



ST. AUG. STUDENTS WELCOME RHYTHMIC CHOIR - Left; Members of the Rhythmic Choir of Washington, D. C., as they autograph programs for Saint Augustine's College students. The students are left to right: Shirley M. Frazier, a senior of Raleigh; Wilbert Cain, freshman of Maxton, and Edwin Gorham, freshman of Washington, N. C. The Rhythmic Choir was presented by the Student Council of Saint Augustine's College, Friday, March 21.

TWO MINUTES
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THE RESURRECTION DAY

In Psalm 2:7 we find the prophetic words: "I will declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee."
Should we ask: "What day?" or "When was Christ declared to be the Son of God?" we will find the answer in Acts 13:33.
"God hath fulfilled the same (promises) unto us... in that He raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm: Thou art My Son, THIS DAY have I begotten Thee."
So it was at Christ's resurrection that the "decree" was made and He was "declared" to be the Son of God - "begotten" in the larger sense of the word.
This agrees with what we find in the first chapter of Romans, where St. Paul speaks of God's good news.
"Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from

the dead" (Rom. 1:4). (Rom. 1:4).

This is a wonderful truth. It was Christ's resurrection from the dead in power that proved Him indeed to be God the Son. And more wonderful still, it was our death He died at Calvary, so that He might impart to us this everlasting resurrection life. In Eph. 2:2, 3, we are all declared to be "The children of disobedience" and therefore by nature that children of wrath," but see how this passage continues:
"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved), and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-6).

Thus, because of Christ's finished work of salvation, those who place their trust in Him are given His resurrection life and "blessed with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). This is their RESURRECTION DAY!

RELIGION and RACE

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL WEEK'S QUOTE

WILMINGTON, Del. - "Black -- an old and old-time word, is good enough for men. . . To the degree that today the word 'black' is being stripped of all denotations of inferiority, debasement, subjugation and humiliation, as the sole justification for 'boots that walk all over you,' it is magnificent . . ." Dr. William C. Jason, Jr., Philadelphia Methodist layman, in a keynote address at a one-day reunion in Ezion United Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del.

FALSE CHRISTIANITY

SKOKIE, Ill. - American Christianity "... is often in sharp contrast to what Christ and the Scriptures said Christians ought to do," declared the Rev. Gerald T. O'Brien, dean of students, St. Mary on the Lake seminary, Mundelein, during a talk at St. Peter's church. Speaking in the third of a four-part series sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Commission on Human Relations and Ecumenism, Dr. O'Brien noted, "The problem is that we have lived with the sins of a false Christianity."

INVOLVEMENT URGED

WASHINGTON - Mayor Walter E. Washington has issued a challenge to the United Methodist church to "move out of its ecclesiastical comfort and security, to become involved in the hurt, wounds and crisis of the city." Speaking before some 500 persons attending Conco '69, the national United Methodist convocation on Christian social concern, he said, "The church could take the lead in meeting the urban crisis if it is willing to move from its ill a.m. Sunday traditionalism out in the street to confront the complex, wrenching needs of the ghetto dwellers."

MINORITY INVESTMENT

SEATTLE, Wash. - The Presbyterian Economic Development corporation (PEDCO) has invested a total of \$105,000 in two northwestern business enterprises, designed to help business and housing enterprises owned and operated by minority group entrepreneurs in low and middle income areas. The investments made now total \$2,075,000 out of \$9 million set aside for that program.

POW-WOW

FARMINGTON, N. M. - African and American Indian cultures got together recently at the Navajo Methodist Mission school, when the Rev. Leon Mwambal, Congolese Methodist minister, accompanied by his wife and five children, visited with Indian students. In addition to conducting services during Religious Emphasis Week, Rev. Mwambal and his family conducted talk sessions with various student groups.

thirsty." But God has delivered them always who trusted in Him, and has brought them "unto their desired haven."
Whenever we substitute faith and trust in God for fretful striving, our life is filled with purpose and power. In the deep, spiritual quietness of prayer and closeness to God, we can always find the strength and wisdom needed to meet life victoriously.
"Cast the burden upon Jehovah, and He will sustain thee." -- Psalms 55:22.

Did you ever stop to think how bad the situation would be if everyone agreed with you?

Self-righteous people often owe their attitudes to the fact of their positions.

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God's Purposes

If you were having a picnic at the lake at approximately this spot, you might say, "Well, why did the engineers leave those trees in the water when they made this lake? They create such an eye-sore. I can see no purpose in it." Yet, fishermen tell us that the fish love those old tree stumps and roots and that you can almost always find fish swimming in the dark recesses around and between these trees.

As Isaiah reminds us, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

So many times we question God's wisdom in allowing some things to be and other things to come to pass. But God is good and his purposes are wise. The very thing that seems useless to us, might make us marvel if we could see with Heaven's eyes.

But he also wants us to know that his thoughts are many toward us and that everything works toward our good and our salvation. If we had no conflicts, and no questions, we would never have the opportunity to step out on faith.

Come to church Sunday and learn of God, his purposes, and the unsearchable riches of his love.

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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