

## PATTON LECTURES END; PLAN PROVES POPULAR

### Questions How Much Better Christian Nations Are Than Those Non-Christian

The series of lectures by Dr. Carl S. Patton of the Chicago Theological Seminary at the University of Chicago came to a close last Wednesday evening.

"Altogether," reads a comment, "aside from the very interesting and educational material which Dr. Patton delivered in an inimitably refreshing and delightful style, the meetings gave evidence of the unbounded opportunities for collaboration between Christ church and Winnetka Congregational church.

"Without question, many further opportunities will develop for both churches to join in promoting worthwhile spiritual and educational events which will be an inspiration to the community.

"In his lecture last Wednesday evening, Dr. Patton concluded his discussion of the 'Old Gospel in the New Times' by offering a very definite point of view on 'Christianity and the Nations.' Dr. Patton prefaced his talk by saying:

#### Missionary Religion

"Christianity has always been a missionary religion. That is, it has always assumed that it was fitted for people of all races and conditions, and it has felt its responsibility for preaching its gospel in all countries.

"For a long time, there lay behind this missionary activity of the Christian church three assumptions: first, that Christianity was the 'true' religion, and that the other religions were false; second, that only those who had a chance to believe in Christ in this life had any good ground for hope in the life to come; third, that the Christian nations were superior not only in culture but in national idealism to the non-Christian nations."

Dr. Patton then showed how the first two of the assumptions had been gradually displaced, and how the missionary work of the church had accommodated itself to a new basis, and had even profited by the chance.

#### Christian Nations Better?

But he also said that it is now a question whether and to what extent we shall have to abandon the third assumption also. It begins to appear doubtful just how much better the Christian nations are than the non-Christian. It is at least open to dispute, whether their internal social adjustments are any fairer, whether their treatment of racial and other minorities is any more large-hearted, or their relation to other nations in the struggle for life is any more idealistic.

According to Dr. Patton, the Christian church in the non-Christian world is thus placed in a precarious situation such as it has never experienced before. Christianity is one thing; Christendom is another; the Christian church is still another. But they are all involved together in some serious questions which the non-Christian nations are asking.

#### SELLS EVANSTON HOME

Mrs. Lillian M. Kenning, formerly of Foxdale avenue, has sold her 14-room home at 1040 Lake Shore Drive, Evanston, to Walter M. Matthews. The lot is 75x180 feet. The deal was made through Baird and Warner, real estate dealers.

## Thanksgiving

By EDGAR A. GUEST

For strength which has sustained us through the day,  
Dear Lord, our thanks we give!  
For every smile that lights life's friendly way,  
And makes it good to live,  
Once more, with grateful hearts and reverent prayer,  
Our gratitude we offer for Thy care.  
For fruit of field and vine and orchard tree,  
The sunshine and the rain,  
The tempests weathered on the land and sea,  
Accept our thanks again.  
Almighty God, from whom all blessings come,  
Hear now our prayers, though long our lips were dumb.  
For freedom and our country, clean of hate,  
Our children at their play;  
Our homes, where peace and love and joy await,  
Accept our thanks to-day.  
Oh God, in all we do and yet may dare,  
Make us, we pray, more worthy of Thy care.

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### Mrs. Ellen P. Cross Dies of Gas Poisoning

Mrs. Ellen Fetick Cross, wife of Miller Cross, western advertising manager for the Crowell Publishing company, of Springfield, Ohio, was found dead as a result of suffocation by carbon-monoxide gas, generated by the motor of their car, in the garage of their home at 917 Foxdale avenue, at about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. The discovery was made by John Smitherman, who hastily summoned physicians and police, who, with the aid of a pulmotor, made every attempt at resuscitation, but all efforts were proven futile.

A verdict of accidental death by poisoning from carbon-monoxide gas was returned by a coroner's jury at the inquest held at the Lewis Undertaking parlors in Wilmette early Wednesday morning. Attending physicians stated that death had occurred more than an hour before the body was discovered.

Mrs. Cross, who was 31 years of age, had been ill for several weeks and had been under the personal care of a trained nurse, who was dismissed last Monday because of the improved condition of the patient. She is survived by her husband, and a daughter, Janet, who is nine years of age and has been attending school in the Winnetka public schools.



