

St. Paul AME Church Holds Fourth Quarterly Conference

By Mrs. Lillie M. Hodge

The fourth quarterly conference of Saint Paul AME Church for this conference year, was held Sunday, September 18. The conference opened with the Sunday School at 9:30. The Supl., Mr. Terry Hough was in charge and teachers were at their posts. The lesson was reviewed by Mr. Bryant Behea. The Sunday School was well-attended, and is doing great work as a responsibility to those who look to it for guidance in growth for Christian living.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, the music was furnished by the chancel choir of the church, under the supervision of Mrs. C. M. Farmer, who was at the console. After the regular order of service led by the pastor, the Rev. E. S. Foust, he then presented Dr. C. C. Scott, the presiding elder of the Raleigh district. Dr. Scott is a man of great experience in the AME church, and has historical weight as to the truth of things fundamental.

He chose his text from the 21 chapter of first Kings, and the 6th verse: "I will not give thee my vineyard, Sub-will not foresake."

Dr. Scott stressed the fact that you cannot buy love, nor

can you buy the salvation of Jesus Christ, because they are the precious gifts of Jesus and they are not for sale.

He admonished his listeners to stand for that which is right, but let it be within the heart. He said, "Your rights too are not for sale. This was a wonderful message and was heard over the broadcasting station of WLLR.

At the evening service, Dr. Scott chose his text from St. Luke the 9th chapter and 23 verse: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." This was an inspiring message.

Immediately after this message, the business session was held in the annex of the church. The classes, clubs, and auxiliaries made fine reports. We were honored with the presence of Mrs. C. C. Scott, the wife of the presiding elder, who gave her co-operative aid to the missionaries of the church concerning what would be expected of them during the conference, which will be held at St. Paul in November. Her message gave us new inspiration.

It was the consensus of the conference that the pastor and

presiding elder be returned to work with us at St. Paul another year, through the timely speech made by Bro. A. E. Brown.

Money raised during the quarter was \$8,096.64.

Zion Church Dedicated In "Gate City"

GREENSBORO - The Redevelopment Program of this city was enhanced on Sept. 18 when the new quarter of a million dollar edifice, which will house the congregation of Trinity AME Zion Church, was dedicated.

The occasion drew a record crowd. Bishop R. L. Jones, who presides over the area, delivered the dedicatory sermon and also led the congregation in the Act of Dedication. The interest manifested by members of both races again proved the value of the Church to a community.

Rev. O. L. Hairston, Shiloh Baptist Church, delivered the opening prayer. The Collect for Dedication Day was read by Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, West Market Street Methodist Church. The first lesson was read by Rev. G. Melvin Palmer, Peace United Church of Christ. Bishop Wyoming Wells, Wells Temple Church of God in Christ, in whose church the congregation has worshipped since May 1965, was programmed to read the second lesson, but was absent due to official duties and the Rev. Paul Morgan, Lutheran Church, did the chores.

The Rev. G. W. Lawrence, presiding elder, Greensboro District, AME Zion Church, delivered the second prayer. W. H. Headen, chairman, Trustee Board, presented the building to Bishop Jones. Music was furnished by the Cathedral and Chancel Choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Wilhemena Bishop, wife of the pastor and Minister of Music.

Members of St. John's Lodge No. 12, Prince Hall Masons, did the honors of unveiling the cornerstone, while Bishop Jones, assisted by Rev. S. A. Speight, performed the ritual of cornerstone ceremony.

Rev. Cecil Bishop, under whose leadership the land was bought and the building was erected, served as Master of Ceremonies. He described the occasion as one designed to exemplify the true meaning of Christian living, giving the sacrificial cooperation that was shown by not only the congregation, but the entire city. He told the audience that all Greensboro should strive to make the building a citadel for Christians and a refuge for those who yearned for a better life.

