

Religion in the News



Students from the Church of the Living God show awards won at the Grand National Sunday School and Training Union Congress in Dallas, Texas last July.

Students win honors

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

Congratulations to the six delegates from the Church of the Living God P.G. of J. from Temple No. 1, Portland, Oregon, for winning first and second place awards at the Grand National Sunday School and Training Union Congress this past July in Dallas, Texas.

There were over 2,000 people attending the meeting and about 350 were selected youth delegates from thirteen states.

Those attending the Grand National this year were: Mr. Kirk L. Green from the elementary division, who placed first in the Oratorical Speaking Contest and second place in the elementary Individual Bible Drill. For the past four years he has won first place twice and second place once in the Oratorical contest.

Miss Eileen E. Clark attended the Congress for the first time last year and came in second place in the elementary division. She also came in second place again this year.

Mr. Sylvester K. Green has won three first place awards in the past four years in the Jr. High division.

Miss Vernell C. Bradford has attended the Congress for three years winning second place in the Senior High division of the Oratorical Contest and first place this past year in the Individual Senior High Bible Drill Contest.

Oratorical Contest for the past two years and has been doing better each year. She hopes to win an award in the future.

Miss Ora L. Green has competed in the Oratorical Contests since she was seven years old. She has won first, second or third place every year except two. She won first place in the Senior High Oratorical Contest, plus first place in the Senior High Spelling Bee this year in Dallas, Texas.

Rhodesian leaders condemn US imports

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the African National Council in racist Rhodesia believes the U.S. decision to continue importing chrome from his country is "the worst blow we have suffered from any quarter."

"The people in my country and all those truly for democracy have lost," because of the decision, he said. Last year, the U.S. resumed importation of Rhodesian chrome ore and "other strategic and critical materials" although an embargo on trade with Rhodesia had been imposed by the United Nations.

"They are doing that at the expense of democracy and I don't think that makes any sense to a real American," the leader of the United Metho-

Usher Board holds Tea

The Union Ushers Scholarship Tea will be held on Sunday, September 24 from 1:30 until 5:30 p.m.

James Lee, who is the president of the Union Ushers, advises that this annual event is the source of funds used to grant scholarships to worthy college students. This year, as for many years, two scholarships were granted to deserving students to continue their higher education.

Mrs. Willie Mae Smith is chairman of the tea committee. Her committee and the Union Ushers are inviting the public to assist them with the tea to raise one thousand dollars for the 1973 year, which would make it possible to aid additional students.

The Union Ushers is comprised of men from all faiths brought together with a com-



James Lee

mon dedication to assist young college students.

Dinner

St. Andrew's Parish will hold its now famous 14th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on Sunday, September 10th, 1-6 p.m., N. E. 9th and Alberta. Adult dinners are \$2, and children under 12, \$1.

Author speaks

Miss Rosalind Rinker, gifted author and lecturer, will speak at the Valley Community Church, 8060 S. W. Brentwood, Portland, on Sunday evening September 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Monday September 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Widely known as the author of "Prayer - Conversing with God," Miss Rinker's speaking and writing on conversational and dialogue prayer has attracted thoughtful audiences and readers in Universities, communities, and churches for Prayer Workshops and Retreats. The inclusiveness of her message is without denominational or sectarian limitations. Her creative approach to normal Christian living is a refreshing and on attractive quality forged from day-to-day experience.

Esperanto taught

Esperanto, "the talk of the world," is a new class being offered this fall by the Beaverton School District-Portland Community Education program. Taught by Miss Virginia Bartmess, former public school foreign language instructor, the class will meet Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 in room 414 of the Cedar Park Intermediate School (S. W. Park Way and Parkwood). The course carries a tuition of \$11 and will meet for 11 weeks beginning September 27.

Esperanto may in the future become the "universal language" because of its political neutrality; and it is also an easy language to master quickly. Miss Bartmess is recognized for her knowledge of the language, and she was in charge of youth arrangements for the Universal Esperanto Conference held this summer in Portland.

Interested students are encouraged to enroll by mail to the Beaverton-PCC Community Education office, P.O. Box 200, Beaverton, 97055. For more information on other Community Education offerings in your neighborhood and to receive a schedule of fall classes call 646-6112 in the Beaverton area, or 244-6111 in the Portland area.

