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## Twenty Successful Seasons ... But Much More To Do

It was in 1939 that a young man with vision was invited to take over a virtually defunct North Carolina Symphony. The man was Dr. Benjamin F. Swalin and the vision was of a top-flight Symphony Orchestra which would take the world's finest music to the people of North Carolina — to the small towns as well as the larger urban centers.

By 1946, some impressive results were seen — the Orchestra had been placed under the patronage of the State (1943), the North Carolina Symphony Society had been reorganized and a successful state-wide fund-raising drive conducted (1945), the Orchestra had been put on a professional basis with musicians available for an extended period. In 1946, "Music on the Move" was set in motion with the Orchestra's first annual tour.

1965 will bring the celebration of the North Carolina Symphony's twentieth anniversary on the road. What has been accomplished over this span of years? Has it been successful? Well, look at the record: 179,985 miles traveled, 2,354 concerts presented, 62 young adult and 43 child soloists (selected by rigorous auditions) have been presented. The list could go on.

Successful? If anything, the North Carolina Symphony has been too successful. For instance, last season's schedule of 129 concerts in some fifteen weeks were extremely intensive. New communities want to be included in the schedule. Those already entrenched request more concerts. A question frequently asked Dr. Swalin is, "Why don't you come more than once a year?" The answer, of course, is obvious. There is a maximum number of concerts that can be played in a 15-week tour. Last season's average load of eight concerts per week — plus rehearsals! — pushed the limits of human endurance.

The entire State takes pride in the North Carolina Symphony's growth and development. But there is much more to be done. The season must be expanded in order to accommodate new communities as well as the old friends hoping for more performances. For all this more financial support is needed.

The Macon County Chapter of the Symphony Society is now conducting its membership campaign to bring the Orchestra back to Macon County in 1965. Let's all support the North Carolina Symphony, not only with the minimum financial quota for its visit here, but with a little more to grow on.

## The People Speak

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Dear Editor:

I am a colored woman who has been in hospitals in Thomasville, Ga., Calhoun, Ga. and in Trenton, N. J. There were colored nurses there, but I am in the hospital in Highlands, N. C. where there are no colored people living — just those who come for the season. There is just one doctor, and you know what? — that doctor is a woman and her name is Dr. Harmon and she is so sweet and kind to me, the nurses, too. It seemed to me they went out of their way to be specially nice, but as I looked around I found they were specially nice to all the patients. The hospital is spotlessly clean, and in my room the furniture is not old but up to date. There is a TV in my room at no extra cost — just for your comfort — not to mention there is nurse every two hours to give me medicine. When I have to ring the bell for help, before I put the bell down good, there stands a nurse.

I shall say that Highlands, N. C. is lucky to have a wonderful doctor and her staff. I can't find words good enough to say thanks to all of them, and I mean it.

I will say if you get sick while you are in Highlands don't be afraid to come to this hospital as they say they welcome you regardless of what color when you are sick. And that cook! Her food is more than good — it's tasty and delicious. And I will not forget the hospitality I got when in the Highlands hospital.

Again thanks from the bottom of my heart  
ETHEL PORCH

1303 Magnolia St.,  
Thomasville, Ga.

P. S. You can take my word for it!

To the Editor of The Highlander  
Highlands, North Carolina  
Dear Mrs. Goode:

We were very much impressed with Dr. Harmon's commentary on the needs of our local hospital, and agree wholeheartedly.

It is unfortunate, but true, that one has to spend time there, or have a loved one there, to realize the inadequacy of the present facilities.

My mother spent five weeks there recently and we saw first hand patients in the hall, operating room wherever they could find room for an extra bed... and some referred to other hospitals due to lack of space. We have seen out-patients standing in the reception room

# The Vital Role Of The Layman In The Church Today

By KENNETH S. KEYES

(The following address was presented by Mr. Keyes at an August meeting of the Highlands Rotary Club. It is printed here by special request and appears in two installments. Editor)

Scripture: Deut. 8:11-20  
Strong forces are at work in the world today seeking to conquer our nation, to weaken our Christian church and to undermine our faith in Almighty God. The freedoms we have enjoyed — the system of free enterprise under which the United States has become the most prosperous and powerful country in the world — our opportunity to proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad — even life itself — are at stake in this great struggle.

