

SEND ALL OVER 40 TO FIGHT WARS

Author Of Best Seller Has New Remedy For Abolishing War

The Associated Press has published the following feature story of the Topeka, Kansas author and preacher, Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, 80 years old, who believes that war mongers get the fever, after 40.

The veteran pacifist—he wrote "In His Steps," which sold 21,000,000 copies but paid him only a few hundred dollars—has put down his newest anti-war idea in a play, "All Over Forty."

"It's very simple," he explains. "In my play, at the outbreak of war only men over 40 are mobilized into the army. Before any fighting can begin, many are sick and exhausted so there can be no war. There would never be war if the minimum mobilization age was 40."

"The old men start wars. They want the young men to fight them. Let the old men do the fighting too."

Now 83, Dr. Sheldon still is a force in this community where he has lived since 1889.

Keeps Busy

He participates in civic drives, supervises productions of his peace play, serves as a contributing editor of the Christian Herald, and preaches often.

Only last January he persuaded the Kansas Council of Women, composed of heads of many of the state's leading women's organizations, to adopt another of his anti-war ideas—creation of the post of Secretary of Peace in the President's cabinet.

The Council sent a resolution to President Roosevelt supporting the plan, and added a suggestion that the first secretary be a woman.

The minister proudly exhibits a copy of a bill introduced in Congress by Senator Neely (D. W. Va.), calling for establishment of the cabinet peace post with an annual appropriation of \$1,000,000.

Forty years ago—in March, 1900—Dr. Sheldon was the central figure in an experiment which attracted world-wide attention. For one week he had complete charge of the news and editorial policies of a daily newspaper, The Topeka Capital, attempting to edit it "as Jesus Christ would."

The minister is positive his theories then still are valid. In his church study, he has a sample layout of a front page for use in a newspaper today.

Filling most of the lower half of the page is a cartoon showing humanity recoiling before a blood-spattered battlefield scene. One short article, set in inch-high type, takes the rest of the space.

Headed "What Has War Done to the Human Race?" the article declares:

"It is the most wicked, wasteful, stupid, cowardly and unnecessary habit of mankind."

"The last war killed 10,000,000 young men outright, crippled 10,000,000 more for life, broke the hearts of millions of mothers, was the cause of the world's economic depression. It cost \$400,000,000,000 (four hundred billion dollars)."

At the bottom of the page in small type is a footnote: "If any reader wants to know who ran off with another man's wife out in Hollywood, turn to page nine."

Another Sample

Another sample front page contains only the following editorial: "Jesus Christ is the greatest statesman in the world. His creed of two articles, if obeyed, would put an end to war, race hate and selfishness. His creed was 'Love God and your neighbor.'"

"It takes more courage to love a man than to shoot him. . . ."

"A Christian is a person who loves people he does not like."

Dr. Sheldon believes firmly in brief, striking stories and in front page editorials.

"The greatest editorial writer I ever knew," he says, "once told me he doubted if 10 per cent of the paper's readers turned to the editorial page."

"That's why I think publishers make a great mistake in refusing to print editorials on the front page."

"If 90 per cent of my church members were sleeping through my sermons, I'd do something about it."

Dr. Sheldon would minimize crime.

"Seventy-five people are responsible for nearly all of the crime news in Topeka," he exclaims. "Why should they always be featured when so little attention is paid to activities of the 75,000 law-abiding citizens?"

Other Sheldon editorial ideas: Fill a page once a week with great literature, ban sex pictures, omit society news, emphasize the "thrilling exploits of missionaries."

The Sheldon editions of 1900 caused a great commotion throughout the world. In the 30 days between announcement of the experiment and publishing of the first paper, 367,000 paid subscriptions poured into Topeka from all over the globe.

Franklin Splits With Asheville In Double Header

With "Effie Mae" Higdon on the mound and John Archer behind the bat, the locals tripped the strong Asheville All Stars in the first game of a double header here Sunday by a score of 7 to 4. Asheville led the attack by gathering their four runs in the first five innings while the locals had managed to push only two runs across the plate at the end of the fifth. The tide turned at the beginning of the sixth inning when Higdon seemed to tighten down on the mound and a hitting attack led by "Ole Hoss" Duvall, together with a series of errors on the part of the visitors, netted the locals five runs during the next three frames.

The agreed seven-inning second game went to the visitors by a score of six to five. Lanky Douz Nichols was on the hill and Higdon behind the bat. Nichols hurled stellar ball, allowing only four hits, and had everything in hand at the end of the sixth with a score of five to four. A group of errors in the infield and outfield allowed the visitors to rally twice in the seventh inning and the home team was unable to stage a comeback in their half of the same frame.

Leo Manley pitched the first game for Asheville with Drake and Taylor both working during the second.

Another twin bill is booked for next Sunday at the home field with the Clayton Mountaineers. Franklin has defeated Clayton once this season in a very thrilling and exciting 11-inning game in Clayton three weeks ago.

