

SUCH IS LIFE—Birth of Ambition



By CHARLES SUGHROE

American Legion to Hold Record Meeting in Fall

New York Prepares to House 600,000 Veterans.

New York.—For the first time since the World war, Fifth avenue will resound to the beat of marching feet of more than a half million war veterans, amid the blare of martial music. The parade will mark the second day of the American Legion's 1937 national convention—and this city's first conclave in Legion history.

During the four-day Legion caucus, September 20-23, it is estimated, conservatively, that 600,000 ex-service men plus their wives and children—who are represented in auxiliary units such as the Women's Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion—will attend the meeting.

The high lights of the convention will include the opening session Monday, September 20, in Madison Square Garden; the Drum and Bugle corps contest, in which 621 individual musical units will compete later at the Polo grounds, and the gigantic convention parade on Fifth avenue, Tuesday, September 21.

Twentieth Anniversary.
The forthcoming annual gathering is planned to eclipse by far all its previous efforts and officials of the American Legion describe the

1937 affair as "the largest ever held on earth by any organization."

This year's great convention, marking the twentieth anniversary of America's entry into the World war, will have as its slogan, "Peace through preparedness." In a tridominational religious and patriotic service, a thanksgiving for peace since the World war will be offered.

The press, radio and Legion periodicals are being used by the promoters to induce the members to defer their vacation to coincide with the Legionnaires' convention.

From the convention offices here reports indicate more than 100 veterans' societies and associations plan to hold reunions at the same time. Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan, New York's ex-police commissioner, will head the reunions committee.

40 and 8 Reunion.

One of the outstanding reunions, for color and interest, at the 1937 convention, will be that of the famous 40 and 8. Because this reunion plays an integral part in the convention proceedings, there is a 40 and 8 committee, of which the chairman is Pelham St. George Bissell, president justice of the Municipal court.

Justice Bissell is chief chemin de fer passe of the 40 and 8, and ex-officio of a number of Legion offices. He served with the Seventy-seventh division in France.
Simultaneously with the convention is the annual assembly of the American Legion auxiliary, headed by Mrs. William N. Corwith, present national radio chairman of the organization and past president of the New York Department auxiliary.

THE GREAT STONE FACE

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

Nathaniel Hawthorne relates a story in his "Great Stone Face" which should be read frequently for its philosophy of idealism as a molding factor in life.



In the mountains of New Hampshire, nature "in her mood of majestic playfulness, formed on the side of a mountain by some immense rocks which had been thrown together in a certain position, the features of a human countenance"—the great stone face. According to tradition, some day to the little town there would come a man whose face would be the perfect image of the face of stone, and with him he would bring great and abiding blessings. In one of the mountain homes there lived a boy named Ernest, who, from his early life, accepted the tradition and looked steadfastly for the arrival of this great and good man. Daily, Ernest would gaze for hours at the great stone face, so that he might be able to recognize the man when he arrived. Many men visited the village, but none fully satisfied Ernest. Mr. Gathergold, representing great wealth, arrived. "Old Blood and Thunder," the symbol of militarism, also came. Other men came, but all failed to reproduce in identical likeness, the features of the great stone face. After many years, a poet came to the village, and Ernest felt sure that at last, here was the

Household Hints

By BETTY WELLS

THEY'RE an outdoor family—great on hiking, camping, exploring and roughing it. So when they built their new home and started in to plan its decorations, they decided to use leaf greens as the color theme for the entire house, because that's the tone they like best. Their place isn't big and it's all on one floor, so there's a lot to be said for a unified color theme throughout the house. For one thing, it makes the place seem more spacious and tranquil. But this house wasn't to be rustic or campish, not at all. They liked to come home from their outings to a very civilized establishment with its own in-



An Outdoor Family.

dividual charm. So they achieved a very smart effect with beige and white combinations with green.

The living room of this small house was to have some new furniture so that their old things could be relegated to other rooms. The new pieces selected were in blond wood—a secretary, end tables and a coffee table, a console table and a pair of small chests. The old upholstered furniture got new covers in tones of beige. The new living room rug was a brilliant leaf green, the walls white, the ceilings a paler green and the draperies were white ground chintz with a flower design with lots of green leaves and petals of peppermint pink. White lamps and white porcelain vases for fresh leaves made dramatic accents. Pictures were framed in blond wood frames.

