the workings of a mighty Christ. Christ's saving power is manifested in his spotless humanity and in his embodiment of the Godhead. Let's consider the extent of his Salvation. He is mighty to save from sin, from self and from wrath. He is able to save us unto Himself. Do you know of this mighty power in your own life? You can and you should.

Dear Lord: Help us to take note daily of the mighty Christ and His wonderful love.

This Is The Life

By DONALD E. THOMAS

EYES ON JESUS

Our story for this week is in Matthew 14:22-32. Jesus was walking on the sea. The disciples were terrified, thinking it was a ghost. "Be not afraid, it is I," cried Jesus. Peter called, "Lord, let me come to Thee." "Come," replied Jesus. Peter climbed out and began to walk. The rough wind and waves made him afraid, and he began to sink. "Lord, save me!" cried Peter. Jesus took him by the hand and said, "Why did you doubt?" That's the trouble today. People won't believe what the Bible says. They are ready to make a fast buck. Money gets in their way. They want to keep up with the Joneses. We are putting our eyes on material things and not on Jesus. Some doubt that Jesus will save us, but He said He would. Some people trust their preacher, others their

SON ROEN

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jennings of Route 1, Elizabeth City, announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Clarence, born Sunday, September 5, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Jennings is the former Miss Ruth Harrell of Hertford.

CARD OF THANKS

To each of you who remembered me or my parents, in any way, while I was a patient in the hospital, I want to say "thank you". Your kindness shall be gratefully remembered. J. LARRY STALLINGS

selves and others the church for salvation. Only Christ saves. Let us take our eyes off everything and fix them on Jesus. Won't you, friend, accept and trust, and Jesus will set our course. The Bible says: "But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear." —Matt. 13:16.

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Sunday School Lesson

GROWING IN SELF-DISCIPLINE

International Sunday School Lesson for September 12

Memory Selection: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." — Hebrews 12:11.

Lesson Text: I Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:12-33; I Peter 4:1-5.

As we study today's lesson we should become more aware of the need for self-discipline in our striving towards the goals of true Christianity, and the personal rewards we gain from practice of self-discipline.

The Greeks were athletically-minded. They held sports meets, wherein the prize was a wreath of laurels that the victor wore on his head. And, although this wreath was perishable, Greek youth disciplined themselves rigidly to be able to run the race that would bring them the spoils of victory.

So it is with life. If it were not for each individual disciplining his human desires, the prisons would be full to overflowing, for where self-discipline leaves off, disciplinary laws evolved by mankind take over. Punishment comes from without.

But punishment also comes from within—and in a more far-reaching sense. For if we fail to discipline ourselves to live up to the highest ideals of Christianity—as exemplified by Christ the Savior—we risk the losing of a crown much more lasting than the perishable laurel wreath.

Being essentially human, it is not easy to discipline ourselves to always be guided by the principles of Christianity. Temptation comes to us in many forms, and we are very weak by nature—especially where our personal desires are concerned.

And when beset by these earthly temptations we would do well to pause and consider (1) What will my yielding do to me, as an individual, in the eyes of myself; of God; and of man? And (2) How will my subservience to my weaknesses affect those around me—my loved ones; my fellowman? How much pain and suffering would be spared all around, if man truly faced up to his acts, and the consequences thereof?

If we accept the fact that God sometimes tests us, we are soldiers girded for battle. And if we remember that, as Paul taught, He never tests us beyond our power to endure, we are filled with a resolution and strength that astonishes us. For God never gives us a problem to solve without also giving us a solution. It is in our casting around to find the right solution that we grow as individuals and as Christians. And while it is true that the obvious and only solution to our dilemma may be unpalatable to us, if we will but accept the self-discipline its adoption will require of us, we will have taken a giant step forward towards maturity—both as a person and as a Christian.

Self-discipline in God's way, however, covers other areas than the realm of the purely personal. There is room for it in the area of human relationships in regard to the Church.

Too often, when the Church makes a demand on us for some of our personal time to be devoted to furthering its activities—classes for young people, visiting the sick, rounding up delinquent tithes, or just plain sitting down with a troubled soul striving to solve a personal problem—we find ourselves resentful when this Christian duty conflicts with more pleasurable personal engagements which we had planned. The yardstick here is plain: if we follow our own wishes we will have an enjoyable, relaxing evening on which to look back—or will we? Will we not be haunted by a kindness left undone—a small service we could have rendered to God and our fellowman? Self-discipline brings its own rewards!

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Make Church Going A Habit



A Change In View

There's nothing like a new perspective to change your attitude toward life.

When Junior is bored, he simply stands on his head for a new slant at things. The floor flips to the ceiling, with tables and chairs hanging from it, and people walk upside-down. At least that's the way it looks to him.

It is a good idea to gain a different perspective—to step back and get a new slant on things around you. But you don't have to stand on your head to do it.

Instead identify yourself with a church. Take your family and go regularly to worship. You will find a new perspective. Genuine values will keep their importance; unimportant things will diminish.

Today's life will be happier; tomorrow's full of hope. Nothing is upside-down, but everything claims its rightful place when you view life with the faith of a Christian.

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