

God And Russia

The Christian Church in Russia is experiencing a steady erosion.

According to reports coming out of the USSR, a considerable number of church buildings have been converted to secular uses in the past year, among them the Orthodox cathedral in Riga.

While no figures on the overall operations are issued, Pravda recently claimed more than 200 churches of various denominations had been closed in the last three years in the region of Volhynia in the Western Ukraine. Local party ac-

tivist were commended for their efforts.

Last June the Central Committee of the Communist Party plenum on ideology gave fresh impetus to the anti-religious campaign. The party rank and file were told that as Communists they were expected to combat religion, beginning with church-going members of their immediate families.

These people, who worship God in Russia and are willing to accept the consequences, need the prayers of free people throughout the world.

Business Outlook Said Good

The business outlook this year is generally regarded as good by the nation's economic forecasters.

The experts base their optimism on passage of the \$11 billion tax-cut measure proposed last year by the late President Kennedy.

Assuming a tax cut, the economists look for a Gross National Product of between \$622 and \$627 billion by the end of the year, representing a rise of about 5 per cent and the first time over the \$600 billion mark.

A slight decline in unemployment is predicted, from the present 5.5 per cent to about

5.3 per cent of the labor force.

Some major forecasts made by a forum of economists include a prediction of auto sales equal to 1963's total of about 7.6 million.

Construction is expected to have a good year, with office building steady, and an expansion in school and hospital construction. Shopping-center construction may drop.

Net farm income is expected to drop about 5 per cent this year with the decline substantially concentrated in wheat. In general, the outlook is bright--which is always welcome news--though dependent on the tax cut.

Panama Emotionalism

The recent fighting in Panama is tragic and unfortunate. More than that, it is costly to the United States reputation in foreign lands. But it may have been unavoidable.

It seems apparent the Panamanians were unable to much longer restrain themselves from the temptation of trying to force us into concessions, by embarrassing us in just the kind of incident which recently occurred.

The Panamanians are smart enough to know that in this age of anti-colonial sentiment, any trouble between the mighty Uni-

ted States and tiny Panama, in the Canal Zone, and involving the military forces of the United States, would stir world opinion in favor of Panamanian claims.

The Panamanians want control over the Canal Zone, though by treaty they do not have much of a legal case. Yet in the modern drift of world opinion, they have a sentimental case.

The real cause of the trouble, then, is the traditional wild and disorderly manner in which Latins conduct themselves when they have, or think they have, a grievance.

Misfit Drop-Outs

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has come in for criticism from time to time, and frequently with more than a modicum of justification, for the cavalier way in which it dispenses Uncle Sam's money on seemingly frivolous or needless projects and programs.

We cannot quarrel, however, with a number of modest grants it recently announced to finance research in the problem of school drop-outs.

There is ample evidence in the files of employment agencies, welfare institutions and police departments to suggest that delinquency, social maladjustment and poverty are linked intimately with lack of education.

Someone has said that life, for the average boy of today, is a high-stakes poker game requiring a college degree for openers. That may be stretching things a little, for there are those not qualified for college who can still make a success for themselves in manual arts.

But anything less than a high school education poses an almost insurmountable handicap

in these days and times and it's not strange the misfit ratio is high among those without it. Thus any study aimed at trying to prevent elementary and high school drop-outs is very worthwhile undertaking.

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Here And There About Franklin County

Louisburg

Spending Wednesday with their sister, Mrs. F. M. Fuller, were Miss Fannie Rowland and Mrs. J. R. Ellington of Kittrell and Mrs. L. W. Huff of Henderson.

Mrs. F. M. Fuller and Mrs. C. H. Weston of Franklinton attended an American Legion Go Getters Luncheon at the Womans Club in Selma on Friday.

Bobbitt

Miss Betsy Ellington, student at Duke, is at home for between semester holidays. She has as her guest, Miss Amy Morrison of Indianapolis, Indiana, who also is a student at the University.

