

LITTLE RIVER NEWS

By Zula Rogers

"Launching a Century With Christ" will be the theme of the Associational Sunday School Teachers and Officers meeting in the Antioch Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, January 13, at 3 o'clock.

In addition to the conference that will be held for each department, Mr. G. A. Tripp of Campbell College will speak on "Teaching the Sunday School Lesson."

A large group of ministers heard Dr. A. C. Reid speak on "The Work of the Minister" at the January meeting of the Pastors' Conference.

Ten of our women (the largest delegation present) attended the Divisional WMU Leadership Conference for associational leaders in Durham January 8. These same ladies met in our local associational office on January 9 to complete the plans for the WMU Conference in Dunn January 18 at 10:30. You will see the program in another column of this paper.

The first meeting of the Young Women's Auxiliary Council of the association was well attended in Dunn Monday night, January 14. Mrs. S. Lewis Morgan, young people's leader, presided. Miss Mildred Howell of Campbell College led the devotional, using as her theme, "The Master Come and Callest for Thee." Miss Kattie Murray, missionary from China, spoke on "Christ Calls For Me." The Dunn YWA gave a beautiful

ful dramatization of "Christianity's Call."

All BTU directors and leaders may secure materials for all training union contests by writing Mr. Harvey T. Gibson, state training union secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

Now is the time to plan for GA Focus Week February 10-16, Sunday School Night in February and the School of Missions March 10-15.

PCA MAKING ADDITIONAL DORMITORY FACILITIES

Maxton, Jan. 16.—So many veterans have registered for the second semester, beginning Jan. 23, at Presbyterian Junior College that the college is making arrangements for additional dormitory facilities and for housing married students. A large number of the students are taking the special refresher course before beginning college work. Others are taking regular college classes or commercial work. A large class in aeronautics ground school and flying is anticipated. Regular mid-term examinations begin Jan. 17, and continue through Jan. 22.

DUNN PCA RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS

The Dunn Production Credit Association's representative, Miss Lolin O'Quinn, is now taking loan applications for farmers in this area, in the Agricultural Building in Lillington. Hours for taking applications are from ten to four each day in the week except Saturday. If you are a farmer and have need for financing this year, the Dunn PCA is prepared to give you speedy service through this field office.

Give Thanks

A FAMILY living in a wooded section of a northwestern state stood outside the door of their house looking around sorrowfully. Prairie fires were sweeping the country, and their house was the last one remaining in the path of the flames. Everything luminously possible had been done to save the home, by the few brave fire fighters, but apparently to no avail.

"Let us give thanks to God for His goodness," said the elder daughter of the family. "There are many instances recorded in the Bible of protection afforded to those who praise God even in the midst of trials and danger," she continued. Then she briefly reviewed the story of Joshua and his band which compassed the city of Jericho seven days, singing praises to God until "the wall fell down flat" before them (see Joshua 8).

She spoke also of Paul and Silas, who, when cast into prison, "prayed, and sang praises unto God" at midnight, "and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed" (Acts 16:25, 26). "Don't you understand?" she said to the other members of the family. "When we lift our hearts in praise to God we are acknowledging His omnipotence and omnipresence."

The family were impressed by the young woman's earnestness, and they all joined in giving thanks. They thanked God for His goodness, for the fact that they had always been cared for, that they had never lacked a home and could not really lack one now, since the true home is the consciousness of love. Above all, they thanked Him for life, truth, and love, for friends, for strength and health, and for affection expressed in consideration for one another. Then quite suddenly came the divinely natural answer to the prayer of thanksgiving—a heavy downpour from a sky that shortly before had been clear—and the home was saved.

