

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN

A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

By Miss Annie Chresfield

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN A TIME LIKE THIS

A prayer service of ten minutes by the Prayer Committee, all the officers of the society and the leader for the day.

Singing for ten minutes or other music.

Opening words: "Be not afraid of them that kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. Fear him which after he hath killed has power to cast into hell. Fear him."

Response: "If thou faint in the day of adversity thy strength is small." (Make several copies of this response that all may read it.)

Prayer.

Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from Esther 4:7-17; Luke 12:4-9.

The leader's message.

Prayer by the leader.

Singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."

Discussion of the topic.

Like Esther.

Jack Bond—A Christian.

Why We Live In Days Like These.

1. Explain fear of man.

2. What does fear of man make out of us?

3. Why are Christians not popular in these times?

4. Can anything be wrong about looking out for one's self first?

5. Mention some tests a Christian of these days must meet.

How do you feel when some one laughs at you for doing right?

7. Tell what Esther did.

8. What tests did Jack Bond meet?

9. Name three great leaders and tell what made them great.

10. Can you name a service for God that a Christian is afraid to do?

Prayer: O God, make me, I pray thee, bold, patient, strong and unselfish for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Singing, "My Task."

Reports of committees.

Offering and prayer.

Report of the Secretary.

Singing, "There's A Work For Jesus."

Benediction.

The Leader's Message

Jesus in preaching to His disciples one day warned them against the fear of man. In this our day and time it would be well to examine ourselves and see if the fear of man does not play a large part in our lives.

We are afraid we will lose our jobs. This often makes us men-pleasers, eye-servants, liars, hypocrites and cowards. Fear of people always makes cowards of us. In times like this one who is a real Christian will not be popular in worldly society.

So it is that we find many who refuse to be Christians because it would cost them their popularity. Their friends would surely not like to hear them speaking of God, right, wrong, sin, etc. Selfishness, too, plays a large part in this our day. "Why should I put myself out for you?" is the thought of many; and, "You expect a person to look out for himself first," is an expression commonly agreed to. Only those who are in earnest about being Christians can stand the severe tests of these days.

Like Esther

Esther was Queen of Persia. The king, her husband, was a weakling who could be turned about by flattery and cunning deceit. Mordecai, Esther's uncle, was a Jew. When an unknown girl, Esther had made her home with her uncle Mordecai. Very few people knew that Queen Esther was a Jew or that she was related to Mordecai.

Haman, friend of the king and very powerful in Persia because of his hatred of Mordecai, obtained permission from the king to kill all the Jews in Persia. The day had been published, when Esther learned the awful facts. It was then we hear her brave words as she was urged by her uncle to

go to the king and plead for her people. "So will I go in unto the king, though not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish." We find that because of her brave and unselfish deed, Esther saved her people from destruction. Wouldn't it be fine to have young women like Esther who in times like these would dare to live right regardless of what it cost.

Being A Christian Today

Abraham, a friend of God, left home and became a wanderer on the earth in obedience to God's call. Noah was laughed to scorn because he obeyed God. Joseph was put in jail because he refused to commit adultery. Ruth left home and loved ones in her search for God. In these days in which we live all this may be necessary for one who will follow Jesus to do.

There are the missionaries who leave home and loved ones and go into all the world in obedience to God. In this, our time, it is a common occurrence to be laughed at for being a Christian. Many, too, are persecuted today for being Christians just as Joseph was. Some, like Ruth, must leave their homes in order to be clean, sincere Christians. To be a Christian in a time like this, one must be strong in the grace which God supplies through Jesus our Saviour.

Jack Bond—A Christian

"Say, mother," exclaimed Jack Bond as he entered his mother's room. "I think it's hard to be a Christian." "Many of us find it so," replied his mother. "Just what has led you to your sudden decision?" she asked.

