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Are You Satisfied With Your Church?

We have been hearing a lot about leadership as it regards organizations, homes and the churches in our communities in recent months and today a young woman, Mrs. Lenora Roberts, president of the B. T. U. of Mt. Zion Baptist Church brought in an article which she wished to have published for the benefit of her class work. I told her that I believed that the community at large should share the lesson, "What Will Make Our Church Strong?"

The speaker for the Thanksgiving service which was held at the church will be cemented together Streets made the statement in his introduction that he didn't know what would become of Lincoln's Negro civilization. That in all of his 20 years of ministry, traveling over many sections of the country he had never seen people so lax where their church was concerned. There were a lot of Amens, from representatives of all of the churches.

In Mrs. Roberts' article she pictures Paul after he had made a heart stirring appeal to the Ephesians to live right, plan right, think right, talk right, and in short to be the right kind of church, telling them that a strong church will be centered together by love; that the bond of union in a church is love for one another and for Christ, and if for any reason that bond is weakened, if affection evaporates, then disintegration of the church follows. Then she says, "if a church quarrels it has lost its usefulness in a community. Jesus Said, A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another."

Then I especially liked the conclusion, "A strong church is made up of people who reproduce Christ in their daily lives, and they are concerned with the salvation of others."

She says that a church will grow stronger when it understands the value of time. By this she could mean many things. We often talk about the "good old days" but I wonder if we apply ourselves today as they did in those days.

In a survey of a large American city it was found that more than nine times as much attention was given to the life, customs, and citizenship of the ancient world than to the same topics in our own United States.

The welfare of any community is dependent upon its local leadership. Leaders are guided by the people they serve and the co-operation which they receive. More careful analyses and greater knowledge of the facts would temper these criticisms which are passed from door to door. We all should shoulder responsibilities in eliminating the stupidity and errors which records the failures in our churches and our community.

Mrs. Roberts closes with this

Teen Age Chatter

By Dorothy Green

Greetings Mates:

Well as usual it is time for another week of chatter I hope it will be interesting for you to read as it was for me to write it.

Last week we had Girl of the month instead of the regular teen age chatter. How did you like it? Would you like to have it every month? Would you like also to have Boy of the month? If you would please let us know and if you by any chance might know of a way we could finance for the pictures and cuts to be made please let us know.

A certain boy asked Birdie Powell why she didn't settle down to life and get herself a boy friend, and do you know what her answer was? "She said, I'm just playing it cool."

Elbert Starks was in the junior assembly at Lincoln High School he did a song and dance "Beat Me Daddy Eight to the Bar."

I heard Doris Powell had a birthday December 8th. I wonder if SHE GOT many spankings.

By Birdie Powell

Songs that remind me of:
Loretta McWilliams—Ain't you ever coming back, Ain't you.

Gerald Davis—There ain't nobody here but us chickens.

Doris Powell—I miss you so "Hum-m-m-m-m-m-m-m-m"

Bobbie Graham—Straighten up and fly right.

Betty Bowman—I've got you under my skin.

"All Boys"—He's a real gone guy.

Winifred Winston, Elois Finley, Loretta McWilliams were in the Variety Show that was given by Whittier Junior High School on Wednesday night.

Mina Haley of Nebraska City, Neb., spent the week as my guest.

Bye for now,
DOROTHY GREEN.

statement by Paul, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time." Eph. 5:15-16.

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The S. S. Lesson

By R. E. Handy.

Subject: Loyalty under Persecution.

Scripture: 2:8-11; 7:9-17.

Memory Verse: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Today's Application.

It will pay every blood-washed Christian to re-read Revelation and ask guidance of the Holy Spirit to interpret its meaning in world events that are happening in our present day.

Our first scripture, in today's lesson is the second of seven letters, in John 2 and 3, addressed to the churches in Asia Minor. This letter to the church of Smyrna. Polycarp was the pastor of this church.

A man a generation later wrote of him: "Polycarp had been a disciple of the Apostle John and he had told many things concerning John.

Smyrna was the martyr church. When Polycarp was arrested and brought before the governor, he was offered his freedom if he would curse Christ. But he replied: "For eighty-six years I have served Jesus Christ, and He has done me nothing but good. Now how could I curse Him, my Lord and Savior." For his faith and loyalty, he was burned alive.

A new persecution is to come upon the Church in the last days of our age. This is taken up in the last half of our lesson.

There will be a great multitude saved out of this tribulation period. People out of every nation, kindred, tongues and people.

Oh, friend, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life."

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John R. Banks was ordained deacon in the Church of Christ (Holiness) Sunday, December 7 by the Rev. Trago O. McWilliams Jr., pastor of the church.

Mr. Banks, formerly of New Jersey moved to Lincoln with his bride the former Juanita Brooks of Beatrice, Nebraska, about a year ago.

During the same service, Mrs. H. C. King received an appointment as a missionary. Mrs. King lived in Alliance, Neb., until two years ago when she moved to the city with her husband, Mr. H. C. King and children.

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