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What alone can save our democratic way of life, 1944.

EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS TO BE DELIVERED BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER OF CLEVELAND, OHIO
AT THE SAGE CHAPEL OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY ON SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 9, 1944.

One cannot forget that the last world war was fought for the very same objectives as this war, and against the same foe. The war was won, and yet following it, the world entered one of the most disastrous periods in its history, a breakdown and blackout period, culminating in this second world war.

Why did victory lead to defeat? Not because the Versailles Treaty was vicious. It was no better and no worse than similar treaties which are imposed by victors upon vanquished. The recognition of the independence of Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria, the acceptance of the principles of the rights of minorities, and the establishment of the League of Nations marked definite forward steps. The failure of the peace was due first to a lack of economic foresight. Political self-determination was confused with economic self-sufficiency. The failure was also due to defects in the structure of the League. The League was not given military power to enforce its decisions. The right of secession was reserved to the member nations and a unanimous vote was required for all important decisions of the Assembly and the Council. The failure of the United States to join the League was a high mortal blow, and the failure of Great Britain, France and the other principal signatories to live up to the letter and the spirit of the covenant completed its ruin.

It was this last failure -- essentially a moral one -- the failure to assume responsibility for world peace, or having assumed it, to live up to it -- which was principally responsible for the wreck of the first important and promising experiment in world pacification. Statesmen called national cowardice non-entanglement, and the successive acts of betrayal of the League, appeasement, and so another world war was blunderingly concocted. Those nations which did not wish to intervene for peace are now intervening in war, and the peacemongers turned out to be the real warmongers.

What will come after this war? Will victory again lead to defeat? This

will depend largely upon the moral attitude of the victorious United Nations towards a revived and revised world union. All the ethical promises of an Allied victory depend entirely upon it.

It will not be easy to build a peaceful world after this war. It is idle to assume that an era of peace and good will will set in right after the signing of the armistice. Europe and other parts of the globe will be ravaged after the war. Famine, poverty, misery and hate will stalk over the face of the earth. There will be ruined economies, social collapse and revolutions in every defeated country -just as after the last war. Millions of people will seek new homes in a world which will be inhospitable to immigration. The youth of half the world which has been indoctrinated with the racial and nationalistic mythologies of dictatorship will be spiritually lost and unsuited to a democratic way of life which they had been taught to hate and despise. There will also be resentments, rivalries and recriminations among the victorious Allies -- just as after the last war.

Under these conditions the attempt to build a peaceful and stable social order will tax the intellectual and spiritual resources of human statesmanship to the utmost. Only a revived religious fervor for peace-- a world-embracing crusade for it -- will provide the driving and sustaining power requisite for the difficult and protracted reconstruction of our world on a peace-pattern.

It can be done!

If men and nations can be aroused - and if they will have the courage to face their own past and will recall in humility and contrition all that has gone before, then it may be that they will be reborn into a new life.

We should not listen to the cynic, the sceptic and the scoffer. They are the dregs and the lees in the cup of life. There is nothing that man has made crooked that he cannot make straight. Behind every system is man. It is possible to banish war and eradicate poverty. It is possible, even though difficult, to

to reconcile the sharp and bitter contradictions of our day -- nationalism with internationalism, the trend towards collectivism, hastened by our industrial technology and mass production, with the rights and liberties of the individual. It is possible to give men economic security without robbing them of their political freedom. What the world needs is inspired new leadership, and the welling up from within of new faith and new courage. The dictators of our day are not in any sense inspired new leaders. They are replicas of all the tyrants of old. They are as old as Nero and Caligula. They prate of a new world order. Actually they are reaching only after new boundaries and new empires which can only be layed in blood and at the cost of the rights and freedoms of other peoples. To the youth of the world they offer nothing but chains and death. Their ideas reek of the dungeon and the charnal house. They have no faith in man or humanity, nor in the power of men to transcend themselves, and through their own initiative and experience to achieve higher and nobler forms of a free and secure society. They are arrogant rulers with the instincts of slaves -- and they are on their way out!

The democratic faith alone can provide the new leadership; for democracy has faith in man and mankind in an advancing human society and in a cooperative commonwealth of all free and ~~equal~~ equal peoples -- and only democracy can achieve this good and gracious life for mankind. But only a democracy which remains continuously and vividly aware of its religious origin and destiny, and of the underlying and indispensable spiritual principles of law, brotherhood, justice, sacrifice and peace which alone can sustain the free life of man and society.

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SUNDAY SERVICE

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Processional, Hymn Number 594: O Mother Dear, Jerusalem

Invocation

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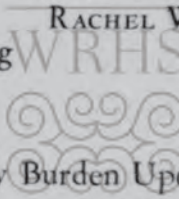
Scripture

Aria: Hear Ye, Israel; Chorus: Be Not Afraid,
from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartboldy

Responsive Reading

RACHEL WEAVER, Soprano



Prayer

Response: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord,
from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartboldy

Hymn Number 25: Father, to Us Thy Children

Sermon

Prayer

Recessional, Hymn Number 84: O God of Bethel

Benediction

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L. J. Taber, President
The Ohio Council of
Churches

"FACING THE AFTER-MATH OF WAR" with all its ramifications is the challenge of the Silver Anniversary of the Ohio Pastors' Convention. The Convention is another step toward the solution of a Just and Durable Peace in a new Christian World Order.



Rev. Schuyler E. Garth
Chairman, 1944 Ohio
Pastors' Convention

25th Annual Ohio Pastors' Convention, Columbus, January 31-February 3

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Ohio Pastors Gather for 25th Convention At Columbus

WITH twenty-four successful Ohio Pastors' Conventions behind them, Ohio clergy will gather for their twenty-fifth annual convention in Columbus on Monday, January 31, in Memorial Hall with sessions continuing through Thursday noon, February 3.

The highlight of the convention, which is to take the form of a Silver Anniversary, will be the Sacrificial Fellowship Supper scheduled for the Columbus Auditorium on Monday evening. One silver dollar per person will constitute the admission fee, all of which will be set aside for the work of Madame Chiang Kai Shek.

This, the twenty-fifth Pastors' Convention should go down in history as one of the most outstanding and unique conventions ever held namely because of the fact that as this magazine goes to press indications are that the registration will surpass that of any previous year and because of the sacrificial character of the program.

The detailed program of the convention appears on pages 14 and 15.

Dr. Schuyler E. Garth, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Youngstown, is chairman of this year's session. Dr. Garth will be master of

ceremonies at the Fellowship Supper on Monday evening.

Dr. Charles Brashares, pastor of First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, who served as chairman of the convention in 1931, Rev. William K. Anderson, organizing secretary and first executive secretary of the Ohio Council of Churches and Dr. B. F. Lamb, executive secretary of the Ohio Council of Churches, will be the speakers at the Fellowship Supper.

Other speakers on the program, many of whom are pictured on this page are as follows:

Dr. George Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, as the devotional speaker at the morning sessions.

Dr. Sam M. Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Church, New York City.

