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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii:32.

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ECHOES FROM CATAWBA AND YADKIN PRESBYTERIES

By "The Reporters"

Vacation Church School Institute, Charlotte

In an effort to substantially increase the number of Vacation Church Schools and to improve the leadership, the Conference of Sunday School and Church Workers of Catawba Presbytery sponsored a Vacation Church School Institute for the churches of Charlotte and vicinity. Because of its accessibility, Charlotte was chosen for the place to hold the Institute. Cooperation was expected from twelve of the churches in this vicinity. They were Bensalem, Biddleville, Brooklyn, Emmanuel, Church Street, Lloyd, New Hampton, New Hope, Pineville, St. Paul and Seventh Street, the last named church being the place of meeting. Registrations show that delegates were present from seven of these churches: Bensalem, Biddleville, Brandon, Brooklyn, Lloyd, St. Paul Presbyterian churches and Ebenezer Baptist church.

The Institute opened Monday night, April 25, and continued classes through April 27, closing with an average attendance of fifty-four. Classes were organized as follows:

"How To Run A Successful Vacation Church School."

"A Practical Program of Music for the Vacation Church School."

"Story Material and How To Use It in the V. B. School."

"A Recreational Program for Children in the D. V. B. School."

The Institute was literally turned into a Vacation Church School during the Music Hour. The skillful approach and the pleasing technique used by Mrs. S. P. Prince in presenting her material helped the adults present to be children and enjoy "A Practical Program of Music" while being instructed as to how this part of the Vacation Church School should be conducted.

Mrs. M. B. George, who taught our class in "Story Material and How to Use It" pointed the way to a very wide range of story material and demonstrated in a very helpful manner how these materials may be used to entertain a group of children as well as to teach some of the fundamental principles of ethics and of Christianity.

The theoretical elements of "A Recreational Program for Children in the D. V. B. School" were made plain and their practical benefits were demonstrated by Miss C. Yongue.

The class in "How to Run a Successful Vacation Church School" was taught by Miss Naomi Freeman. This was an administrative course and was designed to help those who would be responsible for setting up a Vacation Church School.

"A Thought For the Evening" was presented for the consideration of the group each evening by Mrs. Cecelia McCoy Jamison. Her able discussions were inductive to sober reflection on ordinary phases of life activity. The Institute was quite fortunate in having the presence and services of Mrs. Jamison. We appreciate her services very much.

Reverends A. P. Corley, D. D., J. M. Alston, and H. W. Givens led the group to "higher ground" through a series of worship services, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively.

If a general statement were to be made in regards to the Institute and those attending it, it would be: attention with a sense of earnest concern seemed to characterize the manner in which each person went about the work of the week. The entire group was charged with an enthusiastic spirit of co-operation and a real desire to know. This fine spirit was encouraged and nourished by the very excellent leadership, which

made those present say, "We had a good Institute and a very good time."

A Leadership Training Institute, Concord

The second Institute was conducted at the Westminster church, Concord, Rev. H. Wilson, D. D., pastor. The work scheduled for this Institute was conducted in a manner similar to the Vacation Church School Institute. The courses were planned to meet the needs of leaders in this vicinity. Two courses in Vacation Church School work were scheduled along with courses in "Enlisting and Developing Church Workers" and "The Work of Church Officers." The class leaders were Mrs. A. H. George, Mrs. Susan Prince, Rev. H. Wilson, D. D., and Miss Naomi Freeman.

Co-operation was expected from the following churches: Westminster, Rev. H. Wilson, D. D., pastor; Bellefonte and Siloam, Rev. J. H. Stokes, pastor; Bethpage and Cedar Grove, Rev. Paul E. Davis, pastor.

The records on the closing night showed that three of the five churches sent delegates each night. They were Westminster, Bethpage and Cedar Grove churches. Attendance records show that there was an average attendance of twenty-five for the three nights. A large percentage of the students registered in this Institute were church officers who were very enthusiastic over the work offered for church workers.

