

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

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For some decades there has been a "balance" between Mormons and Protestants in the State of Utah, according to the Home Missions Council of North America. But this balance has recently been destroyed by the influx of many thousands of non-Mormons into the iron, coal and other mineral regions of the mountains, and by the migration of industrial workers, employing these minerals as a result of the war. A number of Protestant churches have been sending pastors and missionaries into the Salt Lake-Ogden and other industrial areas where these newcomers have settled.

"Pacts and treaties in themselves will be quite useless unless they are built on the genuine goodwill of the people on whose behalf they are made," says the Archbishop of York, England. "Cooperation based on self-interest may for a time be very valuable, but it does not stand the strain of misunderstanding unless it is the expression of mutual respect and friendship. . . . We must make many personal contacts with the Russian, Chinese and other allies if prejudices are to be overcome."

Religious objectors to military service, to the number of sixty-two, are serving as "guinea pigs" for scientific and medical research, through the assignments made by the American Friends (Quaker) Service Committee. Among present experiments and investigations in which they are taking part are: cancer and altitude-nutrition experiments at Memorial Hospital, New York; malaria con-

trol and salt water ("shipwreck diet") experiments at Massachusetts General Hospital; psycho-acoustic experiment at Harvard; hot weather experiment "for optimum living conditions in a desert environment" at the University of Rochester.

The National Protestant Convocation of Rural Pastors -- a voluntary organization of ministers and laymen from all parts of the United States interested in the development of the rural church in America -- will be held in Elgin, Illinois, November 14 to 16, it is announced by Dr. A. J. Walton, superintendent of the Department of Town and Country work of the Methodist Church, and a leader of the convocation. The gathering will be held in the Elgin headquarters of the church of the Brethren, a denomination that has long ministered to the rural populations of the country.

The fourteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week will be from September 24 to October 1, it is announced by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the week which is intended to lay emphasis on Christian teaching of youth and adults. Beginning with the observance in many churches of Rally Day, the observances will develop the theme, "Power for These Times" and will close with nationwide participation in World Communion Sunday. During the eight day observance, the churches will attempt to "remarshall the missionary spirit in educational work," says Dr. Ross. He points out that increased effort are needed to reach the more than 15,000,000 children of school age who have had no religious education of any kind.

The Rev. Dutton S. Peterson, Methodist pastor at Odessa, N. Y., and former member of the New York Legislature, is executive secretary of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee to study the use of prisoners in war service. The Committee advocates the employment of paroled prisoners on farms, and in producing war supplies. It also encourages the service of these men in the armed forces, stating that dozens of paroled prisoners have been made corporals, sergeants and commissioned officers, and that this group has attained a higher level in the army than a cross-

section of any other group. Mr. Peterson claims that morals has risen and discipline problems have almost disappeared where men have been allowed to help in the war effort.

"The War Prisoners' Aid of the International Young Men's Christian Association, incorporated in Switzerland and supported to a great extent from relief funds of American churches, is the one agency that has been able to provide material and supervision for the free time activities of prisoners in Europe and in Asia. It has been able to help hundreds of thousands to employ usefully "that margin of time which will make or break these youth, just at the threshold of their vocations." Bibles and other religious books have been sent by various agencies through the War Prisoners' Aid to Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish men, Neutral Danes, Swedes, Swiss and Latin Americans have been sent into prison camps as secretaries and chaplains.

"Paper Bombs" Also Speed V-Day

All the bombs falling in Germany and Nazi-occupied cities today aren't filled with explosives although the non-explosive kind are just as surely speeding the advent of V-Day.

"Paper bombs" are also pouring over Berlin, over Nazi troops, and to the valiant underground forces of France and other countries about to be liberated from the Nazi yoke. They are playing an important role in undermining German morale and in inciting civilian uprising. By so doing they hasten the collapse of the enemy and save the lives of American fighting men.

These "paper bombs" - even more a product of pulpwood than the block busters - consist of newspapers, periodicals and pamphlets in the language of the country into which they are dropped. This "bombing" is a part of what military men called "psychological warfare."

Pulpwood is needed to keep these "paper bombs" falling on Nazi Europe. Meanwhile pulpwood is doing its less spectacular job making containers for food, ammunition and supplies for our own fighting men and for our Allies. It still provides the gun powder that fires the bombs and the bullets. It gives our officers new maps as they advance toward Berlin.

Keep the pulpwood moving to war and thus help hasten the return of peace.

Plan Now For Your Fall Pulpwood Crop Harvesting

Now is the time for farmers and owners of farm woodlands to make plans for harvesting their fall crops of pulpwood according to W. O. Davis of the Victory Pulpwood Committee.

"Even though your field crops may not be out of the way yet, it is a good idea to get your pulpwood trees marked early for fall thinning of your woodland," the committee said. "Then you will be ready to start cutting as soon as field crops are in."

