

## NEW PASTOR AT MERIDIAN M. E.

Dr. Virgil E. Rorer Preaches  
Two Good Sermons.

"Many of us spend the last half of our life undoing what we did the first half," declared Dr. Virgil E. Rorer last night at the Meridian Street M. E. Church in a sermon on "Character Building." Dr. Rorer, who preached his initial sermon at the morning service, will fill the pulpit of the church, which has been vacant for several months.

Dr. Rorer pointed out that just as the first half of the foundation in building an eighteen-story structure is very important, so the structures of men's lives depends upon their foundation. He said it is useless to try to build life upon a record of shame; for it is impossible to say that he will forget and begin life again.

"In erecting your building you may have others build your structure, but in life none may build your structure but yourself," he declared.

"Take heed how ye build. Why shall ye take heed? First, because ye are builders and no man may build for you. Second, because as ye build, so will others build after ye. Third, because a variety of material may go into the structure, for just as a preacher may be a practical preacher, a historical one or a practical one, so may your building material of your life's structure of character vary. Fourth, because every man's work will be tested. Take heed how ye build, lest ye be called upon to tear your superstructure down."

"Therefore, take heed how ye build, and build it well, build it straight, build it strong and true."

**McCONNELL SCORES FOREIGN INFLUENCES.**

In an address on "Stay Awake, America!" at the Big Men's meeting at English's theater yesterday afternoon Lincoln McConnell scored Bolshevism sent up by Lenin from Russia as responsible in a large measure for the industrial unrest which is spreading all over the United States. He declared that these "parasitic priests of Bolshevism" who are showing "an alarming disrespect for law" of this country are causing thousands of citizens of foreign birth to lose their faith in the American government. He scored "as devilish propaganda" periodicals printed in foreign languages containing slanderous statements about the Government.

"Spread the information and teach it as a holy gospel that this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people," he stated.

Mr. McConnell said he believed in labor organizations, as he had at one time been a member of one, but he censured the Bolshevik propaganda which is being spread among them. He advocated that only American citizens should be allowed to have a vote in the unions. He pointed out that the responsibility of stemming the tide of industrial unrest falls to the church as the only institution which has the power to withstand the propaganda of foreign agitators.

## WILSON ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Aside Thursday, Nov. 25,  
Thanksgiving Day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamation saying that "in plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future," and setting aside Thursday, Nov. 25, for the usual observance, is as follows:

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preoccupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for his manifold goodness."

"This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thoughts and habits. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own assistance."

"We have abundant cause for Thanksgiving. The lessons of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freedom, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the usual pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as it rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received ready vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing."

"In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties, the strength, both of hand and resolve, to discharge them, and the soundness of heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service."

"It is a spirit of devotion and stewardship we should give thanks in our hearts, and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to his children."

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and his blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgment."

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## Petrograd Soon to Be Deserted City, Berlin Figures Say

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—Petrograd will soon be a deserted city, a mere memory of the past like Troy or Carthage, according to figures in the Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift. The death rate in peace time in Petrograd was far from low; in 1914 it was 22.5 for each 1,000 population. In 1916 the figures increased to 23.5, in 1918 to 43.6 and in 1919 78.4 persons died of every 1,000 residents. If the rate of 74.9 is really 25 to 30 per cent below the truth, as reliable medical reports indicate, the death rate in Petrograd has reached the appalling ratio of 100 persons of every 1,000, or 10 per cent.

In Berlin the death rate is 13.6, in London 9.5, in Stockholm 10 and in Amsterdam 8.4 of every 1,000. According to this, Petrograd's death rate is seven times that of Berlin and ten times that of London. Hand in hand with this steadily increasing death rate is an extraordinary decrease in the birth rate, which has dropped from 20.4 births for each 1,000 in the year 1914 to 13 to the 1,000 in 1919. You can figure for yourself how long it will be, at this rate, until Petrograd is a deserted city.

## PARK AVE. MAN KILLED BY AUTO

Hit After Leaving Church—  
Woman Injured.

While crossing Vermont near Meridian street, Rudolph Elasser, 73, formerly a barber, 1947 Park avenue, was killed instantly by an automobile driven by Basil A. Clark, 28, 708 North Capitol avenue, last night.

Clark was arrested on the charge of manslaughter, although witnesses told the police he was driving slowly at the time of the accident.

Elasser lived with his daughter, Mrs. William B. Gilbert. He had just left the First Baptist Church and was crossing the street, when struck by the automobile.

Three daughters, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Henry Robinson of Indianapolis and Mrs. H. M. McDermid of Hastings, Neb., and one son, Joseph E. Elasser, survive.

Mrs. Louise Eck, 41, 3200 Madison avenue, was injured last night, when hit by an automobile driven by George T. Tribby, 715 East Fifteenth street.

## Woman Hit by Wagon in Serious Condition

Mrs. Anna McCormick is in a critical condition at the City Hospital today, the result of injuries received when she was struck by a delivery wagon driven by Robert Frebbie at Michigan and Illinois streets. Mrs. McCormick suffered a concussion of the brain.

