

Sermon Tribute To L. A. Kiser

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Funeral Meditation was delivered by Charles W. Easley, Pastor St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on May 1, 1966.

Today we come in tribute to and loving memory of LOUIS ARNOLD KISER—husband, father, kinsman, friend. We are reminded again: there is no cover from death. As much as we would like to hide from it and escape the reality and inevitability of it, there is no place on earth that affords us such a refuge. Everything in life forces us to face up to death; flowers that bloom—only to wilt and die; cherished pets that all too soon and untimely come to an end; even civilizations that grow and flourish have a way of getting old and dying; and surely there are those loved ones and acquaintances who almost daily fall around us.

In the face of this, we have come to this place. Not to hide. But to be reassured. To hear some word beyond what we see and are able to reason at this moment.

As I thought of this occasion, my mind and spirit almost instinctively became absorbed in a word spoken by Jesus and even more fully exemplified within his life. THE WORD IS SERVANT. The disciples stood in the very shadow of the cross and there

they began to argue among themselves as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. "When we sit at the dinner table without Lord, who shall sit at the head table—on his right and left—and who shall occupy finally the last place of least importance at the foot of the table. In our affairs, who shall have the most to say and who shall reap the largest share of the rewards."

They were men of the world. At this time these disciples were not yet men of the Kingdom of God. They were looking for Rights and Privileges. They were measuring things by age-old standards of earth. Who is entitled to the most because of the place he occupies?

Right in the midst of it, Jesus enters the argument. He shatters their ideas and smashes their concepts and establishes a new criteria for greatness. From that time on within the church, Greatness is not measured by a person's name or his wealth or his prominence or his personality or anything else of the kind. The greatness of a person is measured by the Service he renders. By the free giving of his life above and beyond what is required by duty.

Jesus not only spoke of these things—He lived them. The extra hours and acts that he packed into each day made him appear as 50 instead of 30. And even when the cross came up on the horizon—the carpenter kept right on teaching and healing and comforting—often going without

sleep or rest or food. HE WAS LORD OF ALL AND YET HE WAS SERVANT OF ALL.

The world has always lacked servants. It has never lacked for those who could give advice and freeload and complain. But it has always lacked servants. Those who are willing to give an extra measure of themselves that life might be made a little easier and a little fuller for those around them.

It is not a recent failing. The world has always been short of servants but surely the temptation is greater today than ever—to put in our 8 hours and lounge in our leisure—to get lost amid the statistics and machinery—to live in a world of entertainment and affluence and expect to get everything and give nothing in return—to hide behind the nicety of our bungalow and overlook people and never see their need or what we can do for them. It is so easy to exist these days and never live a single day as a servant.

But somewhere in this whole idea of the Servant, Jesus seems to be saying that those who know him and have been taken up by His Spirit, will follow in his steps and will be as he is—A SERVANT OF ALL.

We can not come here on this occasion and fail to see that from us has passed a servant. ARNOLD KISER was more than a man who just put in his time. He served thru his business and his practices with those who worked for him and with him. It is no great effort to recall how he

Shiloh Church Calls New Minister, Dr. Moore New Grover Doctor

GROVER — Shiloh Presbyterian church has issued a call to Mr. Harvey Stewart White who will graduate in June from Union Seminary in Richmond in Richmond, Va. Mr. and Mrs. White plan to be here by July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood Watterson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watter-

served this community which you and I love so deeply. And it is not trite to say, Kings Mountain is a little better place now than it was 60 years ago because this man lived and served here. And in this church we recall how he was a servant for so many years and in so many ways. Not the least of them, service as treasurer of the congregation for 28 years—until the very moment of his death.

A servant has passed. One who has given an extra measure of his life, beyond what is the mantle and follow in such a path. In our anxiety we pray God to raise up among us a new heritage of servants like unto his own Son. But until that time we will comfort one another and take hope in the words and promises of Jesus—"If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also." (John 12:26)

Amen

son and family were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowery Martin and family in Thomasville.

Laton Smith, of Atlanta, Ga. had a lawn mower accident and lost all toes on his foot this week.

Mrs. Bessie (Forest) Fortenberry is a patient in Cleveland Memorial hospital.

Connie Shaw and Douglas Yeargan of Western Carolina College spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Deward Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Keeter spent Sunday through Wednesday at their summer home at Cherry Grove Beach.

Jean and Bill Neal attended a convention in Columbia, S. C. Friday through Sunday. Part of their time was spent seeing places of interest.

The college students of the week at First Church are Jimmy Wright, 1524 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Pam Childers, 312 East Hall ASTC, Boone, N. C.

The flowers were placed in the sanctuary of the First Baptist church Sunday by Mrs. Mary Robinson in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reid Cottingham.

Mrs. Paul Byers, Mrs. Jack Pinkleton, Hilda Drake and Karen Byers were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Black.

E. N. Beatty of New York is at Minette Mills on a business trip this week.

Mrs. Mary Lou Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Royster spent Sunday with Gary Collins, Mike and Steve Royster, students at Wake Forest college, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Mary Lou Collins attended the wedding of a cousin, Jerry Mayo in Anderson, S. C. on Saturday afternoon and the reception after the wedding.

