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THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER MAILED TO C. C. GALLOWAY, EDITOR OF THE OMAHA GUIDE, FROM A HARD WORKER IN CIVIC AND FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES, DR. CRAIG MORRIS, ENROUTE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON A SEVEN WEEK VACATION.

I am recounting some of the things the new Negro Medical Society has accomplished in the last few years which I believe are going to be helpful to the Society and the Community.

The Society Incorporated in November, 1943, to be in a better position to undertake sponsorship of public health education, supervise and control clinic, initiate such movements and assist in movements to promote public health, to elevate the profession and its members by meetings where interchange of ideas and the setting up of study courses would better prepare the members to serve their clients and to raise funds to promote public health.

The accomplishment of these objectives has been a difficult and trying task. In connection with the U. D. program started by the Surgeon General Thomas Parreen we cooperated with the City, State, and U. S. public health service in presenting a course taught by a U. S. Public Health Service man and a man from the Department of Public Health State of Nebraska in the diagnosis and treatment of V. D. disease.

The Society was requested to consider the establishment of what is now known as the North Side Clinic and it was due only to the efforts and endorsement of the Society that this Clinic was set up. The American Legion furnished the place and are due the thanks of the Community for such generous action.

The Society has cooperated and furnished the manpower to conduct two large Clinics in connection with the Nebraska Tuberculosis Society, the City, State and United States Public Health Service, using the facilities of the Woodson Center and Urban League and the North Side Y. W. C. A.

Two years ago a meeting was called for all the recognized health agencies, the two Medical schools here and a representative group of our people. This meeting brought out the fact that the Negro Professional man cannot develop to his fullest abilities under the restrictions placed over our people in Omaha and the only solution to provide adequate hospital facilities for the group and making it possible for the professional man to realize his full abilities was the establishment of a hospital in our Community. It now appears this objective should be realized with the purchase of the land in Bedford Park by the money donated by the members of the Nebraska Negro Medical Society.

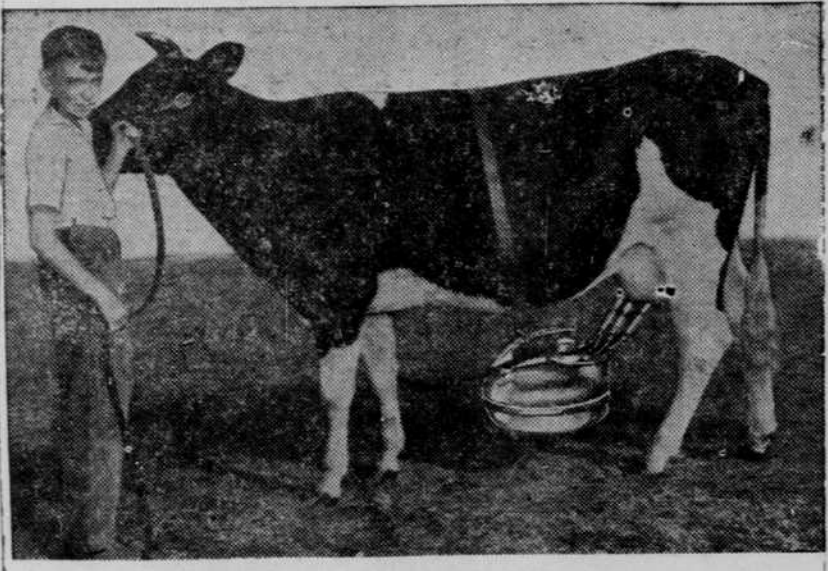
Space will not permit me to research all that we have done or relate the trials and tribulations that we have endured to get recognition here in Omaha that should have been quickly given to the Nebraska Negro Medical Society as a constituent member body of the National Medical Association of which Dr. Lennox is State Director being recognized by the President of the United States as the proper Society through which to approach public health problems affecting our people. Finally we succeeded in becoming a member of the Community Welfare Council along with the recognized health agencies and activities in Omaha.

Dr. Wiggins has completed a hard, thankless but very commendable task in raising the money to purchase the land in Bedford Park for a hospital. I can give you a full report on this in about two weeks, giving the names of the Doctors and laymen that donated the money to purchase the site for the hospital.

Where all the resources and means of the Community should be utilized to bring the hospital to a quick completion. I know the town and we are not going to get 100 per cent of a support and cooperation. That is human nature but we are determined and fully set on one thing and that is no longer will the progressive people in Omaha permit selfishness, conceit or obstinacy to check, prevent or hinder the development of those things within our group for our group which processes further possibilities in Omaha for our qualified, alert young people. I know we can count upon you to advise the cause of progress in Omaha.

