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A Mighty Force

By RICHARD S. TAYLOR

No parent can afford to ignore what in the current "Reader's Digest" is labeled "perhaps the mightiest force on earth for moral training and character building outside the home." The author, O. K. Armstrong, is speaking of the Sunday School.

When Robert Raikes in 1780 gathered a few ragged children around him in the first Sabbath School, in Gloucester, England, he little dreamed he was launching one of the biggest enterprises of modern times.

Today Sunday Schools can be found around the world in virtually every branch and sect of Christendom.

Last year this vigorous branch of the church claimed some 60,000,000 members. It is a question if any other organization in the world could so consistently gather as many on a purely voluntary basis, week after week throughout the year.

Yet from a cold-blooded business standpoint such an organization could not possibly succeed. It is not exciting, as are sports and theatricals. It is not compulsory, as is public school attendance. It is not tax-supported, but financed by voluntary offerings. It is not manned by a salaried staff, for not one worker in a hundred receives a dime for his services.

Often the teachers are not as properly trained as they ought to be, or as they themselves would like to be. Frequently, facilities are poor and inadequate. Occasionally an isolated school sinks to a low ebb of inefficiency and becomes hopelessly boring. But still the Sunday School as an enterprise marches on.

These very handicaps and weaknesses are an eloquent testimony to the strength of the Sunday School. In the face of such odds no institution could survive if it were not the expression of a tremendous moral force, and if it did not meet such an insistent human need.

The moral force is the oft ignored fact that a personal love for God is the greatest possible motivation for unselfish, sustained humanitarian service.

The need is two-fold: There is the cultural need, inasmuch as no man is truly educated who does not have a reasonable knowledge of the Bible. But more basically the need for the Sunday School is moral and spiritual.

If we want law-abiding, responsible citizens, our children must not be allowed to grow up with body and mind provided for, but conscience left to care for itself.

An too often effective religious home training is simply non-existent. But even when present in its best form, it needs to be supplemented by group instruction, and no other agency is as well fitted to provide such training as is the Sunday School.

As a rapidly growing metroloplis, Eugene and Springfield should be actively aware of the vital contribution made by the Sunday School, and of the personal responsibility of every single citizen. To promote this awareness, November is named as "Go-To-Sunday-School Month" by the Eugene Council of Religious Education. Just as the university recently had its anual Religious Evaluation Week, so it is time we as a community have a Religious Evaluation Month.

But the irony is that the measure of value we place on such religious enterprises as the Sunday School is really an evaluation of ourselves. The appraisers are being appraised. In a deeper sense, then, November is Eugene Evaluation Month.

No community awake to its responsibilities will allow itself to be indifferent to what J. Edgar Hoover calls, "Undoubtedly the most effective means in our country for fighting juvenile deliquency and crime."

Crime—and the Sunday School

By J. EDGAR HOOVER
Chief of the FBI

The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to God. As a result, the criminal's mental attitude and actions are guided by a selfish individualism. He has no respect for the law—he hates it. Moral traditions are subject to his scorn as he declares war on society.

Unfortunately there are many in the United States today who flout the laws both of God and man. This is borne out by facts and figures in the possession of the FBI.

After reviewing thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence. The first is the failure of the home itself as the classroom, and, second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the result of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard.

Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order and happiness.

It is necessary to begin to build the spiritual structure of the child at the cradle. In the final analysis, the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their children; where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; where disrespect and criticism of officials are common occurances; where childish independence is encouraged and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and;

Where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned, in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes need help, and the Sunday Schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters.

Our Sunday Schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to life-wrecking temptations. The Sunday School is a citadel of real spiritual influence.

As true Crusaders for Christ, the Sunday School teachers want the nation's children to be honest, truthful, and unselfish. They are convincing the youngsters that right habits, attituties, and appreciations are necessary attributes for decent living.

They are in the front ranks of the great army of Americans who are courageously fighting to free our national scene from dishonesty, selfishness, greed, and moral instability.

In recruiting for God, they are building for America.

