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KIRKSVILLE MEETING

By the time you read this, Bro. Roy Harris and I will be engaged in the Kirksville work. The job presented several problems I did not feel like attempting to handle alone. For that reason I requested Kirksville brethren that I might have Bro. Harris work with me on the basis that I personally arrange his support. Consent was given, and Roy will be there on May 2 to begin the advertising and look after the intricate problems of planning a successful work. He will remain throughout my part of the meeting which starts on May 9, directing the singing and helping in the personal work. I made this arrangement on faith, just as I do most other things. It has always been my contention that we should do what the Lord wants done, and the money will somehow be there to take care of it. If I could not have faith in my brethren that such were the case I'd not be able to do anything at all. Obviously Brother Harris must be supported, obviously also, I must live up to my promise to arrange it. To that end I'm writing several congregations asking their aid. One of them, Flat River, has already generously responded. If you want to have fellowship in the Kirksville mission work, we shall greatly appreciate it and will acknowledge immediately. If too much is received, we will see it is invested in the Lord's work elsewhere. In the next paper we'll give a complete account of the Kirksville endeavor. Pray for it with all your hearts, and for us that we may prove equal to the task.

New Castle Reading

Bro. E. M. Zerr will begin a Bible Reading with his home congregation at New Castle, Ind., June 21 to continue until July 16. Those who are interested in attending this summer session of Bible Study should immediately contact Tilden Lawson, 1914 South 14th, New Castle, Indiana.

Brumback Booking For 1944

Brother Robert Brumback, who is now doing a fine job at Bridgeport, Connecticut, notifies us that he is available for meetings or development work after June 1944. We highly commend Brother Brumback for this work. He has shown an aptitude in every line of development and you'll do well to call him for next year. At present he may be reached at 120 Odgen St., Bridgeport, Conn.

ALONG THE WAY

There were thirteen additions reported in Saint Lewis in April as follows: 5 at Manchester, 4 at Lillian and 4 at Webster Groves. It appears that there will be that many also in the month of May as there are a number of prospective ones. . . . Kenneth Morgan will be at Salem, Missouri for a brief period starting May 16. He recently unmerged 5 at Lovell, Okla. . . . Bill Hensley will hold a two weeks meeting at Springfield from May 9-23. . . . Harry Mooney of Nixa recently visited the church at Center near Neosho, and assisted in their services. . . . Harmon Thompson, stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., has located the congregation, helped them in the song service and will preach for them soon. Keep up the good work, soldier! . . . L. C. Roberts of Bonne Terre, will be the guest speaker at Manchester Avenue, in Saint Lewis, on the night of May 2. . . . Brethren from Fiat River and Bonne Terre still visit and conduct services at Antioch and Mine LaMotte although both places are sadly depleted of church members and workers. . . . Thanks to our helpers who have aided us in carrying on the service men's program of help, I really do feel that none of us will do too much for those Christian boys who are taken from their home environment and placed out in the army camps. . . . News from Western States Churches of Christ, published (Continued on Page 4)

MAY HONOR ROLL

Herewith we give the names of soldier brethren whom we are delighted to honor with this special mention this month:

BAUMGARTNER, Pvt. Bille; Hqt. Troop, 2nd Cavalry, APO 312, Fort Jackson, S. C.

OWENS, Nelson, A-S, Camp Waldron, Co. 154-43, USNTS, Faragut, Idaho.

NEWMAN, A. L.; S-2c, 62 USNC Batt., Co. D, Pl. 4, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

BALINGER, Pvt. Chas. M.; Co. C, 34th Sig. Trn. Bn., Camp Crowder, Missouri.

STANLEY, Pvt. Sammy; ASN 37518530, Barracks No. 290, Serv. Sqdn. 31, 308th Trn. Gp., Shepard Field, Texas.

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MACE, Pvt. James R.; Co. D, 55th Med. Trng. Bn., 3rd Plat., Camp Berkeley, Texas.

