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BIBLE THOUGHT THIS WEEK

Look at the generations of old, and see; did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in His fear, and was forsaken? or whom did He ever despise, that called upon Him?—Ecclesiasticus 11:10.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY PUT INTO PRACTICE

The editor of The Mercury is grateful to Editor Geo. Purdon of the Maysville Daily Independent, for a friendly neighborly act. Such consideration on the part of neighboring Kentucky editors makes it possible for newspaper editors to overcome difficulties and press forward regardless of the handicaps. Thanks Editor Purdon for your wholehearted demonstration of the "good neighbor policy."

EVERY TOWN A HARBOR

For centuries, commerce has followed the seaways and the waterways of the world. Hitler's grandiose scheme for world conquest had, as one of its objectives, the capture of Suez, water gateway to the fabulous ports of the East. The banks of the Don and the Dneiper have been bloody battlefields because these rivers were supplies to the army that controlled them, even as they once brought food and ores and manufactured articles to a people at peace. Stalingrad and Kiev are important Russian cities because they are ports for river traffic, as St. Louis and New Orleans are important cities in this country. Boston and New York, and Seattle and San Francisco also became important because of their fine harbors. Even now the picture is changing as the new means of transportation supplant the ports. Already Miami, now the picture is changing as the new means of transportation supplant the ports. Already Miami, Atlanta, Memphis and other inland cities will bloom about airports just as surely as they once sprang up around the quay sides.

Nature provided harbors for ships, but inland "harbors" for airplans can be built by man. Conservative authorities have estimated that the airports of this nation will have to handle three or four times the present amount of air traffic immediately after the war.

Not only will airports become essential to a community's business life, but they will help provide jobs for many men now in the Air Force who will return after the war with a desire to continue in the calling they know best.

Airport planning is not something that can be done overnight. It requires months, sometimes years of study, not only in determining the best possible location for a flying field, but in acquiring the land, arranging financing, improving roads, expanding public utility services, and myriad other details. Progressive communities are preparing now to receive the miracle of air commerce which will begin to spread over the world when the war ends. It will keep them humping to be ready for that day.

Four soldiers were killed at Camp Breckinridge Friday while participating in training activities.

HOOKTOWN

Mrs. Alvin Heflin spent a few hours Tuesday with her parents Mrs. Jimmie Bowles and Miss Oma Rankins spend a few hours Friday with Mrs .Forest Smith.

Mrs. Rose Hill spent from Friday until Saturday with her sister, Sue Lois Gray of Cincinnati.

Jo-Nell Smith of Louisville spent the week end with her parents, Forrest Smith and wife.

Mr. Johnnie Lawrence and wife spent one day recently with Coley Ritchie, wife and daughter.

Eddie Rogers and wife of Newport were called last week to Anderson, Ind., on account of the sudden death of Mr. Rogers' Nephew.

Johnnie Lawrence and wife received a letter from their son Pfc. Walter Lawrence, stating that he had been transferred from North Africa to somewhere in Italy.

Orval Jones and family moved Friday to the house vacated by James.

Sam Smith and wife moved to the property of Mrs. Belle Endicott and Mr. Siberts and wife will move to the house vacated by Mr. Smiths.

Wood McNeese and family moved to Berry and Dillard Wade and wife have gone to housekeeping in the house vacated by McNeese.

Mrs. Everette Wiggins and two children spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Clay Berry and family.

Mr. Keller Faulconer met with bad luck Tuesday night when her brooder house caught fire and burned up 150 chickens.

MILLTOWN

Mr. John Young Chrisman of Alexandria was a few days guest of his wife and children the past week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chrisman.

Miss Anabel Gill and John Gill spent Saturday night in Mt. Sterling one day the past week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mitchell and family spent Sunday guests of Mrs. Mitchell's parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tucker and family.

Mr. Willie Perkins, who is convalescing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cecil McIntire is somewhat improved after a serious illness.

Miss Elizabeth Smoot was last Sunday afternoon guest of Miss Frances Mitchell and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vice and family of county were recently married at the home of Rev. Vice and wife. Only immediate relatives were present. The bride is a daughter of Nick Smoot of this community and they bought in Fleming county.

BARTERVILLE

Pvt. Johnnie Gray of Fort Benning, Ga., spent the past week with his wife and baby in Carlisle.

Pvt. Otis Savage is on a leave, from Camp Swift, Texas, after spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snapp and other relatives. He leaves in Texas for 15 months.

Mrs. Pearl Smith of Paducah, spent a few days the past week at home to be with her brother, Ollie G. Snapp, of Camp Swift, Texas.

Mrs. John Morris and children moved to Carlisle.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mitchell.

Miss Jewell Green spent one night the past week with her grandmother, Bira Sauls.

Hallie Morris spent a few days the past week with her grandson, Everett Green and family.

Reynolds Green of Dayton, Ohio, ents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green.

Pvt Leon Steele has been transferred from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to a camp in St. Paul, Minnesota, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Oma B. Steele of Carlisle.

HOUSEHOLD HUT

A home-made cement for chipped or broken china can be made by mixing a teaspoon of pulverized slum with a teaspoon of water, melted over the fire until clear. After washing the broken pieces in hot water and thoroughly dried, while still warm apply the melted alum quickly and generously to the edges and press together. Let dry and it will never come apart even when washed in hot water.

Nearly everything is higher in this country except our ideals.

LOSING PROPOSITION

Mr. Ginsburg had been complaining of insomnia. "Even counting sheep is no good," he sighed to his partner in the clothing business.