More often than not, a child is first introduced to the Bible by a Sunday School teacher. It is quite impossible to believe that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems, and the inspiration for Christian living.

If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain that the children of the nation attend Sunday School. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday School.

As a law enforcement officer, I am certain that unless children are given the opportunity to participate in activities which have God as their fundamental objective, we cannot hope materially to reduce crime in our country.

—Abridged from The Sunday School Times.

Preacher Discusses 'Can It Be Love?'

"Can It Be Love?" is the topic Elwood Marvin, pastor of Willagillespie Baptist Chapel, has chosen for Communion service Sunday at 11. "The Choice," is topic for services at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Youth fellowship, 6:30 p. m. Sunday; prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Junior choir and orchestra practice at 3:45 p. m. Wednesday; also Boy Scouts at 7 p. m. Choir practice at 7:30 Thursday. Potluck Friday evening for Friendly class.

Church of Christ In Fairmount

The evangelistic meetings which have been in progress at the Fairmount Church of Christ, 17th and Columbia Streets, for the past three weeks will come to a close Sunday night.

Bible school is at 9:45; Lester Wells, superintendent.

At 11 a. m. Evangelist Webb will speak on "The Lord's House," and in the service at 7:30, on "The Great Invitation."

Five youth groups meet at 6:15 for study, and after the evening church service for "singspiration."

Local Boy Finishes at Dallas Seminary Soon

Howard R. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell, Rt. 2, Box 537, Eugene, is a student at the Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Avenue, Dallas 4, Texas, enrolled as a member of the fourth-year class. The standard course covers four years, leading to a Master of Theology degree.

EVENING GUILD

First Congregational Evening Service Guild meets Monday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. Mary Paul, 1375 Ferry St.

Methodists To Broadcast Over KUGN

The First Methodist Church, 12th and Willamette Sts., will present its first monthly broadcast of the morning service over radio station KUGN at 11 a. m. this coming Sunday. This service has been arranged especially for radio listeners and will include several anthems, a brief sermon, and a solo by Mrs. Doris Siegenthaler. Rev. Llewellyn O. Griffith, minister, will preach on "The High Hill of Truth." Church school hour, 9:45 a. m., presents Christian education for the entire family. Parents are especially invited to the Family Circle Class taught by Dr. Charles G. Howard.

Of interest to the high school youth will be the Sunday afternoon district gathering of the Methodist Youth Fellowships, followed by a snack supper. Program begins at 3 p. m.

The Wesley Foundation, 1347 Onyx St., presents its University of Life program for college students beginning at 5 p. m.

In the evening at the church the Young Adult Fellowship will sponsor a reception and informal evening of fellowship honoring Dr. Roy McCall, who plans to spend three months in Christian education with this group on Sunday evenings.

A cordial welcome is extended to all persons in the city in need of the experience of worshipping or desiring a church home.

Active Week at Congregational

"Reflections On Freedom" will be the sermon topic of Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson Sunday morning at the Congregational Church. Communion will be celebrated at the 9:30 service; otherwise the services will be identical. The choir will sing "We Adore Thee" by Palestrina, and Elizabeth Nelson, mezzo-soprano, will sing "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," by Harker.

Plymouth Club for university students and town young people will meet at 5 p.m. for a snack supper and at 6 will hear Mrs. Mark Sponenburgh on "Religion in France." Mrs. Sponenburgh was formerly a resident of French Indo-China and a recent instructor in Romance Languages at the University.

Youth Church for high school students meets at 7 p.m. in the Wheeler Room for a monthly meeting of all boards and committees.

The Evening Service Guild has its monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Mary Paul, 1375 Ferry Street.

A Fellowship Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, after which Dr. Truman Douglass, executive vice-president of the Missions Council of the Congregational Denomination, will speak. Dr. Douglass is a theologian of real ability, a captivating speaker and is the nephew of the late Mathew Hale Douglass, long time librarian at the University. Dr. Douglass will speak at 7:30 p.m. The community is invited.

'Truman' to Speak At Congregational

Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York City, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches will speak on "The Church Militant" Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p. m. at the Congregational Church.

