

TEXT OF SERMON OF ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH ON THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE CONSECRATION AND THE 65th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH, DELIVERED BY THE REV. FR. S. J. MARTIN.

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SERMON PREACHED in St. Philip's Church, Omaha, on the Golden Jubilee of the Consecration and the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish by The Rev. Fr. S. J. Martin, Rector of St. Edmund's Church, Chicago 12th Sunday After Trinity

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of this. He squanders beauty every day on the clouds, it is wasted upon tender grasses and mosses and there are the lovely creatures in the depth of the ocean—and He feels that we should do something for the souls of men as well as their bodies. Why not take the Sacred Memorials from this church and sell them for the poor? What was it that caused the retired Bishop of Colorado and the retired Bishop of New Jersey, when they met

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on St. Luke's Day, 1941, to keep the Golden Jubilee of their Ordination—to send an offering to this church to purchase a memorial for one who was Ordained along with them but had then been called to his reward? Why didn't they send an offering to the poor? Why didn't they order that this money be set up as a revolving fund for the poor of the parish? THEY KNEW WHAT OUR LORD MEANT WHEN HE TOOK BREAD AND WINE AND SAID, "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." They wanted something, not merely to reach the stomachs of men but something that would have an influence on their lives. Not something where after a few years the people would have been helped temporarily but something that would be spoken of as a memorial down thru the ages. All of Omaha is rich because of this memorial. John Masfield, writing of his mother said:

"In the dark womb where I began, My mother's life made me a man; Thru all the months of human birth Her beauty fed my common earth. I cannot see, nor breathe, nor stir, But thru the death of some of her."

We cannot breathe nor stir in this parish without having brought vividly before us those who have labored here and are now at rest. You cannot walk into this Sacred building without feeling the presence of Annela T. Worthington. The Altar speaks, the organ, the windows, the Holy Vessels, the Vestments—they bring memories, sad and pleasant.

So today we come I trust to present ourselves as the Blessed Mother presents Her Child. But suppose this woman, instead of doing what she could had stopped to consider what she might have done or what she would like to do. Suppose she had said, "What good will it do me to go and carry my ointment? It will seem presumptuous, ridiculous, and silly. They will laugh at me. I should like to do something great for the Master." If she had reasoned thus and acted accordingly she would have regarded and acted the same as you and I. BUT SHE WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED THE CENSURE OF JUDAS NOR THE PRAISE OF JESUS nor would the Scripture this day be fulfilled in our ears, and wherever the Gospel is preached this is spoken of in her honor. "She hath done what she could." So, then, we are not bound to do great things in this life but only to do what we can. God does not expect us all to be great but He does expect us to be faithful. When our conscience tells us that something ought to be done, when our hearts prompt us to go and do it—then let us go and do it. Let us not analyze the motive and freeze the impulse by asking what good will it do, some things are good in themselves; some things are an end in themselves, they are their own excuse for being. Such are all acts of conscience, religion, love, faith, which we are led to do, not from selfish considerations but from a generous impulse of the soul. What a change would take place in our lives if we only made up in our minds to do what we can every day having faith that if we do anything right, however small, God will help us to do more. Many people do nothing because they can't do anything. We do not begin to do a good thing because it is not already done. We do not take the first step because we have not already reached the goal. Some people in the parish—if they cannot give an expensive Memorial they will give nothing; if they cannot give a large pledge they will pledge nothing. But there is one thing certain we cannot rid ourselves of memory. It haunts us. "Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there. If I make my bed in Hell behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the angels, I will fly, and there, O Lord, will I sit down. If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there. If I make my bed in Hell behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the angels, I will fly, and there, O Lord, will I sit down."

