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The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.—Mark 12: 29-31.

It is the Christian's paramount task, the task committed unto us by Christ Himself, to put a new spirit into the world, the spirit of brotherhood, the spirit of kindness, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of love.—Dr. E. B. Chafee.

A World Day of Prayer

THE idea of a worldwide fellowship of prayer for Christian missions was started in 1920 when women of all denominations in Canada and the United States, and the missions supported by these churches throughout the world, united in prayer on the first Friday in Lent. The idea of a circle of prayer around the world so spread that in 1927 the first World Day of Prayer was observed. The program, usually written by a woman in a different part of the world each year, is translated into more than 50 languages and vernaculars and made available for Christian women the world around.

In the face of cataclysmic happenings in many parts of the world, of wars and rumors of wars, with the leaders of whole nations striving to stamp out 2000 years of Christian teaching, it is deeply significant that women in these very nations are uniting with their more fortunate sisters of the world's democracies in this Day of Prayer.

The day begins with the rising of the sun in the Fiji islands in the Pacific and ends at sunset at Gambell on St. Lawrence island off the coast of Alaska.

That the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth may prevail to save the world from the madness of another world war, these words of a great World War chaplain and English preacher, the late Studdert Kennedy, need now to be taken to heart and re-stated: "The fate of the world depends upon the social, and personal, responsibility of the individual and his power and willingness to bear it. God will not let us have His world for a playground, a battlefield, a factory, an empire any longer. We must give it to Him—or there will be darkness over the world from the sixth to the ninth hour—and that may be a thousand years. We must decide and the decision is for you and me. The history of the world is played out in the individual human soul. The fate of the world, of our children and our children's children depends upon you and me."

It Is Well to Face the Facts

IN an official notice announcing the approval of a secondary road project for Macon county, which is calculated to furnish work for 314 men for four months, there is also the statement that approximately 200 will be left unemployed, and that when the project is completed there will be no more employment for any of the men who have for many months depended for a living upon that kind of work.

The only way in which WPA and other government relief agencies can continue to function after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, is for the present session of congress to appropriate additional funds,

and indications are that congress will not be very liberal in that respect.

There is due to start this week a searching, nation-wide investigation of all WPA workers and those employed by other relief agencies, in order that those who can sustain themselves may be cut from the rolls. This investigation is being made because it is known that in all sections there are many drawing money from the government who are amply able to live upon their own resources.

Relief for those who are helpless to provide for themselves is not likely to be curtailed, but those who can feed and clothe themselves and their families without government assistance are going to be compelled to do so.

It is just as well to face the facts. The government is not expected to carry the present load after the end of the fiscal year, and will probably furnish subsistence only to those who, through misfortune or physical weakness, cannot provide for themselves.



JUNIORS TO SPONSOR STUNT NIGHT

The junior class is sponsoring a student stunt night in the high school auditorium next Friday night. All classes are to participate and prizes will be given to the outstanding artists who will be chosen by three judges. The public is invited and the admission will be 10 cents for everybody.

CAST SELECTED FOR JUNIOR-SENIOR PLAY

After two tryouts the cast for "Heart Trouble," a humorous three act play, has been chosen. The story centers around the affairs of the Morrison family. Their trouble, trials and joys are truly typical of any American family.

Members of the class include Dorothy Lee Morrison as Mrs. Grace Morrison whose social ambitions for her daughter almost wreck the home. Virginia Tessier as Laura, the "Petted social darling" of the Morrises. Doris Corbin as Patricia Morrison, the Cinderella of the family. Harry Higgins is in the role of Junior, the 17-year-old harum-scarum son of the Morrison family. Eugene Furr is Fred Morrison, the husband and father of the family, whose sudden turning is a revelation. George Patton is cast as Tommy Calor, Laura's boy friend. Dorothy Sloan as Lenore Appleby, a spoiled daughter of the rich father, Jethroe Appleby (Wilson Ledford). The role of a sleek sophisticated golf pro, Conrad Tyler is taken by J. C. Cunningham with Lillian Jones as his wife, Mrs. Tyler.

It is certain that everyone can enjoy this all-American play—as American as hot dogs and mustard. Stage and property managers are to be appointed later.

DOCTOR CALFEE ADDRESSES STUDENTS

On Monday the school had the unusual and enjoyable pleasure of hearing Dr. John A. Calfee, retired president of Asheville Normal Teachers' college. Dr. Calfee urged everyone to adopt the slogan, "Even if I don't want to I will." He stressed the need of a pleasing personality, and the almost sure failure of the person without personality.

The address was enjoyed by every member of the school, and everyone expressed the desire to hear Dr. Calfee again.

FRANKLIN DEFEATS GLENVILLE TUESDAY

Franklin high school defeated the Glenville high school basketball on the court of the former Tuesday night in a double-header game. The contest was thrilling throughout. The outcome was uncertain until the whistle blew.