Yours truly, Craig Morris.

A Real Prize Winner!



KINSMAN, OHIO—Paul E. Hutchins, 14-year-old 4-H club member here, is an outstanding boy farmer and he is shown with Elmcrest Ruby Pontiac Ormsby, his three-year-old prize cow which he raised himself from a calf as a club project. When Paul was only eleven he first showed his cow, then a calf, and took the blue ribbon at the Trumbull County Fair. Next year he repeated. Now Paul is 14 and Ruby is three and Paul is showing Ruby's calf and hoping for a third blue ribbon. George Smidt, county agent and 4-H leader, is Paul's leader.

Washington Digest

Bible Enjoys Postwar Revival of Interest

World Is Reawakening to Spiritual Values; Scriptures Source of Inspiration For Millions of Disconsolate.

By BAUKHAGE

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

Last week I sat down to write a piece about a man who wrote a book about the Bible. I thought the book and its creator were worth more than casual comment because of the nature of both creation and creator. Both are unique. But before I had made more than a dozen inquiries in search of collateral material for my article I discovered that the production of the book was news in another sense. I found it to be more than another contribution to modern literature and scholarship. I found it to be part of a modern phenomenon—a phase of what appears to be the greatest revival of interest in the Bible which the world has ever seen.

George Stimson, who wrote "A Book About the Bible," is one of Washington's newsmen whose name is known to many readers of his dispatches and his column, especially in the Middle West and South. He is known to a smaller circle for the profundity of his knowledge on many subjects, especially the Bible. I think it more than coincidence that he completed the work to which he has given a lifetime of study and devotion this year. He may have guessed that this period in the world's history which has witnessed the greatest brutalization of humankind would naturally be followed by a strong reaction toward things of the spirit. In any case the arrival of this "Book About the Bible" could not be more timely. Lloyd Douglas, author of that gripping work, "The Robe," informed me last month that the American Bible Society has received the largest order for scriptures in its 129 years of history, and that the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and Bible portions by this non-profit organization has reached the highest level since it was founded in 1816.

This biggest single order was for 350,000 Protestant scriptures (including military missals and prayer books) for the European theater of operations and in addition 500 German Bibles, 120,000 testaments and 95,000 "portions" for use with German war prisoners and interned civilians.

Right here in the nation's capital, Dr. Darby, District of Columbia secretary of the same society, tells me that this was the busiest year in the chapter's history.

War's Brutalities Bring Reaction

So much for the situation at date. Why is it predicted that this great revival of interest in the holy writ in this country is only the beginning of a movement of world-wide magnitude. First, there is the obvious suggestion already mentioned that it is logical to expect a reaction toward things of the spirit after these years of brutal warfare.

However, there is another answer which is given by many thoughtful people. They say this. The defeat of Nazi-fascism was the defeat of an idea as well as a military power. That idea based on a purely material concept was opposed and overcome by the western nations whose philosophy of government as well as of morals and ethics is based on the Christian religion.

This triumph of the Christian-democratic ideal has affected different people for different reasons but with the same general result. To many who yielded to the lure of Nazi-fascism its failure revealed its fundamental error. Their alluring idol showed its feet of clay and they are turning repentantly back to its opposite, Christianity.

To many who have been but passive followers of the Christian teachings, the terrible price the world has paid in blood has been a harsh reminder of their delinquencies. They have a renewed zeal in their faith.

To those, of course, who have suffered or are bereft, comfort comes with the contemplation of the scriptures, with their hopeful messages.

And then there is another explanation of this desire to renew and reinforce their communion with the word of God. If I may venture into the realm of the metaphysical let me quote from an anonymous article in a pamphlet entitled "Let Freedom Ring," (also a product of the American Bible society).

The author states that Samuel Smith, author of our patriotic hymn

"America," put only one major idea in his verses. "It is God that is the 'author of liberty,'" this article continues. "Liberty does not have its origin in man. God has implanted it in man's breast. Perhaps this is the reason that, more than all others in the oppressed lands, the churches have stood up before tyranny and rebuked it. . . . perhaps this is the reason urgent requests are coming from the liberated lands for the Book of which they have been deprived. . . . Christians all over Europe are again studying the Bible to learn afresh its lessons. . . ."

