

GO TO CHURCH SOMEWHERE EVERY SUNDAY

Influences Of Church Said To Be Declining

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NEW YORK—The war has had a "depressing effect" on the growth of the church, and unless existing trends are reversed organized religion will hold a "small and declining" place in American economic life in the coming years, according to authorities of the Twentieth Century Fund.

The fund experts say that contributions to churches and welfare institutions in recent years have totaled "little more" than \$1.50 out of every \$100 spent by consumers—an amount less than that for either tobacco or alcoholic drinks. Despite rises in the national income since 1933, they declare, there has been a steady decrease in the percentage given the church.

In a chapter devoted to religion and social welfare in an exhaustive survey of "America's Needs and Resources," the fund suggests that church attendance rather than church "membership" would be a better guide to the public's interest in organized religion. It cites one survey indicating that 70 percent of the seats in churches are not being used on Sunday morning and probably 75 percent of persons known as members are not supporting their churches with their personal attendance and active encouragement.

As to the influence of the war on church-going, the fund authorities say "millions of young men were drawn from their homes and from normal lives at the very time when they might have been forming church-going habits. The manpower demands of war industries drew workers from their home communities and broke church ties, while the pressure of overtime work often interfered with church attendance."

In addition, the fund study says "the trend of Sunday school membership over the past few decades does not promise a substantial future growth in church membership."

While relatively weaker days may be ahead for the churches, the fund indicates there may be good prospects for the schools.

It says there has been steady progress in education during the past generation. (The typical enlisted man in World War I had 7 years of schooling while his counterpart in World War II had 10 years.) This latter figure, it says, is what "well-informed and experienced opinion" thinks should be the "absolute minimum of universal schooling."

In order to achieve this under minimum standards the study indicates it would be necessary to raise the average expenditure per pupil each year to \$72 a year in the prices of 1940.

Current expenditures by states, it says, range from \$31 to \$157 per

Haywood M.Y.F. To Install New Officers Monday

Officers for the coming year will be installed Monday evening, at 8 p.m., by the Haywood County Youth Fellowship at the regular meeting at the First Methodist church, Waynesville.

Dr. Walter B. West, district superintendent, will be in charge of the installation. A program of special music is being prepared by the young people of the host church.

Newly elected officers are: President Betty Lee Reno of Canton First church, vice-president, Nancy Owen of Hamon Plains, secretary, Joyce Sherrill, Canton Central, treasurer, Edwin Terrell, Lake Junaluska, chairman commission on Worship and Evangelism, Joyce Ann West, Bethel, chairman on World Fellowship, Betty Jane Rice, Beaverdam, chairman commission on Community Service, Thornton Hawkins, Canton First, chairman of Recreation and Leisure, Lucy Williamson, Rockwood program chairman, William Whitesides, Bethel.

SMOKES DEBANDED

DECATUR, Ill. (AP)—L. C. Scott claims the cigar band collecting championship of the world. In 21 years he has gathered 4,500 plain and fancy bands printed during the last century in the United States, Mexico, South America, Cuba, England, France, Belgium, Russia and Germany.

pupil, with nine states spending under \$50.

"To make up for our deficiencies in school buildings and equipment by 1960 and to provide all newcomers with adequate facilities," it says, "we need to increase our annual capital expenditures for schools nearly two and a half times."

Among trends in schooling which the survey notes are: Gradual disappearance of the little one-room schools. About 15 percent of all elementary school pupils still are in one-room, one-teacher schools in the open country, however.

Increasing emphasis on "utility" in education. This means "ordinary polite conversation" is studied instead of "pieces" to be recited and a modern language "likely to be used is learned instead of Latin."

A big postwar boom may be expected in adult education, fed in part by the need for vocational training of war casualties and the shifts of millions of persons to peacetime production.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Schedule of Masses
Waynesville—
Every Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Andrews—2nd Sunday 8:00 A.M.
Bryson City—
Every Sunday 9:00 A.M.
Canton—5th Sunday 9:00 A.M.
Cherokee—3rd Sunday 9:00 A.M.
Fontana Village—
Every Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Franklin—
Every Sunday 9:00 A.M.
Highlands—
Every Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Murphy—1st Sunday 8:00 A.M.
Sylva—4th Sunday 8:00 A.M.

