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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

W. G. Roberts began a five day debate with J. D. Ferrell, on May 2, 30 miles out from Granada, Colo.

J. D. Powers, Houstonia, Mo. was preparing to move to Stockton, Calif.

O. M. Blackorby made an appeal for Tom Smith in mission work.

Nixa, Mo. by John Bennett sent \$25 to aid L. E. Ketcherside, Holcomb, Mo.

F. W. Gilbert, Hale, Mo. wrote an article "The Serious Side of Life".

R. G. Edwards was withdrawn from by Glendale, Arizona church, May 8.

D. A. Sommer had 4 days Bible Reading at Rule Creek, Colorado.

## Chillicothe Will Build

The elders of the Chillicothe church have appointed a building committee to report back on appropriate sites for erection of a new church edifice. It is expected that the building will be located near the center of the city, and a good building fund has already been accumulated for application on the project. Rest rooms, class rooms, and full basement will be a part of the structure, as well as a complete baptistery arrangement. Building committee members are William Wigfield, Archie Bailey, Pearl Bailey, Russell Potter, and Ernest Harvey.

## NEOSHO PLANS STUDY

Plans are being completed for a Vacation Bible Study at Neosho this year, and samples of advertising have been requested from this office. On April 1, Hubert James of Springfield was with the Neosho church; and on April 15, Carl Isham, also of Springfield visited them and spoke to their edification. He is expected to return soon and assist them further.



We take time out each day to bow in humble thanks for the great freedom which is ours. We have been spared many of the ravages of war, although we have been called upon to make a great many sacrifices. The Churches of Christ have furnished many of the young men to fight upon the many battlefields of the earth. Some of them have returned unto us wounded in body. Others will come back sick at heart, and weary in mind. Some will not come back at all!

To all of these heroes we pay our tribute of respect. They have been as gallant on the field of battle as they have been faithful

in our fight against sin. The freedom of worship which is our glorious heritage this day, has been guaranteed by their noble willingness to spend and be spent for America.

The whole world salutes them! God bless them! May our gracious Father above let the tenderness of his compassion be a guide to the bereaved who have given their all upon the altar of a nation's devotion, and may those who are fortunate enough to return from the fields of battle, once more take up with us the fight against sin, cheered by the thought of our appreciation. We cannot, we will not forget them.

## Bethel Has Plan Meeting

The Bethel church (near Milan) called a business meeting on April 17, under direction of Winford Lee. Winford discussed the necessity of discipline and cleaning up the church. It was agreed that he would return for a series of talks on government and discipline, and at the time would aid the leadership in making a new church record. All delinquents will be notified, and those who expect to continue with the church, will be required to confess their wrong in neglect. A complete reorganization of the setup is under consideration to put the church on a definite

scriptural basis in government and discipline. Bro. Lee closed at Holliday on April 15, after a week of teaching to the church. It was agreed they would have more Bible Readings and development classes as fitting their needs better than an annual meeting.

## From A Dallas Paper

Coriscana, Tex., Feb. 23 (Special) — James A. Johnson, minister of the Church of Christ in Bryan since 1942, has accepted a call as pastor of the West Side Baptist Church here, and is scheduled to assume his new duties about the middle of March.

The new minister is a graduate of Abilene Christian College.

## Harris Sustains Operation

Roy Harris was taken to St. John's Hospital for an emergency hernia operation on April 27. Reports coming to us soon after the operation was performed indicate that he was getting along as well as could be expected. It is expected that he will remain in the hospital for two weeks from above date, after which he will go to the home of Bro. W. L. Oneth, near Springfield. St. John's Hospital is located at Springfield! Henry Boren finished the Bible Reading sessions, and will continue to teach the church on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

## Freeman Makes School Address

Arthur Freeman, Chillicothe, was invited to deliver the baccalaureate address for the graduating class of Shelby High School, which he did on April 15. Art has assisted the faithful few in that place for several years in an advisory capacity.

## "GOING HOME"

A 24 page booklet illustrated with full color pictures. Contains short articles on the worship of the church, teaching on how to become a Christian and benefits to be derived therefrom. Closes with two articles on "An Abundant Life" and "Our Final Home". Servicemen and women should have it for it has a special appeal to them. The cover page contains a full color picture of a soldier returning home. The cost is 10c per single copy; 3 for 25c; 15 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00; 500 for \$35.00; 1000 for \$65. all postpaid. Send your orders to CHURCHES OF CHRIST BROADCAST, 6847 Chestnut Avenue, Kansas City 5, Mo.

Trying to be religious two hours out of the week is one of the hardest ways to get to heaven anyone ever undertook.

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Dedicated to the task of arousing churches in this state and elsewhere to a greater zeal in mission work, and assist in developing the talents of all to be used to the glory of God.

### Delayed Answer To Prayer

A poor woman stood at a vineyard gate and looked over into the vineyard. "Would you like some grapes?" asked the proprietor. "I should be very thankful," replied the woman. "Then bring your basket". Quickly the basket was brought to the gate. The owner took it and was gone a long time among the vines, till the woman became discouraged, thinking he had forgotten her. At last he returned with the basket heaped full. "I have made you wait a long time," he said, "but you know the longer you have to wait the better the grapes and more." So it sometimes is in prayer. We bring our empty vessel to God and pass it over the gate of prayer to Him. He seems to be delaying a long time, and sometimes faith faints with waiting. But at last he comes, and our basket is heaped full, with luscious blessings. He waited long that He might bring us a better and fuller answer.

—J. R. Miller

### Song Training At Spruce

Two weeks of vocal instruction will be sponsored by the church at 26th and Spruce Sts., Kansas City, starting June 19. Roy Harris, of Briley, Missouri will be in charge. Arrangements are being made to care for all who come, with no exence except room and board while in the city. Those interested, should immediately write to Ed Leffman, 2331 Myrtle, Kansas City, Missouri. The telephone number is BE 2179.

The Good Shepherd never drives his sheep to pasture.

