

RELIGIOUS NEWS

CLEAVES TEMPLE CME CHURCH
25th and Decatur Sts.
Rev. E. V. Wade, Pastor
Marie Hudgins, Reporter

The Cleaves Temple Sunday school, Sunday, Jan. 11, under the leadership of Mrs. Elsie Lewis, superintendent, was well attended. The Rev. C. P. Rains delivered the morning sermon. His theme was "Don't Give Up." The evening service was delivered by the Rev. Afford. On Sunday, Jan. 19, the Cleaves Temple church will conduct the Union services at St. John's AME church, 2nd and Willis av. The Rev. C. P. Rains will deliver his morning service Sunday, Jan. 19 using the theme "The Christian Race." The text of the Union service, Sunday, Jan. 19 is "Go out and have a good time."

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH
22nd and Willis Av.
Rev. E. B. Childress
Mason Devereaux Jr., Reporter

"A man should preach, pray, work and sing in the service of God the Father like himself and not like some one else. All can't be the captain of the ship; some must be the crew. You don't have to have a particular endowment to walk with God, but if you do you must walk without stain." Thoughts from our pastor, Rev. Childress' sermon Sunday, Jan. 12 at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Song of Silent." He chose his thought-giving christian message from Luke 19, chapter 26 to 40 verse.

Convert Sister Amelia Ordina from St. Benedict church of Omaha.

Visitors: Mrs. Bernice Buford of Omaha, Mrs. Sal Parker of Omaha, Mrs. Christine Patten, "Stewardess at St. James AME church of Newark, N. J.; James A. Johnson of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bronson of Omaha, Sylvan Meeho of Omaha.

The Progressive 24 presentation of St. John's Choir in recital is all set for Monday evening, Feb. 17 at 8:15 p. m. Patron tickets are now available for this coming auspicious affair. There will be a host of breath-taking spiritual numbers so you don't want to miss out on this rare and entertaining musical treat. Be among the first to purchase your tickets early in order that you might not miss one moment of this festival of music and religious singing.

Mrs. Roxie Nails one of our Stewardesses thanks the officers and members of the church for the many cards of condolence and heartwarm sympathy extended her and family in the passing of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 14.

Bro. Harris, superintendent of our Sunday school continues to send out a S.O.S. for additional Sunday school teachers for our expanding Sunday school program.

It makes our hearts glow warm with thanksgiving to God, the Father and we ask him to bestow many blessings of good cheer upon Rev. and Mrs. William Cunningham and their assistants in taking over the Allen Christian Endeavor. Young people you are invited to attend each Sunday evening at 6 p. m.

Mothers send your children to Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. Attend our morning services at 11:00 a. m. Union services at 7:30 p. m. Visitors and friends are always welcome at St. John's, the friendly church, at 22nd and Willis av. Come and worship with us, won't you?

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A Hearty Thank You
We the family of James E. Seay, would like personally to thank the community and friends for their help and kindness during the time of our misfortune.
We'd like also to thank the Ministers who offered their services, and all of those who aided in making it as comforting as possible.
Gratefully Yours,
Mr. and Mrs. James Seay, Sr. and Sisters of James, Mrs. James E. Seay, Jr. and daughter

CLAIR METHODIST CHURCH
22nd and Miami Sts.
Rev. C. C. Reynolds, Pastor
Services were well attended last Sunday. The pastor delivered the sermon from Exodus 32:32, his theme "A Steward of People." This was another sermon of a series on Stewardship.

Madam Irene West of Detroit, Mich. rendered a program of spiritual songs at the evening service. A very appreciative congregation heard this fine service of song.

Rev. Reynolds was called to Lincoln this past Wednesday to preach the funeral of James J. Clinch, killed in Germany while in occupational duty. He is a series on Stewardship and united with the Newman Methodist church under the pastorate of Rev. Reynolds.

This coming Sunday morning, Jan. 9, Rev. Reynolds will use as his sermon theme, "Every Man's Work is Calling from God." A hearty welcome awaits you at all times to the services at Clair church, the church where friends meet friends. Sunday night Rev. Reynolds will use as his sermon theme, "The Kingdom of God is Joy."

Rev. Reynolds and his choir will have charge of services at Calvary Baptist church, Rev. Gates, pastor, in Council Bluffs this Sunday afternoon.

The Week
By H. W. SMITH
Two children perished in a fire in Grand Rapids, Mich. Sunday, Jan. 12 while the mother was restrained from entering the auto trailer that they lived in.

A 15 year old boy was down in the Mississippi river on Sunday, Jan. 12 as the ice broke at La Crosse, Wis.

The National Lawyers Guild of Washington, D. C. flayed the John L. Lewis ruling of the case that was to be renewed, Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Mrs. Aurta Barry was killed Sunday, Jan. 12 in Shelton, Nebr. when the car she was driving skidded on the slippery highway.

