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The Present Attitude of Youth

Is a Challenge to the Church

Of course by the above caption we do not mean every boy or girl is a special challenge to the church, but we do mean that there is an ever-increasing number. While we are in daily touch with our ministers and church leaders we cannot see that they have any program in mind to attract youth other than the regular young people's organizations.

The young people's organizations are all right for a class of youth, but they are not reaching and guiding that class in so dire need of guiding. They have rejected the individual church organizations and are drifters. They need catching up as drift wood and tying to something.

This brings us to what would this human drift-wood be willing to be tilled? Sociologists contend that adolescent youth that show incorrigible tendencies can be made tractable through agencies that call for competition of high action under wise leadership.

Whether we are willing or not to sponsor or support an organization to save the youth of the community we will pay the cost any way. Pay it in tax for the upkeep of youth in criminal cells at the reformatory or for a profession leader for youth at home.

This week three more misguided boys were taken into custody. They may or may not be guilty, but they gauged wrong. Had some good leader of youth contacted these boys a couple of years or so ago they might now be considered ideal leaders of other boys in wholesome and beneficial practices.

We hold that it is not enough to say they should have been reared right. We have seen honest attempts in good rearing fail. Then we have seen the agency of a Y. M. C. A. succeed in making a most abandoned youth turn straight and like it.

The great secret of turning youth into a straight path and keeping him there is in leading him through fair play on the play ground or social hall.

Some time someone will see the great good a play director can do and sponsor such a movement. Some one who will have the vision, act out it and we will call them blessed—and so will the youth.

One thing is undeniable to those who knew Harrodsburg before the world and now is that we have lost ground with our youth.

'When a President Struggles for Plain People, Copperheads Secretly Venom, Strike Him Down'

"Just to the degree that the established order is based upon special, and therefore unfair, privilege, do those political untouchables resort to the garbage heap to besmirch the leader who is fighting to improve conditions," said Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes at the annual Lincoln Day celebration in Springfield, Ill. "The man who himself lives softly, unheeding that a majority of his fellow-citizens do not have sufficient food and clothing and shelter is not equipped for the living martyrdom that was Lincoln's during all the years of his great life."

The secretary quoted severe criticism of Lincoln in the press of his time for "usurping the legislative and judicial authority" for the complete annihilation of our constitutional rights, "for the ruin of governmental finance and an enormous debt piled incalculably high," and for the "borrowing ideas from crazy radicals."

"I cannot forbear at this point to observe," Mr. Ickes continued, "that it appears to have been Abraham Lincoln who scuttled the American Constitution, set up a dictatorship, threw the Supreme Court into the Potomac river and declared a moratorium on Congress. In fact, General George B. McClellan ran against him for President in 1864 on a 'Save the Constitution' platform."

"Where do we today read similar charges, though even more vehemently expressed, with respect to the present occupant of the White House, who has been accused of doing all the things that apparently Lincoln had already done some 75 years ago?"

"Go back to the newspapers that vilified and traduced Theodore Roosevelt and you will find that he also was a dictator, a subverter of our fundamental law, a tyrant who bent Congress to his will and defied the courts."

"You will not miss the point that it is, only when a President has interested himself in the cause of the plain people, when he has a heart that pulses with sympathy for humanity, when he is determined to equalize economic opportunities, that the copperheads, their ancestors or their descendants, secrete an extra supply of venom with which to strike down the man who bravely tilts his lance against special privilege and entrenched greed."

"No President in our history has ever assumed such powers as did Lincoln. Yet today the man who drove through to success a long overdue social and economic reform stands forth as one of the transcendent figures of history, while those puny men who fussy thumbed back and forth the pages of their law books for precedent and authority to stem the irresistible march of human society are forgotten. He believed that the Constitution was intended to serve man and not man the Constitution; that it was a charter of liberty and not of oppression."

Frank Discussion of a Last Week's Editorial Brings Good Suggestion

Almost every week the editorial column of this paper either draws some very heavy fire of criticism or appreciative terms. Both we welcome if coming from honest hearts. When the column is passed without comment either way, we know it must have been weak in idea.

Last week we made comment on common carriers of yesterday and today and contrasted their actions for the periods. From that editorial we heard a number of stories it brought to mind of the ridiculous shortsighted policy of employee and management of carriers.

