

Let's Take a Look

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Peace of Mind

It has been quite a time since we've written a "think piece." You'll recall that's a newspaperman's description of a column written about a subject which is intangible, perhaps, but which is, nevertheless, close to him. With the kind permission of our generous and gentle editor, Mrs. Lester Olson, we're going to let our fingers peck away at something which means a great deal to us.

Now, if you're thinking of putting the column aside this week, please wait a moment until we reach our subject.

It is FAITH.
And it is an indispensable part of everyone of us.

WE'RE HERE TO DO GOOD . . .

Assuming our readers believe there is a Divine Power running our universe, we proceed fearlessly.

We believe that Man is God's creation. Man is created in God's image and therefore he is a part of God.

We believe that Man was put on this world to do good. And to build. And to improve. And to create.

But Man's acts are not done solely by him. Man, we feel, is guided in every action every minute of every day.

He is guided by an omnipresent power.

The omnipotent, of course, is God.

And when we put our faith completely in God, then — and then only! — will we have peace of mind and the ideal world.

CONCRETE PROOF . . .

Let's make this more concrete... When still a youth, the writer and his family had to pack their suitcases and move from Wisconsin to Illinois. As our Dad was slated for a position in Chicago, it was compulsory that we find a home near the Windy City.

Although most of us were born in Chicago, it was our parents' wish that we settle in a suburban town where the schools and general environment are far superior to Chicago.

Mother had picked a delightful apartment in Evanston and we were preparing to move into it. And here is where God's presence was obvious, we believe . . .

"EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR THE BEST" . . .

When we reached the apartment, the landlord told us he had rented it to another family.

We were disappointed and upset. We were homeless. In desperation we headed towards Chicago, Mother comforting us with the words:

"Children, everything happens for the best."

We held back our tears and hunted for vacancies.

Finally, after much searching, we reached Ravenswood on Chicago's North Side. Here is where our parents had met and courted. Here is where they had spent many happy hours . . .

The reason why truth is stranger than fiction is 'cause we hear so little of it.

It was getting dark and still we had not found a vacant apartment.

HAPPILY MARRIED . . .

Suddenly Dad turned onto Hermitage Ave. Up it we drove. And there was a brand new apartment, just ready for occupancy that day.

That brand new apartment became our Chicago home for five years.

But more important, we feel, was the result of God's planning...

Living next door was a very fine family, a family of three boys and three girls.

One of the boys "took a shine" to my eldest sister.

That boy is now my sister's husband. And they are happily married and blessed with identical twins — whose cute pranks you've read about before in this corner.

HIS PLANNING . . .

All this by way of showing that if we had not been refused by the Evanston landlord, and if we had not proceeded to Ravenswood, and if Dad had not driven down Hermitage, and if we had not rented that apartment, Sis might never have met Bill.

—God, we believe, arranged this happy marriage . . .

Think back over your own experiences.

Why have certain things happened to you which are unexplainable and often mysterious?

To us the answer now is simple:

Sometimes God's deft direction and guidance are not apparent. And when that is so, our FAITH needs revitalizing.

THY WILL BE DONE . . .

Do you understand?

If not, here's a summary of what has gone before . . .

The sooner we realize that we're created in the image of God, the sooner we realize that God is planning our lives (but with our entire effort also devoted to doing "right" and "good" constantly), and the sooner we put our plans and our faith completely into His hands, and, finally, the sooner we let "Thy will be done!", the quicker we will have peace of mind — the highest and happiest state we can reach!

PARTING THOUGHT . . .

"It is truly said:
"He who would please all and himself, too—undertakes what he cannot do."—Stanley Link.

Richard B. Peterson, 18, seaman 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Peterson of N. St. Johns avenue, is serving in the personnel office at the U. S. naval port facilities at Tsingtao, China.

A city of controversy from way back, Tsingtao was occupied by the Japanese throughout the war. It formerly was a summer resort famed for its large beaches and fine hotels.

Before entering the navy in January, Peterson attended Highland Park high school. He received recruit training at Great Lakes.

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Information as to where the tests will be given and the names of colleges offering the course may be obtained from Mr. Burwell or Mr. Wolters.

Braeside School Sets up Rules for Fire Drill At Town Meeting

The faculty and students felt the need of setting up rules and regulations to increase the efficiency of their fire drills.

The junior and senior student councils led by Virginia Partlow and Renny Kidd called the entire school together in a town meeting organization to discuss this subject and to suggest rules. Ideas and suggestions from all students were encouraged so that more efficient and successful fire drills could be had.

The fire drill was worked out by the student councils incorporating all of the good suggestions made at the town meeting.

A second town meeting was called and Renny Kidd presented the new fire drill. It was unanimously adopted by the entire student

body. Following a suggestion made by one of the students, Renny Kidd invited Fire Chief Hennig and Assist. Chief Boylan of the fire department to attend this second meeting for their reactions to the proper use of the school's fire extinguishers.