Dr. Bernard Clausen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Peter Marshall, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Howard Y. McCluskey, director of the Adult Education program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Rev. Otis R. Rice, Chaplain, St. Luke's Hospital, New York City.

Rev. W. S. Schaeffer, pastor of St.

John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. J. V. Thompson, Department of Religious Education, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

Kenneth Ray, Director of Education of the State of Ohio, Columbus.

Rev. R. Lincoln Long, pastor of Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo.

Miss Florence Martin, Director of Weekday Religious Education, Dayton Council of Churches, Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. J. Campbell White, pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Mansfield.

Dr. Thompson, Dr. Ray, Dr. Long, Miss Martin and Dr. White will be the resource speakers and leaders in the Open Forum to be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 2, when Weekday Schools of Religion will be the topic under discussion.

Prof. Rockwell C. Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evansville, Illinois.

Dr. Ernest Tittle, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, Rabbi of the Temple, Cleveland.

Denominational luncheons are scheduled for Tuesday noon.

The united communion service will be held at the close of the morning session on Tuesday.

L. J. Taber, president of the Ohio Council of Churches will address the

1967 Pastors are already registered for the Silver Anniversary Convention, January 31-February 3, three weeks in advance, indicating an attendance of approximately 2500.

ARE YOU ONE OF THE 1967? If not, better send your registration now using the blank on Page 4.

Send with your registration your extra \$1.00 for the Sacrificial Fellowship Supper and receive both tickets by mail.



Dr. Sam Shoemaker



Rev. J. Campbell White



Dr. Bernard Clausen



Rev. W. C. Schaeffer



Rev. R. Lincoln Long



Kenneth Ray



Florence Martin

convention at the Tuesday afternoon session.

The annual business session of the Assembly of the Ohio Council of Churches will be held at 5:30 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A. on Tuesday, February 1.

Finals in the Prince of Peace Declamation Contest will be held Wednesday morning.

The Rural Fellowship Supper will be held at 5:30 Wednesday with Professor Rockwell C. Smith, as the speaker. Professor Smith will speak

before the convention proper on Wednesday afternoon.

With the general theme of the convention listed as "Facing the Aftermath of War," each day will have its own particular phase of the main topic under discussion. Monday's topic will be "Organizing for Peace"—Tuesday, "Counselling for Peace"—Wednesday, "Training for Peace," and Thursday, "Living for Peace."



Rev. O. M. Walton

Here He Is Again— Walton, Publicity Director

Again, Ohio pastors will see their good friend, Rev. O. M. Walton, (above) executive secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation, right up at the front of Memorial Hall, directing the publicity program, at the Ohio Pastors' Convention. Mr. Walton has rendered this service for many years.

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Silver Anniversary Pastors' Convention

WITH nearly 2,000 pastors already registered for the Silver Anniversary Convention three weeks in advance, all indications point to the largest and most significant convention held since the first one arranged by the Inter-Church World Movement to which all pastors were given a liberal allowance for expenses.

Starting with a very select group of 75 at the first convention held under the auspices of the Ohio Council of Churches alone, the program attracted a gradually increasing number until, for several years, the expected attendance hovered close around 1,000. Last year a significant break upward in that attendance resulted in more than 2,000 pastors of all denominations from all over the state being registered. This year it is probable that the number will surpass 2,500, which is a reasonable expectation for annual attendance.

Since there are more than 4,300 Protestant clergymen in Ohio, it is not expecting too much, when interest in the united Protestant program is sufficient, that an annual average of over 2,000 in attendance should be realized. Funerals, sickness and other contingencies probably make more than a 50 per cent attendance on the average unlikely.

On the other hand, with 2,000 or more clergymen attending the most outstanding interdenominational meeting of its kind anywhere in the country, once a year, makes of the Pastors' Convention an institution of significant influence.

While the Pastors' Convention is only a small part of the activities of the State Council of Churches, nevertheless it is a barometer of interdenominational good will and progress and the public measures the real interest of Protestantism in an united front by the convention itself. Therefore, it behooves the clergy leaders of the churches to make this institution one of outstanding significance because of what it means to the future of the Christian religion in Ohio.

The denominations working separately and standing by themselves can have little influence on the great moral issues of our time, but, standing together, speaking together and acting together much can be accomplished directly through action and indirectly through influence.

While Ohio, for many years, had the only interdenominational State Pastors' Convention, today similar conventions are held in many of the central states including Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and many others. Perhaps it is not guessing too far into the future to prophecy that the idea will become an annual practice, sooner or later, in all of the states. When it does, the influence of Protestant Churches on the progress of Christianity and moral welfare will be significantly increased.

If you have not been a part of the Pastors' Convention in the past, the 25th Silver Anniversary, January 31-February 3, is a good time to enlist. If you are a pastor of any Protestant church in Ohio, send in your registration now, join your influence with that of 2,500 other clergymen in making united Protestantism a real influence for good in the state of Ohio.

An Ohio Crusade For Word Order

IS it too much to expect of Protestantism that a real crusade for a Just and Durable Peace be evolved in Ohio? Certainly two world wars ought to be sufficient to teach Christian people quite a lot. It is still a question, however, whether or not we will miss the boat again, as we did 25 years ago. Will the church be united and agreed upon the essential details of permanent peace or will it be divided so that the Christian Century, some organization or individual can sidetrack us up some blind alley, as was done following the first world war?

That the influence of the church may not be negligible when the crucial time comes and the war is over, it was suggested that the Ohio Council of Churches should organize such a crusade. Afterwards it was announced that the bishops of the Methodist Church were launching

a bishop's crusade for that denomination. That is all to the good. It is hoped that each and every other denomination will also have a crusade for Peace. Certainly there is nothing more important just now that the churches can work for, than to prevent another world-wide slaughter. The bishop's crusade and other denominational crusades should all help in an united crusade and the united Protestant crusade should help in the denominational crusades. But crusade or crusades it must be or there is no permanent Peace and another generation will again suffer, in about 25 years from now, as we are now suffering and as we did suffer 25 years ago.

Under the auspices of the Public Affairs Department of the Ohio Council of Churches, detailed plans are in the making to make the State Pastors' Convention, with the subject 'The Aftermath of War', a springboard for a great movement for Peace in this state. Eighty county conferences are planned for March 6-17, to help prepare public sentiment with the hope that there may be reached an agreement to support a few fundamentals for permanent peace to be followed by an action program that the influence of Protestantism upon the powers-that-be, at the right time, may be felt. If 88 counties can be doing

the same thing at the same time it should have great influence.

It is not expected that all the conference leaders in these 88 counties will be spell-binders. World-peace will not be preserved by oratory alone. The conference leaders should be practical-minded clergymen who are interested in securing a very few of the very practical pieces of machinery without which there is no peace.

It is hoped that every possible pastor will attend the convention and participate in the formulation of policies and then return home to assist in bringing about united action in his own county. In order that there may be the **right** action at the **right** time and in the **right** place, the groundwork must be laid before the War closes for there is not likely to be time afterwards. Protestantism should be prepared to make its influence felt effectively before the boat passes by.

