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WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING TEXT FOR TODAY: 6:1-8. The Lord's past and present controversy with Israel.

Here ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with His people, and He will plead with Israel.

O My people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before Him with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

The Christmas Tree

By DEB ADDISON

EACH family now is faced with a major decision. A crisis in family relations is at hand. It's time to decide on the Christmas tree.

There are many schools of thought on procuring the Christmas Tree. There are the early planners and those who scurry around town looking over the left-overs on the Christmas tree lots come Christmas Eve.

Each year we hear related the tales of family pilgrimages into the woods in search of that Will 'O Wisp, the perfect Christmas tree. There are many who get to the woods just this one time of the year, and a wonderful experience it is, discounting the broken springs, stuck-in-the-muds and other casualties.

This pilgrimage for cutting the Christmas tree is something which should be fostered as a good old traditional family enterprise—but from the number of trees cut commercially each year and sold on the downtown lots, it's a languishing tradition.

Then, too, there's the question of settling on the traditional fir, of being individual with a cedar, spruce or pine, or even of drumming up an exotic concoction of gilt and spangles.

THE opportunity to settle this problem right quick and without fuss or muss was offered in the paper Saturday by the Malin Park people. They say, have a living Christmas tree delivered to your door, balled in burlap, the day you want it, with full instructions for planting after it has served its purpose as the center of attraction indoors through Christmas.

At the Malin Park nursery are several hundred Norway and Black Hall spruces which are left over from the park landscaping. The park board bought a nursery or two, to do the big landscaping job, and they now see a chance to make a few shekels

for further park development by selling these spruces for Christmas trees.

If you're one who always has had his heart set on having a Christmas tree growing in your yard, or, if you just plain don't like to rattle the things around, here's your chance to get it all over with, neatly. You won't have to lift a finger. (You won't, that is, until it comes time to plant the thing on December 24.)

World Today
By DEWITT MACKENZIE

THE London lawsuit over the affections of the late Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, tobacco magnate, developed a highly interesting spiritualist angle.

Lady Cunliffe-Owen, America-born widow of Sir Hugo, sued Miss Marjorie Daw on charges of libel and alienation of affections. Miss Daw was accused of influencing Sir Hugo against his wife by means of alleged letters from his dead son giving an unfavorable impression of Lady Cunliffe-Owen. Sir Hugo was an ardent spiritualist.

This case has been settled out of court, and with that we can dismiss it, since my sole purpose in mentioning it was to draw attention to the spiritualist angle. Spiritualism has long had a considerable following in England, and I was living there at the time when its great leader was the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, famous creator of Sherlock Holmes.

I got to know Sir Arthur very well and we had long conversations about the highly controversial subject of the spirit world. I used to visit him in his spiritualist book-shop, close by Westminster Abbey, where one could find all sort of literature relating to spirits.

DOYLE was deeply grieved by the widespread expressions of disbelief in spiritualism. One day when we were discussing this he called my attention to a life-size head-and-shoulders photo of himself, with the face of a young man looking over his shoulder. He said that was a spirit picture of a dead son who, as I recall it, had been killed in the first World War.

Sir Arthur told me he personally bought the plate on which that picture was taken. He said he himself put it in the camera and, after a friend had snapped it, Sir Arthur himself removed the plate and developed it. No other hand had touched it before the print was made. With tears in his eyes he exclaimed:

"How can anyone look at that picture and not believe?"

CONAN DOYLE knew the late Houdini very well and told me that the magician performed his amazing feats through spiritualism. He said Houdini was able to dematerialize himself (take on spirit form) and that it was in this manner he escaped from locked steel trunks and from prison cells.

Apocryphal materialization of spirits, Sir Arthur told me he had had experience with this phenomenon. He cited the case of an evil spirit which used to materialize itself in a house in Southern England. He said one night when a spiritualist meeting was being held in the house this spirit materialized itself and badly manhandled one of the group.