### Our Radio Mail Bag

We thought you might be interested in some of the letters we get on the Saint Louis Radio Broadcast. Out of the 75 letters per week average, we selected the following, which all came in one week's mail. None of the writers are members of the church.

Dear brother: There are so many different denominations in this old world, it is pitiful. I have heard so many sinners say they could not tell just what was right. I am a Pentecostal, and not ashamed of the name, but I am ashamed of the way they are dragging the name down in worldly fashions, and conduct. The Pentecostals used to be "Clean Churches" but are not now. I am enclosing a dollar to help on your good work, for you are certainly hewing to the line. I believe in living my salvation, by walking it, talking it and acting it. Pray for me and mine. Your book on clean churches was wonderful indeed.

Dear friends of the gospel: I have listened to you every Sunday for a long time, and have weighed the straight sermons by the Bible. I now know that the Church of Christ is the right way. I am convinced that it is the One Body for which Jesus died and I am expecting to become a member of it just as soon as I can. Please thank Mr. Ketcherside for leading my soul to the light, and pray that my husband may also see more fully, for he too, is on his way out of darkness.

Church of Christ Hour: I have completed reading your book "Clean Churches" and also the tracts you sent me. All have certainly helped me to overcome many bad faults. I hadn't given much thought to my soul until I read the book. Anyone who reads "Clean Churches" will take a different attitude toward things than before. I am sending my copy to my father who is ill. I'm sure the tracts and book will help him on the road of righteousness.

Since I've listened to your broadcast and read the literature you sent me, I realize just how much I'm slipping backward — instead of going ahead. I would like to have the prayers of all you Christian people. Enclosed is money for another copy of the book. If they are all gone, keep

the money for any good Cause. (Editor: Brother Hershel Ottwell called on the writer and feels we may get she and her husband into the church.)

Dear Church of Christ: Please thank the churches that sent me the tracts from the radio program. I'm enclosing a dollar to help send them out to others. I've read them and read them, especially the one on "Human Ostriches" and "Five Reasons Why You Should Consider The Church of Christ". I'm a Baptist, but am pretty disgusted with it, and these tracts have given me more light than anything I ever heard or read. It is a good work to help lead souls to Christ by sending them material like this to read, for there is no church like yours here, and so how would we ever come to know the truth. I like the plain preaching, and I'm surprised that they let you stay on the air. But keep it up. You'll see many souls saved.

Gentlemen: First allow me to commend you for your distribution of the colored pamphlets which are indeed grand. I deeply appreciate all that you have been so considerate to send me. At this time I am taking the liberty to request 3 or 4 more pamphlets "Human Ostriches" and "Dead Flies", or anymore that you may have published. Some time ago you put out little books called "The Road To Happiness". I was the glad recipient of one, but was unfortunate in losing it. If you could get me a copy of the poem in it which reads, "I have to live with myself and so: I want to be fit for myself to know", from someone having a book, I shall appreciate it so much. Am enclosing a dollar bill which you will please use in your work of spreading the messages.

(Names to above letters omitted but letters and names are on file).

### PREACH THE WORD

The great apostle to the Gentiles, Paul of Tarsus, declared that he preached the gospel "publicly and from house to house". He further exhorts the rest of us to be followers of him. I am certain that his technique of winning souls cannot be improved upon. A man is known by his fruits, and the fruits of Paul are seen in the conversion of a greater part of the then known world.

More than any other single individual, he influenced the vast Roman world for the Lord Jesus.

His method is not an easy one! It is not for lazy men! It cannot be, and will not be, practised by those who lie in bed until noon, and then spend the afternoon visiting with the brethren. It requires thought! It demands study! It necessitates the ability to meet all men on their own level and lift them all up to Christ's level. Personal work is just soul winning! The man who is not interested in it, is not interested in souls to the extent he should be. Phillip established a flourishing church at Samaria but left it gladly to talk to one man who rode along in a chariot. Note the "men who are really successful in, leading others to the cross, and you will find them without exception, men who are not afraid of work, who will wear their soles out looking for souls. And they will find them!

### HAS NEW BOOK



W. Carl Ketcherside has just released his sixth book of radio sermons, entitled "The Sound Of The Trumpet." Like the previous numbers, it contains 13 sermons delivered over Station WTMV. This series marks the close of 18 months on the station and contains the 78th sermon prepared for this presentation. A new series of talks began on the station on May 6.

If you want to kill time, why not try working it to death?

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

# OUR MEN IN SERVICE

(Editor's Note: The following article was prepared especially for release in this paper by Robert Johnson (Warrant Officer), of Manchester Avenue Church, St. Louis. He is serving with the armed forces in Germany.)

Thursday  
April 6, '45  
Germany

I've been trying to think of something comparable to eternal life, but try as I may there's nothing to compare it to or with. Diamonds are indeed valuable; pearls are costly; gold is precious; platinum is expensive. Notwithstanding, let us consider two highly significant elements.

Pitchblende, the source of radium and uranium is mined in North America.

Radium has been valued at \$25,000 per gram, and is said to be worth 24,000 times its weight in gold.

Science claims that one pound of the mysterious uranium is equal in power output to five million pounds of coal or three million gallons of gasoline. One pound thereof contains as much energy as thirty million pounds of TNT. A bomb carrying ten pounds of it would strike with the force of a thousand block-busters, making a crater that would swallow an entire nation.

Fortunately, making even a pound of pure uranium would take thousands of years under present methods, yet it is conceivable that the future will find these methods improved.

Sulfur drugs and blood plasma are of inestimable value as concerns saving the lives of those who would otherwise die. Yet, all these things either singly or combined cannot operate to produce eternal life.

The Bible, the source of eternal life is found everywhere throughout the world.

Eternal life is incomparable, priceless, and valuable beyond estimation either yesterday, today, or tomorrow. Nevertheless, it is absolutely free to all who energetically seek it. Fortunately, God makes it possible for everyone to obtain it through His method. It is inconceivable that this method can be improved.

Eternal life can swallow up all nations in victory over death, hell, and the grave.

Can you suggest anything to

compare with eternal life?

Perhaps the many readers of the Missouri Mission Messenger will come to my rescue in this perplexity.