True gratitude is based on the recognition of the facts that God is All and that God and His ideas comprise the only reality. This truth understood and demonstrated refutes positively and effectively the claim of an evil power. Gratitude to God does not change or influence the Maker, who is always unchangeable good; but thanksgiving to Him lifts human hearts to higher levels, eliminates doubt and darkness, and enhances receptivity to the good always at hand. Mary Baker Eddy writes in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 2), "God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less than bestow all good, since He is unchanging wisdom and Love." She continues in the next paragraph, "Prayer cannot change the Science of being, but it tends to bring us into harmony with it."

It requires a deep and certain sense of God as infinite Mind, eternal Love, to face unhappy conditions with a joyous heart, to thank Him before the evidence of His power is apparent to human view.

Said the Psalmist, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1). Truly it is a good thing to give thanks, to rejoice in the power of God, and to acknowledge Him in all our ways. Health, harmony, freedom, and peace are the natural results of a grateful heart.—The Christian Science Monitor.

MANY CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA SHOW INCREASE

North Carolina farmers produced 55,650,000 bushels of corn last year, as compared with 51,018,000 bushels in 1944; 819,790,000 pounds of tobacco as against 752,956,000 pounds in 1944; 9,240,000 bushels of Irish potatoes as compared with 8,970,000 bushels in 1944; and 6,745,000 bushels of peaches as contrasted with only 2,172,000 bushels in 1944. These production estimates are contained in the annual report of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service in the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

The hay crop last year is set at 1,281,000 tons as compared with 1,150,000 tons in 1944. However, peanuts show a big reduction, 287,850,000 pounds picked and threshed in 1945 as against 343,910,000 pounds in 1944. Cotton is down from 710,000 bales to 430,000 bales and sweet potatoes went from 8,625,000 bushels in 1944 to 7,260,000 bushels in 1945. The 1945 corn crop is valued at \$77,910,000, in 1944 \$75,527,000; tobacco, \$360,043,000 in 1945, \$335,475,000 in 1944; Irish potatoes \$15,708,000 compared with \$10,637,000 in 1944, and peaches, \$5,104,000 in 1945, \$6,745,000 in 1944.

DISEASES OF BEES SHOW INCREASE IN STATE

Bees diseases have shown a considerable increase in certain sections of the state during the past six months, especially in the central part of the state, according to Dr. D. L. Wray of the State Department of Agriculture Entomology Division.

He said that some of this increase may be attributed to lack of precaution of beekeepers in moving bees from one section to another, in trying to make increases of colonies without examining the brood, and buying bees without knowing whether the brood was free of disease. The main source of trouble probably stems from a diseased colony which dies out. If honey is left in the hive, bees from the other colonies rob or take this infected honey back to their combs and contract the disease.

Dr. Wray pointed out that many colonies of bees starved out during rainy, cold spells last spring. Those weak from disease were easy victims and were robbed, and the disease was scattered over several colonies.

"This happened in several cases where the beekeeper failed to clean up the dead hives and get rid of the diseased material before the other bees got to it," said Wray. He asserted that the wartime sweet shortage has made honey in great demand, hence there are many more beekeepers starting with bees, which has in some instances added to the bee disease problem.

"All beekeepers, whether veterans or beginners, should be cautious in moving broods from one colony to another without first examining it to be sure that it is not diseased, as there are several instances where brood from a diseased hive was placed in several clean ones and some-

time later the mistake was discovered—to the loss of the beekeeper," said Wray.

BREWERS COMMITTEE RECOUNTS ACTIVITIES

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Field representatives made 8,539 investigations of retail beer outlets in North Carolina in 1945 as a part of the self-regulation program sponsored by the N. C. Committee-U. S. Brewers Foundation. State Director Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, in his annual report, said the committee's activities resulted in the revocation of the retail beer licenses of 13 retail dealers and disciplinary action against 79 other outlets.

Also in 1945, Director Bain said the committee held meetings with retail dealers in 113 cities and towns, issued 33 bulletins to distributors and retailers, held 1500 conferences with public officials and military authorities, compiled the public and local acts governing the sale and distribution of beer, and mailed 30,000 communications and bulletins. The beer industry's self-regulation program has been in operation in North Carolina since 1939.

