

MAJ. GEN. Roderick E. Allen (right), commander of Fort Devens, Mass., is shown as he dedicated construction of a doghouse and dog run, built for him at Fort Dix when he was commander there. A report by a House Appropriations subcommittee, in Washington, said the doghouse was built at a cost of \$1,200. The General scoffed at the figure, declaring the doghouse was built of salvaged material, just as are the canine quarters he made at Fort Devens (bottom), with the aid of an orderly. (International)



THE PARSON'S PARAGRAPHS

BY W. ROBERT INSKO

DEFINING RELIGION

One good use to which our entire lives may be put is the seeking of an answer to the question: What is religion?

The first thing we must admit, it seems, is that actually everyone has a religion, a faith, a creed, of some kind. He may be unconscious of this religion, faith, or creed, or he may be conscious of it. The point is, everyone has it, conscious or unconscious, defined or not yet defined.

When we seek to define religion we find a great deal of confusion, for one person will say that religion in its essence consists of one thing and another person will say that in its essence it is something entirely different.

Thus it is not surprising that there is confusion over religion and that many people in disgust turn away from religion altogether, or at least in its institutional forms.

Yet all of us want to know more about religion, for religion, we know, deals with those questions that human beings want answers to. We know that there is something to man other than matter. We want to identify that "something" more adequately.

One reads many different definitions of religion. One significant religious thinker has said that it is "the union of the soul with God, a real participation of the divine nature, the very image of God drawn upon the soul." Another says, "To me religion is life before God and in God." Another says it is, "a view of life taken on faith, that is, the ultimate premises by which one lives." Still another says that religion is "the love of God, the union of the spirit of man with holiness, the constant endeavor to do the best and beat the worst." Albert Schweitzer says religion is essentially "reverence for life." For Thomas A. Kempis it was the "Imitation of Christ."

The Christian in attempting to define religion thinks first of Jesus, and, from him comes the clue to an adequate definition of religion, at least for the Christian Jesus, of course, never used the word religion. He used instead the word "Life." He said that He came that men might have life and have it more abundantly. We have yet to see what he really meant. Life can be "more abundant" through Him and in Him, but we do not really believe it.

One help to a definition of religion, for the Christian, is found in the Book of Common Prayer, in a prayer that asks God to, "Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same." When we learn what it is, what things are agreeable to our profession as Christians, then we will have defined our religion adequately. The petition stated above is preceded by the words, "Almighty God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth . . .", thus giving us the ultimate source of a definition of religion, "Almighty God." Perhaps we will have to turn to Him and really seek to "know" Him, before we can really "know" any real and meaningful and satisfying and victorious definition of religion.

Erwin WOW On District Program

More than 52 Woodmen of the World camps, located in ten southeastern counties of North Carolina with a membership of between eight and ten thousand, are electing de-

legates to the Spring meeting of the Capitol Log Rolling Association to be held in Smithfield Thursday afternoon and night, April 8. The afternoon meeting will be held in the High School Gym and the dinner meeting will be held in the High School Cafeteria.

Civil Defense Class Is Held

Staff Sgt. Jack Lang of the Air Defense Command's filter center in Durham on Monday night taught the first of a series of classes designed to assist volunteers in the Ground Observer Corps in Lillington.

Sergeant Lang spoke at the Community Center and illustrated his remarks with two films. One was an authentic army film of an atomic explosion made at tests in Nevada. The other was a fictionalized version of what would happen in event a city of the size of New York City was bombed.

Miss Adelaide Shaw, vice president of the Lillington Business and Professional Women's Club which is sponsoring the classes, presided and introduced Sergeant Lang. Around 30 persons attended, including members of the Boy Scouts and their assistant scoutmaster, A. J. Jackson and Joe Hudson. Mr. and R. N. Sessions, who are in charge of the Ground Observation post in Lillington, were also recognized.

The next training class will be conducted Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p. m. at the Community Center. All interested adults in the community are urged to attend the civilian defense classes.

the week-end with her son, Mr. Wallace Warren and Mrs. Warren.

Little Talmadge Collier of Roseboro spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pope and sons of Lucoma visited Mr. and Mrs. McLellan Wade Sunday p.m.

Mrs. R. D. Tew and grand daughter, Thresa Cronk of Havelock are visiting relatives in the community.

The President of the Log Rolling is Warren Jackson of Dunn, Route 5. He will preside over the meeting and will serve as Master of Ceremonies in the afternoon with Dr. Wm. Howard Carter of Goldsboro serving as Master of Ceremonies of the dinner meeting.

Otis Duncan, Smithfield attorney, is in charge of arrangements for the host Camp, the Smithfield Camp. He is also the financial secretary of the Camp.

Among the other fraternities expected besides President Warren, and Dr. Carter, will be Col. Nick Newberry, Past Head Consul Hiram Melvin, National Director, Charles A. Hines, Past President J. E. Williams and others.

The Erwin Degree Team, one of the outstanding teams of the entire Nation, will have charts of the obligation of new candidates at a special meeting at 5 o'clock in the High School Gym.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—Feminist Doria Shafik and four of her supporters, hunger-striking to force the government to give the vote to women, were taken to a hospital today.

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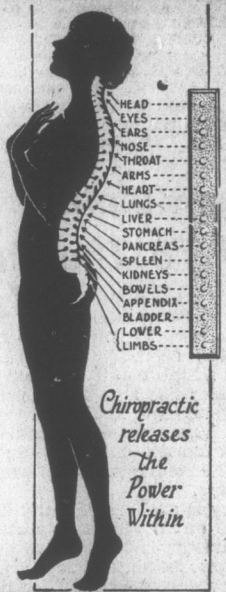
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+ GODWIN NEWS +

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan Wade and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wade of Fayetteville.

Miss Jean Weeks and roommates, Miss Patricia McMillan of Fern MacDonal College spent the week-end with Miss Weeks parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Weeks.

Mrs. Madie Hudson and Mrs. Helen Matthews entertained Mrs. Agnes Guin Dallas with a miscellaneous shower on last Wednesday night at the Godwin Club house. Mrs. Dallas is a recent bride, and is a member of the senior class of Massey Hill High school.

Miss Edith Catherine McIntyre arrived Friday P. M. from A.C.C. of Wilson to spend Spring Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Braxton spent Wednesday in Durham, Mr. Braxton went to McPherson Hospital for a check up.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Godwin and family spent the week-end in Charleston, S. C. with Mr. Godwin's brother, Mr. Samuel Godwin.

Mrs. Edgar Lucas is a patient in the Dunn Hospital.

Little Steve Godwin celebrated his 4th birthday Tuesday afternoon at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jack-

son. Cowboy and Indian games were played out doors. The little guests were invited into the dining room where a lighted birthday cake decorated the table. After singing "Happy Birthday" and blowing out the candles, the birthday cake was served with ice cream. Balloons were given as favors.

Miss Johnnie Williford of Campbell is spending spring holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wozelka and daughters, Catherine and Mary Jo spent the week-end here with Mrs. Wozelka's mother, Mrs. Clyde McLellan and other relatives.

Mrs. W. R. Barnes and Mrs. G. R. Washburn visited their aunt, Mrs. Carrie Pope of near Dunn Sunday afternoon.

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