

LIVE CHRIST SAYS PREACHER TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Mightiest Thing One Can Do Is to Live Christ, Says Rev. M. R. Gibson in Baccalaureate Sermon

SUCH LIVING IS BIGGEST NEED

Music by Reid Craven, Miss Sarah Simpson and Junior Class Enjoyed by Large Congregation.

Rev. M. R. Gibson, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was heard by a large congregation yesterday morning at the high school when he delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the school.

Services in many of the churches of the city were omitted so members could attend the high school service and the congregation was so large that chairs had to be placed in the aisles.

Mr. Gibson chose for his text the 20th verse of the 16th chapter of Acts: "But rise and stand upon thy feet for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose to make thee a Minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and those things which I will appear unto thee."

Before the sermon Rev. M. F. Hansel, of the Second Presbyterian Church, conducted the prayer and the scripture lesson was read by Rev. C. H. H. Trueblood, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

A violin solo by Reid Craven, and a vocal solo by Miss Sarah Simpson, were musical numbers enjoyed before the sermon. Prior to the benediction the Junior Class chorus sang "The Lost Chord."

Mr. Gibson's sermon follows: Life throughout is divided into many stages or turning points. Today you have come to the completion of one of those stages in your life, and it may be said you are beginning a new one. The past is forever gone. The future is yours. Every man who has accomplished great things in this world can almost always designate the turning point in life where in some striking way he was brought face to face with the seriousness of applying his

talent and time in a worthwhile way. The text calls your attention to such a time in the life of the great Apostle Paul's journey of 160 miles to Damascus has ended. The Heavenly light has broken upon his vision. He has heard his name called from Heaven in his own Hebrew tongue. He has asked the two most momentous questions that can come from human life. Looking upward and beyond, he asks: "Who art thou Lord?" Looking along life's pathway he inquires: "What shall I do Lord?" The words of the text give the answer of God. They clothe the Apostle with a mission from Heaven.

The emphasis of the Heavenly vision is laid first upon the revealing the personality of God and upon the duty of witnessing for the person made known. In his memories and in his outlook for the future his thoughts were to be fixed on Jesus. He was to see Christ behind him and Christ before him. His faith would grow strong by his retrospection, and his life would be enlarged as the coming days made their revelation to him. He is to live and work under the inspiration of an unfolding view. The skyline of duty will ever beckon him onward. I have appeared unto thee to make thee a witness, that thou mayest bear witness of these things which thou hast seen, and those things which I will appear unto thee. This is the attitude which God asked Paul to maintain as he entered upon the new life—the Christ life.

If we are allowed just here to stop and take a review of some things that have taken place in the last few years we would discover that we too, like Paul, have a skyline of vision and duty. It is the line where Heaven and earth seem to come together, where the human and the Divine blend, where God and man meet, where the things that are seen to reveal the presence and power of Jesus Christ. Looking back over the period of your grammar school and high school years you have seen the coronation of American womanhood. True she has been the heart of the home; she has been the pillar in the church. Now she is clothed with the power of a Sovereign for the guidance of the American Nation. And in our vision of the past we see a line of battle drawn in America against the forces of strong drink. One of the heaven-born attacks was made some 55 years ago in front of the saloon. The soldiers were women and they were upon their knees. The skyline of the few years gone shows a point where the hand of God opened the fortress of the Constitution, and ever since the forces of strong drink have been on the retreat. Many lives through these endeavors have been led upward into a moment of spiritual benediction.

Many a day in the closing four years should awaken in your hearts an anthem of praise for places and times, whether of tears or of laughter, where opportunity have come to you for equipping for life's work. And remember in these years Jesus Christ has appeared laden with blessings known only to Him, and to the recipient in the quiet solitude of his life. And, too, these revelations of Christ

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AMERICA WILL NOT PLACE ANY OBSTACLE TO ARMS LIMITATION

The American Delegate to Geneva Says This Country Will Do All Possible to Limit Armaments.

GIVES AMERICAN ATTITUDE TODAY

Americans Will Not Be Able to Participate in Discussions, But Will Not Stand in the Way.

Geneva, May 24.—(AP)—Asserting that the United States wished to do everything possible to promote the movement for the limitation of armaments, Hugh Gibson, American delegate, today told the preparatory commission on disarmament that his delegation did not wish to present any obstacles to a discussion of disarmament problems which might have League of Nations aspects.

Mr. Gibson said that the Americans of course would not be able to participate in such discussions, but would not stand in their way.

His statement was made in the course of a debate over the desirability of exercising some sort of control over the armaments of nations participating in the conference, once reductions have been agreed upon. France was in favor of a regular form of control, to which Italy, however, interposed objections.

