

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. A. A. Fenner, Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim)

Psalm 119, 161, 5-7: "Princes have persecuted me without a cause; but my heart standeth in awe of thy word." (V. 5) "O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!"

During the Lenten season we view at close range the intense suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. The base and perverse actions of Jesus' foes dumbfound us. That man dares to plot against the world's greatest Benefactor and eventually bring about His death on the cross would surprise us, if we did not have God's divine record which maps out the course which Jesus followed. No wonder that Jesus reminded His hearers: "The Scriptures must be fulfilled." This should enable sinners to recognize in Jesus the Promised Messiah.

Read, if you will, how Jesus was persecuted, tried, and condemned, even as He repeatedly foretold. He dared to tell the truth and reveal that He was indeed the Son of God.

So perfectly did He fulfill every prophecy that He could cry out: "It is finished." Even His Father could testify: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

Oh that we Christians would fervently pray that our ways through life were directed to keep God's statutes and that we would stand in awe of His word, the precious Gospel of Christ, which is a power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth!

Former Decatur Lad Critically Injured

Tim Allen Murphy, 21-year-old former Decatur resident, remained in critical condition at Parkview Memorial hospital in Fort Wayne today, following a one car accident early Sunday morning which already has claimed one life.

Murphy was operated on Sunday afternoon to relieve pressure on his brain. He is reported to have a decompressed skull fracture, a brain concussion, a fractured left leg and hip, some damage to the heart, in addition to cuts of the head, face and body.

The Rev. William C. Feller of the Evangelical and Reformed church, where Murphy was a member before moving to Garrett in the summer of 1959, said this morning that there had been no change in his condition and that he was still listed as critical.

Buddy Dewayne Lowder, 28, of Garrett, who was a passenger in the car Murphy was driving, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by DeKalb county coroner Dr. Floyd B. Coleman.

The accident, which injured two others in the car, occurred on state road 8, approximately one mile east of Auburn, at 1:10 a. m. Sunday.

Murphy's car slid sideways on the road, hit loose gravel and went out of control, overturning and crashing into a tree. The curve on which the accident happened is named "Dead Man's Curve" by residents of that area.

James Maurer, 21, former Garrett high school football star, and his brother, Edward, received cuts and abrasions from the accident, but were treated and released at the Souder hospital in Auburn.

Murphy, who was taken to the Souder hospital and then transferred to Parkview, was driving the car, with Lowder riding in the center of the front seat. Lowder was pinned in the car, while Murphy and James Maurer, who was also riding in the front seat, were thrown from the vehicle. Edward Maurer was riding in the back seat.

Grad of Decatur
Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, graduated from Decatur high school in 1959, and the family moved to Garrett shortly thereafter, where Murphy's father operates a bowling alley. The Murphys resided at 724 Adams street in Decatur.

Murphy was a member of the football, basketball and track

Youth Is Fined On Trespass Charge

Danny Drake, 18, of Bobo, was fined \$10 and costs, totaling \$28.75, in city court this morning on a charge of malicious trespassing.

The charge was levied against Drake after a week-end "snee" three weeks ago, when he knocked down 24 mail boxes and damaged a fence and gate, and a garage on the Verlin E. Burke property east of Decatur.

The charge of malicious trespassing was set against Drake for the damage to the gate and fence and garage on the Burke property. Since the time he signed a full confession, he has repaired damages to the Burke property.

There has still been no charge levied against Drake for the damages done to the mail boxes. Whether or not the postal department will file charges, or any of the residents along the Belmont and Piqua roads whose mail boxes were damaged, remains to be seen.

Found Guilty

Ora Samuel Carpenter, 60, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct in city court last week, was found guilty by the court this morning, after the testimony of four witnesses.

Carpenter received a fine of \$10 and costs, totaling \$27, and was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Adams county jail. His brother, Fred, arrested at the same time, but who pleaded guilty to the charge, was given the same fine and sentence.

The two were arrested after causing a disturbance at the upstairs apartments at 232 W. Madison street. Ferd Kleck, owner and city policeman Kenneth Jennings and Donald Liechty testified, as did Melvin F. Gallogly, a resident.

