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## CHURCH EFFICIENCY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Are Roseburg churches only 50 percent efficient?

One Roseburg pastor, basing his estimation on data produced by local participation in the National Christian Teaching Mission, has commented that the efficiency rating is only 50 percent. While it may be true, as he indicates, that churches are drawing into active membership only one-half of the professed believers of a community, we do not believe that membership alone can be used as a basis for measuring efficiency.

No man or woman lives in the community who does not feel in some way the influence of the Church, not only in his life but also in his pocketbook.

How many people would live in a well-populated community having no church? What conditions would prevail in a community of several thousand persons without church influence? How much value would be placed on life and property if we had no religious teaching?

No, the efficiency of a church cannot be measured by the people on its membership rolls. The measure of efficiency is found in its influence for good in the community.

Participating churches will find some interesting material in self-analysis, the chief aim of the Teaching Mission.

The religious census, for instance, shows generally, as many persons with professed faith outside church organization as listed on church rosters.

In other words, a particular congregation with 500 members finds in the religious preferences of people contacted by census takers another 500 persons holding the same particular religious beliefs.

We believe this situation can be carried even further.

It is our opinion that the number of people who do not believe in God and in the Christian faith are very, very few in a community the size of Roseburg. Yet only a comparatively small percentage of these people take an active part in church organization and labor.

Through the Teaching Mission the Church is asking itself why this should be so.

Is it because the Church is lacking in some essential element it needs to attract the populace? Is it failing to interpret its mission correctly? What can the Church do to meet the spiritual needs of the people and draw more believers into fellowship?

It is interesting to study changes in religious thought in comparison with war periods. Religious thought is progressive. It tends ever upward. From the Dark Ages, with their persecution of heretics, the Church developed denominationalism following a series of European wars. The French and American revolutions had their influence in new concepts of freedom, breaking remaining links between Church and State. The Civil war and the first world war were followed by widespread fractionation of denominations and the development of many "isms."

These changes come gradually and usually after considerable lapse of time, so that the war influence is not immediately apparent.

But as men are scattered over the face of the globe, meeting with peoples of other nations, placed under conditions vitally affecting the mind and the emotions, fighting side by side with men of all faiths, denominational mores pale into insignificance and the troubled, terrified spirit seeks only the solace of a divine arm which knows no sect, creed, color, station or rank. Men who have had that experience bring home new concepts, which, as the years pass and they gain influence, are demonstrated in new religious interpretations and ideas.

Time moves faster in these days and changes come more rapidly.

As shown by the Protestant Teaching Mission and the Holy Year of the Catholic faith, the Church seeks to extend its influence and to more ably perform its divinely-directed mission.

If the Church succeeds in finding the formula it seeks, it will have the power to disperse the dark clouds troubling the world today, for it is only through the tenets of Christianity that Mankind can find a code for peaceful living.

## Gardiner Woman Recovering From Burglary Fight

By FRED M. WRIGHT

Virginia Grubb, Gardiner postmistress, who was shot at by a burglar, she surprised in her burglar's grocery store recently, helped reconstruct the crime and aid in a search for clues by state policemen after her return from the hospital Wednesday.

She is recovering from facial and shoulder injuries and shock received when she found the burglar in the store trying to rob the safe.

She believes her assailant, who beat her severely, is a larger man than previously reported. She told officers he is probably about 6 foot one, weighs 200 pounds, and has a fat and flabby face and smooth skin.

Mrs. Grubb told officers that at no time during the scuffle did she see a pistol in the man's hands. She stated that during the tussle, which continued from the rear of the store to the front, she continued to scream at intervals, despite the burglar's warning that he wouldn't kill her if she remained

## Girl's 'Homing' Pigeon Doesn't Return Home

STANTON-BY-BRIDGE, Eng-

land, —(AP)—Ivy Aucote, aged 11, has a homing pigeon which is different.

Instead of homing to his pigeon cote as a homing pigeon should he homed to Ivy—wherever she is.

The pigeon, named Joey, is six months old. A fortnight ago he was let out of his cage to exercise about two hours ago after Ivy had

quiet. When she was able to arise from the floor after being struck, she again screamed and escaped, as the burglar went out the back. She had seen the mail carrier walking in front of the building when she cried out.

The safe had been unlocked, but the assailant locked it as he fled, armed with the keys. It contained no money.

Police said the man was prepared with strong cords and gags to silence any intruder, but that, being discovered by a woman who did not hesitate to grapple with him, he was kept too busy to use them.

The intruder has not been apprehended.

## The Cold War On The Home Front



## In the Day's News

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to bring his price up to three-fourths of parity.

It is obvious that the Thomas plan would be a trial run of the controversial Brannan plan ON POTATOES ONLY—with this difference: The Brannan plan called for 100 per cent of parity for several basic crops whereas the Thomas plan would provide 75 per cent of parity on potatoes only.

