

Van, Age 9, Finds Sermons 'Rather Simple' After 3 Years

Preaching is nothing new to 9-year-old Van Simpson, who preached two sermons at youth day services at the Bethel Baptist church in Omaha recently.

Van, who lives with his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. William I. Monroe of 920 So. 12th, began preaching at the age of 6, only a few months after he was baptized.

His first sermon was preached at Cheyenne, Wyo. He went from there to Boulder, Colo., and from there to churches in Chicago, then his home. He has preached two sermons in Lincoln since he came here a year and a half ago.

Young Van shows an appetite for work. When he first came to Lincoln he asked the employment office to find him work but found his age was against him.

Now his time is taken up with playing shortstop on a midget league team. He is interested in music and plans to start taking trumpet lessons in the near future.

Van will enter the fifth grade at Capital grade school next fall.



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IN THE PULPIT—Van Simpson, 9-year-old Lincoln boy, is shown during one of his two sermons at an Omaha church Sunday

CIO Head Urges Civil Rights Program to Aid US

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—(ANP)—Failure to adopt a civil rights program for America will earn the United States "the moral condemnation" of people in other parts of the world and may also "bring us economic troubles of the most serious nature," CIO President Philip Murray declared recently.

Speaking at a testimonial banquet in his honor, under the auspices of the Allegheny County (Pa.) Citizens committee and attended by Negro and white civic leaders from western Pennsylvania, Murray said:

"Passage of the Congress of a Fair Employment Practices law would bring tremendous benefits to every American citizen here at home. It would also be worth two or three army divisions, or a year's appropriation for the Voice of America in our world-wide struggle against communism. . .

"Each betrayal of American democratic principles whether it is in the field of civil rights or in any other phase of our daily life, plays directly into the hands of the Kremlin.

"The massive propaganda machine of the Kremlin is ready to seize upon distort and broadcast our failures, in a hundred tongues. We cannot control the Kremlin propaganda machine—but we can, as a nation, regulate our conduct to win friends rather than to rebuff our natural allies."

The CIO President described as "unfortunate" the "unholy alliance" of southern Democrats and northern Republicans, which he

said has prevented action on the civil rights program. Murray described this inaction as a "national disgrace—and the sooner the American people remedy that situation at the polls, the better off our country will be."

Hopes President Will Issue FEPC Order

Noting that the CIO has joined with other organizations in pressing for legislative action and an end to racial discrimination, he, Murray voiced hope that "our President, who is so often responsive to the needs of the American people, will issue such an order for a national emergency FEPC at the earliest possible moment."

Murray criticized theories that our present global conflicts stem from a struggle between colored men and white men.

"Our differences with the communists pertain to basic problems of human liberty and freedom," he said. "Those differences do not, they should not, relate to the matter of men's color or creed or race."

"We all know that the world-wide communist program, if it were successful, would bring about the enslavement of all men—regardless of race or color or creed."

"But the eventual triumph of world democracy will mean freedom for all men, regardless of race, color or creed."

"Our task at home and abroad must be to insure that old, out-moded forms of imperialism and colonialism, wherever they may exist today, are replaced at once by free institutions and economic opportunity for all people."

Murray, reviewing the record of the CIO, predicted that it would continue to be in the vanguard of the fight to break down artificial fences of discrimination or segregation. The CIO, he said, will press for three objectives:

- (1) There must be equality of economic opportunity for every American citizen.
- (2) There must be equality of political rights for every American citizen.
- (3) There must be an equal sharing of the services and the facilities of each community by all its citizens.

He declared that in a factory, it is not enough for a union to win great improvements for just a few of the most highly skilled workers. We will not have done our job until every worker—especially those in the most lowly-paid sections of the plant—have

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Notice Notice

You are urged to attend a meeting at the Lincoln Urban League, Friday, June 29th, at 8:00 p.m. A representative from the Citizens' Council will be present to speak to you and answer any questions you might have regarding the special election to be held July 10th. The public is invited.

Tri-Convention Held By Omaha Kans. Districts

The annual Sunday School and Allen Christian Endeavor League convention of the African Methodist Episcopal church's Omaha and Kansas City districts convened Wednesday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity A.M.E. church, Kansas City, Kansas. They used as a theme: "O, Lord Revive Thy Work." The Rev. S. M. Pointer was host pastor. The Young People's Missionary department, under the supervision of Mrs. Anna R. Jones, Omaha, Neb., was also a participant in the convention.

The Rev. W. W. Betton, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. church, Leavenworth, Kan., preached the Annual Sermon and ministers from various churches throughout the districts participated in administering Holy Communion.

The convention was organized with Presiding Elders John Adams, Omaha District, and Elmer W. Newton, Kansas City District, in charge. Miss Barbara Long, Omaha, and Miss Olene Brown, Kansas City, were elected secretaries.