**Are you Sending Your Pastor to the
Pastors' Convention Jan. 31-Feb. 3
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CONVENTION CALL To Ohio Pastors-1944

A Call For Peace—Nearly two thousand Ohio Pastors have secured advance registrations in the Convention where they will face the Aftermath of War. The world's call for peace was never as clear to ministers as it is now. At Columbus some of humanity's best thinkers and leaders will give guidance on: Organizing for Peace, Counselling for Peace, Training for Peace, and Living for Peace.

A Call To Fellowship—Every good minister of Jesus Christ hungers for sharing experience with men of like passion and purpose. Here it is at its best. A convention entirely free from the usual involvements of business and appointments. Come and get acquainted with new friends. See your old friends again. In the glorious fellowship of Christian ministers new dreams and visions are born.

A Call For Unity—The prefix inter is used more today than ever. International, Interracial, Interfaith. If these significant words are going to become more than "sounding brass and tinkling symbols" we must learn more about working interdenominationally. It will be a calamity if we fail to maintain unity in these days when our boys are dying to bring it about in a world of staggering problems.

A Call To Prayer—Now, if ever, we ministers need to be bound together in a prayer experience which will warm our hearts and stir our souls. The sacrificial Silver Anniversary Banquet, the thrilling Music of Choirs, the inspiring Services of Worship, the challenging Messages of Prophets, and the searching Fellowship of Communion will combine to make the 1944 Convention a must in the spiritual life of every Ohio Pastor.

SCHUYLER E. GARTH, Chairman.

OHIO PASTORS' CONVENTION, JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 3



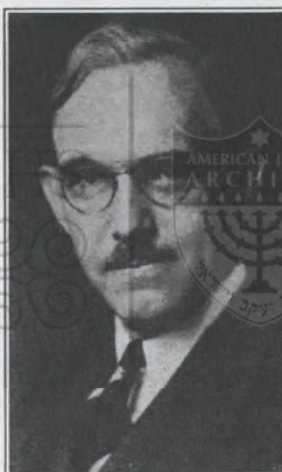
Boy's Choir, Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus

Unusual Musical Program Planned For Convention

A MOST unusual musical program is being arranged for the Convention. An all male choir in which the 68 boys of the Columbus Boy Choir School will compose the treble section while the bass and tenor sections will be made up of delegates to the convention which is now being organized.

This unique school of which Herbert Huffman is the founder and musical director has obtained an international reputation in the little more than the three years of its existence. It has been heard many times on network broadcasts and has been short-waved all over the world. By special request of the Co-Ordinator of Inter-American Affairs of the State Department of our government it made a series of records which have been distributed throughout Central and South America. Last May the Choir School made its New York debut in a concert at Town Hall. The music critic of the New York Times referred to the concert as "... a feast of ecclesiastical music" and added that "... better part singing, finer dynamic shading, clearer phras-

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Dr. Wm. K. Anderson



Dr. Charles W. Brashares

Dr. Brashares and Dr. Anderson are to be speakers at the Silver Anniversary Fellowship Supper.

ing or nicer feeling will seldom be found anywhere." The critics of all the other New York papers were unanimous in their praise.

The Boy Choir will be heard alone in the opening session of the Convention. It is hoped that those attending the convention who have good voices, college glee club or choir experience will volunteer their services for the

choir. Worshipful but easy anthems have been selected and rehearsals will require but a minimum of time to be arranged between sessions. Those who are qualified to participate in this important phase of the worship service should write at once to Herbert Huffman, Columbus Boy Choir School, 788 East Broad Street, Columbus, 5, Ohio.

THE Sacrificial Fellowship Supper Monday night will be the outstanding event of the Convention. Better send your \$1.00 in advance and receive your ticket by mail so as to avoid standing in line at the Convention.

The cost of the Sacrificial Supper will be paid by laymen so that your entire dollar with that of 999 others will go to Madame Chaing Kai Shek for China Relief.

Representing the Youth
Department of the Ohio
Council of Churches.

CHRISTIAN

Jan. 30-Feb. 6, Dates Set For Observance of Youth Week

PROMINENT leaders in the Nation who are interested in young people have given hearty endorsement to the observance of Youth Week, January 30 to February 6, by Protestant forces in the United States and Canada. Their statements have been released by officials of the United Christian Youth Movement, sponsor of the observance with the International Council of Religious Education.

"That young people might become a vital part of the Church—sharing in its total program, giving to it and taking leadership in it, we need Youth Week," states the Rev. Dr. Roy A. Burkhart, pastor of First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio, and well-known speaker and counselor for youth.

"We need Youth Week to call our young people to greater consecration and devotion and to lead them to a new discovery of the will of God. The observance also should be used to enlist leaders and young people in the job of winning other youth. Unless America is Christian she will not stay free, and if young people do not get into the Church, they will not find the way to Christ," Dr. Burkhart stated.

Cleveland E. Dodge, New York financier and chairman of the International Board of the Y.M.C.A., one of the constituent agencies of the United Christian Youth Movement, believes that Youth Week has "special significance" this year because of the problems faced by young people.

"I am a strong believer in the necessity of religious education as one means of influencing youth," Mr. Dodge declares in his statement. "If your young people are to grow up with a proper sense of responsibility for things in their communities and in the world as a whole, they must receive the idealism and the sense of obligation that only religion can give. This is a great challenge to the churches and to all parents who de-

sire to see their children grow older in a better place to live."

Calling attention to the fact that victory in the present war will provide youth "the greatest opportunity in history for establishment of world-wide order based on principles of personal freedom, social justice and human brotherhood," Miss Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., has the following to say about Youth Week:

"In Youth Week, young people of the United States and Canada have the opportunity to consecrate themselves anew to the lifelong pursuit of the goals of which countless lives are being sacrificed. Such consecration means the union of faith, deepened and enriched by worship, and works, finding expression in community, national and international service."

President Charles Seymour of Yale University, New Haven, Conn., believes in the observance by church and communities of Youth Week because "the spiritual force that is needed to influence the world with a passion for the peaceful life must come from a renewal of Christian faith among the young."

"The annual observance of Youth Week by our churches, our youth organizations, our homes, and our communities," says Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, "can be a powerful influence in promoting better understanding and Christian leadership. It is an influence the world needs."

Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher of Arlington, Vt., well-known novelist, has expressed the hope that during Youth Week many young people will get "their first glimpse at the literal truth of Christ's paradoxical axiom, 'He who loses his soul shall find it,' and thus take the first step away from the dark prison of his heathen self into a Christian realization of his oneness with his fellow-man."



"Scanny"

WAVE "Scanny" Sends Christmas Greetings

OHIO Christian Youth Council members all over the state will be interested to learn that Mary Grace "Scanny" Scanland, is now a full-fledged member of the WAVES.

A Christmas greeting received by Dr. B. F. Lamb, reads as follows:

"Missing the work of the Council more than you will ever know. Navy life is fine and I'm happy here in Washington. Write sometime."