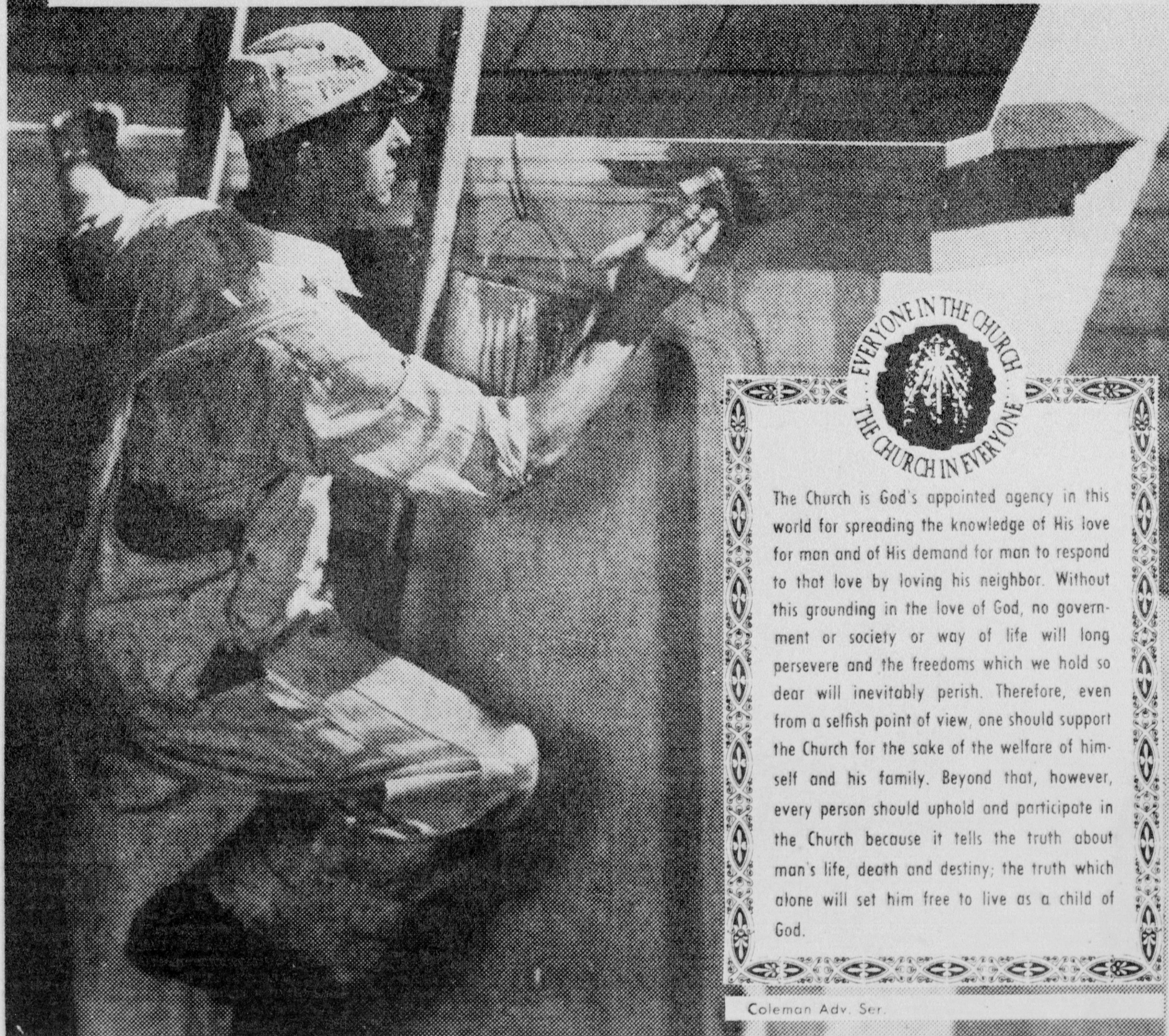
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EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH
THE CHURCH IN EVERYONE

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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WHAT IS GRACE?

"The Father of Lies" always hates the truth, but he does not always oppose it by the same methods. If he fails to succeed as a roaring lion he may appear as an angel light, suggesting that surely a God of love will not condemn Christ-rejectors forever. Sinners, he will contend, are not responsible for their sins anyway, for does not Eph. 1:11 teach that "God worketh all things after the counsel of His own will"? And thus God Himself is supposed to have conceived the idea of sin as "a gracious means to a glorious end," and to have caused man to fall into sin so that He might finally save him from it.

finally be saved may at first sound like wonderful grace, but actually there is not one particle of grace in it, for it is based on the theory that since God got us into sin it is only just that He save us from its penalty. But grace is God's mercy and kindness to the UNDESERVING. In Eph. 2, after calling sinners "children of disobedience" and therefore "children of wrath," the Apostle Paul goes on to say, "BUT GOD, who is RICH IN MERCY, for His GREAT LOVE wherewith He loved us . . . hath quickened us . . . raised us up . . . and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come He might show THE EXCEEDING RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN HIS KINDNESS TOWARD US THROUGH CHRIST JESUS"

Why an almighty, all-wise, all-loving God permitted sin to enter the universe must, for the time being, remain an impenetrable mystery to us, but one thing is certain: He is NOT the author of sin, and NEVER accepts the responsibility for it — except that in grace and love He bore its penalty for man.

God calls sinners "children of DISOBEDIENCE" and "children of WRATH" (Eph. 2:2, 3), explaining in clearest language that He hates sin and that His anger is kindled against it (Rom.) 1:18; Eph. 5:6; John 3:36). But if God meant man to sin and caused him to sin, how was man disobedient and what cause could God have to be angry? Those who would shift the responsibility for sin from themselves to God should remember that He proclaimed His standards of righteousness in the law "that every mouth might be stopped and that all the world might be brought in guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19).

The contention that all will

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MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE
BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, forbearing one another." — Col. 3:12, 13.

And indisputable ingredient in the achievement of harmonious human relations is kindness. Just like salt in food, kindness is essential in bringing out the best in human nature.

Mere politeness and conventional courtesies are not enough. In all our dealings with others, friend and stranger alike, the added something that makes us glow with happiness and good will is kindness. Whatever we say or do, when enhanced by kindness, is received in the right spirit by others.

It is true, we may be called upon at times to speak firmly to another person about some matter, to say something that may possibly embarrass or hurt that person. But when we pray, "Let me be kind," when we sus in all circumstances, then we should be able to handle such a situation in a way that will mitigate the hurt or embarrassment.

What we say is sometimes not so important as HOW we say it. We should remember always that the way to any worthwhile achievement is the way of constant, loving attention generously given to others. The pathway to overcoming any difficulty is along the Divine pathway of infinite kindness and helpfulness.

In all your relations with other persons, the more you concentrate on brightening their moments in your company with your kind and thoughtful attitude the more you will be adding to your own happiness.

"Thou wilt show me the path of life; In thy presence is fullness of joy." Psalm 16:11.

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