We have all had what might be termed a general awareness of these dangers, but until recently many have thought of them as being rather remote, not liable to affect our personal lives to any great extent. But events in the last few years — the Berlin crisis, the disturbing situation in the Congo, the Communist military build-up in Cuba, the attempt of the Communists to take over in Brazil which was averted by the recent Army coup there have caused us to sharpen our focus. We're beginning to realize that unless these forces that seek to destroy us are checked — and checked soon — we stand to lose much that we hold dear.

Our Christian faith is also under strong attack. The Communists are proclaiming to the world that the Christian religion is an opiate — that the idea of a personal God is a myth. Millions of children in Communist countries are being trained as atheists to deny the existence of God and to recognize the Communist state as the supreme power.

In 1963 the Russian Minister of Education wrote, "we do not want our boys and girls to grow up merely ignorant of religious questions. We want them to become convinced, militant atheists."

And the tragic danger on this front is that this attack is coming not only from the Communist forces from without but also from forces within the Church itself.

Influential leaders in some of our largest Protestant bodies scoff at the inspiration of the Bible, deny the virgin birth of Christ, reject the miracles as being myths or fables and repudiate the atoning work of Christ on the cross of Calvary.

Very recently one of the best known theological seminaries in America (Princeton) installed a professor of Christian philosophy who stated plainly that he could not affirm the virgin birth of Christ (Hicks) and the General Assembly — the highest court in the denomination — overruled the Synod and took the position that it was not necessary for a minister to believe this cardinal doctrine of our Christian faith.

Many church leaders of today take the position that the principal job of the Church is to try to solve the social ills of the world rather than win people to Jesus Christ.

With men holding views like these occupying key positions in many of our important churches and in our colleges and theological institutions, is it any wonder that young men are being graduated from our seminaries today with a watered-down faith — refusing to accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God?

A recent survey by Christianity Today showed that 74% of American ministers are still fundamental or conservative in their theology and only 12% are liberal. But the Church boards and agencies, the schools and seminaries of most of the larger denominations are in control of the liberals. Unless this control is returned to conservative leaders our churches of tomorrow will drift further and further away from the trust in Almighty God that has been our heritage, providing the spiritual strength that must go hand-in-hand with physical strength if our nation is to remain strong.

You and I can thank God for the thousands of ministers throughout the land who still teach and preach the good news that Christ died for our sins — that God hears and answers prayer — that the Bible is a trustworthy guide. But these faithful ministers cannot by themselves stem this tide of unbelief that threatens to undermine our churches.

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of knowing whether the Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles have actually been shipped back to Russia as they say they have or whether they have merely been stowed away in caves near the launching pads ready to become operational upon short notice. Our Government has apparently decided to take the Soviets' word that they have removed the offensive weapons and to do nothing further to remove this threat to our safety.

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They need our help. On both fronts, therefore, we laymen in the pews have a vital and important role to play. We can no longer afford to sit on the sidelines while evil forces are busy day and night seeking to destroy the liberties that we as free people have enjoyed and much else that we hold dear.

As we consider these serious problems it is natural that we should ask the question: "What can I — one lone individual — do to help defeat these forces that would destroy my faith, my church and my country?" I would like to suggest two things that we should not do and seven things that we can and should do.

1. Many years ago Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing." We should not allow ourselves to be lulled into doing nothing by the thought that we are only one person in 180,000,000 and that anything we might do individually could have little influence on the trend of events.

Dr. Fred Schwarz — the Australian physician who gave up his practice to devote his life to fighting Communism points out in his latest book, that if he spoke to 1,000 people every night and convinced every one of them of the dangers we face, it would take 500 years to reach every one now living in the United States. But if he spoke to one person each week and he and that person spoke to two persons the next week and if those four in turn spoke to four persons the next week, and so on, the entire world could be reached in a single year. Our individual voices can help.

2. We should not be lulled into doing nothing by the complacent thought, "It can't happen here." If you have seen the film, "Operation Abolition" picturing the yelling mobs of students at the House of Un-American Affairs Committee hearings in San Francisco you know that Communism has already gone far in capturing the minds of many of the so-called young "intellectuals" in our colleges.