"Pulpwood is a farm crop that can be turned quickly into cash and harvested on days when you can't work in the fields. There is a ready market or it now because of the tremendous war requirements for pulpwood products. Farm woodlands normally provide a good share of the farm income. Right now pulpwood is one of the most important farm crops because of the war needs for pulpwood products. And it was one of the most profitable farm crops because it is not affected by drought or storms."

The committee pointed out that even an abrupt ending of the war in Europe will not halt the demand for pulpwood because so many mills will need to build up inventories for peace time trade.

"Most mills have little or no inventories of pulpwood nowadays as consumption has been exceeding production since 1941," the committee said.

"Finished paper stocks are low or depleted, moreover, so that there will be a huge civilian demand for paper and paper products after the war. In addition many new uses for pulpwood fibre products have been developed since Pearl Harbor and will no doubt be turned to civilian uses."

The committee pointed out that pulpwood cutting provides an excellent means of keeping workers on the farm after field crops are harvested, and it gives them a profitable occupation on days when other farm chores cannot be performed.

"By far the greater number of farm timber stands are in need of improvement by thinning," the committee declared. "Now is the time to make that improvement when you can help the war effort and earn some extra cash too."

Tarleton Says Pastures Improved

Raleigh, August 28th-- C. F. Tarleton, State Department of Agriculture statistician said that pastures in North Carolina have made "wonderful improvement" since July 1, and milk production is now at the peak for this year.

Conditions brought about by the drought in May and June forced farmers to feed grains and mixed more heavily than is ordinarily the case in summer months, according to Tarleton. He said that grass is now ample in most sections of the State.

Officials Ask Folks To Eat More Chicken

Raleigh, August 31st--The acute surplus of three to five pound young roasting chickens in this State prompted Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott to join Governor J. M. Broughton in urging North Carolina housewives to serve "at least one chicken each week for the next two weeks."

Scott said that North Carolina farmers have approximately 200,000 large sized young chickens that have passed the fryer stage, and he pointed out that these chickens can be easily consumed by residents of this State.

"The New York and Eastern markets which normally absorb

our surplus are filled with poultry from other nearby areas," said Scott in explaining why the farmer must rely on home fairs for help at this time.

The Commissioner remarked that hotels, restaurants, and cafes have not recently been including chicken on their menus to the extent that they should, in view

of the fact that chicken is one of the best hot weather foods, and he also urged them to assist in removing the surplus by placing young roast chicken on their menu daily for the next two weeks.

More Peanuts Seen For This Year

Raleigh, August 31st--The North Carolina peanut crop this year should be approximately 333,350,000 pounds, Frank Parker, head of the Statistics division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, reported.

He estimated that the yield will

be 1,250 pounds to the acre. The yield in 1943 was 1,020 pounds.

"Peanuts have made excellent growth, despite the dry weather. Although stands are poor to only fair in some sections, an excellent crop is in prospect from the 235,000 acres planted," said Parker.

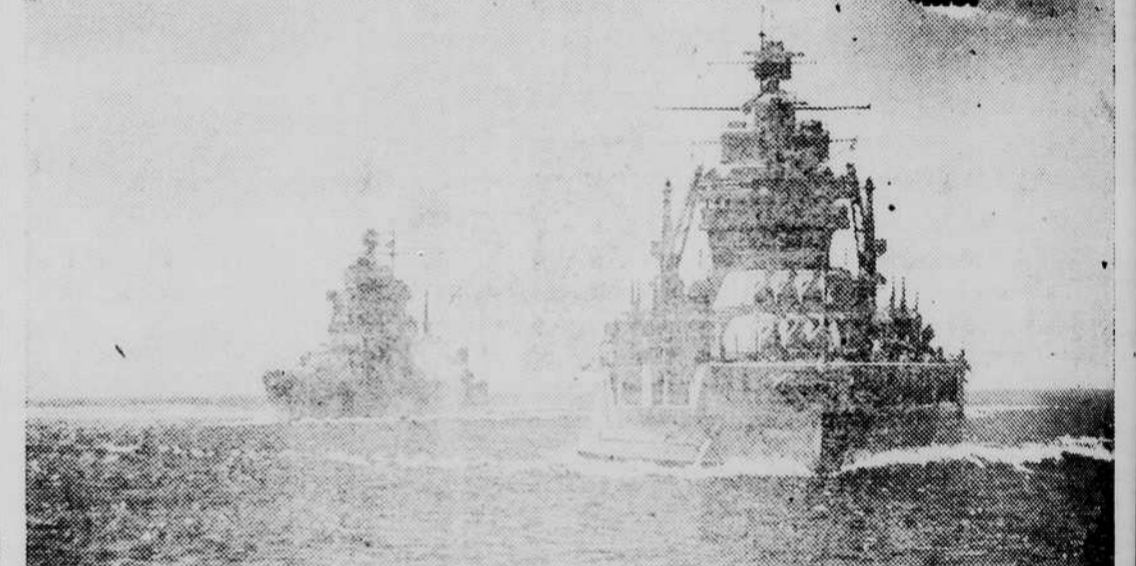
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