The success of the work done in these Institutes cannot be measured by the number of people present. But the fine quality of work performed and the sincere interest of the individuals who were present are indicative of a degree of success. In spite of the unusually crowded schedule of events during the time that the Institutes were conducted, we feel that the Institutes showed a fair promise of the existing possibilities for the development of this type of Leadership Training. Too much can not be said of the benefits that have accrued to the cooperating churches and to the individuals who attended the Institutes. We are looking forward with interest and enthusiasm to our Fall Institute Program.

A very fine spirit of cooperation was shown in every phase of planning for each of the Institutes. On the closing night of each Institute the group was pleasantly surprised with a delicious repast, served by the members of the hostess churches.

Young People's League Meetings

The Eastern District meeting of Yadkin Presbytery was held at John Hall church, Carthage, N. C., April 23. We were very happy to see so many of the Young People's Societies represented in this our regular quarterly meeting. Delegates were present from the following churches: Southern Pines, Faith, Bower's Chapel, John Hall, Lemon Springs, and Silver Hill. Ministers present were Reverends H. O. Walker, P. N. Boykin, J. L. Brown and O. J. Hawkins.

After a very effective devotional service, led by the young people of John Hall church, we held a very important business meeting. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Miss Minnie McCrae, of So. Pines; Vice-President, Mr. Raeford Lightner, of Sanford; Secretary, Miss Catherine Thompson, of Jonesboro; Cor. Secretary, Miss M. L. Clark, Laurinburg; Asst. Secretary, Miss Geneva Brown, Carthage; Treasurer, Miss Pauline Phillips, Carthage. The officers were duly installed by Rev. H. O. Walker.

Two very interesting discussion periods were held. Mrs.

J. E. McMillan led the discussion on the subject "Time, an Element of Importance." Miss Naomi Freeman, our Sunday School Missionary, was the leader in the next discussion: "The Organization and the Purpose of the League." Both of these were very beneficial to all of us, since we are trying to get our League reorganized.

The Inspirational Address was delivered by Rev. H. O. Walker, who impressed upon us the need for a greater service from the youth of our churches. His message was enjoyed very much, and each of us accepted the challenge to render a better service to our Lord.

Our stay in Carthage was a very pleasant one. The local committee on arrangements spared no effort for our pleasure. After enjoying a very good dinner Miss E. L. Barrett led in the recreational activities. Our meeting was informational, interesting, and spiritual. The League adjourned to meet again in July, the date and place to be announced later.

Western District

The Young People's League of the Western District of Yadkin Presbytery held its quarterly meeting at Booneville First church, Booneville, N. C. The meeting was called at 6:30 P. M., Friday, May 13. A representative delegation was present. Registrations were as follows: Mt. Airy, Cherry St., Grace, and Booneville First. The Reverends A. E. Fortune, C. H. White, L. B. Washington and H. O. Walker were the ministers present.

After the evening devotional service the house was called to order for a business meeting. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President Rev. C. H. White presided. Officers elected: President, Mr. Matthew Black; Vice-President, Mr. Gilmer Franklin; Secretary, Miss Mildred Robinson; Asst. Secretary, Mr. R. L. Cundiff; Treasurer, Elder C. W. Robinson. The officers were installed in a very effective ceremony by Rev. H. O. Walker, a visitor of the Eastern District.

After the business the League was invited to dinner, which was prepared and served in a very fine manner, for which Booneville is noted. Rev. Washington and his co-workers did everything possible to make our stay in Booneville a pleasant one. We cannot thank them too much for everything. The closing worship service was truly an inspirational one. Mr. Matthew Black, our newly elected President, conducted this service with poise and dignity. The Rev. L. B. Washington delivered the address of the evening. He took his text from Exodus 4:23; subject "Using What Is At Hand." This very timely discourse was expounded with thoughtful force and deliberation. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. E. Fortune. Everyone left the meeting with a new determination to make our League the best in Yadkin Presbytery.

THE SECOND WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

More than 500 delegates from youth organizations all over the world will attend the Second World Youth Congress at Vassar College, August 15-24, to discuss the problems of youth and their relation to peace. The Congress will be divided into four main Commissions: Political Organization for Peace; Economic Organization for Peace; Economic and Cultural Status of Youth and Its Relation to Peace; and the Ethical and Philosophical Bases of Peace. In addition there will be meetings of delegates according to category—Church, Student, Labor, and Farm representatives and according to geographical division. The findings of the Congress will be presented in the form of reports on the basis of which future work will be planned.

