

GOD ENTITLED TO FIRST AND BEST ASSERTS TAYLOR

That God should "have our first and best" was the statement made by Rev. Fred C. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist church, speaking before his congregation Sunday morning. "God's First Fruits" was the subject of the sermon. The message found a basis in the words of scripture, "Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all thine increase. In the day that thou goest into sanctuary, thou shalt offer the firstfruits of all things."

"The sacredness of the firstfruits of fruits and grains," said Rev. Mr. Taylor, "of flocks and herds, was a law in the Hebrew religion and was practiced by other nations and tribes as well. In the morning of human history Abel brought the firstlings of his flock as an offering to God and was accepted. Moses wrote the law of the firstfruits as a part of the Jewish feast of the Pentecost. Hezekiah restored its practice in his great work of reform. Solomon required it from the people in their temple worship. The import of it was that God was to be honored as the giver of all temporal blessings by bringing to His worship the firstfruits of all things."

"In the practice of Christian stewardship we are to give God our firstfruits of personality and possessions. Jesus taught this truth when He said, 'Seek first the kingdom of God,' and 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart.' The worship and service of God is to have a primary place in life. In faith, love, and devotion, God is to have our first and best."

"This principle might be applied to the church itself. Jesus called the church his father's house, and we have called it God's holy temple yet we do not always make it first in our interest and our devotion. What a sad commentary on our Christian consistency it is, when we neglect our church building and allow it to become unattractive and unmodern. If the church is the biggest institution, and religion the biggest business, it should keep pace with all other institutions in our nation, and be made as attractive and effective and as beautiful as our banks, stores, schools, temples and homes."

"In the matter of time, God wants our firstfruits. While all time and all forms of honest toil may be called sacred, yet God was commanded that one day in seven shall be kept holy unto Him. The temptation may come to use all our time for our homes, society, business and pleasure and neglect devoting some time to prayer, worship, Bible study and Christian work. As such the Master spoke, 'What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

"In the stewardship of our own substance God wants our firstfruits. Our money represents our personality in energy expended in labor. The offering in our church worship should be as religious and spiritual as the prayer and the sermon. When God requires us to bring the firstfruits of all things as an offering, He does not want us to make it a collection of life's savings. God gives His best to us in both material and spiritual blessings. He gave his only begotten son for us who is called in the Bible 'the firstfruits of the resurrection.'"

"Our best is none too good for God."

Tacoma, Wash.—Trapped in her burning home and unable to aid herself, Mrs. W. Justice, an invalid in a wheel chair, was rescued by her six-year-old grandson at 11:15 Tuesday. The house was totally destroyed.

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The only female gorilla in captivity, valued at \$20,000, has been placed in the New York Zoo by Frank Burbridge, of Jacksonville, Fla. He captured the beast in the Congo, Africa. It has a coat like a bear and is as gentle as a lamb—so far.

COST OF OREGON SCHOOLS 1 YEAR OVER \$20,000,000

The cost of operating the schools of Oregon for just one year, the school year of 1924-25, was \$20,444,165.96, according to a report on school operations prepared by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

The total attendance during the year was 179,342 of which number 83,553 were girls and 95,789 were boys.

In Multnomah, Marion and Lane counties the cost was in excess of a million dollars each for running the schools. In Multnomah county it was many times that figure or \$6,656,292.92. In Marion county the cost was \$1,194,942.03 and in Lane \$1,103,192.90. Those three counties are the largest in school enrollment in the state. Multnomah having 55,075, Marion 10,807 and Lane 10,495.

Cook, Jefferson and Wheeler counties were the only counties that dropped under \$100,000 in educational expenditures. They spent respectively \$78,993.60, \$90,682.81 and \$90,310.66. Jefferson enrolled only 473 pupils, the smallest number in the state.

Tucson, Ariz.—Rodman E. Griscom Jr., son of a wealthy Philadelphia family and nephew of Lloyd Griscom, former ambassador to Rome, is the new athletic instructor of the Evans school here.