Whether for these or still other reasons of which we are unaware, we know that a tremendous renaissance of interest in the Bible is sweeping the world.

And so it is the good fortune of the Bible lover, whether he be an erudite scholar or a simple and devoted reader spelling out the texts as he goes along, that George Stimson completed his helpful, interesting, searching and authentic "Book About the Bible" in this particular year of our Lord.

"The purpose of the author in writing this book," says Stimson in his brief introduction, "is to supply reliable and adequate answers to a great number of popular questions asked about the Bible."

And that is what he does. Take the first one: when was Jesus born? and the last one: does "mille" occur in the Bible? Or, how old are the oldest Bible manuscripts?

And that brings us to the inquiry, who is this George Stimson, anyhow? He is a man of about fifty, born on an Iowa farm and is still a keen lover of the soil. He worked on his college (Valparaiso, Ind.) paper and then on small town papers, came to Washington to help edit the "Pathfinder" and was on its staff for 10 years. He is the author of four successful volumes of popular information, and still syndicates a unique and colorful column called "You'd Be Surprised."

I wish I could take you into George Stimson's little office in the National Press building in Washington and see him toiling at his old-fashioned roll-top desk.

You will probably find him poking at his ancient typewriter with two fingers or running them through his healthy mane of brown hair while he cogitates. You might find as a caller the speaker of the house of representatives, some foreign diplomat, a distracted correspondent or some poor, ambitious girl or boy seeking advice on a career. In any case you would be welcomed with a smile and the chances are you would not leave without some aid and comfort, moral or material.

Intigued by Bible Through Life

Of course I asked George how he happened to write "A Book About the Bible." "Because," he said with no hesitation, "I wanted answers to those questions myself." The first Bible Stimson ever owned he got from a mail order house when he was 15. It was his second "own" book. The first was "Pilgrim's Progress." He read them both, by a kerosene lamp, stretched out on his stomach on the kitchen table. Then he began to ask questions—questions—questions—of his Sunday school teacher, of the preacher, of anyone who would listen. How did Paul look? What about Jesus' brothers? What became of the lost tribes of Israel? and many others which thousands of readers of the Bible have asked before and since. The answers weren't so satisfactory he kept on asking. And reading, and clipping and searching and researching.

Nor did he cease to examine the source of his curiosity. He has read the Bible from cover to cover at least 10 times. He has read it countless times if you added up his browsings. He has read it twice aloud to himself.

And now, he gives the world the answers to the questions he himself began asking back there in the little country church, giving them to the world simply, authoritatively and completely, at a moment when the Book which is more widely read than any other ever printed, is being read more widely than ever, by a yearning, asking world.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

Many new faces are appearing in the White House these days but the Old Gray Squirrel on the White House lawn has made no changes in his contentment.

"Farmers are assured equal opportunity to supply their needs out of surplus property. . . ." says OWL. Did you ever hear of a farmer who believed there was such a thing as "surplus" property?

The grocery store at 2602 Seward, formerly operated by a Mr. Rundel, is now owned and operated by Mr. Davis. You are cordially invited to come any time and look him over and his nice, sanitary store. Mr. Davis wants to meet you so give him the opportunity.

Mrs. Bessie Hamilton of 3119 R St., had a letter from her husband, Pvt. T. Jesse Hamilton who is in the army in Oakland, Calif., and he sends his best wishes.

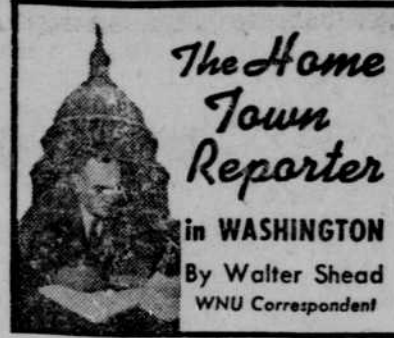
The Japs said that Germany's surrender "had not been entirely unanticipated."

Russian soldiers in their avid admiration of American canned food ate a number of cans of delousing powder and died.

They are now transporting fresh vegetables from Guam to Iwo Jima. Also race horses and dogs to race tracks in the United States.

Miss Christine Snodd seems to be going along nicely. The mother, Chapel and attends her church regularly. She just came from Kansas but is expecting to make this her home.

Mrs. Anna Kellogg of 3216 Emmett St., reports that she has been sick, but at the present she is feeling better. She wishes the Guide all the success in the world.