An abundance is never an excuse for waste.

INGLESIDE-FEE INSTITUTE

BURKEVILLE, VA.

By Dorothy Cuthbertson

The Commencement of 1938 marks the high light in the history of Ingleside-Fee Memorial Institute. We are proud to boast forty-one graduates, which is the largest number the school has ever sent out.

Our commencement exercises were started off with a bang! Our first program was a musical recital on Monday, May 23rd. Our second presentation for the season was the Fashion Revue under the direction of Miss Alma Harris, our Home Economics teacher. Miss Harris brought to the audience a demonstration of proper clothes for special occasions. On Thursday night, May 26, the Junior class honored the Senior class with a banquet in the beautifully decorated dining hall of Ingleside-Fee. The Richmond band furnished the house of about two hundreds persons with good classical music which we all enjoyed.

On Friday evening, May 27, we were favored with the Junior Prize Contest. The participants were Misses Selma Glass, Sallie Watson, Daisy Leathers, Gwendolyn Stinson, Louise Proffit, and LeVonia Thompson. These young ladies demonstrated real quality and training of which we are very proud. The winners of this contest were Misses Sallie Watson first prize, and Gwendolyn Stinson, second prize.

Saturday morning at ten-thirty o'clock we held our Field Day exercises. Due to the condition of the weather, we had to present the program in chapel. This program was under the direction of Miss Annie B. Edmonds. Miss Edmonds showed us that she had worked hard and faithfully this year, and her efforts were not in vain.

Sunday morning's exercise was one of the main features of the commencement program. The Alumnae Association met for the annual meeting at ten-thirty o'clock. At this time the business session was held, after which the annual luncheon was served. These loyal alumnae laid on the table \$340.00 for the improvement of the grounds and buildings. This held us spell bound for the rest of the day. In the afternoon the Association gave an interesting program. The main address was delivered by Dr. E. B. Harris, a well known citizen of this county and whose daughter is an instructor in this school. The Association has already begun to make plans for raising two thousand dollars by next year.

On Sunday evening at eight o'clock, we again assembled in the chapel to witness the annual sermon, which was delivered by Rev. J. R. Washington of East Radford Va. Rev. Washington used as a guiding subject to the graduates the words of Isaiah to God, "Here am I, send me." He spoke briefly and impressively on this thought.

Monday morning the Senior High School class presented their class day exercises. This was also an interesting feature on our program. Monday night the Seniors presented their class play, "Mary Ann," which was enjoyed.

Tuesday morning at ten-thirty o'clock, an over-crowded house assembled to witness the graduating exercises. This marked the climax of our program. Two student speakers were on the program, one from the high school and one from the college division. The speaker from the high school, Wilbert Thomas, used as a subject "Youth Building A New World." The speaker from the college division, Lorelia Greene, used as a subject, "The Junior College Program and Opportunities for Modern Youth." These orations were educational and inspirational. We were

pleased to have as our guest speaker Rev. S. A. Downer, D. D., of Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Downer emphasized to the audience the word THINK. We know no other word he could have emphasized that would have been more beneficial.

Following the address diplomas and prizes were awarded by Rev. T. A. Robinson of Petersburg, Va., and Rev. C. E. Greene of North Emporia, Va. The Senior class presented to the school a beautiful Holy Bible with the class and year inscribed on it in gold. No better gift could they have given their Alma Mater in order that the Christian work may continue. We are proud of our graduates and we know they will remain loyal to their dear, beloved Ingleside-Fee.

Our Goals:
A Trades Building . . \$15,000
Renovation of Girls' Dormitory 4,000
A Home Economics Building 8,000
Brick Veneering and Enlarging Boys' Dormitory, 8,000
A Gymnasium 5,000
Athletic Field 400
Surfacing of School Road . . 380

PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING

It is said that a single word spoken in lower Broadway, N. Y., among the skyscrapers, could break every pane of glass in adjacent buildings and create a disturbance that would be felt for a mile in every direction. The human voice, transformed into electrical energy for wireless transmission, develops 270 horsepower. The power of ten men is equal to one horsepower. The human voice electrified for wireless purposes is equivalent to the power of 2,700 men. In the various processes that step up a voice for radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean, it becomes 135,000 times more powerful than when uttered by the person sending the message. Thus, starting with the initial energy of 1,000 of an electric watt, the voice is boosted by a powerful station until it is intensified 100 million times.