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SNODGRASS, Pvt. Charles L.; Station Hospital, Barracks 118, Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio.

THORP, Pvt. John J.; 807th Tech. Sch. Sqd., Barracks 824, Air Force Tech. Sch., Sioux Falls, S. D.

ARNOLD, Pfc. Robert; 551 Fremont, Knickerbocker Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

CASSELL, Cpl. Herbert L.; Sqd. H, 4th AFBD, Hammer Field, Fresno, California.

STORN, James R.; S2-c, Co. 36, USN Hospital Cps. Sch., U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

NANCE, Pl. Sgt. George Dewey; Art. Bn. Trng. Center, AAGP, Camp Lagoon, New River, N. C.

How Man Leaves God

Eph. 4:17-19

1. Hardens his heart.
2. Is alienated from God.
3. His understanding darkens.
4. Becomes past feeling.

PLACING THE BLAME

The current issue of Reader's Digest has a challenging article dealing with juvenile delinquency and its terrific increase since we became involved in the war. Especially frank are the revelations concerning the spread of venereal diseases in the vicinity of army camps and in metropolitan areas. Whereas in former years, prostitutes, and street-walking solicitors were mainly guilty of perpetuating and passing on to other syphills, and other social diseases, at the present time the chief offenders are little girls—girls 14 to 18 years of age. "Khaki-wacky" High schoolers who think it a patriotic duty to show the boys a good time before they leave for camp are presenting an increasing problem to juvenile authorities and the sincere police forces that are attempting to combat this wave of crime.

The article referred to places the blame squarely where it belongs in—the laps of the mothers. Career seeking mothers, dollar-grabbing, good-time seeking, finance-hoarding women, who ought to be at home taking care of their High School daughters are out trying to grab off a "flock of ready cash" and have the nice things they always wanted. I agree that in these times it is patriotic to work and help the country, but one of the best ways to save this nation is to save its youth. If a man cannot support his family, if the husband is called to the colors, if sickness or unavoidable circumstances demand then let women work, but a lot of mothers may turn up with a full pocketbook and an empty home. It will do us little good to whip the socks off of the Germans if in so doing, we are soaked into oblivion morally.

We suggest you buy or borrow a copy of the Reader's Digest and read the article referred to, and then do a little cool-headed thinking on your own. The greatest career on earth is that of being a mother. Your children need you there in the evening when they come home!

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CARL'S CORNER

I trust it is no military secret to mention that a railroad line runs right along my house. An occasional troop train passes along, and if school is out occasions quite a bit of excitement on the part of Jerry, who must run downstairs yelling from his room, "Troop train, dad! I'm going to wave at the fellows!" And it's surprising how many of the khaki-clad lads reciprocate his interest and enthusiastically wave back leaning far out of the windows to do so. It brings a lump in my throat! A few years ago they were the age of my boy, coming home from school to work on their lessons, and sit down at Mom's supper table. Some of them still look so very, very young. And I know that some of them have eaten Mom's cooking for the last time. A lot of them must have little tow-headed brothers at home, and they know what sight of a uniform means to those brothers. So they see in Jerry an image of their own. Some of them have children the age of my boy, and I imagine they occasionally wipe away a tear as they see this excited youngster standing by the track and craving their passing attention! I wonder where they are from? I wonder where they are going? I wonder how many of them are members of the Church of Christ? Boys, whoever you are, wherever you go—our hearts, hopes and fears go with you. God grant that someday you can again ride the train back, but this time to home instead of from it. Troop trains cause a lump in my throat!

Scriptural Elders

(SCRIPTURAL ELDERS No. 6)

In this thesis we consider the next qualification of the scriptural bishop as set forth in I Timothy 3.2, where we learn that the elder must be "vigilant." Strictly speaking the word "vigilant" as we commonly use it today means "wide awake." It carries with it the idea of watchfulness, of being always on the alert. Do you know of any better suggestion with regard to the responsibility of a shepherd than that conveyed by these terms? An elder is a guard for the folk of God. One of the first requirements of such a guard is to be always on the alert.