It was not until Sunday that she was positively identified, her son, Jessie McCormick, appearing at the hospital. Her home is at Lawrence, rural route J-1, box 40. She has another son, Elmer, who lives at Lawrence.

## GIRL HELD AS PRISONER, CHARGE

Man Accused of Locking Victim  
in Rear Shop Room.

John Emrich, 57, of 2221 Speedway avenue, charged with assault on a young girl and another serious offense, was locked in city prison today, having failed to obtain bond of \$10,000.

Parents of a 16-year-old girl whose home is in Ellettsville, charged that Emrich, who is a blacksmith, kept the girl a prisoner in a rear room of his shop. The girl left a downtown store where she is employed, Wednesday night. When she failed to appear at her home her parents on Sunday reported the disappearance to the police who found her in a room in the rear of Emrich's shop. Emrich, after his arrest, refused to discuss the case.

It is said, however, that the girl, after attending a picture show, said she was afraid to return home and went to Emrich, a friend of the family, and asked for a place to sleep. He permitted her to sleep in the rear room of the shop and when she awakened the next morning the door was locked. She is said to have been held a prisoner there. She admitted she heard her father's voice in Emrich's shop, but was afraid to call to him, it is said.

The girl wrote a letter to her father, and this letter was found in the room.

## East Washington St. Merchants to Dine

Members of the East Washington Street Merchants' Association will meet at dinner to be given in the Columbia Club, Wednesday evening at 6:30. The association has been reorganized recently with the following as officers: President, Samuel Mueller, first vice president, Harry W. Krause; second vice president, Charles Hartman; secretary, Ferd A. Meyer; treasurer, Charles Kottemann.

## Burn Everything at Greensburg

Special to The Times.  
GREENSBURG, Ind., Nov. 15.—The coal shortage here is causing a heavy drain on the natural gas wells of the county that have been supplying fuel to many citizens.

Owners of the wells have issued a warning to all consumers that unless they economize in the use of gas that the supply will be exhausted before the coal shortage is relieved.

Many residents have had to resort to wood for fuel.

## Sheriff Has to Dig Up \$50 of His Own

Special to The Times.  
HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Nov. 15.—Sheriff Albert Sutton of Blackford County isn't desisting any further trips out of the State for prisoners.

Recently he returned Robert Wiley from Casper, Wyo., and his expenses were \$50 in excess of what the circuit court, under the statutes, could allow. Increased railroad rates make the old rate of mileage inadequate.

## Here's a Woman Who Knows How to Repair Watch

She Learned Trade When  
Youngster—Hopes to Own  
Her Shop.

In yesterdays days the watch was a luxury, a treasure to be handed down from father to son, but today the ten-year-old girl displays a wrist watch and the school boy is poor indeed who does not possess "the kind that made the dollar famous."

But common as the watch has become and as general its usage, few are the owners who can repair their own timepiece. They can take the kinks out of their motor car when it goes wrong, but when the main spring of their watch breaks they hurry it to the shop.

There is one young woman in town, however, when the motor of her wrist watch develops a knock, who takes off the back and does her own repair work. Mrs. Fern Flint is a full fledged expert watchmaker, the only woman working in her line of business in the city. While at present she is not exactly making watches, she is regulating watches, telling the unfortunate owners just what causes their timepieces to gain or lose.

Mrs. Flint learned watch making in Kansas, where her family owned a jewelry shop. From a child she was interested in any species of mechanics.

## BETTER THAN DOLLS

"When I was just a youngster, engines were far more interesting to me than dolls," she said. "I loved to tinker with any kind of machinery and when, in the shop, I saw the wonderful mechanism of the watch, I decided then and there to learn all about its workings."

"Under the close guidance of the expert watchmaker in the shop I worked at the bench, to learn the art and continued for several years. It was the most fascinating work to me."

"Watch repairing is so interesting because it is so human. The mechanism resembles the human body with the hair-spring as the heart, the vital, pulsing, delicate organ."

"When I was thrown on my own resources a few years ago I came to Indiana and took a watch repairing position in Blackwell, working at the bench for a year. At present I am up at the bench, I am regulating and diagnosing watch ailments, and also selling watches not just taking the money, but advising people and showing them the differences in the various timepieces."

## TO WATCH BUYING.

"People don't realize that they should take as much care in buying watches as they do in choosing their automobiles. They should study the makes and the movements just as they do the motor makes and engines."

"People, especially women, are too prone to buy a watch for its case. Instead of looking to its sterling mechanism, and they, like the owner of a motor car with a beautiful, graceful body and rich upholstery, spend a 'deal' of their time and money at the repair shop."

"I do hope that I will have my own watch repairing shop some day. Like every other trade 'dependant' I am working toward that goal."

Mrs. Flint, although a keen and expert business woman, with a thorough work-

## Everybody Would Have 'Sidewheeler' If Earth Stopped

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Nov. 15.—Here's something to worry about.

If the earth were to stop rotating we would all become dizzy and start to walk in a circle. "Fact!" in support of the statement we have the word of the eminent Dr. Coleman R. Griffith, department of psychology, University of Illinois.