John Wechter Dies Saturday Evening

John E. Wechter, 91, well known Adams county man, and a former Adams county treasurer, died at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night at the home of his son, Delmore Wechter, in Blue Creek township, one and one-half miles southwest of Willshire, O.

He had been seriously ill for the past week.

Born in Crawford county, O., April 2, 1871, he was a son of Jacob and Mary Jane Clancy. Wechter, and was married to Rosa Larimer Sept. 3, 1893. His wife preceded him in death July 14, 1945.

Mr. Wechter served as Adams county treasurer from 1932 until 1936. He had made his home with the son since 1952.

He was a member of the Willshire Methodist church and the Knights of Pythias lodge at Willshire.

Surviving are the son; two daughters, Mrs. Glenn (Mary) Workinger of Monroe route 1, and Mrs. Paul (Jennie) Edwards of Decatur; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Two brothers and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p. m. Tuesday at the Willshire Methodist church, the Rev. William Powers officiating. Burial will be in the Willshire cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwick funeral home tonight. The body will lie in state at the church from 11:30 a. m. Tuesday until time of the services.

Two American Soldiers Killed, Two Captured By Viet Cong Guerrillas

Civic Music Drive Gains In Members

With a 15 per cent increase over last year, the seventh annual membership drive of the Adams County Civic Music Association ended Saturday night with one of the largest enrollments in its history. Nearly 850 adults and students will enjoy five concerts of the world's finest music starting next October.

Based on the ballots of the membership, the talent committee met late Saturday evening and selected the five concerts, bringing to the citizens of this community a program that will appeal to the tastes of all music-lovers.

With 243 votes, the symphony orchestra, as in previous years, was the most popular choice of the members. To satisfy this request the famous Indianapolis Symphony, under the direction of Izler Solomon, will appear in Decatur next January.

Next in popularity with 234 votes was a singing ensemble. To fill this category the committee engaged the great glee club from Indiana University, "The Singing Hoosiers," consisting of 40 talented young men and women, who will be here next April.

Third on the list with 213 votes was a duo-piano team. This has always been a popular choice and such talented artists to play here have been Ferrente & Teicher, Nelson & Neil and Stecher & Horowitz. Following in the tradition of these splendid virtuosos are Parsons and Poole, a young and attractive man and wife team, who perform on their own grand pianos. They will appear here next March.

Chamber music was next on the list with 143 votes. One of the most popular concerts of the 1960-61 season was the St. Louis trio, and a group of talented musicians heralded as even better than the St. Louis artists and known as the Musical Arts trio will open the new season in October. They play the piano, violin and cello.

Another popular choice of the members was a vocal soloist and the votes were scattered among sopranos, tenors, contraltos and baritone. In this category, the talent committee selected one of the most existing new personalities on the American concert

stage, Miss Betty Allen, young and beautiful Negro mezzo-soprano, who is said to have a better voice than did Marian Anderson at her age. Miss Allen appeared last week before the large South Bend Civic Concert audience, and in her recent recital at Knox College was given a standing ovation by the students at the close of her program. Her accompanist is an outstanding Negro musician, a piano soloist in his own right. They will be here the first week in December.

Stan Freeman, piano-satirist, will present the closing concert of the current season at the Decatur Community Center Thursday evening. This is this year's "bonus" concert and new members of the association will be admitted free.

Mrs. Roy Kalver, president of the association, in commenting on the opinion that the new series will be the most exciting and entertaining in the seven-year history of the organization. She was profuse in her thanks to all the workers who helped in making this year's campaign so successful, and gave special mention to the three drive chairmen, Mrs. J. Clark Mayclin of Decatur, Sherman Stucky of Berne and Mrs. James Briggs, Jr., of Geneva.

Hearing Testing At Moose On Saturday

All committeemen and personnel engaging in the hearing testing program sponsored by Adams lodge, of the Loyal Order of Moose Decatur, have now undergone thorough training, and are ready for the hearing program Saturday at the Decatur Moose home.

The hearing testing station will be set up in the upstairs lodge rooms and will run from 12 noon to 6 p. m.