The Communists have been working at this job for more than a generation. When my son returned home after his first year at college I found that he had been indoctrinated with a lot of pro-Communist ideas.

Several years ago his son — my grandson — came home from his first year at the University of Florida. The Christian Anti-Communist Crusade had just completed a 5-day school in Miami and I saw some of their books and literature on the table and told my grandson that I hoped he had been reading them. He replied that he did not intend to read them — that there was far too much anti-Communism in the United States today — that the House Un-American Affairs Committee was ruining the lives of fine citizens — that the film "Operation Abolition" distorted the true facts of what took place at San Francisco.

He couldn't name a single citizen whose life had been ruined — he had never seen the film — but his mind had been poisoned by the propaganda of International Communism. Given a little time, he will see things in their proper perspective (just as his father did before him) but for the moment he has been prejudiced against those who are seeking to save America by bringing us face to face with the facts.

An important part of the Communist program for softening up a country is the infiltration of the churches. There is much evidence to support the belief that this part of their program has made substantial progress in the U. S. Much of the opposition to the showing of the San Francisco film has come from leaders within the National Council of Churches — the same group that keeps urging us to recognize Red China and admit her to the United Nations, to abandon universal military training and to refrain from H-bomb testing.

Living in Miami I had a number of friends who owned sugar mills, cattle ranches and important businesses in Cuba before Castro took over. None of them had any forewarning of the fate which awaited them. Within a very few months their

mills, ranches and businesses — even their homes — were confiscated. And they had to flee for their lives.

This could happen to us — and those who know most about Communism say that it will happen — unless we wake up and start doing something to defeat this menace that would destroy us.

(Continued Next Week)

**LOOKING BACKWARD**  
By HELEN HILL NORRIS

Was talking the other day to one of The Highlander's interesting contributors, young, alert, Lawrence Wood, produce manager of Potts' Market.

We talked while he weighed me a mess of sweet taters, and the talk somehow drifted around to the early days of the Indian occupation of the area. I'm always somewhat interested in those dark children of the forest whom we so pitilessly routed from their peaceful lives. I've seen the play "Unto These Hills" three times, and always with resentment, for my grandpappy Hill was one of the men commissioned by Winfield Scott to remove the Cherokeees from the little valley of Horse Cove where the Hills had lived since 1832.

Reckon grandmother didn't go along with the idea much either, 'cause one of the young squaws, with her papoose strapped to her back somehow got away as they were being herded like stray cattle over Black Rock Mountain's short trail into Whiteside Cove where they were to join up with Col. John H. Alley's Cherokeees and strike westward. The Indian woman got away and hid in the woods near Grandfather's smoke house and kitchen, and Grandmother fed her and took care of the baby as best she could with blankets and other necessities until the poor little frightened Indian mother's husband came back for her.

Reckon he got away too, and had told her he'd be back for her when they parted. Don't think grandfather ever knew it. Dad told us youngsters about it and 'kewed Grandfather left it out of his report to General Scott.

Lawrence went on to say that among his records he had a history of the early Colonial days of Virginia. The Old Dominion... of his direct descent from the Indian princess Pocahontas. I was delighted and interested, but people were busy wanting to be waited on, so I fooled around pinching an avocado or two when nobody was lookin' to see if I could find one not too ripe... and waited.

He has very kindly given me the loan of his carefully typed records, authenticated or based on the records of Governor Wyndham Robertson, of Virginia. Also records from Henning's Statue, Vol. 1, page 327.

of history long ago, long before our land gained its independence from England... but sometimes history misses recording interesting little incidents. Seems that Governor Thomas Dale, and the Rev. Alexander Whitaker took a great interest in this daughter of Chief Powhatan, head of the tribe that once ruled the great state of Virginia. They gave her instruction in the Christian faith, and she was baptized in the first Christian Church built in Virginia, presumably the Church of England, and she married John Rolfe in the chapel at Jamestown on April 5, 1614. The ceremony received the blessing

of her father, Chief Powhatan and of Governor Dale. The name Rolfe is of Danish origin, and dates back SEE NO. 3 PAGE 5

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