John W. Smith of Nederland, Texas, visited his relatives, the Allgoods and the E. S. Abbott family during the week end. He returned to Georgia, Tech, Atlanta, Ga., on Monday to resume his studies for the Spring term.

Mrs. Ida Abbott is spending this week with her son J. V. Abbott and family in Burlington.

Miss Maurice Rogers sustained arm and shoulder injuries in a fall last week.

Mrs. Mark Taylor, Sr., of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Ollie Finch of Raleigh visited Mrs. Ira Finch and Mrs. R. M. Edwards Wednesday.

Mr. Horace Woodlief of Henderson was dinner guest of

Deaths

MRS. EMMA L. MOORE

Louisburg--Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Lee Moore, 44, who died Saturday were conducted from the Ransdell Chapel Baptist Church Monday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Larry Jenkins. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was a lifelong resident of Franklin County, employed by the Louisburg Sportswear Company here, and was a member of the Ransdell Chapel Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Carl O. Moore; one daughter, Mrs. Ted Edwards of Raleigh; one son, Louis of Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. Sam Horton of Louisburg; Mrs. Tom Henley of Roanoke Rapids; and one brother, Miller Tant of Franklinton.

MRS. LUCY H. WELDON

Henderson--Mrs. Lucy Ham Weldon, 93, died Saturday. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. from the Liberty Christian Church by the Rev. W. E. Joiner, the Rev. Jesse Parker and the Rev. W. B. Petway. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. T. W. Ellis of Henderson; seven sons, Tolle, J. Ira, K. G., Julian, Bennett and Hill Weldon of Franklin County, O. W. of Vance County; one sister, Mrs. Jodie Ayscue of Henderson; 27 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was a member of the Liberty Christian Church and the Eastern Star.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thad Woodlief

Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ries Finch and Mrs. Ira Finch spent Tuesday in Raleigh. Ted Finch, student at State, returned home with them for midterm holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Campbell of Graham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Finch Sunday.

White Level

Mrs. Monnie Collins visited with her daughter and family in Raleigh during the week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley and little daughter Crystal of Garner spent Tuesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Penny Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nelms visited their daughter and family of Knightdale for a few days during the week.

Rev. and Mrs. Wade Fowler of Roxboro were in the community Friday.

Mrs. Nalue Wood and Mrs. Sissie Collins visited Mrs. Nannie Collins in Wargenton Sunday.

Mr. S. B. Turner returned to Veterans Hospital in Durham Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Collins and children of Richmond were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Collins.

Miss Sedonia Nash and Mrs. Mavis Burnette visited Mrs. Tony Adams and family of Knightdale Tuesday.

Mrs. Esther Wood and Sam motored to Rocky Mount on business during the week.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood Dickens on Sunday were Rev. Early Tracey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gupton of Raleigh.

Mrs. Lettie Conn and Mrs. Florine Leonard and Anita visited Mr. and Mrs. Dock Griffin of Red Oak Sunday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clem-on Murphy in Va. Sunday were Mrs. Illa Inscoc, Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Murphy and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dickens visited with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Inscoc and Tony in Burlington Sunday.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wood and family Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Proctor of Rocky Mount.

Miss Edith Best of Raleigh spent the week end with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Best.

Rev. and Mrs. Wade Fowler and son of Roxboro will move into the White Level Par-

Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for the many kindnesses shown us during the death of our beloved one, Mrs. Emily Lee Moore. Each expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Family of Mrs. Emily Lee Moore

sonage on Friday and will begin his pastoral work on Sunday night. All visitors are welcomed.

Double Meaning

A lady was very much pleased because her husband had called her an angel. She was not accustomed to compliments from him and asked him why he had called her an angel. "Because," he replied, "you are always up in the air, you're continually harping on something, and you never have a darn thing to wear."

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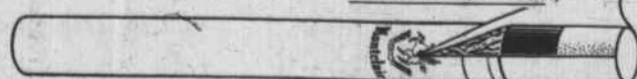
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