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A PROGRESSIVE MAN

For a person to build a house for himself is in itself a progressive move. But when a young man in his early thirties, with three years service in the army, besides having reenlisted for three more years, and with no one particular to support, builds himself a nice, modern cement block house like R. B. McEntire did here at Harris, it is a feat worthy of note and commendation.

The time to save is when one makes. It is too late when your earnings are gone. Americans have made more money in the past six years than in any similar period in our history, but statistics prove that a small per cent invest their earnings wisely. Among the many securities for investment a good house is among the best. If you do not need the house to live in, and if you are now paying rent, move in it yourself.

Finally, the Harris Herald, on behalf of its thousands of readers wishes to pay tribute and respect to Sgt. McEntire with the hope that many more of our young men will do likewise.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE NEEDED

In an extended conversation with Rev. W. R. Bomar a few days ago we both agreed that the ministers of this county need a good ministerial alliance to meet at least monthly and more often if desirable.

Such an organization will serve several purposes among our ministers, viz.: (1) Drawing the ministers closer together regardless of denomination; (2) having preaching institutes; (3) our county ministers can present a unified program of Christian education, youth programs and other phases of our religious life in all of our churches; (4) the ministry in the vanguard of race leadership, hence they need to unify themselves in a dynamic program for the betterment and upbuilding of our people.

The editor would like to receive comments on this and other suggestions from time to time so as to help improve the general status of negroes in Western North Carolina.

WHAT THE SPIDER MEANT

A subscriber to a paper once edited by Mark Twain wrote him, stating he had found a spider in his paper and wanted to know if it meant good or bad luck, says 'The Outlook.'

"Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good luck nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and live a life of undisturbed peace afterwards." — Missionary Seer.

Editorial Correspondence

GOLD HILL CHURCH
Sunday, February 17, found the editor at Gold Hill Baptist church for the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. H. R. Ferguson, moderator of the Gold Hill association, is the able and progressive pastor of the church. He delivered a fine message about Jonah. Among other things, the speaker called for a return to the "old time way" the spirit ran high. Many names were heard. An offering of over \$30 was raised without any persuasion. The editor was presented and spoke to an appreciative audience about the possibilities of the Herald. Their response was very good. Gold Hill is the leading church in the association and has many fine members among its large membership. We enjoyed

our visit there and was urged to return, which we hope to do.

OAK GROVE CHURCH

We rushed from Gold Hill to Oak Grove church, Forest City, for the 3:00 o'clock service. Rev. J. T. Laster was in the midst of a fine sermon, emphasizing that "the Lord is our Shepherd." He preached a fine sermon as evidenced by the many amenities heard. The total offering amounted to \$59.94. Rev. Lester is to go to Raleigh, N. C., March 15 as a member of the advisory committee of the National Baptist Convention to form a North Carolina unit of the N. B. C. The editor spoke there also, and again the response was fine. Oak Grove also has some mighty fine members and it was a pleasure to visit them and their fine pastor.

DOGGETT GROVE SCHOOL IS PROGRESSING

Doggett Grove school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Prof. O. B. Pratt, assisted by Mrs. Francis Carnegie and Miss Lillian Wood.

The P. T. A. is also moving along nicely under the guidance of Mr. R. E. L. Greene, president, and Mrs. Francis Carnegie, secretary.

Doggett Grove News

MAMIE SUE FORD (Staff Correspondent)

The Doggett Grove P. T. A. is doing fine this year. They gave a party on the 14th of February and also the 22nd. The parties were enjoyed by everyone. They are planning to have a chicken supper soon in this month.

Miss Ruth Goode spent a week-end with her grandparents here recently.

Miss Dorothy Davis spent a week-end with her mother here recently.

Mr. Bib Goode visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goode, here recently.

The following have received discharges from the armed service: Booker T. Petty, James Jones, John Samuel Goode, Raleigh McEntire, Robes McEntire, Roosevelt Camp, Henry Ford.

Mrs. Mamie Ford, Ben Camp and Ozzie Ford attended a funeral in Middleboro, Ky.

Miss Dole Mae Peller was married the 24th day of February to Mr. Welder Hamilton. A supper was given to the bride and groom. Some gifts were also given.

Mr. John Henry Miller was married to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Only Hamilton. He has returned to the Army for three years.

Miss Rubine Camp has returned home after spending some time with her sisters in Virginia.

Rev. E. L. Goode is doing fine. He is able to go to his church.

Mr. Pratt, principal of the Doggett Grove school, is planning on giving music soon.

