

CHURCH LEADERS TO OPEN STATE CONVENTION AT FRANKFORT TUESDAY

New Class Teaching Methods, Suggestions on Pageantry and Dramatics Are to Be Outlined

Pageant in Six Scenes Scheduled to be Staged as Feature of Closing Session; Local Delegation Is to Attend.

Indianapolis pastors and church leaders are to be among the speakers and teachers at the seventy-second annual Indiana State Convention of Christian Education, which is to open a three-day meeting Tuesday at Frankfort.

Built around the general theme of "A Christian Community," the convention program is planned to provide suggestions for church and Sunday school workers on teaching, pageantry, dramatics, art and worship for the home, church and community.

Included in the local clergyman taking active part in the convention sessions are the Rev. R. H. Mueller, First Evangelical Church; W. R. Jewell, director of Christian Education, Indiana Baptist Convention; H. G. Rowe, Emerson Avenue Baptist Church; O. Herschel Folger, First Friends Church; Howard Anderson, Speedway Christian Church, acting Young People's Superintendent, Indiana Council of Christian Education, and Alfred H. Backus, area director of Religious Education, Methodist Church.

Lay workers include Misses Elizabeth Taft, Myrtle Huckelberry and Nellie C. Young, and E. E. York. J. Raymond Schütz, president of the Indiana Council, is to appear as speaker and preside over several of the sessions. Dr. Schütz is a professor at Manchester College.

Other nationally known speakers are Dr. H. Augustine Smith of Boston University, musician, author, lecturer, director of pageants and a collector of fine art for use in church worship; Walter D. Howell of Philadelphia, field director of Sunday, Week Day and Vacation School Administration, Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.; Miss Hazel A. Lewis, St. Louis, writer for United Christian Missionary Society children's literature; and Jesse M. Bader, director, Preaching Mission of the Church Committee, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Convention headquarters are to be in the Frankfort High School building, and sessions will be held there and in Howard Hall, First Baptist, First Christian, First Methodist and First United Brethren Churches.

A feature of the closing session Thursday night is to be the presentation on a pageant in six scenes, "The Wonder and the Glory of the Light," under Dr. Smith's direction.

A special bus is to leave Indianapolis for Frankfort at 7 Tuesday morning and return after the pageant Thursday night.

Church to Hold 5-Day Meeting

Institute to Begin Monday at Calvary U. B.

The Calvary United Brethren Church is to be host to the fifty-seventh session of the White River Conference Institute, which is to begin a five-day meeting Monday night.

Daytime sessions are to be devoted to class work with the evening services given over to evangelistic messages. Instructors include Dr. J. B. Parsons and the Revs. George F. Snyder, L. A. Huddleston and Roy H. Turley, all of Indianapolis; the Rev. C. G. McCrackin of Lebanon, the Rev. N. F. France of Anderson, the Rev. J. C. Shirley of Bates, the Rev. W. R. Montgomery of Hartford City, and the Rev. E. L. Emmert of Marion.

Speakers at the night services are to be the Revs. A. E. Struble, S. I. Hart, C. G. McCrackin and I. C. Alderton.

Graduation exercises are to close the session on Friday night. Diplomas are to be presented to the Revs. J. W. Turnbull, C. H. Grace and Lloyd Lanahan. The Rev. L. A. Huddleston is pastor of the host church.

Graduation Set for Kindergarten

Church kindergarten graduation exercises are to be held tomorrow morning in the Fletcher Place Methodist Church. Parents and friends are invited.

On Monday morning the church's Daily Vacation Bible School is to open a four-week term without charge to all children under high school age. Classes will meet from 9 to 11:40.

Pageant to Be Given

A pageant, "Every Hour," is to be presented by University Park Christian Bible School as part of a Children's Day program tomorrow. The Rev. S. Grundy Fisher, pastor, is to bring a story message, "Lin Chang and His Pears," and a special world missions offering will be taken. The unified service is scheduled for 9:30.