Foes surround the church. The campfires of the enemy gleam on every high place about Zion. Enemies of truth seek by infiltration tactics to overcome the truth as it is in Christ. Bishops must above all things be ready not only to detect traitors to the Cause, but have the insight, foresight and hindsight required to ascertain tendencies to develop ideologies which will undermine the walls of protection set up by the inspired apostles. Paul told a group of elders from Ephesus, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing, shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore WATCH!"

How different all of that sounds from the mealy-mouthed, compromising, water-on-both-shoulders, New-Deal policy advocated by certain men-pleasing elements in the churches today. I heard one "Open-Door" defender in Kansas City ridicule the elders who strove to keep out the false teachers and heretics. He asked, "What's the matter with you elders? Are you afraid your flock can't take it? Are you afraid you might lose control of them? You ought to have the church so well-trained that you could invite false teachers into your pulpit and then the sheep would be able to defend themselves." Now the advocate of that silly, asinine, absurd modern method of making spiritual lamb stew for wolves had come to Kansas City as a defendant for a new philosophy of "Love everybody

and fellowship all of those who believe in baptism and the communion service regardless of what else they teach or think." I'm going on record right here with the firm conviction that any man or any paper that seeks to set one of the divinely-inspired qualifications for the eldership, and that will resort to ridicule and innuendo to defend unscriptural suggestions and heretical practices is no longer worthy of the consideration of Bible loving brethren and sisters.

Remember, brethren who are elders, that you may let a man into your pulpit and then when you find out his false teaching you may remove him, and still you'll be years living down the influence which he exerted in a brief time in the church. We cannot let our desire to convert humanity go as far that we attempt to fellowship those who are not converted. To do so will be the eventual end of the Cause we love.

We need elders who will stand firm regardless of cost. Into a certain Illinois congregation came an advocate of the Witty-Murch plan of union with the Christian church. He arranged such a meeting with the local congregation as would bring them and the Christian church into a joint observance of the Lord's supper. In the afternoon there was a lot of palaver about the wonderful fellowship manifested that day. The Christian church preacher spoke and the elder who seemed to be the ruling figure in the church gave his assent to what was said with a hearty "Amen." Later in an attempt to justify his procedure he said he would let a Catholic priest preach from his pulpit so long as he proclaimed the truth while he was in the pulpit. I wonder if that elder is ignorant enough to suppose that the only influence a man will have is that which he exercises publicly? Will not his endorsement of a priest publicly assure the weaker members of the church that they have nothing to fear from such a man privately? If he does lead some of them astray, cannot they blame it on the elder and say, "You permitted him to teach us from the pulpit, thus endorsed him"? Only recently a time-serving Indiana preacher has complimented the eldership of that church and declared he thinks it one of the best he has ever worked with. No wonder the line of thinking that is being done in some circles is leading the church toward Babylon instead of toward Jerusalem. When elders have the

TEE A DELEGATE

The Church of Christ will have at least one member who will act as a delegate to the Missouri Constitutional Convention which will be convened sometime during 1943. The purpose of the convention is a revision of the constitution with a view to elimination of some defects. Bro. O. C. Tee has been chosen as a delegate to assist in this momentous work. He is an attorney at Hamilton, and an active worker in the church. Recently he printed an article in the county newspaper at Hamilton, entitled "New Civil Code Not Needed By The State." This attracted wide attention by reason of the strong arguments it advanced against scrapping the entire civil code as some have advocated in order to get rid of a few manifest faults. Reprints of the article were made, and one was sent to this office. It was well-written and striking in its logic. We congratulate Brother Tee on his appointment and the state upon its selection of such high type men for this important task.

audacity to defend their mistakes instead of correcting them, when back-slapping preachers commend them for leading the church astray, and when congregations will sit back and swallow that kind of leadership and love it, then is being fulfilled before our eyes, the scripture which states, "The prophets prophesy false and the people love to have it so!"

