

**WORK OF THE CHURCH
DOWN IN THE WORLD**

Its Mission Is Against Ignorance, Injustice, Oppression, Disease and Other Evils of the Day

Jesus prayed that His disciples might not be taken out of the world but that they might be kept from the evil of the world, says the Indiana Church Federation.

The church of today, as never before is seeking to answer at least the first part of this prayer.

The church is more and more becoming concerned with life and life's problems and the time is past when ministers may be told that the practical affairs of life are of no concern to them.

Can there be ignorance, injustice, oppression, poverty, disease, lawlessness and unsanitary conditions in the world and the church take no account of them?

The teachings of Jesus provide the one and only solution to all the problems of the world, the one and only cure for all its ills, the one and only Savior for all its sins.

More people realize this fact today than at any time in the past two thousand years and now, as never before the church is facing a conscious opportunity to present its remedy to the troubled and suffering world.

Education, civilization, commerce, diplomacy, and war have all been tried and have failed, and in a measure the church has failed also, but where the Christianity of Christ has been tried it has never failed.

It has not failed in the industrial world, as distinguished industrial leaders will gladly testify for their industries show.

It has not failed in the realm of racial relations. Race antagonism, race riots and lynchings are possible only where the Christian spirit does not prevail.

The great problems confronting the national representatives in Washington will be solved when they are approached in a Christian spirit and their solution sought according to

Christian principles. The church has had a large part in this conference. More than 20,000 ministers sent a petition asking the President to call such a conference. This was followed by thousands of petitions from churches and church gatherings from all parts of the country.

Much of the preaching for the past few months has been directed to creating an atmosphere favorable to the greatest possible measure of disarmament, and the churches have been much in prayer for the success of this conference.

The end is not yet. Those close to the situation are urging the ministers and church people to continue this program. Much depends on the attitude of the American people and no institution can do so much to create sentiment favorable as can the church of Christ.

One of the greatest contributing factors to the prosperity of any community is civic loyalty. And one of the best manifestations of civic loyalty is the "trade at home" spirit. That does not mean that you shall never spend a dollar outside the confines of your own town, but it does mean that you shall give the home merchants the preference in all your trading. If Jones, here at home, has what you want at a fair price, why send to Smith in the big city for that article? The dollar you spend with Smith will, in all probability never return to you, but the dollar you leave with Jones here at home may be in your own pocket again before the week is out. All the year 'round is a good time to practice the trade-at-home policy, but the Christmas season is an especially good time for it. And right here in Lincolnton our merchants have provided such large and attractive stocks of holiday goods and priced them so fairly that there is really no excuse for doing your Christmas shopping anywhere but in Lincolnton.

LIVE IN THE WORK

We must live in our work to do it well; We must dwell in its spirit and bow to its spell;

We must love it and know it to make it count;

We must feel it and trust it before we mount;

We must get it from it comfort and pleasure and rest;

We must live in our work if we'd do it the best.

And, ah, there is something to gain from it all—

In spite of the shadows and sorrows that fall;

Something of beauty and cheer and content

Out of the struggle, if over it bent,

We live in it largely and draw from its heat

The joy and the gladness, the fervor and sweet.

We must live in our work, we must know what it means

To give our whole souls to it—whether it's jeans

Or velvets or satins in which we must toil,

Whether the shop or the mill or the soil,

Whether the green country lane or the mart—

We do the work best when we give it our heart.

—Benztown Bard.

5 ROWAN SCHOOLS VOTE TO CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL

Salisbury, Dec. 13.—Five school districts in the Mount Ulla and Bear Poplar neighborhood of Rowan county today voted to consolidate the election carrying by a good majority. This means the erection of \$40,000, building on a 10 acre lot and a special tax levy of 45 cents.

AN ALARMING SITUATION

Many More Farms—Fewer Acres

Some interesting deductions are to be made from the census reports on farming operations in North Carolina for the 10-year period. The tendency revealed by the census statistics is of special importance in Eastern Carolina, the part of the state which has shown the most marked change. Broadly stated, the drift is in the direction of small farms. The number of farm in most of the Eastern Carolina counties—New Hanover being a noteworthy exception—has increased substantially; but the acreage under cultivation has in nearly every county been reduced.

The fact, the general decrease in farming acreage must be held in mind in any attempt to estimate the situation properly; or if it had remained stationary, the increased number of farms would doubtless be accepted generally as an excellent sign. It would mean in that case, that the rural sections were becoming substantially more populous, and that we might soon expect to see a vastly increased portion of East Carolina's fertile soil under intensive cultivation. But the unmistakable meaning of the census reports in that there has been a great deal of land abandonment. The acres which have been cut off have not been taken over by new settlers; they have simply been "turned out." They have ceased to produce.

The University News Letter carries an informative review of the situation. The author of its survey frankly states that "we are headed the wrong way." Instead of drifting toward "hand culture, tenantry, and cash crops," he believes we should be "headed into larger-sized farms, cultivated with labor-saving profit-producing machinery, and into food and feed crops, livestock farming and agricultural industries sensibly tied in with our splendid cash crops."

While there are unquestioned arguments in support of the small farm, we must agree that the News Letter has pointed out a serious weakness in the Eastern Carolina tendency. The breaking up of our large farms clearly should not proceed more rapidly than the influx of new farmers. The total of cultivated acres, especially in a section like our own, should be increasing, not diminishing and the News Letter's advocacy of more farm machinery points to the solution.