NEVER debated spiritualism with Sir Arthur or anyone else. I just listened. But I did admire him greatly, for he was a magnificent gentleman with rare gifts. After he died I became acquainted with Lady Conan Doyle, his charming wife, who also was a firm believer in spiritualism. She told me that she was receiving spirit messages from her husband.

One time when I was calling at her home in Crowborough she told me Sir Arthur had warned the family in a spirit message that there was a defect in the machinery of a racing car owned by one of the sons, and that it should be fixed immediately. She said the message was correct and that the boy might have lost his life if he had driven the car without repair.

SIR ARTHUR was buried in the flower-filled garden of that lovely country home.

Boyle's Column
Big Concert Bureau Loses Money Heavily and Gladly

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Jean Tenneyson runs one of the world's biggest concert bureaus—and is quite happy because it is losing money.

Some 300 top singers and musicians work for nothing on her programs, arranged to entertain disabled ex-servicemen in 130 veterans hospitals across the country.

Her list of artists includes Lily Pons, Margaret Truman, Esjo Pina, Arthur Rubinstein and Gladys Swarthout.

"We started out with strictly long-haired performers," she said. "But now we have Benny Goodman, chorale groups—even a magician."

Like many another woman at war's end, Miss Tenneyson, an ex-Vanities star and operatic soprano, was grateful to the men who had fought. She wanted to do something to show her gratitude—but what?

Musical Therapy
"I was told that musical therapy was helpful to the 1,000,000 veterans in hospitals," she recalled. "So I decided that was the field I could help in best."

With symphony conductor Leo Sowerby and a few other friends she organized the artists' veterans hospital programs in 1947. By the end of this season this organization will have arranged for more than 350 concerts in some 90 veterans hospitals.

"Eventually we hope to reach all the hospitals, particularly those in out-of-the-way places," she said.

Big Job
Miss Tenneyson, helped only by a secretary, schedules the concerts herself and pays all expenses of the operation. Whenever the seasonal tour of one of the artists on her list brings him near a veterans' hospital, she arranges in advance for him to appear there, too. And he'd better not plead weariness or laryngitis when she gets on the long-distance phone. For a cheerful blonde she can be mighty stubborn with lazy singers.

"But most of the artists have been very cooperative," she said.

Yule Decorations, Meeting Theme
TULELAKE—Christmas decorations were the theme of the last meeting of the Tulelake Garden club held November 29 at the home of Mrs. Marvin Thomas.

Mrs. George Smalley, Malin, presented an interesting talk on the use of evergreens for holiday decorations and demonstrations of attractive table arrangements were given by Mrs. Dick Hensel.

The club will meet Tuesday, December 6, at the church annex of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian church for an all-day meeting to make Christmas decorations. Foot-luck is planned for luncheon. The meeting will get under way at 10 o'clock. Everyone is asked to bring a supply of metal coasters, lots of greens and any other material needed to make decorations.

Refreshments were served to 30 members by Mrs. Thomas and her assisting hostesses, Mrs. Olney Rudd, Mrs. Edgar Osborne and Mrs. Marvin Christy.

Veteran Actress' Funeral Tomorrow
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 5 (AP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mme. Maria Ouspenskaya, famed Russian character actress who died Saturday of burns suffered when a cigarette set her bed afire.

The 73-year-old actress came to this country in 1923 as a member of the Moscow Art Theatre. Since 1939 she has appeared in many films and operated a theatrical school here.

Kent's Estate Tops 9 Millions
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—A. Atwater Kent, philanthropist and radio manufacturer, left an estate valued at \$9,130,971.11, the executors say in their first accounting submitted to superior court.

The executors stated yesterday that they now hold \$4,004,521.07 in cash, \$5,116,153.94 in stocks and bonds and \$989,100 in sundry assets.

Kent, who died last March 4, gave away in his will almost \$5,000,000 to friends, employes, charitable and educational institutions.

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Nation Today

How U. S. Plans Lowering Of Racial Housing Bars

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The government has announced a new policy to try to cut down—its cannot wipe out—racial discrimination in housing.

