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EDITORIAL
Labor Day

The first man to suggest a day be set aside in honor of labor -- the working man the spirit of industry in the nation -- was probably Peter McGuire. He was President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in 1882 when his suggestion was adopted by the Central Labor Union in New York.

The first Labor Day, then, was observed in 1882. In 1884 the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions, which later became the American Federation of Labor, adopted the suggestion and states (Oregon was the first) began to declare the first Monday in September a holiday. McGuire had chosen September because it was about midway between July 4th and Thanksgiving.

By 1894, when Congress declared the day a holiday in all federal offices and territories, some thirty states had acted to make Labor Day a legal holiday. After Oregon, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York were the next to declare the holiday.

One good feature of Labor Day, the traditional last weekend of summer in many areas, is that it always falls on a Monday, thus creating a long weekend. This has been so popular the proposed world calendar fixes several traditional holidays in the year on Mondays -- though this calendar hasn't yet been adopted of course.

This year Labor Day is on the 7th, as late as it can occur. As on other holidays, there will be many accidents; in observing it this year take care to see that you live to observe other Labor Days.

BIBLE VERSE

"Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded."

1. Name the author of this admonition.
2. What position did he hold in the early church?
3. To whom was he writing?
4. Where may this verse be found?

Answers To Bible Verse

1. James--probably James, the half-brother of Jesus.
2. If this James was Jesus' half-brother, he was head of the early church in Jerusalem.
3. To "the twelve tribes scattered abroad."
4. The last part of James 4:8.

CAUTION - Please!

This weekend will be the last big one of the Summer season. There won't be another until Thanksgiving.

It will be happy, fun-filled and . . . DEADLY. For too many, it will be the last big weekend of their lives.

If you're traveling, please use a little good sense and a lot of caution. Hurry can hurt in heavy traffic.

Remember, you won't lose five minutes driving with the traffic -- Fighting traffic could lose you a lifetime.

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Washington Report

Walter B. Jones

The week ending Aug. 29 saw the U. S. House of Representatives still in the summer recess. During the recess I have had the pleasure of visiting many parts of the Congressional District.

I find that our citizens are still gravely concerned as to the school enrollment practices being forced upon them by this Administration and the Federal Courts.

Certainly there is no reason or justification in forcing the small children of both races to travel great distances merely to achieve some hypothetical numerical degree of integration. In spite of Attorney General Mitchell's advocacy of the "neighborhood concept," the practices of the Department of Justice and HEW are quite different and belie the promises and statements of many in high places of this Administration.

Friday, Aug. 28, I had the pleasure of greeting the ambassador from Great Britain, the Honorable John Freeman, and welcoming him to the First District at which time he made

September National Sight-Saving Month

Young and old, rich and poor, men, women and children -- an estimated 34,200 more individuals in this nation will be blind before another year is out.

For some, blindness will come slowly, from disease. For others, sight loss will be immediate, as the result of accidents. For many, ignorance and neglect will be contributing factors. And the worst part of it is that half of those 34,200 people need never become blind.

September is Sight-Saving Month, the annual intensive campaign of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness to alert the American public to this fact: fully half of all blindness can be prevented.

Although activities continue year 'round, during Sight-Saving Month the Society and its state affiliates step up efforts to inform people all over the country about the causes of needless vision loss.

The Society's programs focus on glaucoma and cataract, which blind more adults than any other cause; on vision testing of children, especially during the preschool years, the critical time for successful treatment of some vision disorders; and on eye safety in schools and industry, where eye injuries as the result of accidents are most acute. The Society has informational materials on these and many topics, available for the asking.

Founded in 1908, the Society is the oldest voluntary health agency nationally engaged in the prevention of blindness through a comprehensive program of community services, public and professional education and research.

This paper endorses the programs of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness in its continuing efforts to detect and fight the causes of needless sight loss among the people of the United States.

an official visit to Dare County to view "the Lost Colony" pageant, and later to visit Ocracoke Island and the graves of the British sailors who were killed off the North Carolina coast during the Second World War.

The ambassador was high in his praise of the "Outer Banks." More and more this section of our state is becoming a major tourist attraction. Our office in Washington has directed several members of Congress and their families to the eastern shore of the First District for vacations, all of whom have been very lavish in their praise. Certainly for the First District, as well as all North Carolina, tourism is becoming a major industry.

Congress will finish this summer recess on Sept. 8 with no prediction in sight as of now as to the final date of the sine die adjournment.


Savings Bond Sales Near \$39 Million

Sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in North Carolina during July amounted to \$4,914,527, an increase of 11.2 percent over sales in July of last year.