Scanny's address is: Mary G. Scanland, S/1C-A-109, Nebraska Hall, Arlington Farms, Virginia.

Charter Used by Permission Of International Council

The "Young Christian's Charter for World Order" which appeared on the youth pages in the last issue of OHIO CHRISTIAN NEWS was used by permission of the United Christian Youth Movement.

This Charter has been printed attractively, in a style suitable for framing, on a 6 by 9 card; these cards may be ordered from the International Council of Religious Education, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois, for five cents per single copy, with discounts for quantity orders.

N ACTION

Edited by
ELEANOR BROOKS

Miriam Peterson Succeeds Helen Wickes McDermott

MISS MIRIAM A. PETERSON, Indianapolis, Director of Children's Work for the Presbyterian Synod of Indiana, on January 3 will begin new duties as Director of Christian Education for the Ohio Baptist Convention, Dr. Paul Judson Morris, executive secretary of the Convention, has announced. Miss Peterson succeeded Mrs. F. W. McDermott (Helen Wickes) in the position.

Miss Peterson is a graduate of Denison University and has a Master's degree from Hartford School of Religious Education. She has taught in weekday schools in Oak Park, Illinois, and Dayton, Ohio; been director of religious education in First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, Kansas; and worked with the Council of Churches in Denver, Colorado.

Do You Have a Christian Youth Council In Your County?

THE Executive Committee of the Ohio Christian Youth Council is seriously considering postponing the annual February business meeting of the Ohio Christian Youth Council until the time of May Retreat. This may be necessary because of transportation difficulties and complications in program planning. Further notice will be given in plenty of time for your group to elect their representatives to this meeting.

JEAN E. ALEXANDER, President,
O. C. Y. C.

International Council To Meet in Chicago, Feb. 7-12

RELIGIOUS education leaders of 42 Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada will face problems confronting the Church in planning for the post-war world at the 22d annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, to be held in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, February 7 to 12, it has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the Council.

From 1,200 to 1,500 lay and ministerial religious educators from every state and province will meet in general session and 17 advisory sections to consider the theme: "Christian Education for the Post-War World." In addition to delegates from the 42 denominations, the 31 state and provincial councils of churches and religious education and the 114 city councils, which are members of the International Council, will be represented by delegates.

"The Church today is facing imperatives which challenge her most cherished ideals and her total resources, Dr. Ross stated in his announcement. "Without diminishing our emphasis upon the meeting of

Toledo YM & YW Have New Year's Eve Ball

For the fourth consecutive year, the Toledo Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. conducted a New Year's Eve Ball on this New Year's Eve. The Y Balls were begun at the request of young people that there be a way provided for them to enjoy themselves wholesomely on New Year's Eve. Tommy Wills and his orchestra played for the affair.

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war-time needs, we must give attention to the new imperatives for Christian service which accompany our anticipation of peace.

"The Church must be prepared for an effective spiritual ministry to her returning veterans. She must seek to understand their varied experiences and convictions, and command their highest loyalties and ablest leadership for the great spiritual tasks which lie ahead."

In the absence of Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Council, who is serving in the Pacific, James L. Kraft, Chicago industrialist, will serve as acting president.

Among the 90 speakers who will be on the program are: the Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh of Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains and chairman of the National Council of the Service Men's Christian League; the Rev. John W. Decker of London, England, secretary of the International Missionary Council, and the Rev. Dr. G. Baez Carmargo of Mexico City, Mexico.

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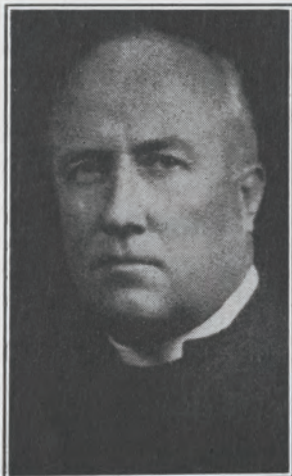
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Cuyahoga Falls Church Women Help Organize First Joint Y. M. & Y. W.

AN increase in juvenile delinquency in Cuyahoga Falls last spring challenged the interest and concern of the local Council of Church Women. Under the leadership of Mrs. Donald L. Powers, their president, the Council attempted to provide a recreational program, but found there was no available room for such a venture, in the very downtown area, where it was felt the need was greatest.

With several committees at work, the schools and churches were canvassed to find leadership for a worthwhile program. However, the response for volunteer directors of recreation was disappointing. At this juncture, it was brought to the attention of the Council of Church Women that the Akron Y.M.C.A. might be interested in helping to organize a Y.M.C.A. in Cuyahoga Falls.

A Citizens' Committee of men from the local service clubs was appointed to look into this possibility, with Mrs. E. Frase, the representative of the Church Women, working along with them. Her influence led to the inclu-

sion of the Y.W.C.A. and a joint Y.M. and YW was set up, perhaps the only one of its kind in the U. S. There are ten men and ten women on the Y Board, four of whom are from the Council of Church Women. Their original representative, Mrs. Frase, is the Vice President.

There is no building available as yet, so that activities will be carried on in the schools and churches. The support of the War Chest has been secured and funds are assured for two paid secretaries, who will begin work in January, 1944.

Another service to the Community rendered by the Cuyahoga Falls Council of Church Women, is their work for men in uniform. A hotel in the city is used as a local training school for 125 men, the personnel changing every four weeks.

The ministerial association is conducting short convocation services for the boys on Thursday evenings and is giving magazine subscriptions for their library as a Christmas gift.

The Church Women fill a "man-sized" cookie jar with twenty dozen

cookies every week-day. Large churches take two days a month, smaller churches one. Women's groups in lodges and clubs are participating also in the Cookie Jar.

The Red Cross Sewing (the main project) has taken on the mending and altering of the boys clothes. The women also provide hangers for the clothes; provide the men with home laundering facilities; invite them in for Sunday dinners; provide guest rooms for parents visiting their sons, et cetera.

Congratulations to Cuyahoga Falls on its Good Work!

The Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, will offer their usual fine display of religious books at the convention. Whittemore's will be present with a display of Altar supplies and the Josephinum Furniture Company will build an altar on the stage at Memorial Hall as a part of their display.

