



Pictured above are scenes at a Banquet given by the United Order of Tents here last Saturday evening in the Jade Room of the Donut Shop. In the top picture standing and reading from left to right, in back row, are: Mesdames Lucille Puryear, president of the Durham Tents; Essie Trice, Maggie Ryals, Fannie Barnes, Maggie O'Neal, Bluford Myles, Jettie Brown, Annie B. Henderson, Marie Spivey and Goldie Trice. Seated, from left to right, are: Mesdames Geraldine Butler, Anette Richter, Emily Chambers, president of the United Order of Tents; Mrs. Annie Stroud, Mrs. Virginia Washington and Mrs. Katie McLean.

## Life Is Like That

BY REVEREND H. ALBERT SMITH

The problem of unanswered prayer has vexed untold numbers of persons in each of many generations. Such persons today constitute a perplexed multitude. They long to establish such contacts with the unseen God as to give them the sense of perfect security in a universe of bewildering perplexity. They use the only technique they know—prayer. But for many prayer has brought no satisfactory results, a fact which leaves them bereft of confidence, tormented by doubt, and haunted by fear.

But such a state of affairs does not necessarily mean that prayer is a meaningless procedure, or that there is no God who answers prayer. Nor can men establish a valid reason for the despairing cry:

"Life is like a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We cry aloud; and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry."

Yet, we find many who feel that way today; and among those are no small number of church people. They are more conscious of unanswered prayer than answered. For such, we hope, we have a word of help. It would be well for such persons to bear in mind that many prayers are answered but not in the manner we desire or expect. The level of one's experience has a lot to do with his recognizing answer to prayer. That level may be considered from a four-fold point of view.

First, we have the level where sight plays its part. When the Israelites murmured because of bitter water, Moses prayed to God who showed him a tree which turned the water sweet. In the hour of Gideon's perplexity, God answered his petition with visual evidence. No great spiritual insight was needed to recognize answer to prayer.

Now, anybody can recognize bread and meat, or the seeming miracle prayer sometimes brings. But blessed is he who recognizes the hand of God although he does not see it.

At a higher level, answer to prayer is "delayed and disguised".

Joseph dreamed of greatness and undoubtedly prayed unto that end. God made him great.

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(Mrs.) Frances Pippen

But how? Through conspiracy, slavery, false accusation, an outrageous miscarriage of justice, and imprisonment. Years later, Joseph could say to his brothers who began this chain of untoward events:

"Ye intended it for evil, but God intended it for good."

Paul prayed to go to Rome where he wanted to preach. He got there a ship-wrecked prisoner and did most of his preaching in jail. I doubt if Paul expected such an answer.

In each case, that of Joseph and that of Paul, the answer came but in a form neither desired nor expected.

At still another level, prayer is denied yet answered. The literal request is refused, the spirit of the request granted. The mother of St. Augustine complained of refused prayer when her son went to Rome. She prayed, "Lord, if I can't control him here at home, what will happen to him in that great city?"

While she slept, Augustine sailed. But in Rome, the Lord directed him to Ambrose of Milan, a noted preacher. Augustine through him found Christ. Later, he became the greatest of the early church fathers.

God denied a mother's literal request, but gave her the desire of her heart, which was the saving of a wicked and rebellious son.

A final level of experience involves belief that prayer will be answered even though it seems to go unnoticed.

The mother of John Randolph, one of our early American statesmen, died with her prayers for the conversion of her son unanswered. But she never lost faith that they would be eventually answered.

Years later, John Randolph said, "I should have been an atheist if it had not been for one recollection—and that was the memory of the time when my departed mother used to take my little hand in hers and cause me on my knees to say: 'Our Father, who is in heaven.'"

A letter too long to quote

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I read somewhere of an ancient people who began their prayers: "Dear God, whoever you are, whatever you are, wherever you are." And so, whoever you are, Mr. Anonymous, this writer appreciates the interest you took in his article and the time to answer it. He wishes, however, that he could see as clearly those obvious reasons for anonymity.

Curiously, as well as a genuine interest in people, makes me wish you would throw off the hood of anonymity and reveal your identity.

H. Albert Smith

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Curiosity of the leaguers has come to this office. Many sources believe, however, that the attempt will "die-aborning" since there are too many forward-thinking citizens in the state now to permit sabotage of Alexander's program which has been called "too fast" by pro-segregationists.

## Pearson School PTA Holds First Meet Of Year

W. I. G. Pearson's Parent Teachers Association held its initial meeting Thursday, Sept. 23, at 8 P. M., in the school cafeteria.

Following a brief devotional period, Mrs. Nora Allen, school nurse, discussed immunization and health of the school age pupil.

Dr. Ray Thompson, past vice president of the organization, installed the following officers for 1954-55.

They were:  
President—Mr. George D. White, Vice President—Mr. Lee Smith, Second Vice President—Mrs. Barbara Cooke, Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Crews, Treasurer—Mr. C. A. Alston.

Chairmen and co-chairmen of various outstanding committees were: Program, mesdames E. H. Gadsen, and G. H. Rhodes; Welfare, Mesdames Servator Evans, and N. W. Thorpe; Social, Mesdames A. S. Malloy, and J. D. Gamble; Membership, Mrs. Ruth Bibby, and Mrs. W. P. Gray. Mr. N. A. Cheek, prin-



Miss Blondell Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of 406 Hill Street, Roxboro, one of the participants in a popularity contest being conducted by the First Baptist Church of the city. Winner of the contest will be crowned Queen of Roxboro. Front Page

incipal of the school introduced the faculty.

Mrs. Gray's second grade won the attendance check, having eighteen parents present.

Refreshments were served, D. H. E. Wright, presiding.

## -Episcopalians-

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from one another. The ultimate, infinitely greater price of segregation is the separation of oneself from the Lord of the segregation.

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and went to the home of Rev. White, about 100 yards away, where the aged minister was sitting on the porch, and fired directly at him. Holland stated that Rev. White called for help and ran into the house. Baldwin then left and started down the road toward the home of J. D. Poe, a white neighbor. When he arrived near it he started shooting at the Poe home. He then ran into the woods.

Funeral services for the slain minister were held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church here, Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. The Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

Surviving Rev. White are his wife, Mrs. Badie Spaulding White, three daughters and two

sons. The former are Mrs. Melba White Martin, New York, N. Y.; Misses Aubra and Velda White of Durham. The sons are Harold White of Buffalo, N. Y. and Alvin Nelson White of Durham.

Three brothers and one sister also survive. The brothers are Sheddie White, Winston-Salem; Martin White, New York, N. Y.; Will White, Monroe; and the sister is Miss Bertha White, Mon-

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Young Beef Liver ..... lb. 29c  
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