THINK this much will have to be admitted:

Either the Brannan plan or the Thomas plan would at least provide lower prices to the consumer and to that extent would STIMULATE CONSUMPTION. That would be less absurd than the present system under which the consumer gets no price advantage and high-priced potatoes accumulate in government warehouses (and since potatoes are perishable) may eventually have to be destroyed.

BUT let's get on with the Washington dispatch. It adds:

"Senator Anderson (Democrat, from New Mexico, former secretary of agriculture) and Senate Majority Leader Lucas (Democrat, from Illinois) have publicly announced they favor withdrawing all mandatory price props from potatoes unless Congress passes CONTROLS OVER BOTH PLANTING AND MARKETING OF THE POTATO CROP."

That means:

1. Throwing the potato grower out on his own to sink or swim with no help in the way of support prices, or

2. Telling him flatly how many acres he can plant and how many potatoes he can sell.

Alternative No. 2 would amount to complete regimentation of potato growing.

Personally, I think that if everybody else is to be voted rich the farmer must also be voted rich. But anybody can see the trend the situation is following. This is it:

Consumers outnumber farmers.

Under existing systems, the consumer continues to pay high prices for price-supported crops and at the same time pays his share of the taxes required to provide the government money to support the crops.

If this trend continues, the farmer is going to lose out in the ensuing political conflict with the more numerous consumer class.

WARD EMPLOYEES LOSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 —(AP)—Fourteen appliance repairmen at the Portland store of Montgomery Ward are not entitled to their own bargaining unit, the National Labor Relations board ruled yesterday.

The NLRB said they did not constitute a proper bargaining unit. At present the 14 are included in an AFL Teamsters' contract.

left for school.

He whizzed off and joined her in the classroom, two and a half miles away in the village of Melbourne. He has since repeated the stunt twice. He also finds Ivy when she's shopping in Melbourne.

E. L. Hunt, a member of the council of Great Britain's National Homing Union, told newsmen:

"One or two similar cases have been heard of before. In some birds the ability to 'home' in this fashion is developed to an extraordinary degree and is unexplainable."

## Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

"It Won't Be Long Now!" shouts a large placard in a hardware window, above a display of garden tools. Thank heavens for that! Down on 99 the snow is pretty well gone. But here on the Old Territorial road the ground from our front porch to the porch across the road is still covered with a white blanket—except of course for the black gravel road.

When we went to Eugene last Wednesday (Feb. 8) there was plenty of roadside snow until we left the narrow-in canyon below Cottage Grove. Beyond Creswell it disappeared altogether where the valley had widened out to the sun. Only a very few white patches on north exposed hillsides. It seemed odd to come back into deep snow again when we turned off 99.

It will be all right with me if my weather-diary looks for a good while as blank as it has the past few days! Such a relief to have nothing special to write in it! Maybe now E J will stay off our roofs. Of all places to exercise with a shovel!

Lest we all become too sure spring is here (even if bulbs pushed up through the snow and

pussy willows have furled out!) let us take heed to what Mildred Cochran, Silk creek reporter to the Cottage Grove Sentinel, has to say:

"Mr. McCoy had been planting spring grain for a man over near Creswell in 1885. The pussy willows were out and everywhere was evidence of near-spring. He came home one night in weather like spring and the next day it snowed and it snowed until there was over 3 feet of snow and cold 10 degrees below zero. Mind you, for about 10 days, and one night it was 15 below."

"The crust on the snow" Reporter Cochran continues to quote Mrs. McCoy who often heard it from her husband, "was frozen so solid the Darnwood boys walked on top of the frozen snow across country to Comstock."

Which left me breathless when I read it. Can't a person feel safe even after the pussy willows are out? What's this world coming to anyway?

Well, further proof of spring was one tiny spring queen and a leaf which came to the door in a small boy's hand. I was thrilled the first one I ever saw: three winters ago, in our woods, in mid-January! (synthesis).

ed to the American embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark. In earlier years of a professional career his time was devoted to College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, where he acted as its business manager. The states visited by this vigorous man of 68 years are Wyoming, Washington and Oregon. Army posts, naval stations and veteran hospitals came under his supervision.

It is always a pleasure to visit with Karl Hoffman, relief cook. Boyhood days in Germany he recalls vividly because he was 19 when he came to America. He didn't like what was going on in the land of his birth even though he was not a full-grown man.

"We were poor. I was always hungry so it was better that I leave and come to America. And, believe me, I've never been sorry since," he said.

Raised on a farm, friend Karl naturally drifted into the same work here. Dairy rancher and delivery dispenser he hired him until he volunteered for military duty during World War I. In the service this German-born lad learned to cook and has been at it ever since.

Twenty acres out in the Melrose district belong to Cook Hoffman and his family. During the snow he nearly skidded into the Umpqua river. His face still pales when that "close call" is mentioned.

"Yes, I nearly shook hands with Saint Peter."

