

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON MONDAY

Yearly Course
to Be Started
in 3 Sessions

Baptist, Methodist and
Christian Groups to
Conduct Classes.

Meetings in the First Baptist, Central Christian and Merritt Place M. E. Churches Monday night are to open the city's annual Church Leadership Training Schools.

The Baptist division is to conduct six weekly sessions, the Methodist group, which is divided into five schools, will meet each week for five weeks, while the Christian course includes lectures on Jan. 8, 10, 13, 15 and 17.

Each denomination is affiliated with the Marion County Council of Christian Education, which will conduct an interdenominational school opening Feb. 24 for six sessions over a two weeks' period. Credits gained in the denominational schools are interchangeable with those of the later meetings, and may be applied toward a Standard Leadership Training diploma.

Cecil Beck Is Director

The Baptist training school is sponsored by the Baptist Superintendents' League of Marion County, and the Indianapolis Baptist Association's Department of Christian Education, under the direction of Cecil Beck, dean.

Monday night's meeting is to hear an address by Dr. Arthur E. Cowley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, on "The Development of the English Bible." Study of the New Testament; training in teaching, worship and devotional life; studies of adult, adolescent and child life; and a discussion of music in religious education are among the courses offered.

Prof. Ross J. Griffith is dean of the Christian group, whose outline of study embraces church and Bible history; the church's opportunities in the guidance of children and youth, and in adult education; discussion of the work of church officers; education for missions and world service; and church music.

Dr. Backus in Charge

The divisions of the Methodist school are under the general direction of the Rev. A. H. Backus, state director of education in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Indianapolis district director is the Rev. Roland L. Dove, assisted by the Rev. Harvey J. Kieser. Representatives of several churches are to meet in each of the groups.

The Southwest Division school is to meet at the Merritt Place Church Monday night. The South Side and East Side Divisions will assemble at Fletcher Place, the Irvington Churches the following night, and Wednesday the Northwest and North Side groups hold sessions in the Riverside Park and Broadway Churches.

First 'Big Meeting'

Is Tomorrow at 3

Miss Edna Means, impersonator, is to open the winter series of Y. M. C. A. "Big Meetings" at 2 tomorrow at Keith's. Mass singing and orchestral music are to complete the program.

Many of Miss Means' numbers are original, whose characters are gleaned from wide travel and observation of "everyday" people in all walks of life.

Her repertoire includes character impersonations, readings and dramatic monologues, all of which are to be represented on tomorrow's program.

Eight Sunday afternoon meetings are to make up this winter's series, and are open to the public without admission charge.

University Head's
Speech Cancelled

The appearance of Dr. O. C. Kreinbender as speaker at the English Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, originally scheduled for tomorrow night, has been postponed. Dr. Kreinbender, president of Valparaiso University, is in the East on a business trip for the university.

The service was to have been one of a series planned for the first Sunday of each month, which is to bring outstanding Lutheran speakers to Indianapolis.

At the next special service Feb. 2, Professor O. P. Kretzman of Chicago, executive secretary of the Walther League, Lutheran young people's organization, is to speak on "The Lutheran Church and Youth."

Mission Society to
Hold Joint Session

A joint meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church is to be held Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. E. W. Stockdale presiding.

The guest speaker is to be Miss Inez Sauter and piano soloist will be Mrs. T. P. Woodson. Devotions will be led by Mrs. William P. Knodle.

A Pan-American social hour, led by Mrs. Neal Ireland, is to conclude the program, which will be featured by an exhibition of Mexican pictures.

Dance Is Scheduled
by St. Ann's Club

A dance, sponsored by the Good Will Club of St. Ann's Catholic Parish, is to be held in the parish auditorium Tuesday night.

Review Is Subject

A New Year's survey of world affairs is to be given by the Rev. George Arthur Franz, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, at 7:30 tomorrow night. His subject is to be "The World Tonight."



From Memphis Press-Sentinel.

THE MEANING OF KAGAWA

(An Editorial from the Memphis Press-Sentinel)

There are many people in this country who have left the church. There are children who have been brought up knowing nothing about religion. Their parents, believing the church teaches superstition and hypocrisy, have kept them away from it.

