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Federated Men's Club of Elyria Churches, correspondence,
speech, and program, 1956-1957.

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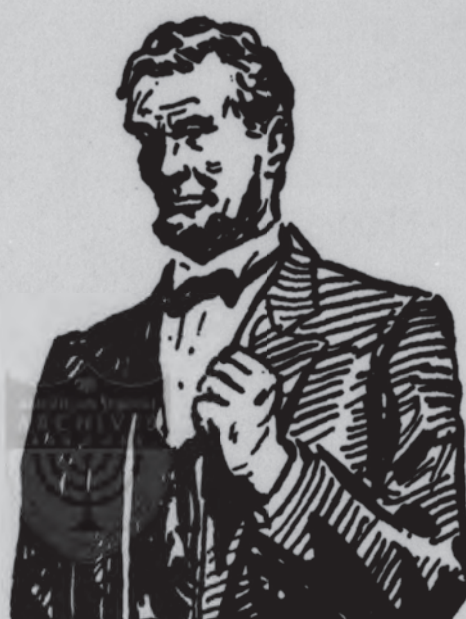
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Dinner Preparation - Christian Women's Fellowship

No Smoking Please

43rd Annual Dinner

*Federated Men's Club
of Elyria Churches*



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1956

Speaker

DR. RONALD E. OSBORN

Graduate School of Theology
Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana

6:30 Sharp

WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

THEME — Fatherhood of God - - Brotherhood of Men

PROGRAM

"God Bless America"

by the assembly

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Wayne Boyd

DINNER

Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

String Beans

Cabbage Salad

Coffee

Rolls

Cherry Pie, A La Mode

MUSIC

VOCALIERS

James Kolopus

Tom Jezewski

Jerry Leboda

John Becker

Reading of Minutes

Roll Call of Churches

Report of Nominating Committee

Treasurer's Report

Group Singing, led by J. Martin Beck

Wayne Lance, Pianist

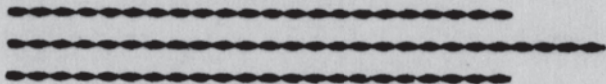
Address

Men of God in This World

Dr. Ronald E. Osborn

Benediction

Rev. Henry K. Shaw



OUR CREED

This Association, founded in 1914, is not a formal organization. It has no By-laws, no dues. The sole purpose is to promote good fellowship, religious tolerance, and racial understanding among all the churches in Elyria and surrounding area.

Very few meetings are held, usually only the annual banquet. On this occasion officers for the coming year are elected, either by nomination from the floor, or from a list of candidates selected by a nominating committee. These officers, a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer (each from a different church group) serve for one year, and comprise the executive committee. They make the arrangements for the annual dinner under the sponsorship of the Men's club of the president's church. Programs are invariably good, high lighted by an inspiring message from a distinguished guest speaker. Controversial subjects are avoided. Catholic, Protestant, and Jew, White and Colored gather in true American fashion, with no distinction as to person, color, or creed, a fitting tribute to the two great American Presidents whose birthdays we celebrate this month.



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January 7, 1957

Rabbi Daniel Silver,
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

This letter will confirm my telephone conversation with you today in reference to a speaking engagement at the Elyria Jewish Temple Thursday, February 28th at approximately 6:00 o'clock P.M. This year the Elyria Jewish community is host to the affiliated churches of Elyria and surrounding area for a national brotherhood dinner. These dinners have been continuous for the past forty-three years. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Elyria Temple and myself would consider it an honor to have you as our guest speaker that evening and also to break bread with us.

If there are any costs other than traveling expenses involved, I am in hopes that you will advise me at your earliest possible convenience. I would also appreciate a picture, mat or an engraved print of yourself along with biographical information.

The Temple is located on Gulf Road in Elyria, Ohio. Your route from Cleveland, if driving, will be Route 20 and when you reach the City of Elyria, you will make a right turn at approximately the fifth traffic light. By making this turn you will eliminate the necessity of going through the downtown section of the City. After you make the turn, the Temple is approximately 1-1/2 miles.

Light at
Standard Oil
Station.

If you intend to arrive in town earlier, let me know and I will then arrange to meet you at my office.

With hopes of meeting you personally on the 28th, I am

Respectfully yours,

JNR:ls

January 9, 1958

Mr. J. N. Rassler
J. N. Rassler Realty Co.
519 Elyria Savings and Trust Bldg.
Elyria, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rassler:

This is to confirm your letter of January 7th. I shall be happy to be with you on Thursday, February 28th, at a national brotherhood dinner. A picture is enclosed together with the pertinent biography. I would appreciate it if you would return the print to me for future use.

I hope that I can follow your directions and rest assured that I am most happy to accept your invitation.

Cordially,

DANIEL JEREMY SILVER

DJS:rrw
Enc.