Viscount Cecil, the English delegate, expressed the opinion that any dispute as to whether the disarmament accord was being orally carried out normally would come under the 11th article of the covenant of the League of Nations. This article provides that any dispute between members of the League is a matter which concerns all members, and may be brought to the attention of the League council. This brought an objection from one delegate, who recommended that the discussions on disarmament might embrace non-League members. It was then that Mr. Gibson presented the American attitude of not placing obstacles in the way of anything that might help to bring about arms limitations.

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DR. OSCAR HAYWOOD IN LEGISLATIVE RACE

Pictureless Preacher From Mount Gilead, It Is Said, Has Fair Chance to Win.

Raleigh, May 23.—Montgomery county will send Rev. Dr. Oscar Haywood to Raleigh if Editor B. S. Hurley, of Troy, knows politics, and when the picturesque preacher, who is president of the North Carolina Anti-Capital Punishment Association, goes here he is expected to help out the prison folk.

Dr. Haywood had no opposition when the last train came in and he is expected to have none. Mr. Hurley represented the county at the last sitting and got enough. Dr. Haywood is a big farmer of Mount Gilead and he has hankered slightly for this place before. He has more than an even chance for election despite the fact that the county is close.

The Montagu men declare that the minister is no longer connected with the Ku Klux Klan, for which he lectured quite a while. That is interesting only as it relates to a possible religious war in the general assembly. Dr. Haywood has opposed all his life any sort of ecclesiastical legislation by state. He would hardly sit quietly and allow the introduction and passage of a measure fashioned after the Poles bill in the late general assembly.

Postmasters Causing Trouble With Auto License Tax.

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—The State department of revenue is having troubles all its own, in connection with the automobile license rush, which will actually begin on June 1st, for but which preparations are already underway. North Carolina postmasters are the latest ones to unwittingly create additional work for the automobile license bureau.

The bureau has already begun mailing out the automobile license applications, which are sent in by the applicant together with his check. These are sent out in so-called envelopes—that is, the name on the application appears at the opening, eliminating the addressing of the envelope.

Hundreds are being returned by the post offices, where automobile owners have changed their addresses. In returning, the postmasters are, in most instances, the department says, stamping the "returned to sender" directly over the card, thus spoiling the card, and making it necessary for the department to make out a new card—an arduous task, when these returned cards run into the hundreds.

Prizes in Canned Vegetables. (By International News Service) West Palm Beach, Fla., May 24.—Boxes of canned pop-corn, circus vendors will tell you, always contain a prize worth many times more than the price of the package, but grocers of West Palm Beach are going them one better by putting prizes in canned vegetables.

ESTIMATE OF THE POPULATION CITIES OF 30,000 AND OVER

Estimates Based on Assumption of Annual Increase Since 1920 Same as Average at That Time

WINSTON-SALEM STILL LARGEST

It's Estimated Population Is Given as 71,800.—Charlotte Is Next in the State, With 54,600.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Estimates of the population of 225 cities having 30,000 or more inhabitants were announced today by the department of commerce.

The estimates prepared by the census bureau and carrying figures up to July 1st this year are based in most cases upon the assumption that the annual increase since 1920 had been the same as the average between 1910 and 1920.

For cities in states which took a state census in 1925 the estimates are based on the 1920 to 1925 average, and annual increase. Estimates were not given for twelve cities where the last census showed a decrease in population, nor in ten cities where exceptional conditions of growth which would cause estimates to be far from correct are believed to prevail. Allowance is made for annexation and detachments of territory.

The big four, the country's only cities having a million or more population, show no change in rank. New York leads with 5,924,000 against 5,629,048 in 1920. Chicago passed the 3,000,000 mark for the first time with 3,048,000 against 2,701,705 in 1920. Philadelphia, crossing the 2,000,000 mark retained third place, with 2,008,000 against 1,823,731. Detroit continued fourth with 1,290,000 against 993,674.

The estimates for North Carolina cities: Charlotte, 71,800 against 46,338; Durham, 43,000 against 42,258; Greensboro, 48,700 against 43,525; Winston-Salem, 54,600 against 33,372; Winston-Salem, 71,800 against 48,300.

Ten cities comprise the half million to a million class. Estimates in this class were: Cleveland, 900,000 against 756,841; St. Louis, 850,000 against 772,897; Baltimore, 808,000 against 733,826; Boston, 878,000 against 748,000; Pittsburgh, 687,000 against 594,277. Los Angeles, not estimated, had 576,873 in 1920; San Francisco 567,076; Buffalo 544,000 against 506,775; Washington 528,000 against 437,571; and Milwaukee 517,000 against 457,147.