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Convention Chairman.....Schuyler E. Garth
Minister of Music.....Herbert Huffman
Liturgist.....Lewis Meyer

Convention Theme:
"Facing the Aftermath of War"

MONDAY, JANUARY 31
"Organizing For Peace"

10:00-10:30 Morning Worship.....
.....Columbus Boy Choir
10:30-11:15 "What Kind of Men for the Post
War World?".....Sam Shoemaker
11:15-12:00 "Three Blessed Peace Makers".....
.....Bernard Clausen

MONDAY AFTERNOON

2:00- 2:15 Afternoon Worship.....
.....Convention Male Choir
2:15- 3:30 Address and Open Forum—
"World Peace, World Govern-
ment, World Court, World
Defense".....Bernard Clausen
3:30 Wanted: A Moral Equivalent for
War".....Peter Marshall

* * *
5:30 Sacrificial Fellowship Supper (Cele-
brating Silver Anniversary —
Admission one Silver Dollar).—
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"When Goliath was a Baby".....
.....W. K. Anderson
"The Ups and Downs of 25
Years".....B. F. Lamb
"Views and Pre-views".....
.....Charles Brashares

MONDAY EVENING

8:00 Evening Worship.....Male Chorus
"How to Help People".....
.....Sam Shoemaker
"Rendezvous for Samarra".....
.....Peter Marshall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
"Counselling For Peace"

9:00- 9:15 Morning Worship.....Male Chorus
9:15-10:00 "The Price of Peace at Home".....
.....Howard Y. McClusky
.....Harrison Sayre presiding

10:00-11:00 Business Session
11:00-11:45 "Pictures of God".....George Buttrick
11:45 Communion Service.....
.....Convention Male Choir

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12:30- 3:00 Denominational Luncheons (See
list on Page 11)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

3:30 "The Church's Challenge".....
.....L. J. Taber
"The Pastoral Counselor in War-
time".....Otis R. Rice
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5:30 Dinner and Business
Meeting of the Assembly of the
Ohio Council of Churches, Y.W.
C.A., Ball Room, 65 S. Fourth
Street. \$1.00 per plate. (For
members of the Assembly only.)

TUESDAY EVENING

8:00 Evening Worship.....
.....Male Chorus
"Paying the Price of Peace".....
.....Chas. W. Iglehart
"What Alone Can Save our De-
mocratic Way of Life".....
.....Rabbi A. H. Silver

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
"Training For Peace"

9:00- 9:30 Morning Worship.....
.....Convention Male Choir
9:30-10:15 "The Other Half of the Great
Commission".....W. C. Schaeffer
10:15-11:15 Prince of Peace Declamation Con-
test. Finals in the Nineteenth
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lected in state elimination con-

tests among district winners.
11:15-12:00 "The Redemption of the Desert".....
.....Geo. Buttrick

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00- 2:15 Afternoon Worship.....
.....Male Chorus
2:15- 3:30 Open Forum, "Weekday Schools
of Religion"
Introductory Message (15 min.)
.....J. V. Thompson

1. "Relationship of Churches and
Schools" (10 min.).....
.....Kenneth Ray
2. "Organization of Weekday
Schools" (10 min.).....
.....R. Lincoln Long
3. "Curriculum of Weekday
Schools" (10 min.).....
.....Florence Martin
4. "Financing Weekday Schools"
(10 min.).....
.....J. Campbell White

3:30 Questions and Answers
"The Rural Church—a Problem
for Peacemakers".....
.....Rockwell C. Smith

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5:30 Rural Fellowship Supper, Y.M.C.A.,
40 W. Long St.—Cafeteria
"The Emerging Rural Parish".....
.....Rockwell C. Smith

WEDNESDAY EVENING

8:00 Evening Worship.....
.....Convention Male Choir
"\$20,000.00 for a Boy".....
.....J. V. Thompson
"The Prince of Peace".....
.....Ernest Tittle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

"Living For Peace"
9:00- 9:30 Morning Worship.....
.....Convention Male Choir
9:30-10:15 "What Should we do with Ger-
many".....Ernest Tittle

10:15-11:15 Business Session
11:15-12:00 "Jesus as Interpreter".....
.....Geo. Buttrick

Convention Notes

HOTEL HEADQUARTERS for the Ohio Pastors' Con-
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Pastors are urged to pool their gas coupons and share
the ride so that every pastor who desires to attend the
Convention will have a means of transportation. No car
coming to the Convention should carry less than its maxi-
mum capacity.

Pastors are asked to bring their wives whenever pos-
sible as Women's Membership tickets will be honored at
the Pastors' Convention, thus any woman who has paid
her annual \$2 fee for 1944 as a member of the Woman's
Department of the Ohio Council of Churches will be ad-
mitted without further charge to the sessions of the
Convention upon presentation of her departmental mem-
bership card. A minister's wife who is not a member of
the Woman's Department and who will be present at the
Pastors' Convention should pay her \$2 fee now and
obtain her membership ticket.

Admission to the convention sessions is by member-
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tickets, 50 cents.

Every minister attending the convention is urged to
interpret the spirit and significance of this great inter-
denominational gathering in his sermon Sunday, Feb. 6.

New Year Greeted With Prayer In Cleveland Churches

RESPONDING to the President's call to prayer on New Year's Day and to requests by the Federal Council of Churches and the Cleveland Church Federation, churches throughout Greater Cleveland conducted special services on New Year's Eve and on Saturday and Sunday at the beginning of 1944. Emphasis was placed upon remembrance of men and women in uniform and their families. At University Circle Euclid Avenue Congregational, Euclid Avenue Christian and Baptist Church of the Master united in morning prayers on the holiday, led by Dr. F. Q. Blanchard, Dr. J. H. Goldner and Dr. Oliver U. Chapman.

More than 1,500 attended the New Year rally of Sunday Schools affiliated with the Cleveland Baptist Association in Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. Dr. Harold C. Phillips of First Baptist Church gave the address. Churches of the Miles Park Area, under chairmanship of Rev. Ralph E. Fall of Grace Episcopal Church, held services throughout the succeeding week in observance of the Universal Week of Prayer.

Call to the general use of the New Year as an appropriate day for prayer was issued by Dr. John W. Flynn, vice president of the Federation's Department of Religious Work.

Northern Ohio Clergymen Attend Church-Industry Conference

Clergymen and laymen from Youngstown, Canton, Akron, Elyria, Mansfield, Lorain, Sandusky and Cleveland attended a luncheon and afternoon conference arranged early last month by the National Association of Manufacturers, assisted by the Cleveland Church Federation, the Chamber of Commerce, the Associated Industries and the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. Speakers were Dr. D. R. Sharpe, president of the Church Federation and R. V. Mitchell, president of the Harris-Seybold-Potter Company. As a result six monthly meetings of Cleveland clergymen and industrialists for discussion of human problems in wartime have been arranged. Later on representatives of organized labor are to be invited to participate.



Edwin M. Poteat

Dr. Poteat Goes to the Presidency of Colgate-Rochester

Few men would be more keenly missed than will Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, who will become president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School on February 1. Dr. Poteat has been at the forefront of virtually every social and religious project undertaken in Cleveland during his seven-year pastorate here. He is now president of the Baptist Association and chairman of the Federation's Committee on Race Relations. He is a past president of the Ministerial Association of Greater Cleveland and served one term as vice president of the Federation. His friends predict a highly successful career in his new work.

Negro and White Churches Join in Bible Sunday Service

An interracial and interdenominational service of worship on Universal Bible Sunday has become a well-fixed custom in Cleveland. This year's service took place in Old Stone Church on Sunday afternoon, featuring an address by Bishop D. Ward Nichols of New York District of the A.M.E. Church and music by the St. John's A.M.E. Singers. Others who took part included Dr. V. C. Hodges of the staff of the American Bible Society, Dr. C. S. Spivey, Dr. Herman A. Klahr, Rev. William Price Robinson and Dr. John W. Flynn. Under direction of Dr. Hodges and Dr. C. Bruce Cameron of Cincinnati preparations for Cleveland's Bible Crusade are moving forward. A pre-

liminary luncheon for the clergy has been arranged for January 12 at the Allerton Hotel. Headquarters for the crusade, which is scheduled from February 13 through March 5, have been established at 1008 Hippodrome Building.