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over floral carpet on a beige ground and the walnut furniture was refreshed by combination with spreads and curtains of permanent finish organdie, made with billowy white ruffles ten inches wide.

Little boy's room had beige walls with a row of framed prints all the way around the wall at a boy's eye level . . . these prints were botany renderings of various types of tree leaves in blond wood frames. This room received some of the leftovers from the old living room.

A Miniature Appropriation.

"I'm like the rest of the world—I haven't much money to spend!" writes a lady who lives in a little white house on a pleasant but unpretentious street. "But I do think it's awfully important to make my home as attractive as I can and keep it pleasant. Maybe you can help me with my present problems. I'm hoping to do things to my bedroom on a miniature appropriation. The furniture is maple—good enough, though not up to any fancy decorative scheme. We're buying a new rug and planning to have the room repapered. I'll get new spread, curtains and lamps if possible. Since we use this room a lot for sitting—it's large for a bedroom—we keep two old easy chairs here. "These I'd like to slip-cover so they would add rather than detract from the effect of the room. But as the room is used by both my husband and myself, I don't want it to be too feminine. Anything you suggest will be appreciated and followed out if it's not too expensive."

With maple furniture, we'd like yellow wall paper with little sprigs or dots in white, then brown and white checked gingham for spread and curtains. Make the spread with pleated flounce and you might have a pleated valance for the windows. If you have a skirted dressing table, have the skirt of starched dotted swiss in yellow with narrow brown ribbon bows at intervals around the yoke. The easy chairs might be effective in matching slip covers of

a very gayly flowered chintz with quite a bit of yellow in the design, and it would be interesting to arrange them under a wide window, facing each other with a low table between. What a nice place for light refreshments or a late snack on a tray! Be sure to provide good lamps nearby for reading light. The rug we'd have in old blue . . . repeat this color in lamp bases, accessories and picture frames. Or you could have a flash of blue in the material chosen for chair covers, too.



Doing Over a Bedroom.

3. National decay (Isa. 28:1-6). "Overcome with wine"—stricken down, useless in life, without true ambition, such is the picture of the man who gives himself to drink. Poverty, with all its attendant social problems, follows on the heels of the sale and use of intoxicants. Some liquor dealers are beginning to sense a rising tide of opposition to their business, and are advertising, "We do not want bread money," but the fact is that it is all too often bread money that goes for liquor, and the vile stuff is still on sale where the poor man may readily spend his "bread money" for it.

II. The Solution, a Divine Principle (Rom. 14:21).

Thousands of Christian people have solved not only the drink problem, but practically every question of conduct and social life by applying this principle. Surely no true follower of Christ will be guilty of doing anything that will cause any brother to be offended, to stumble, or to be made weak.

Foundations

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for August 29
GOD CONDEMNS INTEMPERANCE.

LESSON TEXT—Leviticus 10:1, 2, 8-11; Proverbs 31:4, 5; Isaiah 28:1-6; Romans 14:21.

GOLDEN TEXT—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 20:1. PRIMARY TOPIC.—What a Wise King said.

JUNIOR TOPIC.—When a Man Drinks, INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC.—How Drinking Harms Others. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC.—Why Beverage Alcohol is a Social Foe.

The use of intoxicating liquors is financially unprofitable to the nation, scientifically unwise and destructive, socially degrading, and morally wrong.

I. The Problem.

The selected Old Testament scriptures which comprise our lesson present the use of intoxicants as causing four socially undesirable results.

1. Religious disobedience (Lev. 10:1, 2; Isa. 28:7). Two things we may rightfully expect of those who serve the nation in its religious life: (1) a vision of God and obedience to that vision in life and service, and (2) the exercise of sound God-guided judgment in the affairs of the people. But note what happens when the prophet and the priest turn to wine and strong drink. "They err in vision" (Isa. 28:7). That is, they have no clear concepts of divine truth, and lead the people into error. Further, we see that "they stumble in judgment." To every true servant of God comes repeatedly the opportunity and the need of rendering judgment, that is, of advising and counselling those to whom he ministers. If his mind is befuddled by the use of alcohol (or, for that matter, of any other kind of worldly indulgence) he will "stumble," and cause his people to stumble.