The test, which is designed for all age groups, will determine only that the person being tested hears normally or has a hearing problem. The personnel in charge of this hearing program does not make any diagnosis, but merely compares the hearing capabilities with a known normal hearing level. Each person tested will receive a report, showing the hearing capabilities in each ear, and if there is a deficiency that person is advised to contact his or her family physician for future examination.

The chairman in charge of this hearing screening program is Donald C. Miller, assisted by his committee. Parents are especially invited to bring their children for a hearing test inasmuch as many children have some slight hearing deficiency, which is not known to the parents or to the school authorities. According to the hearing specialists of the Zenith Electronics Corporation, the greater majority of such hearing deficiencies can be treated and cured during childhood without the use of any mechanical hearing aid appliances. The capability of normal hearing in students of all ages is equally important as good eyesight.

There is no charge for this service offered by the Moose lodge and every adult and child in the city, county and nearby communities should take advantage of this community service offered by the local lodge.

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)

A band of Communist Viet Cong guerrillas killed two U.S. soldiers and captured two others in a surprise raid on a village in the north of South Viet Nam Sunday, U.S. officials announced today.

The officials said that South Vietnamese forces in the area near Danang, about 500 miles north of here, were trying to track down the guerrillas and rescue the two American captives. But observers said their chances were slight.

Seventeen Yanks Killed

The deaths raised to 17 the number of Americans who have died in South Viet Nam as a result of the Communist campaign to overthrow the U.S.-backed government of President Ngo Dinh Diem. In addition, 93 American soldiers were killed last month when a chartered airliner flying them here from the United States disappeared without a trace in the western Pacific.

The officials said the four Americans were members of the U.S. Special Forces—tough, elite troops especially trained in guerrilla warfare tactics.

They were instructing Vietnamese villagers of An Chau how to defend themselves against the Communist rebels when the guerrillas attacked.

Training—Primary Assignment
The primary assignment of the American Special Forces is training South Vietnamese troops in guerrilla warfare to cope with the Communist Viet Cong rebels. The American troops serve in an advisory capacity and do not take direct part in the fighting.

Recently, U.S. Special Forces personnel have been going into isolated villages in South Viet Nam along with teams of South Vietnamese soldiers trying to knit together a system to protect villagers from harassment by the Communist guerrillas.

Identification of the dead and missing Americans was withheld pending notification of their families.

Over \$5,000 Profit Shown By Hospital

A cash profit of \$5,284.76 was shown in March by the Adams county memorial hospital, following large deficits in January and February, Thurman I. Drew, hospital manager, said today.

The large cash balance for the month improved the operating fund balance from \$2,092.57 at the beginning of the month to \$7,377.35 at the end of March.

During the month \$38,703.96 was deposited, while bills were \$13,244.37, and the payroll was \$20,174.81. Expenses were \$33,419.18 in total for the month.

The number of patients admitted was substantially up, to 216 for the month, with 71 babies born. Four babies and 13 patients died, and 206 adults and 69 babies were discharged during the month. This left 43 adults and seven babies in the hospital March 31, compared with 46 adults and nine babies on March 1.

Of the 71 babies born at the hospital during the month of March, 40 were boys and 31 were girls. No multiple births were reported.

Outpatients treated in the lab, x-ray, and emergency room totaled 284 for the month.

INDIANA WEATHER

Clearing and colder tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday. Low tonight 26 to 30 north, in the 30s south. High Tuesday 47 to 53 north, near 60 south. Sunset today 7:17 p. m. Sunrise Tuesday 6:16 a. m. Outlook for Wednesday: Partly cloudy and warmer with showers likely by Wednesday afternoon. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s.

First Annual Kite Contest Held Here

Through the cooperation of kite-flying enthusiasts in and around Decatur, the Decatur Optimists club, and the weather man, an outstanding kite-flying contest was held at Stratton Park Sunday afternoon. Forty young kite-flyers entered the seven different categories, accompanied by at least 40 adult assistants. A large crowd of interested spectators also came and went during the ideal kite-flying afternoon.

