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Presbyterian News

Miss Kathleen Dill of Nebraska and Thomas Burney of Iowa have been working in the Presbyterian Parish for the past two weeks. Most of their time has been spent in Mine Fork where they are helping with Daily Vacation Bible School.

In the absence of Mr. Swartz who is attending a conference in Grinnell, Iowa, Mr. Burney preached Sunday at Upper Jacks Creek, Burnsville and Mine Fork.

Junior-Highs from Yancey County Parish attending Jr. Hi Camp were: Burnsville: Olin Higgins, Louise Patton, Kenneth Dillingham, Danny Young. Higgins: Jo Ann Renfro, Victor Morrow, Sonny Higgins.

Upper Jacks Creek: Steve Briggs, Richard Briggs. Upper Jacks Creek Bible School

Bible School begins Monday, July 3 at the Upper Jacks Creek Presbyterian Church. This is a union Bible School for members and friends of both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The sessions

Micaville Presbyterian

The concluding program of the Vacation Bible School of the Micaville Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, July 2 at 9:45 in the church. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

The Rev. S. B. M. Ghiselin, pastor, is director of the school and the instructors are: Mrs. Ghiselin, Adult Bible Class; Mrs. Max Hughes, young people; Mrs. C. E. Silver, intermediate—junior class; Mrs. Max Gouge, primary; Mrs. May Thomas, nursery group; Mrs. Delzie Harris, secretary.

Diane, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Godwin who has been ill of measles is improving.

Mrs. Margaret Boone of Mars Hill is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson.

will be 9:00-11:00 Monday through Friday for two weeks.

In the evenings of the second week there will be a Stay-At-Home conference for the young people of both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

In Competition

Grafenwohr—(26th PIO)—Pvt. James Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith of Rt. 2, was one of the crack machine gunners to compete in the 1st Infantry Division championship competitions at Grafenwohr, Germany, June 2.

Smith as a member of the heavy machine gun firing squad of D Co. 26th Infantry Regiment, participated in assisting his teammates to win 1st place award of the 1st Division. The events were held in celebration of the 33rd Anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division.

Prior to joining the Army in 1948, Smith was a student of Burnsville High School.

Historic Impact Of Declaration Was 'Startling'

The right of all men to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is being endangered by the deadwood thinking of many who consider the Declaration to be little more than an idealistic cliché. Yet, since the turn of this century, the world has fought two wars because its people wanted to be free of despots and authoritarian governments. Tragically, the issue still is not resolved. Some day it may be. But, as the following editorial remarks try to point out, that day will not come until we all affirm and reaffirm our faith in the principles that motivated the creators of the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776.

MOST PEOPLE today consider the Declaration of Independence a historical move by which this country set forth its vow for independence, but lack the imagination to understand that in the year 1776 it was a startling declaration. In fact, with the possible exception of the Bible, and the Magna Charta in 1215, it is one of the most astonishing documents ever published by man.

Look at it from the viewpoint that up until that time in recorded history no group of men had gathered upon the face of the earth and declared they would rule themselves, that they were capable of ruling themselves.

Before that the ruling of a nation was concentrated in the hands of a few men. The masses were not capable of ruling—that had been the philosophy of governments since the beginning of time.

Then, suddenly, a group of men met in Philadelphia, in a raw and untried country, and issued a document that bluntly avowed: people have the right to overthrow the government under which they live; they have a right to alter or abolish any government that does not operate for their good and happiness. That is a startling declaration.

Thus an experiment began that succeeded and grew. Succeeded so well, in fact, that it came to be regarded as commonplace. And today the Declaration of Independence is thought of by school children as a dusty document which many of them are forced to memorize and find boring to read. United States citizens have accepted without reservation the idea that all peoples have a right to overthrow, abolish and alter any government under which they live.

THE TIMES in which the men lived who wrote and signed the Declaration were troubled times, much as they are today. Men throughout the world were demanding freedom of action and thought.

An Englishman, Dr. Richard Price, at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, wrote: "Perhaps I do not go too far when I say that, next to the introduction of Christianity among mankind, the American revolution may prove the most important step in the progressive course of human improvement."

Dr. Price was correct. It was the step that started the human race on a new trend of thought—freedom for all.

AND the time may be coming when the peoples of all the world, not just a nation, will issue their declaration of independence and no nation will enslave another or force its conception of government on its neighbor. That, too, will be a startling document.

John Adams, who helped compose the Declaration said: "The Revolution was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the hearts and minds of the people."

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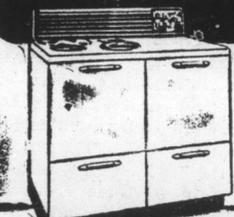
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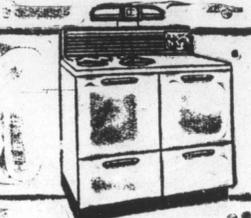
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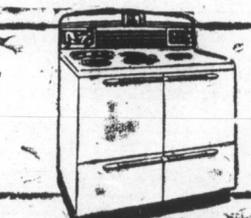
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