This is the background, with an explanation from government officials on what the new policy means.

It has been a widespread practice in this country for property owners in a community to discriminate against whole groups of people because of their race, religion or color, particularly Negroes and Jews.

They may agree among themselves that none of them will ever rent or sell his house to a Negro, for example. This is a so-called "gentlemen's agreement." Sometimes it is called a "restrictive covenant."

Suppose one of the people making the agreement broke it and sold to a Negro. What could the others do to stop him? Nothing. It was only a verbal agreement anyway.

But there is another kind of agreement—which is called a "recorded" agreement. Meaning, it has been filed in writing in a court as part of the court record. For example:

Say you buy a house today. In the deeds to the house it is plainly stated that the owner, in this case you, cannot sell to a Negro.

This may happen in a new house you buy today or in an old house that's changed hands 10 times in 20 years.

Covenants
That restrictive covenant was in the deeds when the house was first bought. It was recorded 20 years ago. When you, the 11th owner, buy it today, the deeds with their restrictive covenant are still part of the court record and have been for 20 years.

But suppose you decide to sell to a Negro and your neighbors want to go to court to prevent the sale, arguing that under the agreement you can't sell to a Negro.

Can they go to court to stop you? No. That was tried a couple of years ago. But the supreme court ruled such "recorded" agreements have no standing in a court. In other words, the agreement is

not worth the paper it's written on if someone wants to break it.

New Policy
Now we come to the new policy, which involves the federal housing administration (FHA).

FHA is a government agency which insures loans for people who want to build private homes or even whole private housing projects. In the past year it has insured one-third of all the private housing built.

Some time in the future—maybe 60 or 90 days—FHA will set up a rule which says:

No one can get an FHA loan if he is a party to one of those restrictive covenants "recorded" AFTER the rule went into effect.

Suppose, after the rule goes into effect, you want to buy a house whose deed, recorded in a court years ago, carries the restrictive covenant. Can you get an FHA loan to buy that house?

Priority
Yes, says Franklin D. Richards, head of FHA. Why? Because the covenant was "recorded" before the new FHA rule went into effect. The rule will bar loans only to those putting such agreements into a court record after the rule becomes effective.

But what of verbal agreements among house-owners in a community to discriminate, say, against Negro home-buyers? That will have no meaning, an FHA lawyer said.

But, in order to get an FHA loan, will you have to agree not to discriminate against Negroes or any other group if you ever want to sell your place?

No, says FHA officials. Why? Because the government can't tell anyone what to do about selling his house. It is only ruling it will not give loans to people taking part in recorded agreements in the future, or, rather, after the rule goes into effect.

Why Change?
Why is the FHA adopting this new policy? Merely, the officials say, to keep the FHA in line with that supreme court decision which held that recorded agreements have no standing in court.

In short, the government plan, as officials explained it, is not going to touch restrictive covenants already in effect but will try to pre-

Vet's Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this department will publish an occasional column of news items from the veterans administration. For further information veterans should contact or write their nearest VA office.

World War II veterans with service-incurred disabilities are reminded by the veterans administration of an important GI insurance privilege which will expire the first of the year.

Until December 31, disabilities actually incurred in line of duty between October 8, 1940, and September 2, 1945, if less than total in degree, will be disregarded by the VA in determining whether a veteran is eligible under health requirements for National Service Life Insurance.

That means, the VA said, that veterans who might not otherwise qualify for life insurance for health reasons may renege lapsed NSLI or buy new or additional insurance up to the \$10,000 maximum if they apply before January 1, 1950.

A physical examination is required, however, for all insurance applied for under this provision. Examination will be furnished by the VA without cost to the veteran.

Question Of The Week
Q. As a World War II veteran with a bad conduct discharge, am I entitled to any benefits under the GI bill?

A. This veteran should contact the nearest veterans administration office for a decision as to whether he was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Or he may apply to the armed service from which he received the bad conduct discharge for a review of the discharge under section 301 of the GI bill.