At The Churches

GRACE CHURCH-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS

Rev. Robert Tatum, pastor. Fourth Sunday after Easter. Church school at 9:30 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon by the Rev. Arthur W. Farnum at 11 a. m. Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. G. Elliott, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. Ben Phillips, general superintendent, and all departmental superintendents are giving their time and efforts to increase the attendance throughout the whole Sunday school. There were 300 present last Sunday. The general lesson title for Sunday is "Revolt of the Northern Tribes." Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The pastor will bring a special message on the Christian Home, using for his theme: "As For Me and My House." The week of May 4 through May 11 is Christian Home Week throughout the Southern Baptist convention. Attention to the home will be given in all the services.

Training Union meets at 7 p. m. Director P. H. Gentry and his staff of workers are much encouraged by the increased attendance and interest in this phase of work. There were 95 present last Sunday night, the record attendance for this year.

Evening worship at 8 o'clock. In keeping with Christian Home Week, the pastor will speak on "The Enemies of the Home." Special music by the choir will feature this service.

Junior and Intermediate R. A.'s will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3:30.

Deacons will meet in the church office for their monthly meeting on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Circles of the Woman's Missionary society will meet Tuesday afternoon and evening. Time and place to be announced.

Midweek worship and choir rehearsal on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Those having no church home are cordially invited to attend these services. Go to church somewhere every Sunday.

DELLWOOD CIRCUIT

Rev. J. E. B. Houser, Pastor. The pastor sincerely wishes that everyone will worship in some church Sunday. God commands it, our spiritual need demands it. Unless providentially hindered "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" at God's house on Sunday.

There will be Sunday school at Dellwood, Elizabeth Chapel, Maggie and Maple Grove at 10 o'clock. The pastor will preach at Elizabeth Chapel at 11 o'clock and at Dellwood at 8 o'clock on the theme, "Watch." Children and young people will be in charge of the music.

FINES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Roy V. Young, Pastor. Sunday School meets at 10:30 with Mr. Clayton Henderson, superintendent in charge Sunday will be "Rally Day" and the Superintendent urges all who do not have a home church to come and worship with us. There will be special music by a local quartet composed of Betty Jo Russell, Robert Russell, S. J. Swanger, and Jack Green. The Sunday School needs you and you need the Sunday School.

Worship Service will begin at 11:30 with the pastor speaking on this subject "The Fleeting Moments." There will be special music Miss Mildred Ferguson is the pianist. The officers of the church will meet with the pastor for an officers meeting and a prayer meeting after services are dismissed.

B.T.U. will begin at 7:30. All are invited to come.

The young people will meet at 8 o'clock Saturday night to practice the play for B.T.U.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Church School opens with worship services in each Department at 10:00 A. M. Classes begin at 10:15 M. H. Bowles, Superintendent.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 o'clock. Music by the Senior Choir. Mrs. Fred Martin Director, Mrs. J. Matney organist. Sermon by the Pastor.

Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at 7:00. An interesting program has been planned and all are urged to attend.

Evening Service at 8:00 o'clock. Special Music by the Methodist Youth Choir. Mr. Charles Isley Director. Sermon by the Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The church rooms are located on the second floor of the Masonic Temple. Services each Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the church rooms "everlasting punishment" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon on next Sunday, May 4. The Golden text will be taken from Job 5:17, "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty."

The Revolt of the Northern Tribes ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



A young man named Rehoboam was a trusted servant of Solomon, but one day Rehoboam, dressed in a new cloak, went out of Jerusalem and met Ahijah, the prophet, and he tore Rehoboam's new garment into 12 pieces, giving him 10, saying that after Solomon's death 10 tribes would make Rehoboam king and only two for Rehoboam, Solomon's son.