How definitely the drift toward a premature breaking up of large farms has set in may be gathered from the following portion of the News Letter's survey of the situation:

"Today we have 16,038 more farms

in North Carolina than in 1910, but 614,647 fewer acres under cultivation. That is almost a contradiction unless one knows our type of farming and the way we are headed, especially in the cotton and tobacco counties, where farms increased most in number and decreased most in size. Every decade since the Civil War finds us cultivating more but smaller farms. Each decade finds us more intensive farmers. The average cultivated acres per farm 60 years ago were 125. Today the cultivated acres per farm are 30.4 having decreased four acres per farm in ten years. The average cultivated acres per farm workers are 13



CHRISTMAS JOY

There are various brands of this much sought for article. The vain person finds it in display. The depraved person finds it in dissipation. But the person of good common sense finds it in the solid comforts and good cheer of himself and his family. Chief feature of this cheer is

A Tempting Xmas Dinner

When you go to prepare it COME TO US for "the makings." For instance—

- Brazil Nuts
- English Walnuts
- Paper Shell Pecans
- Almonds—(Shelled)
- Black Walnuts
- Cocoanuts
- Oranges
- Grape Fruit
- Apples

- Tangerines
- Cranberries
- Fruit Cakes
- 2, 2 1-2 and 5lbs.
- Candies
- Figs
- Dates
- Currants

- Crystallized Ginger,
- Pineapples
- And Cherries
- Iceberg
- Celery
- and Lettuce
- Grapes
- Cakes
- Mince Meat

It will be a fine Christmas dinner if you use our ingredients.

J. L. Hunter

GROCERIES. PLEASE DO YOUR CHRISTMAS GROCERY SHOPPING EARLY.

county made a gain of 30.5 per cent in number of farms, but the average cultivated acres per farm decreased from 37 to 28 in ten years. "What will be the size of farms in the eastern half of our state 20 years hence? If the practice of 60 years is an indication, we will be pocket-handkerchief farmers just as they are in Northwestern Europe today. We are almost that now, and in an area of sparse rural populations. During the year 1919, our most prosperous year, seventy-eight, or nearly four-fifths, of the counties of this state had fewer acres under cultivation than ten years previously."—Wilmington Star.



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Ask—
JOHN F. WARREN
MUSIC STORE

Tax Notice

I will meet the citizens of Lincoln County, at the following times and places for the collection of the 1921 tax.

Lovesville, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1921, forenoon.

S. A. Hager's Store, Tuesday Dec. 20, 1921, afternoon.

Triangle, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1921, forenoon.

Webbs, J. H. Lineberger, store, Wednesday Dec. 21, 1921, afternoon.

Denver, Thursday, Dec. 22, 1921, forenoon.

Iron Station, Friday Dec. 23, 1921, forenoon.

Long Shoals, Friday, Dec. 23, 1921, afternoon.

D. J. Beam's store, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, forenoon.

F. J. Leatherman's Tuesday Dec. 27, 1921 afternoon.

Flay, Wednesday Dec. 28, 1921, forenoon.

J. C. Dellinger's store, Wednesday Dec. 28, 1921, afternoon.

Henry, C. L. Heavner's store, Thursday Dec. 29, 1921, forenoon.

Reepsville, Thursday, Dec. 29, 1921, afternoon.

J. L. Goodnights, store, Friday Dec. 30, 1921, forenoon.

Crouse, Friday Dec. 30, 1921, afternoon.

It is urged that each tax payer meet me on the above mentioned dates and settle his tax, as I desire to make an early settlement with the County.

Very respectfully,
W. B. ABERNETHY, Sheriff.

of Lincoln County.



Do you know where the practical giver at Christmas goes to find his or her gifts. The person who has not only the desire to give something as a remembrance but something that will be useful and lasting. That person visits the hardware store first realizing that the giving of a percolator, electric toaster, knife or shaving set could not fail to please anyone. We have such an endless list of practical lasting gifts that we have listed a few for your convenience. Look the list over carefully, there something in it for every member of the family. We will be glad to show you anything in our store if you will call and give us the opportunity.

FOR THE MEN

- RAZORS
- KNIVES
- SHOTGUNS
- SHAVING SETS
- SAFETY RAZORS
- SHAVING MUGS
- RAZOR STROPS
- TOOLS
- LAP ROBES
- ALARM CLOCKS
- WATCHES
- POCKET BOOKS
- GUN SHELLS

FOR THE WOMEN

- PERRCOLATORS
- ELECTRIC TOASTERS
- ELECTRIC IRONS
- ELECTRIC GRILLS
- TABLE LAMPS
- BOUDIOR LAMPS
- BRASS JARDINIERS
- POTTERY WARE
- BRASS BASKETS
- PYREX WARE
- CASSEROLES
- TEA POTS

- PIE PLATES
- SERVING TRAYS
- NUT SETS
- VASES
- CUT GLASS
- BUD VASES
- CRUMB TRAYS
- COMMUNITY SILVER
- SCISSORS
- CANDLESTICKS
- WORK BASKETS
- OIL STOVES
- OCEDAR MOPS

FOR THE CHILDREN

- LEGGINS
- AIR RIFLES
- POP GUNS
- CHECKER BOARDS
- WAGONS
- COASTERS
- SKATES
- TRICYCLES
- FLIVVERS
- IRISH MAILS
- AUTOMOBILES
- DOLL BEDS

- KIDDIE KARS
- CARROM BOARDS
- CROQUET SETS
- TENNIS RACKETS
- BASE BALLS
- FOOT BALLS
- TEA SETS
- DOLLS
- SCOUT AXES
- ERECTO SETS
- ALL KINDS TOYS

"DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY"

H. E. Ramsaurs Sons