"It's not so sudden," replied Jack. "I have been a Christian for six weeks now and I have been catching it. First, Evelyn Lyon invited me to her home for a party just after I joined the church. It was pretty rough there. About twelve o'clock I told her I was going home. She didn't like it and told me not to ever come again. Then John Bradford and a bunch of the fellows wanted me to drink whiskey with them. They became very angry when I refused. Said I was so good. That I ought not to keep company with bad boys like they were. Mr. Montry cursed me this morning because I wouldn't lie for him."

Mrs. Bond looked at her son. "Are you going to give up?" she asked. "No, mother, God helping me, I will fight it out."

Why Are We Living In Days Like These?

In every critical situation just at the crucial time a leader seems to come on the scene. Surely it is God's Plan. It couldn't just happen like that. Think of how Esther came to the kingdom in time to save the Jews; of how Moses came in Egypt; of how George Washington came on the scene of action in time to save the United States; and of how Abraham Lincoln became President in time to make the Negroes free.

But it is not only kings and public people who have work to do for God and humanity. There are tasks awaiting each one of us in these times. There are daily tasks. There is something we should do. Something we should say, or some place to which we should go. A Christian should never be afraid to do things in God's service. He or she should feel like Esther, that God has let us live at this special time to do this particular work for Him.

WILLIAM M. COOPER—
SPECIAL PROMOTER

In view of the great need for vocational opportunities among Negroes, Hampton Institute has appointed William M. Cooper, Director of Extension Service, as special promoter and liaison worker to make helpful contacts and agreements wherever possible with businesses and industries that may provide vocational opportunities for Hampton graduates.

Mr. Cooper will also present to high-school students in strategic centers useful information concerning opportunities within the trades and in business to the end that more students see the actual possibilities for Negroes in these industries.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The General Assembly of 1937 passed and ratified the following law, in the interest of public health and in the fight against the spread of venereal diseases:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That hereafter all domestic servants who shall present themselves for employment shall furnish their employer with a certificate from a practicing physician or the public health officer of the county in which they reside, certifying that they have been examined within two weeks prior to the time of said presentation of said certificate, that they are free from all contagious, infectious or communicable diseases and showing the non-existence of any venereal disease which might be transmitted. Such certificate shall be accompanied by the original report from a laboratory approved by the State Board of Health for making such tests showing that the Wassermann or any other approved tests of this nature are negative. Such tests to have been made within two weeks of the time of the presentation of such certificate; and such certificate shall also affirmatively state the non-existence of tuberculosis in the infectious state.

Section 2. That all domestic servants employed shall be examined at least once a year and as often as the employer may require, and upon examination shall furnish to the employer all of the evidence of the condition of their health, as is set out in section one hereof.

Section 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this 22nd day of March, 1937.

N. A. A. C. P. ANNUAL REPORT OUT

New York, July.—The 27th Annual Report of the N. A. A. C. P. covering the activities for the year 1936, is available for distribution. The 36-page pamphlet is divided into six short chapters covering various phases of the Association's activities. One chapter is devoted to lynching and others to legal defense, the fight for increased economic opportunities and the campaign against inequalities in public education. Other chapters cover the work of the branches of the Association and a report on the finances. The annual report sells for ten cents plus postage.

THE SCHOOL OF METHODS OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY

The seventh annual meeting of the Presbyterial Convention and School of Methods of Southern Virginia Presbytery will begin Saturday, July 24, at 8 P. M., and will close Wednesday, July 28. The place will be the beautiful campus of Ingleside-Fee Institute. The total expense per delegate will be \$2. Churches, Sunday schools and Young People's Societies are asked to send delegates. Sunday schools are reminded not to forget the tax of five cents for each Sunday school member. May we meet at Burkeville.

SAMUEL G. STEVENS,
Dean.

SAYS PHILADELPHIA Y IS "INADEQUATE"

Philadelphia. — (C) — The Philadelphia YMCA, 1724 Christian Street, is "far too inadequate for the needs" of the community, according to Herbert T. Miller, Secretary, in a recent radio address. The building is 25 years old.

FAIRFIELD CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention and Junior School of Methods of the Fairfield Presbytery will be held at Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C., July 28-31. The Sunday School Convention opens Wednesday, July 28, at 8 P. M.