The guards have a new streamlined look. Uniforms just like all cops wear. Trimmed with a light blue braid they set off the darker blue blouse and pants. A hat with an insignia of authority adorns their upper stories, and a badge looms up from the left side of their breasts like a boil on the end of one's nose. Snappy looking, no fooling. The only bad feature is the fact that the boys who work around the clock had to dig down and "pungle up" the cost themselves. Because of this there is not a "dry eye" on the station.

Dr. Arthur Anderson, God love him, is back among the Bamboos, Greybeaks and Kids dispensing cheer and medicine—most of his time on medical ward 5—with good nature and enthusiasm which characterizes the colonel, and this army rank is official, which he had prior to a trip to Japan aboard the

## Crewman Slips Out Plane Door, Saves Himself

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., — (AP)—A crewman was swept from an eastern airliner flying at 2,000 feet over Tampa bay Saturday. He grabbed the plane as he went through the door and held on until the big ship landed.

Marc Fisher-Galati, a flight attendant, was rushed to a hospital and given a sedative for shock. Back to his plane he went 15 minutes later and resumed his flight. Fisher-Galati, who's 28, grabbed for a door which flew open and was sucked out. As he went by the door opening his right leg latched about a post used in operation of the plane's steps.

Passenger Thwarted  
The lone passenger on the DC-3 tried to help but couldn't and sounded an alarm. Co-pilot J.S.W. Davis held on to a leg of the clinging Fisher-Galati, who was a wartime paratrooper.

Pilot H. L. Alford, of Miami, set the DC-3 down at the municipal airport here eight or ten minutes after the mishap. The DC-3 was en route from Miami to Chicago. Asked by a reporter what thoughts flashed through his mind as he clung to the ship, he merely quipped:

"I thought of nothing."

2 Accidents Similar  
This happened within hours of a similar incident at New York when a steward aboard a Pan-American plane tumbled to his death through a door which accidentally opened.

In New York Eastern airlines issues a statement saying only the upper part of the attendant's body extended out of the plane.

The statement described the door as one that locks at the top, is hinged at the bottom and contains as part of the door a flight of stairs used to enter and leave the ship.

The door opened in some unknown manner, the line said, and the attendant seized the top of the door and clung to it with the upper part of his body extending beyond the fuselage.

## AIRPORT BID OKAYED

PORTLAND — (AP)—The \$744,951 low bid of Warren Northwest, Inc., to build the new 8,800-foot runway at Portland airport was approved by the Port of Portland commission Monday.

Work will begin as soon as the Civil Aeronautics administration gives its approval, expected in about two weeks.

troop ship Darby not so many weeks ago.

"You know," said Colonel Anderson, "MacArthur is doing a great job with the Japs. He really understands them and despite any criticism that may be rumored up and down the 'grapevine,' the general is doing, because of his knowledge of these people, a mission that no one else would be able to get over, I hand the palm to him."

This writer happened to drop in on a Red Cross birthday party for "Andy," as he is called by close associates. It was his 43rd milestone. It is further known that during World War I he was heavy-weight boxing champion of his combat division. During the second session when American troops went to far-away places Dr. "Andy" was there. He saw it all on more than one front.

"Yep," he is a Greybeard and a Kid, too, but from the spring in his step and the bloom on his cheeks and his tirelessness in the practice of a nerve wracking and rugged profession, "Private M." salutes Kid Colonel Anderson.

Not so many months ago a small pamphlet was called to my attention. It was on the outside of a 12-step program outlined by a group of men and women throughout this nation and in several foreign countries who prefer to have themselves called Alcoholics Anonymous. These people as a group have no quarrel with drinking except as applied to themselves. In short they have found they couldn't handle the "giggle water" for more reasons than one.

So working among themselves—group therapy you can call it—they have made great strides forward and their numbers are better than 100,000. For the majority, sobriety has been achieved. The liberty of a quote follows:

"God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change.  
Courage to change things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

"30"—Now—"Tick."

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## Czechs Condemn Three To Death

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 14 —(AP)—A Moravian state court Saturday sentenced three men to death for plotting to overthrow the nation's Communist-led regime.

Two others were sentenced to life imprisonment. Eighteen defendants received prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

All were convicted at Jihlava, 70 miles southeast of Prague, of being members of an "underground band of terrorists and murderers" which allegedly plotted to assassinate public officials, helped Czechs escape the country and collected military, political, and economic information for anti-state purposes.

More than 20 other alleged members of the same organization are to go on trial today in the court at Jihlava.

The government prosecutor has asked the death penalty for 14 of the 23 defendants. Only one of them pleaded guilty to all charges, the others pleading innocent to all counts of the indictment or to part of them.

The convictions are subject to appeal to the Czech supreme court at Prague.

The 23 men sentenced made up the largest group of defendants announced for a trial in Moravia since the Communists came to power almost two years ago.

Those sentenced to death were:

Karel Vesely, 33, leather goods worker;  
Jan Tucek, 34, textile dealer;  
Frantisek Rod, 48, tool machine operator.

Others sentenced included a sculptor, several workers, and two members of the Communist-dominated Jihlava district committee which controls the region's government.

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