Arthur J. Hudson Heads Committee on World Affairs

Mr. Arthur J. Hudson, widely known patent attorney and former president of the Northern Baptist Convention, has accepted the chairmanship of the Church Federation's Committee on World Affairs, which will seek to carry forward discussions in parish churches and neighborhood groups of churches as follow-up of the Christian Mission on World Order. The committee has formulated lists of discussion materials and suggested program outlines for use in the churches. Key persons are being added to the committee from each of the seventeen areas in which there are organized groups of the clergy.

Other Notes of Interest

Rev. R. Lloyd Pobst, president of Rio Grande College and former pastor of East Cleveland Baptist Church, will become associate secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association on January 15.

Dr. Adelbert P. Higley, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church for more than 25 years, has taken an extended leave of absence because of ill health. His associate, Rev. Paul F. Bauer, will continue in charge of pastoral work.

The death of Dr. Marion F. Washington, minister of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, has taken away one of the most influential Negro clergymen of the city. Dr. Washington had been an officer of the Ohio Convention of his denomination for many years and had been president of the Cleveland Baptist Ministers' Conference for fourteen years.

January Is Safety Mobilization Month

Town and Country Church people will participate in "Safety Mobilization Month" in January, in conformity with the annual proclamation issued by Governor John Bricker. Unique program materials and posters for educational data to be used by groups are available from State Chairman of the Farm and Home Section, Mr. Harry M. Pontius, 246 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Roudebush Addresses Coshocton Church Women

THE Executive Board of the Coshocton Council of Church Women invited the presidents of local church societies and the wives of the Coshocton pastors to a Tea, Monday, December 7th, to meet Mrs. C. M. Roudebush, Director of the Woman's Department of the Ohio Council of Churches.

Mrs. Roudebush spoke to the group on "Sensitivity to Local needs," which was followed by a discussion on various situations challenging the sacrificial interest of Christian people.

Coshocton Church Women, under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur Dawson, have been influential in the support of the Y.W.C.A. They are also cooperating with the ministerial group and the board of education in sponsoring Weekday Religious Instruction. They are perhaps one of the oldest interdenominational groups of church women in the State, having been organized in 1903.

Council Holds First Meeting

THE newest Council of Church Women in Ohio, the joint Council of Denison and Uhrichsville, held their first union meeting Wednesday, December 8th, in the Methodist Church of Uhrichsville, with Mrs. Archie Stevenson, presiding.

The background for the movement for unity was explained and the executive board was introduced to the audience.

Mrs. C. M. Roudebush, Director of the Woman's Department of the Ohio Council of Churches, spoke on "The Threefold Function of a Council of Church Women," pointing out that Church Women should be aware of both the near and the far, and that the fullest benefits of unity lay in participation in a common program of giving and action.

The Denison-Uhrichsville Council will endeavor to build up a sentiment in the two communities, for the creation of playgrounds and for a Youth Centre.

Chillicothe Pastor Serves At Camp Ellis

The Rev. Harold B. Weir, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, has accepted an invitation from the denomination's committee on camp and church activities to serve as camp and service pastor at Camp Ellis, Macomb, Ill., during the month of January.

This feature—that of distinguished

pastors giving a month's time each to some camp, has been promoted by the Federal Council of Churches Commission on War Industrial and Camp Communities.

Bicksler Responds To War-Time Call

Another pastor responding to the invitation from

The Presbyterian War-Time Service Commission is Rev. Harry E. Bicksler, pastor of The Parish of the Temple Hills, Oak Hill, who has been

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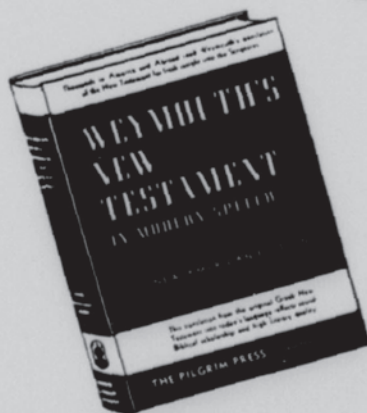
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WHEREAS, we can only win a victory that shall endure if we seek God's guidance and blessing on our endeavors;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has asked all our people to gather for prayer to God on New Year's Day;

Now, THEREFORE, I, John W. Bricker, Governor of Ohio, do urge all the people of this State to go to their respective houses of worship on New Year's Day there to invoke the aid of Almighty God for our nation, our leaders, all in the armed services and all who work at home and to ask His special blessing and mercy on all wounded, all prisoners and all who are bereaved. Thus may we go forward under Him in a spirit of unity and sacrifice to win a victory that shall assure justice and freedom for all mankind.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 29th day of December in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three.

JOHN W. BRICKER.

Town and Country Pastors To Have Fellowship Supper



Dr. Rockwell Smith

WEDNESDAY evening of The Ohio Pastors' Convention, at 5:30, Town and Country Pastors will "go through the line" at the Y.M.C.A. Cafeteria, 40 West Long Street, and assemble at tables in the adjacent auditorium, for their Annual Meeting. Pep-singing will be led by Rev. Bert E. Wynn, Ragersville. Rev. Joseph

W. Cleland, Medina, Chairman of The Town and Country Department, will preside over the business session and act as toastmaster. There will be a ceremonial of Dedication of The Seed, The Soil, and The Sower directed by Rev. Leo A. Keil, Canal Winchester. The main address will be given by Prof. Rockwell C. Smith, whose topic will be: "The Emerging Rural Parish."

Friends Entertain Western Newcomers

NORTH Columbus Meeting of the Society of Friends entertained newcomers from the west coast areas, with a Christmas dinner and party, Thursday night, December 23, at the Parish House of Tenth Avenue Baptist Church.

Lynn Rohrbough, Delaware, led in group stunts, traditional games and square dancing.

Miss Michi Yamasaki sang two numbers in Japanese. Carl Droppers of the Ohio Forestry Service showed

a two reel travel (kodochrome) series of a trip into Mexico showing the prehistoric architectural and heiroglyphic remains around Mexico City.

Professor C. A. Blackman, Ohio State University was master of ceremonies, assisted by Tom Okawara, an attorney, formerly of Fresno, California.

More than a hundred were present, including some sixty who have recently come to the Columbus Area through the War Relocation Authority.

Bicksler Responds

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given one month's leave of absence, to serve the Camp Community at Morehead City, N. Y., January 6 to February 8.

Completing his twelfth year as pastor of the Parish this month, Mr. Bicksler has not only endeared himself to the members of his churches, but has become indeed a member of his community in a variety of ways. He is chairman of the County War Bond Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, and is in great demand for counsel and advice on community and county wide affairs.