Daily Topics

Next week's morning devotional broadcasts over WIRE are to be conducted by the Rev. A. Bredy, Bethel Baptist Church pastor. His daily topics are to be: Monday, "The Thing that Wins"; Tuesday, "The Only Thing That God Forgives"; Wednesday, "Making the Most of Me"; Thursday, "The Road to Happiness"; Friday, "The Three Best Things of Life"; Saturday, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The programs, sponsored by the Church Federation, are heard each morning except Sunday at 6:30.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO MARK BIRTHDAY

Oldest member of its denomination in Indianapolis, the Central Christian Church is to mark the scene of the congregation's one-hundred-third anniversary celebration on June 14. The church building was erected in 1822, and the educational unit, first of its kind in any Indiana Christian Church, was built in 1921.



The church first met in a log cabin southwest of the present State Capitol Building's location. Later a church was built at Ohio and Delaware sts. and was used until 1822. The church has had but four pastors in nearly 50 years: the Rev. D. R. Lucas served for seven years; the Rev. John E. Founds, two years; the Rev. A. B. Philpott, 27 years, and the present pastor, Dr. W. A. Shullenger, 11 years.

Regarded as the "mother church" of one of the largest communities of the denomination, the Central Christian is nationally known for its activities in all matters of benevolence and religious influence.

Valued Collection of Church Relics to Be Given to Seminary

Manuscripts and Autographs Relating to Unitarian Faith Gathered by University Man.

By United Press PHILADELPHIA, June 6.—One of the most valuable collections of manuscripts, autographs and relics pertaining to the Unitarian Church in America, gathered by George E. Nitzsche, recorder of the University of Pennsylvania, is to be given soon to Meadville (Pa.) Seminary.

A large part of the collection, gathered over a period of 20 years, was made possible through the interest and donations of Cyrus H. K. Curtis. Included in the collection are more than 800 signatures and manuscripts, besides many letters and manuscripts of Unitarian Presidents of the United States, letters, manuscripts, autographs and relics of great American poets, scientists, statesmen, lawyers and business leaders who followed the Unitarian faith.

"My collection includes autograph letters from Presidents John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Jefferson, Fillmore and Taft; poets and literary personalities such as Bryant, Longfellow, Emerson, Dickens and the Alcotts; historians such as Motley and Prescott; scientists such as Darwin, Wedgwood, Steinmetz and Priestley, and many other great ministers, authors, educators, lawyers, doctors, abolitionists and industrialists," said Nitzsche. One of the most prized autographs of Benjamin Franklin ever found is also in the collection. It is displayed on a fragment of old paper.

In boyish handwriting the note reads: "I O U one pound, Benjamin Franklin."

On the reverse side of the note, the unknown creditor wrote: "This promise is made—will it be paid?" A. D. 1724, Clover Place, Philadelphia.

The note, believed to have been written when Franklin was about 18, substantiates the belief that the young printer was in financial difficulties when he first came to Philadelphia from Boston.

The paper containing the Franklin signature was found in an old book handed down in the Walter J. Haldeman family of Philadelphia.

In the same book were found old papers and bills of sale, receipts for sale of paper and paper making implements, all signed by prominent Germantown men.

Epworth League's Meetings Outlined

The Epworth League programs of the North Methodist Church for June, July and August are to feature meetings on art, dramatics and music. The programs are to be presented by Miss Mary Beatrice Whiteman, dramatic art instructor, and her pupils; Miss Dorothy Eiler, of the Church Federation office, and Miss Marie Newell from the Fletcher Place Good Will Center.

For the social hour programs there will be a cartoon lecture by J. Lemuel Johnson, and folk games led by the Rev. Charles R. Lisenby. Members of the program committee are Betty Mock, Kenneth Hill, Louise Connor, James Copeland, Jennie Hartling and Eileen Simons.

Membership Day Set by M. E. Church

Tomorrow has been set aside as Membership Day at the Woodside Methodist Church, with the endeavor to attract as many members as possible to the services. Former members and friends also have a special invitation.

Features of the occasion will be greetings from former pastors present and music by the combined choirs and the men's and girls' choruses, totaling 125 voices. The Rev. M. E. Reynolds, pastor, is to speak briefly at both morning and evening services.

The committee in charge is made up of Mrs. Roberta Boyd, Mrs. Loreta Parlee, Miss Lulu Russell and Miss Kathryn Nolan.