If the spoken word can be mechanically intensified 100 million times, how much greater will be its power when energized by the spirit. The spoken word is energized by spirit if, when the request is made, the individual is in contact with the Universal mind, which has previously been explained.

We have now overcome the world, the flesh and the devil and are in the upper room, the highest place in consciousness. Jesus thus called to Lazarus in a loud voice to "come forth." It was not the loudness of the voice that raised but the power it contained, being energized by spirit. These things really happen because the power of energized spirit is unlimited and nothing is impossible. Jesus said greater things shall ye do because I go to the Father.

You have not felt well lately. The little things you and others have done for relief are not working now, and you are growing worse. You consult another source and find what you have been doing is not conducive to psychic teaching, which is your great need. You find you must resort to a higher power than physical treatment. You are willing to do your part, believing there is a supreme First Cause where sickness does not abide.

So you stop talking sickness and obey the other teaching and to your surprise you are feeling better at the first sitting than you have felt for a long time. The third sitting brought to your body that complete vitalizing effect which made you forget your suffering and you are now again at your daily tasks and telling everybody what the power of God has done for you.

Filmore says: If the energy of spirit were instantly poured into the body it would destroy the organism because of the impurities of the flesh, but, by and through the involuntary adjustment of the natural man,

the spirit not only preserves but raises up the substance and life of the organism. That amazing vital energy coming into your body at intervals burning out fear, pain and fever can have but one effect, that is, to heal the body speedily. This will always be done when the spoken word energized by spirit is contacted through the Universal Mind.

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NO ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG NEGROES

New York, June 3.—There is no wide-spread or deep-seated anti-Jewish feeling among Negroes, it is asserted editorially in the June issue of The Crisis magazine.

The editorial states that some Jewish leaders had become concerned over occasional speeches and actions which seem to indicate anti-Semitism. After decrying race hatred in any form in any people, the editorial states:

"But that does not mean that Negroes have not been puzzled and disturbed at times over the actions of some Jewish individuals and groups. In general in the trades union movement and in the radical political organizations Negroes and Jews get along very well."

Certain Jewish philanthropists have made substantial contributions to the financing of programs for Negro advancement and improvement. . . . But the Jewish middle class (upper and lower), the shopkeepers and merchants and the landlords, in many cases and in many localities, leave much to be desired. The story is still told in Harlem of the Jewish landlord who told his Negro tenants they ought to be glad to get an apartment with hardwood floors, tiled bathrooms and French doors at any rate rental.

"... Currently, the 165,000 Negro citizens of Baltimore, Md., are incensed over the flat refusal of department stores in that city to serve them—not ice cream sodas and luncheons, but clothing, furniture and the items sold by such establishments.

"Another sore point is that of employment. Negroes are rigidly proscribed in many establishments owned and managed by Jews. In this the latter follow the pattern set by gentiles, but it does seem that Jewish employers might be peculiarly sympathetic to Negroes seeking to break out of the traditional jobs set aside for them."

MAY HALT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Columbus, O., June 3.—One of the questions which will be decided by the delegates to the 29th annual conference of the N. A. A. C. P. June 28-July 3, is whether the association will continue to hold annual meetings each year or whether it will inaugurate the practice of biennial conferences, throwing the next meeting in June, 1940.

The feeling among the supporters of annual conferences that an organization like the N. A. A. C. P., which has been on guard on so many fronts for the rights of the colored people, must have an annual meeting because situations change so rapidly that biennial conferences would not be able to cope with the changes which arise.

Another item which will come up having to do with the machinery of the association is the proposition that neighborhood units of the N. A. A. C. P. be established in order to extend the membership and leadership in the association and give it a broader base. Throughout its history the association has permitted the establishment of only one unit in a city. In large cities, however, it has been found that the single unit does not reach all the people who are interested in the association's program or

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