

500 AT MIXED SERVICE

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The above photo shows a part of the crowd leaving the First Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia at the conclusion of the First Bi-racial Thanksgiving service last Thursday morning. The service was sponsored by the Danville Minister's Association.

Negro Minister Brings Thanksgiving Message At Interracial Service

DANVILLE, VA. Thanksgiving Day of 1954 in Danville may or may not mark a turning point in the history of the relation of white and Negro churches in that city. But what happened on the morning of that day when 500 worshippers—300 colored and 200 white—thronged the First Baptist Church (white) to worship God and mingled their voices in praise and thanksgiving is a ringing challenge to every segregated, so-called house of God in America, a splendid example of Christian brotherhood, and a dramatic demonstration of what Jesus meant when he commanded his followers to love one another.

The speaker for the occasion was a Negro minister, the Rev. L. W. Chase, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church. He spoke on the subject "God's unspeakable Gift," basing the topic on Paul's words to the church at Corinth: "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."

Rev. Chase pointed out that thanksgiving or gratitude to God is foremost among Christian virtues and alluded to Paul's charge to the Corinthian Christians to supply the needs of the saints even as others had helped supply their needs, and made it possible for them as a church to carry on.

The minister told his non-segregated congregation that they had much for which to give God thanks and be grateful. Beginning with the days of the Pilgrim fathers, he cited blessings that had been bestowed on America from that early date until the present time. He said that for these blessings every American should be grateful.

The Rev. Mr. Chase concluded his message by calling attention to Christ as being God's chief blessing given to the world. He urged, therefore, that his hearers give thanks for Christ, God's unspeakable gift.

Other participating clergymen mentioned were Dr. L. D. Johnson, pastor of the church at which the service was held; Dr. Harold H. Hughes, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church and President of the Danville Ministerial Association, under whose auspices the service was held.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. L. D. Johnson, offered the invocation beginning the service. Dr. A. Reynolds, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, read the scripture lesson and offered prayer, and Dr. Harold H. Hughes introduced the speaker.



Dr. Clyde Donnell, prominent Durham physician, who was elected president and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Hospital at a meeting of the Board on last Wednesday evening, November 24. Dr. Donnell is also Vice President and Medical Director of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Human Rights Day Dec. 10th

WASHINGTON Following a precedence established in 1949 when by presidential decree December 10 was set apart as Human Rights Day, the President of the United States is expected to issue a similar proclamation this year. In order to awaken more general interest in Human Rights Day and increase its effectiveness in influencing people wholeheartedly, and in increasing numbers, to work for the implementing of the objectives to which such a day calls attention, the United States National Commission for UNESCO has published a folder which tells in detail the origin and purpose of establishing a Human Rights Day and gives pointers as to how to observe the day.

The UNESCO document also calls for a more concentrated and expanded effort this year to secure equal rights and freedom for all men. Thus instead of merely observing Human Rights Day on December 10, communities throughout the nation are asked to proclaim the six-day period beginning with Human Rights Day, December 10, and ending with Bill of Rights Day, December 15, as Human Rights Week.

In addition to suggesting this expanded period which will include the observance of Bill of Rights Day as well as Human Rights Day, the UNESCO folder gives other suggestions pointing out desirable ways to

Broke Into House To Get Leg Back

TAUNTON, ENG. A jury believed the story of Howard Challenger, a one-legged steelworker here, when he told his reason for entering the home of his former landlady, and acquitted him. Challenger said he only wanted to get back the false leg he had left as security 18 months before on unpaid rent.

Says Stomach No Garbage Can

NEW YORK, N. J. The husband of Mrs. Helen Schroeder evidently doesn't like bacon and eggs, especially at the start of the day, according to a story she told the judge. Mrs. Schroeder said that when she asked her husband if he wanted bacon and eggs, he threw a shaving mug at her, punched her in the eye and shouted: "My stomach isn't a garbage can."

Bishop Hemingway Succumbs



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Duke U. Professor Backs Highest Court

In a current issue of The Christian Advocate, Dr. Mason Crum, professor of Biblical Literature at Duke University, writes that he is one southerner who is not disturbed by the Supreme Court ruling against segregation in our public schools.

Dr. Crum implies a contact with a large cross section of southern public opinion and states that he has not found many alarmed about the implications of the decision. "You may talk," he goes on, "to farmers, laborers, trainmen, and professional people, and they will generally agree that the decision was inevitable and right."

A native of South Carolina, as is Judge Wates Waring, the grand-son of a confederate soldier and a slave-holding minister, Dr. Crum is of the opinion that much of the verbal repercussion heard is loose talk due to engrained prejudice, which has over the years formed southern culture patterns. Thus ideological challenge to customs of generations brings spontaneous resistance.

"To most southerners, the abolition of segregation in public educational institutions was inevitable, as was the abolition of slavery," he states.

The Duke instructor pulls no punches as he points out that the inconsistency between the practice of injustice respecting Negroes and the southern white man's ideals of social justice has caused southerners to suffer for years from an "inner emotional conflict."

Dr. Crum says that the desegregation decree has brought great relief to southern churches. He is plain spoken as he states that the decision of the highest court in the land has been welcomed by the churches because for years they have been spiritually embarrassed by not doing what they knew in their heart of hearts was right. Speaking of the grave injustice perpetrated upon the Negro in America, the educator says the south in particular owes him (the Negro) a great debt.

He writes of a growing hatred Negroes have for white people, (although white people generally do not suspect it) due to the evils of segregation.