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asked. But we have many children who have no support whatever. This according to Dr. C. D. Marston, superintendent, of the Home is a typical case.

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"Just and Durable" Peace Conferences Planned for March

EIGHTY county conferences throughout the state to help promote the program for a "Just and Durable Peace" are the aim of the Ohio Council of Churches. These conferences are being set up from March 6 through March 17, inclusive.

A circuit system has been worked out in order to save time of the speakers, who are giving their time without pay and also to conserve on such items as traveling expenses, gasoline ration tickets, etc.

County ministerial associations are being asked to get behind conferences and to help in making them really worthwhile.

No financial guarantee is asked. The Council merely desires an opportunity to take suitable offerings to help defray traveling and other expenses of speakers.

County seat towns will be selected for the most part as sites for these conferences.

The Public Affairs Committee of the Council is doing the ground work for the coming conferences.



Rev. Hugh Ivan Evans

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Sidney Sweet Heads Missouri Council

DEAN SIDNEY E. SWEET, now serving his second year as president of the Missouri Council of Churches, St. Louis, Missouri, is a former Ohioan.

Under the leadership of Dean Sweet the Council has expanded rapidly.

In 1940, the Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Council, the name was changed and gradually the Council has expanded its program beyond that of a Sunday School Association to become a full Council of Churches, although the program of Christian Education is still continued.



Dean Sidney E. Sweet

Under the leadership of Dean Sweet the Council has been active in gathering support for helpful legislation and against some of the vicious bills that occasionally find their way into the Legislature.

Funds are now being raised for the purchase or erection of a Council office building, which will be located in Kirkwood, a suburban town of St. Louis.

An extensive advertising campaign to reach non-church persons is a part of the program of the Council. A series of nine posters are being displayed in store windows and other places, which is being followed by a series of nine letters to non-church families. Speakers are assigned to non-church clubs and the public schools as a part of the extensive effort to reach all persons for some department of the church.

Some two hundred newspapers in Missouri are giving space weekly to

Cincinnati War Chest Gives Half To Social Agencies

Of the \$3,300.00 sought by the War Chest in its campaign for 1944, all but \$32,000 was reported raised on December 21, 1943. This deficit of \$32,000 will be subscribed. While a large part of the contributions to the War Chest is designated for foreign relief, over half is devoted to the social agencies of Cincinnati. The social service activities of the Council of Churches are included in this division. It will receive over \$21,000 from this source for its work in 1943. Mr. Cecil H. Gamble, an outstanding Protestant layman, served as general chairman of the campaign.

Council Employs 47 Workers

A total of 47 workers were paid directly or indirectly by the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati for their services in 1943. Three held administrative positions. Three served as secretaries; one as chaplain, twelve as social workers and their assistants; and twenty-eight as teachers in week day schools of religious education. The salaries of the latter group were paid directly by churches of various communities. Salaries of all other workers were included in the general budget of the Council.

Campaign for Religious Work Department Under Way

The annual campaign for the Religious Work Department of the Council of Churches begins January, 1944. Dr. Herry K. Eversull, associate secretary, will be in charge. This department is financed by churches and individuals. The social service activities are supported by the Community Chest.

an article prepared by the Council entitled "Religion in Everyday Life."

While in Ohio Dean Sweet was for many years rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus. He was a member of the Administrative Committee of the Ohio Council of Churches, and was very active in the Ohio Pastors' Convention, being one of the first pastors in the state to sign-up as a Life Member of the Convention.

Youngstown Churches Hold Christmas "Singspiration"

IN spite of the "flu" epidemic, Christmas services in the Youngstown Churches were well attended. The cooperative community services began with the third annual "Singspiration" of the Youth Council at the First Covenant (Swedish) Church on Sunday evening, the 19th. Following this, the young people marched to the Public Square, where they sang carols.

There were many Christmas Eve Services, with which the Federated Churches cooperated. A number of choirs and ministers took part in the Service at Trinity Methodist Church, of which the Ohio Pastors' Convention Chairman, Dr. Schuyler E. Garth is pastor.

Rev. Swearingen Begins Training For Chaplaincy

A great loss to the religious and musical life of Youngstown and vicinity will be the leaving on January 1st of the Rev. Walter Swearingen for Harvard University to begin training as a Chaplain in the United States Army. Rev. Swearingen has not only served as Minister of Music at Trinity Methodist Church, but has served as Chairman of the Music Committee of the Federated Churches, planning and conducting the Services of Music and Worship for the many united services which have been held, including the "Singspirations" of the Youth Council. He has trained choruses in both the North and South side units of the Youngstown Hospital, and a "Victory Chorus," made up of wives, sweethearts and sisters of Service Men. He has also planned and played the music for the daily broadcast at 12:30 from the Chapel of the Friendly Bells over station WKBN.

Visitation Evangelism Campaign To be Conducted

Following up the house to house survey which was conducted in October, the Churches of Youngstown and vicinity, working through the Federated Churches, will, in the week starting January 6, conduct a "Visitation Evangelism" campaign. This will be under the direction of Dr. Oliver K. Black of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council. Dr. Black will be in Youngstown

on January 7th for the training meeting in preparation for this campaign.

Annual Meeting Scheduled For January 25

The Annual Meeting of the Federated Churches will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on the evening of January 25.

Founder of World Council Dies

The Rev. Dr. William Adams Brown, Presbyterian minister, who was one of the founders of the World Council of Churches and represented America at several foreign church conferences, died in New York City on December 16.

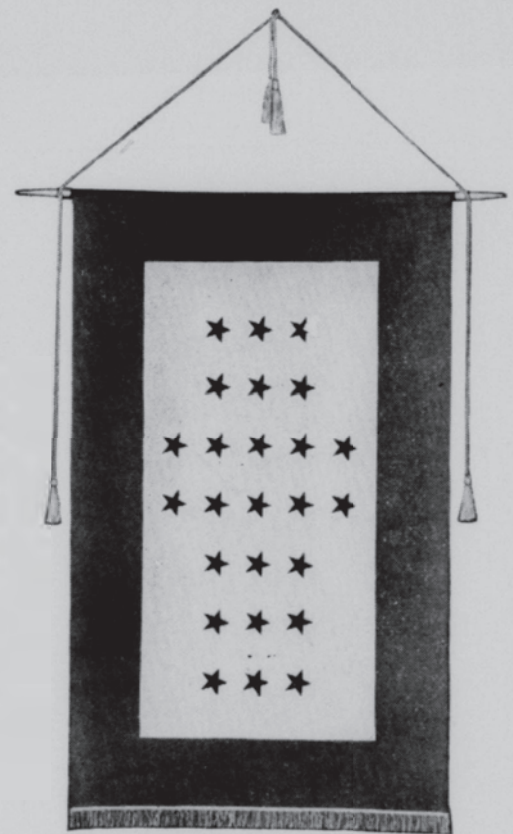
Rev. Dr. Brown led the American section at the Oxford world conference on faith and order in 1937 and the following year was an American delegate to the Ecumenical conference at Utrecht, the Netherlands.