Temple Bnai Abraham

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RABBI LAWRENCE MONTROSE
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TEMPLE
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Dear Rabbi Silver, - Shalom,

I have been informed that you will honor us with a talk on Thursday evening - February 28. We are all pleased with the committee's selection.

In order to give you a broader understanding of the evening's purpose I am enclosing a program sheet of the last annual banquet. It contains the "creed," which will be of some assistance to you. The length of your talk is entirely in your hands, but may I suggest that 20-30 minutes would be most suitable for our purposes.

Each year, a different church group hosts the banquet. More than 30 churches comprise the "Federated Men's Club." Approximately 200 persons will attend. It is customary to make mention of George Washington, whose birthday is on the 22nd.

The committee will contact you at a later date to make final arrangements as to directions for coming here. Feel free to write me concerning any further information.

With best regards,
Lawrence Montrose

When I was a student at the Hebrew Union College, I used to travel every every weekend to a small southern Illinois community. There I conducted the services and ran the religious school for a community which was too small in numbers to be able to afford a full-time rabbi. My second year there, some of the ministers decided to organize a brotherhood week program. It was a dinner, such as this, carried off with ^{MUCH} success and much fanfare. The governor was there. The mayor was there. The commanding general of the ^{NEARBY} ~~local~~ air base was there. An array of local judges and civic leaders sat at the front row tables. The chairman of the evening made a magnificent address entitled "What Brotherhood means to me".

Two weeks later, our local newspaper headlined the fact that our chairman had been brought before a grand jury accused of RENT gouging and ~~for~~^{for} flaunting the state house ^{inc} code on property which he owned in the slum area of our city.

Men speak many fine words but our actions sometimes ~~do not live up to~~ ^{GIVE THE LIE} our speeches. Such a brotherhood program as this can serve as an invaluable reminder of the obligations of neighborliness, of religious and racial tolerance, and of joining together in all worthwhile programs of civic improvement. ^{IT can remind us how nice our neighbors really are - for an committee offer} ~~But we all too~~ ^{few opportunities} these can be evenings of just talk, of pious bleetings, of a minister or a ^{to mingle outside} ~~rabbi~~ ^{our narrow} building fine phrases which have no relation to the ^{really} ~~reliability~~ ^{of our} ~~of our~~ ^{of our} daily living. If we applaud brotherhood tonight, we must practice brotherhood tomorrow. If we applaud brotherhood tonight, then tomorrow we must be willing to go down into the under-privileged parts of our city and fight for better living conditions for the poor negro and for the poor white. If we applaud brotherhood tonight, then we must be willing to speak up when someone of our social set laughs ^{at a minor} ~~unpleasantly~~ or tells an unpleasant joke about members of other ^{rules or needs} ~~places or men of other colored skin~~. If we applaud brotherhood tonight, and tomorrow refuse to hire someone because of the color of his skin or the ~~unpleasant~~ ^{unpleasant} of his creed and are observing this ideal which we are not to right to believe

Why does the cause of brotherhood — of better relations with our neighbors of all type — interest us? Why is it of importance to us?

~~The~~ interest in because we are all religious men - and brotherhood is a religious ideal of the highest order. To believe in God is to believe in the essential oneness of the human family.

One more member of the Temple which I now have the honor to send,
is included the great law from the book of Lev. "Thou shalt love thy
neighbor as thyself". It does not say thou shalt love thy neighbor
as thyself - but thy neighbor - Jew or Gentile, white or black.

I have read in the act of a Capitula where it is recorded "that
we had much of one blood cell nature"; There are no blue
bloods or inferior bloods - but all nature were made of one blood.

I was a chaplain during the Korean War. Many a severely wounded man was brought into the battle station where I served. Our blood bank here did not have separate compartments for Caucasian blood, for Protestant blood, for negro blood, for white blood, for Indian blood. Many a white man has to-day because a colored man in the U.S. volunteered his blood, many a Caucasian was saved because a Jew went to his city's blood bank. Truly, "God has made of one blood all nations."

B. method is a religious ideal.

The opening of the Book of Gen. in an Bible may be scientific name but it is spiritually sound & full of wisdom, when such headed men; he created one man and one woman. All men: African, European, Chinese, pleasant, American, Scottish, British, etc. have the descent ultimately to the same family tree. How good must laugh at the vain power of ^{these} men who ~~would~~ claim ~~of pure~~ ~~ancestry~~ and ~~related~~ blood. ~~especially~~ ~~the~~ racial ~~endowment~~ ~~which~~ separate ^{these families} them from all other men.

There was especially gifted men -

There are apparently whole man

What was more achieved by did not because of unjust racial preferences
but because of ind. endeavor -

Some men have come to feel that, however, while the race means may
be - it is quantitatively minor and leads men into unfortunate attempts to
improve the lot of people who ^{are fit} ~~cannot~~ only for manual tasks and
slog as more of they are not given ideas beyond their station. Look
about you day by day - where the white man has produced poet and
philosopher and painter and prophet - The black race here by in long
remained hunter & primitive farmer.