Oregon Veterans Bonus Sought

PORTLAND, Dec. 3 (AP)—The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars laid plans today for a \$55,000,000 bonus for Oregon World War II veterans.

The veterans groups will circulate initiative petitions, to place on the November 1950 ballot, a constitutional amendment providing for the bonus.

Lewis Argument Ends In Stab

PLAIN, Pa., Dec. 3 (AP)—An argument between a miner and his wife as to whether "John L. Lewis is a good man" ended with the husband in the hospital suffering from a knife wound in the abdomen.

Plains police gave this account of the argument between Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans at their home last night:

When the pair discussed the United Mine Workers leader, Mrs. Evans was slicing a bun. Mrs. Evans questioned Lewis' wisdom in placing the anthracite miners on three days a week. Somehow, in the discussion, Evans hit the knife and the blade entered the stomach. No charges were preferred against Mrs. Evans after Policemen Joseph Sherin and James Gavin reported it as an accident.

vent new ones from being made, or as many as it can.

The government can't prevent restrictive covenants, even newly recorded ones, being made by people who get loans from banks or other private agencies. It can act only where FHA loans are concerned.

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Doctor Says

Best Remedy for Common Cold Is to Stay in Bed

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.
About this time of year the common cold becomes a matter of interest to more people than almost anything else. This condition—it is hard to call it a disease—is responsible for an enormous amount of misery, a colossal number of days lost from work, an uncountable economic loss, and the death of few, if any. In other words, for such an important disorder, it is remarkably lacking in danger to life.

Every year it seems some new wonder cure for colds hits print. Naturally we are all so anxious to find some way of getting rid of this miserable affliction that we are eager to believe the claims made for practically anything. In spite of the multiplicity of "cold cures" on the market, a recent statement by an authoritative medical opinion supports the view "that no substance or combination of substances available at present can be relied on to prevent

or cure the common cold" is all too true.

Start Early
The supply of moisture to the nose and throat by means of steam inhalations is probably of some help during the early—and I mean early—stage of a cold. The popularity of alcohol (taken internally) is understandable, but there is considerable question as to whether it really helps the cold or merely makes it easier to forget. It is hard to see how cathartics or laxatives could be of any help and in fact if used to extremes these may cause too much loss of fluids from the body.

The only thing which has really stood the test of time so far is rest in bed. It is almost certain that if everyone went to bed promptly at the beginning of a cold and used steam inhalations, their colds would not last so long. Not only would this be true but they would cease to expose others to their colds and therefore cut down on the numbers of them going around. As long as human nature is what it is, however, it seems unlikely that very many people will be so sensible.

Kind Stranger, Mean Man

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5 (AP)—Walter Bowe was struggling to push his 1938-model auto out of an intersection in South Philadelphia when a courteous stranger stepped up and offered to help.

The two pushed together a while, trying to start the car. Then the stranger suggested that he, as the lighter man, might get in and work the starter while Bowe continued to push.

Bowe pushed, and pushed, and pushed. The stranger ground away on the starter. At last, the motor turned over.

The courteous stranger just kept his seat, and drove off with Bowe's car.

Shah Qualifies As Los Angeles Driver

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Shah of Iran today is rated a Los Angeles driver, maxima cum laude. The 39-year-old monarch drove his brother and sister, Prince Mahmud, 23, and the Princess Fatima, 22, in Los Angeles' famed Sunday traffic.

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Turkey Big Hit In Turkey

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—That Oregon turkey that went to Turkey made big newspaper headlines in the Middle-East country.

Gene Malecki, Salem publicity man who thought up the stunt and chaperoned the champion bird, returned homeward through here yesterday. He had a satchel full of Ankara and Istanbul newspapers carrying news one top banner headlines and full of pictures.

Malecki said "Unity was wonderful." He explained the bird strutted about for the photographers and gobbled away for their delight. He said newspapermen waited all night at the Ankara airport for the live turkey to arrive. "I never saw so many photographers. There must have been 50," he said.

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