HOP OFF ON FIRST LEG OF LONG FLIGHT

Left States Island Today For Charleston, Beginning 6,000 Trip.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—Bernard Duggan, wealthy Argentine sportsman, and two companions hopped off in a flying boat from Miller Field on Staten Island at 7:04 a. m. Eastern standard time today, for Charleston, S. C., on the first leg of a 6,100 mile flight to Buenos Aires.

With Our Advertisers.

The Parks-Bell Co. is receiving new goods from New York every day. Just now they are making a special offering of printed and plain crepe dresses at \$9.75 and \$9.95. Special prices on a big lot of rugs—from \$1.50 to \$2.75.

New lingerie fabrics in pretty checks and stripes, 19 to 29 cents a yard at J. C. Penney Co's.

High school class play "Valeda Class" Wednesday evening at 8:15 at high school auditorium. Admission 25 and 50 cents. All seats reserved. Tickets on sale at Gibson Drug Store.

Buck's Blue Flame Oil Range saves time and money. See ad of Concord Furniture Co.

Everything for outing and sport wear at Hoover's.

SEVENTEEN INJURED



Seventeen persons were severely injured when a passenger train on the Chicago & North Western Railroad plowed into the rear end of a freight train at Wilmette, Ill. Most of the injured were of the crews of the trains.

MINISTERS DECLINE TO TAKE DEFINITE STAND

Charlotte Association Does Not Act On Anti-Evolution Campaign.

Charlotte, May 24.—(AP)—The Ministerial Association of Charlotte called a special session today, and declined to take definite stand regarding the anti-evolution campaign being conducted in North Carolina by "outside organizations."

The meeting was called to consider the advisability of recommending any action by the city commission on the request of Dr. T. T. Martin, field secretary of the Anti-Evolution League of America, for permission to use the city auditorium for holding an "atheist-fundamentalist" debate.

The commission has already declined to allow use of the auditorium for the debate. Dr. Martin declares the debate will be held somewhere in the city May 31st.

The Ministerial Association's views were declared in a resolution adopted after prolonged debate, which holds that the Association properly should not assume the responsibility of advising Mayor Abernethy regarding privileges of the auditorium. Confidence was expressed in the competency of the Mayor in allowing use of the building.

The Association was in closed session for three hours, barring news representatives of the press.

A resolution tending to endorse the stand of the city commission in declining to allow the debate at the auditorium was voted down.

FEWER DEATHS BUT MORE PERSONS KILLED BY AUTO

Florida Replaces North Carolina at Head of Killed and Injured Columns.

(AP)—A decrease of two deaths and an increase of 53 persons injured in accidents during the past week as compared with the preceding seven days was shown in a survey of traffic conditions in eleven Southern states conducted by the Associated Press.

The totals gave 37 persons killed and 278 injured last week; and 33 killed and 225 injured the week previous.

Florida replaced North Carolina at the head of the killed and injured column with eight persons dead and 45 injured. The Tar Heel State tied her in the list of fatalities, but had only eight injured.

Georgia was in the lead position in the number of persons injured with 51.

Alabama and Mississippi had only one fatality each, while North Carolina and Virginia reported only 33 persons injured.

AIR SURVEY OF CROP CONDITIONS IN STATE

A Systematic Air Survey Planned by Department of Agriculture.

Raleigh, May 24.—A systematic photographic air survey of crop conditions in North Carolina is being planned by the state department of agriculture and the necessary machinery in Washington has been set in motion to secure the assignment of a photographic plane from Langley Field for the use of the state agricultural department here, it was announced today.

It is planned to make the first survey about June 15th and to follow with two more similar surveys on July 15th and August 15th over the same territory, thus obtaining a photographic record of crop growth in the various agricultural sections of the state during these periods. Five air photographs, that later will be worked into a mosaic-composite photographic map, will be taken at 25 different points within an area approximately 300 miles.

The route of the survey will extend through approximately twenty counties in the heart of the state's agricultural section, so that the photographic record will show an wide variety of crops as possible. The centers of the cotton, tobacco, peanut, corn, oats and trucking centers will be traversed. The photographic plane will start from Langley Field, and entering North Carolina over Gates county, the series of photographs will be started, taken with one of the large airplane cameras used by the war department, which is equipped with a telephoto lens.

From Gates county the route will extend south-eastward through Hertford, Bertie and a corner of Halifax counties, on into Edgecombe, Wilson, Johnson and Cumberland counties, down to Fort Bragg. Then the return circuit will be started back through Cumberland and Hoke counties, and over Harnett, Lee, a corner of Chatham county and over Wake, Franklin, Vance, Warren, a corner of Halifax county and across Northampton. From Northampton county the plane will cross back into Virginia and land at Langley Field. The entire circuit and survey will require less than a day's time and a photographic record, the most accurate that can be obtained, will have been made that surveys to private owners to obtain without the aid of an airplane.