A gentleman commenting on that editorial connected it intimately with the one about the local coal situation. His reflection, we feel, in correct and has a good suggestion in it. He feels that had the railroad lines been wise when the bootlegging of coal began it could have been stopped by making a rate that would enable the regular dealers to sell on an equal footing on the tonnage basis.

The suggestion that came to us in his remarks was that the matter should be put up to the railroads to meet this competition like they do with prices in passenger travel.

No one interested in the welfare of the community would like to see any local taxpaying and public serving concern forced out of business or crippled.

In our opinion two moves should be made: One is to secure an adjustment of rates by the railroad that would make the tonnage cost of movement at least the same between truck and rail to our town. The other is also an equitable measure: To levy a license tax on coal trucks which would offset local coal dealers tax and further a license for using city streets as a coal yard.

Such a plan would tend to make the coal traffic on a more equitable basis and at the same time bring a neat sum into the City Treasury. Would this not be a good objective for the Chamber of Commerce?

Hiding In Ambush

A few days ago we received an unsigned communication. Since it has been the custom of this paper to never publish such letters it did not appear last week. We even have an ingrowing aversion for anonymous letters and their authors.

In the present case the writer referred to our editorial regarding the on-coming political struggle for the United States Senate. His hypocritical letter putting up a hypothetical question asking us to explain what our course will be under such and such circumstances.

Should the writer have signed his name we certainly would not have any objection of telling him or any one else our position.

You may be a good and well-meaning person; but you cast a cloud over yourself—of suspicion; of cowardice; or malice intent.

When one considers the possible character of an anonymous letter writer, he involuntarily draws a mental picture of a spineless creature. If the letter is extremely vicious your picture is that of an assassin lurking in ambush. We hope you are neither but just and innocent blunderer.

SUB-ZERO WEATHER AGAIN THIS WEEK

With many homes still combatting frozen service pipes after being without water for several weeks, the mercury took another nose dive into sub-zero weather on Monday night. Thermometer readings were reported from 12 to 6 below zero, depending upon the exposure and the time of reading. Cold prevailed all through Tuesday and that night the mercury dropped to several degrees below and Wednesday remained cold. A break in the extreme weather was promised for Thursday accompanied by another descent of "the white plague," which is the new nickname for "beautiful" since we have had so much of it.

State Music Group Meets May 6, 7, 8

The annual convention of the Kentucky Federation of Music clubs will be held in Louisville at the Brown hotel May 6, 7, and 8. It was decided at the midwinter session of the board of directors of the organization which was also held in Louisville last Saturday, February 15. The meeting, over which the president, Miss Harriet Meador, Frankfort, presided, was an interesting one, with various plans made for the work of the Federation.

The state gathering will be featured by an excellent program, which is being arranged, and a large attendance is anticipated. The 1935 convention was held in Paris.

Other matters were discussed and announced at the board meeting. Miss Helen McBride, Louisville, radio chairman, told of the next broadcast of the Federation, which will be on March 7, over Radio Station WAVE, with the Crescent Hill String Ensemble, Louisville, under the direction of Miss Dora Mantle, giving the program. The members were also told of the presentation of Dr. Edgar Stillman Kelly's suite, "Alice in Wonderland," at Memorial Auditorium, Louisville, on April 22, the chorus to include six hundred children.

Miss McBride made the request that the various clubs over the state appoint members to listen in on the radio programs for one hour each week, reporting to her with comments.

The national secretary, Mrs. William Hoyt Raymond, Bowling Green, presented to the board the matter of a state chorus for the Biennial Convention, to be held in the spring of 1937 in Louisville. She suggested a special conductor and that preparations for such a chorus be started this year.

The chairman of music in religious education, G. P. Bruner, Louisville, reported a Church Music Forum which is being planned in Louisville for the evening of March 2, in conjunction with the Louisville chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The meeting continued through the day and at noon luncheon was served at the Brown Hotel. From 4:30 to 5 p.m., the newly-organized and federated junior group, under the direction of Mrs. Mille Matthews Meyers, gave a musical program over Radio station WAVE. The broadcast was also featured by brief talks by the state president, Miss Meador; the state junior counselor, Miss Jessie Million, Richmond; and the junior choral chairman, Miss Margaret Leist, Lakeland.