Life and death reign here in Germany east of the Rhine. The latter seems to hold the spotlight. Destruction is everywhere evident. I sometimes wonder what all this will lead to. Will Democracy return to its former position, or is there a new state to follow? These and the times to face in the immediate future urgently require our fullest devotion to the God of the Universe. There is none other to whom we can turn. Let us press forward with continuous prayer on our lips that the wounds of the world may be healed by His mercy.

(The following article was written exclusively for this paper and passed by the Naval Censor. Its author, William Norris, is from the congregation at Nevada, Missouri.)

Before I start my account let me first thank you for the letter and the Missouri Messenger you enclosed. I enjoyed them both immensely and devoured their contents eagerly.

I am in the Philippine Islands and have been for sometime. I cannot express how disappointed I am, for I fully expected them to be like the beautiful pictures in our geographies, or to look like the calendar pictures. While the people are civilized, they have very little to spare in that regard. Living conditions are very bad among them. They have no other mode of travel than by dugout boats, and everything else they use is equally crude. All of these things tend to shorten their life span. All of the clothing they possess is army or navy issue, and they get a lot of food from the same source. "Uncle Sam" is really a close relative to them, and I imagine they are living the best right now, they ever have in their history.

A word about our own living conditions. In all the months since I left the United States, I have set foot ashore but ten days. The rest of the time has been spent aboard the U.S.S. Remus, which as you know is a repair ship. You recall that my civilian trade centered around plumbing, construction and heating work. I am now engaged in all of that and a whole lot more. Being in a ship-fitters' unit, we take care of all welding, plumb-

ing and metal work, and I am foreman over a repair crew.

Our officers are a fine group to work under, and that is worth a lot. For sometime, we have been working seven days per week until last Sunday. It has been a rush as we've had a lot of work, but are getting caught up. Our living quarters are very crowded but are exceptionally sanitary; even more so than the land bases. We get tired of it, but it cannot be helped. The officers do all within their power to give us recreation, eats and entertainment.

It is true that our food has not been as good for the last month as previously. Prior to this we have had real food and plenty of it! Naturally we must complain about the grub for that is traditional, and it serves to help us realize that we are citizens of a nation which guarantees us the right to complain, without getting our heads chopped off.

You asked about the fishing! You would! Well, we've done some of it, and caught them up to six feet long, but it is not the sport that it was when you and I went back home so many times. Say Carl, do you recall the time when the two of us and my dad went to Stultz lake? You recall that you were the cook on the expedition, and while Dad and I caught those fresh catfish for our next meal, you fried potatoes, bacon and eggs, there upon the lake shore. Dad looked at the coffee, and said you were a weakling if that's all the stronger you could drink it and dumped about a half pound more in the coffee pot. It was strong enough to swim an iron wedge almost, and so thick it looked like mud. Stronger coffee than that will never be made, I know.

I'm certainly pleased to get the report you gave about the various congregations, and I rejoice at the success of the work you are able to do for the church. You spoke the truth, when you said it was hard to live right under these circumstances. I wrote my wife that this thing will either bring one closer to God and the church, or he will show his inner weakness and leave the church completely. One cannot know what it is like until he has gone through with it. I can safely say that I am convinced it will either wreck home ties or else weld them so closely together that nothing can ever break or tear them apart on this earth. I

thank God that my home means what it does to me, and that the cord of love has been strengthened by these hardships and trials. Truly "the trying of your faith worketh patience."

Please tell all "Hello" for me and may God bless all is my sincere prayer. Love to everyone.

BILL

## LET'S GO MISSOURI

The season for our most effective work is now upon us. It is a time when we should stress personal work. People will come more readily to answer the door bell or your knock. There is something about the summer season which makes them more anxious to stand and talk. Let every preacher of the gospel who works in this state make a special effort this season to visit as many homes as possible. Preaching the gospel is "selling" and to sell, you have to call on the prospects. If a preacher is not willing to do personal work, he is not willing to do what the Bible says. Don't use him - but call one that will. You cannot build up the church without hard, aggressive, and driving effort. Those who admit they are disqualified for the work of the Lord in a special way should get another job and help support those who are willing to do as the Book teaches. Don't burden the church and ask them to support you unless you are willing to give "value received" for the money they give you. And you can't earn your salt these days by just standing up in a pulpit talking. It takes work! Let the churches demand it. Let the preachers give it. Come on Missouri - let's go.

## WATCHING IT WORK

The church at Green Mound recently installed a neat tract rack in the main exit from their building. Tracts from the WREN broadcast were placed therein. Recently Sister McKee went to clean the chapel on Saturday afternoon and took with her some of the back copies of the Missouri Mission Messenger, and Macedonian Call, as well as some of Brother Sommer's tracts. On Sunday evening at close of the services, practically all of them had been taken, so she knew that others were interested in good reading material. You know a lot of places could profit by this example and get that same thrill! Why not try it?

The Good Shepherd never drives his sheep to pasture.

**Brookfield  
Considers Building**

It has been reported that a recent business meeting was held at the church in Brookfield, to consider possibilities of building in the near future. The church has been meeting in a converted dwelling house and expects to erect more suitable and adequate quarters. Good work! It is needed!!

**KANSAS CITY  
RADIO MEETING**

From the time that Wendell Sparks stepped forward in his Navy Uniform and announced the first song at 10 o'clock, until the final benediction at 9:30 that night, the church at 59th and Kenwood, Kansas City, was a busy place. More than 300 attended the morning service. Others came from 26th and Spruce, and Independence, for the basket dinner. Bro. A. R. Mobre was among the many preachers there, and led in expression of thanks for the food.

At two o'clock the auditorium was filled for the purpose of witnessing the transcribing of an anniversary program, to be aired over WREN, the following Lord's Day. The program was to last one hour. Capably directed by Glenn Ellis, it moved along, clicking right to the second as radio programs must. Songs were provided by the regular radio chorus which is conducted by Vernor Ellis, a master in that work. Music seemed to flow from the hearts of the group under the spell of his baton, and when the whole audience engaged in two songs, timing and execution were excellent.

