

## Base of Operations

Lesson for March 5, 1950

THERE IS NO RULE in the Bible forbidding Christians to have common sense. You are not supposed to lay aside your mind when you become a Christian.

This has had many illustrations: let us take Ephesus for one. Put yourself, in imagination, back to the first Christian century. Ask yourself: Where can we start a church where it will do the most good? Where can we put a church that will spread out, one that is sure to have daughter churches? Where can we reach people of influence? Where can we locate a church where it is certain to be heard of?

As your eye ranged over a map of the Empire, you would have lighted on Ephesus as the very place. It was a true capital, not a merely political one.

## Strategy

It was a master-stroke, selecting Ephesus as a base of operations. It made possible the rapid spread of the Christian faith into the province of Asia. The decision to plant a church there had been matched by other strategic decisions in Christian history since then. One of these was founding the church in Rome. That was an even greater feat and capital than Ephesus, and it has lasted much longer.

If the Christian church had been content to be provincial, all right for the smaller towns, but afraid to tackle the big ones, if the early church had feared to seat itself in Rome, the whole history of Europe would have been different. When the Roman Empire crumbled, as in time it did, the church rose on its ruins and took its place as the great civilization of Europe, the strong force that kept a continent from decay for nearly a thousand years.

## Our Ancestors

FROM THE DAYS of the early Roman church there comes a well-known story which may be true. In the slave market at Rome the Pope saw some handsome little boys, whiter than the average Roman, for sale. "Who are you?" he asked. "Angels," they said. "Angels from far-off marshes along the North Sea. No, smiled the Pope, who was a bit of a punster. "No good looking for that; 'Non Angli sed Angeli,' not angels but Angels."

Anyway, the church did send some missionaries to far-away Anglia and elsewhere in Northern Europe. It turned out to be another strategic base of operations. Eventually France and Germany and England and the other countries in that part of the world were converted to Christianity. The time came when those very nations took the lead in moving into the rest of the world, into the western hemisphere, "down under" to Australia, even into Africa. Where they went, they carried their religion with them.

Suppose the church had not thought of our ancestors' worth converting? Suppose all the colonizing movements of the 16th and following centuries had been waves of sheer paganism?

It is not mere racial pride to say that the sending of missionaries to those savage peoples of northern Europe was one of the most strategic moves ever made by the Christian church.

## And Today?

THE CHURCH has not always been smart. Sometimes we have missed the boat. There have been strategic centers we might have occupied and did not.

There was a time, for instance, when Russia, that mighty nation, was open to Christian teaching. Many who knew that country were saying about 1918 that it was possible to capture that land for Christ. But the Christian church was little interested and now whatever Christianity there has been has perished.

Farther east, our own General MacArthur has been calling for missionaries to Japan, thousands of them. Japan is wide open to Gospel today as never before. But where are the missionaries? Going over in dribs and drabs.

Whenever Christianity has seen a strategic point and taken it, future generations have been blessed; whenever we miss our chance, future generations will wonder how we could have been so blind.

## Rural Churches

**St. Paul and Winchester**  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor.  
St. Paul:  
Worship 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10:15  
Schneider, Supt.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Winchester:  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Fred Zurehr, Supt.  
Class meeting 10:30 a.m., Miranda Bollinger, leader.  
Prayer meeting Thursday at parsonage.

**Pleasant Mills Baptist Church**  
D. B. Gebree, Pastor  
Lowell Nell, Supt.  
9:30 — Bible School. Lesson: "Ephesus, A Center of Christian Influence."  
10:30 — Worship Service, Sermon: "Self-Examination."  
The union revival meetings begin this Sunday evening, March 5th. Let us make every effort to attend all the services if at all possible.  
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."  
(II Chron. 7:14)

**Monroe Methodist**  
W. L. Hall, minister  
9:30 Morning Worship  
10:30 Sunday School  
2:00 Cantata Rehearsal  
6:15 MYP under the new plan.  
Diana Crist, leader.  
7:30 We will be guests of the Decatur Methodist Church.  
Monday at 7:30 Dr. A. Wesley Pugh will conduct the business of the fourth Quarterly Conference.  
Wednesday: Mid-week service at 7:30.  
Choir practice at 8:15.  
Men's Chorus after Choir.

