

## YOUTH MEETING OPENS TONIGHT

County Church Conference  
Will Hear Echoes of  
World Session.

Echoes of the World Conference of Christian Youth last summer at Amsterdam will be brought to the annual Marion County Young People's Conference in St. Paul's Methodist Church beginning tonight.

Miss Eleanor Young of Indianapolis and Arthur Pittenger, a DePauw University student, will report the world conference to about 200 local young people at the meeting, which is sponsored by the Marion County Council of Religious Education. Both of these young people were delegates to the Amsterdam sessions. They will speak tomorrow morning.

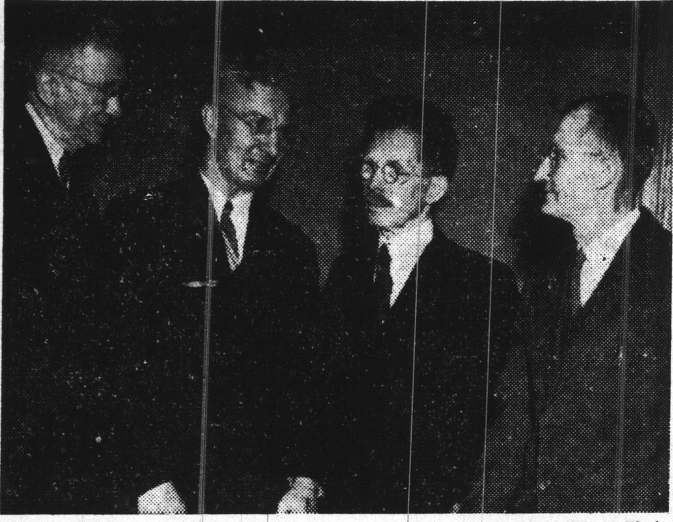
The conference motto, "Christus Victor" (Christ Triumphant), also will be the same one used at the world conference.

The County session will open at St. Paul's at 6:30 o'clock tonight, with welcoming addresses being given by the Rev. C. R. Lizenby, host church pastor, and Samuel Privett, council president.

These talks will be followed by discussion groups led by Prof. James Webber of Indiana Central College; the Rev. Harry Campbell, First Presbyterian Church assistant pastor; Bert Hodge, a North Manchester young people's worker; the Rev. Almon J. Coble, Brightwood Methodist Church pastor; the Rev. George T. King, Emerson Avenue Baptist Church pastor, and the Rev. Richard Dempsey, Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church assistant pastor.

An early morning watch tomorrow will be led by Miss Lillie King, Central Christian Church young people's worker, and Phillip Shaw of Danville.

## Dry Leaders Choose Slate



These Indiana Prohibition Party leaders participated in the one-day convention of their organization yesterday at Castle Hall. They are (left to right) Edward Blake, Chicago, national chairman; E. S. Lewis, Glenwood, state chairman; A. E. Wrentmore, Indianapolis, state vice chairman, and H. L. Seeger, Indianapolis, nominee for the Senate in 1938. Dr. S. E. McGinn, president of Marion College, was named the party's nominee for U. S. Senator yesterday. Other nominees were: Mr. Seeger, for Governor; Harry Peacock, Kokomo, lieutenant governor; L. C. Byrum, Anderson, secretary of state; Roscoe Smith, Kokomo, auditor; George A. Hottell, Georgetown, treasurer; Marion C. Miller, Huntington, superintendent of public instruction; Lewis P. Miller, Moreland, Supreme Court reporter; W. A. Jackson, Attica, and Harold E. Mason, Huntington, presidential electors at large.

## DR. I. OWEN FOSTER SCORES FINNISH LOAN

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 23.**—Dr. I. Owen Foster, of Indiana University, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh District, issued a statement here today, condemning government loans to Finland.

"The Government has no business loaning money to Finland or any other nation at war. Such an act surely will lead America to the brink of war," he said.

## SENDS SCHOOL \$20 AFTER 50-YEAR LAPSE

**WARRENSBURG, Mo., Feb. 23 (U. P.).**—An old woman has paid Central Missouri State Teachers College a debt she made 50 years ago. Officials declined to reveal her name, but they believed there was more to the payment than the usual story of a stricken conscience and a debt paid years after it was forgotten.

The letter, in which was inclosed a \$20 money order, was written by a trembling hand.

## WPA PRODUCES TINY FURNITURE

'Lilliputian' Objects Are  
Made at Evansville  
For Museums.

**EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 23.**—The WPA has gone into the furniture business on a small scale here, but local private enterprise isn't complaining. The WPA is making miniature furniture of all designs for museums.

The production of the "Lilliputian" furniture is Evansville's newest and, from the standpoint of the product, smallest industry. Constructed on a scale of two inches to the foot, the furniture is accurately patterned after the designs of the great furniture makers of the past—Duncan Phyfe, George Hepplewhite, Thomas Sheraton and Thomas Chippendale.

A WPA replica of a Chippendale chair is six inches high and three inches wide. Cupboards stand nine to 10 inches high. Tables and settees range from five to eight inches in width and height. Each piece is authentic in every detail.

The furniture is exhibited in museums and schools to thousands of adults and school children, according to Mrs. Mary Addington, supervisor. "Educational agencies have realized pictures are valuable as teaching devices, but three dimensional objects are of even greater value," she said. "In this way, we are able to bring directly to large groups of people types of furniture designed so well by its makers that after hundreds of years, the basic pattern has never been improved."

