

SIX-INCH SERMON

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THE CHURCH DURING WAR AND PEACE

Lesson for Nov. 12: Isaiah 2:2-4; 6:9, 7; Matthew 5:23-48; Romans 13:1-7; Golden Text, Mathew 5:9.

Beginning with Isaiah's picture of Christ's kingdom as one of righteousness and peace, and continuing with a prophecy of the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7), we come to the teaching of Jesus concerning love to enemies.

We find a contrast between love to neighbors with hatred of enemies and a love that includes enemies. In the latter we have the example of God Himself, who sends His blessings on all alike.

From Paul's teachings of the origin of government, we conclude that good citizenship is Christian duty. During war the Christian's attitude should be determined by his duty of allegiance to constituted authority. Violence done by an individual in defiance of law is different from that done by the government in opposing violence. The church should support the government in war against aggression, while urging that war be waged without hatred and with the aim of bringing a just peace.

In time of peace, the church should labor to inform, inspire and support the government in putting down the enemies that attack the country from within. These enemies know no truce, respect no rights, regard not the morals and welfare of our people, and seize the opportunity to work their evil within the country while war is being waged upon enemies without. Eternal vigilance and determined opposition to conscious evils in our midst will be the price of safety. And the people have the right to expect that the church shall lead in making our country safe at home.

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Soldier, Wife



Sgt. Clyde D. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Moore, of Sugar Grove, is pictured with his wife, the former Miss Gladys Harmon, of Red Brush, Tenn. Sgt. Moore has been in the army for 13 months and has done duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp Breckenridge, Ky. He visited at home in September. He has a brother, Lewis Moore, A.S., who is with the navy at Bainbridge, Md.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Omar Swift, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Swift, of Sherwood, returned Thursday from the polio clinic at Hickory, where he had been taking treatment for infantile paralysis. One leg was affected by the disease and it is said the lad is considerably improved. There is no occasion for alarm regarding this case, it is explained, since the boy was afflicted in July, and his trouble had only recently been correctly diagnosed.

In the first nine months of this year, North Carolina poultrymen produced 871 million eggs, standing 20th in the nation but fourth along the Atlantic seaboard.

U. S. Blows Weaken Jap Fleet in Pacific

Strength of Enemy Being Sapped as War Nears His Inner Defense Lines

With Japan's inner defense lines the stake, mighty naval battles have taken place in the Pacific, with U.S. victories over the once proud and still formidable enemy fleet gradually whittling down the foe's strength to resist the grand assaults to come, presumably on the China coast.

Latest of the great U. S. victories in the Pacific was the second naval battle of the Philippines, with hard striking American surface forces, aided by swarms of carrier-based bombing planes, sinking or damaging almost 60 enemy ships out of his imperial fleet of over 200.

Compared to the U. S.'s earlier triumphs of the Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal and the first battle of the Philippines, the latest clash developed as stubborn, and almost foolhardy, enemy naval forces sought to break up General Douglas MacArthur's return to the Philippines.

Not only did the U. S. victory smash this attempt and thus secure General MacArthur's lifelines to the vital Pacific islands where American honor has been more than restored, but it also severely crimped the Jap fleet's potential strength in combating U. S. operations close on the China coast.

Following the loss of two battleships, four cruisers, six heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, three small cruisers or destroyers and six destroyers, and the possible sinking of one battleship, three heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and seven destroyers, the enemy was reported to have left from seven to nine battleships, from six to eight aircraft carriers, from 11 to 16 cruisers, and from 104 to 126 destroyers. The list of remaining enemy vessels, however, does not include the number that might be laid up for long periods for repairs as a result of beatings taken in the second Philippine battle.

Ships damaged in that action included six battleships, four heavy cruisers, one light cruiser and ten destroyers.

The second battle of the Philippines, combining not only a grand sea action but also the protection of a U. S. land army, will long rank as one of the epic encounters in American history.

Playing a pivotal part in the battle was Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet, which not only joined Vice-Admiral Thos. C. Kinkaid's seventh fleet in smashing the two Jap forces about Leyte island, but also wheeled to the north to break up still another enemy fleet sailing southward to attack the U. S. units in their exposed flank.

Even though two of their heavy cruisers were sunk by U. S. subs sighting their approach, two of the Jap forces sailed onward toward Leyte, with one coming up through the maze of little islands to the south, and the other moving on to the north.

Although all of the ships making up the two forces ran a gauntlet of incessant bomb and torpedo fire from U. S. carrier planes and suffered heavy damage, they plowed through to the east of Leyte, where they met the full force of U. S. surface warships as well as planes, and then, suffering severe casualties, turned tail and fled the same way they had come, with American pilots hot on their trail.