Dr. Griffith has been experimenting on the equilibrium of white rats for the past six months. The rodents were kept in a continuously rotating cage and upon being released walked clockwise.

The work is related to the problem of equilibrium among aviators, and the facts thus far established, Dr. Griffith says, bear out those gained from experiments with human beings.

ing knowledge of her trade, has not lost one whit of her femininity, for, although she admits that wrist watches are variable timekeepers and the smaller the watch the more delicate and uncertain the mechanism, she wears a black-banded wrist watch of decidedly minute proportions.

## Indianapolis Man Awarded Honor Cross

A naval distinguished service cross has been awarded Major Morris E. Shearer, United States Marines, son of Samuel H. Shearer, 4609 Brookville road, for meritorious service in action at Belleau Wood, the action in which the marines first halted the last German drive on Paris.

Major Shearer is in charge of marine recruiting in Detroit.

Besides the latest decoration, Major Shearer holds citations from the French government and was honored July 4, 1918, with the command of a celebration parade in Paris. His commands during the late war were the 3rd Battalion of the 5th Regiment and the 1st Battalion of the 6th Regiment of Marines. He served in the 27th Indiana Battery in the Spanish-American War and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1905.

## SALVATION ARMY TO AID SEAL SALE

Commander Booth Issues Instructions for Week.

Plans for the active participation of the entire Salvation Army in the nationwide Christmas seal sale set for Dec. 1 to 11, have been perfected, according to announcement made public today by the Indiana Tuberculosis Association here through Murray A. Auerbach, executive secretary. The annual sale of Christmas seals, which is being held simultaneously by the 1,200 local constituents of the National Tuberculosis Association, and by dozens of county anti-tuberculosis organizations throughout Indiana, provides the funds for the year-round fight against the great white plague which is waged in every State.

Following conferences with the tuberculosis officials, Commander Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army, has issued instructions covering the part her organization is to play in the undertaking, and with the cooperation of Commissioners Thomas Estill, William Peart and Adam Gifford, New York, Chicago and San Francisco territorial commanders, respectively, between 30,000 and 40,000 Salvationists will devote the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 8, and all the following day to the sale of the little stamps which play so big a part in furthering the anti-tuberculosis fight.

Commander Booth herself plans to make one of the selling stations to be opened here. It will be known as "The Booth Booth." Similar cooperation between the two agencies of uplift, will be in effect throughout Indiana, Mr. Auerbach said.

## Dog Fires Shotgun That Kills Master

Special to The Times.  
GREENSBURG, Ind., Nov. 15.—His faithful hunting dog touched the trigger of a shotgun that sent his master, William Smith, of Anderson to his death.

From the home of a friend near this city Mr. Smith, together with a companion, O. V. Flynn, was preparing to go on a rabbit hunt and he had just placed the gun in the automobile, when the dog, in his glee of the expected hunt, stepped on the trigger and discharged the gun. The entire contents of the gun entered Smith's right side. He died almost instantly.

## Killing Campaign Clears Rats From County in Texas

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Nov. 15.—More than 15,000 rat tails, or enough to form a rectangular figure about the city, were accumulated by the local Chamber of Commerce as a result of a rat-killing campaign which has just ended in Cooke County. The campaign was to have continued for another week, but when it rained, farmers and their employees went into the rat-killing game and rodent supply was exhausted before the time limit was reached.

Before the campaign closed, the bounty money put up by the local Rotary Club was exhausted. It was the intention to pay a nickel for each rat tail, but the funds melted when the farmers and their employees began to bring the tails in by the bundle.

The campaign was started when it was learned the rodents were doing thousands of dollars worth of damage to the crops. Now it is said a rat cannot be found in Cooke County. Cats which formerly kept sleek and fat on rats are being fed by their owners. Just how many rats were killed in the county will never be known. With the exhaustion of the bounty fund, rat-tail bearers bring them to the city.

Mrs. Flint says she now busy denying reports that rat tails were accepted as street car fare, movie admissions and ice checks during the campaign. They declare the only money, or monetary equivalent, paid for the tails was that put up by the Rotary Club.

## Police Say Woman Tried to Shoot Them

Seven men and one woman, all negroes, were arrested in a raid on an alleged poker game last night, at 714 Douglas street. The woman, Anna Curley, is alleged to have drawn a revolver and attempted to shoot the police. She was disarmed before she could fire.

Fred Curley was charged with gaming and keeping a gambling house.

The police arrested two men, Howard Achilles, 32, of 115 West North street, and Louis Schaeff, 34, of Detroit, at 9 North Liberty street, charging them with operating a blind tiger.

In a raid on an alleged gambling game at 775 Indiana avenue, the police arrested nine negroes, charging them with gaming.

## Man of 81 Accused as Check Worker

Special to The Times.  
COLUMBUS, Ind., Nov. 15.—Samuel W. Stevens, 81, was arrested here Saturday by Stanley J. Cooper, chief of police, and taken to French Lick by a detective who traced him from French Lick here. Stevens is said to have defrauded the State Bank of French Lick of \$200 by fraudulent checks.

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