May Best Month, Industries Report

Indianapolis Good Will Industries had the best month of its existence during May, the monthly report of the Rev. Howard Lytle, superintendent and pastor of the Fletcher Place Methodist Church, revealed today.

The industries provided 2400 hours of employment to 47 people, paying them \$550 in wages. In addition, there were 11 job placements outside the organization. One thousand seven hundred seventy-three reclaimed used articles were sold in the store for \$686. The industries also carried on social service, educational and religious programs for a total attendance of 3174.

4-Day Mission to Be Outlined on Wednesday

Clergy Lay Members Will Arrange Program for September.

A committee of 200 Indianapolis and Indiana clergymen, laymen and laywomen are to meet at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday to formulate plans for the Preaching Mission to be held here Sept. 27-30. Dr. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Church Federation announced today. Dr. Jesse M. Bader, national secretary of the Preaching Mission, is to address the group.

Indianapolis is one of 25 cities in the United States and Canada chosen for the 1936 Preaching Mission. The four-day meetings are to be directed by 12 to 15 leading preachers and laymen of the two countries. They are held annually to revive the message and life of the churches and Christian people. Speakers to be heard are to include Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the mission's general national chairman; Dr. T. Z. Koo, Bishop Arthur Moore, Dr. George Buttrick, Dr. R. H. Miller, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Dr. Merton Rice, Channing H. Tobias, Bishop William Seale, the Rev. Douglas Horton and the Rev. M. E. Dodd.

Committee Heads Named

The local Preaching Mission committee chairmen are as follows: General chairman, Eugene C. Foster; honorary chairman, Dr. William Love Bryan, Edgar H. Evans, Bishop Edgar Blake, Bishop H. H. Fout and Bishop A. R. Clippinger. Vice chairman, Dr. C. A. McPherson. Dr. A. C. Cory, Mrs. Ralph J. Hudeston and the Rev. C. H. Bell; secretary, Dr. Ernest N. Evans; treasurer, A. C. Waggoner. Program committee, Dr. John B. Ferguson; committee on halls and meeting places, Paul Buchanan; music committee, Ralph W. Wright; entertainment, the Rev. Clive McGuire; registration, Henry L. Davis; publicity and radio, Wallace O. Lee; finance, J. W. Esterline; ushers, Culver S. Miller; luncheon and dinner, Frank C. Jordan, Mrs. R. R. Mitchell.

Extension, the Rev. O. Herschel Folger; eight-day Preaching Mission committee, the Rev. R. H. Mueller; spiritual resources, Harry W. White.

PIANIST TO PLAY

Featured on a musical program presented by the Lois Circle of the Third Christian Church, Miss Leona Kohn, pianist (above), is to play a group of Chopin compositions at the home of Mrs. L. T. Hixson, 3133 Washington-blvd., on Tuesday afternoon, Miss Kohn is a student of Earle Howe Jones at the Arthur Jordan Conservatory.

50-Voice Youth Choir Will Sing

Third Christian Church to Mark Children's Day.

The Third Christian Church Youth Choir of 50 voices, supervised by Arthur W. Mason and directed by Mrs. Grace Parris, is to take the place of the regular church choir as a special Children's Day feature tomorrow morning. Master Robert Palmer will be soloist.

A quiet, composed of Willa Robinson, Mary Ann Lookbill, Martha Jane Bond, Byron Taggart and James Selzer, is to present a musical program at the morning service, and will assist the Youth Choir and piano students of Mr. Mason and Mrs. Parris in a musicale at 3:30.

Tuesday evening the Youth Choir is to assist Mr. Mason in a demonstration program of children's musical activity in the church.

Holds Church Duty Found in State Affairs

Baltimore Rabbi Points to Bible, Tradition as Ethics Guide.

BY RABBI L. ISRAEL, R. R. Sinai Congregation, Baltimore, Md.

Recent religious conventions have been greatly concerned with social and economic conditions.

There have been debates pro and con as to whether the churches should be concerned with the social system and to what extent. Doubtless the spectacle of churches, particularly of clergymen, devoting themselves with great seriousness to this problem has caused confusion in the minds of many people. "What's the idea of ministers of religion interfering in economic, social or political problems?" some may ask. "Why don't they stick to their Bibles and hymn books? Is this just another effort to break down the time-honored American tradition of the separation of church and state? What have clergymen to say of value concerning political matters, anyhow?"

