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AMERICA FIRST!

Unity The Theme As Churches Worship Together

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children listened showed their deep interest in Mr. Oliver's talk.

The union evening service, which was held in the Methodist church, brought together a goodly representation from all the churches, the five pastors occupying places on the platform and taking some part in the exercises. The common sympathy and desire of the congregation voiced itself at the opening of the service in an earnest prayer led by Rev. Paul Crusius, a prayer which prepared those present for the further message of the evening.

The speaker was Rev. P. G. Nuffer, whose text was taken from Galatians 6:14—"God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It was about the cross of Christ that all Christians, of whatever name or order, gathered, said Mr. Nuffer. Here was the central fact that gave unity and cohesion to all our hopes and aims as followers of Jesus Christ. All our life and service must be expressed in terms of the cross, must find its inspiration and hope there. All else in which we glory, however worthy, must be subordinated to the cross of Christ. This must be more than a mere theory or doctrine, it must be a living reality in the experience of the individual. As such it will be mighty in its transforming and energizing power.

Mr. Nuffer alluded most feelingly to the spirit of sympathy and fraternalism which has been a marked outcome of the war. The sacrifices which thousands of Americans are making in giving their sons and brothers, bind all hearts together as nothing else could have done. Mr. Nuffer spoke from personal experience. One of his own sons is in training at Great Lakes. Himself of German descent, Mr. Nuffer expressed his abhorrence of militarism, stating that his own parents had left Germany to escape from its thralldom. He affirmed his confident belief that a better day was at hand, a day when this accursed thing will be forever excised, a day when righteousness and peace will be enthroned. But in and through all of our efforts and struggles, we must recognize the supremacy of the cross of Christ, which offers the only solution of the deeper problems of man's sin and need.

An attractive and helpful feature of the day's services was the music rendered by the combined choirs. At both churches where the choirs united special anthems were sung with good effect.

A schedule for next Sunday's services, with detailed announcements, will be found elsewhere in this issue. It is anticipated that the attendance at these union meetings will grow from week to week.

A STAMP FOR EVERY STAR

Chicago, Jan. 4—"My boy has suggested a new thought to me," a foreman of a Chicago machine shop writes to the War Savings Committee for Illinois. "He wants to buy a thrift stamp for every star in the American flag. He is shoveling snow off the walk and chopping kindling wood like a good fellow, and his sister is wiping the dishes for her mother and smiling the house and singing 'We're Going Over.' It keeps me hustling, but it's the right spirit. I'm with 'em."

Injured by Property. The mind is more injured by property than by poverty.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR DU PAGE CO. FARMERS INSTITUTE

Annual Gathering at Wheaton January Thirty-first and February First and Second

Plans are complete for the annual session of the Farmers' Institute to be held in the Court House at Wheaton January 31 and February 1 and 2. DuPage County has the reputation of having one of the very best institutes in the State and the Institute this year will be of the usual high order.

In the interest of food conservation and in order that a suitable premium list might be arranged, the executive committee decided that the Institute could not provide lunch for its patrons this year. Persons who attend will be able to buy coffee and sandwiches in the building for a small sum.

Substantial cash prizes are offered by the Institute on all classes of entries which are open only to residents of DuPage County. In the farm products department first, second and third premiums are offered on the following classes: 10 ears yellow corn, 10 ears white corn, peck of yellow oats, peck of white oats, peck of barley, peck of spring wheat, peck of early potatoes, peck of late potatoes, peck of five apples and ten ears of pop corn exhibited by a boy or girl under sixteen years of age.

In the school department in addition to the prizes offered by the Towns of York, Milton, Naperville and Winfield, a first prize of five dollars and a second prize of three dollars are offered on the following classes: collection of products grown in school district, collection of school work exhibited by a rural school and a collection of school work exhibited by a graded school.

In the household science department prizes of two dollars, one dollar, seventy-five cents and fifty cents are offered by the Institute on each of the following classes: rye bread (recipe must accompany entry) German coffee cake, mince pie, apple pie, dozen white cookies (no frosting), dozen ginger cookies (no frosting), sponge cake (no frosting) dozen doughnuts (plain). Prize winning bakery exhibits will be considered the property of the Institute and sold at auction just before noon on Saturday, Feb. 2, Harmoning, Rahlf, Schmidt and Yackley.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 will be rural school days and the country schools of the county will be closed in order that teachers and pupils may attend the institute sessions.

Music for the sessions will be furnished by McAuliffe's orchestra of Chicago and readings will be given by Mrs. Carleton Cummings of the Expression Department of Wheaton College.

Speakers

Thurs., January 31 10 a. m.

Address, Chas. W. Farr, Ass't. Supt. of Cook County Schools. Proper Housing and Feeding of Poultry, Prof. D. O. Barto, Univ. of Ill. Address, Chas. W. Farr. Farm Drainage, M. E. Jahr, U. of I.

Friday, Feb. 1. A. M.

A Womans Problems, Mrs. F. I. Mann, Gilman. Small Grains, Hon. A. N. Abbott, Morrison. P. M.

Soil Fertility, Hon. A. N. Abbott. Address by a representative of the Boys' Working Reserve. Address, Prof. Elmer E. Jones, Dept. of Education, N. W. University.

Insects and the War, J. R. Malloch, Asst. State Entomologist. Household Science Section Conservation of Foods, Mrs. Frank I. Mann.

Saturday, Feb. 2. A. M.

The Gas Tractor in a System of Livestock Farming, G. W. Thorp, Clinton. Address, Lewis Wiggins, Supt. Dairy Extension, Ill. Dept. of Agriculture.

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The State Bond Issue of \$60,000,000 for Roads, Representative of the Highway Department. The Farmers Duty as a Citizen, G. V. Gregory, Editor of Prairie Farmer.

Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

UNITY URGED IN TIMELY MESSAGE BY DR. JENNESS

Key Note of Co-operative Campaign Sounded at Methodist Church Sunday Morning.

Speaking before the joint congregations of the Evangelical and Methodist churches last Sunday morning, Dr. J. F. Jenness delivered a timely sermon which is herewith reproduced in part. Choosing for his text the first verse of the 133rd Psalm, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," Dr. Jenness said:

"The text suggests a picture of home life, in which harmony exists between the several members of the family. The significant word is unity, and the secret of unity is love. "But the picture which the Psalmist sees is that of brothers who are such because of religious ties. We call our fellow Christians brothers and sisters. They are such because of our common Fatherhood in God and because Jesus Christ is the Elder Brother of us all. If it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity in the home, it is equally so in the church.

"To dwell together" does not of necessity mean to live under the same roof. Brothers may live in unity in adjoining houses. So may brothers in adjacent churches. "Unity is not necessarily uniformity. There can be unity of purpose and of action where there is diversity of opinion. We do not merge our individuality into the family, or into the church. The spirit of brotherhood in Christ will lead us into a common faith in the great essentials for which He stood, but the right of interpretation we reserve for ourselves.

"Although we may not make our permanent dwelling place under the same roof the spirit of true brotherhood will make it possible for us to live and do the work of life in the same house when occasion requires. Two families in Downers Grove have decided to spend the winter together, leaving one of the homes closed. That is an apt illustration of the program which the church households have adopted for the period of the cold weather.

"In all our planning we have emphasized two things, the conservation of fuel and a fresh demonstration of the fact that the Christian brethren of Downers Grove do dwell together in unity. When the severity of the winter is broken, and we go again our several ways, it will be with the consciousness that we have released for the use of others something like twenty-five tons of coal, that we know each other better and love each other more. And the greatest thing growing out of this consciousness will be a girling of our churches for the great, new task which awaits the church of tomorrow, when the war is over and our boys come home.

"Some weeks ago I preached a sermon on the question, 'Will the Church Stand the Strain of War?' A man who read it in the Reporter said, 'After all isn't the great question whether the church will stand the strain of peace?'

"There has never been a time in the world's history when such demands were made upon any form of religion as those which will be made upon Christianity at the close of the war. No institution has yet met and stood a test so critical and so severe as that which will be applied to the church when the cessation of hostilities gives men time to think of the forces in our civilization which ought to have been strong for the prevention of the war.

"The war has disturbed the life of the world. It has been, and still is, a puzzled world as to the meaning of it all. The critical time will be when we settle back into the normal ways of living. What in that day shall be the place of religion and the church? "The church must be ready for her mission, which is to teach, with greater emphasis than ever before, the things which are fundamental in the religion of Jesus Christ, but more especially to live the things which are fundamental in the religion of Jesus Christ. A teaching church is one thing. A living church may be quite another. The world of tomorrow must be a living emphasis upon the fact that religion is binding in all departments of life.

"Will the church measure up to her great task in the day of peace? The only way to assure an affirmative answer to that question is for the brethren who are in the church to dwell together in unity, unity of spirit, unity of purpose and unity in love of God and in the service of their common Master, Jesus Christ.

"Whether in the future we shall worship under one roof in Downers

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NOTES OF THE WOMANS CLUB

Resident Clergymen's Wives Will Have Charge of the Program Next Wednesday

The Home and Education Department of the Womans Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. N. C. Peace, will hold their last department meeting of the year, Wednesday afternoon, January 30, at Library hall.

The program will be given by the wives of our resident Clergymen and promises to be an excellent one.

Program Original Story, The Third Generation, Mrs. James Freeman Jenness

Reading, Selected Mrs. Norman Gould Oliver

Talk, "The Bright Side" of the Aspects of the War, Mrs. Ira Milton Grey

Music, Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths Miss Marion Lower

This will be an open meeting. All friends of the Club and especially the mothers of the "Boys in the Service" will be most welcome.

Mrs. J. R. Foster, Mrs. A. B. Snow, Miss Fannie Stewart and Mrs. E. H. Huntington were guests of the Naperville Womans Club at a luncheon on Wednesday afternoon.

ALIEN ENEMIES MUST REGISTER FEBRUARY 4 to 9

All Male Unnaturalized German and Austrian Residents over Fourteen Included.

In accordance with the President's Proclamation dated November 16, 1917, all male German alien enemies of fourteen years of age and upward, residing in this post office district are required to register under the direction of the Postmaster, who has been appointed Assistant Registrar.

This registration commences at 6 a. m. on February 4th, 1918, and continues each day successively thereafter, between the hours of 6 a. m. and 8 p. m., up to and including the 9th day of February, 1918, at 8 p. m.

Persons Required to Register: All natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the German Empire, or Imperial German Government, being males of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who are within the United States and not actually naturalized as American citizens are required to register as alien enemies. The fact of having first or deplorable papers, or a permit for restricted zones issued by the United States Marshal, does not exempt the possessor thereof from registering as a German alien enemy.

German alien enemies are hereby directed to report to the post office located in the district in which they reside.

Each German alien enemy is required to bring with him to the place of registration four photographs not larger than 3x3 inches, on thin paper with light background. At the place of registration he will be given full instructions as to procedure in filing application for registration.

An alien enemy required to register and who fails to complete his registration within the time fixed therefor, in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, is liable to restraint, imprisonment and detention for the duration of the war.

W. B. CARLILE, Chief Registrar.

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Grove, or two, or a dozen, is not the question of paramount importance. But have we the spirit of unity which will enable us to do the thing that is best for the Kingdom of God as this is revealed to us in the light of the conditions of the new day and by the inner voice of the Spirit of God?

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