



"YOUR PREDICTION HAS COME TRUE, SENATOR- Jackson, Miss.: Black gubernatorial candidate Charles Evers holds news conference in front of statue of the late Sen. Theodore Bilbo in the state capitol. In reply to Bilbo's prophecy that blacks would be representing Mississippi someday, Evers turned to the statue saying "Your prediction has sure come true." Evers qualified September 10 to be the first black candidate for governor in Mississippi history. (UPI).

Rev. W. C. Larkin, 30, Named Associate General Secretary Of 9-Member COCU

PRINCETON, N. J.-The Rev. William C. Larkin, a 30-year old former district executive of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church currently on study leave, has been named associate general secretary of the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union (COCU).

Rev. Larkin, in mid-Sept., will assume the position vacated last spring by the Rev. W. Clyde Williams, who became president of Miles College in Alabama.

The new associate will undertake general administrative responsibilities including regional and local interpretation and work with black church members and black denominations participating in COCU. COCU has developed a plan of union for the nine churches, three of them predominantly black, a plan now widely under study.

Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., general secretary of COCU, expressed "extreme pleasure" on the appointment of Rev. Larkin and observed that "he has the potential to make a significant contribution to our witness and achievement."

Rev. Larkin has been serving as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Mumfordsville, N. Y., since 1968 while on study leave from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He earned an M. A. degree from Colgate Rochester in 1969, an S. T. M. degree from New York Theological Seminary in 1970 and is a candidate for the Ed. D. degree in education at the University of Mass.

He had been presiding elder of the Huntsville District of the North Alabama Conference of the CME church, a district comprising 45 congregations and 30 pastors.

Prior to that he had served as director of evangelism and director of Christian education of the Fifth Episcopal District of Alabama and Florida.

A native of Sumter County, Alabama, Rev. Larkin took undergraduate work at Alabama State College, Montgomery, earning a bachelor of science degree in secondary education in 1960.

He earned his bachelor of divinity degree from Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. He served as pastor of High Ridge, Troy, Sweethope and High Lowndesboro CME churches in Alabama during the period 1959 to 1961 and worked as migrant ministry chaplain in Maryland for the National Council of Churches in 1961.

He was pastor of Smith Tabernacle CME church, Anniston, Ala., 1961-'63, and pastor of Bailey Tabernacle CME church, Tuscaloosa, 1963-'66, before accepting the Fifth Episcopal District Christian education post under Bishop E. P. Murchison.

In the summer of 1967 he was dean of the Leadership Training School at Miles College in Birmingham.

He was ordained an elder at the Southeast Alabama Conference of his church in 1961. He has authored Christian education pamphlets and guides for the church.

Rev. Larkin and his wife have two daughters, ages seven and three.

Yes, We All Talk

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE
SMALL ELECTRIC BILL

In Tallahassee, Florida at the present time, electric bills are sky high, since utilities are furnished by the city. For the last two months, my bill has gone up to \$54.00 and I don't cook. How's that for a shocker? This is moderate when other people have bills running up to \$85.50.

But here is the Joker. "Another lucky Tallahasseean, his electric bill was just \$8.00 in August. Tallahasseeans may chuckle, but it soon wears off to a frown.

HOW'S THAT
The Senator Soaper reported that "employment and unemployment are both on the increase. In other words, there are more jobs to be out of." But this is not funny to the man out of work.

FUNNY--OLD HARD HAT
A humorous cartoon concerning President Nixon came out lately in the Tallahassee Democrat. Mr. Nixon called himself "Old Hard Hat" in economic matters.

ISN'T IT FUNNY
It is funny, or is it, how auto drivers repeat the same killing and accidents on holiday weekends? It must be holiday fever. If so, they need to see a doctor.

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE
BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"Fear not, for I am with thee," Isaiah 41:10.

"With God, all things are possible." We all recognize this fact, and acknowledge it freely. But, sad to say, many of us still face the future with fear in our hearts. It is true that these are times of great change, upheaval, and disturbances in the world -- and for this reason, these are times when we must be all the more steadfast in our faith and in our prayers to God, when we must be of great courage, when we must be great outpourers of His love, His wisdom, His joy. Above all, we must be ever stong in our confidence and trust in His presence and His never-failing love and power.

