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BIBLE THOUGHT THIS WEEK

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.—Isa xxxii. 17.

AN EDITOR'S PROBLEMS

Recently this newspaper lost a faithful linotype operator and for the past three weeks assistance has been secured by "borrowing" some very fine and efficient operators from Lexington, whose names we would like to mention, but for obvious reasons refrain from doing so. Other difficulties during the past recent weeks have been a broken part of the newspaper press; a burn-out of a portion of the heating equipment on the linotype machine and the part had to be ordered by telegram from New York; the editor and general "flunky" around the shop fell on the ice early Monday morning and since has been derived of the use of one arm, the result of a bruised shoulder; and to top it all off our regular shipment of newsprint on which the Mercury is printed had not arrived up until a few hours before press time Tuesday week, and had it failed to arrive in the "nick of time" we doubt if this issue would have been published on time.

In spite of all the above, the Mercury has been printed and mailed on time each week. We have reason to believe that at least some of our troubles have ended. We now have one of the best linotype operators in the state on the job and we hope the sun will be smoother than in the recent past.

STRAY DOGS

Some complaints have been received in Carlisle to the effect there are too many "stray mutts" (dogs) prowling the streets, creating a menace, especially a danger to young children. A dog like any other live domestic animal, is the property of some individual whose duty it is to keep his property within the bounds of his premises or under control when off his premises.

A good dog is its owner pleasure and is a very valuable asset to a family, farm or institution; but a worthless, ill-kept canine with a pedigree is of no value to anyone and in many instances is a danger and a liability, especially to farmers with flocks of young lambs known dangerous a pack of ravenous dogs, or even one dog, can be to a flock of young lambs in one single night.

All dog owners are supposed to pay licenses on their dogs and each dog is supposed to wear a collar bearing his number and in some instances his master's name. The best remedy we know to rid a community of prowling worthless dogs is for the officials to institute a "dog-eradication campaign" and either kill orphure and place in a pen for a limited period all stray dogs without proper identification.

EQUINOX

(New York Times)
An equinox is a matter of celestial mechanics, but spring is a tide that rises in the human heart. Not in the heart alone, to be sure, for it is an earth-tide which is transmitted to the human pulse by some subtle osmosis; but there is where it beats upon our senses, there it where it strikes the quick.

It is more than change. Change comes day by day and even hour by hour; change is a law of life. It is more than a warm rain or a sun overhead, more even than a leaf thrusting up through the mold of the past. It is an understanding of all these things and a realization that today is but a part of all the yesterdays and all the tomorrows that have walked across this earth.

A swamp maple shows mostly black where the rising sap oozes from a gash made during the winter's clearing, and you touch a finger to the ooze and test it with your tongue and you are tasting last summer's sunlight and next summer's shade. A flock of early blackbirds gabbles in the marsh reeds, and you are hearing the winds of Carolina in December, the drone of June bees over a Connecticut clover field.

Somewhere up there the stars and planets wheel into line, and we have another equinox. And down here the earth quivers imperceptibly, a root wedges its way between two grains of sand, a bird sings. And the pulse in a human heart quickens for a brief moment, knowing that another spring is at hand.

NOT TOUGH ENOUGH

(Time Magazine)

Draft boards and induction centers recently have been forced to reject as unfit 46 pct. of all men between 18 and 38. An increase of 6 percentage in the rejection rates as men in older age groups, men living with their families, are called up. Among U. S. males of 18, who should be in the peak of good health, one out of every four up for induction is unfit for combat. The leading cause for rejection (14.5 pct.) mental disease. Furthermore, neuropsychiatric disabilities accounted for the discharge of almost half the 474,000 enlisted soldiers returned to civilian life lately. In the Navy, with much higher percentage of volunteers, one out of three discharged is a neurotic.

Latest War Bulletins

ANOTHER NAZI BITE—German forces take over communications centers in Bulgaria while 100,000 Nazi troops occupy Hungary. Berlin attempts to set up ousting regime in Hungary, where pro-Nazi troops are resisting.

CLOSER TO TRUK—Americans land on Emirau and Elmoosun Islands, even closer to Truk than the Admiralty. U. S. battleships, after 1,000 tons of shells into Kavieng.

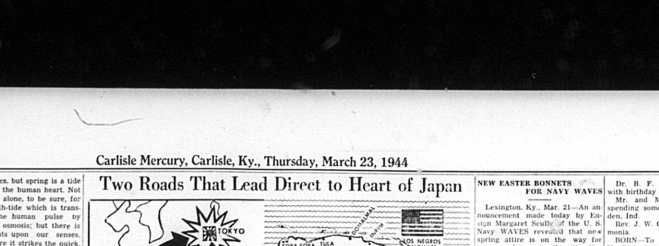
[illegible] HOOD—Russians [illegible] advance to within thirty miles of Pinsk. Power under [illegible] ed. We now have one of the best linotype operators in the state on the job and we hope the sun will be smoother than in the recent past.

TUNNELL HILL

Real Estate Sales

Scott Briggs and family from Dayton, Ohio, have moved here to Mrs. Bertha Donaldson's home.

Mrs. Cecil Mitchell was in Carlisle Friday.