Harold Hays led in prayer on the presentation and touched the hearts of all who heard. With his characteristic radio voice of good quality Harold Shasteen delivered the opening address on "Anniversaries." Bill Hensley in addition to his many interesting sidelight features on the program such as "The Question Box" and "Do You Know?" furnished the major speech for the broadcast on the topic "Following The New Testament Church." It was effective and well-prepared.

The auditorium was cleared after the broadcast, then filled again for a second transcription, which was based on the theme "Going Home". The last was a thirty minute broadcast arrangement, which will be reproduced on the air on May 6. Altogether it was a grand day, a day of



fellowship, of prevailing Christian spirit, fed by an under current of desire to advance the kingdom of the Master. Your reporter spoke on the first program on "Looking To The Future" and remained to address a large crowd at the Kenwood church at night on "Our Position On Bible Colleges and Their Endorsers".

**Flat River To Build**

The church at Flat River has accumulated a sizeable building fund, for erection of a new church building as soon as priorities will permit. Plans have not been drawn as yet, but the new edifice will be all modern, and contain adequate class room arrangement. It is expected that the exterior will be of red granite stone, which makes a beautiful and substantial structure.

Some men are honest because they have never had a good chance to steal anything.

Instead of putting off "the old man" some people just dress him up and try to make him look nice.

**COLLEGE CHURCH  
IN NEAR RIOT**

College churches in Dallas, Texas sponsored a Bible Lecture-ship, from February 5 to 9, with 3 services daily held at various congregations. On Wednesday night at Trinity Heights Church, Hugo McCord was speaker on the announced subject "When Fellowship Is Impossible". About 800 were present, and McCord poured it on. Beginning with Pre-Millennialism, he named the men who espoused it and condemned the doctrine. Then he took Oak Cliff Church (Dallas) of which W. L. Oliphant is minister. After detailing Oliphant's sins, among which is adultery with several women, he admitted that this had been publicly acknowledged. Now he charged Oliphant with "packing" the eldership with his own stooges and ruling them like a sectarian pastor. Rue Porter has just finished a meeting with Oliphant's church. Then McCord started to say something about J. L. Hines broadcasting, but his speech was never finished. Hines jumped to his feet upon mention of his name and demanded a chance to defend himself, which

was not granted. He challenged the whole outfit of ministers in the Dallas churches, and said they had formed and were operating an ecclesiastic board in that area. They attempted to force him to sit down and shut up but they couldn't stop him. When the others whose names had been called saw it was a "free for all" they began jumping to their feet all over the house demanding an opportunity to be heard in their defense. Pandemonium reigned, tempers got away from their owners, and a grand meleé was the result. In the excitement someone was asked to dismiss the audience which was done with the loudest confusion prevailing. Hulen Jackson (son-in-law of Foy Wallace) and minister of Trinity Heights Church yelled out for everyone to leave the building immediately. No one paid any attention to him, but formed in little groups which seemed to be pretty warm in spots. But the control system got to working the next day, and the next two nights things had quieted down considerably.

We knew that a correct report of this would not be given you in any of the "college papers" so we are glad to furnish the above, which shows that the camp of the enemy may be torn a little with internal discord. Fight it out boys! Turn your churches into a boxing ring! Isn't that disgusting?

**VALUE OF TRIFLES**

A friend once saw Michael Angelo at work on one of his statues. Some time afterwards he saw him again, and said, seeing so little done, "Have you been idle since I saw you last?"

"By no means," replied the sculptor. "I have retouched this part and polished that; I have softened this feature and brought out that muscle; I have given more expression to this lip, and more energy to this limb."

"Well, well," said the friend, "all of these are trifles."

"It may be so," replied Angelo: "but recollect that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

Have you heard of the new convert who was so full of zeal, that he jumped up in meeting and said, "I'm ready to do anything that the Lord asks me to do— just so long as it's honorable".

It is but a step from the critical to the hypocritical.



## JUST THINKING

Do you ever sit down and just think about brethren whom you love for their works' sake? I do! For instance right now, a parade of them passes through my mind.

There's Fred Biery, over in Vincennes, Indiana, the Hoosier state for example. My dad always liked Fred, because he is so humble, willing, and devoted to the Cause. Did you ever know a man, who after his regular job was over, got another for the evening shift, so he could give more to the church?

Or A. T. Kerr, down Brookport, Illinois way! He has had to make changes as he learned the truth more perfectly. But he made them—to the college church—then to his writing to the Apostolic Review—and when it swung over to the wrong side—to line up with us firmly for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Absolutely honest.

Missouri isn't without her men who are firm. Henry Mabery, in the Lead Belt, the town being Bonne Terre. Always alive and energetic in the plans for the work. Doesn't always get to see his plans work out, but he still goes on planning. I like that!

How about Henry Van de Riet, out at Cawker City, Kansas in the jackrabbit country? He and Mildred have sacrificed a lot for the Cause, but they have put a church right out in their area which will endure for a long time, it is a firm opinion. They have learned to rise above disappointment. Yes sir, this list would grow if I sat musing any longer until this paper would not contain the names. But I've got to quit thinking about our good friends—hundreds of them—and get to work for the Lord. See you later.

## BUY GOOD BOOKS

The only way to combat evil books is to print more good ones. But the good ones will do no good unless they are circulated. I'm surprised at a lot of brethren who never purchase any of the material advertised in the brotherhood. They have magazines coming to their homes, they subscribe for the full quota of daily papers, yet they never provide Christian reading for their children. Brethren, let us awaken to the need of supplying our loved ones with that upon which they may feed their souls.

A preacher lately said to his audience, "I'm speaking for the benefit of posterity". A man in the audience arose and said, "If you don't get through pretty soon, they'll be here".

## In This Issue

We take particular pleasure in presenting this eight page edition of the Messenger, because it contains so much church news indicating the progress which is planned for the immediate and post-war future. Please note the reports concerning churches which plan on building, many of them in new locations in their respective communities, which will give better facilities for preaching the gospel. Other congregations plan to remodel present structures, and make the buildings modern, thus enabling the church to reach and hold more people. Our church buildings should be kept as nicely as we keep our homes.

