

Anna Would Rejoice Religion Returns To Mothers Day

By JULES LOH
Of the Associated Press

If Anna Jarvis were alive today she might see some hope for Mothers Day after all. There are signs the annual observance is taking on some of the religious flavor Anna had in mind when she thought up the idea.

Mounting commercialization of Mothers Day left Anna Jarvis, ironically, without sympathy for the cause she created when she lay on her deathbed in 1948, blind, deaf and penniless.

Commercialization is more widespread than ever before—the estimate for this year is that sales will top \$1 billion—but manifestations of the religious significance of the day also are apparent.

The American Mothers Committee, the organization which selects the mother of the year, reports churches throughout the land are paying increasingly more attention to Mothers Day with special services and sermons. A number of firms which sell religious goods say they are beginning, at least, to share in the billion dollar bonanza.

The idea for an annual Mothers Day was born in a church house, and to Anna's way of thinking it never should have left it. A plaque on the lawn of Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, W. Va., tells how it all began.

In post-Civil War days Anna's mother, a Sunday school teacher at the church, used to promote a spring picnic honoring the mothers of the community. The war had turned neighbor against neighbor, just as it had divided the state itself, and Mrs. Jarvis hoped to heal the scars by getting both Union and Confederate veterans to gather with their families for a Mothers Friendly Day.

On the second anniversary of her mother's death, May 9, 1907, Anna held memorial services at her home in Philadelphia, then set out on a crusade for a national holiday to honor the nation's mothers.

The following year, and on the second Sunday in May every year thereafter, the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton has held special Mothers Day services. The Rev. Virgil Gillum, the pastor, will use as Sunday's scripture text the same verse Dr. Harry C. Howard spoke from in 1908: "Woman behold thy son . . . behold thy mother."

Anna Jarvis' campaign resulted in Congress passing a resolution in 1914, signed by President Woodrow Wilson, proclaiming an annual observance.

But as the commercial importance of the day grew so did Anna's disappointment. Gradually it turned to bitterness and she retreated from the world, rarely leaving her house except to tend her mother's grave. Acquaintances discovered her living in poverty, raised some money and put her in a sanitarium.

Anna's crusade was strictly American in origin, but the idea of an annual day to honor motherhood certainly isn't novel. More than 40 countries have similar customs, most of them with roots going back to ancient times.

Membership In Churches 'Camouflage'

By LOUIS CASSELS
Of the United Press International

The story is told of a confidence man who moved into an American city where he was a stranger to everyone, including the police.

Needing respectable connections to impress his intended victims, he tried to join various clubs. But he couldn't get into any of them, because he lacked the necessary character references.

So he joined the city's leading church.

This tale may be apocryphal, but it is not farfetched. Most of America's churches welcome new members with open arms and few questions. They assume, in practice if not in theory, that anyone who applies for church membership is a committed Christian.

The assumption is, to put it mildly, unrealistic. It is probably rare for a practicing criminal to use church membership as a camouflage. But it is by no means unusual for people to join churches for slightly more reputable secular reasons, such as a desire to establish social and business contacts.

Clergymen are well aware of this. The question is what, if anything, churches should do about it.

One viewpoint is that they shouldn't do anything about it. Exponents of this view acknowledge that there are millions of men and women on church membership rolls today who do not know the rudiments of Christian doctrine, and who do not live any differently from their "unchurched" neighbors.

But they say that all of these nominal Christians are potential converts, and the best way to bring them into a genuine relationship with Christ is to include them in the life of the community where he is known and served.

Another view, which appears to be gaining adherents, is that churches should welcome all comers to their worship services and other activities, but reserve full membership to those who have genuinely accepted Christ as their Lord and Master.

Some favor stricter standards for church membership.

According to this school of thought, churches are less likely to convert seekers by rushing them into full membership than by asking them to wait until they have reached a sincere decision to take on the yoke of Christian discipleship.

Council to Host National Officer

A national officer of the Christian Business and Professional Women's Councils of America, Mary E. Clark, will be guest speaker Monday at the monthly meeting of the Eugene Council.

The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. standard, 6:30 p.m. daylight, at the Osburn Hotel, Eugene. New officers will be installed at the meeting, and a program, special music and a jewelry display are planned for the evening.

Miss Clark is national chairman of Christian Women's Clubs of America, and national vice chairman of the business women's group. She is also active in other missionary organizations.

Reservations for Monday's dinner meeting may be made by calling DI 5-1654. The meeting is open to all women.

