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The Double Barred Cross



The double barred cross, insignia of the international anti-tuberculosis campaign, symbol of disease eradication, has come to be recognized almost as widely as the square emblem of the American Red Cross.

This form of cross, first adopted in 1902 by the International Conference on Tuberculosis in Berlin as an emblem of the fight against the great white plague, has an interesting history. From the ninth century to this day the double barred cross has been the emblem of the eastern or Greek branch of the Christian church. It was adopted by the Duke of Lorraine, a leader of one of the first crusades, as his standard when he was elected Christian ruler of Jerusalem in 1099. It is still known in France as the Lorraine cross. The Masonic order has also used this cross in various ways for many centuries, similar adaptations also having been used for centuries by religious, political and fraternal organizations. During the World War one of the divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces used the Lorraine cross for its shoulder insignia.

The National Tuberculosis Association adopted this cross as its emblem in 1906, and in 1920 secured its registration as a trade mark. For 30 years millions of impressions on Christmas seals, billboards, booklets and newspapers have gone far and wide to win one of the greatest victories ever achieved for saving human lives. Since 1907 the use of the penny seal bearing the double barred cross has saved an estimated 2,500,000 lives.

Thirty years ago one person in every 60 in the United States had tuberculosis, today the figure is one in 200. But, despite all modern science, tuberculosis is still a menace and a mystery. Christmas seals now help in the fight to the extent of \$4,500,000 annually. Every man, woman and child with a penny can join this marching army. The following story is told of the first time the seals went on sale, sponsored by the North American, a Philadelphia newspaper:

A ragged newsboy seeing the stamps for sale, reached up to the counter which was above his head, laid down a copper and said, "Gimme one, me sister's got it."

As later told, a news reporter commented, "That settled it. If a street kid could get the message, the message was the kind needed." Next day the whole editorial space of this great newspaper carried the plea for people to "buy these bullets in the battle against our worst foe."

Three-fourths of the proceeds of seals sold in Macon county is retained for immediate use to help sufferers in our midst. It will be a happier Christmas for all in our community if every package and letter bears this symbol of "Good will toward men."

Next Sunday Will Be Bible Sunday

It is fitting that once each year the attention of the nation should be focused on the Bible. Elsewhere in this issue is a statement of the Governor endorsing Universal Bible Sunday to be observed in the churches of the land on December 12. Whatever one's shade of religious belief he is bound to pay his respect to the Bible.

On the Bible all branches of the Christian church unite. The Old Testament comprises the Sacred Scriptures of the Jews. The Bible was the chief book of the fathers of our country. Out of its teachings grew our schools, our colleges, the customs of our courts and the notable humanitarian enterprises that mark our nation's life. It is inextricably woven

Now It's a Six-Man Football Team



Lined up in a 3-2-1 formation is the Manhasset, L. I., high school six-man football team running through signals. Invented by Stephen C. Epler of Columbia university, six-man football is designed to make the grid-iron game more open, safer, and to afford schools with small registrations more even competition.

into our literature. Its phases form the title of our most popular books.

The Bible has outlived all other books. Emerging from a hoary antiquity it is today the world's best seller. Written in languages long dead it has been preserved in its entirety in 174 other tongues and has been in part translated into over 800 more. The vigor with which it is finding its way into the languages of the race is not abating for, according to the American Bible Society, some portion of the Scriptures is appearing in a new tongue at the rate of one every four or five weeks.

This is a phenomenon without parallel in literary history and should give pause to every serious student of our nation's life and the life of the world. No man can consider himself well-posted who does not know this book. Though a volume of more than a thousand pages it can be bought for a few cents. Do you own a Bible Do you read it?

Forest Service May Be Endangered

UNDER the government reorganization proposal which will come before congress at this special session or early in the regular session in January, there is very real danger to the efficiency of the United States forest service.

It is reported that Secretary Ickes of the Department of the Interior is anxious that the forest service be transferred to his department by executive order, and this could be done under the proposal as it now stands.

