

The Minister's Corner

In opening this space to the ministers of this community, I believe it is the intention of the publishers that the articles should provoke thought, discussion, and action, in the sphere of religion. To best express the thoughts I wish to convey at this time I take the liberty of quoting an editorial by Bishop Johnson of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, upon the subject "The One Thing Needful."

—Hugh M. MacWhorter.

The One Thing Needful

"Experience teaches us that unless society recognizes the sovereignty of God, it lacks principle of stability. The conscience is as much a part of social life as is the reason and when men ignore the demands of conscience they destroy the sanctity of the social order. The wildly destructive elements in the discontent and unrest that threaten our peace and prosperity are godless elements. They recognize no God whose sovereign justice they must respect. Bolshevism is not merely the rebellion of the masses against the constituted authority of the classes. It is just as much the rebellion of the classes against the constituted sovereignty of Almighty God. The man who refuses to worship God and goes forth on a Sunday morning to enjoy himself is flouting the sovereignty of God just as much as the man who disobeys the laws of his country, and the result of his contempt for authority is just as dangerous.

"It is a significant fact that the riots in Omaha and Denver, a year or so ago were the riots of young men and boys. Neither of these cities has a large foreign element, nor are they infested by large groups of radical socialists. They are essentially American cities and the riots were incited by youths brought up in American homes. Youth is naturally given to riotous excess. College boys have been notoriously rough at times, and so have the youths of the town. It is partly animal spirits seeking adventure, and when governed by some discipline of conscience, is mischievous rather than criminal. But when young men grow up in an atmosphere in which men who are respected for their business success, curse God, evade worship and patronize virtue, it is not surprising that the youths lack the elements of reverence for authority and respect for law. The young men of today are lawless because their homes are Godless, and those parents who neglect the service of God cannot command the reverence of the next generation.

"It is one of the most humiliating experiences of a minister that prominent men regard his profession as futile and look upon his work as rather effeminate, whereas he is trying to accomplish the one thing needful to make society decent. It is only a fool who could say that it is unimportant whether the next generation of women is virtuous and whether the next generation of young men is respectful to authority. Yet what other institution than the Church is attempting to do these things. The fathers of America must tackle the job of leading their sons to the worship of God or suffer the consequence of their neglect. It is a hypocritical farce to encourage your children to do that which you yourself neglect. It is a beastly shame that we have hordes of godless youths in this fair land because their fathers have been spiritual ciphers. The temptations which young folks meet today are double what they were when I was a boy and the spiritual influences are not as potent.

"There is just one cure for the materialism and Godlessness which is ruining the spiritual fibre of the rising generation, and that one thing is for parents to be Spartan like in performing their religious duties, and to insist that children shall be trained to serve the God who made them. This will take courage and means a certain amount of self sacrifice, but unless the couples between twenty-five and forty are willing to pay this price they are not fit to be trusted with the rearing of children. It is not merely a question of whether the minister is able, or the music heavenly, or the society agreeable; it is rather the question of whether any boy or girl can be properly reared if the fathers and mothers do not stand for the things that protected them from the pitfalls of an evil world.

"It is a small thing to set apart each Sunday morning to give our example that we believe there is a God in Heaven. It is not a great price to pay for imparting reverence and righteousness to the young, but is just the price which the selfish man will not pay. We need a group of leading men in every community who do not believe that laying up money is more important than building up character, and until we get just that thing, we will go to Hell both here and hereafter, as we deserve."

CONFERENCES FOR COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS ON MARCH 5

Boys Meet at Naperville and Girls at Wheaton in Annual Get-Togethers.

The Fourth Annual DuPage County Older Boys Conference and the Second Annual Older Girls Conference will be held on Saturday, March 5, at Naperville, and Wheaton, respectively. The delegates are to be sent from High Schools, Sunday Schools, Clubs, and Young People's Societies throughout the County.

Transportation has been arranged for by auto truck which will leave Wheaton on the arrival of the 8:26 electric from Elmhurst and other points, for Naperville. The truck will return from Naperville station about 9:00 a. m. on the arrival of the train from Hinsdale and Downers Grove to bring girls over to the Girls Conference in Wheaton. In the evening after the Conference, the girls will be taken back to Naperville, and the boys will be brought back from Naperville to Wheaton. The cost will probably not exceed 15c a trip. Further information concerning transportation may be had from Mr. E. L. Rice of the Transportation Committee or Lawrence Henry, Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

The speakers engaged for the Boys Conference are W. M. Molderby, of Chicago; Mr. R. W. Schloerb of Highland Park, Illinois; and Major C. R. Webster, a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, connected for several years with rural and army work in India. These men will give addresses on the Christian Program in the Home, in the Community, and the World. After the first two addresses, there will be an hour for frank and open discussion of these addresses in groups.

The Girls Conference will follow the same program and general plan of meetings with Mr. Schloerb, Mrs. W. H. Stough of Wheaton and Mrs. Bishop Seager of Naperville. Recreation is provided for both Conferences at the Wheaton College Gym and in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and swimming pool at Naperville.

"BLUE" LODGE TO GIVE CARD PARTY AND DANCE FEB. 21

Library Hall Reserved for the First Masonic Social Affair Held in the Village for Years.

The first Masonic social affair in years, not restricted entirely to the members of the order, will be given at the Library next Monday evening, February 21st. The occasion will be a concert, card party and dance, given by Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M. for members of the local lodge and all resident members of the craft and their ladies.