The Home Town Reporter in WASHINGTON By Walter Shead WNU Correspondent

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CONGRESSIONAL mail from Home Towns of the country this week was swamped with postcards and letters favoring the pay increase for postal employees, testifying to the efficacy of the postal employees' organization. Next came "gripes" against the beleaguered OPA and then there was a sprinkling of inquiries concerning unemployment. And that's important and leads to the question, "What is being done in your community to combat any prospective unemployment?"

That there will be unemployment of both men and women during these next few months of cutbacks and reconversion is certain. Workers will be laid off in certain war industries. In other industries work time will be shifted back to the 40-hour week with a resultant decrease in overall pay of about 20 per cent.

It is estimated here, however, that approximately a million and a half jobs are readily available to these unemployed men and women in the small towns and rural communities of the nation. Farmers could readily employ another million workers on the farms.

Your filling stations are short a man or two. The cream station, the groceries, hardware stores, service shops, the department and general stores, the five and ten and the variety stores, the banks, restaurants, the cooperatives, the lumber yards and feed mills, the garages, the drug stores and even the ice cream parlors, and the taverns . . . all these can use one or more employees and immediately.

Some of these letters to the congressmen point out that business men and others are loath to take on additional help now for the reason they expect war veterans home this year who will apply for their old jobs. It is true that some million and a half veterans are to be released by the army this year. The records show, however, that of those veterans, totaling more than a million, who have been released up to this time, less than 30 per cent have applied for their old jobs. The experience further shows, that in many thousands of cases, these returning veterans do not expect to go back to work in their home towns. They want to visit the folks, of course, but they do not expect to settle down in the same old job and circumstances they left before the war. They plan different work in different fields and in what they consider greener pastures. They have grown, their horizons broadened and many thousands will return to finish their education under the provisions of the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Some progressive towns have already taken steps to publicize their needs and for workers. The chamber of commerce, or even service clubs, such as Rotary, Kiwanis or Lions, or in some instances committees named by the mayor or town council have made careful surveys listing the needs of every business in the town in the way of labor. Farm organizations, or the county agent have canvassed the farm territory to determine the needs of the farmers for farm labor.

In some cases these lists have been filed with the nearest United States Employment office with excellent results. In other instances the local paper has undertaken a campaign to publicize the needs of the town. If there is a local factory which has been manufacturing a war product and has been shut down or likely will be shut down even temporarily, this survey could readily place the workers in your own community, taking up the labor slack without loss of time.

It is pointed out here that if every small town and community in the nation thus made known the labor it could immediately absorb, it would not only be helpful to the merchants and business men in the town. Increase the purchasing power of the community, but it would help take up the slack in unemployment to the tune of some 2 1/2 million workers without any lost motion.

Discharge Plan. If your boy, husband or father is eligible for discharge under the 85-point rating, don't expect him home too soon. It may take months to move him from Europe or the Pacific.

And another thing, don't expect to rush out and buy a new automobile, washing machine, radio, vacuum cleaner or other household equipment within the next few weeks.

It will be the latter part of the year before these things are on the market and probably after the first of the year before they are available in any quantity. And in spite of the announcement that 1942 prices will prevail, don't expect to buy the same quality you bought in 1942 at the 1942 price. It appears to this reporter that the trend here is to relax price controls to some extent, which means upward, on all manufactured articles. Materials for civilian needs are still scarce and high and labor wages are almost bound to increase.

Mrs. C. H. Edmond, who lives at 3008 S St., is on the sick list and has been confined to her bed for some time. We all hope she recovers soon.

Mrs. Mildred Allen of 1823 North 23rd St. has a family of eight children. Mrs. Allen belongs to the Church of God in Christ and attends regularly. Her pastor, Rev. Benson, is a very conscientious minister and everyone admires him very much.

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Who May Think? By GEORGE S. BENSON President of Harding College Searcy, Arkansas

STOPPED by a traffic signal while driving in a narrow, busy street a few days ago, my ear caught a familiar musical note. Just beyond the sidewalk, through a big open door, a blacksmith was shaping shoes for a farmer's heavy team. Horns behind me suggested moving along before I had finished looking, but it was inspiring to watch this young workman, so skillful, so energetic.

The picture he unwittingly posed has come to mind several times since, when I heard people speak of shaping public opinion. Of course public opinion can be shaped like a blacksmith shapes iron shoes for horses and mules. No informed person will deny it. Hitler did it. National leaders do it all the time, consciously or unconsciously, for better or for worse.