A sad incident is related in Lev. 10:1, 2 of the sons of Aaron, appointed to the priesthood and instructed in its privileges and duties, but coming with strange fire to be offered before the Lord. Swift and terrible was the judgment they received. We are not told directly that they were intoxicated, but it is implied in the fact that there is an immediate injunction against the use of wine by the priests.

Let someone think that such a thing could not happen in our day the writer mentions word which recently came to him that a leading seminary has professors on its staff who defend the so-called moderate use of alcoholic drink.

2. Political disorder (Prov. 1:5). While political leaders make sanctimonious protestations that government agencies are not influenced by the liquor interests, it is common knowledge to even those who are slightly informed that the two are closely associated. The result of that unholy alliance is rightly described in Prov. 31:5—"They forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted." Much of the sad disorder in the body politic is traceable directly to the door of the makers and sellers of alcoholic beverages.

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4. Personal degradation (Isa. 28:8). "Vomit and filthiness" are not very nice words, but they describe accurately the ultimate condition of the drinker and his surroundings. The writer knows a young man who boasts that he never gets drunk because the "booze" makes him so sick that he vomits it up. Imagine a supposedly intelligent man drinking stuff so vile that his stomach (evidently having more sense than his head) sends it back—and then boasting of his ability to drink more!

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What You Seek

Have you ever thought how many objects you pass without even noticing them; how many voices and sounds fail to register with you?

It seems that one usually sees what he is looking for and hears that to which his ears are attuned.

Perhaps this is what Emerson had in mind when he said that no one brings back from Europe anything which he did not take over with him. (Excluding merchandise of course.)—Ohio Farmer.

ALL-AROUND FROCK



For business, for shopping, for school—a trimly tailored frock of ribbed alpaca comes in navy or black. Studs fasten it down the front, collars and cuffs of men's striped shirting add a new note in trimming.

My Neighbor SAYS:

Watch out for the borer that is now attacking iris plants. If not checked it will destroy plants.

An old automobile rim makes an excellent reel on which to wind the garden hose when putting it away for the winter.

Have the gutters of your house cleaned out before the winter sets in. Dry leaves blow in and block them up, thus preventing water flowing through.

To wash a flannel shirt, soak it in cold water overnight, so it will not shrink. Then wash it in warm water and put in a very little borax. Rinse in cold water and dry in a good wind. When almost dry, iron on the wrong side.

A paste made from bicarbonate of soda and water applied to sunburn gives a cooling sensation almost immediately. When the moisture has been absorbed from the paste the fire of the burn will have disappeared and the danger of blistering is lessened.
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NEW HEAD OF ELKS



Major Charles Spencer Hart of New York was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at its convention in Denver. He succeeds David Scholtz of Jacksonville, former Florida governor. Mr. Hart, a veteran of the World war, has had several stories and books published and is the former managing editor of the Elks magazine.

man who was to save the people from their calamities. But not so, for the poet discovered in the face of Ernest the perfect resemblance for which the people had been waiting. By gazing daily at the image on the mountain side, Ernest had unconsciously fashioned his own face after its likeness. The humble mountain boy had become in reality a character strong as the mountain image. His ideals were higher far than those of Mr. Gathergold, or "Old Blood and Thunder." He had fixed his mind upon the eternal strength of that beloved face. He had inspired his soul with the idealism of unchanging values. He himself had become like the face he admired, studied, and adored.

In every life there should be a "Great Stone Face"—a commanding and inspiring ideal. We are mastered by our ideals which may be thoughts, objects, or persons.

The currents of many a life have been changed for nobler purposes by the influence of a great book, or a majestic scene in nature, or better still, by contact with a personality who gives the strength of sincerity bought with the price of sacrifice for character. We grow to be like those whom we admire. Beatrice inspired the soul of Dante and herself "led him through Paradise." Browning is never more noble than when he confesses his debt to Eliza-

Prominent Figure in Sian Coup



General Yang Hu-Cheng, outstanding figure in the recent Sian coup, arrived in San Francisco recently. He is a member of the Chinese commission of military affairs. After several months' sojourn in the United States the general, who is here to investigate military affairs, will tour the principal countries of Europe. Accompanying the general are his wife and small son.

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