"It is only no good if you count up to 10,000," replied his partner. "Try that tonight."

But the next morning Mr. Ginsburg was still complaining.

"I did not sleep a wink," he said. "I counted the 10,000 sheep, I sheared 'em, combed the wool, had it spun into cloth, made into suits, took 'em to the city, and lost $300 on the deal. I didn't sleep a wink."

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Joe—They're taking off all those pay-as-you-leave buses.
Jerry—Why?
Joe—Two Scotchmen starved to death in one.

Asleep on the Deep

A freighter had broken away from its convoy during the night. It carried a highly important cargo, so a destroyer was sent out next morning to search for and shepherd the vagrant. Finally they found her, plowing her own course. The destroyer's skipper, not at all pleased at the delay, drew within distance and hailed the freighter's old man. "Captain Livingstone, I presume," he shouted.

Poor Lady

Widow—You know I've had so much trouble getting my money, I sometimes almost wish my husband hadn't died.

Putting It Mildly

Rastus—Was I usually brothah shocked uber de death ob his mother-in-law?

Sambo—Shocked! He weren't shocked—he was jus' naturally electrocuted.

Expert Help

Jones—How is your new secretary?

Smith—She's fine, I'm afraid she'll get everything so mixed up I can't get along without her.

Slight Misunderstanding

Mother—Jimmy, go over and see how Mrs. Smith is.

Jimmy (returning)—Mom, Mrs. Smith says it's none of your business how old she is.

Look in the Mirror

Cashier—I'm afraid I'm not as pretty as I used to be.

Boss—What makes you say that?

Cashier—The men have started counting their change.

Easy Work

Jones—When I was 15 I made up my mind to get rich.

Smith—What happened, you never became rich?

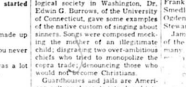
Jones—No, I decided it was a lot easier to change my mind.

Love's Old Story

He—We'll be different, dear. We'll still be keeping company after we're married.

She—Yes, my mother, father and two brothers!

NOT A SHOCK HEAD?



Nit—What do you call a man who is straight from the shoulder?
Wit—A square head.

Ye Knight Postage

Sir Galahad—Will wait take for you suit of armor?
Sir Lancelot—Three cents an ounce, sire. It's first class mail.

Air Conditioned

Wit—I got a cold in the movies last night.
Nit—How come?
Wit—I sat in Z row!

Big Girl!

Sambo—Huh her? Boy, Ah lubs de grocis' mah gal slams on.
Rastus—Lawsy, man, ya' lub she de cavah a boy eh territory!

Politeness Pays

Neighbor—sure is a piece of bread for you, Tommy. Now what do you say?

Tommy—Put butter on it.

Animal Antics

Mr. They say a camel can go two weeks without water.
Wit. Yeh, and a little drink goes a long way with a giraffe, too.

Summer Notice

Campers were given this little bit of wisdom useful. There's little danger of forest fires when the only sap present is in the trees.

Money Talks

Dad—Tommy, will you be quiet for a bit!
Tommy—No. But I will for two bits.

—It Pays To Advertise.—

Worry Sent Her Home In Time to Save Three

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Mrs. Emmett Galloway said the thought that something was wrong at home kept troubling her Sunday night as she watched a motion picture. She left in middles, found her two children and a neighbor's son lying on the living room floor, overcome by furnace fumes. All were revived.

U. S. Flier Dodges Shell in Midair

Odd Adventure Befalls Yank Pilot in Italy.

U. S. BASE IN ITALY.—Ducking an American mortar shell in midair was Lieut. D. R. Garrels of Butler, Neb., a bigger thrill than dodging German shell, an American correspondent in Italy writes.

The odd adventure befell the 23-year-old bomber pilot as he returned across the Volturno river battle line. "We had just bombed and strafed German road targets a couple of miles the other side of Venafro," he said. "I had pulled up at about 400 miles an hour and was above about 500 feet off the ground when I saw a flash from the other side of the river where our troops were at that time.

"Then suddenly I saw a black mortar shell hurtling toward me. It was only about 100 feet ahead and to the right—just barely off my course.

"It was right on top of me, and I did what I could, but if it had been a few feet to the left I'd have run right into it. It ripped over my plane and landed down among a few Germans, where the guy who fired it has least it to go.

"Boy, if I had caught that one there wouldn't have been enough left of my plane to make a cigaret lighter."

Cases of planes being accidentally or intentionally knocked down by mortar or artillery shells are extremely rare, although some enemy aircraft have been caught taking off from a field as it was being brought under American artillery fire.

"When a plane runs into a mortar or artillery shell in the air there generally won't be any people left in it in shape to talk about the experience," one flier said.

Sinner Songs Replace Jails in South Seas

WASHINGTON.—Instead of the jail for wrongdoing in the South Sea Islands, "You get a song written about you, telling the world of your disgrace."

Describing the use of Polynesian music at a meeting of the Anthropological society in Washington, Dr. Edwin G. Burrows, of the University of Connecticut, gave some examples of the native custom of singing about sinners. Songs were composed recounting the doings of an illegitimate child; dirigating two over-ambitious chiefs who tried to monopolize the copra trade; denouncing those who would become Christians.

Guardhouses and jails are Americanized institutions introduced into the islands that have become military bases. "Dr. Burrows explained. But wherever men behind bars may be found singing songs like a native, they are likely to be the subject of a song.

Other forms of punishment, he said, are by "a ... and ... and ... and