

CHURCH UNITY IS GAINING, REPORT

Federal Council of Churches Hears Views of Dr. J. A. Marquis

CLEVELAND (AP)—Substantial progress in establishing church unity has been made, by the churches of America, Dr. John A. Marquis told the executive committee of the Federal Council of the church recently.

Such diverse subjects as cooperation with the churches of the Eastern Orthodox faith, a report on ideals of love and marriage, sex education in the programs of churches, the re-orientation of war evangelism, good will between Christian and Jew and the use of radio were discussed in his report.

Dr. Marquis, who received the year's work, is general secretary of the Presbyterian board of national missions.

Time Held Ripe

The time is now ripe for a definite cooperative program with the churches of the Eastern Orthodox faith, in the opinion of the commission on relations with religious bodies in Europe, Dr. Marquis said.

The first report of the committee on marriage and home, dealing with ideals of love and marriage, is nearing completion; the commission on Christian education set forth.

The same commission, Dr. Marquis said, laid major emphasis in its annual report on a plan for building wise sex education into the programs of the churches, in which the American Social Hygiene association is cooperating. Buffalo has been selected; it was explained, as a center for special experiments to evolve a method that may be widely useful.

Effort to bring about reconciliation of war and the peaceful settlement of all disputes was the main activity of the commission on international justice and good will. The report of Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, as read by Dr. Marquis, explained that the commission was encouraging the holding of interdenominational meetings in leading cities of the country in support of the proposal for reconciliation of war.

New Radio Committee

One of the developments of the year which promises largest possibilities, the report set forth, was the creation of the national religious radio committee to cooperate

EVERY DAY'S LIKE CHRISTMAS



Every day's Christmas to Patrolman Stanley H. "Happy" Palaska, traffic officer in Long Beach, Cal. He's friendly but firm in straightening out autoists, and has a cheerful grin for everyone. And every day he gets presents ranging from a loaf of bread to a \$20 bill. Yes, he's happy!

with empanadas which direct national broadcasting.

The results of three years' work of the committee on good will between Christians and Jews were reported. Dr. Marquis said as being "far beyond what could reasonably be expected." Special attention was directed to a proposed commission for a thorough investigation of the causes of misunderstanding and the roots of prejudice.

The department of research and education, which deals with economic, social and race relations, cooperated with the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in dealing with the strike of engineers on the Western Maryland Railroad. Such study departments, it was pointed out, seemed to offer the most hopeful channel for developing cooperation between Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups.

Have you heard that gopher bugged about the flapper? "Just before the flapper, Mother?"

Australia Forges Ahead in Aviation

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania are taking seven-league steps in aviation.

With the addition of \$1,000,000 a year to her present annual air budget of \$575,000, Australia is setting out to inaugurate new routes and add to old ones. These will give her the leadership of the British dominions in the air, the largest per capita expenditure on civil aviation in the world and, Australians assert, the largest mileage of air routes, not excluding the United States and Germany.

The commonwealth government purposes to subsidize by degrees 4,570 miles of new aerial services or additions to the 3,507 miles of air routes now being used. The new services will establish an air circuit of Australia, except for a small section in the far north of Western Australia, and link the continent with her smaller sisters.

A deposit of lime in a tea kettle can be removed, if not too heavy, by using a hot solution of vinegar or commercial muriatic acid, one part to five parts of water. The acid solution must be handled carefully, for it is corrosive.



NINE FEET and one inch—they're the longest pair of steer horns in the world. L. D. Bertillon, of Minco, Tex., found them when long-horn cattle still were numerous on western plains.



PRESIDENT Coolidge has consented to sit for a portrait by Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson Wright, Cleveland (O.) artist. The painting will be hung in the Cleveland hall where Mr. Coolidge was first nominated.

Judge Says Politics No Place For Wife

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A public office is no place for a married woman, in the opinion of Judge Allen C. Southern of the circuit court here.

Judge Southern expressed his view of the matter when he refused to grant a divorce to Mrs. Ethel C. Cummings, former secretary of the Kansas public service commission.

"Whenever the wife participates actively in politics and in holding public office she has instituted a regime which is incompatible with domestic relations," Judge Southern declared.

"It cannot be done. It is just as

Activity Ends at Teapot Dome As Big Oil Field Reverts To Navy

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—Teapot Dome no longer booms and bustles with activity.

Shut-in oil wells and gasers, silent pumping stations and an all but deserted camp are evidence that the big field, 38 miles north of Casper, has resumed its former status as a naval petroleum reserve. So it will remain, under present naval policies until its store of petroleum and its products are needed.

The field has been formally returned to the government by the Mammoth Oil company, a Sinclair subsidiary, under a Cheyenne federal court decree after the United States supreme court decision holding its transfer void.

Extensive camp buildings, a score of steel tanks with an aggregate capacity of 1,500,000 barrels, pumping stations and equipment, drilling rigs, casing in wells and oil pipelines, constructed and installed on the reserve by the Mammoth company, reverted to

ownership of the navy department under the decree.

Such incidentals as automobiles and furniture were salvaged by the Sinclair interests, but their only other hope for reimbursement would rest with congress.

The Mammoth company lost no time in beginning development operations after the lease was obtained. Drilling on the first well was commenced on July 11, 1922, and was completed the following Oct. 5. Before the field was thrown into receivership March 13, 1924, operations had resulted in 60 oil wells, 12 gasers and 17 dry holes.

The field has an area of 9,211 acres, of which 2,430 acres are believed to be oil bearing and 1,500 gas bearing on the face of drilling already accomplished.

The first Wall Creek sand, a

profitable producer of crude oil in the adjoining Salt Creek field and estimated by geologists to contain 30,000,000 barrels of oil in Teapot, was found almost barren of oil, but the second and third Wall Creek sands both were proved for oil.

Shut-in gasers in the first sand, it was estimated, have aggregated a potential flow of 200,000,000 feet daily.

Oil wells drilled by the Mammoth company reached their peak in average production during June, 1923, when they gave up 273 barrels a day each. In November of the same year, the daily output reached a peak of 4,460 barrels.

The man starting the chain of 5-cent-to-a-dollar stores, probably later on will handle the new auto-

"The Best Comic In America"

Such is the opinion of many critics of "Out Our Way," the daily cartoon by Williams appearing in The Observer. It is one of the features of NEA Service, and is one of the most widely read comics in the country. "Mom an' Pop," "Freckles and His Friends" are two that are almost equally popular because equally human.

"Abe Martin" Is An Old Time Favorite

One of the newest Observer features but one of the oldest comic characters in the country is "Abe Martin." His keen, homey comment on the intimate things of American life, his remarkable, yet amusing philosophy has been appearing in newspapers of the country for over thirty years.

The Sense and Science Of Bridge

No newspaper feature in recent years has won such interest, considering the subject, as Mr. Work's daily articles on the game of bridge. It is only natural—he is recognized as the chief bridge authority in the country, is in demand as a lecturer in every large city from coast to coast. His articles in The Observer are followed painstakingly by bridge fans throughout the La Grande territory.

Menu Suggestions From "Sister Mary"

Another practical feature of the NEA Service is "Sister Mary's" daily menus. "Sister Mary" is a real person, an experienced home economist who writes menus for hundreds of daily newspapers. In La Grande the "Sister Mary" menus are widely read, enthusiastically approved and used.

These are only a few of the daily features followed eagerly by the readers of The Observer. As it excels in news, so does it excel in features. There are a dozen outstanding reasons why The Observer is read by practically everyone in the entire La Grande territory—why its circulation has shown constant growth.

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