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**Letter To The Editor**

**The Crisis of The Schools in the South**  
By G.W. Cooper, Scout Leader

The consolidation of the schools were the beginning of busing pupils from one section of the county to another section of the same county.

It was one of the most important step of all times to eliminate undesirable schools in our democratic society.

Finally: No good citizen should not be alarmed by busing pupils in our changing society, because it is nothing new.

First: It was a waste of time and money to the State Government and Federal Government.

Secondly: The main cause of our schools crisis today is a lack of understanding of the concept of working together for

humanity sake.

Thirdly: All of us need to take a new look at the concept of law and order and move forward in the right direction for better American.

**The Small Farmer**

Recent years have seen the plight of the small farmer grow steadily. Many who have worked long hours on their farms for years have seen market changes and mechanized farming and other trends force them into bankruptcy.

The latest wave of failures has occurred in upper Maine where potato farmers have suffered five successive years of bad weather. As a result, many are being ruined. The government—holding F.H.A. mortgages in many cases—is stepping in and selling out the bankrupt farmers.

Thus independent and hard-working farmers—who want to work—are being forced onto welfare or relief rolls. Many bitterly complain that foreclosures, which auction off their farm equipment at a fraction of its value, are senseless, since they would prefer to continue working and would do so, and many would eventually weather the storm.

It's ironic that in a nation as rich as the United States, which can appropriate loan guarantees of \$250 million for one business, and send aid to unfortunate people in almost every country in the world, cannot invest a little more in the future of its small farmer, and keep him working, independent and proud, rather than force him onto welfare.

**PAY & LIVING COSTS**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that pay increases had offset the rise in May living costs. Statistics show more than half of the nation's work force were making 6 per cent more than this time last year which softened the impact of the 4.4 per cent rise in living cost.

**ON MIGRANT TRAINING**

The Labor Department has announced a \$20 million job training program to teach migrant workers new skills so they will be able to work year around.

**BIBLE VERSE**

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, seek my face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

1. To whom was this promise given?
2. Upon what occasion?
3. Does this promise still stand?
4. Where may it be found?

**Answers to Bible Verse**

1. To King Solomon.
2. At the dedication of Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem.
3. It certainly does.
4. II Chronicles 7:14.

**WHO KNOWS?**

1. When did Hawaii become the 50th state?
2. Identify a typhoon.
3. When was the Salvation Army founded?
4. What animal is known as the ounce?
5. What well-known American statesman collapsed and died on a London street July 14, 1965?
6. Which of the Great Lakes is wholly in the U.S.
7. When was the Atlantic Cable completed successfully?
8. How many species of turtles are there?
9. Name the first newspaper and the place of publication.
10. Helena is the capital of what state?

**Answers to Who Knows**

1. August 21, 1959.
2. A tropical cyclone in the region of the Philippines or China Sea.
3. July 23, 1865.
4. The snow leopard, native to the cold Tibetan plateau of Central Asia.
5. Adlai E. Stevenson.
6. Lake Michigan.
7. July 27, 1866.
8. Approximately 275.
9. It is believed to be the Tsing Pao, a court journal publishing in Peking, in the 500's.
10. Montana.

**SERVICE APPLICATIONS UP**

Applications to the Peace Corps and Volunteers in Service to America, known as VISTA, merged into the new group Action July 1, have increased for the first time in five years.

**GEORGIA RAISES ITS FLAG**  
claiming North Carolina territory!

**SOUTH CAROLINA SEIZES VESSELS**  
claiming North Carolina violation of shrimping rights!

**WILL VIRGINIA BE NEXT**  
TO VIOLATE OUR SACRED SOIL — OR SEA?

**TO THE RESCUE** - Our legislature just passed an act establishing our SEAWARD boundary EAST of Currituck County's north line.  
BUT  
Congress and Virginia must ratify it.

**WHO KNOWS?**  
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**Steady does it**

My sons, Jack and Freddie, are great surfboard riders. They can outride me any day, and because there's not much at which they can beat me (yet), they are tickled pink about it.

I don't mind. I remember how proud I was the day I beat my Dad at golf. He shook my hand and acknowledged that I was growing up.

I learned much from Dad. He was a lot of fun, and yet I valued just as much his serious moments. There was no doubt about his deep and abiding love for God. The memory of his quiet voice speaking of God steadied me through several rough spots in my life.

That's why on Sunday mornings I start to church with a boy on each side of me. I want God to be a reality in their lives as He has been in mine.

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
II Kings 2:7-14	II Kings 4:2-7	II Kings 4:43-44	II Kings 5:10-27	Daniel 6:16-23	Jonah 2:1-10	Matthew 9:27-31

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**ALCOHOL AND THE FAMILY**  
International Sunday School Lesson for August 15, 1971  
MEMORY SELECTION: "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit."  
LESSON TEST: Jeremiah 35; Ephesians 5:15-20.

Continuing our studies on "The Bible Speaks to Human Relationships" this third unit of studies upon which we are about to embark concerns itself with a variety of aspects of the danger of consumption of alcoholic beverages as they affect the individual and the family as a whole. In this connection, the story of the Rechabites brings forcefully home the fact that temperance is a highly individual responsibility; moreover, it proves the power that lies in example.

A clan of nomadic wanderers in the desert, the Rechabites lived in tents rather than cities, earning their living as shepherds, rather than agriculturalists. Invasion by the Babylonians and Syrians, however, caused the Rechabites to set aside their aversion to city dwelling, and they took refuge in the city of Jerusalem.

Seeing them there, Jeremiah seized the opportunity to emphasize his teachings and warnings against the city's sinful way of life, and invited them to a meal in a very public place. As was the custom of the time, he set before them wine (a common beverage in Biblical days) and urged them to drink. This the Rechabites refused to do, explaining that it was against the tenets of their faith as set down by their founder, Jonadab. This public demonstration of integrity was exactly what Jeremiah wanted; by their integrity the Rechabites rebuked the wayward nation of Judah.

There is a lesson for us today in the action of the Rechabites. Jonadab had been dead for more than two hundred years, yet so faithfully had his tenets been taught to the children of the tribe, his principles were very much alive two centuries later! This fact alone should give pause to many modern parents and cause them to ask themselves what kind of teaching, by example, they are giving their young people!

We live in stressful times, which take their toll among the weak. Concerned as we are over a growing drug problem amongst our youngsters, we should be equally concerned about the weaknesses of our own generation. For the consumption of alcohol is just as dangerous as the taking of drugs... it, too, can become habit-forming!

Those who consider themselves "fashionable" when they indulge in cocktails, or good sports when they drink socially, in a crowd, are setting a poor example for their children. Moreover, they expose themselves to the dangers of alcoholism, and all the resultant misery for themselves and their loved ones.

They may excuse their insidious drinking by saying they are under daily stress, and need to unwind. They need respite from tensions and worry. They need alcohol as a crutch, instead of God as their spiritual support. They ignore the fact that when the alcohol-induced rosy haze wears off, the troubles and tensions they sought to escape are still there—and very often are compounded by a new set of problems! No truly Christian-motivated family would ever so expose themselves to such dangers, for they are ever aware that God is their strength!

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