The Duke professor points out that social equality and compulsory social intermingling which the south fears most have nothing in common with the court ruling. "The Supreme Court decision has nothing to do with personal social relations. It is aimed at equality of opportunity in tax supported educational institutions."

The professor admits that there are immense problems facing most southern states, in that integrating the schools confronts them with the most challenging situation since Emancipation.

But he believes that most Southern people have enough good will for Negroes to work out the problem satisfactorily. "That good will," he avers, "is one of the bases upon which better inter-racial cooperation may be founded."



The Rt. Rev. L. H. Hemingway who died Tuesday in Washington, D. C., had been presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church since 1948.

Last Rites Held For L. L. Berry In Detroit, Mich.

NEW YORK Last rites for Dr. Llewellyn L. Berry, prominent churchman in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, were held Friday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bethel AME Church here. Burial followed in Detroit after a short memorial service at the Bethel AME Church in that city.



Dr. Llewellyn L. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer of Home and Foreign Missions of the AME Church, had last rites were held Friday, November 26.

Bishop Denies Council Will Lead Drive For Integrated Schools

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham declared today that the Methodist Bishop's Council did not go on record to support a drive against segregation in American schools in its recent Chicago Session.

The bishop said that the news which originated in Chicago was not complete in that it left out significant words and failed to carry the true meaning of the Council's statement.

The Alabama prelate had reference to a new dispatch of November 22, which stated that a 50-member Council of Methodist Bishops had pledged themselves to support the recent Supreme Court Decision that all races should attend the same public schools and had adopted a message urging the 9,000,000 members of that church to support desegregation.

Bishop Purcell says it isn't so and states the Council had no thought to pledge the church to lead the fight to abolish segregation. He said eight southern bishops were against issuing a statement of any kind on the segregation question, and pointed out the statement was not unanimously adopted. The Council recognizes that many thousands of our people are sincerely divided on this issue and differ conscientiously.

Heart Disease Killing More Men

NEW YORK There has been an increase of almost 25 per cent in deaths caused by heart trouble and blood vessel diseases among middle-aged men during the past generation. At the same time the mortality rate among women due to the same causes has decreased by almost as much in the same age group.

Ask Immediate Action In Case Of Hillsboro School

CINCINNATI, OHIO. The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit was asked today to order the federal District Court Judge John H. Druffel to act immediately in the Hillsboro, Ohio school segregation case instead of waiting until two weeks after the U. S. Supreme Court issues its decision spelling out the May 17th opinion outlawing segregation in public schools.

The request was made in a petition filed with the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund attorneys on behalf of the Hillsboro Negro parents and children who charge the school board with racial discrimination. The petition asks that District Judge Druffel act immediately on a request for a preliminary injunction restraining the Hillsboro School board from forcing the Negro children to return to the segregated school.

The case is the result of the Negro children of Hillsboro attempting to enroll in two previously all white schools in the fall term. They were allowed to register and attend classes one week before the parents were advised by the School Board that the children would have to return to the previously all Negro school because the Board had instituted for the first time school zone lines.

The new lines were drawn in such a way that only Negro

children were forced back into Jim Crow school. All of the streets on which Negro school children live, regardless of the location of the streets within the city, were included in one zone.

On September 21, 1954, a petition was filed with the District Court seeking a temporary restraining order restraining the School Board from forcing the children who had registered at the two white schools to return to the Negro school.

Attorneys for the Negro parents and children argue that the Supreme Court decrees will have no bearing on their case because none of the 5 cases before the Supreme Court involves the issue of refusing to allow the Negro children to return to the segregated school.

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Heart Ailment Fatal To AME Church Leader

WASHINGTON, D. C. Services for the Rt. Rev. L. H. Hemingway, Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church, will be held in Washington, D. C., at twelve o'clock noon, Monday, December 6, at the Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 "M" Street, N. W.

The Rt. Rev. D. Ward Nichols, Presiding Bishop of the First Episcopal District, will deliver the eulogy.

Bishop Hemingway's death, which occurred Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Freedman Hospital in Washington, climaxed an illness of several weeks and came as a result of a complication of diseases including a heart ailment and a paralytic stroke.

He was born in Conway, South Carolina and was elected to the bishopric in Kansas City, Missouri in 1948. Since that time he has been Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District.

His wife, Mrs. Catherine C. Hemingway, survives together with several other close and distant relatives. Interment will be in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Suitland, Maryland, just across the District of Columbia line.

Thinks He Will Be White Forever

ST. LOUIS, MO. L. Keith McGlathlin is sure he will be forever white. He is certain too that he belongs to a superior race. In a letter of bitter protest to Collier's relative to an article on the Negro in the North, McGlathlin writes:

"Those of us whose backgrounds date to Plymouth Rock feel a sense of both disgust and fear that as great a magazine as yours must publish such trivia. I am white—will always be white and forever be of a very pronounced and proven feeling that our race is better than our colored neighbors."

Xmas Contest Announced By Business Chain

The Durham Business and its annual Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest. A great deal of interest in this affair is anticipated. A special appeal is being made to the members of the Flower Clubs and other civic and social organizations to enter.

There will be four grand prizes awarded to the winners selected by the judges. Begin now making your plans as it is expected that this Christmas the Durham Community will be the most beautiful of any to be found in the South.

Fill out the blank and mail to: CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST COMMITTEE 504 E. PETTIGREW STREET

Entry blanks must be in by Saturday, December 18, 1954. Judges will begin judging the displays beginning Sunday night, December 19, 1954 at 7:00 p. m.

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