Through the work of the committee in charge of the program and the generosity of several Decatur merchants, every winner was awarded at least one prize, and each child entering a kite was also awarded an appreciation gift. Establishments and businessmen assisting in the affair were: Sutton Jewelry store; the Fairway Restaurant; The First State Bank; Dr. H. V. DeVor; and the Habegger-Schafers store.

In addition to numerous standard shaped kites, there were many kites of original design and decoration. Only one box kite was entered, and after fouling lines with another kite, it was torn apart by the wind. It was estimated that a total of over 100 kites were entered in the contest, as several youngsters brought several different kites for the different contests. There was a total of 31 different prize winners, and the kites ranged in size from seven feet high to three inches high.

Winners

The winners in the different categories were: altitude: John Boch, first; David Shirack, second; Barbara Braun, third; John Bunner, fourth; messenger: Barbara Braun, first; Pat Loshe, second; Kay Burke, third; John Bunner, fourth; reeling in: Jim Kuhnle, first; Kay Burke, second; Pat Loshe, third; Tommy Schlotterback and Don Kriegel, tied for fourth.

Novel kite: Don Kriegel, first; Mike Patch, second; Dan Braun, third; Sim Hain and Eric Heller, tie for fourth; largest kite: Larry Heimann, first; Sim Hain, second; Kay Burke, third; Tommy Schlotterback, fourth; smallest kite: Dan Braun, first; Mike Patch, second; Kay Burke, third and fourth; distance: Tommy Schlotterback and John Boch, tie for first, both out of sight; Jim Kuhnle and Pam Blakey, tie for second; Pat Loshe, third.

Very Good Group

The Optimists were very pleased with the acceptance of their first annual project, and were extremely heartened by the conduct of the youngsters participating. In both the workshops and the contest, every committee member has commented on the way the interested youngsters have behaved. The Optimists also thanked the many parents and observers who got in the swing of the contest and contributed time and effort to assist the children.

Those who helped as judges included: Earl Caston, Mike Pryor, Ralph Lohe, Bud Wertzberger, Cyril Heimann, Ralph Gordon, Oscar Miller, Robert Boch, Bill Kuhnle, Henry Humsman, Sim Hain, Charles Arnold, Merle Affolder, Tom Schlotterback, John Boch, John Bunner, Jack Heller and John Kriegel. The Optimists also express their appreciation to Dave Ison, of the Fort Wayne park board, who assisted at the workshops and in setting the project in motion.

Also assisting in the judging were Don Chronister, who supplied a plane for over the area, and Dave Braun who acted as aerial spotter. Vernon and Winston Seitz operated the air-to-ground radio, and Charles Arnold and Merle Affolder supplied the loudspeaker and radio equipment.

Castro Offers Prisoner Deal

By United Press International

Fidel Castro, in a move apparently aimed at rescuing Cuba's decaying economy, wants \$62 million in American dollars for the release of 1,180 captured Cuban invaders.

The Cuban premier will meet Tuesday in Havana with a four-man delegation representing families of the prisoners in hopes of obtaining from \$25,000 to \$500,000 for individual members of the invasion force.

The government ruled Sunday if Castro's price is not met the men would have to spend 30 years at hard labor for their part in last April's abortive invasion. The announcement was made in Sunday editions of government-controlled newspapers.

To See Castro

The public trial of the prisoners, for whom the death penalty had been asked of the five-man court, ended last Tuesday with no announcement of a verdict.

The "Cuban Families Committee for Liberation of Prisoners of War" called Castro Sunday it was "prepared to 'definitely settle negotiations and liberate all prisoners'."