If this should happen, it would be a real disaster to the forest service, which is now under the Department of Agriculture where it properly belongs, for there is a provision in the bill which makes "policy-forming" positions appointive, thus opening the way for the forest service to be filled with men in the key positions who know absolutely nothing about forestry, have no civil service standing, and have nothing to recommend them but political pull. Thus one of our greatest and most valuable organizations, now filled with career men who expect to make forestry a life work and have been trained accordingly, would become a part of the iniquitous spoils system, and would be filled with incompetents and misfits appointed solely for political reasons.

If the reorganization bill passes, it is hoped that it will be amended to prevent the transfer of the forest service from the Agricultural Department, and thereby make certain that the policies now being followed may be continued, and its capacity for service shall be unimpaired.

Guy Sales Appointed Federation Manager

James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, has announced the appointment of Guy M. Sales as general manager of the organization.

Sales was named to the office by the board of directors, and will assume his new duties immediately. Mr. McClure, who has been acting as general manager, will continue to devote his full time to the federation, but said the growth of the organization had made necessary the change.

Sales has served as assistant general manager for the past 12 years, and has been employed by the federation since 1922. He was at one time bookkeeper at the Fairview warehouse and was later transferred to central offices here as auditor.

The announcement of Sales' pro-

motion was made at a meeting of warehouse managers.

In addition to his other duties he has also served as assistant secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Federation for the past several years.

Beggar—"Thank you, sir. I will pray for you and your wife to go to heaven."

Hotstuff—"Here's a quarter extra if you will leave my wife out of it."

Boogy—"So you went fishing with Jubb yesterday? How many fish did you catch?"

Woogy—"Ask Jubb. I've forgotten the number we agreed on."

Florida grows a greater variety of food products throughout the year than any other state.

Hospital News

Miss Hazel Everett, beauty operator of Franklin, is under treatment at Angel hospital.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hoyt, of Clarksville, Ga., on December 7, a baby girl, Patricia.

Mrs. T. T. Love underwent an operation in Angel hospital on December 8.

Mrs. Flora Tallent, of Franklin, is in Angel hospital under treatment.

J. E. Green, of Franklin, was discharged from Angel hospital after having undergone an appendix operation. His condition is satisfactory.

L'ascal L. Richards, of Franklin, is receiving treatment at Angel hospital. His condition is satisfactory.

Rev. J. H. Stanberry, railroad engineer, Glen Rock Station, Asheville, is receiving treatment at Angel hospital. His condition is very satisfactory.

Miss Mary Frances Gillespie, of Gainesville, Ga., underwent an operation at Angel hospital Monday of this week.

George M. Dailey, of Hayden, Colo., underwent a major operation at Angel hospital December 8.

Albert Evans, Kyle, underwent an appendix operation Wednesday of this week at Angel hospital.

Quarterly Conference Franklin-Sylva Circuit

The first quarterly conference of the year for the Franklin-Sylva M. E. circuit will be held at Louisa chapel December 11, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. C. C. Benton, superintendent of the Asheville district, will preach at Gillespie chapel at 2:30 p. m. on the same day.

Following the afternoon service at Gillespie he will come to Louisa chapel for the quarterly conference at night. Rev. Mr. Benton will bring with him a stereopticon with slides showing mission work which is being done by the Methodist church at large.

Rev. J. R. Bowman is the pastor of the charge.

Helen—"I understand Elsie's fiance is supposed to be a dreadfully bad egg."

Bertha—"So that's it. I've wondered for a long time why she didn't like to drop him."

Ig—"Have you seen May?"

Nutz—"May who?"

Ig—"Mayonnaise."

Nutz—"No, she was dressing and wouldn't lettuce."

Jimmie—"I think I'll ask some nice girl to marry me. What do you think of the idea?"

Tessie—"It's a great idea, if you ask me."

Condemned man (who had been offered a choice of breakfast)—"I think I'll try mushrooms—I have always hesitated to eat them for fear of being poisoned."

"My mother was very handsome." "So you take after your father."

"Judging by old records earthquakes have killed over a million Chinese in the past four centuries."

It is estimated that an acre of meadowland will contain on the average about 15,000,000 insects.