The entire library building has been reserved for the evening. The upstairs rooms will be fitted up for the playing cards and the basement will be used for dancing. Both will be in progress at the same time and in this way it is thought that plenty of room will be available for the large number expected to attend.

Progressive five hundred will be played and suitable prizes will be awarded to these turning in the highest and the lowest scores.

We understand that this is the first of a series of entertainments of various kinds which the "Blue Lodge" will give.

RIFLE CLUB TO HAVE FINE TEAM FOR COMPETITION

Many Local Crack Shots Joining—Practice Sunday Mornings at the Gym.

That the newly organized Downers Grove Rifle Club will have a great team for competition shoots is assured. This was demonstrated on last Sunday morning when good scores were registered on the targets in the gymnasium at the south side school where practice is held every Sunday morning.

Al Gardiner totaled 190 out of a possible 200, R. C. Briggs being a close second with 189. A. W. Langosch made several good scores as did Frank Rogers, C. C. Parks and several others.

The club membership is limited to those who desire to join. Operating as they are under the auspices of the National Rifle Association, the rifle fans of the village will have lots of chance to enter into competition with other teams. They will also be entitled to attend the national meets and to receive a certain amount of ammunition from the government for practice shooting.

Those desiring to join can attend a practice at the school or get word to G. S. MacDougall, club president or W. J. Staats, secretary.

COWPEAS FIRST USED AS FOOD FOR HUMANS

Earliest Published Record in America Was in 1798.

Plant at Present is Best Known and Extensively Grown Leguminous Crop in Southern States—Can Be Grown in North.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The cowpea is undoubtedly a native of Central Africa. A wild plant differing little from the cultivated cowpea occurs throughout much of that continent. Hybrids of this wild plant and the cultivated cowpea are readily obtained. The cultivated cowpea consists of three main groups—the asparagus bean, the catjang, and the cowpea, each of which represents a group of varieties having much in common but connected through intermediate varieties. The cowpea is the most important of the three groups.

The large number and great diversity of cultivated varieties throughout Africa and over the southern half of



A Good Stand of Cowpeas.

Asia and the adjacent islands as well as the Mediterranean region of Europe indicate that the cowpea is of ancient cultivation for human food. It was early introduced in the Spanish settlements in the West Indies and was grown in North Carolina in 1714, probably coming from the West Indies. Its culture in Virginia was reported about 1775 and no doubt was quite general in the United States early in the Nineteenth century.

Without doubt, the cowpea is the Phaseolus mentioned by the old Roman writers. In Italy the Blackeye cowpea is still called by the same name as the kidney bean, namely, "fagiolo," which is the Italian equivalent of Phaseolus. In East Africa both the wild and cultivated cowpeas are called "kunde," while in India, where the catjang is more extensively cultivated, the name "lubia," with many others, is used. In America the cowpea was first known as "callivance" and later as "Indian pea," "southern pea," "southern field pea" and "cornfield pea." The first published record of the name cowpea was in 1718 and applied apparently to a single variety.

The cowpea at present is the best known and most extensively grown leguminous crop in the Southern states, but it can be grown profitably much farther north. Although it succeeds under a greater diversity of climatic, soil, and cultural conditions than most other legumes, the best results are obtained in forage, soil improvement, and seed production by a thorough understanding of the requirements and the best varieties of the crop.

ICE-HARVEST TIME AT HAND

Farmer Should Lay in Ample Supply for Cooling Milk and for Household Uses in Summer.

Farmers who have not already done so, should prepare to lay by a store of ice now for cooling milk and for household use next summer. In places where nature provides a sufficiently low temperature, the cost of harvesting and storing ice is low when compared with the saving effected. Ordinarily, it is safe to harvest 2 tons of ice for each cow in the herd. This will allow for melting and leave enough for family needs. Where cream only is sold, about one-third of that quantity of ice will be needed.

Two farmers' bulletins, No. 623, Ice Houses and the Use of Ice on the Farm, and No. 1978, Harvesting and Storing Ice on the Farm, may be had by applying to the Division of Publications, United States Department of Agriculture.

ADDS BEAUTY TO FARM HOME

Shrubs Hide Foundation Lines of Buildings and Screen Many Unpleasantly Bare Objects.

Suitable plantings are necessary to unite the parts of a farmstead into a pleasing, homelike whole. Trees are used for windbreaks, as frames for the buildings or a background for them, and to give shade. Shrubs are needed in abundance to hide partially the foundation lines of buildings, support their corners, give reasons for turns in drives or walks, and to screen unsightly objects. Native trees and shrubs and those known by trial to thrive in the locality are the best to use.

ANNUAL PLAINT OF "HIGH TAXES" HEARD ON STREET

Everyone Has Some Kick to Register Regarding Assessment to Run Government.

In the last few weeks there has been heard on the street the annual complaint of "high taxes" with which to run the government of the village,

town, county and state. Of course, taxes are high, that is comparatively. But we must all take into consideration the fact that other things are high also and that in the general raise, taxes have not kept up, but are lower, again comparatively, than in past years.

Some people do not know, or have forgotten, that taxes we pay here are divided among many different parts of our local government. For instance, when you pay taxes you are helping to get together monies to

run the Village of Downers Grove, the Township of Downers Grove, the County of DuPage and the State of Illinois, besides the running of the high and grade schools, and the Public Library.

The entire tax paid by people living within the village limits is \$6.77 on every \$100 of assessed valuation. This is divided up as follows: for the state, 40c; county, 52c; village and library, \$1.71; township, road and bridge and hard road, \$1.40; Forest Preserve, 7c; and School District 58, \$2.67.



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