

# 125th Year Of American Sunday School Union In U.S.

## Brief Outline Of Great Influence Of Work In Rural Places

(Editor's Note. This brief outline of the work of the American Sunday School Union in the United States has been prepared by R. H. Hull, who with Mrs. Hull, have been workers in this section for five years and have established many Sunday Schools in isolated communities where no church ministered to the need of the children. Their work is done quietly and with devotion which is helping build strong Christian bulwarks in this country.)

This is the jubilee year of the American Sunday-School Union, the 125th Anniversary.

Founded in 1817; by 1831, 70,000 teachers and 700,000 pupils had come into its membership. Emphasizing Bible study, in the early days it was necessary to teach reading in most of its schools and the reading book was the Bible. The influence of the movement was strong in the establishment of public school systems in many states. As time went on, its literature went into countless homes all over the land, primers, helps, texts, tracts, commentaries, dictionaries, and nine periodicals with a circulation of eight million copies.

Memorization of Scripture has always had an important place in its scheme of instruction. The Union has ever been evangelical and non-sectarian. Many have been the churches of every denomination to grow out of the small Union Sunday Schools.

The tremendous energy of the early movement was illustrated in the Mississippi Valley Project. In May, 1830, the Union resolved in convention to establish within two years a Sunday school in every destitute place throughout the Mississippi Valley, "wherever practicable". Important personalities in American life interested in making possible this expansion were Daniel Webster, Frederick Theodore Frelinghuysen, Attorney General Wirt, and Francis Scott Key, author of our national anthem. Some ninety missionaries were set to work, and nearly 5,000 small communities were brought under the beneficial influence of the Sunday School. The Bible was thus built into the very foundations of the great Middle West.

The success which attended the Mississippi Valley enterprise brought forth a call for similar effort in the Southern states. Many leaders in these states were called together at various centers to discuss plans and arouse a wide popular interest in the needs of the people of the rural sections of the South and in the work which was to be done for them through the ministry of the American Sunday School Union.

The representatives of the American Sunday School Union tackle the tough problems of the church. Last year 160 men maintained 3,500 Sunday Schools in forty states, with over 144,000 enrollment. More than 400 new schools were established.

These untiring Sunday school men are the largest distributors of the American Bible Society Scriptures. They work on lines indicated by Morris K. Jessup, notable Christian laymen of an earlier day, who said, "If we want to save this country and have it an example for the nations of the earth, we have got to care for the children. For they will soon take our place. The destinies of our great land depend on them, and their life depends on the love of God in their hearts." The present management is true to Mr. Jessup's words. They emphasize not merely "religious education" and moral precept, but "the need of the new birth in Christ."

Chief Justice Burr, of the Supreme Court of North Dakota, declared the work of the American Sunday School Union "the only Christian service rendered in hundreds of neglected fields." It is indeed little known outside Christian circles, but mightily useful in strengthening the Church of Christ and in forming those Christian ideals that have built up the ideal America.

## Parenthood After Dec. 8 1941 Not Entitled To Deferment

Registrants whose wives have become pregnant since December 7, 1941, are no longer entitled to deferment on the grounds of dependency, it was announced today by the State Director of Selective Service. He stated that this revised policy has been made necessary because present regulations provide that no status which was acquired on or after December 8, 1941, may be considered when deciding questions of dependency.

The Director further announced that all local boards in the State have been directed to reopen and reconsider for classification the classes of all registrants heretofore deferred on the grounds of dependency because their wives have become pregnant since December 7, 1941.

The fact that a registrant is a parent shall not be considered in determining the class in which he should be placed unless the child was conceived prior to December 8, 1941, the Director said. He further stated that this ruling applies to all cases, regardless of the date of marriage, and is to be applied both in considering the classification of a registrant and in determining his category.

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### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of J. E. Perry, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of February, 1943, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 23rd day of February, 1943.  
EFFIE H. PERRY,  
Executrix.

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# J. M. Keener Lived Long Life; 206 Descendants

## His Son, W. A. Keener Writes Brief Sketch And Tribute

By W. A. Keener.  
James Morrison Keener died at the home of his son, W. A. Keener, at Gneiss, February 22, 1943, and was buried at Walnut Creek cemetery, February 23. The Rev. Frank Holland and the Rev. C. W. Modder, officiating. The pallbearers, Emory Keever, George Keener, Jim Page, Emory McCoy and J. D. McCoy, grandsons, nephews and son-in-law.



His wife died 15 years ago. He is survived by six living children; two son, W. A. and U. P. Keener; and four daughters, Mrs. S. C. Woods and Mrs. Fanny Moses of Gneiss; Mrs. Ella Jones of Ellijay and Mrs. Jim Page of Waynesville; 38 grandchildren, 128 great grandchildren and 34 great, great grandchildren and an immense number of friends and a good many enemies and one lone sister, Aunt Mary Jennings, of Otto.

He was the son of Ulrich and Sophronia Ledford Keener. His father was a native of Sevier county, Tennessee. He was born February 19, 1850, in a little one-room log cabin near the place where Pritchard Russell's house now stands, on the J. H. Ledford farm. He was 93 years and three days old when he died.