Solomon heard of this and sought to kill Rehoboam who fled to Egypt. After Solomon's death he returned and headed the congregation of Israel who went to Rehoboam to complain that Solomon had made their yoke heavy and to ask that Rehoboam make it lighter and then they would faithfully serve him. Rehoboam asked for three days to consider.

Rehoboam consulted with the elders and wise men and they advised him to do as the people asked and they would be loyal to him. However, he also talked with his gay young companions and they told him to defy the people and tell them that he would make their burdens heavier, so the 10 tribes rebelled and made Rehoboam their king.

But Rehoboam, too, deserted and built images for his people, so he was punished. His young son was ill he went secretly to the prophet to get well, but the prophet told child would die and the king broken up.

MEMORY VERSE—1 Chron.

JUNALUSKA METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, Pastor. Church school will start at 9:45 Sunday morning. The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock service on the subject "Grace of Jesus Christ." Young peoples groups will meet at 7:30 Sunday evening.

WAYNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, Pastor. Whitten Prexyost, Superintendent of Sunday School. Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock. Sermon Subject "I Am the Way." Youth Fellowship service at 6:30 o'clock.

HAZELWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. S. R. Crackett, Pastor. Special notice is called to the following change in Schedule of services. The pastor will preach at Bethel next Sunday morning and at night at Hazelwood 7:30 P. M.

He plans to preach at Hazelwood on the second Sunday at 11:00 A. M. After this the schedule will continue as it has been, the pastor preaching at Bethel on the mornings of the second and fifth Sundays.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Lawton Summerrow, Spul. Prayer meeting Wednesdays 7:30 P. M. We will continue for the next few weeks the study of The First Epistle of John. Young peoples groups meet at 2:00 P. M. and 6:00 P. M. Sundays.

SHADY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

C. O. Newell, Pastor. May 4-11 has been set as "Family Week" throughout the nation. An appropriate message on this subject will be preached by the pastor, the title being "Stewardship of the Family." It is high time that the fathers and mothers take the lead of their families back to God and the Church as well as in the matters of education and health and morals. One good example is worth more than a hundred pious statements. Children should not be sent to Sunday school and Church but should be taken to Sunday school and Church. And what better time to begin than the first day of Family Week, Sunday, May 4. Christian ideals and services are worth far more than Ramps. Come on parents, let us go to church!

THE CRABTREE CHARGE

Mrs. C. O. Newell, Pastor. The pastor will preach at Davis Chapel Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Last Sunday the Crabtree charge had 180 in Sunday School. A new Sunday School has been organized at Crabtree Church and is growing nicely. Mr. Tom Kirkpatrick is superintendent. The men of Fincher's Chapel have worked two days hauling rock for the new church. Mr. J. W. McCrary is superintendent of this Sunday School. Mt. Zion under the leadership of Herschel Rogers as superintendent has a most loyal group with him every Sunday. The Methodist and Baptist and friends of both have done a good job in making their community cemetery a place of beauty. Mrs. Grady Davis is the superintendent of the thriving Sunday School at Davis Chapel. This church with a membership of 60 quite often has 70 in Sunday School. They have made great improvement on the community cemetery in Iron Duff.

The M.Y.F. will meet at Fincher's at seven o'clock.

Evening worship at seven-thirty. Hazelwood Methodist. Rev. Newell will preach at the evening hour Sunday, Sunday School at ten o'clock. Mrs. Cecil Mauney superintendent. Prayer Service at seven-thirty on Wednesday evenings.

STILL 50 MILES

RALEIGH—(AP)—A new law setting the speed limit on state highways at 55 miles an hour is not effective until July 1, and until that date, the old 50-mile limit will be "rigidly enforced," Col. H. J. Hatcher of the State Highway patrol has announced.

The Everyday Counselor

By HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Character is caught, not taught. Parents should remember that in selecting schools for their children, they should further remember that even in this modern industrialized world, character is more important than specialized training.

