

**Young Boy**

(Continued from page 1) — the police maintain a watch. Two all-night vigils were fruitless, but on Sunday afternoon the youth was caught in his fifth attempt. He had taken \$20 his first trip and smaller amounts in the following ones.

James R. Johnson, the negro arrested on the forgery charge last Thursday, was brought to a hearing in Mayor's court and bound over to Superior court, being held in lieu of paying \$1,000 bond. He had attempted to cash a check for \$300.50 at a local department store made out with the name of Dill Howell, which was shown to have been forged. He pleaded

**Journalist Reports On Christian Struggle In War-Time Japan**

LAKE JUNALUSKA—The faithful remnant who withstood the pressure of the imperial government in Japan and stood by their Christian convictions is sufficient justification for the continuation of the missionary enterprise in that country young Richard Baker, newsman and reporter, the first in the field of religious journalism to enter General MacArthur's headquarters after the surrender, told a large audience at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, speaking under the auspices of a south-wide Missionary Conference in session here July 30-Aug. 6. Mr. Baker spent two of the war years in Chungking, China, and six months in Japan, Korea and China after the close of the war.

tations of wartime Christianity in Japan," said the speaker. "One sends back the report that the Christian Church was true to its ideals and its faith, that there were no defections, that the pressure was terrific but to a man it withstood the pressure and came out with head unbowed. The other interpretation says that the Christian church bowed its knees to the state and that it cannot now be considered loyal even in the least degree. The truth as I see it is that Christianity was engaged in a struggle where its very identity as a Japanese religion was threatened, where its faith was challenged by the pretensions of the state itself to divinity. The church sensed those challenges and threats and put up what resistance it could against them but it was a resistance of 400,000 against ninety million; it was a lonesome minority against terroristic police. It was a foreign, imported religion against the beliefs of a people which have saturated their thinking for generations.

not guilty. Six other arrests made since last Thursday by the local police included one for speeding and five for public drunkenness. The case for speeding was tried in mayor's court Friday, and the person was released upon payment of \$10 fine and costs. Those tried for public drunkenness were released after paying court costs. Two persons arrested previously on the charge of driving drunk were tried. Both were fined \$50 and costs. One paid, the other appealed his case to Superior court.

**WAGES COMPARED**

Against private industry wage and salary payments, totalling \$84,000,000,000 on an annual rate basis, Federal, state and local governments are accounting for less than one out of every \$5 paid out in wages and salaries in this country. The Federal civilian employment amounts to \$6,200,000,000, with the state and local governments accounting for \$11,800,000,000.

**JUVENILE CRIME**

A three-day national conference to discuss the problem of increasing crime among youth will be held in Washington, D. C., during the last of October, according to an announcement by Attorney-General Tom Clark. Five hundred persons from all over the nation will participate in the conference, which has the enthusiastic endorsement of President Truman.

duced in this country rose to an annual rate of \$185,000,000,000 in the second quarter of this year, a gain of \$4,000,000,000 compared to the first quarter. War production goods were produced at a rate of \$200,000,000,000.

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"It was a losing struggle, but I do not say it was a lost struggle. The missionaries made a difference. I know they did because I have seen the tremendous power that is stirring in the Christian Church in Japan today. There was a remnant that remained steadfast. The Christian Church in Japan bent but it never broke; a person here and there braved death itself. They were God's faithful remnant who stood firm and uncompromising against the bloody struggle.

"I have seen bewildered people turning to the church for the answer to their questions. I have seen a waitress in our club dining room with a little gold cross in her hand asking one of the foreign correspondents to tell her what it means. I have talked to pastors who tell me that their office hours are filled with questioners who come to them to ask about Christianity. I have had profane old army officers tell me that Japan has only one hope, and that's Christianity.

"They are building Hiroshima Girls' School again. Up in the hills behind the city, just barracks now, not so many students as before because thousands of Hiroshima's sons and daughters fell with their city. But the school is going on. They are building a Christian Japan again. After dark, when the city was a sepulcher of death, not a sound stirring, I walked along the streets. I turned through what had once been the gate of the Catholic compound in Hiroshima. Across the yard was a little shack made of packing crates. Inside two priests were living. We talked. When I turned to go Father Lasalle went with me to the yard. "There the old church stood," he said, "and there it will stand again. We are going to build our new church as a memorial to all the people of Hiroshima, innocent and guilty alike, who died in that awful moment of August 6, 1945, and with their death the war came to an end."

**Mrs. H. Clapp Gives Party For Sister-In-Law**

Mrs. Howard Clapp was hostess of a buffet supper party on Thursday evening as a courtesy to her sister-in-law, Miss Mildred Clapp, of Asheville, whose marriage to John Henderson Stubbs, of Henderson, will take place this month in Asheville. The hostess was assisted in receiving and serving by Mrs. John Cuddeback.

The residence was arranged in quantities of flowers in white and yellow, the combination being noted in all the appointments.

Following the serving of supper several spirited progressions of contract were enjoyed, with prizes presented to the winners of the top and low scores. Miss Clapp, the bride-elect was also given an attractive remembrance of the evening.

The guest list included the following, Miss Clapp and Miss Truly Brayn, Miss Jessie Wooten and Mrs. Frank Bennett, all of Asheville, Miss Lois Massie, Miss Betty Jean Alley and guest of Coco, Fla., Miss Dorothy Whisenhunt, Miss Dorothy Richeson, Miss Martha Love, Miss Charleen Rotha, Miss Catherine Jones and Miss Betty Bradley.

**FBI'S RECORD**

During the year ending June 30, the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained convictions in 97.3 per cent of the cases brought to trial, or 11,873 convictions, including 19 kidnapping, 80 for extortion, 53 for bank robbery, 730 for illegal wearing of a uniform, 245 for impersonation, 314 for defrauding the Government, 3 for espionage and 12 for sabotage.

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