The officers of the convention are: Mrs. W. I. P. Roseborough, President; Miss T. L. Frierson, Secretary; and Mrs. J. R. Dun-gee, Treasurer.

A RESPECTED CITIZEN OF AIKEN, S. C., PASSES

Mr. Floyd James Price departed this life Saturday, June 26, at 1 o'clock A. M. He was born at St. Albans, West Virginia, April 7, 1886, being the fifth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Shedrick L. Price.

Mr. Price joined the church at the age of fourteen. He attended the West Virginia State College and after graduating taught school at Mayesville Institute for a number of years. On September 6, 1911, he married Miss Mary Berry at Summerton, S. C. From this union were born three children; Edison M. Price, Mary E. Price and Berry C. Price.

Mr. Price was a faithful member and superintendent of Trinity Presbyterian Sunday School of Mayesville, S. C. After moving to Aiken he connected himself with the Immanuel Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. L. E. Ginn is pastor.

The deceased contributed to the support of the church both by his means and talents. His praying and singing added much to the spiritual side of our services.

When Mr. Price was physically able to go about his duties he connected himself with the Civic League of Aiken, S. C. He was also a member of Dickerson Lodge No. 314 of Free and Accepted Masons of the above named city.

Funeral services were conducted at the Immanuel Presbyterian church of Aiken, Tuesday, June 29, 1937, the Rev. L. E. Ginn officiating, assisted by Rev. Murph and other pastors of the city. Surviving the deceased are his devoted wife, Mrs. Mary Price; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Price Davis, of Huntington, West Virginia; two sons, Edison Price of Huntington, West Virginia, and Berry C. Price of Aiken; two brothers, Mr. C. E. Price, of Madison, West Virginia, and Mr. Edward G. Price of Huntington, West Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Maud Price of Madison, West Va.; and Miss Julia Price of Huntington, West Va., and several nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

"We'll trust the Dear Father who knows what is best, This cross he will help us to bear; In yonder bright home there remaineth a rest And we shall be satisfied there."

L. E. G.

N. C. MAN SEEKS HARLEM LEADERSHIP

New York. — (C) — Dr. L. B. Capehart, native of Raleigh, N. C., who was educated at Shaw University and Columbia, is making a strong fight for the Democratic leadership in the 19th district, as head of the Citizens Democratic club, 139 West 125th Street.

DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Eastern District Presbyterial of the Yadkin Presbytery will hold its regular annual meeting, August 6th, 1937, with the Shady Grove Presbyterian church, Carthage, N. C. The opening session will begin at 1:30 P. M.

Each society of the district is asked to report by President and delegate. We are asking that each pastor accompany his President and delegate to this meeting.

Let us see to it that each society pays its fee to the cause—one dollar to the Efland Home, and annual dues of five cents for the Treasurer.

Let us be there on time with our hearts filled with the missionary spirit of old, and make this meeting a great meeting.

MRS. L. K. WALL, Sec'y.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

You are urged to attend the Conference of Sunday School and Church Workers which meets at Barber-Scotia Junior College, Concord, N. C., July 27, 28 and 29. The Conference offers in its program opportunities for Fellowship, Instruction, Recreation and Worship. The cost is very low. We hope that you will attend.

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CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL

The annual meeting of the Catawba Presbyterial Conference of Sunday School and Church Workers will be held at Barber-Scotia Junior College, Concord, July 27, 28 and 29th. The registration of delegates and assignment to classes will begin at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, July 27th, and the closing services and Vespers will be held at 7:15 P. M. on Thursday evening, July 29th, after supper has been served.

The Conference offers in its program opportunities for Fellowship, Instruction, Recreation and Worship. If you are a Sunday school or church worker you can't afford to miss this meeting.

Remember the annual assessment fee is five cents for each member enrolled in the Sunday schools.

MRS. HALLIE Q. MAYBERRY,
Secretary.

We can judge churches by their kindly interest in sinners.