### With Loud Speaker!

Here's a chance for somebody who wants entertainment this winter. There are many such opportunities in the Classified Ads:

FOR SALE — 4 TUBE RADIO, with built-in loud speaker. No accessories. Will sacrifice for quick sale, \$17.50. Wil. 746-M.

### Foreigners Prove Apt Students at Study of English

Each Monday and Tuesday evening groups of young men and women come to Community House for the classes in English which are held there. These young people are foreign born, some having come to America quite recently, and others having been here a longer time.

Some can speak and read English fairly well, but wish to know how to write our language correctly, and to become acquainted with the history and customs of this country. Some are getting ready to take out their citizenship papers. All are earnest, eager and happy that this opportunity for the knowledge they crave is so conveniently at hand in our own village.

The work is promoted by the Board of Education of the Winnetka Public schools. It is in charge of trained teachers. Miss Livia Youngquist, has the beginning class; Miss Milicent Anderson the intermediate, and Miss Mabel Ducker the advanced work. Mrs. George Haskins and Mrs. Charles Lobdell are generously giving of their services in helping with registrations. The fees are small, covering merely the actual expenses. The term lasts until April 1st. The classes are held every Monday and Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The school can take care of a few more pupils. It is advisable that any who are thinking of entering, do so as soon as possible.

Winnetka residents are asked to help in this. All who know foreign men and women in need of this work are requested to pass on this information to them. All Winnetka can help in this bit of Americanization. Tell others.

### Thanksgiving Is Theme at Services on Sunday

"Thanksgiving Optimism" will be the theme of the sermon by the Rev. James Austin Richards at the Winnetka Congregational church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon topic for the service in the evening at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin, will be, "How shall we thank God?"

## RIGHT FOOT-LEFT FOOT ON WITH THE DANCING

### Thus We Have Underway Rehearsals for the Square Club's Musical Show

"What's wrong with this picture?" queried the diminutive dancing teacher as she surveyed the line of sixteen dancing maidens. "In the first place," she volunteered, answering her own question, "Some of you are poised on the right foot, some on the left and the rest have both feet flat on the floor. Once more now, music please, that's better, one, two, three, four." And for an hour sixteen sprightly young women faithfully follow professional instructions until they master the intricacies of this, that and the other dance.

#### Performance Dec. 8-9

The well directed efforts of this local group will be on exhibition in Winnetka, December 8 and 9, as a part of what promises to be one of the outstanding amateur entertainments of the season. Joining them will be a male singing and dancing chorus consisting of an equal number of young men, together with a cast of ten well known amateur players.

This large group has been working for weeks under the direction of George Bainbridge, well known professional director of Chicago. A clever and amusing musical comedy, written by him, will be presented under the auspices of the Square club. This organization is composed entirely of members of the Masonic order and the players who will participate are all Masons or members of the families of Masons.

#### Predict Great Success

Those who have been privileged to attend rehearsals indicate that many of the members in this effort will be unusually clever and report that many of Winnetka's best singers will have solo numbers. Messrs. Snyder, Orwig, Lazoar, Ott and Rettie are featured in this connection, while unusual comedy material of the "Sam and Henry" variety will be in the capable hands of Armour G. Park and Charles J. Eastman. A complete list of the cast will be given in next week's issue of the TALK.

### Girls' Friendship Circle Plans Bunco-Dance Party

Bunco, attractive prizes, dancing and refreshments, are among the features of the party being given by the Girls' Friendship circle, Tuesday, November 23, at 8:30 o'clock, until 12:30, at the Community house.

Miss Peggy Nord, who is social chairman and is in charge of the refreshments, and Miss Gertrude Schrank, president of the club, are working hard to complete the final plans for the evening's entertainment. Miss Anna Mack is in charge of the prizes, and tickets are in the hands of Miss Olive Kernaghan.

Any further information regarding tickets, and anyone interested in buying them are asked to call Olive Kernaghan at Winnetka 1364. Mrs. Morton D. Cahn, of 1034 Pine street, is also assisting in the arrangements for the party, and will act as chaperone that night.

#### PRESENT SCHOOL PLAY

"Kings in Normania," a play by Percival Wilde, will be presented at the Skokie school, by the dramatic department on Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4. The cast of the play will be composed entirely of children of the school and will be coached by Mrs. M. T. Harshaw.