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**THE FUTURE OUTLOOK IN BURLINGTON.**

The Future Outlook is now offering to the City of Burlington a high standard of news coverage along with its matchless interpretation of the news through its strong editorials.

All the good citizens of this progressive city are invited to make any suggestions that will improve the standard of our services, because we want our paper to be just what you would have it be. Your opinions are welcome.

The professional people, the day laborers, in fact all of the people of this neighborhood are invited to make the Future Outlook their paper.

We are encouraging you to do this because you will be receiving news dealing with your own problems and will be supporting an institution which gives employment to young men and women of our group. Give us a chance to show you what we can do and we are sure you will be satisfied.

**INFANTILE PARALYSIS.**

**POLIOMYELITIS**, the scientific name for infantile paralysis, is one of the most democratic and deadly of all diseases known to man in that it attacks young and old, rich and poor, and colored and white alike. For these reasons, whatever contributions we can make to the President's birthday fund celebrating his Diamond Jubilee should be made now.

Some people have objected to making contributions because of the alleged discrimination against Negroes at Warm Springs, Georgia, the chief center of the hospital devoted to the cure of this deadly disease; while this true as well as discriminations against the Negro in every phase of American life, there is nevertheless, the hope that whatever scientific advances are made, will redound to the benefit of all humanity — then, the Negro can say that he has played his part to make the world a more healthy place in which to live for all of us.

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Even now that we are engaged in a great world war, the problems of fitting oneself for a normal, healthy life are ever present. Large numbers of men will not be used for military service, especially the younger men. This will mean that earlier than usual in their lives, they must begin seriously to understand that opportunities that will be opened to them at the present time.

The first point to be considered in this regard is thoroughness of training. Whatever method is used to get one's education, complete mastery should be their objective, for here in is to be found, the secret of making a success of one's opportunities. Among the present day opportunities are those in the various branches of government service. There will be increasing demands for all kinds of workers.

After the war, there will be a great demand for building experts of all kinds. These include architects, contractors, sub-contractors, as well as persons to furnish the building materials. In this connection also, will be demands for expert building cleaners and managers. This will mean that great dignity will be attached to these jobs in the future.

The field of record keeping and clerical service seems to hold some hope for those who are inclined to

the more detailed work of keeping accounts of transactions, as well as the carrying on of the correspondence so necessary to facilitate business transactions. Even now the national government is calling for the help of more clerks and stenographers than it has ever done before and the future looks even brighter.

The field of teaching in its more specific forms promises a great future for those who have the foresight to prepare themselves in such fields as accounting, agriculture, animal husbandry, various kinds of engineering, and even in the common fields. If such training is sufficiently specialized and thorough.

The field of organizing, as it pertains to business and community life, will receive increasing attention. The vast rebuilding program that will come after the war is over will necessitate persons who can work with and handle groups of people effectively. Thorough training and experience in handling people should enable one to prepare for this type of work.

There are many other fields which promise great possibilities for those who really want to prepare for their life's work. Opportunities for every type of American youth is still an outstanding phase of the life of this country.

**PRESIDENT F. D. BLUFORD'S ACCIDENT.**

A few weeks ago the great president of A. and T. College slipped on the ice covered sidewalks of the college and seriously hurt himself.

The Future Outlook joins with his many well wishers in hoping that his recovery will be early and that there will be no serious after effects that will prevent him from carrying forward the great work that he is doing at A. and T. College.

**THE WAR AT A GLANCE.**

The newspapers are full of stories of the battles of Russia, Africa and the Far East, yet for the majority of us the war is still, seemingly, in another world. Were it not for the increased cost of a few items, the purchasing of a few bonds and stamps or the denial of the use of a few items of our daily life, many of us personally would declare that the war was a dream. Such is the state of things at the present time. In the future the war promises to be more telling on us in every way. Now it is far away.

All of this goes to show that all of us just aren't warlike and hope down in our hearts that the dirty business will soon be over and, too, we would like to get it over by paying someone else to do it for us. As a people we like to pay for our charity, our crime, our scientific investigation, our education and our wars. It appears, however, that this war is going to be different in that it will require all that we have now or will get in the future in money, materials and men because our enemies are prepared and mean business. They are out to win based on generations of endocentricity of a code of destructive superiority.

