

Consecrated Service

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ways been drawn forward and upward by a consuming passion for greatness or goodness or some other ideal; always, they have been able to rise above the monotony of daily routine because they have been more conscious of this future goal. It has called to them like the unknown horizons of the West called to the early pioneers, rekindling their spent energies each day, and renewing their determination. In contrast, the aimless life is harrowing, monotonous, unhappy, and uncreative.

BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING JUST ANY GOAL, it is good to set our goals high from the very beginning, rather than to be content with little ends. Archer Wallace points that out in his scrap book, when he writes: "We are here, not to acquire material possessions which we must leave behind, nor to indulge in selfish pleasures, nor even to acquire knowledge which at most is partial, but we are here to meet each experience in such a way that we shall be able to thank God for it." **It will make a great difference in your life which level of purpose you select as your ultimate goal!** There is no question in most people's lives regarding the holding of a goal or purpose (we each have our well-defined purposes, known to ourselves, if not to others). The question is, rather, "What is the nature of our goal, and what is our motive in seeking it?" Some want reputation, some want power over others, some want financial security, some want only to find the right partner and gain a private home life. In the case of nurses, I am not qualified to list their motives, although I imagine they are not unlike those of the rest of us (barring the obvious exception that no one would choose nursing if his only desire were money!) I do know that I have found among nurses some of the most long-suffering, truest and self-sacrificing people I have ever known, and that I honor your profession as equal to the Christian ministry in every way.

BUT I WOULD LEAVE WITH YOU THIS THOUGHT: When Jesus neared his last days, he felt that he was entering into a special time of effectiveness, when his

every word, every look, every unconscious action would be indelibly imprinted upon the minds and hearts of his little band of twelve. So much depended upon them, once he was gone! And the time was so short! So he sought God in prayer — the prayer that we call the "long prayer," or "the pastoral prayer," when he prayed for his disciples and for himself. In the heart of that prayer were these words: "For their sakes, I consecrate myself." **IS THAT NOT THE GREATEST AND HIGHEST REASON FOR CONSECRATING ONE'S LIFE?**—to set one's life to sacred service, not for any selfish or personal reason, but for the sake of those who are being served?

Perhaps you are too close to notice it, but having served as a hospital chaplain and in many city hospitals as a local minister, I know that the ministry of the nurse is one of the most vital elements in the recovery of a patient. Psycho-somatic medicine has taught us all the undreamed importance of the condition of the patient's mind in the prognosis of his illness. The nurse whose life is consecrated in service to her patients is one of the most effective instruments of healing at God's disposal!

THEN LET THIS BE YOUR PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING of your chosen career of service: "Father, for their sakes, I consecrate myself." For the sakes of those uncounted suffering persons whom I shall serve in the years ahead, that in their time of need I shall be to them a nurse, and more than a nurse, that I shall be to them an instrument in God's hand transmitting his healing power. Father for their sakes, I consecrate myself."

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mergence of all these forces."

Hubbard had earlier told the group it was all but impossible and certainly impractical to attempt to solve any housing problem on a segregation basis. With non-segregation, he said, the eternal problem of how many units to build for whites and how many to build for Negroes is automatically solved.

He pointed out that any builder wants to first know how many units are needed before he starts to build. Also, he said, the FHA gives preference to builders who want to operate on a non-segregation basis.

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Figures presented by Peterson and substantiated by Archie Baley, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, showed that Negro families at the Base are expected total 2,095 families that will need off-base housing.

According to Baley, the commanding officer at the Salina, Kas., Air Force Base which will be the same size at Lincoln's, has estimated about 50 married Negro families will move into Lincoln with the reactivation.

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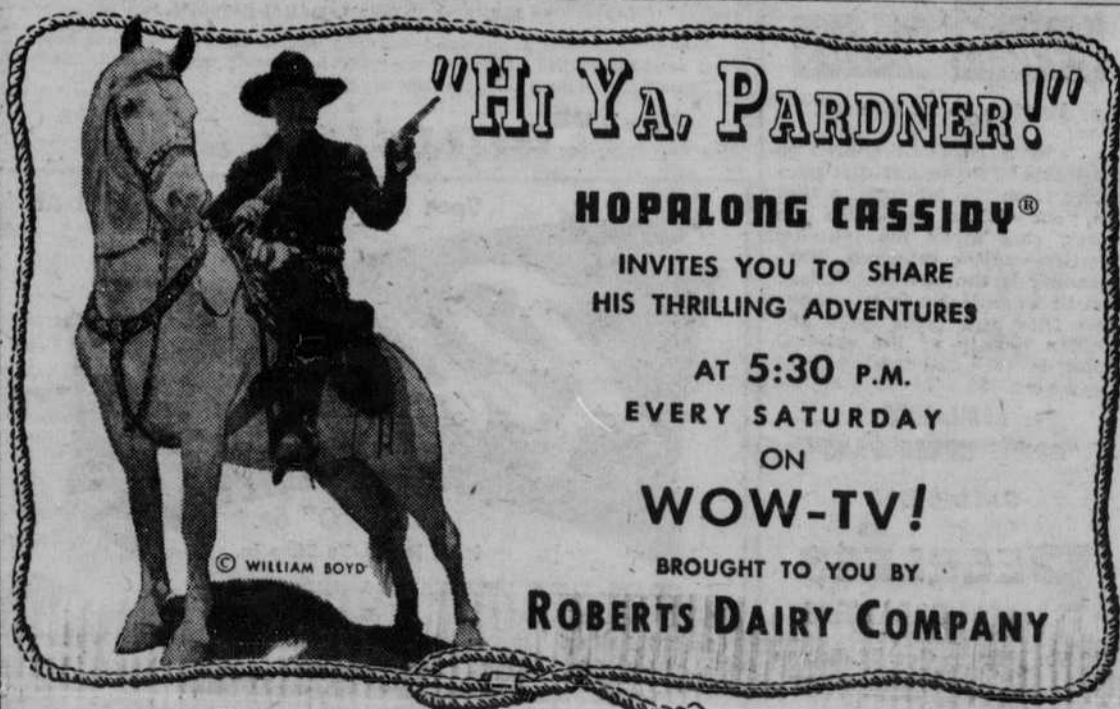
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