Map shows two roads back to Tokyo—one via conquest of the Marshalls, Truk, the Caroline group and Bonin. The other is directed at the Philippines.

Two Roads That Lead Direct to Heart of Japan

Life Goes Merrily On in Burma

A tiny half-dressed Burmese girl gets an early education on how to carry on, in spite of being homeless and poverty-stricken. She is helping her mother sift rice near the rough shelter they call home. Right: A portly Burmese nurse feeds a tasty bit of food to Capt. John Celling of San Francisco during a jungle picnic somewhere in Burma.

Senators Live a Day on Army Rations

Like all the senators was [illegible] Bridges, N. H.; [illegible] Lister, Weeks, Ill.; and Bridges.

Try a Mercury Want Ad.

Up and Coming People Make Today's News

Now that so many wives and mothers are engaged in war work, men are learning to cook. Picture at left shows Carlton Rell, student at a cooking school for men, just opened in New York. Center: Miss Mary Frelich, whose suggestions for speeding up production have saved 2,500 man hours a year in one plant, receives special award from Donald M. Nelson, head of WPB. Right: Merrill Wolf, 12, youngest student ever enrolled at Yale.

NEW EASTER BONNETS FOR NAVY WAVES

Lexington, Ky., Mar. 21—An announcement made today by Ensign Margaret Scully of the U. S. Navy WAVES revealed that no spring attire is on the way for women who wear the attractive Navy Blue. April is the month that sees the change in hats from an all-blue hat to the regular white top. June is the month that changes the entire working uniform from Navy Blue to grey and white trimmings and the dress uniform from blue to an entirely white uniform.

This year will mark the first appearance of the grey and white uniform which has only recently been adopted as official. This uniform consists of grey and white shirtwaist and jacket and grey-topped hat with white and black accessories.

The white dress uniform used in summer will be exactly the same as the first uniform adopted for summer dress wear. It is all white with white shoes and accessories.

In describing the new uniform Ensign Scully observed that in the service as well as in civilian life the women like to get new clothes and are always happy when the season demands a change in official uniform.

"One great chance in uniforms that is taking place," Ensign Scully added, "is that thousands of women are answering the call of their country and are proud of these attractive uniforms." She added that women from Carlisle who wanted to do their utmost to help win the world over should see Bertha Westfall and make appointment with the Navy recruiter.

25 Years Ago

Thursday, March 27, 1919

Fire destroys large stock barn and corn stable belonging to Gore sisters at Myers Station. Loss includes four Kentucky mules used at $250 each; feed and farming implements.

Prof. Jesse T. Hazelrigg re-elected Superintendent of Shelby City Schools.

Gus L. Heyman sells vacant lots on Sycamore to W. J. Kennedy for $900.

Dr. B. F. Reynolds entertains with birthday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Ross spending some time at West Baden, Ind.

Rev. J. W. Crates ill with pneumonia.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs Henry H. Dickson, a daughter. To the wife of Mr. William Thomas Hardwick, a son.

MARRIED—Miss Lena Shirley of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mr. Roger Ratliff of Carlisle. Miss Jennie Belle Plummer and Mr. Irving Schubert at Lawrenceburg.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, March 22, 1894

Mrs. McKee offers Spring millinery for inspection.

Major G. L. Heyman of "The Enterprise" opens branch store at Bethel.

May term of Circuit Court to be held in new Court House.

Work begun on new building being erected by Jas. Howe and Chess Cole.

James Mann remodels interior of store room.

Miss Osa Hendricks teaching in Bath county.

Green Beaber candidate for Railroad Commissioner.

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KENTUCKY SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

To find, treat, help and cure thousands of crippled children in 1944, the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children asks its friends for $100,000 during its Easter Seal Sale and Membership Campaign March 25 - April 9.

Mr. James B. Ross, of Carlisle, has accepted chairmanship of the campaign in Nicholas County, it was announced by Neil Ballou of Louisville, who again heads the state-wide drive.

"When you gave to the January March of Dimes for children stricken by polio you helped about 20 per cent of the boys and girls served by the Kentucky Crippled Children Commission and its private co-operating agency, the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children," explained Mr. Dalton, who in addition to being chairman of the Society's Easter drive is chairman of the Kentucky State Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Half the money raised in Kentucky during the polio drive will be administered by the Kentucky Crippled Children Commission as official state agency. The other half goes to New York for research.

"The Easter drive of the Kentucky Society, which is the right arm of the state Commission raises funds to help ALL crippled children, including polio victims. The coming Easter campaign is a chance for Kentuckians to help [illegible] ore any crippled child in the [illegible] to birth and happiness."

Since 1924 Crippled Children and Society have furnished free clinic [illegible] vation to 19,398 physically [illegible] pped boys and girls and [illegible] ected 7,762 in the state alone. [illegible] there are usually between [illegible] and three thousand on waiting list. Treatment centers are at Ashland, Lexington, and Louisville.

Committee methods to be followed [illegible] ing the Easter Seal Sale [illegible] book-covered subscription [illegible] ing the sale of Easter seals [illegible] ing the sale of Easter seals [illegible] ing the sale of Easter seals