Methodist Churches Select Their Families of the Year

Two Eugene couples whose lives are centered in the church and in their families have been selected by their respective Methodist churches as family of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Conway of 1355 Taft St., Eugene, were nominated by Ashbury Methodist Church, a new Methodist congregation now building its first church unit at Hawthorne Street and Berntzen Road.

And Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hall, 975 Oakway Rd., Eugene, were nominated by Wesley Methodist Church in the Willamette area.

Dedicated to Church

The families have in common a deep dedication to their church and active interest in its work, belief in the family as a unit and, coincidentally, both men work for the Southern Pacific Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway belonged to First Methodist Church, and when Ashbury congregation was formed, transferred to the new church. Their church activities are numerous. Conway is chairman of the church's building committee, one of the church's major posts at this time, and he and his wife are counselors of the church's Junior High Methodist Youth Fellowship. In addition, both teach Sunday school classes in the church's primary department. Mrs. Conway is secretary of youth in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and she and her husband serve as church stewards.

Active in PTA

But their involvement with youth does not end there—both are active in the PTA and Mrs. Conway is a 4-H Club leader.

This interest in youth is not accidental, Mrs. Conway said. "We want it that way."

She disagrees with people who are pessimistic about young people and their attitudes.

"I think people do too much worrying about them," she said, and "don't live with them." The youth with which she comes in contact, she says, "have high ideals," and "all are trying to live a good life."

Her family's philosophy, she said, is simple. If an activity "doesn't include family, it doesn't include us."

The Conways have two daughters. Kathy, 14, is in the eighth grade at Cascade Junior High School, and Linda, 12, is a sixth grader at Malabon School.

In addition to family and church activities, Conway enjoys woodworking, and the fam-

ily is "slowly" building their own home. They have a garden, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall, parents of four children, have the same attitude toward family life and church, and their home lives center around this.

They will be honored Sunday at a potluck supper at Wesley Methodist church, beginning at 6 p.m. standard, 7 p.m. daylight, and church members and friends are invited.

Raising four children has been—and is—sometimes hectic, Mrs. Hall admits, but "I've enjoyed every minute of it." A sense of humor helps, she says.

Currently, the Halls have three children at home—Norman, 18, a senior at North Eugene High School; David, 14, a ninth grader at Cal Young Junior High School, and a five-year-old grandson, the son of older daughter Barbara Workman, now of San Bruno, Calif.

Their other daughter, Nancy Hall, is a junior high school teacher at San Jose, Calif. She graduated from the University of Oregon last year.

Interested in Missions

The Halls joined Wesley Methodist some years ago when the young congregation was formed. Now, Hall is chairman of the commission on missions, and Mrs. Hall is co-chairman.

"We've really become involved in that," Mrs. Hall says. Projects of the commission have included a School of Missions, held at the church in January, and a "progressive dinner," with the homes visited featuring different mission fields.

Mrs. Hall serves as superintendent of the adult division of the church's Sunday school, and Hall donates his time to be custodian of the church.

In addition, Hall is president of the local Switchman's Union of North America, and is active in Boy Scout work.

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Article Cites UO President

Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, is one of five "unusual Methodists" featured in the special June issue of *Together*, a Methodist family magazine.

Flemming, the magazine article relates, is "unusual" because of his varied and "coast-to-coast" career. The article, accompanied by a picture, outlines his academic career at American University in Washington, D.C., and Ohio Wesleyan University, his years in public service and finally, his appointment as president of the university.

Other educators featured in the magazine were Paul E. Klopsteg, professor emeritus of applied science at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; George Harkness, professor emeritus of applied theology at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.; Charles A. Coulson, department of mathematics, Oxford University, England, and Mrs. Zula Holcomb Pearson, dramatics director at Long Morris College, Jacksonville, Tex.

A Coos Bay family, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Jordan, were selected for the Eugene district honors, and will be entered in the national competition. The other entry from the district was Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes of Myrtle Point.

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Members of the family are known as warm, good neighbors.

The family takes a creative role in church and community life.

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Church Plans Dinner Meeting

Reservations will be due Monday noon at the church office for a congregational dinner meeting of First Christian Church of Eugene on Tuesday.

The meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. standard, 7 p.m. daylight, will feature a presentation of a new church program, and a free-will offering will be taken to cover the expenses of the dinner.

One of the speakers on the program will be the Rev. Bayne Driskill, director of All Church Evangelism.

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