The Grover Community 4-H club will meet at the Grover Elementary School on Monday night. The club will plan and discuss a 4-H Church Sunday program to be given at First Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goid and Sharon spent Friday through Sunday in Tallahassee, Fla., going to bring Richard Goid home after completion of a year of college work at Florida State.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harold (Skip) Morelock announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Harold on Friday. Mrs. Morelock was dismissed from Cleveland Memorial

hospital on Monday and is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robinson for several weeks. Mrs. Morelock is the former Linda Robinson.

Mr. Bruce Roark of Watsonville, Calif., is visiting Mrs. Nina Westmoreland and other relatives here.

Miss Sheila Putnam remains a patient in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte after a car accident one month ago. Sheila's address is Room 4426 Memorial Hospital, Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Moore were visitors in Grover over the weekend. Dr. Moore will be Grover's new physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hope of Gaffney, S. C. and Ted Hope of California were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Tessener and Pat on Sunday.

Burford Hambricht and Ashley Tyree toured the Ralph Van Landham Rhododendron gardens at Charlotte on Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Hardin, house mother at Barlum Springs came home on Tuesday. Mrs. Lola Faye Craig and daughter care with Mrs. Hardin for a short visit.

Mrs. B. P. Hambricht received word of the death of a sister, Mrs. Maude Turner Shoffner of Charlotte on Sunday morning. Funeral services were held on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertha George, who has been a patient in the Cherokee Memorial hospital, Gaffney, came home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Charlie Gantt and family of Sanford, attended church services at Shiloh Presbyterian church recently. Mrs. Gantt is former Augusta, Pharr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drake, Hilda, Johnny and twins Roddy and Lorri are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pinkleton for several months. The Drakes are home from two years in Rabat, Morocco.

Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Johnny, Roddy and Lorri are visiting Mrs. Evelyn Drake in Albany, New York this week.

Mrs. B. A. Harry, Sr. and Mrs. Alice Bridges have returned home from a trip to Sanford, Orlando, and Tampa, Florida. They were visitors of Lt. and Mrs. J. F. Harry and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dillingham and other friends while away.

Mrs. Neely Shirkey flew to Miami, Fla., on Friday for a visit with Mrs. George Baxter and other relatives.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Rollins and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hicks, Sr., returned home on Tuesday after a week's visit in Manassas, Va., Annandale, Va. and Washington,

Lewis Serving At Naval Air Station

ALAMEDA, CALIF. (PHOTO) April 7 — Airman Apprentice

D. C. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Moss spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Graham in Elkin and Mrs. Moss went from Elkin to Mouth Wilson, Va. to visit a sister, Mrs. W. M. Paisley, who is sick. Mr. Moss remained with the Grahams in Elkin while Mrs. Moss was visiting her sister.

Tommy Hope has been transferred from Fort Devens, Mass. to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he is in training for the medical corps.

R. B. Keeter, Mr. White of Shelby and Noah Kiser spent several days at Cherry Grove, Beach fishing.

Weekend family visitors of Mrs. Hattie N. Allen were Mr. and Mrs. David Allen of Aiken, S. C. and Mr. and Mrs. James L. McCullough and Jim of Greenville. Mrs. Allen had a family get-together on Sunday.

Mr. Joe A. Dickson has been to Columbia for an ear examination and will have an ear operation June 13.

James H. Lewis III, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Lewis, Jr. of 912 Henry St., Kings Mountain, N. C., is serving at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif.

Located across the bay from San Francisco, the air station has a three-fold mission: providing and maintaining support facilities for fleet operations; giving direct support to the striking forces of the Navy's air arm by reworking aircraft, guided missiles, pneumatics, engines, accessories, and components; and serving as a primary aviation supply point.

Thornburg Qualifies As Firing Expert

FORT JACKSON, S. C. (AP) — Army Pvt. Charles E. Thornburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Thornburg, 510 S. Georgia Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., fired expert with the M-14 rifle April 12 near completion of his basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

The expert rating is the highest mark a soldier can achieve in his rifle qualification test. Thornburg, 18, was graduated from Bessemer City High School in 1965.

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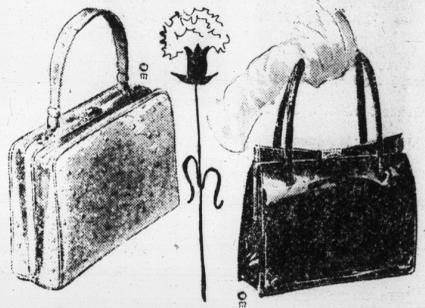
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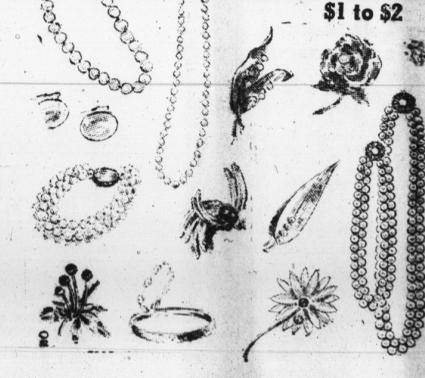
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