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Editorial
Armed Forces Day

After World War II Army Day (April 6th), Navy Day (October 27th) and Air Force Day (second Saturday in September) were combined into a joint observance—Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May. This year it falls on the 17th.

It is uniquely appropriate this year to remember those who serve in the armed services. In the riots, protests, disorders and dissents which have swept the country in the past year, and for several years, we sometimes overlook the indispensable contribution of those who are serving their country in the services.

The nation's security has always demanded armed forces and still does. As long as that's true the profession should be viewed as an honorable one and duty to one's country as an admirable calling.

Members of the armed services today serve under several handicaps. The nation has been racked with division over the Vietnam war, the war has been waged under limitations often hard for fighting men to comprehend. Support and enthusiasm for the people for the efforts of the services is not what it was, for example, in World War II—when fighting men knew the nation was solidly behind them.

Thus it is appropriate that we remember the sacrifices and services of members of our armed forces this May 17th, sacrifices which sometimes mean giving one's life for one's country. For the American doing his duty, drafted or otherwise, in the armed services of the United States his fellow Americans should be humbly thankful.

Smoke in your Eyes And Air Sacs

Emphysema is a mystifier. Its cause is uncertain. Its cure is unknown as yet.

New evidence, however, supports the growing suspicion that damage to the blood vessels of the lungs—caused by cigarette smoking—plays a major role in the development of emphysema. Even one cigarette causes measurable changes in pulmonary blood distribution.

At the University of Louisville (Kentucky) School of Medicine, Dr. J. Bruce Williams measured several changes in patients, some with lung disease and some with normal lungs, after one cigarette. One of these changes was a decrease in ventilation of the air sacs, where exchange of gases with the blood takes place.

A decreased ability of the air sacs to exchange blood and gases is a characteristic of emphysema. Destruction of the walls of the air sacs is one aspect of the disease.

According to Dr. Williams, the changes observed in pulmonary blood distribution—after only one cigarette—were "in the same direction and type as those found in patients with chronic bronchitis and emphysema. This observation may lend support," he says, "to the contention that emphysema is a disease of the pulmonary vasculature induced by repeated exposure to cigarette smoke."

Your TB-RD Association makes a year-round effort to combat smoking, emphysema, TB and air pollution.

SUNDAY IN WILLIAMSTON
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eley were guests of Mrs. Eley's mother, Mrs. Marjorie Rogers, in Williamston on Sunday.

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Commissioners Proceedings

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Perquimans, North Carolina, held on the First Monday in May, May 5, 1969, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse in Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina.

Present R. L. Spivey, chairman presiding with commissioners, Riley S. Monds, Jr., Thomas D. Nixon, Lester H. Simpson and Ellis Winslow.

All commissioners were present.

Report was received from the Welfare Department.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board accepted the bid submitted by The Bethel Community Fire Department, in the amount of \$1,539.75, for Ford fire truck.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board appointed Hilton M. White, Veterans Service Officer for Perquimans County, effective May 1, 1969, for one year, at a salary of \$100.00 per month, plus \$25.00 per month travel allowance.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board approved the 1969-1970 Public Assistance budget in the amount of \$432,463.00.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board employed R. E. Aiken, to audit the County books, subject to approval by Local Government Commission.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized the Board of Education to amend capital outlay fund budget in the amount of \$5,024.00, to come from A, B, C, funds.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board authorized the Sheriff Department supply budget to be amended \$200.00, and the jail budget to be amended \$200.00, to be funded from general fund.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board appointed Keith W. Haskett, coroner for Perquimans County, for the unexpired term of Dr. T. P. Brinn.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board approved the application submitted by Billy Gene Jones, of his intention to apply to The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a beer permit.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to request Honorable Philip P. Godwin, to introduce legislation setting up a referendum for a vote on a one cent sales tax in Perquimans County.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board ordered the Tax Collector, Walter E. Harrison, to advertise in June 1969 and to sell on the First Monday in July, July 7, 1969, all real estate on which 1968 taxes are due and

unpaid, and to begin levying on personal property on which 1968 taxes are due and unpaid, in compliance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

On motion duly made and passed, the Board went on record opposing House Bill 881, which would remove the county treasurer as ex officio treasurer of the Board of Education.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the following bills:
 Albemarle Hospital, Inc., \$113.81; C. Edgar White, \$21.75; Mrs. Ida Baum, \$100.00; Hertford Bus Station, \$23.96; Jordan Company, \$70.09; Chowan Medical Center, \$32.50; Drs. Steve C. Pugh and Robert L. Poston, \$5.00; J. C. Blanchard & Co., Inc., \$15.23.
 Julian H. Broughton, \$52.75; W. E. Harrison, \$22.25; Gregory's 5-10-25¢ Store, \$28.21; Joe and Bill's Service Station, \$103.98; Hertford Cafe, \$149.60; R. O. Givens, \$60.00; The Perquimans Weekly, \$86.00; Jackson Wholesale Co., Inc., \$20.81; W. R. West, \$15.00.
 Sinclair Refining Company,