We mention also the fact that Missouri churches are "seeing the light" regarding programs which will put every member to work for the Master. The pastor system has been proven an expensive failure by the denominational world. We are on the ground floor in this age, when it comes to this work of systematizing the services and we can readily go "right on up".

To some extent the work is being held up by leaders who are such in name only, rather than in ability. The congregations in a lot of places in this state are hampered by those who are content to try to get to heaven without taking the gospel to their neighbors, or letting anyone else hear the truth. There is a little friction over the work of development, because of those who love "preach-in' Sundays", but it is my candid opinion that the churches will go on exercising God's plan, regardless of whether a lot of half-converted members are entertained in the process or not.

Some there are who think that the only qualification for a "faithful church" is to keep out false teachers. But I'm satisfied if the sheep spend all of their time chasing wolves out of the flock, without ever eating spiritual food, they will not be very well fattened when the Master comes. Read this copy of your paper carefully. Heed the admonitions it contains! Strive to make the church of which you are a member a working church, and the Lord will bless you and the service you are rendering.

Everytime you sweep up the dust remember where God found you.

Trying to find out who Cain's wife was has kept many a man from "remembering Lot's wife."  
Harrietta Mae Curtis, daughter

## Bonds Over America



### KANSAS CAPITOL

On the wall of the conference room in the State Capitol at Topeka, Kansas, is a painting of a covered wagon drawn by oxen with the inscription: "They crossed the prairie as of old the pilgrims crossed the sea, to make the West, as they the East, the homestead of the free." To keep all America the homestead of the free today, service men cross seas to the west and east and Americans at home buy War Bonds. This great Kansas emblem of liberty, costing \$3,200,000, was started after the site was chosen by a vote of the people in 1866. The ground on which it stands was donated in 1862 for that purpose by C. K. Holliday, president of the Topeka Association.

U. S. Treasury Department.

## Bible Reading Closes

The extended Bible Reading conducted by Roy Harris at Springfield ended on April 27. The church now is getting ready for the Vacation Study which will be supervised by Henry Boren (stationed in O'Reilly Hospital) or Brother Edward Buttram, if Boren cannot secure a release for the period needed.

Send us the names and addresses of soldiers who should receive books. We'll send them good reading material at once without cost or obligation. Stand behind our boys who stand for us!

Some men return thanks for their food, and as soon as they say "Amen" start grumbling at their wife's cooking.

Salvation is not for the stubborn will but the "whosoever will".

It only costs a few dollars to send a man to heaven on a tombstone.

## OUR FELLOWSHIP

I'M not "harping on it" when I mention once more the joy which is mine at the good efforts put forth by our contemporaries in the journalistic field. This brotherhood is fortunate to have two papers that I know of, and we are all happy to have the work of Art Freeman, Chillicothe, go out to all parts of the world in the "Service Tie."

"NEWS OF WESTERN STATES CHURCHES" is the title of the worthy sheet published by Brother George Robinson. It is what its name suggests, and a whole lot more. Pithy articles, short sayings, newsy items, happy philosophy; all of these combine to make the paper a medium which all should receive. Let us comment again this big little paper, with the different style.

"MACEDONIAN CALL" is the title of the paper which has done so much in fighting our battles in the past, and is still carrying on a glorious battle for pure Christianity. It contains news of the entire brotherhood. I'm happy to be member of the contributing staff. Bro. D. A. Sommer is the publisher, and he stands foursquare for the truth. I stand the same way for him. Send your subscription to both of the above brethren for their timely papers. Take them before you subscribe for this one, for you'll miss more, if you do not receive them. And we mean that, from the heart.

## What Do You Suggest

Have you ever thought you would like to edit this paper? I imagine you feel sure you could do a better job, than that which is being done. I'm not arguing with you about that either. But why not pass along a few of the ideas which would help us to help you make it the kind of paper you want to read and hand it around. We are open for suggestions any time. May not be able to use them, but we can certainly lend a listening ear.

## WHAT WE NEED

I hear the expression made quite often by good brethren. "What we need is more preaching at the church on Lord's Day". I would like to suggest that what we need more than anything else is just plain, old-fashioned Christian living every day. When we get that, we'll develop more preachers—everyone of us will be preaching the greatest sermon in the world.

## ALONG THE WAY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harry Pruitt, faithful member at Jerseyville, Ill., on the loss of her husband. Funeral services conducted by Hershel Ottwell and W. Carl Ketcherside on April 23 — Also we are saddened to learn of the death of Bro. Newton Powell, Martinsville, Indiana on April 2. Funeral services were conducted by C. R. Turner, April 5. — Borden Higginbotham preached at Lebanon, Indiana on April 8. On April 15, he was at New Castle — There were 73 at the Sunday night service at Anderson, Indiana on April 8 — The Granite City meeting conducted by W. Carl Ketcherside, assisted by Hershel Ottwell, Bernell Weems and Berdell McCann, produced larger crowds than expected the first week, with 4 added to the One Body — Many requests are being received for sample copies of our three tracts, "Why Halt Between Two Opinions?", "We're Not Houndin' You", and "The Strength Of America". The cost of these is only \$5.50 for 500, or \$10 per thousand! What about your community? Have you saved everyone in it who can be saved? Or have you tried very hard to reach them? — Winford Lee is booked for a two weeks meeting this year at Hartford, Illinois — Ray Hunt sends in some enticing fish stories from Dawt, Mo., where he lives and runs a mercantile business. Keep it up, and I'll be down there — E. M. Zerr is now in a Bible Reading at Long Beach, California. His next work will be at New Castle, Indiana — Bernell Weems recently preached a few nights at Kirkeville, Unionville and Chillicothe, Mo. — Otis Crandell baptized one person at Salem on April 22 — Ben Waggoner writes that Bro. Crandell will be with Bridge Church (near Dexter) in June — Hartford, Ill., baptized one April 29. Two placed membership on April 25, and one on April 22, all at regular services — T. J. Wheeler, Hartford, has perfected a new tract container with glass front. It displays all items in full. This box will be placed at Roxana, Ill., under supervision of Robert Shultz and Carina Calvin. They're doing a fine job of distribution.