I unhesitatingly affirm that no apostasy can fasten itself upon this brotherhood unless it is permitted to do so by a lax, hesitating, or inefficient leadership. It is my firm conviction that our major task is not to develop preachers but to develop elders—men who believe in the line which God has drawn, and who will enforce it without quibbling or fear. Regardless of how many preachers may stand for false doctrines, those things cannot seriously trouble us as a whole until the worm of indifference has eaten down the trunk of the local church—its bishopric. Let's concentrate on the job ahead. Let's be sure to place men in authority who know and respect the divine injunction, "If any man come and bring not this doctrine RECEIVE HIM NOT into your house and neither bid him Godspeed." When every church has an eldership which will enforce that admonition and command, then and then only can we say, "Let the false teachers come! They shall not pass!" God give us MEN!

AMONG the CHURCHES

FLAT RIVER—About 85 attended Sunday morning, April 25, with Bro. C. E. Moore delivering the morning discourse. J. W. Watts officiated at the Lord's Table assisted by Lee Moore, John Pipkin and Wm. Jordan. Arvel Watts spoke at the evening service. The church has been strengthened by the addition of Bro. Rolla Smaith and family, who moved to our town from Bloomington, Ill. Bro. J. W. Watts is still working in St. Louis but generally manages to attend at Flat River on Lord's Day morning, driving back to the city that evening.

NEVADA—The meeting closed last Lord's Day (April 25) with a basket dinner. Two were baptized. The first week was devoted to song drill and some personal work. I am remaining a few days this week for development of talent in the congregation.

—ROY HARRIS

GALATIATIN — Attendance and interest good with our building fund on constant increase. Bro. Jas. Truitt gave a fine address April 18, and we noted some new local faces in our audience. Brethren from Scotland and Splawn's Ridge attended, with one present also from Memphis, Tenn. Two Kansas City families met with us since last report. On May 2, we begin with a new leader for our development work for the next four months. Older and younger men both take turns in this, and it is proving very helpful. Let us work, pray and glorify God.

—D. PATTERSON

SPRINGFIELD — Have completed my first four weeks here and am now entering the second period of that length. We are stressing a complete system of Personal Work, and Development of Talent. Results are indeed gratifying. Besides other things we have had a Sunday afternoon development class and a Children's Bible Study on Saturdays. Bro. Lindsey is developing song talent on Friday nights, the ladies meet for study on Thursday afternoon, and the church is moving onward steadily in the work as outlined.

—BILL HENSLEY

KANSAS CITY (59th and Kenwood)—April 19, the elders of this congregation and Spruce held a joint meeting to outline the work for Bro. Robt. Brumbaek who will do personal work here next winter.

We share in a three-way exchange of speaking talent with

Spruce St. and Independence churches. Bro. George Kreeger from Independence and Bro. Kenneth Van Deusen of Spruce St., were our speakers this month. Bro. and Sister Woodson placed membership with us in March.

Our meeting house is getting a new roof which it badly needed.

Attendance checkers for each class have been appointed, and they will report on absentees to the elders each month.

—FERN MIZE

BONNE TERRE—Bro. L. C. Roberts has visited virtually every home represented in the church, and plans are being laid for some extensive and intensive development work. At present he is teaching a Bible Reading in the Old Testament one night per week. Several from here attended the annual all-day meeting at Webster Groves on April 19, and a group of young people will visit the Manchester afternoon services in Saint Louis, May 2. Our annual all-day meeting will be held June 13.

INDEPENDENCE — We enjoy an exchange of speaker talent with the two Kansas City churches. Our building fund now stands at \$715.89, we having received \$50 each from Gardner, Kansas and 26th and Spruce since we started. They with help of \$25 from 59th and Kenwood bought our starting supplies. The members in whose homes we meet cheerfully furnish light, heat and the elements of the Lord's Supper.

