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Caught in the Round

By DEB ADDISON

Don't get excited and leave right away, because we're not going to cram anything down your throat, but from Thanksgiving to Christmas is the period of World Wide Bible Reading.

WBER was born back in 1913 when a lonely young man on Guadalcanal wrote his mother, asking that his parents join him in the daily reading of identical passages in their Bibles. The American Bible Society took it up and last year people in 38 countries read identical passages from the Bible on identical days.

So, if you want to join in, get out your Bible tonight and turn to Psalm 135—know that people all over the world are doing the same.

Sunday it will be Psalms 24.

A couple of thoughts, in particular, stick with us from a Thanksgiving talk. It was Dick Graef, the young skip pilot of Zion Lutheran church.

He declared the common conception of brotherly love. Are you supposed to do unto others only to the extent, and only when, they do (something good of course) to you? It's said that marriage is a 50-50 proposition. What's supposed to happen when the old man, after a particularly hard day, comes home and is only able to go 70 percent of the way? If the little woman goes only 30 per cent, then you're not trouble. That's the time for her to go 70 per cent, and when she gets in the dumps and can only go 20 per cent, then he better be big and go 80 per cent of the way.

(Our words, but his thoughts.)

Now, dust off your knowledge of history and think of the great men who influenced the world.

How much did they change events, and how long did it take them? Jesus Christ brought a new way of life to the world in just three years of teaching.

For that, said Pastor Graef, we can be most thankful.

IN ONE EAR and out the type-writer.

Science, experimenting with tones, has discovered that slightly off-pitch sounds are more pleasant to hear than exactly perfect ones.

That should encourage a lot of artists. You can keep sprinkled clothes, without danger of mildew, by placing them in the refrigerator. But watch yourself on those midnight snacks.

Fred Allen, at Jack Benny's 20th anniversary-on-the-air party: "He is the only violinist who makes you feel that the strings would sound better back in the cat."

Observations of the fair sex on the old man's cooking: "If they did all the cooking, we'd all soon suffer from malnutrition. Hold up, sister! Did you ever partake of one of those early morning dunker breakfasts?"

On reading the news item as it came in on teletype capital letters: INGRID BERGMAN, CHIC AND SLIM, RETURNED TO MOVIE ACTING TODAY. "Hmph! Now she's running around with two other guys."

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Sam Dawson

By T. E. APPELEGATE

(FOR SAM DAWSON)

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Several groups are at work trying to save you money, in case you're planning to build a new home.

Success of their efforts, it has been estimated, could cut \$100 from the cost of a three-bedroom house.

They seek to establish uniform standards that would let you use cheaper materials or methods, of tested effectiveness, instead of those now required under the varied construction rules in effect in some 200 communities.

Here is how they propose to do it:

They would set up standards of safety or performance for integral parts of your house—the walls, supporting structure, roofs, heating or plumbing installations. Any material or equipment meeting these standards could be used by your builder.

This is in direct contrast to existing building codes which in many places set up rigid specifications. For instance, these may require walls to be of a certain thickness, even though lighter construction long since has been shown to provide adequate safety or insulation.

Is the new "performance-type" code welcomed with open arms by local authorities? It is not.

For understandable reasons, local government bodies move slowly in abandoning codes. They may fear to step on the toes of interested groups of their citizens; there

is the expense of printing new regulations; or they may feel unable to provide proper administration of a new system.

Meanwhile, home builders may be forbidden by an outdated code from utilizing improved materials or methods that would do an equal job in new construction at lesser cost.

The problem is being attacked by state governmental bodies and also by such national groups as the Building Officials Conference of America, the National Association of Home Builders and the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

BOCA has issued both a basic building code and an abridged version of it for smaller cities, representing five years of expert study. The fire underwriters published their first recommended building code in 1905 and have revised it at intervals. They report more than 250 communities have adopted codes based on it.

More than three-fourths of the states are concerned in one way or another with building regulations on a statewide basis.

Consider the estimate (by NAHB) that code revisions could save up to \$1000 on a three-bedroom home, or reports that in some cities as much as \$500 a house could be saved under a new plumbing code.

In a nation that for the past two years has built homes at a rate exceeding a million units a year, such savings could be tremendous.

Yet, in the unpredictable future brought about by Mossadeh's performance with the British, Communists may be able to take over. If they do the rich won't have to worry about paying taxes or helping the poor. There won't be any rich.

Meanwhile, it is to the interest of this country to see that the Communists don't take over Iran because that would give Russia a huge wedge in the Middle-East, a territory she hasn't penetrated yet.

So while Mossadeh's explanation of what brings in Communism was in the form of a whimper of pain, it was also a warning to this country that if it doesn't let things get too bad in Iran.

At any rate, the Iranian government needs money, and badly. Weeks, talking with American officials who have been trying to work out a compromise.

Neither Mossadeh nor the British budget much, and the prime minister then asked for an American loan. That might save off the wolf, at least temporarily. At the same time it would strengthen his hand in standing off the British.

It so happens that this country and Britain are allies. It's a ticklish problem for this country: if it steps in with a loan to Iran, that hurts the British.

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Mossadeh could be asked very justly: why tell us? Why didn't your government do something about the poverty and dissatisfaction of the people of Iran?

RICH TO POOR

Iran, with a population of almost 19,000,000, is divided into the very rich and the very poor. The very rich, who own most of the land, are a handful. The very poor make up most of the population and work the land of the absentee landlords.

In Iran, as elsewhere, social progress and betterment of the poor have to be paid for mostly out of taxes. But in Iran there are no

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