Team Standing		
Won	Lost	Pct.
4	1	.800
Leading Batters		
At Bat	Hits	Pct.
Higdon 16	6	.375
Nichols 17	6	.353
Duvall 12	4	.333
Tysinger 16	5	.312
Pitching Standings		
Won	Lost	Pct.
Higdon 2	0	1.000
Nichols 2	1	.667

WPA Workers Told To Vote As They Wish

The following dispatch has been sent out from Washington:

Works Projects Administration supervisors and 2,000,000 WPA workers received notice from WPA Commissioner F. C. Harrington today that their votes in the coming elections are "your own business."

Harrington assured WPA workers that they are free to vote as they choose without reprisals, or to refrain from voting if they so desire. He warned supervisory and administrative employees that their participation in the political campaigns would not be tolerated.

The instructions are issued in a letter which Harrington said would be posted on all WPA bulletin boards and handed to each worker with his net paycheck.

"WPA is not in politics and does not take part in politics, either directly or indirectly," he said in emphasizing that WPA workers were responsible to no one but themselves for their votes.

Harrington's action apparently was designed to prevent political activities by WPA workers such as those charged to supervisors and others in the 1938 primaries in Kentucky and other states. Disclosures by a special senate committee which investigated those activities led to the enactment of the Hatch "clean politics" law prohibiting political activities by all but policy-making officials on the federal payroll.

The Capital's presses were taxed far beyond capacity. Presses in Kansas City, Chicago, New York and even London were used for part of the runs. Six new employees were hired at the Topeka postoffice for the mailing crush.

Four years before the newspaper experiment, Dr. Sheldon wrote "In His Steps," the novel which has brought him lasting fame. Some literary authorities estimate it has had the largest sale of any book ever printed except the Bible.

The author admits it is impossible to arrive at an accurate number of copies printed but suggests there have been at least 21 million—eight million in the United States, 12 million in Europe, and one million in Japan. It has been translated into 17 languages.

The story first was published in a Chicago church paper in serial form. The editor sent only one copy of the paper to the copyright department in Washington instead of the two required by law.

This threw the novel into the "public domain" without copyright protection. Of the 40 publishing companies which seized the opportunity to print copies of the book devoted to religious precepts, only one ever paid any royalties to the author.

The church paper gave Dr. Sheldon \$75 for the serial story and an additional \$100 for the book rights. That is all he received, except for paltry royalties.

Chevrolet Builds 700,000th 1940 Model



Keeping pace with a demand which, since announcement of the 1940 models, has resulted in a new all-time sales record for any corresponding period in Chevrolet history, that division of General Motors recently built the 700,000th of these models. The event took place less than a month after production of No. 600,000.

Driver's License Your Privilege Of Driving

The issuance of 7,343 drivers' licenses last month brought the total to 1,040,955 the number of licenses issued since the Uniform Drivers' License Act was passed in 1935. Ronald Hocutt, director of the highway safety division, announced this week.

Licenses issued the first four months of this year totaled 25,830, he added. There are nearly 650,000 registered motor vehicles in the state.

"The purposes behind drivers' licenses," Hocutt explained, "are to provide a means of investigating in case of drivers who are involved in accidents, and to make people realize that the operation of a motor vehicle is not merely a right but is a privilege, which carries with it certain responsibilities and a regard for the safety of others."

"A driver's license carries behind it an assumption that the state regards you as being competent to operate a motor vehicle upon its streets and highways without jeopardizing the safety of fellow travelers. If you violate this trust, the state suspends or revokes your license so as to remove you from the highway until your attitude, skill, knowledge or physical condition has improved to

the extent that you can drive safely.

"Don't regard your driver's license too lightly. If you had to do without it after being accustomed to driving quite a bit, you would realize what a great privilege it is to be allowed to drive. "See that your driving skill, mental attitude, physical condition and knowledge of the motor vehicle laws and rules of the road are maintained at all times in such manner as to render you a safe driver and assure you of being allowed to retain your privilege of driving."

Sherman's Home Soon To 'Go With The Wind'

The birthplace of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, in Lancaster, Ohio, whose march "from Atlanta to the sea" was a decisive factor in subduing the South, is to be demolished.

Ed Schleicher, who has owned and lived in the house where Sherman was born for 43 years, said he had decided to raze it and build an apartment house on the site.

Legislation for the purchase of the property by the state failed in the last session of the Ohio general assembly and a proposal that it be made a national memorial was rejected in Congress.

Buck Creek

By BEE SHOOK

Funeral services were held here Saturday for Rev. Tom Tilson. The Rev. Oscar Nicks and Rev. Frank Reid conducted the funeral. Many friends and relatives were present.

Rev. Frank Reid filled his regular appointment here Sunday at the Baptist church.

Louise Lusk from Glenville visited friends here Saturday.

Cleo Hunter of Glenville visited friends here Sunday.

Raymond New from the CCC camp spent the week-end with his grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Woods made a business trip to Franklin Tuesday.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Elvoria Woods is on the sick list.

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