Our attendance has averaged 45. Bro. Oscar Paisley spoke for us twice on April 4, and we had a basket dinner at the home of Bro. W. P. Kreeger with song services in the afternoon. Since 26th and Spruce is remodeling the exterior of their building we had prayer meeting here last Wednesday night, with Bro. Glenn Ellis preaching to the largest crowd we have yet recorded. You'll find our ad in the Saturday edition of the Kansas City Star, but if readers have friends or relatives in our vicinity who should be contacted notify George Kreeger, 1017 South Liberty, Independence, Mo. Bro. Glenn Ellis will again be with us May 2, which we appreciate in these times when every trip means a sacrifice.

—IVA KREEGER

SAINT JOSEPH—Because of a shortage of teachers, Bro. and Sister Webb will assist in our Vacation Bible Study this year, which

begins June 21, plans for which were laid in March during our Reading. We have less than a dozen children among our membership but this will make our fifth consecutive Bible Study, with increasing annual interest. In 1942 four classes averaged 16 each.

Bro. Jack Williams is receiving a medical discharge after improving during a course of treatment at Walla Walla, Wash. Bro. and Sister Leroy Haines were transferred to Houston, Texas, this month, by the F. W. Woolworth Co., for which he works. Services have been well attended and collections are holding up well in spite of small membership, and we've been practicing our new songs, thankful we still have our two good song directors left with us.

—CLEO GIBSON

NIXA—Sunday evening services starting at 8 o'clock, are very edifying, with the 18th and 19th chapters of Exodus to be studied May 2. April 25, Guy and Thelma O'Neil had the teaching and review with Roger Fitzpatrick and Paul Steinert conducting the singing. Lucille O'Neil also aids in this. The Children's Class under Sister Lola Fitzpatrick is also very interesting.

Sister Kate Steinhart has improved after a serious illness, and Neil Glenn is back with us after an extended illness. On April 18, Bro. Ward Glenn and family of Chicago also visited our services.

Lawrence and Neil Stine entertained several members of the Young Folks class at dinner, Sunday, April 25. Leslie Moore and family have moved back to their home near Nixa after extended employment in other states. Sister Dora has our sympathy in the loss of her mother on April 26. Wm. Inmon and wife, with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe Paul Inmon attended service here on April 11. It is good to have all of these with us again.

We have sent several sick cards as well as cards of sympathy to the bereaved since last report but all of us should do more of this kind of work.

—HARRY AND JERRY MOONEY

OZARK — Attendance, contribution and interest increasing. We had as our speaker, April 4, Bro. Frank Dunbar of Springfield, who gave an excellent talk on "The Old and New Covenants." Mrs. Ladd, formerly of Sparta, now lives here and meets with us. Among the visitors recently noted were Mrs. Lancy Vandeventer and son Jimmy on April 11; Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter of Neosho (week end guests of Mrs. Thelma Bussard)

on April 4; Miss Elsie Dietz of Joplin and Sister Norma Adams of Mount Vernon on April 18. We are happy to report that Bro. Chas. Boyd was reelected as County Superintendent and Sister Vandeventer succeeded also in her race for City Clerk. Sister Howard was recently called to Oklahoma by the serious illness of her father, whom we are glad to report much improved now. Sister Howard is very faithful and influential in bringing others to church. She has three sons in the service of their country.

SAINT LOUIS (5344 Lillian Ave.)—Our all time high score for Lord's Day morning attendance was registered on April 25, with 2:7 present and a contribution of \$160.35. We chronicle the following additions by membership transfer: Bro. and Sister Fraser and son from Bonne Terre, and Sister Vera Brecheen from Ada, Oklahoma. Randall Whanger is back with us having been released by the army due to a tooth condition. Ralph Chilton has been home on a special furlough, and returns to service, April 30. Earl and Tipple Miller and little daughter, Karon Kay, visited us at services on April 25. The congregation takes this opportunity of expressing sincere sympathy to the family of Bro. Ireland who passed away on March 31. Memorial services in the city were conducted by Bro. Ketcherside.