**St. Luke Evan. & Reformed Church**  
H. M. Meekstroff, pastor  
9:00 Worship service and special congregational business meeting.  
10:00 Sunday School  
7:00 Youth Fellowship. Miss Eloise Smith will use for her theme, "Youth Reconstruction."

**Riviera Circuit**  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor.  
Mt. Zion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Attending Calvary Revival.

**Pleasant Grove**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:00 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Attending Calvary Revival.

**Mt. Victory**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:00 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**The Methodist Church**  
R. W. Parsley, minister  
Salem  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
There will be no Worship Service in the evening or Prayer service in coming week as the congregation voted to attend the Revival at Pleasant Mills.

**Pleasant Mills**  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
Worship service at 10:30. This is to be a very special day known as ROLL CALL SUNDAY and we earnestly desire to see all able body members and friends at church this Sunday March 5th, which is also the beginning of our Union Revival at Pleasant Mills.

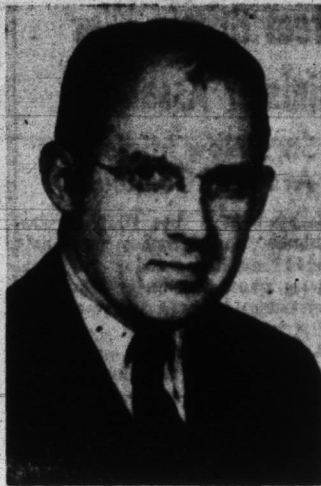
**Union Chapel**  
Evangelical United Brethren Church  
L. T. Norris, pastor  
9:30 Sunday School, Thurman Drew, Supt. Wendell Miller, ass.  
10:30 Worship service. "Hour of Communion."  
Evening Service  
6:45 Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl Hurst.

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## Dr. Gerald Ensley Is Guest Preacher Speaks Sunday At Methodist Church

Dr. F. Gerald Ensley will be the special preacher at the service of worship at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the First Methodist church. Dr. Ensley is the second in the current series of Lenten guest preachers being presented by the local church. The congregation of the Methodist church of Monroe, with its pastor, the Rev. W. L. Hall, will be the special guests for this service. The men's chorus of the Monroe Methodist church will supply music during the evening.

Dr. Ensley is a native of the state of Ohio. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1927. After a year of public school teaching, he entered Boston theological seminary and was gradu-



Dr. F. Gerald Ensley

ated in 1931 with honors. He was awarded the Jacob Slosser fellowship for the years 1931 and 1932 for study and travel in Europe.

He returned and received the Ph.D. degree in philosophy from Boston University in 1933. He holds a doctor of divinity degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. From 1938 to 1944 he was professor of homiletics and systematic theology at the divinity school of Boston University.

Since 1944 he has been the minister of the North Broadway Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio, a parish of more than 3,000 persons. He has written a number of articles, contributed to two books, and has spoken widely, especially to student audiences in the middle west.

**Methodist Circuit**  
Walter Johnson, pastor  
Pleasant Valley  
Worship service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.  
Beulah Chapel  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.  
Worship service 10:45 a.m.  
Mt. Tabor  
Worship service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:30 a.m.  
Mt. Pleasant  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.  
Worship service 10:45 a.m.  
"I was glad they said unto Me, let us go into the house of the Lord," Ps. 122:1.

**Calvary E. U. B.**  
Albert N. Straley, pastor  
The revival will continue through Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Rev. Lawrence Norris is preaching each weekday night. The gospel messages are reaching the hearts of people. Rev. L. A. Middaugh and Mrs. Middaugh are leading in the gospel singing, praising the Lord in song. The song service begins each night at 7:15. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual refreshment.

