



OLIVE BRANCH CHURCH'S WOMEN'S DAY PARTICIPANTS -- Left to right: Dr. M. D. Thorpe, president, Elizabeth City State University; Mrs. Mattie Hill, "Woman of the Year;" Miss L. E. McMurren, chairman, Women's Day Committee; Mrs. Christine Williams, co-chairman Women's Day Committee; and the Reverend Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr., pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Elizabeth City. The Rev. Mr. McNair is show presenting a silver tray to Mrs. Mattie Hill as "Woman of the Year" at Olive Branch.

Historic Olive Branch Baptist Church Holds Women's Day

ELIZABETH CITY--Historic Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, recently celebrated Women's Day with Mrs. Lula G. Thorpe, wife of Elizabeth City State University president, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, as speaker. Mrs. Thorpe eloquently traced the growth and development of Black women in America while emphasizing the hardships, which they have endured from their initial arrival as slaves. Mrs. Thorpe stressed the desire of Black women to exercise those rights and enjoy the privileges which are due them and emphasized that they want nothing more nor less. Music was rendered by the Ladies Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Ella Bryant.

The Rev. Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr., pastor, presented a sterling silver tray to Mrs. Mattie Hill, honoring her as "Woman of the Year." Scripture and prayer were delivered by Miss Lurana E. McMurren, chairman of the Women's Day committee, with announcements and acknowledgement of visitors by Mrs. Sarah Felton.

Mrs. E. Christine Williams, go-chairman of the committee, presided over the service. Mrs. Williams was presented with a beautiful gift by Pastor McNair for reporting the highest amount of funds, as a token of the church's appreciation for her effort. Other captains reporting were Mesdames Clara Bowman, Edna Bond, Mary

Boyd, Lillian Felton, Sarah Felton, Tallie Felton, Martha Grandy, Myrtle Rivers, Georgia Smith, Louise Thompson, Mary Trotman, and Miss L. E. McMurren. A multi-racial audience enjoyed the services.

This effort enabled the church to pay the balance owed for the renovation of the parsonage.

The Rev. McNair was called to Olive Branch in February of this year, and since, under his dynamic leadership, the church has liquidated a mortgage balance of one thousand dollars, completely renovated the parsonage at a cost of nearly four thousand dollars and maintained current expenses, with a comparatively small membership.

Justice Commission Asks Churches To Boycott French Made Products

NEW YORK, N. Y.--condemning the "callous indifference" of the French government to the illicit drug traffic, the Commission for Racial Justice of the two-million-member United Church of Christ recently called on its churches and members to boycott French products.

The Commission, holding its annual fall meeting here, declared that the drug traffic "bears especially heavily on Black people and Black communities," and stressed the increase of crimes of Blacks against Blacks and the widespread corruption of youth by drug pushers.

The Commission for Racial Justice is responsible for coordination of the United Church's work throughout the country for improved race relations, civil rights, fair employment, housing and education. Talmadge Willard Fair, executive director of the Greater Miami (Florida) Urban League, is chairman of the 15-member group.

The Commission acted unanimously today in supporting Representative Charles Rangel (D., N.Y.) in his call for a boycott of French products "until the Government of France has halted the flow of drugs from France."

The resolution condemned in general "those governments which refuse to stop the manufacture of drugs for illicit sale and permit their export to the United States," and specifically cited France as "the chief center for manufacture and export

of illicit drugs destined for sale in the United States."

Full text of the resolution follows:

"The Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ considers drugs to be a most serious threat to the physical and moral well-being of American society, especially to American youth. The increases in crime and in every form of human degradation are largely attributable to the use of drugs. The drug traffic bears especially heavily on Black people and Black communities. Crimes of Blacks against Blacks are on the rise. There is widespread corruption of youth by drug pushers.

"The Commission condemns the manufacture and sale of narcotic drugs for other than medicinal purposes. It especially condemns those governments which refuse to stop the manufacture of drugs for illicit sale and permit their export to the United States.

"France is the chief center for manufacture and export of illicit drugs destined for sale in the United States. The Government of France has, so far, refused to stop this traffic.

"Therefore, the Commission for Racial Justice condemns the callous indifference of the Government of France to the fact that its citizens are fostering drug use and addiction in the United States. The Commission for Racial Justice supports Representative Charles Rangel (D., N.Y.) in his call for a boycott of French products until the Government of France

has halted the flow of drugs from France; and calls upon churches and members of the United Church of Christ to refrain from buying or using French products."

Meditation

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night...then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

Do you feel that your life lacks purpose, that you are limited in opportunity for self-expression, that success has passed you by? If you do, you can change this feeling by changing your thinking. As you begin to think of yourself as a child of God, endowed with Divine ability, as you give expression to the God-given powers you possess, new opportunities will open before you, and you will find your way joyous and successful.

God has given you the power that brings success...this power is the power of thought. You can focus your attention on God and think thoughts that are conducive to successful living. Each day spend a definite time in prayer, and train your mind in constructive thinking. Practice thinking thoughts of happiness, joy, and success--positive thinking--and you will invite opportunities for self-expression and success in your life.

By reserving a time each day for prayerful "conversation" with the Father, you are setting your feet firmly on the road to your highest good. Because of your increased awareness of God's presence and love and wisdom, you remain poised, confident and undisturbed through every experience.

All things are good and beautiful to the eyes that look only for the good and beautiful. We see what we seek to see, and if we practice looking for beauty everywhere we shall see only beauty everywhere, for that is the only thing we are tuned in to accept. God's spirit fills the universe and where His spirit is, there is beauty. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who bringeth good tidings," Isaiah 52:7.

School children who are not performing up to expectation in the classroom, or who are becoming behavioral problems, should be given hearing tests, according to the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Please, Harry, never mind the dim!"

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Time to Pray...

Life can be so full and active... There are the school hours, time for study, and for a growing child there must be recreation. Also a time for eating is necessary, and a time to be with the family. One of the most needed times is to be with God in prayer. There are times that we should give thanks to God for our food, and times to seek his guidance and watch-care, and there are times to pray with others. This we can do by attending church.



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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