Cumulative sales in North Carolina for January through July amounted to \$38,053,345, which is an increase of 3.7 percent over the same period a year ago. This represents 60.1 percent of the state's 1970 dollar goal of \$63,300,000.

R. L. Stevenson, Perquimans County Volunteer Chairman, in making this release pointed out that the new one-half percent bonus on U. S. Savings Bonds makes a good product even better. This bonus brings the rate on Series E Bonds purchased on and after June 1, 1970, to 5-1/2 percent when held to maturity of 5 years and 10 months, with a first-year rate of 4 percent. All outstanding Bonds will also be improved, starting with the first interest period after June 1, 1970, if held to maturity or beyond.

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Joe's I. Q. is 85, Sam's is 150. Alice is fair as a lily; Lynn is ruddy and freckled. Carl plays great football, but Robert writes lyric poetry. Sue likes to cook, and Liz wants to program computers. Bill becomes a detective while Jack flies a plane for his country.

What can all this conglomeration have in common?

Nothing, you may say -- no two people in the world are exactly alike!

But they do have something in common, you know -- something very important--they are all human beings. No matter how different, the point is they have the same hopes and ambitions and frustrations as you and I.

You and I like to think we are a little different, of course. But you and I share something with all other human beings -- something very precious. We are all loved by God, and we should all return a little of that love to Him every Sunday -- in the church of our choice.

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Sunday II Corinthians 12:1-10	Monday Philippians 4:4-19	Tuesday Job 19:13-27	Wednesday John 11:20-27	Thursday II Corinthians 5:1-10	Friday I Thessalonians 4:13-18	Saturday Revelation 7:9-17
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International Sunday School Lesson for September 6, 1970.
MEMORY SELECTION: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." -- (Romans 12:18)
LESSON TEXT: Genesis 26; Matthew 5:9; James 4:1-3.

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Today's Lesson is built around the exhortation contained in our Memory Selection for this week. It is not an easy feat to accomplish -- and if we are in any doubt about that, then a mere glance at the headlines in our newspapers day after day will dispel the illusion!

Strife and dissent are everywhere -- in our own country, and abroad. Unrest, distrust . . . these are the signs of the times -- our times!

In this story of Isaac perhaps we, as individuals, will come near to discovering his precious secret . . . the ability to live at peace with himself, his fellow men, and God.

For, for this great man, living in peace was not simply a cessation from war between countries; it was, rather, a consistent attitude of good will towards those with whom he dwelt, even though they were of different faiths and backgrounds. You might say the secret was contained in one word -- "tolerance." A thoughtful, obedient boy, who honored his father and his father's beliefs, (as witnessed in the account contained in our last lesson) Isaac grew to manhood in a way that was pleasing to God. A man of peace, he was undaunted by setbacks, persistent and patient. And God rewarded these virtues. There was, at last, hope for Isaac's people!

Throughout Biblical history we have seen men of great strength and great feats emerge as messengers of Christianity. In contrast, now we see Isaac -- peaceable Isaac . . . almost unremarkable Isaac -- impress his enemies by his fortitude in the midst of persecution. We see a simple man of God prosper, and bring prosperity to his people; not by spectacular acts, but by practical faith. Surely that should give us renewed confidence in our roles as Christians? An ordinary man with a purpose can be a shining example to those around him!

Isaac attained greatness because he dedicated himself to exemplifying God's will for mankind. He took up the work of God where his father, Abraham, left off; he did it quietly and without fanfare. He had been an apt student, quick to follow the example that had been set.

When Abraham turned towards Canaan after Lot had left him, God promised to Israel possessions of great wealth. But the gift had to be earned. Isaac quietly and unobtrusively did his part to bring this about . . . and with success.

God still proffers to us His gifts of peace and brotherhood and innate prosperity to us today -- but, like Israel, we must earn them. We must work hard for the furtherance of God's way, and we must not be discouraged. We must keep faith.

Isaac was brought to manhood under the guidance of a father who had unshakable faith in the word of God. That he proved to be an apt pupil testifies to the value of example. Thus it is that we are constrained to pause and reflect on the influence we might have on others by our own actions! Our lives, as Christians, should be dedicated to being a living example of the influence of God in the world, in the hearts of man, and in the destiny of mankind.

Isaac "turned the other cheek" towards his enemies. This -- if we are completely honest with ourselves -- is not always the easiest thing to do! It is not necessarily an exhibition of cowardice -- it is, more often, an act of great personal courage! It is an act of self-control, of maturity that is quite often beyond the ken of lesser mortals. It is part of the challenging and demanding role of a Christian believer! (These comments are based on outlines of International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission).

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