—JESS PARKS

WEBSTER GROVES — Walter Ruhl pleasantly surprised us by coming home on a few days leave. He likes army life, but not K. P. duty.

Our fourth annual all day meeting was a great success in spite of meat and gas rationing. Bros. Henry Mabery, L. C. Roberts and J. H. Baldwin delivered inspiring addresses in the morning service, and Bro. Carl Ketcherside delivered the evening sermon. We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. and Sister Luke Thomas, and Bro. and Sister Buford Mabery who have placed membership. Both brethren are talented public workers. Our visiting speakers for the past month include Brethren Floyd Fleming, Lawrence Thompson, and Lee Ross.

Bro. Clyde Young is improving slowly and needs cards and letters of cheer from all of you. Drop him a line at House Springs, Mo.

Our Friday evening sessions are very profitable, what with correction of English, speech faults and general development in all

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phases of church activity. Bro. Ketcherside is directing the study of these methods.

—VERN ATWELL

CHILLICOTHE — The ladies class met with Sister Rhoda Balloy April 15, with Sister Hattie Sallee as leader. Memory work was on Psalms I and 23. Sister Grace Bailey will lead the lesson on May 6, when we meet with Sister Esther Balloy. Bro. Dean Weddle is in satisfactory condition after an appendectomy at City Hospital, April 27. Bro. Pearl Bailey was at home a few days from Pratt-Whitney School which he attends in Kansas City. Don Anderson expects to be called to active service about July 1, since he was successful in his examinations, now being a Naval Aviation Cadet. Good results are noticed from our Friday night development class in our regular services.

RIDGLEY (near Exeter)—The brief meeting at Ridgley has quietly made its exit into history, leaving, I do trust, some marks of its passing upon the little congregation there. More and more I feel the lack of permanent accomplishments in these revival meetings under the influence of which the church has come to our generation occasionally thriving, but more often barely subsisting on the scant-provisions which they supply. In spite of the busy season we had attendance equaling that of last fall. We spent 30 minutes each evening in song drill which helped increase interest of some and left a decided improvement in that phase of congregational service. I was forced to do all of the leading. I made one talk to school children and did some personal work. About half my lessons were of a practical nature, dealing pointedly with church members and their obligations. The meeting closed with one baptism. I enjoyed the work.

—KENNETH MORGAN

SALEM—Preached at Salem twice on March 28, with good attendance at both meetings. Sister Frazier of that congregation passed away and I remained until March 18 to conduct funeral services. I then preached 3 nights at Summersville, and baptized 1 on April 2. We arranged the baptizing as a prelude to the evening service that those who lived out-of-town could attend, both and make but one trip. Began at Ne-

MEN IN UNIFORM

We want to serve you, believing that in so doing, we shall not only aid your morale, but also our country and the church. Below are a few of the ways in which we can render free aid. A post card or letter will bring any of these.

FREE copy of "Strings On Your Fingers" the book of sermons for young people by young men.

FREE copy of "Ketcherside-Porter Debate" to help you explain our position on the colleges and orphan homes.

FREE tracts to hand to your buddies to help them understand the doctrines of the church.

FREE copies of this paper upon request to let you get news of what is going on at home among the churches.

FREE publication of your name and address when such is not a military secret.

We will also help to arrange correspondence with you among the young people of the churches.

We will endeavor to locate whereabouts of any other soldier, sailor or marine, whom you may wish to contact.

We will furnish information as to location of congregations and brethren when you are transferred.

We will answer confidentially any questions which you may desire to ask and which will be within our power to help you with.

We will purchase you anything. locate any book, mail you anything that will be of value in helping you live a Christian life while away from home.