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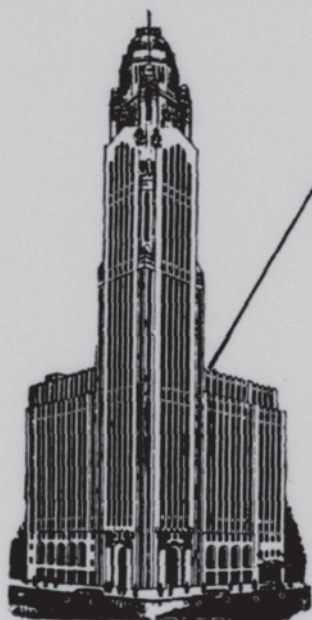
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The Toledo Blade observes: "Old John Barleycorn, who never had an honest hair in his head, is making trouble again", referring to the complaint of the consuming public regarding the alleged liquor shortage.

Our guest editor this month is

DR. CHARLES HAMILTON, of Wooster

who is in charge of our financial department.

HONESTY BETWEEN FRIENDS?

Just how honest is the liquor traffic toward the government? When the war began, official records showed there was a five-year supply of liquors on hand. A member of the Senate investigating committee has expressed his strong belief that the liquor industry is refusing to withdraw its supply from bonded warehouses to avoid paying taxes on it, thus creating a shortage. This in turn tends to raise the price for the consumer, both of which moves serve well the interests of the traffic. How honest then, is the liquor trade toward its own consuming public? Replying to the demand by distillers that they be allowed to resume distillation of alcohol for beverage purposes, Senator Van Nuys declares he has ascertained that at present there is a full three year's supply of liquor at a normal rate of consumption.

MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN FOOD AND LIQUOR

Another reply to the demand for resumption of distilling for beverage purposes, is made both by Senator Van Nuys and Mark Upson, Transport Director of the War Foods Administration. Both declare that the people must make a choice between alcohol for drink purposes, and alcohol for food and war needs. "We are going to have to use grain and sugar either for food or use it for drink and other purposes. We need grain also to produce alcohol for our rubber program. A big part of the industrial alcohol program is based on the use of grain and sugar molasses." Will the nation hesitate in such a choice?

DISTILLERS-BREWERS

It may not be widely known that for years the brewing industry has been making strong efforts to break away from association with the hard liquor makers,—morally and in the tax collector's eye. They wish to achieve a respectable standing with the public. But like Germany in relation to her Axis ally, Italy, hard liquor looks with disfavor on these disloyal efforts of its ally, beer.

As a step to keep the two together, the Schenley Distillers Corporation two weeks ago purchased, at a cost of six million dollars, the 92-year-old Blatz Brewing Company of Milwaukee. This not only makes an inroad in a profitable new field for the distilling company, but also reaches out for the consolidation of the whole alcoholic beverage production. The distillers believe they are not prepared to lose a single ally.

LIQUOR PATRONS LIKE TO BE HUMBUGGED

Business Week of December 4 states that the OPA has approved the sale of the Waterfill-Frazier and the Shawahan distilleries, along with about one million cases of bourbon whiskey to the Liquor Control Commissions of the states of Oregon and Washington. The whiskey stocks were purchased for one dollar per gallon. The stocks will be split 50-50 between the two Commissions, and they will be able to sell the bourbon at what has been the going price of \$3.15 per quart.

This makes a cool \$37,800,000 profit from their customers, who eagerly stand in long lines in all kinds of weather, through long hours, to pay dearly for the stuff which brings no profit, but helps to damn both soul and body.

Barnum once declared that the American people liked to be humbugged. Apparently the liquor patrons do too!

ANOTHER ANGLE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Recently the writer was informed of a situation in an Ohio suburban town by one of its leading citizens. The school building houses 2000 children, many of whom have been taking their noon lunches at the drug stores, especially children from homes where both parents are absent at work during the day. These boys and girls have gradually become boisterous, unruly, bold and defiant, to the extent of breaking articles in the stores, and actually taking things away.

As the most direct method of putting an end to the condition, the proprietors have closed their stores during the noon recess period. Since then the students have been going to near-by saloons to get their lunches and other things.

What has become of the authority of home and school? What can be the future of these young people? The first step in a criminal career is defiance of authority, and these boys and girls have taken that step.

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Annual Prince of Peace Contest Nears Final Stage

TWENTY-ONE district Prince of Peace Declamation Contests in which winners of one hundred and twenty-seven county contests are the competitors will be held the second and third Sundays in January.

Contests scheduled for January 9 are as follows: Elyria Methodist Church, Elyria; Miles Avenue Church of Christ, Cleveland; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Youngstown; First Methodist Church, Alliance; First Presbyterian Church, Wooster; First Baptist Church, Newark; First Presbyterian Church, Marietta; Trinity Methodist Church, Chillicothe; Cheviot United Brethren Church, Cincinnati; First Methodist Church, Sabina; First Baptist Church, Dayton; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Springfield; First Methodist Church, Defiance; First United Brethren Church, Toledo; Evangelical and Reformed Church, Tiffin; Williams Street Methodist Church, Delaware; Methodist Church, Worthington, and Neil Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Columbus.

Those taking place on January 16 are: First Methodist Church, Bluffton; First Methodist Church, New Concord, and United Brethren Church, Westerville.

The Peace Declamation Contest this year exceeded by more than 50% in local contests 1942 with 471 churches and 62 schools holding local contests.

Three semi-final, in which district winners will compete will be held in three Columbus churches on January 23. Two contestants from each semi-final group will be admitted to the finals, to be held at the Ohio Pastors' Convention, Columbus, Wednesday, February 2, at Memorial Hall.

Contests are under the direction of the Ohio Council of Churches.

Churches Unite For Christmas Program

The four churches of Canal Winchester united their musical talents and formed a choir of sixty vested

members to produce Christmas music for the community. The first attempt of this kind was tried last Easter and it met with such approval the effort was made again this Christmas. The program was presented to 450 people who turned out to fill the David's Evangelical and Reformed churches to capacity.

The program opened with a Processional Hymn Carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and included such numbers as "Send Out Thy Light" by Gound; Selections from Handel's "Messiah" and Recessional Hymn Carol, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Guest soloist for the evening was Helen Stoker of Columbus, who sang "Glory to God" by Rotoli.

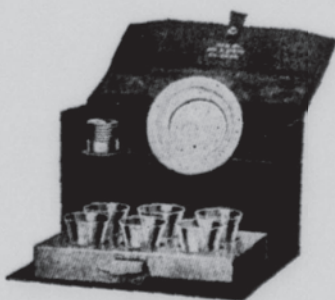
Mrs. Nelle Dyer Arganbright, teacher of music in the Canal Winchester public school directed the choir. Mrs. William Snyder, organist of David's Evangelical and Reformed Church was the organist.

The program was so well received again this time that plans are now being made to make this a yearly community event.

The four churches supporting the union effort were: The Methodist, United Brethren, Evangelical and Reformed and the Lutheran.

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