The manner in which these photographs are taken is both simple, yet complicated, according to Frank Parker, state statistician of the department of agriculture, under whose direction the survey is to be made. Mr. Parker made an experimental survey last year, which proved so successful that it is to be taken on a larger scale this year.

The big camera, which holds a roll of film containing 125 negatives, fits into the floor of the cockpit of the plane. There is a large range finder on the camera that shows the operator all that is within range of the camera lens, and in the same size as it will appear on the negative. When a mosaic picture of the terrain below is desired, a number of exposures are made in quick succession, so that the pictures will overlap slightly, when these are developed and trimmed, a large picture several feet across each way in area, results, and from pictures of this sort the necessary data as to crops are obtained.

Since the camera has a telephoto lens, details are recorded, even at a height of two or three thousand feet, that cannot be seen with the naked eye.

From a looking at one of these large composite photographic maps, it is possible to distinguish corn from cotton and tobacco from truck, as each has its own characteristics when viewed from the air. Poorly fertilized "spots" are easily located and grass allowed to grow between rows where the cultivation has been poorly done, shows up plainly.

The department of agriculture expects these surveys to prove of real value in studying conditions of crops and in finding remedies for these conditions, where unfavorable.

Government Captures Bluefields.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 24.—(AP)—The city of Bluefields which has been held by the revolutionists, has captured this morning without fighting, the government announced. This is regarded here as the end of the revolutionary movement.

INVESTIGATION OF CHAIN GANG SYSTEM IN ALABAMA

The Most Sensational Developments Come to Light.

(By International News Service) Birmingham, Ala., May 24.—On the heels of one of the most sensational developments in the whole convict leasing investigation by the grand jury, rumors were current here that Cecil Houston, pictured as the "killer" at the Flat Top convict mines, has confessed to his alleged part in the death of James Knox.

Solicitor Jim Davis, announced that Houston, the life-term trusty, will be State's witness in the forthcoming trial of Charles R. Davis, former warden who is charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Knox.

While the Solicitor refused to add to this statement, reports immediately became current that Houston had confessed. Such a confession was made by Homer Anderson, negro hospital steward at Flat Top, who now admits that he pumped poison into Knox's body to simulate suicide after Knox had died from alleged abuse.

Houston, a check-runner, or underground "straw-boss" of a convict gang, is alleged to have hogged Knox for his refusal to work. He is also charged with participation in the subsequent ducking of Knox in a laundry vat, where he died.

The week beginning June 14 has been set for the trials of Chief Warden Davis and five others charged with first degree murder in connection with atrocities at the mine.

THE COTTON MARKET

Appeared to Be But Very Little Buying Power After the Covering Late Last Week.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—A more favorable view of Southern weather conditions seemed responsible for an opening decline of 4 to 6 points in the cotton market today.

Offerings were light, but there appeared to be very little buying power after the covering late last week, and prices soon showed net losses of 6 to 11 points, July selling off to 18.26 and December to 17.42 before the end of the first hour.

Owing to a continuation of the holidays, there were no cables from Liverpool to influence sentiment here but some of the Saturday's buyers seemed to be reselling on the better weather news.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 18.33; October 17.56; December 17.45; January 17.35; March 17.46.

Bootleggers Must Not Furnish the Names of Customers.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Bootleggers and their customers cannot be prosecuted under the prohibition enforcement act for failing to furnish the government a permanent record of all illegal sales including the names of customers, the Supreme Court declared today in a case from Pennsylvania.

ORDER INTENDED AT PRESENT FOR CALIFORNIA ONLY

Assistant Secretary Andrews Makes Statement Regarding State Officials Acting as Federal Agents

WAS BOMBARDED BY CRITICISMS

He Defended the Order as Entirely Constitutional. May Be Revoked at Any Time, He Says.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Bombarded by criticism from both wet and dry, Assistant Secretary Andrews today assured the country he had no intention of authorizing state and local officials generally throughout the country to act as prohibition agents.

The government prohibition chief reiterated that President Coolidge's executive order making possible the performance of such a function by state, county and city officials, was intended for the present at least for California only.

He defended the Presidential order, however, as entirely constitutional, but conceded that it involved some aspects which might be "very dangerous."

The Federal commission to be given to the local officials, he added, would be issued with the understanding that they are revocable at any time.