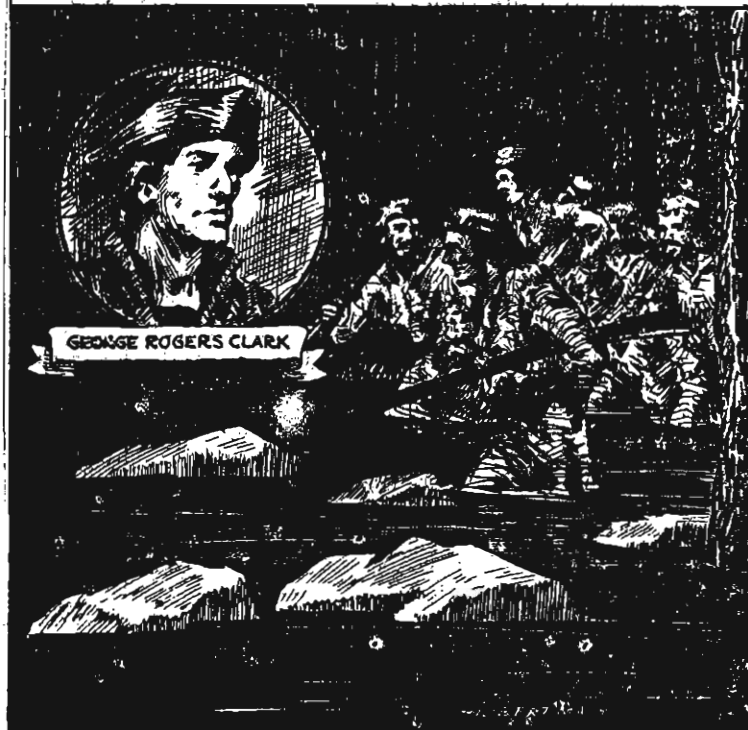
The devil can make almost anything he wants out of a loafer.

The devil never feels lonesome in the company of a stingy man.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

## "WASHINGTON OF THE WEST"

IT WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE VALOR AND DIPLOMACY OF COLONEL GEORGE ROGERS CLARK THAT THE UNION BEGAN ITS NEW LIFE — NOT ONLY WITH THE TERRITORY OF THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES — BUT WITH ALL THE LANDS WEST OF THEM TO THE MISSISSIPPI.



MAKING PEACE WITH THE GREAT INDIAN TRIBES OF THE NORTHWEST, CLARK IN THE WINTER OF 1778-1779 LED HIS LITTLE FORCE OF 170 MEN THROUGH SWAMPS AND SWOLLEN, ICY RIVERS TO TAKE FORT SACKVILLE AT VINCENNES, INDIANA — ESTABLISHED CLAIM TO THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY — NOW THE STATES OF MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, INDIANA, ILLINOIS AND PART OF MINNESOTA —

VASTLY EXTENDED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NEW NATION.

## "Because Ye Are Sons"

God has done much for the alien sinner, but there is one thing he has done only for his sons, those who have been born again, and are now in his divine family. Paul says, "Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father". Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. It dwells in you. If you defile this temple you render it an unfitting abode for the Spirit of God. Seeing then, that this royal visitor has come to live with you, "cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit and perfect holiness in the fear of God." You are a son of God. Show it by your works!

## Manpower Shortage

A clergyman in a certain town, just before the service, was called to the vestibule to meet a couple who wanted to be married. He explained that there wasn't time for the ceremony.

"But," said he, "if you will be seated, I will give you an opportunity at the end of the service to come forward."

The couple agreed, and at the proper moment the clergyman said, "Will those who wish to be united in the holy bands of matrimony please come forward?"

Thereupon thirteen women and one man proceeded to the front.

You can make men believe in evolution, but you can't make monkeys believe in it.

## LINCOLN'S POEM

When Ann Rutledge, his first love died, Abraham Lincoln almost lost his reason. Friends finally consulted together and sent him to the house of Bowling Green, who lived a few miles south of New Salem, Illinois. He remained there for some weeks under the care and ever watchful eye of this noble friend, who gradually brought him back to reason, or at least a realization of his true condition. Mr. Lincoln never forgot the kindness of Green through those weeks of suffering and peril. In 1842, when the latter died, and Lincoln was selected to deliver the funeral oration, he broke down in the midst of the address. "His voice was choked with emotion; he stood a few moments while his lips quivered in the effort to form the words of fervent praise he sought to utter, and the tears ran down his yellow and shrivelled cheeks. Every heart was hushed at the spectacle. After repeated efforts he found it impossible to speak, and strode away, bitterly sobbing to the widow's carriage and was driven from the scene."

It was shortly after this that Dr. Jason Duncan placed in Lincoln's hands a poem called "Immortality." The piece starts out with the line, "Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud." Lincoln's love for this poem has certainly made it immortal. He committed these lines to memory, and any reference to or mention of Miss Rutledge would suggest them, as if "to celebrate a grief which lay with continual heaviness on his heart."

"Life of Lincoln" by Herndon. (Brother D. Austen Sommer has reprinted this poem in attractive form, and you may secure copies from him for yourself and friends.)

## FORGOTTEN DUTY

It is said that a soldier who enlisted in the Civil War took along his kit of watchmaker's tools, and while they were in camp did considerable business. But one day when the order came to strike tents and prepare for battle, he looked around his tent in dismay and exclaimed, "Why I can't possibly go, for I have twelve watches to repair which I have promised by Saturday night." That man had forgotten what he had enlisted for. Have you?

The fault-finder does a lot of the devil's work for nothing.