ADDITIONAL BASKETBALL

PIONEERS LOSE

Harrodsburg Pioneers lost to the Lawrenceburg high school quintet by 55 to 17 in a game played at Lawrenceburg Tuesday night. After piling up a 19 to 5 score at the end of the first quarter, Lawrenceburg continued the road to victory. Marlow, star Lawrenceburg forward, connected for 31 of his team's points. Bohon made 7 for Harrodsburg.

MIDWAY 37, BURGIN 27

Midway High's Bluejays trounced Burgin at Midway Tuesday, 37 to 25, leading throughout. At the end of the first period the score stood 8 to 5, at halftime 17 to 8, and at the end of the third period, 27 to 12.

Penn, with 14 points, and Jefferson, with seven, led Midway. C. Patrick got 10 and D. Gaskins five for Burgin.

BURGIN BEATS JACKETS

The Burgin High Bulldogs overran the vaunted Versailles Yellowjackets, 42-27 at Burgin Wednesday night. This was the second defeat in a row for the Yellowjackets who were previously undefeated.

Taking the lead at the start, Burgin led 8-6 at the first rest period, 20-12 at the half and 30-20 at the third quarter. The Bulldogs, led by Bennett who scored all of his 12 points on long field goals, completely outclassed the Jackets. Murphy, lanky Versailles center, was best for the losers, with nine markers.

COURT RULES RIGHT OF DAUGHTER TO SEE MOTHER

A case which created considerable interest in Circuit Court last week was the suit of Mrs. Mattie Reed Carter against Miss Nell Reed. It is alleged that Miss Reed had sought to prevent Mrs. Carter from visiting her mother who was living in the house with Miss Reed. The Court decided that Mrs. Carter had the right to visit her mother and the Court issued an injunction which enjoins Miss Reed from interfering with or annoying Mrs. Carter in her visits to her mother.

OPERA HOUSE

Tonight—Friday

Katherine Hepburn in "Sylvia Scarlett." A special picture. Fox News.

CISTERNS FROZEN

Mr. H. C. Wood's cistern has been frozen over for the past ten days. Such a thing never happened before. It is on the south side of the house.

PUBLIC ASKED TO OBEY FLAG RULES

Jane McAfee Chapter, D. A. R. reminds Community Proper Flag Use On Washington's Birthday.

The Flag Committee of the Jane McAfee Chapter, D. A. R., of which Mrs. G. A. Curry is chairman, gives the following rules of flag observance, in view of the fact that tomorrow is Washington's Birthday and many patriotic persons will display flags in schools, at homes and business houses, or the flags will be used in decorations in honor of the day:

Do not permit disrespect to be shown to the flag of the United States of America.

Do not dip the flag of the United States of America to any person or anything.

Do not display the flag with the union down except as a signal of distress.

Do not place any other flag or pennant above or, if the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America.

Do not let the flag touch the ground or the floor, or trail in the water.

Do not place any object or emblem of any kind on or above the flag of the United States of America.

Do not use the flag as drapery in any form whatsoever. Use bunting of olive, white and red.

Do not fasten the flag in such manner as will permit it to be easily torn.

Do not drape the flag over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle, or of a railway train or boat. When the flag is displayed on a motor car, the staff should be affixed firmly to the chassis, or clamped to the radiator cap.

Do not display the flag on a float in a parade except from a staff.

Do not use the flag as a covering from the ceiling.

Do not carry the flag flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

Do not use the flag as portion of a costume or of a athletic uniform. Do not embroider it upon cushions or handkerchiefs nor printed on paper napkins or boxes.

Do not put lettering of any kind upon the flag.

Do not use the flag in any form of advertising nor fasten in any form of advertising sign to a pole from which the flag is flown.

Do not display, use or store the flag in such a manner as will permit it to be easily soiled or damaged.

RE-CAPTURED CONVICT HAS CRIMINAL RECORD HERE

Carence Crawford, one of the convicts who recently escaped from the penitentiary at Frankfort, and was recaptured, had a criminal record in Harrodsburg. He stole an automobile from Dr. R. E. Youmans a year or two ago, after stopping in his office to have him treat injuries of the woman companion. They were arrested shortly afterward and returned to Anderson county, which had a previous charge against Crawford, for stealing a car from James Black.

