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THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY

If the war has made the "world safe for democracy," it has just as truly made the world easy for Christianity. The brotherhood of the trenches, the mutual confrontation of a common danger and a common foe, has placed a premium on the highest attributes of the spirit, so that bravery, endurance, cheerfulness, unselfishness have come into their own. And similarly, in civilian life in this country, the mutual working together for our common defense, and the preservation of our national ideals has brought about a solidarity among our miscellaneous population—a unity under our flag that could not possibly have been achieved in any other way in the same length of time.

Today the spiritual harvest of the war is ready for the garnering, and if the churches of America do not meet the emergency and reap the harvest, it will be their own fault.

But there are obstacles in the way of a sweeping renaissance in the power of the church. There is something more for her to do than merely to open her arms and offer solace and stimulus. The duty of the church today is not so much emotional as intellectual. There are grave problems which the churches must help in solving before any of us can talk fraternity, equality, or Christianity.

"We have allowed private persons to put their thumb where they can constrict the life blood of the nation at will. The common have financed the industry of the country with their savings, but the control of industry has passed out of their hands almost entirely. The profits of our common work are absorbed by a limited group; the mass of the people are permanently reduced to wage-earning positions. The cost of living has been raised by unseen hands until several millions of our nation are unable to earn even the bare minimum which social science declares necessary for health and decency, and all families living on a fixed income have felt a mysterious and suffocating pressure."

When the churches of this country shall have applied the leverage of their publicity to those thumbs which now construct the arteries of the social body, then and then only will they have fulfilled their rightful ends; then will they have justified their inheritance of the war's spiritual harvest.

A NEW MENACE TO OUR NORTHERN FORESTS

The community Christmas tree is undoubtedly one of the finest products of the general community movement which in the past two years has manifested itself in many cities throughout the country.

But beyond this there is the matter of the tree itself. Every one of these cities which installs a Christmas tree must get it from our northern woods, or what is worse, from woods in the immediate vicinity, and a tree large enough for this purpose—to be set up on a principal street and decorated with lights—must be a tree at least one hundred years old.

In the matter of hewing down our smaller trees for family use at Christmas time, we have bolstered up this old custom for years by telling ourselves the trees were second growth and had to be thinned out—an excuse spacious enough in this case. But there is no possible justification on any ground for the wanton waste of the great spruces and firs which are yearly cut down by hundreds and shipped into the cities for community celebrations.

In the matter of expense we pay \$75.00 for such a tree, which we install, look at for a few weeks, and at last when it begins to turn yellow and shed its needles, we haul it away for firewood. For \$100.00 we could purchase and plant a Norway spruce—not quite so large as the accustomed tree, but yet a living tree, which would be an ornament to the city for all time. Moreover we need evergreen trees, and many of them, to brighten our winter landscape.

Why not purchase such a tree and plant it in the parkway of Central Avenue, or elsewhere according to the judgment of the committee in charge. Such a solution of the community Christmas tree problem, would not only clear our civic and national conscience, but, in the matter of precedent, it might be the means of instituting a line of sober thought in regard to the conservation of our northern timber lands.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. Andrew Bloomfield is on a business trip in the south.

Mrs. Harold O. Larsen of Evanston is spending a week with her parents while her husband has gone on a business trip to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Arthur Booth, who was in ground aviation service at Northwestern University, has been honorably discharged and has returned home.

Mr. Carl Arnswald, who was in the aero service in England, has returned and is stationed at Camp Mills, N. Y.

Mr. James C. Malone of Detroit, Mich., formerly of this city, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Erickson.

Mrs. G. W. Potter was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Andrew Bloomfield.

Word has been received that Dr. Herbert Evans, Professor of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Ia., who was overseas, will return the first of the year and resume his work again. He has been in Y. M. C. A. work.

The Public Library which has been closed on account of the repairing of the heating plant, reopened yesterday.

Sergt. John Kelly, who is with the Medical Department at Luffberry Field, Wanteth, Long Island, New York, spent a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Kelly, of Clay avenue.

Mr. Arthur Evans and wife spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes of Waukegan spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. V. E. Lambert of Beach street.

On her return trip from California Mrs. Chas. Monroe of New York City visited the A. G. Brown family.

Miss Elizabeth Keough of Chicago spent Sunday with her sister, Edith, of Green Bay Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Geer of Springfield, Mass., are here spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Geer's parents.

Mrs. Seymour Amick of Chicago, was the week end guest of Miss Anna Bloomfield.

Mrs. George Howe of Ravinia has returned from the Highland Park Hospital where she has been for the past seven weeks suffering from injuries received when struck by an auto on Green Bay Road. Mr. and Mrs. Howe were going to call on friends when the accident occurred. Mr. Howe being instantly killed. Mrs. Smith of Milwaukee is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howe.

The Rev. Frank Pitt, who was ill for a few days last week and unable to occupy the pulpit at Lake Forest, has considerably recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hecht of Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, have closed their home and will sail on Tuesday, the 16th, on the Adriatic, for an indefinite stay abroad. Mr. Hecht has been sent by the Chicago Daily News, as foreign correspondent and to open up the Daily News Offices in Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople, and other points. Mr. Hecht will also attend the peace conference at Versailles. Mrs. Hecht was Miss Marie Armstrong of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Armstrong of Forest avenue. Mrs. Armstrong and little Edwina Hecht and nurse will join Mr. and Mrs. Hecht in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Elston will return home the latter part of the week from New York.