I am constantly receiving letters of inquiry from business houses concerning young people who have applied to them for positions, invariably it is the character of the applicant with which they are concerned. Following character comes personal habits, associates, family background. All of this means that parents should be most careful in the selection of schools to which their children are sent.

In the first place, it is my conviction that children, if they are going to receive the best education in schools at home, if possible, should be retained as long as possible. Too many parents are sending their adolescent sons and daughters to boarding schools "to get them out of the way" and to avoid parental obligations in adolescence. But if the home is broken and it is necessary to select a boarding school, then by all means one should be chosen where character training is emphasized, and where teaching of religion is a part of the curriculum.

If the boy or girl is not going to college, but to a business school, the standing of the school in the community should be thoroughly investigated. Discover if the head of the school and faculty are



Sunday School Lesson

The Revolt of the Northern Tribes

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL (The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for May 4 is 1 Kings 6:1, 7-14, 38; 11:26-14:31; 1 Chronicles 28:9-11, the Memory Verse being 1 Chronicles 28:9, "Know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and a willing mind.")

THE FIRST part of our lesson describes in detail the building of the great and beautiful temple in Jerusalem and David's plea to Solomon to serve God "with a perfect heart and a willing mind." We know that Solomon did not heed his father's words and was led away from the worship of the true God.

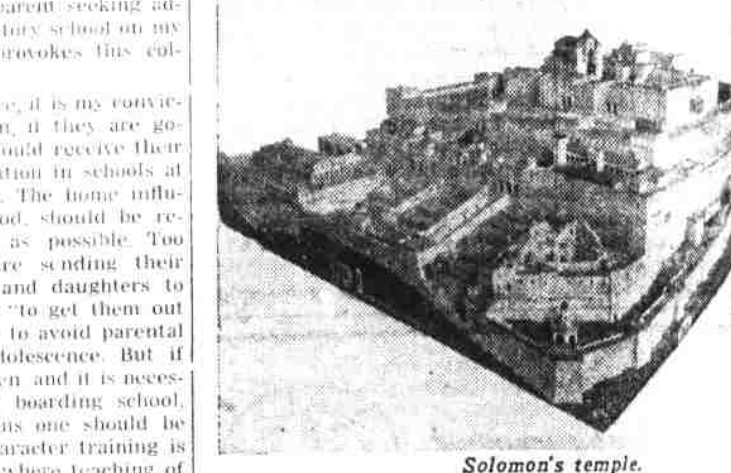
You will remember that the Lord had said that after Solomon's death he would divide the kingdom. During the latter days of his reign, a young man by the name of Rehoboam, a "mighty man of valor," was so personable and industrious, that King Solomon made him "ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph." One day this young man, clad in a new garment, went out of Jerusalem and the prophet Ahijah met him, and the two were alone in the field. Ahijah caught hold of the new garment Rehoboam was wearing and tore it in 12 pieces. He handed 10 of the pieces to Rehoboam, saying, "Take these 10 pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give 10 tribes to thee."

News of this occurrence reached Solomon, and he sought to kill Rehoboam, who was forced to flee to Egypt for his life. After Solomon's death Rehoboam, his son, was to reign in his stead. The people sent for Rehoboam and he came from Egypt and led a congregation of the children of Israel to petition King Rehoboam to lighten their burdens. "Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee." Rehoboam asked for three days to consider the matter and they dispersed.

Consults Counselors. During the three days Rehoboam consulted with his father's counselors and they said, "If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever."

But, alas! instead of taking

The Golden Text



Solomon's temple. "Know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and willing mind."—1 Chron. 28:9.

"church people." Are they men and women of fine character? If the school takes the boy or girl away from home, be sure to investigate the boarding place and the character of those who live there.

There are many schools where the administration and faculty realize the importance of character training, and place it foremost in their courses of study.

It is during the first eighteen years of life that character is largely determined. It is taught, from parents to from associates. It is on character is still the place here is not good.

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