Religion and Social Justice

It would be strange indeed were there not a large complement of folks who react in this manner. The dissidents come, for the greater part, from the reactionary group which is out of sympathy with the ideas expressed. Some, however, although agreeing, may raise the issue on a matter of principle. For the illustration of both these groups, let us ask the reason for the concern of present-day religious leaders with these practical problems.

The entire Judeo-Christian religious tradition has been concerned with the ethics of everyday life. This is the mutual spiritual heritage of Catholic, Protestant and Jew—priest, pastor or rabbi.

The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, abounds with concrete examples of this statement. There are the laws of the Pentateuch, the five books of Moses, which, in the name of God, legislate among other things concerning the manner in which hired labor is to be paid, with public safety legislation, with the rights of the widow and the orphan, with just values in everyday commercial transactions. The Mosaic law even goes so far as, by implication, to deny any inherent and lasting rights in property. Witness the provisions for the Year of Release, which remitted debts at the end of seven years, or the ancient statute of limitations and the law of the Jubilee year, which makes land revert to its original owners every fifty years.

Bible Denounces Social Evils

The prophetic heritage is too well known to require amplification. In the name of God, there are denounced militaristic foreign alliances, land and other monopolies, food adulteration, and other forms of economic injustice, either of a blatant or of a disguised nature. We would term "chiseling."

The Bible binds religious faith and social justice into an inseparable oneness. Out of a faith in the Fatherhood of God, there flows inevitably the corollary of the sacredness of man, so that all members of one family, regardless of the differences of race or station.

As within the literal family, there are certain inalienable rights of which no member, no matter how weak or apparently insignificant, is to be deprived, so that the larger human family, the individual members have inalienable rights which may not be violated by cunning, consciencelessness or force. And if such violation takes place, it requires condemnation in the name of God, because of the very act of injustice. The Fatherhood of God is violated.

Contemporary social injustice is a violation of basic human rights, and hence of the fundamental principle of religious philosophy. The prophet today has no alternative but to face the challenge and interpret ethics as applied to the economic, social and political life of the day.

Bishop Is to Speak at Phillips Temple

The Rev. J. Arthur Hamlett, bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District, Colored Methodist Church, and friend of Gov. M. M. Landon, is to preach at the Greater Phillips C. M. E. Temple tomorrow morning.

Kansas Hamlett, whose home is in Kansas City, Kan., presides over a district comprising Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arizona, Washington and Minnesota. He also is president of the board of trustees, Western University, and is a newspaper publisher.

Tomorrow at 3 Lois Mosley, 9-year-old pianist, and her brother, Cecil, 11, violinist, are to give a recital at the Phillips Church. They have been heard over stations WJZ, WOR and WHOM.

Theme Is Outlined

The general theme of the First Baptist Bible School devotional periods during June is "The Christian's Quest for Loyalty." Charles F. Schnicke, trustee of the church, is to speak on "Loyalty to Our Program," tomorrow morning.

On the Air

Merle Sidener, teacher and leader of the Christian Men Builders Class of Third Christian Church, is to address the class tomorrow morning on the subject, "Viewing with Alarm."

Robert Younce, baritone, is to furnish special music for the service, accompanied by Russell Padrick, WJZ.

Tomorrow night the C. M. E. Glee Club will sing at the Beach Grove Christian Church.

IN INDIANAPOLIS CHURCHES TOMORROW

BAPTIST

Lyndhurst—The Rev. O. H. Scheck, pastor. Morning, "National Convention Echoes," night, "The Pit and the Rock," special summer music.

River Avenue—The Rev. George D. Billesten, pastor. Morning, "Knowing Christ versus Suppression," night, "The Master Is Come."

First—The Rev. Carleton W. Atwater, pastor. Morning, "The Open Window," night, "The Master Is Come."

Memorial—The Rev. George C. Kinney, pastor. Morning, "The Church," night, "The Master Is Come."

University Park—The Rev. S. Grundy Fisher, pastor. Morning, "The Church," night, "The Master Is Come."

Epworth—The Rev. W. A. Shullenger, pastor. Morning, "The Church," night, "The Master Is Come."

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