What we need, therefore, is to realize that in this war there are only winners and losers and to be a winner, we got to pay and pay and then pay some more.

**THE TELEPHONE.**

In spite of all of a telephone's usefulness, there are phases of its importance which can prove a nightmare to owner and users alike. Here are some. The fellow who talks 30 minutes to his girl friend during rush hours. Or the fellow who talks especially his personal affairs. The secretary who has to ask you to wait while she looks for a pencil to record your message. The fellow who steals a long distance on an accommodating friend. The fellow who always wants to borrow your phone, while he talks to you about his plans for saving money. Then there is the girl who when she uses your phone, requires that you follow your radio and then complains because everybody was listening to her long conversation. We won't leave out the children of our best neighbors who insist on playing with the telephone to see how it works and then when it needs repairing — the poor dears must be harn.

So one can realize that the telephone has some drawbacks, even though we know it as a useful instrument of the modern world.

**A GOOD WIFE.**

Thousands of spoken and written words have gone into attempts to convey to others the true meaning of a good wife.

To some men a wife must be an understanding and useful individual. To others she should be a good listener, healthy so as not to be continually in the doctor's office or the drug store and above all she should look up to him as the master of the house while accepting whatever money and clothing that is given her without question. Still others think of a good wife as a spiritual companion without whom it would be impossible to carry on. She is a comfort to her children in always pointing them to the highest goals attainable; and to her husband, she is the reason for his becoming the outstanding person that he is in the community.

While it is hard to say exactly what a good wife is to every husband because men differ in their fundamental taste. It can be said, however, that it is she who is able to consider the job of being a wife as a serious one and is able to put herself into it accordingly, for after all it is a job that a girl should approach in such a manner.

**Poetry In Everyday Life**

- A little more kindness.
- A little more greed.
- A little more giving.
- A little less greed.
- A little more smile.
- A little less frowning.
- A little less kicking.
- When man is down.
- A little more "we."
- A little less "I"
- A little more laugh.
- A little less cry.
- A little more flowers.
- On the pathway of life.
- And fewer on graves.
- At the end of the strife.

**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.**

**Seeking New Disciples for Jesus**

Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

**CHRIST'S FISHERMEN.**

What Jesus did that morning by the lake has been done ever since: summoning men as individuals to loving, loyal fellowship with himself. "Come ye after me" is the cry that echoes out from Galilee through all the world.

They were fishermen whom Jesus summoned to personal allegiance, pulling at the oars until the hands were calloused, straining at the net until the back was tired. They were part of the mass of common people, who always heard Him gladly.

One wonders why He did not go to the intellectual aristocracy in Jerusalem. Surely that as the natural place to begin the expedition of His theories. Indeed, the Gospel of John indicates that He did begin there and was met with an unresponsive attitude. So He came back to these simple, unsophisticated Galileans, whose minds were not already filled with preconceived opinions.

It is only another evidence of the fact of which we are so often reminded: It is the plain and unpretending life of the common people in which the roots of creative effort and achievement lie. "Come," He said, "and I will make

you . . . fishers of men." It was a call to larger service. The fishermen's hands were calloused with pulling at the oars, their backs were weary with straining at the net, and they would have been glad perhaps of a summons to a more easeful occupation; but this was not the nature of their call. He would take them off the lake, lying among its sheltered hills, and put them upon the ocean, where the tides run and the currents flow and the storms sweep across the deep. With these new-found friends He trod the country over in search for the most useful thing they could do or say in the interests or in the service of their fellow men.

Fishers of men they were to be. They were to go forth to catch men, as He caught them that day. They were to live lives that would take hold of others as his life had taken hold of them.

It was not by accident that Jesus chose these fishermen as his first disciples. He knew that knowledge of their craft would teach them the need of long and patient effort. As the fish could not be compelled to take the hook, so men could not be cajoled into his kingdom; but with the tact, skill, and patient effort of fishermen the result might be accomplished. So He summoned them to sacrifice and service, and something in His call to hold hold imperiously upon their will. It was as if an electric spark shot into their souls and fused them with His own. They left their nets and follow Him.