Because our minds play tricks on us we need days like this to call us to duty to refresh our memories, so we go back to a little town called Nazareth and join the procession with Joseph and Mary as they move on to Jerusalem and the Temple. There we find Simeon, the aged Prophet, who was waiting to look upon the Lord Christ, and having looked upon the infant Child he said, "Lord, now let thy servant die in Peace, for according to what Thou hast promised, for I have looked upon the Salvation of the World which Thou hast prepared before the Face of the people—a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel." Joseph and the Mother were impressed at the words of this old man, and then Simeon gave them his Blessing and said to them, "This Child is an unusual Child. Remember Mary, a sword is going to pierce through your soul." Mary and Joseph must have left this religious ceremony with much to ponder, much to remember, and as the Child grew and waxed strong in Spirit and was filled with Wisdom, with the Grace of God upon Him, Mary and Joseph had to live with their memories—always this dagger before them. And as the years went on she watched her little Son grow up and He had to leave home and was left only with her memories until that final day when He was taken to the Cross and there under the Cross stood the mournful Mother weeping. Then, I imagine she remembered the day when she was to be purified and the old man said to her, "A dagger shall pierce Thy Soul."

"Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease, And my fingers wandered idly Over the noisy keys.

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Legion Sidelites

(BY JULIUS E. HILL)
The Legion National Convention is over, but memories linger on. It was a good convention and much was done. Many distinguished delegates and visitors were present of both races. And it is doubtful if in the history of the legion, there has been as many distinguished visitors to a race post as visited Roosevelt Post No. 30 during the convention. And all seemed impressed with the cleanliness and beauty of its Mirror lounge and the good order kept therein.

Those of our group worthy of special mention were Delegate Harry L. Beal, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Southern District of California, member of Post 228, Los Angeles, California; Legionnaire Attorney Vernon C. Coffey, Chairman of Negro Aviation, from Kansas City, Kansas; J. Franklin Wilson, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Dept. Judge Advocate, Dept. of D. C. and Sylvester R. Woodfork, Past Commander of James E. Walker Post, District of Columbia, and of course Roosevelt's guest of honor, Lieut. Willa B. Brown, Harlem Airport, Oakland, Illinois.

From Oklahoma was George Stover, C. L. Harm and Walter Rolfe, all members of James Europe Post 157, Oklahoma City.

Towa was represented by McKinley Baker, Morris DeSlet, Don Parker, Orvel L. Carter and Wm. H. Elmore from the Des Moines Post.

As far as can be learned Nebraska, Chicago, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Kentucky had just one attending the convention in order, L. U. Daugherty, Post No. 2, Hastings, Past Commander C. S. Stillwell, Geo. L. Gile, Post No. 87, Emery James, Indianapolis; Mrs. Josephine Payne, Philadelphia.

Aside from those already mentioned from Kansas was Louis Lamb, Service Officer, Argonne Post No. 217, Kansas City, Kansas.

MISSOURI
Missouri, as could be expected, had the largest number of delegates and visitors of any state. From Saint Louis was Mr. Wyatt and from Kansas City's Wayne Miner Post, Miner J. Holmes (alternate delegate), J. Kelly, Post Commander, John Graves, Sergeant at arms, McKinley Neal, Post Adjutant Sam McGowan, Finance Officer, Dr. M. M. Queen, Past Commander, Willie Anderson, J. Miller, Lawrence Denton, Ben Baker, Leander Williams, Post Historian, and Roscoe Owens.

Wayne Miner's Auxiliary was represented by five of its members Mrs. Corrine B. Chase Pres.; Mrs. Mildred Winfrey, Secy. Vice Pres. Mrs. Mary Malone, Sec. Mrs. Victoria Anderson and Mrs. Carrie McClain.

Of the other group these men of prominence visited the Post. Legionnaire Pennington, Ed Winter, C. Frances McCarty, Pat Fitzgibbons, (Junior Post Departmental Commander), Fred G. Fraser, (National Vice Commander), David E. Kisanic (Department Adjutant, District of Columbia), Ed M. B. Rhoades, FBI, Saint Paul, Minn., formerly in charge of Omaha FBI office.

National Vice Commander Fraser made a short talk as did several other members of his party. They were introduced by Attorney J. Franklin Wilson.