Mr. Booker T. Petty spent a short visit in Greensboro, N. C., recently.

Mr. Ervin Camp, who has been discharged from the Navy, is now our new bus driver.

Mrs. O. O. Phillips and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Theodore McEntire.

Mr. Ozzie Ford spent a few days with his aunt in Charlotte.

Mrs. Mary Willie Petty has left for Rhode Island to live with her son, Mr. Thomas Petty.

Mr. Albert Camp of the U. S. N. is spending some time here with his grandmother.

Mr. P. J. Jones has spent some time here with his family.

The Doggett Grove church is still improving. We are planning on having a singing the 3rd Sunday night. Union Silver Circle Singing Convention is to be held at Doggett Grove A. M. E. Zion church March 23-24.

We are very glad to say that we have many of our boys back from the armed forces and we hope they will all come back safe and sound. We wish to invite them into our service at any time.

Harris News

EVELYN ROBINSON (Staff Correspondent)

Almost everyone here attended the funeral of Mrs. Edna Garrett at Doggett Grove Sunday.

Rev. W. L. Goode filled his regular appointment at Hopewell the fourth Sunday.

The members of Hopewell very kindly opened their church doors to the pastor and members of Jerusalem Baptist church. They have been holding service while their new church is being built.

Rev. E. O. Bass is pastor.

Sgt. R. B. McEntire leaves soon for Fort Bragg to begin three more years of service in the army.

Golar Harris has recovered from his long siege of illness and is now able to work as usual.

Robert Wilkerson is still driving a large bread trailer for Lee R. Robbins. He makes five long, hard trips per week and has received many compliments for his good driving, only proving again that our people can do as well as any one else when they are given a chance.

Mrs. Carrie Harris has recovered from her operation and is now able to go about as usual.

A welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clark who moved into their home recently.

Miss Reuhema McEntire spent the week-end with her folks here.

Miss Mae Willie Camp of Shelby and her sister, Mrs. Fletie Smith, visited their brothers Ben Camp and J. H. Camp during the past

Haynes Grove Baptist Church News

MRS. J. L. CAMP (Staff Correspondent)

Rev. E. W. Bonner, pastor of Haynes Grove Baptist church, has returned from his vacation. During his five weeks absence he visited Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. He reported an interesting trip.

Rev. Bonner is now planning on a \$500 rally to install a heating plant in the church. The drive will close June 15. His seventh anniversary will also begin April 3. The following ministers and their congregations will serve during the week:

Rev. E. G. Douglas, Cowpens, and his congregation; Rev. L. R. Barber, and members of Suck Creek; Rev. R. V. Sullivan, and congregation of Spindale; Rev. E. G. Rice, and members of Chesnee, S. C.

The celebration will close Sunday, April 6, at 3:00 p. m.

The B. T. U. meets Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p. m. Mrs. Ronna Camp is the leader.

A program was given February 24 by the B. T. U. A group of girls sang from Henrietta. Officers of the B. T. U. are: Ruth Camp, president; Aggerline Morgan, secretary; Ruby Wilkins, treasurer; Rev. E. W. Bonner, pastor.

Hopewell A.M.E Zion Church News

SGT. R. B. MCENTIRE Reporter

Dear Editor: Our regular preaching Sundays are 2-4 at 11:30 a. m. Our Sunday school is at 10:30 a. m. All are welcome to come and be with us. Our pastor preached a fine sermon February 24 from 24th chapter of Matthew. It was a fine message. The doors of the church were opened, followed with prayer. \$9.50 was raised. We invite you to visit us at any time.

Together we stand, divided we fall.

Yours for God and Zion.

West End News

MRS. LILLIE BOYD LOGAN (Staff Correspondent)

Mrs. Erlene Davis is visiting her husband, Stm. 1/c Herman C. Davis, in Toledo, Ohio.

Luster Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Carpenter, has received a discharge from the army.

Mr. and Mrs. William Horne were the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Logan Sunday, February 24.

Mrs. Rose Gray and family visited Mrs. Arthur Littlejohn and family February 24.

Lola Carpenter is visiting relatives in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Dorothy Carpenter is visiting her husband in Florida.

Zion Grove Church Community News

JESSIE T. MILLER (Staff Correspondent)

Presiding Elder C. G. McKinney made his first round Sunday, February 3, 1946, and held a successful meeting. The officials of the church paid the P. E. salary in full, including traveling expenses. Rev. McKinney is a fine presiding elder and all left the church with a smile. The Sunday school department is moving along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Daisy Lee Hall died and was buried at St. Andrews Episcopal church January 27, 1946. A special casket had to be made in Tennessee as she was a large woman, weighing over 300 pounds. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Mr. Cecil B. Miller was married to Miss Carlsteen McEntire January 22. After a brief honeymoon they went to Tryon, N. C.