General Andrews expressed "surprise" at the reception given the order which has been assailed by the wets as an invasion of states rights, and criticized by some drys as resting on doubtful constitutional basis.

"Giving authority to a man over whom you have not got 100 per cent control is very dangerous," he said, "and I will be very loath to do it. The Executive order was asked for merely to meet the situation in California where some deputy sheriffs have volunteered to police rural precincts in cooperation with the Federal forces. I have no intention, and had none of extending this plan throughout the country."

ROCKINGHAM WOMAN FATALLY SHOOTS SELF

Mrs. Anna Thomas Lea Had Suffered Breakdown While in United States Army.

Rockingham, May 23.—This community was shocked this morning by the death of Mrs. Anna Thomas Lea, which occurred at 11:30, following self-inflicted wounds sustained two hours earlier.

Mrs. Lea had been in poor health for some weeks, having suffered a nervous breakdown in Washington where she was in government employ. She came home two months ago and spent a month in the Hamlet Hospital in the hope of rebuilding her nervous condition.

Last night she attended a chautauqua play with some friends, and at breakfast with her father this morning gave no indication of the impending act. She did the small chores in the home this morning before breakfast, and showed her solicitude for her father's comfort by asking if she might prepare his bath. Immediately after breakfast she went into one of the rear bedrooms, and at once there rang out two pistol shots in rapid succession. She was found with a bullet in her temple, and her life blood fast ebbing away.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence.

Mrs. Lea, who was 33 years old, was the widow of Major Robert Emmett Lea, who died at Camp Pike several years ago.

COMMENCEMENT AT MONT PLEASANT ATTRACTING MANY

The Program Opened With Class Day Exercises at Mont Aemona Seminary at 6 p. m. Saturday.

SERMON HEARD BY BIG CROWD

Dr. Bell Preached to Congregation That Packed Church—The Class Play Will Be Given Tonight.

BY W. M. SHERRILL. Mt. Pleasant, May 24.—The commencement program for Mont Aemona Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, the two Lutheran schools here, is in full swing today with scores of former students and friends of the two institutions present.

The program began Saturday evening when members of the senior class at the seminary held their class day exercises. The exercise attracted a large crowd and proved one of the most interesting in the history of the school.

Yesterday the first feature of the joint program was held when Dr. C. K. Bell, of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., preached the baccalaureate sermon. Many were able to get into the Lutheran Church where Dr. Bell delivered his sermon, the congregation being the largest perhaps in the history of the schools.

The streets of this town are crowded with visitors today, and there is a holiday spirit in evidence. The auto has done as much as any other factor, to increase attendance at the commencement exercises, whereas it formerly took all day to drive in with the horse and buggy, the town is only a short distance from all of the outlying districts now that motor has taken its place with other necessities on the farm.

The people here are still talking about the very able address delivered last night by Rev. Oscar Blackweider, one of the most successful graduates of the institute. Mr. Blackweider spoke before the Luther League of the Seminary and the Y. M. C. A. of the institute, giving the young women and young men a masterful address on some of the essentials in life.

Mr. Blackweider is often called to Mt. Pleasant at commencement time for all former students and patrons of the school he is held in peculiarly high esteem.

The program this morning attracted an audience which packed the auditorium, the occasion being the annual declamatory contest for a gold medal. The contest this year brought out six speakers of unusual ability and their subjects were heard with keen interest. P. H. Lipe, whose subject was "How the La Rue Stakes Were Lost," was awarded the medal and honorable mention was won by H. H. Sloop, who spoke on "The Unknown Soldier."

Other speakers in addition to the winners were: E. B. Bolick on "The Ruins of Time," W. E. Hendrix, on "True Nobility," A. H. Johnson, Jr., on "Burgoyne's Surrender," and H. C. McAllister on "Lest We Forget."

While the institute is noted for the thoroughness with which it conducts its work and its most enviable reputation perhaps, has been attained through the excellence of the speakers who have gone out from it. The unusual training the students receive was reflected in the fine manner in which the young men spoke this morning.

Many alumni of the school gathered at noon for their annual meeting, being served dinner as the guests of the school.

The crowd was looking forward with interest to the address to be delivered at 11 o'clock Sunday morning by the Rev. Charles K. Bell, D. D., professor of Practical Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

Dr. Bell took his text from St. Luke 5:3, "And He entered into one of the boats which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitude from the boat."

In his discourse Dr. Bell stressed the thought that man is honored by a request from God. The opportunity for active service is one which permits a man to definitely align himself with God, or to remain on the side that is against Him.

The request that came to Simon was for a favor—God asking a favor

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THE WEATHER

Generally fair and somewhat warmer tonight and Tuesday. Gentle to moderate variable winds.