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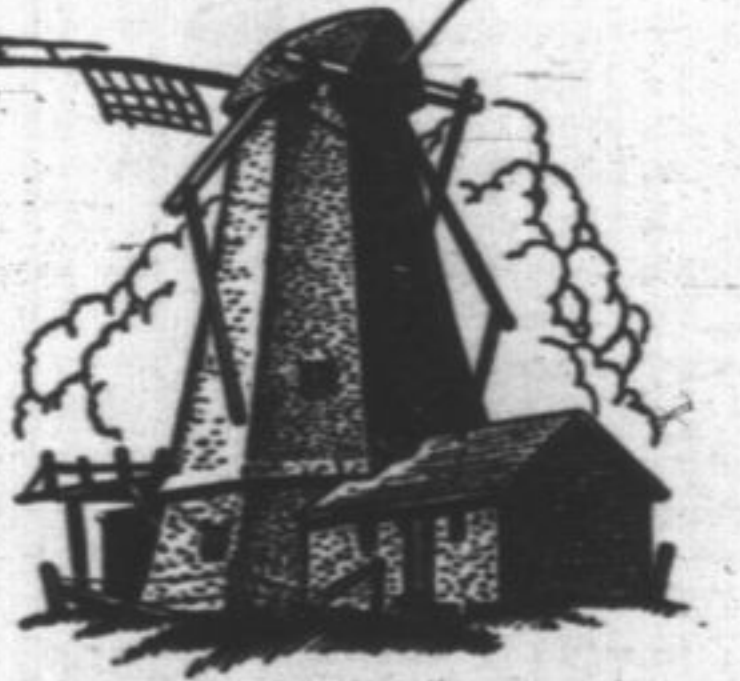
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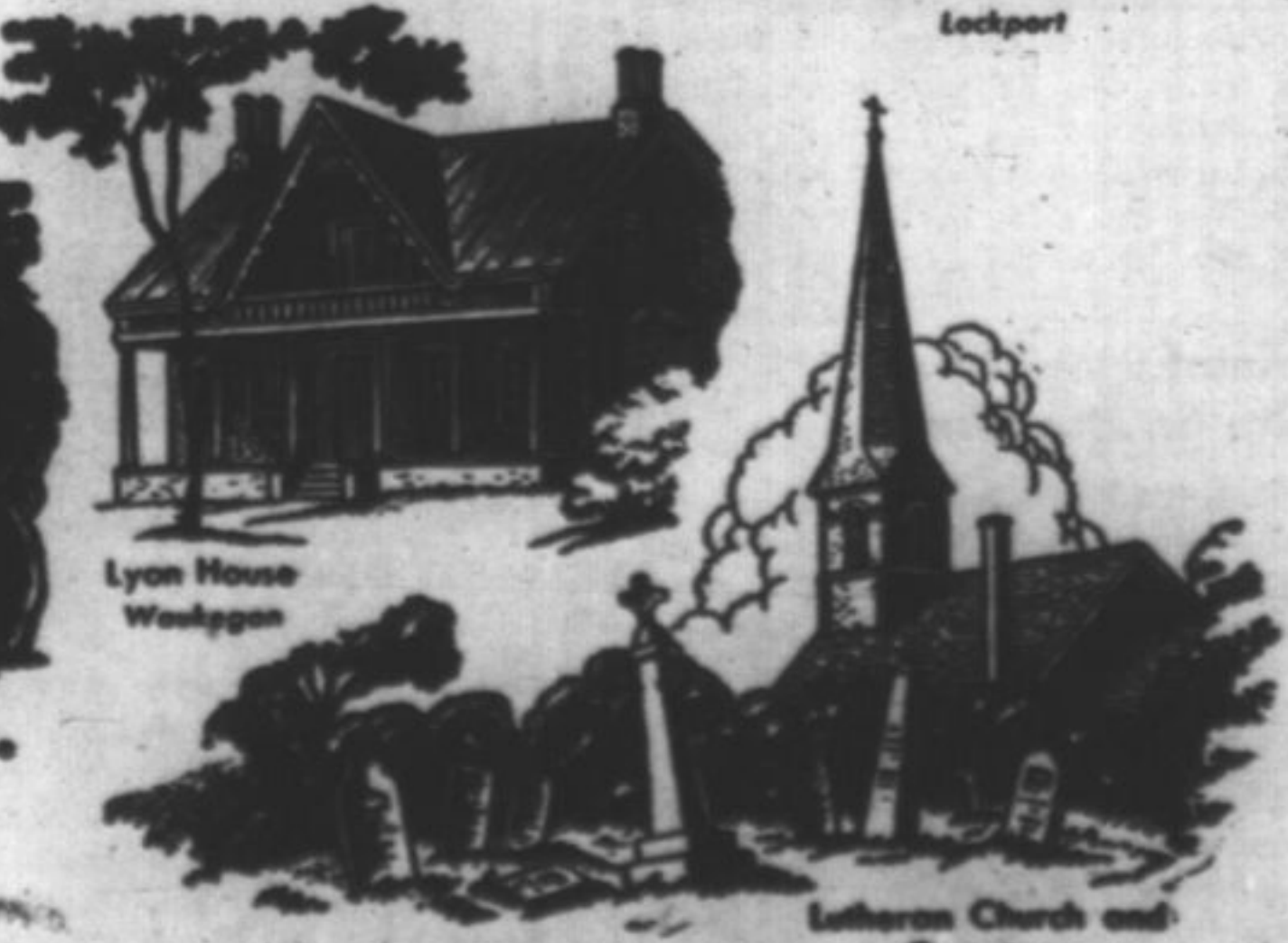
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