

HUMAN RIGHTS MASS - New York: Priests of different races participate in the celebration of the Seven Annual Human Rights Mass Nov. 19th, at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church here. The priests are (left to right): Rev. John Fernandez, a Puerto Rican; Rev. Barnabas Wang, who is Chinese; Rev. James Violens, an American Negro; Rev. Wighert Ferreras, of India; and Rev. Erwin Beck, of the USA. (UPI PHOTO).

TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE

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A SERMONETTE
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"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning." --Ecc. 7:8.

It seems there are many things in life about which we, as individuals, can do very little. However, through prayer, we can learn to wait in patience for God's love and wisdom to work their harmonizing and illuminating effect on these situations and problems that appear on life's journey. It is true, waiting in patience is not always easy. We may see more effective ways of accomplishing what needs to be accomplished. We may see inefficiency and short-sightedness. We may see injustice and selfishness.

But certainly, we ourselves cannot be responsible for every reform needed. We ourselves cannot sharpen another person's insight or hasten his mental and spiritual growth. We ourselves cannot rectify every injustice or uncover every selfish act. In fact, when we allow ourselves to become upset about matters that are outside our power to do anything about, we only add to the negation and general confusion.

The best thing to do, always, is to resort to prayer. And the only helpful attitude to take is to know that underneath everything God's love, wisdom, and power are at work. We must waste no time in complaints or emotional outbursts. If things do not right themselves at once, we must still have no fear. Having placed all these problems and affairs in God's hands, we should cease to judge by outward appearances -- we should cease to complain and to criticize and to fret and fume. We can find our solution, our comfort, our happiness, in God through our closeness to Him in prayer.

"The breath of the Almighty giveth me life." Job 33:4.

DOES MISERY LOVE COMPANY?

We have all heard the statement: "Misery loves company." It is true that when one is sick or in trouble, he does not feel quite so sorry for himself when he realizes that others are as unfortunate, and perhaps more so than he.

However, some have used this phrase: "Misery loves company," in speaking lightly of hell. Perhaps you have heard someone say: "Well, if I go to hell, at least I'll have lots of company." This is true, but the company the lost will have when cast out of God's presence will hardly afford them comfort.

The Bible story of the rich man and Lazarus brings this fact out with great force. The rich man, you will remember, "fared sumptuously every day," while Lazarus "was laid at his gate, full of sores, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table."

In the process of time, both died and the rich man, having felt no need of salvation suddenly was made to experience God's wrath upon sin, for the sacred records say: "In hell he lift up his eyes, being in

torments" (Luke 16:23). From his place of torment, the rich man saw Lazarus with Abraham "afar off" but this surely afforded little comfort, while we do read that "Lazarus was comforted." The rich man, then, still with haughty superiority, asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn his five brothers "lest they come into this place of torment." He did not wish his brothers to join him in hell. "Misery" among those cast out of God's presence, then, does not "love company."

The story is brought to a close as Abraham refuses the rich man's request, explaining that if his brothers did not hear the Word of God "neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

The way to avoid the lot of rich man, then, is to believe the Word of God, particularly that part of the Word which tells how Christ died for our sins that we might be justified by grace through faith. Don't be fooled by the old adage: "Misery loves company." Receive Christ as your Savior today. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

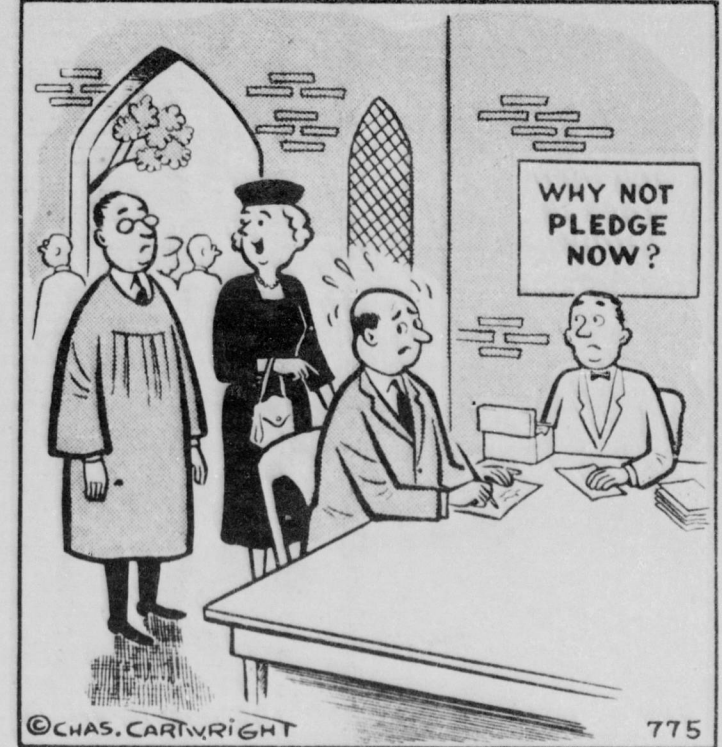
National Council Launches Life Membership Drive

Miss Lena Horne, noted entertainer, and Mrs. Samuel Zales, prominent communal leader of New York City and Stamford, Conn., are shown going over plans for the nationwide Life Membership Campaign of the National Council of Negro Women. High point of the campaign will be a banquet on Monday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p. m. at the Plaza Hotel. They expect to have from 300 to 500 new life members for the council by December 19. Life

membership in the National Council of Negro Women is \$100. Funds will be used for a special council fund to advance programs in education, civil rights, housing as well as an energetic effort against juvenile delinquency.