In its "modern pioneering" program, the Board of Home Missions under Dr. Douglass' leadership has done remarkable work in the field of race relations; in radio; on college campuses and among servicemen and women.

A son of Iowa, Dr. Douglass is an alumnus of Pomona College and Union Theological Seminary. He came to his present post from the pastoraet of Pilgrim Congregatoinal Church in St. Louis, Mo. Other pastorates included Upper Montclair, New Jersey, and Pomona, Calif.

AT BAILEY HILL

BAILEY HILL — Rev. Kenneth Dooley will speak on "Up and Down a Tree" from Luke 19:1-10 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church services at the Four Oaks Grange hall Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45 and prayer meeting is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Steward on the road between Willow Creek and Paragon Road.

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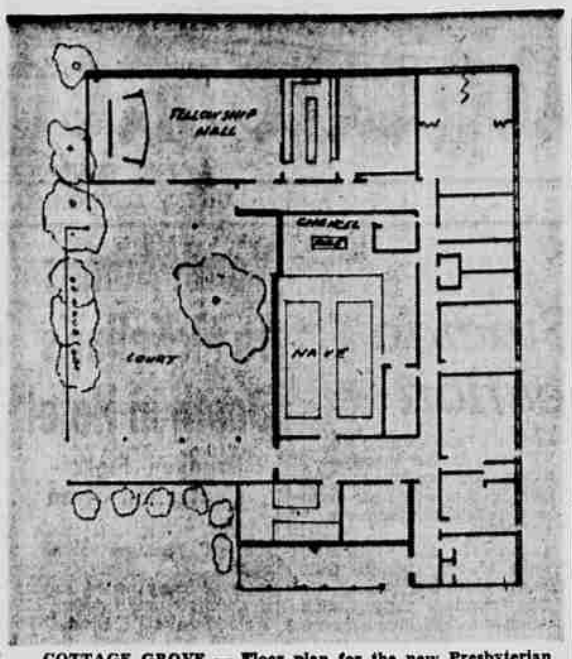

COTTAGE GROVE — Floor plan for the new Presbyterian Church. (Wiltshire engraving).

Indoor-Outdoor Theme Stressed By Grove Presbyterian Church

Trees and greenery will enter deeply into the decor of the new Presbyterian Church, plans for which are now in the formative stage. The site, donated by Mrs. Herbert Aiken, features the original planting of the old home, with one large black locust tree coming very close to the windows of the nave itself, in the intimate style that reminds one of the buildings and trees intermingled at San Juan Capistrano Mission.

On Adams Avenue, the "inner court" faces the street, and most of the trees are grouped along the north side. One enters at the right side of the court, through a long covered walkway, and enters the church doors, in a long narthex or hall. The nave is at one's left, and windows give onto the court at the left.

Noises of the street will come but dimly into this nave, situated as it is at the heart of the building. The low overhanging eaves will keep the light in the nave subdued, but natural lighting will flood int othe chancel and dramatize the center of worship, which is the Communion Table.

This table will be large. There will be permanent seats for the elders on either side and a seat for the minister behind the table, so that when the communion is celebrated the whole group will be seated about the table as a family.

Facing on Third Street will be an outer court at the corner, the chapel, a conference and library room, and the pastor's study.

Along the back of the building runs a long hall, with various convenience rooms opening onto it: the nursery and beginners' room, with their own connecting bathroom equipped for small children, the primary room, the lavatories for men and women, the beating room and a large classroom for juniors occupying the corner.

Turning the corner, one follows the long hall past the parlor, the kitchen, and enters the large Fellowship Hall, where social affairs of the church will be held. It will have a large stage, and behind the stage is room for storage. The Fellowship Hall also has windows along the inside which face the inner court. The hall is 30' by 40'. The nave is larger, 31' by 45'6".

A number of ideas born of experience are incorporated into the church. For instance, the storage space behind the stage is on the same level as the floor of the hall, making it easier to store chairs and equipment.

No decisions have yet been made on the color scheme and architectural motif.

November Is Sunday School Month Here

Most of the churches of the city are uniting in a common effort, during the month of November, to spotlight the Sunday schools in public attention.