Chicago police arrested an ex-convict on Jan. 2 for murder. He also admitted to another holdup murder in November.

One person was killed and several others severely burned Sunday, Jan. 12, in a fire in San Francisco, Calif. The fire swept a business and residential block.

Fire destroyed the Athletic gymnasium of the Syracuse, N. Y. university on Sunday, Jan. 12. The building and its contents were lost. The cost of the building, 390,000, and the contents, 300,000. It will cost two million dollars to replace it.

House wreckers in St. Louis will spare the home of Hot Dogs. The building was 177 years old. Beginning in 1870, the first floor was used as a sausage factory.

The Waiters Column
By H. W. Smith
R. R. Boys serving with a smile on wheels.

Omaha Club waiters with Earl Jones topping the service at all times.

Waiters at the Hill Hotel very much out in front on quick service.

Blackstone Hotel waiters quick stepping on fine service in the New Year.

Fountain Hotel waiters with waiter Jones improving on the service from all angles and on the job with a smile.

Faxton Hotel head waiter and quick stepping crew opened the new year by using many up and go steps.

Brother John Evans, the very fine pioneer of the roast beef knights, holding his own in a very fine way.

Mr. Frank Hughes of the Highland Club, going good at all times. Read the Omaha Guide for all the news and current events of the week.

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ALONG MY WAY

It is almost an impossibility for the average laboring man to be able to withstand the complete cost of cure of poliomylitis. This dreaded disease strikes all classes, all creeds, and all colors. And strikes when most unexpected. Today my home, tomorrow yours, and the next day, somebody else may feel its sudden attack.

There has not as yet been discovered any preventative. There is not any vaccine or inoculation that one can take to ward off the disease. We are at the mercy of the elements.

Medical men and women have been able to cure many cases of poliomylitis. The cost of treatment received, often running into a period of years, is often many hundreds of dollars and sometimes many thousands of dollars.

Our late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was a sufferer and a victim of Poliomylitis. Through his leadership the March of Dimes began, giving millions of dollars a year to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It is up to us to help him.

Everytime I picked up a paper this fall I would read about the terror it was bringing to the many large cities of the United States. I read about the many persons, young and old, that were being admitted to our hospitals. About the schools and the many public gathering places being closed in Minneapolis.

I still do not think much about it until one morning I opened a letter that I had received from my sister in St. Paul. It read, I quote, "The doctor said that the two youngest children had contracted infantile paralysis. They are so helpless, but I am sure that they will be all right. The hospitals are so full that they are going to treat them here at home. I'm so glad that they can be here with me. The little boy, next door. He was the children's best playmate. He died. I still can't believe it. Why just the other day they were all playing together in the front yard."

The letter went on explaining other happenings in St. Paul and Minneapolis. I hardly read it as I sat there looking at my little daughter, playing with her toys, laughing and talking to her little doll. Who knows, she might be next.

SPORTS BACK THE "MARCH OF DIMES"
NEW YORK—Sports activities in support of the March of Dimes are being directed by sports writers and promoters of national prominence. Traditionally cooperative with all important movements, the sports world again is backing the National Foundation in its annual campaign for funds to provide care for polio victims without regard to age, race, creed or color.

Under the leadership of members of the Sports Council of the National Foundation, sports events, both amateur and professional, are being conducted to help polio victims to walk again. The Harlem Globetrotters and the Renaissance basketball teams, the Senates of the National Bowling Association, nationally known athletic organizations and famed athletes are seeking to set new records in backing the March of Dimes.

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Dr. Walter A. Maier
ST. LOUIS, Mo. (Special)—Eight to 10 million Americans are suffering from mental and nervous ailments in the nation's most neurotic age, Dr. Walter A. Maier of Concordia Theological Seminary declared today in an address over the International Lutheran Hour. He declared that according to experts' estimates, 10 million people in the United States will have to be hospitalized for these, diseases before they die.

Maintaining that the Atlantic Charter's promise of freedom from far has become ironical in a day of increased fright, Dr. Maier reported that of the three million plus letters received from listeners to his radio broadcast, the largest single group came from those beset by phobias, fears of wrecked homes, destitution, divorce, fear of old age, disease and bereavement; especially fear of death and future judgment.

The antidote to such neuroticism, the radio speaker maintained, is found in Christ's Gospel. The Bible-founded return to God's love, he declared, has helped banish fear more effectively than all prophetic formulas and medical means together. He quoted Pastor Martin Niemoller's statement that it was not courage that helped him through eight years imprisonment in the Nazi camp, but Christ.

Answering the objection that the effect of the Christian religion is theoretical, Dr. Maier cited a practical demonstration of the quieting, constructive influence of Christianity. He pointed to Bremen, Kansas, which, he maintained, for thirty years has not witnessed an arrest or court action. This town is made up mostly of Lutherans, who have two churches and two Christian day schools, which obviate the necessity of public schools. Dr. Maier concluded: "Let America follow the Bremen pattern, and we can effectively solve our pressing problems."

