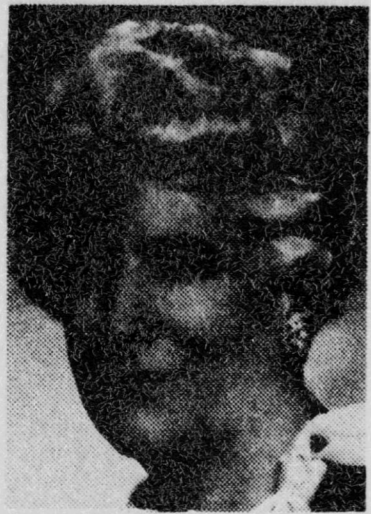




ETHIOPIAN SEEKS POST AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF UN-Paris-Ethiopian Communications Minister Endelkatchew Makonnen declared himself a candidate for the post of Secretary General of the United Nations. Makonnen based his decision on Secretary General Thant's statement that he will retire because of ill health. (UPI).

Church Training Covenes At St. Augustine's College

The First Church of God was host to a leadership training conference held at St. Augustine's College from July 10 through 16. This Fifteenth Annual In-Service Training Institute was a training project sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the National Association of the Church of God affiliated with Church of God Headquarters at Anderson, Indiana.



SPEAKS AT WOMEN'S MEET- Dr. Margaret Shannon, Executive Director of Church Women United, will be one of the speakers at the quadrennial meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, AME Zion Church, which will be held at Shaw Memorial AME Zion Church, 453 Porter Street, Buffalo, N. Y. August 1-5. She is among the many church women of the nation that will address the more than 1100 delegates, missionary workers and other interested persons, coming from throughout the nation, Bahamas, South America, Caribbean, Africa and England.

FAYETTEVILLE - Fayetteville State University's 1971-72 academic year will commence August 22 when freshmen and new students arrive on campus for testing 1,500-students for the regular terms.

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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THE WORK OF THE LORD

There is much work to be done in the service of God, but all are not eligible to work for Him. Before He can use us we must learn that we need Him. This is why Eph. 2:8-10 declares that salvation is "Not Of Works" but "Unto Good Works." Salvation was wrought by Christ alone, at Calvary, and we must accept it as the gift of His love. Rom. 6:23 says: "The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Eph. 2:8 says: "It is the gift of God," and we should all accept this gift by faith and say with St. Paul: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

God wants us to work for Him, not to gain His favor, but out of gratitude. Thus only after we have accepted salvation as His gift to us can He use us in His service—and then He will give us plenty to do.

Th. 3:8 says that "Those who have believed should be careful to maintain good works"

and I Cor. 15:58 says that they should be "steadfast, unmovable, Always Abounding in the work of the Lord."

But God would also have His people to be "Fruitful in every good work" (Col. 3:10) and so He bids us "every man" to "test his own work" (Gal. 6:4) forewarning us that one day He will "try every man's work, of what sort it is," whether "gold, silver and precious stones" or "wood, hay and stubble" (I Cor. 3:12,13). In that day God's workers will either "receive a reward" or "Suffer loss" (Vers. 14,15).

How important, then, to obey the exhortation: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Thank God, He is more than willing to help us in this, for "God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work" (II Cor. 9:8).

Mrs. Willa Rice Seeks Women's AME Head

BUFFALO, N. Y. - Mrs. Willa Rice of Pittsburgh, Pa. will be a popular candidate for the office of general president of the AME Zion Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society when the Quadrennial Convention meets at Shaw Temple Church, Buffalo, July 31-Aug. 6.

Mrs. Rice, who bases her bid for office on the merits of her work at all levels in the church over a period of 35 years, has been endorsed by all conferences of her Episcopal Area, under the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Hilliard, presiding officers of the Tenth Episcopal District.

The "Rice for President Boosters," which involves volunteers from many conferences, is spearheaded by representatives of the Ohio, Allegheny, California, South West Rocky Mountain, Oregon-Washington and Colorado Conferences.

People of all races and denominations filled the vestry of Wesley Center Church in Pittsburgh, recently, to formally launch and endorse the candidate with a "Rice-for-President" Banquet.

The occasion was proposed by the Rev. George Kendal, her pastor, and co-sponsored by the church and the Allegheny Conference.

For the past 20 years, Mrs. Rice has served as the efficient president of the Pittsburgh District AME Zion Missionary Department; for eight years she has been a member of the National AME Zion Board of Foreign Missions and served as a missionary supervisor with the late Bishop W. C. Brown for a period of six years.

A product of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Journalism, Mrs. Rice is editor of Religious News for the New Pittsburgh Courier, national and local.

Get Acquainted Fellowship Hour For The Gaylords

The St. Paul A.M.E. Church's parsonage lawn provided a beautiful setting for a get acquainted fellowship hour which was given Sunday, July 4th from 6-7 in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gaylord and family. The hostess for the occasion was the Women of Action of St. Paul. Hospitality, amicability, and fellowship existed throughout the evening. The weather was comfortable, and as a result there were laughter and gaiety everywhere.

The table displayed a color scheme of green and yellow. Surrounding the beautiful and most attractive floral centerpiece were refreshments which consisted of fruit punch, individual party squares, peanuts and mints.

Rev. and Mrs. Gaylord were certainly extended a very cordial welcome to our church. To add a note of flavor to the occasion, music was presented at intervals by the Men's Chorus of St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness, but of power and love and discipline...I am persuaded that He is able to guard that which I have committed unto Him," Timothy II 1:7,12.

When we are constantly in fear of change, and struggle against it, we are standing in the way of our own success. We need continually to broaden the horizons of our lives and to enrich our knowledge of God and of ourselves. Experiences that challenge our capacities help us to grow. It is the one who reaches out to meet life who becomes aware of the greatness of the resources he has within him.

When you have to meet change of some kind, remember that in meeting it you will be gaining. Remember, too, that God has created every person capable of meeting the demands upon him and, because of this, no demand can be made upon you that is beyond your ability to handle in such a way as to profit spiritually.

Do not fear change or struggle against it. Worry and fretfulness are never the solutions to any problem. Meet life with the knowledge that it has something of value for you. Meet each experience with the knowledge that you are growing spiritually. Meet each problem with the knowledge that it is blessing you in some way--blessing you with increased knowledge, increased strength, increased faith in the love, wisdom and power of God.

Place yourself and all your affairs lovingly in the care and keeping of your Father, and keep your faith centered in Him. Know that His wisdom is greater than human love, that His power is mightier than the might of man.

Go forward with joy and faith in the experiences that make up your life. Know that you live in God, and God lives in you. "I behold the Lord always before my face." Acts 2:25.

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NEEDED — TIME FOR MEDITATION

Every working Mother and housewife will admit that there is never enough time — time for being the mother and wife she'd like to be, time for mending, time for planning well balanced meals. Certainly never enough time to meditate on God and His laws — to think on day by day happenings and consider whether or how they affect God's plan for her life.

One way for her to assure herself this time of needed meditation is to make it her habit to visit the church of her choice each Sunday. The quiet atmosphere of love and peace and prayer will restore a feeling of oneness with God and His plan, and give her strength for the work ahead.

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalms 46:10

"He restoreth my soul" Psalms 23:3



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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