Ten thousand copies of an article by J. Edgar Hoover entitled, "Why I Believe In The Sunday School," have been placed in the homes of the city. All the Sunday schools plan to increase their attendance at least ten per cent over this last month of October.

Busy Week for Presbyterians

"What Is the Christian Answer" will be the theme of Rev. Paul Mellish's sermon at Central Presbyterian Church Sunday, 11 a. m. The choir will sing "Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord"-Garrett, under direction of Mrs. Edna Pearson, with Andrew Flanders at the organ.

The Junior High Westminster Fellowship will meet at 5:15 p. m. in Fellowship Hall. Topic, "Can We Be Like God?" leader, Tyrita Richter. The High School Westminster Fellowship will meet in the Parish House, 1040 Pearl at 6:15 p. m. with Mary Cochrane as leader. Topic, "Glamroizing Religion." The Geneva Fellowship (collgee age group) will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15. Their speaker will be Louis Sherman of the Juvenile Department at the Court House. The Westminster House Fellowship will be guests of the Canterbury Club at the Episcopal Church at 5:30 p. m.

The Women's Association will hold their monthly luncheon at Fellowship Hall Tuesday at 1 p. m. Church Family Night will be Thursday, beginning with a potluck supper at 6:30 and followed by a program for every member of the family, in Fellowship Hall, 1010½ Pearl.

It's Not A Case Of 'Too Much Missus,' But 'Not Enough Mister'

"The sex ratio of church participation is off balance," says Rev. Frederick A. McDonald, Episcopalian, of New York.

He claimed that 65 women to 35 men are actively engaged in church work, and urged that men busy themselves in church affairs.

The United States produces 90 per cent of the world's finished silk goods.

At Emmaus Lutheran

At Emmaus Lutheran, morning worship will be 11 a. m. Pastor H. A. Svendsen's topic will be: "Be Not Afraid, Only Believe."

Sunday school and Bible classes will be at 9:45 a. m. The Gold-Band League will meet at 8 p. m.

At Unity Church

At Unity church Rev. Dawson will speak on "In a Few Things, Many." Donald Johnson "The Lord's Prayer" by Mrs. A. F. Holmer will lude and offertory. Open instruction Tuesday at 1

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Now Is The Hour

A visitor at the home of Colerid argued strongly against rel gious trai for children. "Why prejudice them favor of any specific religion?" he tended; "why not allow them to m their decision when they have grown maturity?"

Coleridge replied pertinently, "W prejudice a garden in favor of fruit flowers? Why not let the clods ch for themselves between cockleburs strawberries?"

It seems strange that parents who that their children have the best of h and attend the best of schools and ge best of medical care are frequently un indifferent to the religious training of their offspring.

Your child needs the regenerating power of the Chri Gospel NOW as much as he will need it twenty years now. The Bible says, "The imagination of man's heart is from his youth." It will do no good to promise a sick that we will call the doctor when he grows up. The child needs the doctor now. Every boy and girl in Ame needs Christ today!

America has 70,000,000 unchurched people today, la because many parents a generation ago postponed the relig training of their children to a day which never came. not deceive ourselves, an uncultivated heart will yield cockleburs. Only the heart which has been carefully pre by the Spirit of God through the Christian Gospel will b forth the fruits of peace and love and joy.

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And after all, the Catholic's confession to a priest must follow pretty much the same lines as your sincere confession direct to God. We must examine our consciences to know what serious sins we have committed. We must confess them all to the priest. We must have true sorrow for each of them, because they have offended God and have made us unworthy of heaven. We must firmly resolve, by the help of God's grace, never to offend agai sins have injured others make amends, if at all And finally we must perf penance imposed by the usually a few short pra tended as expiation of t poral punishment due to ready forgiven.

"But what does the pri of me if I confess things?" He thinks nothi of you, as Mr. John D thinks of you as a hum contrite soul, freed from going forth at peace w Maker. He does not see y in the darkness of the co al; but if you fear te you can go to any Catholic to any Catholic priest, sins are just as readily as in your own parish.

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