## What's Doing in the Churches

Brethren living at Phillipsburg, Kansas have bought a former Funeral Home, and are remodeling it for use as a church building. Bill Hensley will labor with them in September and October this year — Winford Lee began with Bloomfield, Ind., on April 24. Two weeks of personal work will be followed by a meeting of equal length — Harold Shasteen starts at Decatur, Ill., on May 6, for 2 weeks Bible Study followed by three weeks of preaching — Harold Hays was with Tent Chapel, Iowa, April 8, and says prospects look very good for future work — Wilford Landes will conduct a 3 weeks meeting in Denver, Colorado, starting August 12, and will follow it with 2 months of development work and meetings at La Junta, Colo. — Iowa churches will have a Joint Business Meeting at Des Moines on April 29, with good attendance expected — An intensive campaign will be waged in Red Cloud, Nebraska, July 1-15. Winford Lee will do the preaching, with Bill Hensley directing songs. Three newspaper articles will precede the meeting setting forth our principles. Tracts will be used for local coverage. There will be Vacation Bible Study each morning, personal work in afternoon, and gospel preaching at night — Topeka, Kansas reports an increase in attendance, especially at night services. A vacation Bible Study preceded by a tract distribution are among the plans — Alene Fleming is working on the proposition of securing a Children's Class at Marshalltown, Iowa. Floyd Kleming reports they will soon start Sunday night meeting — Hershel Ottwell will conduct Vacation Bible Study at Granite City, Ill., starting June 3. He will assist in same work at Sullivan, Ill., Hartford, Ill., and also at Salem, Mo. — Harold Shasteen will conduct a Vacation Study at the Dean Avenue Church, Des Moines, June 11. The University Street Church is also arranging such a study for their community — Clair Sears, Mt. Morrison, Colorado, send us a beautiful poem called "My Little Calvary" — James, 4 year old son of Sister Lucille Mitchusson, Sherman, Texas, sustained injuries to a knee and leg, when he stepped in front of an automo-

ble. He is reported improving satisfactorily — Ed Uland was at Hammond, Ill., April 29.

### Let Christ Control

A story is told of Henry Drummond and the way he sought to save a friend from the drinking habit. This friend's wife had appealed to Mr. Drummond privately regarding the habit of drinking into which her husband was falling, requesting him to try and save him. One day this friend and Mr. Drummond were riding behind two spirited horses which the friend was driving. As they were about to descend a hill, Mr. Drummond said to him, "What would happen to these horses if they got out of your control and started to run down the hill?" The man said it would wreck everything and they would surely be dashed into pieces. "But," continued Mr. Drummond quietly, "suppose in such a case there sat one beside you who was able to control the horses and save you from the disaster impending. What would you do?" The man was silent a moment, and then said, "I should put the lines into his hands." It was not hard for Mr. Drummond to pass to the man's own increasing danger, as he was losing the mastery over himself in his indulgence in strong drink. Christ is very near us at all times and we can put the lines into His hands, if we will.

### Barnard Cooperative Meeting

Harold Hays, Gallatin, informs us that a meeting has been called for May 20, at Barnard, Mo., to discuss plans for future aggressive campaigning for the church in that area. All congregations have been invited, and an outline for Bible Readings, Development work, Vacation Studies, and general growth of all members will be discussed. This is in line with the de-emphasizing of "revivals" and the stressing of active participation by all qualified persons in the services.

### Iberia May Build

It is reported that the church at Iberia is attempting to secure a lot with the idea of erecting a new church building, as soon as conditions permit. William Hensley has been scheduled for a meeting with them next year, and conditions look good for the future of that section.



### THE BIBLE

It is a book for the mind, the heart, the conscience, the will and the life. It suits the palace and the cottage, the afflicted and the prosperous, the living and the dying. It is a comfort to "the house of mourning" and a check to "the house of feasting." It giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater. It is simple, yet grand; mysterious, yet plain; and though from God, it is, nevertheless, within the comprehension of a little child. You may send your children to school to study other books, from which they may be educated for this world; but in this divine book they study the science of the eternal world.

### A FAITHFUL MOTHER REJOICES

Sister Dare of LaBelle has been isolated from the church for a long time. She has three sons and has been teaching them the Word. On April 15, she and the boys drove 46 miles to Kirksville, where two of the boys made the good confession, and were immersed into Christ the Lord. This was purely the result of her teaching in the home, and she was happy beyond words as she witnessed their solemn burial in the water. One of the boys is already in uniform, the other is awaiting his call to the colors. Bro. Jpe Clay who sends the above news appends this exhortation, "Mothers, do not neglect to teach your children for you can impress them with the Word, more effectively than anyone else. I am speaking from experience."

### SOLDIERS EAGERLY READ PAPERS

"A young man told us that when his Missouri Mission Messenger and radio sermons came, the boys in camp came to read over his shoulder and to ask if they

might have them when he was through with them." You can imagine how good it makes us feel to have such statements as the above which was taken from a letter written us by Mrs. J. L. Frazier, Kansas City, Missouri. It rejoices our hearts to know that fellows in the armed services get even a little enjoyment from reading this paper. And we take this opportunity to salute all of you lads who are doing so much for us.

### KANSAS CITY TRACT SERIES

Sermons of Brother Hensley are now being made available in color tracts by the Churches of Christ Broadcast, Kansas City. The first one has been released, and deals with the subject of "Confusion". The front page contains a picture of a man "out on a limb". Subjects to follow include (1) History, (2) Christianity, (3) The Church of Christ, (4) Church Worship, (5) Church Worship Number Two, (6) Church Officers, (7) Through The Ages, (8) Discipline Of The Church, (9) Mission Work, (10) The Glory Of The Church. The front cover of all these will carry the picture of a church building with a large picture of a Bible insignia imprinted and blended into the foreground. Space will be left for your stamp. Sample copy will be sent free. You may secure these tracts on advance order for \$16 per 1000; 500 for \$7.50 by writing to The CHURCHES OF CHRIST BROADCAST, 8847 Chestnut Avenue, Kansas City 8, Missouri.

### SEND US NEWS

This is a news paper. It is specializing in news of the church in Missouri. Special items of news will be given about work in the general brotherhood as space warrants. We want the news of what is going on. Hundreds of others want to read what you are doing. Write us about it. If you are not doing anything, get busy and do something. Then tell the brotherhood and maybe they will be inspired to do more. Let's work for the Cause while it is called today. The night cometh when no man can work.