This service is a part of the program of the Missouri Mission Messenger. It is yours free. Write for any of the above, and enclose no money. A post card will do. We're all in THIS war!

vada on April 4 with good attention and interest.

—ROY HARRIS

BROOKFIELD—Bro. R. O. Webb was here for a short Bible Reading the week of March 7-14. Two hours were spent nightly in study, explanation and discussion of Genesis and the first portion of Exodus. Attendance was good although illness kept several members from meeting with us regularly. We hope to have Bro. Webb with us again. April 11, for a business meeting, to plan the work of the church for the ensuing year. Brother J. O. Bradley is doing secular work in Kansas City for the present.

—DOROTHY STUART

A SOLDIER'S LETTER

Dear "Aunt Lue":

I am answering your most appreciated letter received the other day. I am glad to hear that the little congregation at the Church On The Rock is still continuing the service of the Lord which I was forced to leave behind. The memories of those good old days and the place where I spent the Sundays of my boyhood I cannot forget. Oh how I would like to be there at worship with the little group of faithful brethren and sisters in Christ. Aunt, I still remember the nights I spent at your house where we would engage in Bible Study. That has made a permanent impression on my mind as to what a great aunt you really are. I wish that some of these buddies of mine had been brought up as I was, especially those who think that life consists of drinking, card-playing, vulgar language, dancing and shows. I have gotten me some new books to read including "Bible History," "What's Wrong With The Dancer?" and a few more which I think are wonderful.

Your nephew,

ALBERT CROCKER

EDITOR'S NOTE—Albert is from a little country congregation at Goodwater. I rather imagine that the above letter reveals what the average Church of Christ lad thinks about in camp. But the thought that is impressed upon my heart is the fact that we must keep these churches alive and active until the boys come home. What a tragedy it would be after they had envisioned the little group of faithful winding their way down country lanes to the House of the Lord on each first day of the week only to come home and find that ravages of war had desolated the faith. In view of the sacrifices which our boys are making let's make greater ones ourselves. Do you have other letters from soldiers like the one above which should be published for their inspirational contents? Then send them in! Don't forget—We are all in this fight!

BOOKS

"The Man On The Horse" written by D. Austen Sommer is off the press. It is a real buy at 50c per single copy, or 10 copies for 40c each. Buy yourself a good book that will help you in your study of prophecy. Here's your chance!

Science Falsely So-Called

For two decades, scientists of the Smithsonian Institute have pointed with professional pride to the oldest known ear of corn on earth, supposed to have been preserved in Peruvian soil. A close scrutiny of the supposed fossil a short time ago, revealed it to be a rattle made of clay. Sometimes scientists get "rattle-brained" in their attempts to establish the antiquity of the earth and its inhabitants.

The German Bible

Martin Luther put the Bible into the language of the German people, and thus gave encouragement to the reformatory movement by removing ignorance of God's Word on the part of the masses. He finished the New Testament translation in 1522, and the Old Testament in 1534. His New Testament cost one and a half gulden, (about six dollars) which was the price of a horse in those days. Three thousand sold in two months and a new edition had to be printed the fourth month after it was produced.

Meat Rationing

If meat becomes too scarce, you might imitate John the Baptist and eat locusts. Such a diet is common in the Philippine Islands even today and the insular Department of Agriculture issued a special bulletin in 1923 giving recipes for preparing locusts. Directions were given for frying them, drying them, fixing them with chopped pineapple like salad, and with sliced tomatoes as a club sandwich. There's your answer to the shortage of red stamps in the little ration book.

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by Bro. George Robinson, of Berkeley, Calif., was very neat in its issue of April 1943. It is now a printed sheet having graduated from mimeographed pages. We salute the new, better, and bigger paper and also Bro. Robinson for his excellent work in producing it. Come on western states churches "keep 'em rolling!" Speaking about papers reminds me that I think the April edition of the Macedonian Call was just about "tops" also. Either I'm getting enthused unduly or else things look brighter for the church. Let's everybody work, and then watch it grow!"