In the girls' game, Glenville's comeback proved too much for the Franklin school's weaker sex. Davis was outstanding for Glenville, finding the goal for 13 points. Teams also found the range for 13 points.

In the boys' game the score was

nip and tuck for a while, Fouts' high score was 8 points. Dillard of Glenville, scored 6 points, being the outstanding player of the team.

Following are the lineups:
Franklin Girls Glenville Girls
F—Teems Monteith—F
F—Tyler Wisner—F
C—Henson Luck—F
G—Justice Moody, B.—G
G—Jones Moody, J.—C
G—Barnard Rogers—C
Franklin Boys Glenville Boys
F—Colver Sims—F
F—Wilkie Stewart—F
C—Leatherman Laning—C
G—Fouts Monteith—C
G—Bryson Dillard—G

FRANKLIN WINS IN CONTEST OVER ROBINSVILLE

In the most thrilling game of the season, Franklin emerged as victor over Robinsville in a hotly-contested conflict last Friday night, the score being 21 to 19. The Franklin boys displayed good team work throughout the evening, and not for a single instant did they slacken up to give the Robinsville boys a break.

Leatherman, star scorer of the game, hit the goal for 12 points for Franklin while Rodgers led the scoring for Robinsville. Wilkie and Fouts also showed outstanding ability.

The line-up is as follows:
Franklin (21) Robinsville (19)
F—Culver (1) Straton (2)
F—Wilkie (6) Rodgers (12)
C—Leatherman (12) Davis
G—Setser Dayton (2)
G—Fouts Hooper
Subs: Franklin—Bryson, Hunnicutt 2; Robinsville—Stewart 2, Hyde.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA MEET

The Smoky Mountain Federation of Future Farmers held their monthly meeting, February 15. Delegate Mack Patton and alternate delegate Brownlow Addington attended the meeting which was held at Bethel, Haywood county. After the meeting was closed the Home Economics students of the high school served tasty refreshments to all the delegates.

At this meeting the delegates voted to have the Annual Tournament of the Smoky Mountain Federation held at the Bethel gymnasium.

PRIMARY GRADES GET NEW BOOKS

A new collection of books has been bought for the pupils of the first, second, and third grades. These 25 books are all attractive, interesting books on different practical subjects which will be very helpful to the pupils. The books are as follows: "Boots," "Trains," "Words on Wings," "A Letter for Lucy to Answer," "Food," "Milk," "Bread," "The Magic of Cloth," "The Clothes We Wear," "Homes of Long Ago," "Homes of Today," "Butterflies and Moths," "Creeper and Sliders," "Life of Baby Animals," "Sled Dogs in Snow-

land," "Wild Animals at Home," "Coal," "Wood," "Children of Holland," "Children of China," "Children of America," "Children of Italy," "Indians," "A Child's Book of Verse," "Stories of American Music," and "How the City Serves its People."

Everyone of the books is cloth-bound and interestingly illustrated with pictures. They are expected to prove very durable.

Bob Bingham Buys Place From Mrs. Potts

It is announced that Bob Bingham has bought as an investment a lot with five-room house on the Murphy road, adjoining the Stiles and McGuire places, from Mrs. Maude Potts. The house is at present occupied by Clarence Crisp and family.

Macon Men Injured In Quarry Explosion

Two Macon county men, Chas. McGaha, of Oak Grove, and James McCall, of Gneiss, were among those injured in the explosion at a rock quarry at Mars Hill on Monday, February 13, which killed three workers and injured five.

Both Macon county men were seriously hurt and were taken to a hospital immediately after the explosion. It is reported that their condition is satisfactory and that they will recover.

Claims Paid To 43 For Old-Age Insurance

A statement issued by Graham Martin, manager of the Asheville office of the social security board, shows that 43 claims for old-age insurance were certified for payment to eligible persons in this area during January 1939.

Since the start of the program, on January 1, 1937, 701 claims, amounting to \$20,828.12, have been certified for payment to persons living within the 18 western North Carolina counties comprising the area served by the Asheville office.

A little more than half of these claims were filed by relatives of deceased workers who were employed in jobs covered by the social security act and who died before receiving benefits. The other claims were paid to insured workers in this area, who reached the age of 65 during recent months, after having worked in jobs that come under the act.

Mr. Martin said that since the old-age insurance provisions went into operation on January 1, 1937, more than \$156,987.24 in lump-sum payments, representing about 5,426 claims were certified for payment to citizens of North Carolina. Of that number, 380 claims were approved by the social security board during January, 1939, and certified to the United States treasury for payment. The average amount of claims certified for payment in January in this state was \$40.21. More than one and a quarter million dollars in old-age insurance benefits, representing about 18,700 claims, were certified for payment throughout the United States during January. Since January 1, 1937, more than 285,600 claims, totaling \$13,000,000, have been certified.

ALMOST COMPLETE

Farmers of Wilson county have practically completed the seeding of tobacco plant beds, since heavy rains and resulting wet grounds have made late planting difficult.



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