The group said it would be able to offer "products or articles" valued at \$28 million and Castro

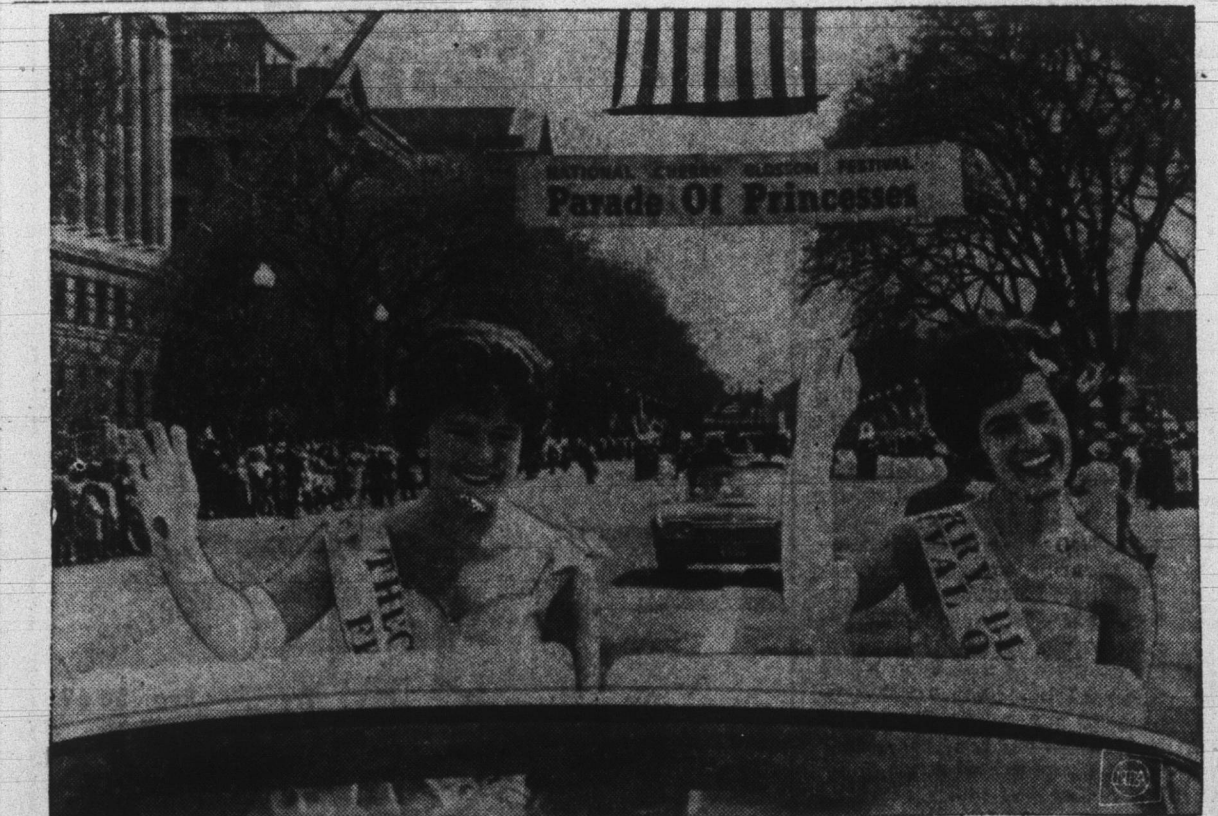
agreed to meet with the four-man delegation.

The committee's cable, signed by Chairman Alvaro Sanchez Jr., said the "firm offer . . . does not refer to tractors." In a speech last May 17 Castro made his "tractors for prisoners" offer, asking that the captives be exchanged for 500 tractors worth about \$2 million. He later said he wanted heavy duty tractors which would cost considerably more.

Castro's Demands Increase
All attempts to make the exchange failed and the Cuban dictator subsequently increased his demands until a \$28 million price tag was placed on the prisoners. Sunday Castro more than doubled this.

In Washington, the administration had no official comment on Castro's latest manipulation with human beings. It appeared the United States, which the court-martial board at the prisoners' trial charged with financing and backing the invasion, would take no official part in the negotiations.

Some sources observed that Castro might be trying to establish some diplomatic contact with the United States because no death sentences were handed down at last week's trial.



FESTIVAL'S CO-QUEENS—Co-Queens of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, Kathleen Knous, left, of Colorado, and Frances Pastore, of Rhode Island, wave to crowd during the annual parade.

Free Cooking School Tonight, 7:30--Tuesday 1:30 p.m.--Youth Center