These are often good people, often exceptionally fine citizens.

They have taken so little interest in religion that they do not know what has happened to it in recent years.

Something very important has happened to it. The church is practicing its own teachings.

Religion formerly was often largely a means by which people sought to save themselves from a hell hereafter.

Today people are seeking to be "saved" in order that they may be cleansed of selfishness and so fit to save civilization in this world to come.

Not that they believe less in the hereafter; they believe in it more surely. But they are not willing to wait for death for heaven; they want to bring it to their fellowmen on earth here and now. They demand that industry and politics be governed by the teachings of religion.

Not in fear, but in love; not seeking what they can get out of religion, but what they can put into it for others.

This is a phenomenon found not in one denomination, but in all Christian and Jewish denominations, and even in some other faiths.

Religion everywhere is meeting the challenge offered by the needs of the world today.

In no man does this new spirit of religion find better expression than in the frail, ailing body of the Japanese Kagawa, who is on an American tour.

Kagawa practices the teachings of Jesus. He believes that Jesus meant it when He said: "Love ye one another." "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven."

He works day and night to do the will of God. He gives all of his large earnings as a writer and speaker to the poor, except the little that it takes for the simple living of himself, his wife and children.

He has launched "The Kingdom of God Movement" to bring the Kingdom of God, not to some distant sky, but to this troubled earth of 1936.

Those who have stayed away from church will not find any hypocrisy in Kagawa to repel them.

Instead, they will find a terrible sincerity.

And some, like the rich young man of the Scriptures, will turn away sorrowful.

For Kagawa, like his Master of 1900 years ago, has some "hard sayings."

"Go, give all thou hast . . ." Kagawa can say it, because he has done it.

THE NEW DAY COMES FROM THE EAST



Cites Present Need for New Men in World

Minister Points to Christ's
Power to Rejuvenate
Existing Beings.

BY S. GRUNDY FISHER
Minister University Park Christian Church

New Year's Day has just passed. What explains the feeling of release, relief and new interest in life? Down in our hearts we know that things are not so much different from last year. Same old debts, same old problems, same old harassments. Never the less, we do rejoice in the New Year.

Some of us celebrated crazily enough, but more more soberly. All, unless very old in spirit, rejoiced. The explanation is the deep instinct of adventure—the love of surprise, of possibly finding something better than what we have had. New fashions, new books, new houses, new cars, new lands—we love the new.

The Apostle Paul had something better than all these: "If any man is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away; behold they have become new." He knew what the old creature was: selfish, blind, dying while he lived. But he knew also, what the Gospel of Christ could do for and in a man. He knew himself to be new.

Love Replaced Selfishness

He was new in his motivation. When he came into fellowship with Christ, old and selfish motives, often camouflaged as virtues, were replaced by one great constraint, the love of Christ. He had been zealous for the law, for his nation's existence and glory, and he had let the old make him cruel, bigoted, arrogant.

Christ entered his life and he entered into fellowship with Christ, and he became tender, forgiving, compassionate, loving, humble. Old things had passed away, indeed. He was a new creature. He had some new to live for. A new goal called him. And, most wonderful of all, a new power—a power not of himself, making for righteousness—took possession of him.

What he had experienced in his own life, he had seen in others. And what he had seen in others, has been the ever-recurring miracle across the ages. This very New Year's Day we have had in our midst men and women from far sundered lands, testifying to the power of this Christ to make new creatures, and proclaiming their faith that these new men and women will eventually make a new world.

Need Is For New Men

What other hope have we of a world order fit for men and not a place in which we shall fight and devour one another? New men!

For these thousands of years we have been governed by men who have thought that the interests of their clan were to be advanced by exploiting their neighbors who were weaker, not "civilized" but "backward." Do we not need new men?

For these same thousands of years these governing groups seem to think only superior force can keep the peace, and that not for long. Do we not need new men? For these old ones have not learned anything and seem incapable of learning. They must be replaced with new men.

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