Sunday School will convene at 9:30 Sunday morning. The lesson, "Ephesus, A Center of Christian Influence," will be the topic of discussion. There are classes for the whole family. Lloyd Lichtenberger is superintendent.

Prayer service in charge of the class leader, Ernest Shiffert, will follow the Sunday school, at 10:30. The evening service, at 7:15, will be the singing of the spiritual songs of meetings. May the work of evangelism continue! The pastor, Rev. Albert N. Straley, will bring the evening gospel message. Rev. Middaugh will conduct the gospel singing.

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Evening Worship 7:00  
Cottage Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening 7:00  
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## CHURCH NEWS

**Decatur Missionary**  
The Crusader quarter, from the West Berne Missionary church, will present special music at the special service at the Decatur Missionary church at 7:30 o'clock this evening. A Saturday night service will also be held, the Rev. H. J. Welty, pastor, announced.

## CARL PUMPHREY

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the campaign for donations and pledges to the building fund was launched, Mr. Pumphrey was chosen general chairman. He directed the local drive and can see victory in the offing as the fund climbs above \$141,000, or within less of \$9,000 of the \$150,000 goal at which figure it will receive a \$75,000 challenge gift from Central Soya company.

**Stage Show Follows**  
Following the distinguished citizen award, a stage show was given, including acrobatic and magician acts, music by Don Smith's orchestra, dancing by the Sparkettes and novelty numbers.

The crowd roared in laughter as several local men were called to the stage to participate in the acts. In one specialty number, W. Gay Brown, high school principal, won first prize.

**Impersonator Was Here**  
A feature of the entertainment was the impersonation of a Polish Countess given by Martin Hughes of Chicago. Posing as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Steyer, the female impersonator highlighted the program with his clever act and dialogue.

**Out Of Town Guests**  
A number of out of town guests attended the banquet and program. From the Central Soya company's Port Wayne office came Dale W. McMillen, Sr., board chairman; Fred W. Thomas, president; Dale W. McMillen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hensel, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nelson, formerly of this city, Wilbert E. Hoge and James A. Hoff-house.

Representing the General Electric company from Port Wayne were John E. Estabrook, assistant to the manager, and Leslie Hodell, manager of manufacturing, fractional horsepower motor divisions. The Erie railroad sent a delegation, including F. J. Mulligan, division superintendent, H. L. Johnson, division freight agent, J. M. Moonshower, trainmaster, and Vincent Abrams, traveling freight agent of Huntington. They were guests of W. M. Bumgardner, local Erie agent.

## TRUMAN TO ASK

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shared the union of responsibility for the strike, issued the full injunction under the Taft-Hartley act.

Technically, it was an 80-day injunction. But the cooling-off period it provided was dated back to Feb. 11, so that it will remain in force for no more than another 60 days.

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## One Minor Accident Reported To Police

One minor accident was reported to police today when a car driven by True Miller, 121 South Tenth street, in making a left hand turn off Adams onto Second street hit the Billie Culp car parked there. The rear of the Culp car, whose owner lives at 251 South Second street, was damaged at an estimated \$35; the Miller car, \$50.

## Charges Russia Is Holding Americans

## Soviet Russia Says Only One American

Moscow, March 5.—(UP)—The United States has charged Russia with holding 38 American citizens in the Soviet Union, but Russia has countered with a claim that only one is an American, it was disclosed today.

The controversy over Americans in Russia was revealed in a note presented to the American embassy by Soviet deputy foreign minister Andrei Gromyko. The Soviet note was in reply to two recent American notes demanding release of the Americans.

All except one of those claimed as citizens by the United States were either Soviet citizens, other nationalities or were stateless persons, the Russian reply said.

It did not identify the one person admitted to be an American.

The Russian note said however that four other Soviet citizens whose families were in the United States would be granted permission to leave the Soviet Union.

U. S. ambassador Alan Kirk was on a month's vacation in Europe and the middle east and other members of the American embassy declined to comment.

The latest American note on the subject was sent to the Russian foreign office by Kirk last Oct. 4. It asked the Soviets to ascertain the addresses of 38 persons claiming American citizenship and permit them to leave the country.