Crawford, escaped convict, had turned the Black car over to the woman, who wrecked it by running into an interurban car on the Versailles road and received slight injuries. She was treated in the Versailles hospital, Crawford in another stolen car, called for her and brought her to Harrodsburg. After her injuries had been treated by Dr. Youmans, the pair took his car parked in front of the office, and abandoned the car in which they had come here, as the number of that license had been sent out to officers in neighboring towns. When it was discovered that Crawford was a escaped convict and had not served his time, charges in both Harrodsburg and Lawrenceburg were filed against him and he was returned to prison.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT CHANGES MEETING DATE

The Literature Department of the Woman's Club will meet Thursday, February 27, instead of on Friday, the usual day of meeting. This change to a day earlier is in deference to the World Day of Prayer, which is set for the 28th, the first Friday in Lent.

The program next Thursday afternoon will include a prayer on "The Art and Architecture of Egypt," by Mrs. E. Magoffin Hardin, and during the second hour "Review of Outstanding International Study" by Mrs. John W. Carpenter. Mrs. G. A. Curry is department chairman.

SHERIFF TAKES FOUR PRISONERS TO THE PEN

Sheriff Oscar Sanders and Deputy Robert Cull delivered four prisoners to the warden of the penitentiary at Frankfort Sunday afternoon. They were Andrew Phillips, three years; Truman and William Cornish, of Anderson county, one year each, and William Thompson, Negro, two years. They had received their sentences during the winter term of the Mercer circuit court just closed. Phillips and Thompson, both about 17, were guilty of robbery. The Cornish brothers stole chicken in Mercer county.

BIRDS AND SMALL ANIMALS DYING

Farmers in various sections of Mercer county report that they find many birds, also the bodies of numerous rabbits, squirrels and other small animals which have frozen to death during the extreme cold weather, or have died from starvation owing to the ground being covered with snow for such a long period that food was difficult to obtain.

McAEE SCHOOL

Don't miss "Major Bone" and the original amateurs, McAfee High School, Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, 1936, at 7:45. Admission 15c-20c.

ANDERSON SHEEP MEN FOLLOW MERCER'S PLAN

Anderson county sheep men have organized an association patterned after that in Mercer county. They investigated the local organization and adopted most of its rules and regulations, except they put a fee of nine cents a head on all sheep in the flocks of members, while Mercer county has only seven cents a head.

The Mercer association which will hold its annual meeting in about two weeks will be able to pay 100 per cent on all losses of members from dog raids on their flocks, it is predicted. The association has 115 members with an enrollment of sheep valued at between \$6,500 and \$7,000.

Chronology Of U S. Panics

The most notable panics since the seventeenth century have been the following:

1720—Mississippi Bubble bursts in France. John Law, promoter, forced to flee the country. Banque Royale failure spreads financial ruin.

1763—Panic in Amsterdam. Heavy failures in Holland, England and Germany.

1825-26—England. Bursting of the South Sea Bubble. Seven hundred and seventy banks stopped payment. Public reduced to living on bran. About 200,000 families migrated to America.

1837—United States. "Wildcat" bank failure; widespread financial ruin. Depression for seven years.

1847-1857 and 1869—England. The Bank of England forced to suspend payments. Crises attributed to excessive speculation.

1857—United States. Failures estimated at \$555,000,000. Coincided with the London crisis above.

1873—United States Bank failures in New York, Philadelphia and all other cities throughout the country. Depression for six years; spread to Europe.

1884-85—New York. Ward and Grant and Midland Bank failures. A minor panic.

1890—London. Baring & Co. fail. Caused short-lived panic in New York and throughout world. Call money 186 per cent in New York.

1893—United States. Depression for five years. Bryan "free silver" campaign of 1896. Call money 40 per cent.

1901—Rich Men's Panic—in New York. Northern Pacific Railway "corner" on Stock Exchange. Call money 75 per cent.

1907—New York. Knickerbocker Trust Company failure. J. P. Morgan syndicate creates a gold "pool" to save Trust Company of America. Crash attributed to excessive speculation and mismanagement of institutions. Call money 125 per cent.

1914—Worldwide panic precipitated by outbreak of great war. Stock exchanges suspend in New York, London, Paris and other capitals. All European countries declare martial law.

1929—Financial and banking panic in the United States followed by depression throughout the world. Complete dislocation of currencies.

W.C.T.U. CELEBRATES WILLARD ANNIVERSARY

An enjoyable program repaid those who braved the disagreeable cold weather to attend the silver tea given by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on Monday afternoon at Beaumont Inn