STATE-WIDE WRITING CONTEST SPONSORED BY LINCOLN (MO.) UNIVERSITY
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Entries in the second annual state-wide Feature Writing contest for high school juniors and seniors of Missouri should be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, according to an announcement from the Lincoln University School of Journalism which is sponsoring the contest.

Awards totaling \$202 will be made to five winners at a special School of Journalism convocation program March 6, commemorating National Negro Newspaper week. Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will go to first, second and third place contestants, along with two honorable mention awards of \$15 each.

The contest subject is: "How Youth Can Help Build Lasting Peace." Judges will count clearness of writing, knowledge of the subject, thoroughness and skill in their ranking of the essays.

Prize money amounting to \$105 was awarded at a special School of Journalism evening convocation last April 25. The program was highlighted by a round table discussion, "The Negro Weekly: How Its News is Written," and featured P. L. Pratts, executive editor, Pittsburgh Courier; Dr. Curtis D. MacDougall, professor, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern university; Edgar T. Rouzeau, New York Herald-Tribune reporter, and Foster Eaton, assistant city editor, St. Louis Star-Times, round table chairman.

All entries in the writing contest should be addressed to Feature Writing contest, School of Journalism, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.
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Lesson for January 19
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LESSON TEXT—John 7:1-11, 15, 17. MEMORY SELECTION—"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God"—John 3:3.
How does one become a Christian? This was the question of Nicodemus, and it is the question in the hearts and minds of thousands in every generation. The answer is clear and definite.

The only entrance into the Christian life is by the door of the new birth. Regeneration is the act of God whereby the divine nature is imparted to the believing sinner and he becomes the child of God. He who has not entered by this way has not entered at all. He is still dead in trespasses and sins, without God and without hope (Eph. 2:1, 12).

The Pharisees who looked for the coming of the Messiah as a secular conqueror wondered at this new spiritual leader. It was probably as much on their behalf as his own that Nicodemus came to inquire of Jesus. In answering his questions Jesus reveals the necessity, the nature, and the method of regeneration.

I. The New Birth—a Necessity (vv. 1-7).
Our Lord's visitor was a man of distinction and standing in the community, but Jesus was not unduly impressed by the dignity and high station of his visitor, nor by the visitor's courteous acknowledgment of his own position as a great teacher. With divine boldness Jesus declares that this man, a cultured and distinguished ruler of the Jews, must be born again, if he is to see the kingdom of God.

God is no respecter of persons. The doctor of divinity must be born again just as much as the illiterate fisherman, D. L. Moody once said that he was thankful it was to such a man as Nicodemus that Jesus presented the necessity of the new birth, or men would have said that only the down-and-outer needed to be saved.

Two reasons are given by our Lord for the "must" of verse 7: (1) The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom and cannot be entered by way of our human nature; and (2) "that which is born of the flesh is flesh," and is radically and essentially bad. To learn why that is true read Jeremiah 13:23 and Galatians 5:19-21.

Scripture on this point is almost diametrically opposed to much of the teachings in our schools and colleges. But God's Word is right; let us follow it.

II. The New Birth—a Mystery (vv. 8-11).
God has graciously revealed to us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge" of Christ (II Peter 1:3). But it is true—and we say quite appropriately true—that he has some things hidden in his own blessed counsels. We know the experience of the new birth. We see the blessed results of regeneration. But what actually takes place is a divine mystery, not fathomable by human reason. Those who insist that all spiritual truth be put through the little norm of their intelligence will never understand it or receive its blessing (I Cor. 2:14).

The striking illustration of the life-giving and energizing wind used by our Lord is most illuminating. Wind is unseen, but the results of its movement are evident. Even so the spiritual rebirth of men is an enigma to the worldly man, but even he can see its results in godly living.

We know that regeneration is not only a possibility, but an actuality, a fact; in truth, the greatest of all facts.

III. The New Birth—a Reality (vv. 16, 17).
Just as there was healing and life in a look at the uplifted crucifix in the wilderness (Num. 21:8), so there is life for a look at the Crucified One. Faith receives God's perfect provision for sin.
Verse 16 may well be regarded as the greatest sentence in the greatest Book in the world. It presents the whole plan of salvation—its source, its ground, its recipients, its condition, and its result.
This glorious salvation is for all men—"whosoever"—but some reject it. Notice that God does not condemn them. Their own evil works and desires condemn them (vv. 17-20). God in his grace is ready and willing to save, but men love "darkness rather than light," for their works are evil.
Our tender-loving heavenly Father has no desire to condemn anyone. The man or woman who falls under his condemnation of sin does so by choice. God's desire is that all should be saved.
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