Grandma Brand has returned from Deerfield where she spent the past two months visiting with her daughter.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First United Evangelical Church will meet this afternoon with Miss Emma Hupprich of Glenview Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Pansie of Fisk, Wis., were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Bahr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mead and daughter, Pearl, of North Chicago, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Garrity.

Mrs. Cora Aynesley of McDaniel Ave., spent Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Burdick of Area, Ill.

Lieut. H. E. Hamilton of Two Rivers, Wis., and Sec. Lieut. Hargis of Ft. Sheridan were the Sunday guests of the Misses Eva and Mae Siljestrom.

Mrs. J. McGregor Adams and Mrs. Wiegand left yesterday for their winter home in Thomasville, Ga.

Mrs. Wm. Vetter, who has been confined to her home with influenza, is very much improved and able to be around again.

Mrs. Charles H. Chapin has closed her residence on Hawthorne Place and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chester Chapin, in New York, before going south for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Steffen have returned from Cincinnati, O., and are occupying the Dan Sheahan flat on Central Ave.

Mr. Herbert F. Nevitt is now in charge of the C. N. S. ticket office at Highwood.

Miss Laura Fischer, who has been on the sick list, is very much improved.

Mrs. Mary Ehrenfeuchter was called to Peru, Ill., last week on account of the death of her sister.

Mrs. William K. Sidley of this city left last week for Hollywood, Cal., where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Frederick Steele.

Mrs. Virginia McGath has moved into Welch's flat on Waukegan avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball and two children and Miss Adah Williams of Evanston were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Foster have closed their residence for the winter and are at the Congress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grant and children have returned from Madisonville, O., where they have made their home for the past few months. Mr. Grant was employed in governmental work there.

Through the Red Cross Mr. and Mrs. Stuppel have received a card stating that their son, Harry, has arrived safely overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lusham are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Sunday, December 1st. The baby arrived via the Highland Park Hospital.

Ensign Harry Eichler who spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eichler, left Sunday evening for Seattle, Wash., to report for duty on board a ship.

The regular meeting of Campbell Chapter O. E. S. will take place this evening in Masonic Hall.

Rev. John G. Schwab spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Freeport, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fay are the happy parents of a daughter born on Saturday, December 7.

Mr. Joseph Delhaye and family have moved to their new home on Ridge-wood Drive.

Mrs. Emily Meecham had as her week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wil- hold of Michigan.

Mrs. Phillip Schreiber and Mrs. Salyards are in Freeport, Mich., where they were called a week ago owing to the illness of Mrs. Annie Gastfield. She was seriously ill with influenza but is reported to be very much improved.

Mr. Edw. M. Laing has completed the government work which he has been engaged in for the past few months and accompanied by Mrs. Laing left Cincinnati, O., last week for Josephine, Ala., where they will remain during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simons will leave Sunday night for Buffalo, N. Y., and Canada where they will spend two weeks.

Mr. George Millard has returned from Madisonville, O., where he has been doing government work. Mrs. Millard has gone to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Last Thursday Mrs. J. J. Barbers entertained the Ladies Aid of the St. Johns Evangelical church.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Mr. Ray Marshall, who has been in service at Camp Grant, has returned and is now in charge of the Manual Training at Lincoln and Ravinia Schools. Classes are held in Lincoln School on Monday afternoon and at Ravinia School on Thursday afternoons.

Miss Kane, the kindergarten teacher, is ill at her home in Hubbard Woods with influenza. Miss Catherine Madden of Chicago is substituting in Miss Kane's place.

Last Friday morning the Eighth grade pupils had charge of general assembly. Talks on Food Conservation were given and according to Mr. Hoover's request his message was read. The assembly this week is in charge of the fifth and sixth grades. They will use as their topic, "The History of Lighting." The pupils have been making candles and they will explain the process of making candles and soap.

School will close Friday, Dec. 20, for one week's Christmas vacation and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 30.

The last of the series of lecture for teachers held at Winnetka was given Tuesday evening.

WILL YOU GIVE A CHRISTMAS TO A LITTLE CHILD?

Fill a stocking, putting the mate inside. Mark age of child and whether boy or girl. Send to Mrs. Henry Sherman Vail, 225 Laurel Avenue, on or before December 17.

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Chance for Naval Station Men with Previous Sea Experience to Enter Merchant Marine

Great Lakes gobs who have had previous sea experience and who have spent the duration of the war standing on land, are invited by the U. S. Shipping Board to change their status for anchors and qualify for officer berths in the American Merchant Marine, instead of going back to civilian life on land.

The U. S. Shipping Board has undertaken the task of manning many of the returning transports next spring. Every new merchant boat put into salt water will also be manned by civilian crews and commanded by civilian officers in place of the old fifty-fifty contract with the Navy.

Officers for these new ships are the first concern of the shipping board, and six weeks' courses in navigation and marine engineering have been provided in Chicago to train men with previous experience for officers' licenses.