

Goodwin Delivers Message

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audience enjoyed it.

After she finished the song, the Rev. Carl H. Gill was about to make the annual statement and appeal, when another minister stood up and said "Let God have his way." It was several minutes before the audience regained their composure.

One of the highlights of the service was the presentation of the colors which was done by members of the American Legion, Morris Slaughter Post No. 128. Harold Kennedy, a local attorney, read the Declaration of Independence and the Rev. William S. Epps, pastor at First Baptist, read the Proclamation of Emancipation.

As a person who is generally referred to as a "dynamic speaker," Goodwin didn't let his audience down Thursday.

He challenged everybody there that unless they are

ready to accept God under His terms, then they're going to be in trouble.

"The nation must go back to God," he said. "In going where the action is, you've got to go back to God," he continued.

In so saying, he asked his audience to think about a few questions which must be first answered.

1. How do you make your neighbor your friend?
2. How do you make a slave a freed man?
3. How do you tell a segregated community that integration would be goof for it?

With those things in the uppermost part of their minds, Goodwin stated that the people will need God.

He continued by telling the audience that Blacks have got to offer something. "If all Blacks have to offer is "Burn-Baby Burn," then "we ain't ready yet."

"We won't be ready until

the young folks have respect for their elders and the elders have respect for the young," he stated.

Goodwin concluded by saying that history is an unfinished book, and that it's about time that Blacks told their story.

He informed the audience to take a look at themselves and to remember that for a long time Blacks were never counted as anything.

"We must live like free men and stop waiting around for a hand-out."

He further stated that although he might not be around when the time came, but, "We Shall Overcome Some Day."

But for the present, "WE AIN'T READY YET."

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Street Preacher Arrested

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preach and that he was sending the people to hell.

Scales said the sidewalk where people boarded the bus was blocked because of the attention they were attracting.

After he found out that neither Davis or the two women had a permit, and determined the situation was a "public nuisance," Scales arrested the three.

After she (Mrs. Little) got into court, she began quoting from the Bible, "But I say unto you, swear not at all," St. Matthew 5:34. After that, Judge Robert K. Leonard sentenced her to seven days in jail for contempt of court.

Judge Leonard said he sentenced Mrs. Little in order to give her a chance to cool off. (She eventually spent 11 hours in jail).

The charges against the two others were dropped.

After Mrs. Little was released from jail, she was right back on the street "witnessing" along with Apostle J. H. Kirkland. She contends that she does not "preach." Men preach, and women witness, she said.

Mrs. Little still says that she has no intention of getting a permit from the city. "Show me in the Bible where Jesus says you need a permit," she said.

Lewis Cutwright, city secretary, said the issuance of a permit to preach on the street is very easy.

"All a person has to do is fill out a form in the Board of Alderman's office. The form must be filed two working days before the board meets. After that, they go to the board to be approved," he said.

"On the form, the applicant specifies the time that he or she wants to preach and the location, as long as it doesn't interfere with another applicant," he continued.

Mrs. Little said recently that she did not disobey Leonard or Scales for arresting her. "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our law giver," Isaiah 33:22. In fact, she said they were only agents. "Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison," Revelation 2:10.

While Mrs. Little was in jail, she sang and witnessed and said "junkies playing their guitars can hold open air meetings without a permit." "I thought this was a free country," she said.

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