He was a retired minister. He practiced several different religions, but was finally converted and prac-

tised Christianity in his last days; hence his enemies.

In his young days he taught several schools, farmed, drank whiskey and fought some and was twice elected for County Commissioner of Macon county. He was the average citizen, taking him all the way around. He had his faults as all of us have, and also his good qualities. He was a man of splendid nerve and constitution. He was ill about three weeks but bore up well and was but very little trouble.

We sure miss him very much in our home.

# NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Macon County will sit as the Board of Equalization and Review on March 15, 16 and 17, 1943.

All taxpayers desiring to appear before said Board will arrange to appear on said dates.

Lake V. Shope,  
Clerk to Board of County Commissioners.

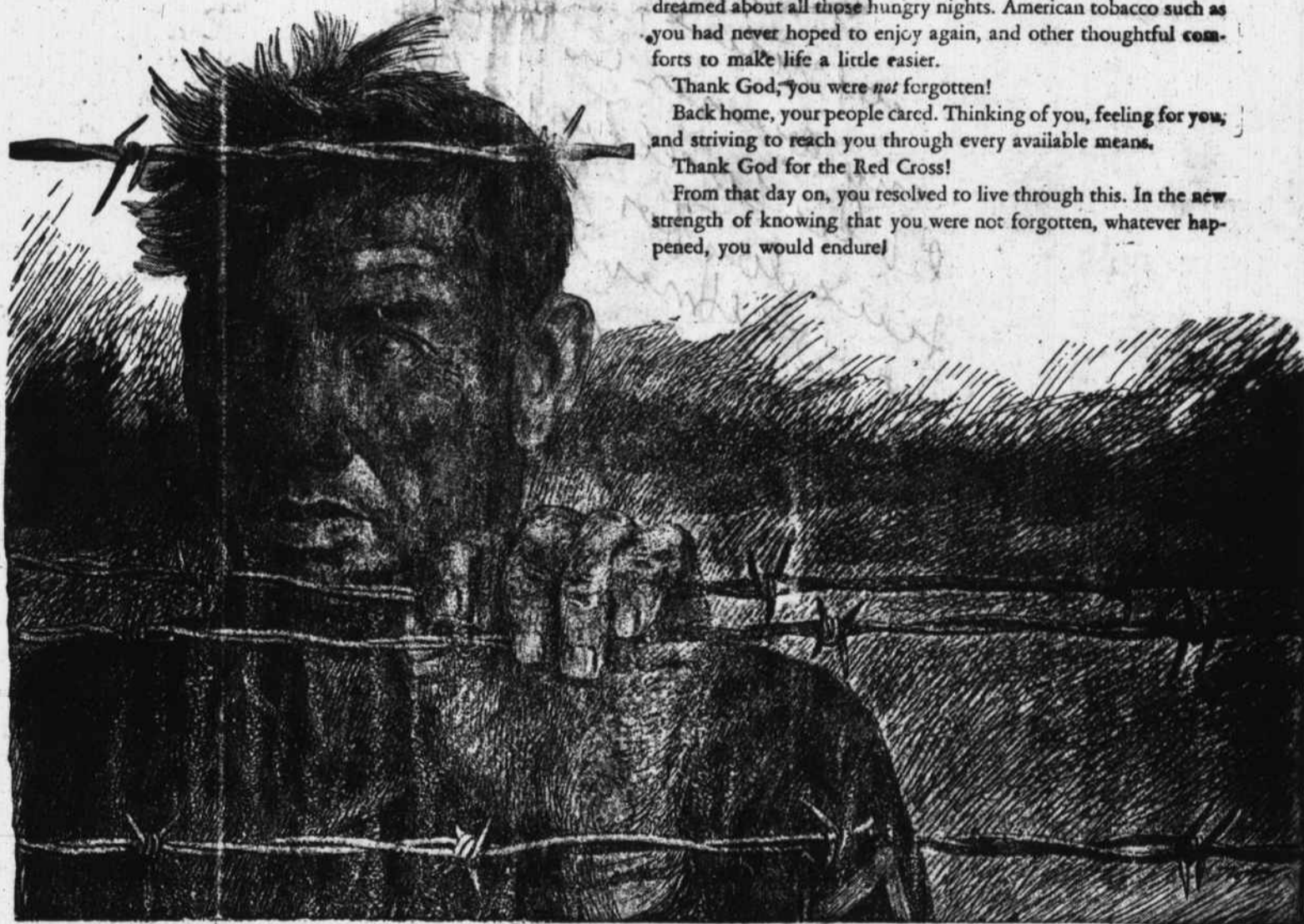
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Thank God, you were not forgotten! Back home, your people cared. Thinking of you, feeling for you, and striving to reach you through every available means.

Thank God for the Red Cross! From that day on, you resolved to live through this. In the new strength of knowing that you were not forgotten, whatever happened, you would endure!

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ELLA WEST,  
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