CABINET CRISIS AGAIN DELAYED

Paris, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The French cabinet crisis has been put off for another day. Premier Painleve and his colleagues adjourned this morning without taking final decision on the financial situation and the convocation of a cabinet council with President Doumergue was postponed until tomorrow.

Earlier the conviction had prevailed in political circles that nothing short of a miracle could prevent a ministerial crisis in France. Minister of Finance Caillaux was sticking to his financial guns. He would not consent to a levy on capital, desired by a majority of his colleagues, and he refused to resign his portfolio until defeated by a vote in parliament.

M. Caillaux in his grim fighting spirit, declared in an address before the electors in his department of the Sarthe yesterday "I expect fresh crowns of thorns on my still bleeding brow," and said he was determined to battle to the bitter end against the capital levy. Favored, he asserted, by "powerful financiers and great industrial interests" who knew that such a law would create disorder and be highly propitious for big money making operations. This being the situation, the only way for Premier Painleve to eliminate his finance minister is to resign with all his ministers. Then, as the premier would not have been beaten by a vote in the chamber of deputies, President Doumergue, in accordance with usage, would call upon Painleve to form another cabinet which he could do without giving M. Caillaux a portfolio, himself either taking the ministry of finance or giving it to Louis Loucheur or some other man.

SECOND BRITISH PLANE DISABLED

Bay Shore Park, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 25.—(A. P.)—Great Britain's Scheider cup challengers were definitely reduced to one this morning, when Pilot Terry Hinkler, in Britain's reserve plane, a Gloster-Napier III, went through his piteous landing on the Chesapeake at the start of his third attempt to qualify his plane for the international race this afternoon. The Gloster was towed to her hangar with its pontoons smashed and its under-ripping torn loose, one wing bent and his propeller blades in the water. The pilot, brought in by a rig from the U. S. S. Shawmut, was not hurt. He said he found the surface upon landing rougher than he expected. Captain Hubert Broad, in Great Britain's Gloster-Napier III, which passed its navigability test last Friday, will be the only British plane to enter the race this afternoon.



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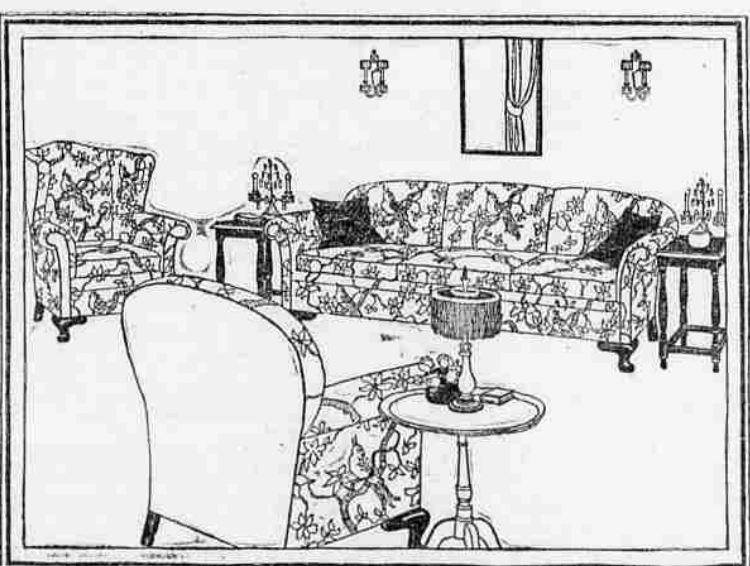
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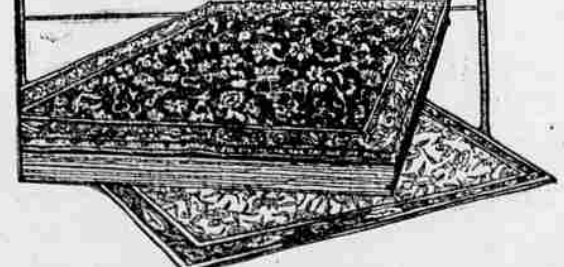
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