Meanwhile, U. S. scouting planes had sighted the third Jap force bearing down on the flank of the third fleet from Formosa. Acting quickly, Admiral Halsey concentrated several of his carrier-task groups and started northward for a dawn attack. The maneuver caught the enemy completely by surprise, and before he could muster effective air support, the Americans had struck their full blow.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has officially announced that U. S. losses were six ships, including one Australian cruiser, which was damaged.

CHARLIE F. MOODY

Charlie Franklin Moody, 53, of Reese, died near his home, while he and his son, Clint, were hauling wood, as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Moody was born July 2, 1891, and died Oct. 23, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Letha Norris Moody; eight children, Gordon Moody, of the army in France; Fred Moody, of Camp Hauze, Texas; Mabel Moody, of Boone; Mrs. John Cornett, Lora, Bertha, Clint and Cline Moody, of Reese; also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Cora Stanberry, and a brother, Stacy Moody, of Reese.

Funeral services were conducted from Mountain Dale Baptist Church Thursday at 3 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. Ronda Earp, assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne, of Blowing Rock. Interment was in the church cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of the details.

Mr. Moody was reared and has lived the Beaverdam township all of his life. He served as church clerk at Mountain Dale since it was organized; was a faithful member until death, was well liked by many and will be greatly missed in his community.

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Bethel News

On Friday afternoon the students of Bethel High School enjoyed a faculty-student softball game. At the end of the game the score stood 12-12.

For the second time in three weeks the eighth grade took the attendance banner given to the room having the highest percent of attendance for the week. Their score was 93.83 percent. The third grade, which had the banner last week, was runner-up with a score of 93.14 percent.

The tenth grade entertained the rest of the school with a reading, "Boys," and a play called "The Mystery of X." All of the characters did their parts well, especially the girl who acted as substitute for an absent character with less than four hours' notice.

The tenth grade enjoyed a Halloween supper prepared by the girls of the class. Before and after supper the boys and girls enjoyed both active and quiet games.

On November 1 at Bethel High, the Parent-Teacher Association was organized. There were 22 present. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. M. Sherwood; vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Vines; secretary-treasurer, Verna Ball. The following committees were appointed: Membership, Mrs. Mona Norris; Mrs. Eldridge Trivette, Mrs. Ray Swift, Luncheon, Bert Farthing, Mrs. W. R. Vines, Mrs. Ed Love, Miss Vera Hoffman, Dallas Wilson, George Smitherman. Finance and building, G. E. Tester, W. R. Vines, Perry Farthing, Ed Love and Asa Reese. It was suggested that the P.T.A. sponsor the installation of playground equipment for the younger children, since the high school already has facilities for softball and basketball. Since several suggestions were offered as to ways to raise money, it was voted that the finance committee and the officers make use of the different plans. The time for the monthly meetings of the P.T.A. is the first Wednesday in each month. All parents are especially urged to be present at 3:30 p. m. on that date. After the business meeting the members adjourned to the school lunch room, where delicious refreshments were served.

Jimmy Stewart's latest silly from the army camps: A colonel, having a brain operation, received a phone call in the operating room. He bawled up from the table. "Hey, come back!" cried the surgeon. "You forgot your brains!" "I won't need them," said the patient. "I've just been made a general."

Dining out without his wooden buddy, Edgar Bergen finds it impossible to "throw" Charlie McCarthy's voice. "Talking without Charlie beside me is like going out without my trousers," he says.

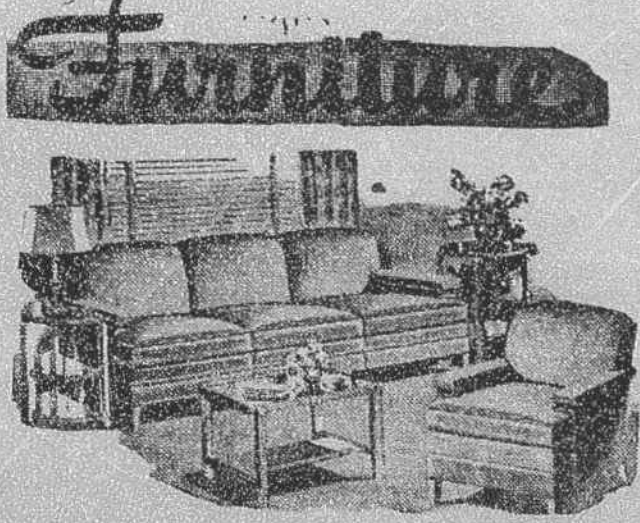
When Gen. Chang Chung-chang, the late military governor of Shantung, indulged in a haircut, he had at least four bodyguards standing near the barber with guns poked into his ribs, lest the barber use the razor to cut his throat. But he paid \$50 for each haircut.

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