Card Of Thanks
 Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comfort, sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, prayers, floral offerings, cards, food and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.
 The family of Essie Mae Spruill

I wish to thank the people of Hertford for their vote and support in helping to re-elect me as
TOWN COUNCILMAN IN THE MAY 7th ELECTION . . .
CECIL G. WINSLOW

For Your Information
 Dear Friends,
 It is generally agreed that a personal note is a proper acknowledgment for a floral offering, mass card, or donation to charity in memoriam.
 Where the number of acknowledgments becomes too numerous for the writing of personal notes, acknowledgment cards, personally signed, are quite acceptable.
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He marvels at the majesty of the clouds and the vastness of the sky. He thrills at the reflections cast upon the water by the rainbow palette of the setting sun. He is awed, humbled—yet, at the same time, fiercely proud.

His feelings contradict each other. For he knows he is a small creature dwarfed by the overpowering glory of nature, yet, at the same time, a man—a man created in the image of God.

Of course, we all need to be humble, but we also need to be proud. In one sense we are insignificant, and in another we are all-important. The problem lies in finding the proper balance between the two.

To understand the whole man—the all of you, you must turn to His Church where God is forever revealing the mysteries of His universe. Here we are taught truths that have endured throughout the ages. Here we must come if we are to find the proper balance in life.

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KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE
 International Sunday School Lesson for May 18, 1969.

MEMORY SELECTION: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." — (John 5:39)

LESSON TEXT: John 5:37-47; 16: 12-15; Acts 8:26-35; 17:10-12; James 1:22-25.

Our Lesson today introduces a new unit which is mainly concerned with the hows and wherefores of studying the Bible.

Any of us who are making our living in the world of industry (especially an industry whose concern is in the realm of marketing) will recognize the old saying: "There's a difference between a salesman and an 'order-taker'!" The difference is equally applicable to a student of the Bible, and a mere "reader". A student will study, and learn, and question . . . and try to understand; while a reader will merely turn to a passage at random and quickly scan it — gaining nothing much from it, but merely satisfying a sense of "duty" . . . and acquiring a sense of self-satisfaction.

And just as the alive, vibrant salesman, believing in his product, accumulates the orders and assures himself of a good living, so will the ardent student of things theological assure himself of riches beyond mere material standards, whereas the reader (the "order-taker") merely meets the needs of the moment — and those not too adequately! For the reading of the Bible ought to be an oasis of the soul. . . whereby one renews spiritual strength, courage, and confidence with which to meet the challenges of temporal life; whereby, in all humility, one can keep a sense of perspective, and grow as a person — one who is worthy of the supreme sacrifices of Jesus Christ.

Jesus led and taught the disciples . . . always making allowances for their humanity. He knew that it would take time for the full meaning of His ministry to make itself felt. He knew that, by careful teaching methods and planning, they would finally come to fully understand the portent of His life. As they grew in grace, so would they grow in their knowledge of His redemptive purpose regarding mankind.

This same spiritual principle applies to the Christian's understanding of the Bible. As a child, born into the Christian faith, we accept and believe; later, we believe — and reason! For our understanding of the Scriptures is truly a pilgrimage in the deepest sense of the word; just as we reach levels of tolerance and pain, so we reach levels of understanding.

A lack of understanding of the Scriptures robs us of the spiritual help that is available to us, just as the inability to grasp the importance of the method of study robs the College student of the ability to understand and appreciate the fountain of knowledge that has been made available.

Perhaps the purpose of this Lesson is contained in a nutshell — in James 1, verses 23 through 25. They are both an exhortation and a warning. It is so easy to hear — and dismiss; it is so much harder (and so much more challenging) to hear and to heed!

It is not necessarily true that a man is a devout Christian, just because he reads the Bible! One must apply to one's own life what one reads — that is the truly devout Christian.

The study of the Bible should be purposeful. It should be primarily concerned with learning. This may take more than one reading, for in one reading, one particular facet makes itself felt; in the second reading, another; in a third, a deeper insight brings to light a still different slant — and so on. For as we grow, we should learn and as we learn, we should grow. Our knowledge of the Bible, and of its portent, should measure our growth!

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