Trying to find out who Cain's wife was has kept many a man from "remembering Lot's wife."

If you are in the wrong place your right place is empty.

# MISSOURI MISCELLANY

**PLAN MEETING** — The session for arranging a continuation of the exchange of talent in that section of north Missouri will be held at Unionville on May 13.

**DEATHS** — Dennie, son of Mrs. Gussie Riley, Hale, Missouri, April 21. He was 9 years of age. Funeral service by Harold Shasteen, April 23.

George, age 7 son of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, Independence, Missouri, April 20. Funeral at 26th and Spruce Church April 23, by William Hensley.

**CARROLLTON** — A meeting has been booked with Roy Harris for the month of August. Morning attendance on April 15, was 113. Arthur Freeman preached for the congregation not long since. Prospects are good at Carrollton.

**BAPTIZING** — Harold Hays immersed a young married man at Richmond on his last trip to that place — Bernell Weems baptized one at Manchester Avenue, St. Louis, April 22, the fifth addition of the month there — The church at Gallatin reports five added, four by immersion, in last two months. — Bro. Buell Boyce baptized his son-in-law

while the latter was home on extended leave from battle zones.

**HELPERS** — Warrensburg writes that Bill Hensley was there on April 1, and on April 8, Carl Landes and wife, and Charles Roller and wife, were with them, and Bro. Landes gave two good sermons. They carry advertisements in 2 papers at Warrensburg and are putting out tracts. Keep it up!

**OUR SYMPATHY** — To the family of Bro. Ben Cox, Gallatin, who passed away recently. Funeral services at Old Scotland, April 25, conducted by Jas. Truitt, assisted by Glen Kepley, of Saint Joseph. Burial at Old Scotland.

**GRADUATE ADDRESS** — Harold Hays, Gallatin, has been selected to give the graduating address, for the eighth grade students at Jameson, Missouri.

**JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET** — W. Carl Ketcherside was guest speaker at the Junior-Senior Banquet, Unionville, Saturday night, May 4.

**BONNE TERRE STUDY** — R. O. Webb, Secor, Ill., has been selected to conduct the Vacation

Bible Study at Bonne Terre this season. A staff of local teachers will assist.

**SAINT LOUIS ADDITIONS** — The church at Manchester Ave., had 7 added on May 6, three of them being immersed that evening. On the same day, the church at Lillian Ave., also had one confession of faith, making a great day for the church in St. Louis. This was the eleventh addition at Manchester Avenue Church, in the last four weeks, all at regular services.

**PLEASANT POINT** — On his trip to Meadville, for the Commencement Address, May 17, W. Carl Ketcherside is expected to remain over one night for a sermon to this congregation, north of Meadville.

## Bonne Terre Meeting

A full day of fellowship, gospel singing and preaching will feature the annual all-day meeting at Bonne Terre, on June 10. Three 25 minute talks will be made on Sunday morning, with shorter speeches in the afternoon, and a full length sermon at night. Invitations are being sent to all congregations in driving distance

to attend. For information write J. H. Mabery, 45 Benham St., Bonne Terre, Mo. W. Carl Ketcherside spoke at the Bonne Terre church to a full house on the night of April 8. Two confessions of faith were made. One had been immersed at the morning service also.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** — Why not pass this issue of our little paper along to another member, and suggest a subscription if that member becomes interested? I know that the church will grow in proportion to the interest shown in the brotherhood by all who are members. Help others to get that interest you have in the Cause.

## SOMMER TO VISIT UNIONVILLE

Reports have reached us that Bro. D. Austen Sommer will favor north Missouri with a visit in July to Unionville. This is the site of the Sommer-Wright debate on Instrumental Music, and D. A. will see some changes, with the Church of Christ going forward as the Christian Church recedes in influence in that area. We are glad to have him visit Missouri again!

## Western Missouri Aroused

One of the most assuring evidences of an aroused church in this state is the activity going forward in the western area. At a recent meeting of leaders at 26th and Spruce St., Kansas City, brethren came from St. Joseph, Gallatin, and Topeka, Kansas to discuss plans for furthering the Cause. The meeting was presided over by Buell Boyce, an elder at 59th and Kenwood church, Kansas City. Reports were made as to results and plans in Kansas City. Harold Hays painted a glowing picture of the future in and around Gallatin, with live possibilities for mission work. Brethren Kepley, Gibson and Wickham, of St. Joseph, suggested a stepped-up program for Bible Studies, Development and Personal work in their section. These then agreed to call a business meeting at St. Joseph and Gallatin in the near future and outline a plan for evangelization of the northwest section of the state. Noteworthy was the agreement

that "revival meetings" were not the answer to Missouri-needs, but rather development and Bible studies must be stressed, until every member is qualified.

A good report of advances made in Topeka was given by Wilford Landes. Present also from there were E. R. Noel, Albert and Clifford Deister.

## Man Must Make The Choice

If a man tells me to come into his home and he will feed, clothe and shelter me, then make me his heir, can I expect this and remain outside? (2 Cor. 5:17). I must make the choice. The duck swims, the bird flies and the dog barks because they want to. This is volition. The balloon rises, the train whistles and the clock strikes because they cannot help it. This is mechanical, or science falsely so-called (1 Tim. 6:20). Volition is the voice of nature making a choice. God selects nature and not art by way

of comparison. Intelligence must make the choice and not machinery. —A. R. Moore

## Manchester Breaks Records

Deacons of the Manchester Avenue Church, St. Louis report that the attendance and contribution records have both been broken as the church reached an all-time high in both fields for the past month. The average attendance for 4 Sundays was over 250, with an average for the year of 223 on Lord's Day mornings.

## Granite City Meeting Closes

The two weeks meeting at Granite City, Ill., closed on April 29. In all there were eight added. W. Carl Ketcherside and Hershel Ottwell did the preaching, and were assisted by Berdell McCann as song director. Bernell Weems helped in personal work. Prospects look brighter at Granite City.



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