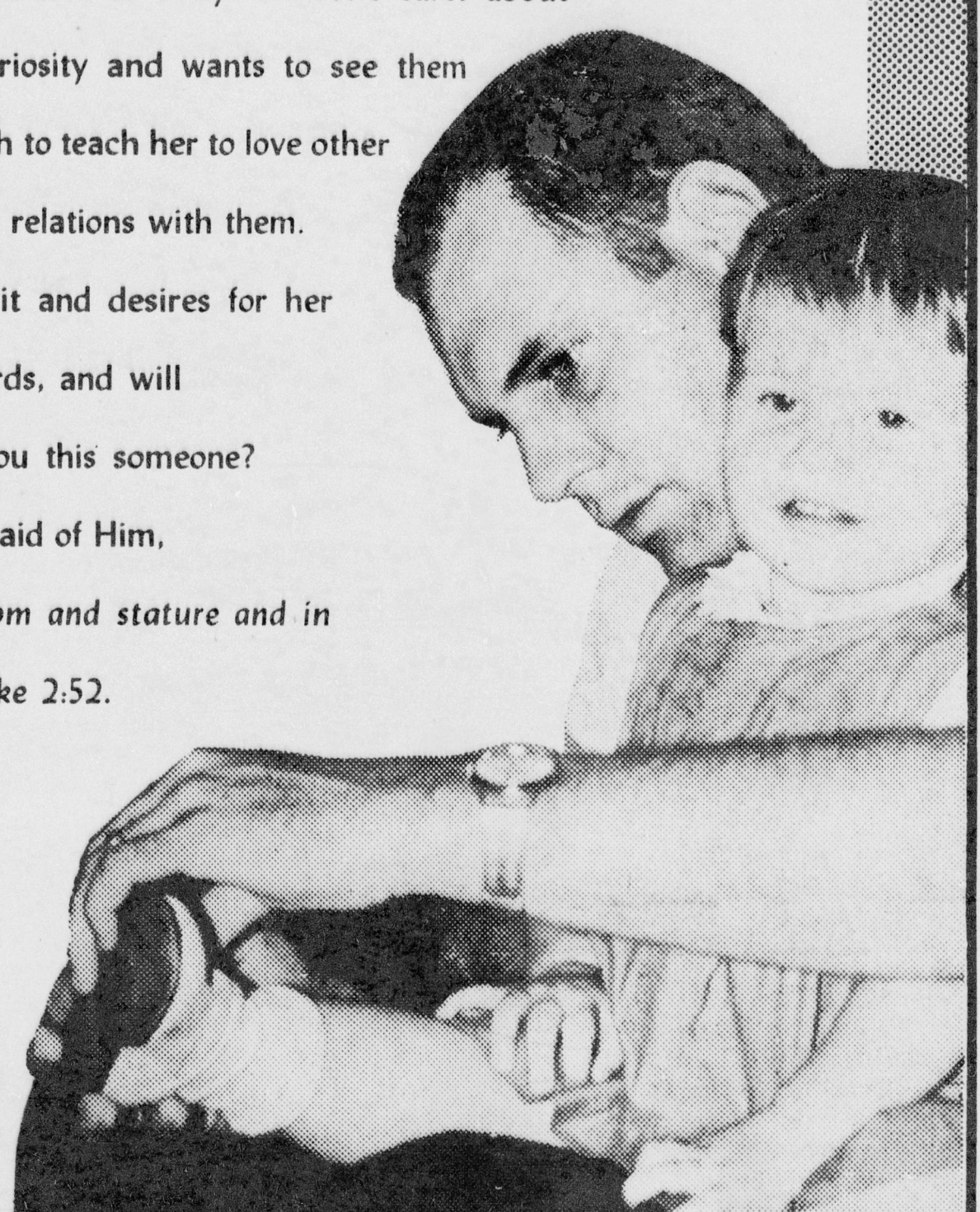
We should not, for instance, be frightened by atomic power. Actually, atomic power is God-power -- one of His blessings to us -- and it is up to us to find the right ways to put it to good use for the blessing and improvement of mankind. Everything we have is, of course, a blessing bestowed upon us by God and certainly there are always two ways to which we can put these blessings into motion -- for good and for evil. Like all the loving gifts of the Father, we must use atomic powers His way.

Let us rejoice in this power that has been revealed to men -- a power that can bring a new concept, a new wonderful way of life to all of us. Let us give thanks for a new understanding of God's great, power-filled dynamic universe. God is the source of a mighty stream of substance, and each one of us is a tributary of that stream, a channel for the expression of His love. Through faithful prayer, we can build a strong realization that God is with us at all times, that His love embraces all of creation, that His strength is our strength, that we have refuge in Him at all times. Armed with these realizations, there can be no room in our minds and hearts for fear and anxiety. We can meet life with the perfect poise of our perfect faith in God. "God is our Refuge and Strength." Psalms 46:1.

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SOMEBODY CARES

It is so important that someone cares about how this child grows up. Someone cares that she is clothed and fed and loved. Someone cares that she goes to school and grows in mind as well as body. Someone cares about her childhood wonder and curiosity and wants to see them satisfied. Someone cares enough to teach her to love other people and will help her in her relations with them. Someone cares about her spirit and desires for her the highest ideals and standards, and will help her to know God. Are you this someone? Let it be said of her as it was said of Him, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52.



TAKE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

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'S HAPPENED SINCE 1909?

In 1909, Dr. C. I. Scofield wrote the following passage in the Introduction to the Scofield Reference Bible:

"The last fifty years have witnessed an intensity and breadth of interest in Bible study, unprecedented in the history of the Christian Church. Never before have so many reverent, learned and spiritual men brought to the study of the Scriptures, minds so free from merely controversial motive. A new and vast exegetical and expository literature has been created...."

Even the years that followed the writing of this passage produced many great Bible expositors, but their number has since dwindled fast, until today evangelistic-revival campaigns have all but replaced the great, thrilling Bible conferences of a few decades ago.

Regardless of the popularity of such campaigns, however, the Church will not make true progress, either in spiritual power or in the number of genuine converts, until it once again places due emphasis on the Word of God, both in private study and in public ministry.

Unpopular but vital Bible doctrines have stopped many preachers and Bible teachers short and hindered them from bringing to the Scriptures "minds free from merely controversial motive," largely because the price of standing for these truths has seemed too great. Until it is the sole passion of men of God to know The Truth and make it known, revival will not come, for the Church has never made one step of progress apart from progress in the study of the Word.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"No, this isn't Joe's Bar and Grill."