To-day, moreover, we know that the ape-man evolved into modern
men in several widely separated parts of our globe (China - South
Africa - Palestine - possibly also Central America) - The lowest stage
then is apparently not true. We spring from different ancestors and the
various races of men are essentially different & independent children.

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Holler, you will recall some needs arising to the Jews and the
Mordic Argon represent a superior ~~master race~~. Advocate of
apartheid and segregation in Union of S.A. & throughout our
gentleland still repeat such arguments.

Arguments to racial science has long since given us lie. man did,
of course, evolve at separate times in diff. locations - Mendel differs
as to the proportion of hair skin, the structure of their bones, the type
of their hair, the shape of their eyelids - but these are
superficial differences - ~~generally brought about by diff. climatic~~
~~climatic conditions of the environment in which~~ Mendel not differ
one iota in one manner than basically human - their mental
capacities - the creative capacities, their physical beauty, their
ability to love and respond to love, their religious impulses,
their goodness - In all basic dimension of human nature
the various races of men are equal - only individual
differs -

What of backward people? They are backward because they
have lacked certain opportunities - better educational
& economic advantages they would soon prove their worth.

There are shrewd men and kind men - selfish men and generous men -
fools and geniuses ~~to be~~ found in almost equal proportion among
every group and creed.

Schweitzer is white
Martin Luther King is black
Mahatma Gandhi is Indian

} yet each has made a supreme and
unique contribution to our spiritual
life and moral civilization

Enoch Aron is Jewish
Fermi was Catholic
Compton was Protestant

} these separate religions did not hinder
any of these men from making a unique
contribution to our knowledge

what is true of doctors and scientists - is true also of sinners and rogues -
not, for all a creed would claim a monopoly on such - none can
claim a monopoly on ability or creativity.

~~The only real society is the society~~

Let us pronounce in our own thinking a final and unambiguous judgment
to all this ancient racial nonsense. Let us learn to look at
men as men and not as men automatically qualified or disqualified
~~in some way~~ because of ^{skin} ~~color~~ or ~~birth~~ or ~~background~~.

Only that society will survive in an age of which I know
the basic lesson. A society which deprives one group of opportunities
deprives itself of ~~all~~ ability. France knows and the Hugenots and
suffered a century of decline. Germany systematically destroyed the
Jews only to learn itself destroyed. Let me illustrate this ~~truth~~
from ~~your~~ well known example. From baseball. For years
no Jewish ball player could play in the ^{major} league. A great
recruiter of talent was untouched because of bigotry &
intolerance - Brooklyn - first of all teams a key to the
three Negro ball players - Jackie Robinson - was the first.
What a loss it made - Brooklyn had such an advantage
for several years that the ~~major~~ league were never

a personal conclusion, she had a head start on all her rivals -
She could choose her new man from an elite pool of many
million when the other team would not touch.

What is true of ball playing is true also of business and of the
professions - and ultimately of an individual's career. In
engineering, for instance, will not his junior or colleague, will
have out in today's battles for brains - A leader who will
not have negotiators will have inferior teachers - A nation
which will not develop to its fullest the mental & physical
abilities of all its citizens will gradually be passed by in the
Big League competition of World Politics.

Hard headed realism as well as religious vision demand that we
~~have the man~~ put into practice the "equality of opportunity"
belief that was acknowledged by Ben-Haim to us.

Buttressed is a religious ideal

All great religion & understandings, which have preceded or with and
necessity -

Religion have helped to show man the folly of racialism or racial claim
to superiority - There are good Catholics - good Protestants and good
Jews of any color & skin type on earth - Their existence helps remind
us that we do not stand alone in our belief -

But unfortunately religion have often done so much to hinder human cooperation
as to foster it. Religion warfare and antipathy has been a constant
of human history. Our century was settled by men who had suffered
and intolerance. Cruel beyond description have been committed
by misguided zealots in the name of the God of love and
mercy.

There is a saving at the moment - the prayer will put our
promise - I believe it will be a great age - But to be so much
square united effort of all men of good will -

To do so we must learn to build bridges and not use violence
men - Bridges of understanding - Bridges of cooperative effort - Sanitation
bridges will be worked out - But always unless will can be
expressed

To ~~find~~ ^{find} ~~me~~ ^{me} can react ~~can~~ ^{can} ~~pleased~~ ^{pleased}
 (1) ~~Identify~~ ^{Identify} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~can~~ ^{can} ~~pleased~~ ^{pleased}

Chaplain - Rendering help - some building - after some
equipment (analyze lucene notes
yellow under lucene - absolute carded)

Was experienced diff - but wanted for fuller & better life on board
(ld - rec. - spiritually) Did a good job - Taught me how
much can be done - Young heart - Overcome "limited" my.