Latest statistics indicate that diseases of the heart and blood vessels account for 54.2 per cent of all deaths in the United States, the North Carolina Heart Association reports.

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Four Awarded Scholarships By Forsyth TB Ass'n

WINSTON-SALEM - Miss Eva Jane Browder, a sophomore nursing student at Winston-Salem State College, was one of four students from local schools of nursing awarded \$100 scholarships by the Forsyth County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

The awards were made by Ralph Goodale, president of the Association at the Association's annual Christmas Seals luncheon meeting at the First Presbyterian Church. This meeting officially opened the Association's annual "Christmas Seals Campaign."

The student nurses who received the awards were selected by the Association and their instructors on the basis of academic achievement, dedication to nursing and extraordinary ability in establishing rapport with patients.

Miss Browder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Browder of Jackson Springs.

Other nurses receiving scholarships were: Miss Mary F. Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Snipes, Jr. of Jamesown, a student at Baptist Hospital; Miss Ludia P. Peele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lester Peele of Williamston, a student at Kate Bittling Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Miss Jane D. Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis R. Leonard of Lexington, a student at Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

Christmas Concert Set

A Christmas concert by the Raleigh Oratoria Society - one of the Triangle area's most popular annual musical events - will be held Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p. m.

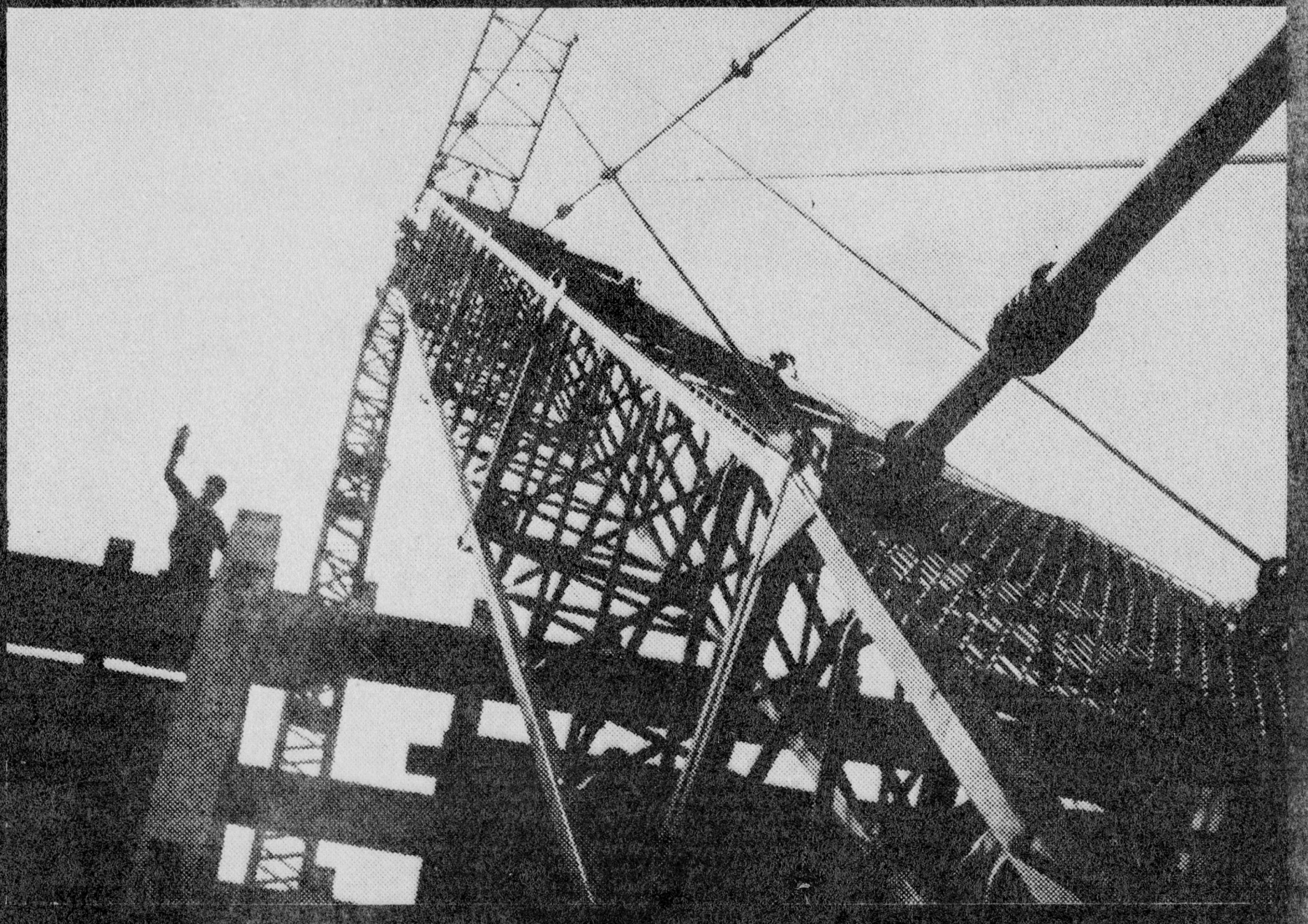
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We need to build our homes to endure. They need a strong foundation. They need to be built on the rock of Christ. Psalm 127:1 reads, *Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.* Attend church regularly that your house may be instructed in the ways of the Lord.



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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