Gromyko's denial that 37 of these were entitled to American citizenship contained a countercharge that the Americans were holding "tens of thousands" of Russians in Germany and Austria, and at least three in the United States.

The three Russians held in the U. S. are children of a Soviet citizen named Choklovsk, who left the United States for Armenia in 1947, the Soviet note said. The children, it said, were being kept in Catholic children's homes.

**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the following persons have duly filed an appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals of Decatur, Indiana, asking a variance from the Zoning Ordinance of said city, and requested a building permit.

Lamoy Wagner, Earl Sudduth, Clarence Zier, Chairman

The first 12 states of the Union in terms of large-scale farming are Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

## Guest Minister At Church Of God

## College Official Here Next Sunday

Dr. Earl L. Martin, vice-president of Anderson College and theological seminary, will be the guest minister Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Church of God on Cleveland street, two blocks northwest of hospital.

Dr. Martin is also professor of Bible and applied theology at the



Dr. Earl L. Martin

college. He is a member of the board of church extension and home missions of the Church of God.

He held pastorates in Missouri, and Indiana before joining the staff at Anderson College. He received his A.M. Degree from Northwestern University, and his B.D. and D.D. from Anderson College.

The public is invited to these services.

## Week-End SPECIALS!

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T-Bone Steak, lb. 55c  
Veal Round Steak, lb. 69c  
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## THREE STATES

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time, and 41,350 were to be furnished within a few days.  
Seven states declared public emergencies and brownouts and hundreds of schools ended classes because there was no fuel to keep pupils warm. Hospitals, public institutions, and private home owners everywhere were near the bottom of their bliss.

New York fuel administrator Bertram Tallamy cracked down on violators of the state's brownout order, directing that power be cut off from those who ignore two warnings.

All public schools in Chicago closed today, but students were asked to tune into a five-hour educational broadcast from the school board's FM radio station.

Chicago's largest public utility said electric power consumption was down 22 percent yesterday, approaching the 25 percent reduction ordered by the state public utilities commission.

Chicago home owners who faced hardship because of the coal shortage were offered 1,500 tons of coal by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and the International Harvester Co.

The governors of Indiana and Wisconsin were going ahead with plans to obtain emergency stockpiles from the armed forces under an order issued by defense secretary Louis Johnson.  
Johnson ordered all military establishments to cut their coal consumption to an "absolute minimum" and share any surplus with civilian authorities for emergency needs.

Current census estimates show populations of \$70,000 for the District of Columbia proper and 1,402,000 for the Washington metropolitan district.

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**SALE CALENDAR**  
MAR. 4—David Gerber, 6 mi. S. of Decatur on 27, then 4 mi. W. on 124. Farm implements, household goods. 10:30 a. m. Ellenberger Bros., acts.  
MARCH 5—Dale Leathers, 4 mi. S. E. of Van Wert on road 116 then 3 mi. S. or 5 mi. N. E. of Ohio City. General farm sale. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, acts.  
MARCH 9—10:30 A. M. RST. Lowell Schweferman, 1 1/2 mi. N. of Mendon, Ohio on road No. 707. 146 acre farm and personal property. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, acts.  
MAR. 9—Harold Park, 7 mi. N. of Bluffton on Road 1, then 3 1/2 mi. W. Farm machinery, Hogs. 10 A. M. Ellenberger Bros., acts.  
MAR. 10—Ervin and Walter Gerber, 2 mi. S. of Craigville on Road 301. 27 Holstein heifers, hogs, few tools. 11 A. M. Ellenberger Bros., acts.  
MAR. 11—1:00 p. m. John L. DeVoss, Comm. Ralph G. Conrad and Selma A. Conrad, Preble on road 224. 7 room house and personal property. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Liechty, acts.

## Public Auction

Due to ill health I will sell the following at Public Auction 4 miles Southeast of Van Wert, Ohio on Road 116 then 2 miles South or 8 miles Northeast of Ohio City, on

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1950**  
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