Moulding KNOWLEDGE Sentiment is power. It is also the antidote for false propaganda. For eleven years in China I watched selfish, local war-lords exercise power over a patient, toiling peasantry. It's easy to do when the great mass of people are unlearned. In China 80% could neither read nor write. Sometimes unlearned masses rebel but they usually fail because what they have is crude force, not power.

It is not possible to estimate the power of an informed people. Every man and woman has a brain, and there is only one way

to keep them from using these assets to enrich themselves and the whole race, namely, keep them ignorant. The American way is the other way. Schooling is free here. Libraries are everywhere. Press and radio prosper keeping people intelligently informed.

American A COUNTRY whose Strength leaders wish to profit by the thoughts of all the people is on its way up. A nation that limits its thinking and planning to boards and bureaus is on its way down. The central planner reasons thus: Mr. Blacksmith has a head on him; so does the hammer. Why bother with them? We will do the thinking and planning.

For 156 years the United States has prospered and grown as a republic; superior to a democracy in that it provides safety and protection for the minority. A democracy sometimes places the minority at the mercy of the majority, just as cruelly as a dictatorship. But minorities have retained their freedom in America. Here each individual is still free to think for himself.

In America, our people have knowledge and our nation has power. It is my conviction that we ought to keep the form of government that draws from the intelligence and originality of its whole people and enriches them; that the entire population should be kept fully and correctly informed because "knowledge is power." This true saying has stood the test of 25 centuries.

SPORTS OUT OF ADAM'S HAT JACK KELLER OF OHIO STATE, WORLD'S GREATEST HURDLER AT THE TIME, FAILED TO QUALIFY IN HIS LAST N.C.A.A. MEET, JULY 1933, BECAUSE IN 2 EVENTS HIS FOOT HIT A HURDLE WHILE HE WAS LEADING BILL BONTHON OF PRINCETON, BROKE LADOUMEGUE'S WORLD RECORD FOR THE MILE IN JULY 1933 BUT RAN 2ND TO JACK LOVELOCK WHO SET A NEW MARK OF 4:07.6 AND REMEMBER LEE BARNES WHO WAS ELIMINATED IN THE 1932 OLYMPIC TRYOUTS WHEN BOTH MILLER AND GRABER BEAT HIS POLE VAULT RECORD OF 14 FT 1 1/2 IN (IT HAPPENED ON HIS BIRTHDAY)

MEN OF 17 — JOIN THE COAST GUARD!!

LOOK OUT BELOW! SUPER-FORTRESS JAPAN

Crusade Victory



CHICAGO, ILL. — Bishop J. Ralph Magee (left) prepares to run the victory banner on the flag pole atop the Chicago Temple where he has his office. He has been the leader of the nation's Methodists in raising a \$25,000,000 fund for postwar relief and reconstruction. It has just been over-subscribed by more than \$1,000,000. The Bishop believes this is the largest sum ever raised by any church for a comparable purpose. Assisting him is Dr. J. Manning Potts, who came from Roanoke, Va., to become associate director of "The Crusade for Christ." In the background is part of the world's tallest church spire.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Thanks for practically nothing!"—Mrs. E. E. Wade to San Diego, Cal., judge who awarded her only 10¢ of \$50 damages sought.

"Isn't there a ban on talking about postwar?"—Sec. of Comm. Henry Wallace, at press conference.

"Only a ban on doing something about it!"—Response by newspaper correspondent at same.

"There's nothing much that free enterprise cannot—or could not—accomplish in this land of opportunity."—Lowell Mellett, columnist, one time of Washington.

"Benefit to the public is the basis of U. S. patent grant legislation."—Senior Judge Evan A. Evans, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

"It takes about 100 years before a man gets any sense."—Geo. Robt. Lore, Bridgeport, Conn., celebrating 101st birthday.

Mr. Nolan Anderson of 1524 North 24th Street, is making his home in Denver, Colo. He reports that he admires Denver very much but he still likes Omaha also. Mr. Anderson reports that he is working for the Keiser making bombs Mrs. Snodd, is a member of Clair and he likes his job fine. fine. They like their home and are trying to improve it.



RIGHT THROUGH THE CLOUDS — Captain Milton R. Brooks, fighter pilot from Glassport, Pa., got a Jerry plane shortly after he strafed a German airfield after a dive from an altitude of 33,800 feet. He dived through an opening in the clouds to do it. He's home from the 332nd Fighter Group in Italy for reassignment. (Army Air Forces Photo from BPR.)