Mr. Jessie T. Miller is still indisposed, but his many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Cpl. Sidney Twitty and Pvt. George Hines are home with their discharges. We are glad to welcome them on American soil.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Reeves, of Charlotte, came up Monday, February 11, to see Jesse T. Miller, who has been sick. Mrs. Reeves is the daughter of J. T. Miller.

Miss Mattie Lee Twitty, a typist and stenographer, of Washington, visited home folks recently. She is making good in the national capital.

Mr. Fred D. Miller recently returned home from visiting his sister, Mrs. H. C. Reeves, in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller, of Shelby, visited Jessie T. Miller February 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McDowell, of Woodtown, N. J., was the Sunday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Procter.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McDowell, Mr. Isiah Mayze and Mrs. Luevener Wilkerson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Procter Monday, March 4.

Jerusalem church is almost completed. They are planning on having service the third Sunday in March. Everyone has an invitation to attend.

Mrs. C. E. McDowell and Mrs. Sarah Jones visited Editor and Mrs. Robinson during the past week-end.

Corrections And Omissions

We regret the non appearance of the ad of Piedmont Drug company in our last edition.

Richard Allen founded the A. M. E. church and not the M. E. as was stated.

H. R. Revels and not H. R. Rawls was U. S. senator from Mississippi.

MONTHLY SERMON FROM PAGE ONE

city of the world, but its science and philosophy were permeated with paganism. Among many other evidences of idolatry were altars to Mercy, Shame, Rumor and Energy. It is said that there were at least 20,000 gods and goddesses in Greece. Roman satirists said, "It is easier to find a god in Athens than it is to find a man."

The Man

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ! He might have been anything he set out to be—a great lawyer, a great soldier, a great statesman—but he chose to be Paul, a bond-servant of his crucified and risen Lord.

He decided to remain alone in Athens.

Some men are never greatly disturbed by the evidence of sin around them, but Paul's heart was stirred to find a city so full of idols. He began to reason with the Jews and devout proselytes in the synagogues and the marketplace daily, and with all those who came to be with us. These discussions interested the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers, some of whom said, "Whatever does the fellow mean with his scraps of learning?" Others said, "He looks like a herald of foreign deities." (This was because he preached "Jesus" and "the resurrection.")

The Pulpit

Taking Paul to Mars Hill, they asked, "May we know what is this novel teaching of yours? You talk of some things that sound strange to us; so we want to know what they mean."

The place was called Mars Hill because of the legend that here Mars was tried before other gods for the murder of a son of Neptune. Sixteen steps of the old stairway still remain in good condition. Here, too, Socrates was tried and condemned to death, for Areopagus was the supreme court to Athens. Paul was really on trial, for the judges sat on the stone benches of this old court, and Paul was probably placed upon the defendant's stone called the Stone of Impudence.

The Audience

Demosthenes charged the Athenians with being a most curious people, who, instead of attending to their own business, went about inquiring, "Is there anything new?"

Luke makes the same charge when he records, "For all the Athenians and the foreign visitors to Athens occupied themselves with nothing else than repeating or listening to the latest novelty."

Surely this stranger Jew had something new!

The Epicurean and Stoic schools had arisen soon after the time of Alexander the Great. The Epicurean system was materialistic, the scenes being the source of knowledge. The world began by an aggregation of atoms, and the soul was created by a union of air and

atoms of fire. The greatest god of the Epicureans was Pleasure, and was endowed with five senses.

The Stoic philosophy was essentially Pantheistic. The two principles of the universe were matter and energy. Divinity was an impersonal something without independent existence, and the soul of a man was a spark from this divinity, hence had no personal immortality. The highest ideal of the Stoic was resignation to fate.

The apostle began his address with a compliment for the Athenians. He praised them for being a cultured and refined people, and he showed himself to be a trained speaker, and was very willing to gain some. And he did win some. Religious devotion surely was a common platform. Perhaps in Tarsus Paul may have become familiar with classical literature and Greek philosophy, which knowledge he could now use. His great desire was to teach God's personal existence as against the teachings of both the Epicureans and the Stoics. "Men of Athens," began the preacher, "I observe wherever I turn that you are a very religious people. Why, as I passed along and scanned your objects of worship, I actually came upon an altar with the inscription, 'To an Unknown God.' I proclaim what you worship in your ignorance."