A VERY PROGRESSIVE POST
To have nice things said about you to your face is nice; but having them said when you aren't suppose to be in hearing distance, is much nicer. And some very nice things were said about Roosevelt Post by many visitors and delegat-



Many Leading Baptist Wtmen Attend Sessions in Chicago, Illinois

Leading Baptist women from all parts of the nation attended the sessions of the women's auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention Inc., held recently in Chicago at historic Olivet Baptist Church. Shown in this photograph, left to right, are Mrs. E. A. Wilson, St. Louis, historian; Mrs. W. F. McKinney, Atlanta, pianist; Mrs. W. J. Brockway, Oklahoma City, parliamentarian; Mrs. Gertrude E. Rush, Des Moines, attorney; Mrs. W. D. Cartes, Pasadena, Calif., assistant secretary; Mrs. J. C. Mapp, Chicago, vice president; Mrs. S. Willie Layton, Philadelphia, president; Mrs. Viola Hill, Orlando, Fla., second vice president; Mrs. Vivian Pennick, Seattle, secretary, and N. Rathblott, Mizpah builder who is associated with the development planned by the denomination in New Jersey. (ANP)

Suggestions For A Negro Business---
The taxpayers of Nebraska has made possible public schools for children to attend, who have a long time to perform their duties in getting an education and when the time comes when these children are grown and qualified for jobs,—"Where are the jobs for them?" We as a group depending upon the other man—when we can make some of our own jobs by going into business ourselves.

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HEADS THRIFT PLAN

To mention all he heard would require too much space; but the general opinion seemed to be that Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, is no of the most, if not the most progressive post in the west and perhaps in the United States among those belonging to our group. It has achieved more in its life than the majority of the others with less with which to work.

"This Post is really going places. They know what a Post should be....They know how to entertain visitors and delegates....Why I feel as much at home here as I do in my own Post". And many other similar remarks were heard by this reporter coming from persons of both races who were guests of the post.

When visitors make such favorable remarks concerning the Post, when talking among themselves, then there must be some weight to their argument. And every member of Roosevelt Post should be mighty proud that such remarks are made behind their backs and work harder than ever for greater success, socially as well as along other lines.

WRITING THE LEGION SONG
When Julius E. Hill decided to write the "Legion Song" most of it was composed in the office of the Omaha Guide. But this could not have been accomplished had not Hieronymus' place of business, THE NORTHSIDE TRANSFER CO., been next door. For it was necessary for Hill to try out his harmony and set a key for the song which required the use of a piano.

Being in the transfer and drayage business, Hieronymus often picks up household furnishings for storage or sales. There might be a possibility of his having a piano on hand. So there Hill went in search of a piano and found one.

When he asked permission to use it, Hieronymus replied, "Sure, go ahead. But I don't think it's much good and probably out of tune." Well he was right on both counts; but it WAS a piano. And sitting down to it Hill went over his composition.

A first he couldn't figure out whether it was the piano or what it was that made the song sound so terrible. He still doesn't know. Nevertheless by pacing back and forth from the Guide's office to the piano, the song was finally finished and shown to Hieronymus—a man who lays no claim whatsoever to any musical ability and perhaps now doesn't regard that of Hill's any too highly. For all he said was "Huh huh" and with a poorly concealed look of relief on his face, went on with his work. And Hill has been wondering ever since what he meant by "Huh huh"—but he really doesn't want anyone to tell him!

HORRORS OF WAR HAVE NOT MADE HIM FORGET HOW TO LAUGH
First hand knowledge of the horrors of war had not made Berry James Jordan, Negro, cook, U. S. Navy, forget how to laugh. Attached to a ship aboard which many major scenes of 20th Century

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Bendix and Lloyd Nolan. Jordan has been in the Navy six years and since the attack on Pearl Harbor has seen action in all Pacific theatres. He owns on the original assault on Guadalcanal and also saw action in the Aleutians. A native of New York City, Jordan has an excellent Navy record. His record as a motion picture actor—if more brief—is equally good.

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