All men must leave their nets when Christ's call comes to them; for his emphasis is not upon that which is immediate and temporary but upon that which is unseen and eternal. But is it not enough that He calls us — He who is the spiritual Master of the world and whose kingdom is an ever-lasting kingdom? Still He reaches across the world and demands of us that which is most difficult for us to grant. He asks what one often seeks in "avin" from his friends, or a father from his children, or a wife from her husband, or man from his brother. He demands it unconditionally. He will have it entirely for Himself. He claims the personal love and loyalty of the heart. To be sure, He does not explain the full significance of His kingdom, nor does He make clear all the ways in which His love will lead us; but He asks that we trust him for the final outcome.

**MODERN EVANGELISM.**

Jesus did not call his first disciples — Simon, Andrew, James and John — at random. He knew He would have to train those who were to help Him; but He wanted men who were capable of receiving the training. He would give them.

Jesus saw that they had the capacity for hard work. They were busy washing and mending their nets. He noted, too, that they had the capacity for ready obedience. Despite the fact that they had labored all night and caught nothing, they let down the nets for another draft at His direction. He noted, also, that they had the capacity for prompt decision. When He invited them to become His followers, they accepted the invitation at once. And He noted, further, that they were capable of a great loyalty. They left all they had to follow Him.

Modern industry pays tribute, perhaps unwittingly, to the wisdom of Jesus in building up its organizations. Every year many great industrial concerns carefully study the records of those being graduated from college for the specific purpose of finding men who can help them maintain the high standards they have established and ensure the continued success of their enterprises. Many companies employ personnel directors, who apply practically the same tests that Jesus used in selecting their employees. Maybe some day modern business will catch up with Jesus by including in its requirements his insistence upon personal righteousness.

A never-ending task of the church is to find, enlist, and train a competent leadership. There is a vast difference between a man's seeking a man. It is the difference between

how much a man can give. High position can be attained in the church, but to hold out that possibility as an inducement to serve the church is an appeal to a man's selfishness.

Leaders are to be recruited wherever they can be found. It is interesting to note that Jesus chose his first disciples from the ranks of labor. The present president of a great American railway system began his employment with the company as a shop worker. The church that neglects to minister to laboring men will not only lose many valuable leaders but also alienate a great host of those who might become worthy members.

If the church is to fulfill the mission of Christ, it must have a growing constituency. One of the very first things Jesus did was to enlist followers; and his last command to his disciples was that they continue that enlistment even to the uttermost part of the earth. If church membership does not grow faster than the population grows, the world will never become Christian. Statistically the church may hold its own; actually it will be losing around.

Every method of winning new disciples which is not wrong in itself is legitimate for use by the church.

Mass evangelism does not occupy the place it once did in the work of the church; but in some places and under some circumstances it is still one of the most effective ways of gaining converts. The criticism directed against it is not so much against the method as such against the excesses that mass psychology so often produces.

The educational is perhaps the most effective method of evangelism the church can use today. The chief criticism of this method is that it is a purely intellectual process, which makes its appeal to the head and not to the heart, and that it fails to produce the "new birth," without which it is impossible to enter into the kingdom of heaven. The criticism is summed up in the statement: "You can't educate people into righteousness." The best answer to this criticism is the product of the church school. An overwhelming proportion of new members come into the church directly from the church school, making public profession of the faith in Christ and of their acceptance of him as their personal Saviour; and their sincerity, consistency of Christian life, and activity in the work of the church compare favorably with the sincerity, consistency, and activity of those received by any other method or from any other source. By every test we can apply — they are disciples. The educative process has the advantages of mass evangelism without its disadvantages, with its worship assemblies and class groups; and the personal touch of the teachers with their pupils furnishes the best possible opportunity for personal evangelism.

In seeking new disciples for Jesus the direct appeal of one person to another to become a Christian will never lose its effectiveness. It was the method Jesus used in winning his first followers; it was the method largely used in the early church; it is a method that can be used by every Christian seven days in the week.

**Weekly Practice**

The Gospel Chorus of St. Matthews Methodist Church had their weekly practice in the home of Mrs. R. C. Sharpe at 717 S. Ashe street Tuesday evening, January 13. They also furnished music for the service Sunday night.

**Mrs. Geneva McMurray Ladies' Aid Hostess**

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Matthews Church met in the home of Mrs. Geneva McMurray on South Cedar street Monday, January 12. The meeting was carried on in their regular order, except there was no topic discussed. After the meeting they were served hot chocolate, vanilla wafers and mixed candy.