The Sermon

1. We may know God.

2. What the knowledge of God reveals to us.

The preacher tries to correct the intellectual errors of a people whose religion addressed itself almost wholly to taste, and not to morals, and so he begins to unfold the nature and claims of the one true God.

We May Know God

There are a great many things we may know and yet not understand. We may know that we think, yet we cannot understand thought. We know that we use our hands, yet we cannot understand the force that makes such an action possible. We eat food, yet cannot understand the principle of nourishment. We can know God, while we cannot understand Him.

God Is Revealed In Creation

"The God who made the world and all things in it—Lord of heaven and earth." Would we know God? We can see Him in the mountains and valleys, in the great rivers, lakes and oceans, in the oak tree and in the violet, in the storms and in the sunshine, in the earth and in the sky. Everywhere we can see intelligence supreme, immensity beyond our conception, and order beyond our control. Law? Yes. But law means command with sanction. A Sovereign God is a person, with a will, who makes and controls law.

In every leaf, wild fern, or eye in the common, clinging seaweed,

one finds a most extraordinary evidence of design. We can find God by looking around us.

He Is Revealed In His Word

The Bible is standing the test of time and meeting the needs of all ages. It has stood the test of modern discoveries, not one of which discredits its truth; it satisfies the deepest needs of the soul. The Scriptures have been given to us that we may learn the will of God, for the Bible is the statute-book of the kingdom of God. "Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people."

What inspiration there is in the Psalms! What comfort there is in the teachings of our Lord! How it cheers us to read about our coming victory over death in Paul's letter to the Corinthians!

We Learn To Know Him In His Word

"How do you know that your Bible is true? said one to a poor widow. "Sir, by my own heart experience." "Oh," was the reply, "your experience is nothing to me." "That may be, sir, but it is everything to me."

He is Revealed In Our Experiences

One of the most satisfactory evidences of God is the fact that we experience his love and feel his presence.

An artist once met a plain countryman going to church and asked him what he did when he was in the church. "We worship God," was the reply. "Is your God a great or a little God?" was asked. "He is both, sir!" "How can he be both?" "He is so great, sir, that the heaven of heavens cannot contain him, and so little that he can dwell in my poor heart."

What The Knowledge Of God Reveals To Us

His Unity. "The God." Not many, and more and more, as you Athenians seem to think. "In the beginning, God." All true thinking drives us back to this, "I am that I am," is the clear resignation of God given by himself. There can be only one absolute being, and God must be one by the very nature of his being.

His Spirituality. "He, as Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in shrines made by human hands." Our greatest asset is spirituality, and that is the reason God gave us his Holy Spirit. The most wonderful things in this world are the fruits of the Spirit. "To be spiritually-minded is life and peace." The fruits of the spirit are our spiritual senses.

The first is love, life's deepest emotion, and is the life-center of all the others.

Joy is life's happiest emotion, keeping us optimistic; peace is life's calmest emotion, making us tranquil; long-suffering is life's most enduring emotion, making us patient; gentleness is life's sweetest emotion, making us kind; goodness is life's emotion of helpfulness, making us benevolent;

faith is life's aspiring emotion, making us courageous; meekness is life's submissive emotion, making us humble, and self control is life's restraining emotion, making us true. The development of spirituality is a process, beginning with the new birth. Education is the fixing of spiritual purposes; prayer, the soul's oxygen; worship, the soul's circulation; the Word of God, the soul's nourishment; service, the soul's exercise. Spirituality means a gradual change of nature, interests and purpose, until we are changed into the image of our Lord.

His Independence. "He is not served by human hands as if he needed anything." Yet he wants us to work with him, and become laborers together in his great plans. We can even join hands with him in creation, become co-workers in the plans of his providence, and become partners with him in the world's redemption. We need him more than he needs us. He is not dependent upon us, but we are wholly dependent upon him.

His Omniscience. "He is close to each one of us." The absolute being cannot of necessity be limited to any one place, so he is everywhere. We are comforted by the thought that because of his nature, God can act everywhere at the same time through the operation of the Holy Spirit. This helps us to understand how Christ can be with the two or three gathered in his name, no matter how many such gatherings there may be.

His Omnipotence. "The God who made the world and all things in it." This seems to be the power to do all that he wills to do. Our chief concern is to be filled with the knowledge of his will that we may avail ourselves of such power for Christian living and service. We must learn to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

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