WHY MONSTROUS EVILS COME UPON EVEN DEVOUT CHRISTIANS! This is a new inquiry into the age old problem of good and evil. Why does God permit terrible accidents, auto and plane crashes, explosions, fires, floods, upheavals of nature, and other monstrous evils to come upon even devout Christians? Why do they suffer as many forms of pain, disaster and death as wicked unbelievers. Always moral men have cried out, "Why did this terrible thing come upon me?" Many ask, "If God is all good, why is there evil in the world?"

God, who controls all things, arranged for the serpent to tempt Eve and Adam to test them if they would obey His commands in all circumstances. Knowing they would fall, yet He chose this method to demonstrate to men the great penalties and suffering for disobeying His commands - to make them turn back to Him and obey Him. But men refused to obey even Christ, who came to sacrifice His

life, wholly obedient to God the Father, to serve as a model and show men the way and how to obey. God said, "Your sins have separated you and your God, your sins have hid his face from you, that He will not hear... None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth... They have chosen their own ways." Isa 59:2-4. Men are not punished for Adam's sin, but for the continuing disobedience (transgression) of each one. Because all men delighted in the carnal fruits of evil and persisted in their disobedience, even as today, God destroyed men, cities, nations, and even the earth's population and its creatures. He drew a veil of spiritual darkness over men's minds. The multitudes and even the disciples, living their worldliness, turned away from Christ and refused to obey His "hard sayings" by which they might obey and approach God.

Christ warned against following the easy permissive doctrines of prophets teaching them away from strict adherence to Christ's words. "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men... full well ye reject the commandment of God that ye may keep your own tradition." Mark 7:7-9. Jesus warned of "false prophets" who would come "in sheep's clothing" bringing convenient, permissive, contradictory doctrines.

Only the totally obedient ones, who fulfill every "yet and title" of Christ's commands and instructions can be accounted as His elect, and these shall escape and be safe; and for their sakes the



Miss Collins, Director of Christian Community Center, and NYC student Stanley Peterson plan remodeling of child care center.

Staff surprises child care director

by LaVerne Hudson

The Christian Community Center Employees planned and held a surprise birthday dinner for their director, Miss E. Collins, at the home of Mrs. C. M. Corkum (a volunteer worker at the center). We felt she deserved a break from the center and center activities.

HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR BIRTHDAY MISS COLLINS!

The Christian Community Center is located at 128 N.E. Russell St. Aside from the regular activities at the center (which consist of running a nursery school for infants to 3 years, a 4 year old class, a kindergarten for 5 year olds, and bible classes for the community children), the center has a summer program in which the children go swimming at Knott St., and then stop in the center to hear a bible story and get a treat for their attention. Also there is a gym available for school age through college age people. She has a summer cleaning program each year.

This summer with the help of NYC workers, regular center employees and teenagers who used to play in the gym, Miss Collins conducted an extensive cleaning and remodeling program. Many NYC, Young Men under the supervision of a college student, Doug Batton, scraped the cement and asbestos from the ceiling and painted it with white spackling.

Another group of NYC young men under the guidance of Roger Sanders, refinished the

gym floor. This requires sanding off all the old varnish, dusting, cleaning the floor and applying several new coats of varnish.

Other NYC workers along with Stanley Peterson, Freddie Stephens, Roger Smith and Mel Farris re-varnished the Chapel floor, laid linoleum, wall-papered, and painted the bathrooms, baby rooms and other rooms in the building as well as the hall. They also painted, sanded and refinished many of the chairs.

The NYC girls that were employed with us this summer worked mainly with the children. They helped teach the children crafts, songs and helped supervise outside games and activities. They also supervised swimming, field trips through the neighborhood and playing in the park. Some of the girls helped with the cleaning under the supervision of Bonnie Ware and Mrs. Kittleton. Other NYC girls helped. Charlene White and Charlotte Sanders in the kitchen with lunch and snacks.

We at the center feel that the work in which these young people have been involved in this summer not only helped to better the center in general, but gave many of them an opportunity to learn and use many practical skills that will be valuable to them in life and on other jobs. Drop in and see us and the work that's being done at the center. See how and why we feel we are an asset to Albina and the City of Portland.

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