The delegates were attracted to three workshops: "Children Work," "Youth Work" and "Adult Work," under the supervision of Mrs. W. M. Blount, dean of the school of religious education. Each of the three workshops were divided into three divisions: Sunday School, Allen Christian Endeavor League and Missionary Work. Mrs. Minnie Cooper was

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Negro Pharmacist Makes Bid for La. Governor's Seat

BATON ROUGE, La.—Kermit A. Parker, a colored pharmacist of New Orleans, last Wednesday announced his candidacy for governor of Louisiana.

He said he is supported by the Louisiana Democratic Civic Association, a colored political organization of which he is president. "As far as I know," he said, "I am the first Negro citizen to seek a state office in Louisiana since Reconstruction days."

He added that he felt this move "will give our country another example to point to in her effort to show that all citizens share some of the equality of opportunity, which is one of the points stressed so much."

The 40-year-old pharmacist is a graduate of Xavier university. He is a member of the board of commissioners for the State Industrial School for Colored Youths. He was appointed to the post Sept. 19, 1948, by Governor Earl K. Long.

Parker said he has asked Secretary of State Wade O. Martin, Jr., to supply him with the forms necessary to file as a candidate for the Democratic nomination. He said he will announce "a full ticket" prior to filing and that "there will be some candidates for legislative seats in certain wards of New Orleans and other parishes (counties)."

Grand Chapter OES Convenes

The 30th annual session of Amaranthus Grand Chapter of Nebraska Jurisdiction, O.E.S. convened at the Masonic Hall, 26th and Blondo St., with the reception being held Tuesday evening, June 19, 1950. Mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Sis. Blanch Moore. Invocation by Bro. Walter C. Carter. Welcome address by Atty. Chas. Davis. Response by P. G. Matron, Sis. Jennie Edwards of Lincoln. Welcome address on behalf of churches by Rev. S. H. Lewis. Instrumental solo by Patricia Althouse, of Youth's Fraternity. Welcome address on behalf of the Eastern Star by Sis. Ella Mae Haynes, W. M., Omaha Chapter. Response by Sis. Jennie Edwards, P.G.M., Lincoln, Nebr. Welcome address on behalf of the Mason's Bro. Bud Newman, W. M. Response by Bro. Chas. Goolsby, A. G.P. Musical reading, Sis. Katherine Ward. Introduction of Grand Officers by Sis. Ida Mae Bythwood, P.M. Remarks by Sis. Maymie Houchins, G.W.M., Amaranthus Grand Chapter and remarks by Bro. I. S. McPherson, G.W.P.

The three day session was devoted to necessary business that came before the Amaranthus Gr. Chapter.

Elected officers are:
Grand Worthy Patron, Charles M. Goolsby, Lincoln.
Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Edith Wheatley, Omaha.
Grand Assoc. Matron, Mrs. Josie Moore, Omaha.
Grand Assoc. Patron, Bert Johnson, Omaha.
Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Lincoln.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Vera Harris, Omaha.
Grand Conductress, Mrs. Gussie McPherson, Omaha.
Grand Assoc. Cond., Mrs. Hattie Agee, Omaha.
Sentinel, Walter Carter, Omaha.

Tech High Graduate Gets OES Scholarship

OMAHA—Miss Claudette Neal, Technical high school graduate, was awarded a scholarship Tuesday night at a reception opening the thirtieth annual session of Amaranthus Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

ing," he said, "which looks larger than it really is because of the trimmings on the outside. It has only four bedrooms inside."

Bombing Defied By P. L. Julian

CHICAGO. (ANP)—Dr. Percy L. Julian, internationally famed scientist, defied threats against his life this week, and declared that he would stay in his Oak Park suburban home.

In the meantime, he turned over to the FBI a letter threatening his life if he did not move from his home at 515 N. East ave. in Oak Park. The FBI has turned it over to the U.S. attorney general in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Julian returned to Chicago this week after hearing about the bombing of his property while he and his wife were in Baltimore to attend his father's funeral. Only his two children, Percy Jr., 11, and Faith, 7, and a watchman were at the home when the attempted blasting took place.

The letter turned over to the FBI ordered the scientist and his family to move or they all would be killed. Since then, however, Dr. Julian said, many of his white neighbors have come to his home to tell him they do not object to his living in this community.

The famed scientist explained his reasons for staying in Oak Park as follows:

"We have no particular desire to live in Oak Park, but our religious, business, and professional interests all are centered in the community."

"Often I have to work at night. From here I can get to the soya division of the Glidden company where I work in 20 minutes."

"I also am a board member of the First Congregational church of Oak Park. My children were baptized there."

Last year, Dr. Julian was acclaimed "Chicagoan of the Year" because of his many scientific achievements. This year, Northwestern university honored him at commencement exercises for his numerous discoveries.

Despite those and numerous other achievements, Dr. Julian has had trouble ever since he moved to Oak Park. Last November, arsonists tried to set fire to the home, then threw a kerosene bomb into the home which was then newly decorated.

Then there was last week's bomb. During this time, a guard has been on constant watch day and night to protect the home.

Although the home is located in one of the suburb's most exclusive areas, it is not the mansion it seems to be, according to Dr. Julian.

"It's only a 25-year-old build-