We need not power or splendor; Wide hall or lordly dome; The good, the true, the tender, These form the wealth of home. —Sarah J. Hale.

LITTLE RIVER WMU LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT DUNN ON JAN. 18

The Little River WMU Leadership Conference will be held in the First Baptist Church of Dunn on January 18. Following is the program:

10:30, Hymn, We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.

10:35, Devotional, Mrs. Forrest C. Maxwell.

10:45, Conference:

1. For Presidents, 1st and 2nd vice presidents, Mrs. D. B. Andrews.

2. For Stewardship Chairman, Miss Lillian Draughon.

3. For Community Mission, Mrs. L. E. Johnson.

4. For Mission Study and Literature, Mrs. Harry D. Wood and Mrs. J. G. Layton.

5. For White Cross and Training Union, Mrs. Wilton Byrd and Mrs. I. K. Stafford.

12:25, Our Cooperative Task, Mrs. H. G. Hammett, Divisional Young People's Leader.

12:40, Lunch.

1:15, Hymn, O Zion Haste.

2:00, Our Young People at Work, Mrs. S. Lewis Morgan.

2:30, Inspirational Message, Mrs. R. B. Wilkins, Divisional Young People's Leader.

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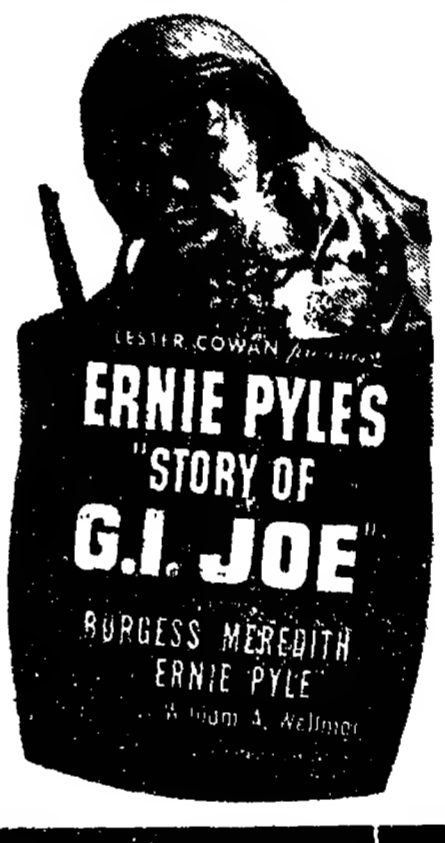
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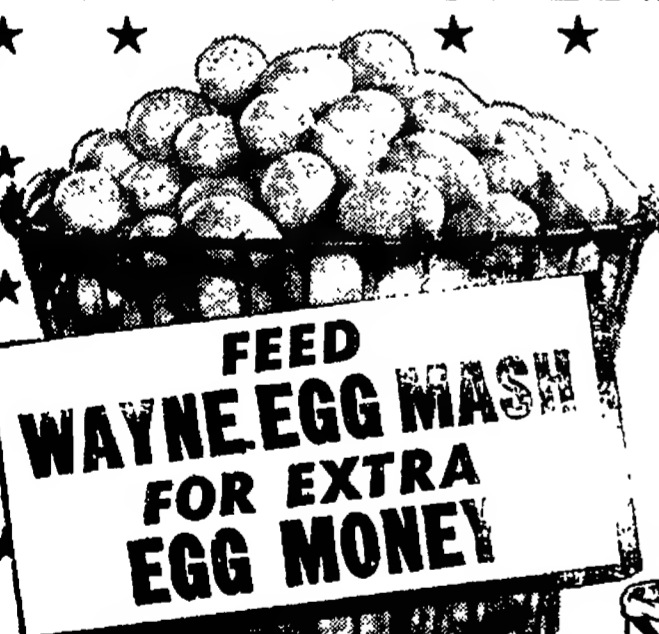


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