**THIEF REPLACES TIRES**  
**FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 23 (U. P.).**—It was a considerable thief who stole three slightly used automobile tires from the home of Ralph Saccoccia. In their place he left three old tires.

## Love Faye-ds



Alice Faye... "the only solution."

**HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 23 (U. P.).**—Alice Faye, blond motion picture star and singer, today instructed her attorney to file suit for divorce against Tony Martin, a singer who became famous in New York after Hollywood had ignored him.

The actress said that she and Mr. Martin had been together only three months in the last 18, and that she would seek a divorce on grounds of incompatibility.

"A divorce is the only solution," she said. They were married in Yuma, Ariz., Sept. 9, 1937.

## LANSING URGED WAR STEP '15

Papers Reveal He Believed  
Declaration Would Help  
U. S. Peace Efforts.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (U. P.).**—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State during the World War, believed in 1915—two years before the United States entered the war—that the usefulness of this country in restoring peace might be increased "by a state of war between this country and Germany."

That was revealed today in publication of hitherto confidential papers of Mr. Lansing by the State Department. Another volume will be released next week. The papers also revealed that in 1915 President Woodrow Wilson sought Mr. Lansing's advice on asking both the German and Austrian Ambassadors to be relieved "without public rebuke," from their Washington posts.

**Wrote to Wilson**  
Mr. Lansing's war plans were revealed in a letter to Mr. Wilson dated Aug. 24, 1915, following torpedoing of the British steamship Arabic with American citizens aboard. Discussing the probability of severing diplomatic relations with Germany as a result of the incident, Mr. Lansing concluded: "If the foregoing views are sound, it would appear that our usefulness in the restoration of peace would certainly not be lessened by a state of war between this country and Germany, and it might even be increased."

Earlier in the letter, Mr. Lansing was apprehensive about the influence of the United States in any eventual peace conference. "As the war has progressed," he wrote to Mr. Wilson, "I have become more and more convinced that we are losing constantly the friendship of both parties (Germany and the Allies) and that we would have little influence upon either in bringing about negotiations or in moulding the terms of peace. It would take but little to eliminate us entirely in the final settlement."

**Fear German Resentment**  
He said he thought Germany would resent American participation "in any way" in restoration of peace and that the Allies "distorted views as to our attitude, would deprive us of influence with them."

"Now, on the assumption that we sever diplomatic intercourse with the German Government, which responds by a declaration of war," he said, "the consequences internationally would seem to be the complete restoration of friendship and confidence with the Allies and the necessary recognition of the United States as a party to the peace negotiations. We would be in a position to influence the Allies, if they should be victorious, to be lenient in their demands and to regain a part of the good will of Germany by being a generous enemy."

"If, on the other hand, Germany should triumph, we would be included in any settlement made, and Germany would be deprived of the free hand she would otherwise have in dealing with us after she had overcome her European adversaries."

**Perturbed by Ambassadors**  
The correspondence also revealed that as early as February, 1915, Mr. Lansing, then counselor of the State Department, was seriously considering war with Germany.

He prepared at that time a memorandum for Mr. Wilson including an outline of "advantages and disadvantages to Germany of war with the United States." He concluded the paper with: "The advantages appear to outweigh the disadvantages."

In September, 1915, Mr. Wilson was so perturbed about activities of the German and Austrian Ambassadors in seeking to curtail the work of Austrian and German born Americans in factories manufacturing munitions for the Allies that he sought to have them relieved.

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## CAUTION URGED IN MAIL DISPUTE

Elder Statesmen in Senate  
Strive to Calm Wrath  
Against British.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (U. P.).**—Senate elder statesmen cautioned Congress today against precipitate, retaliatory action against Great Britain for repeated seizures of American mail.

Chairman Key Pittman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator George W. Norris (Ind., Rep.) contended that Britain has a "perfect right" to examine mail destined for Germany.

However, reports that British marines, with bayonets fixed to their rifles, had supervised the removal of mail from a clipper ship at Bermuda, aroused other Senators to demand that Clippers be prohibited from landing at British ports and that British ships be denied entrance to American ports "until the British have learned to behave themselves."

**Pepper Defends British**  
Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.), who said the British were justified in examining mail destined for Germany, said that he had been informed "by a reliable source" that since the inspection system began, British authorities have discovered between \$14,000,000 and \$17,000,000 in American letters and packages addressed to Germany.

The Bermuda incident, the last of several involving the British mail inspection system, precipitated the following action and revelations with respect to the Anglo-American mail controversy:

1. Mr. Pittman, Mr. Norris and Senator Walter F. George (D., Ga.) opposed hasty action over the Bermuda incident and expressed more concern over the British compelling American ships to stay in contraband-control ports for long periods. "There's nothing to get excited about," Mr. Norris said.

2. Senators Bennett C. Clark and Harry S. Truman, Democratic colleagues of Missouri, led the group demanding action to prevent American Clippers from being searched.

**Formal Protest Waits**  
3. The State Department has not formally protested the seizure of mail at Bermuda inasmuch as this Government already is on record in a note to Britain recognizing its right to examine mails and cargoes of ships which voluntarily put into British ports.

4. The clipper ship stop at Bermuda voluntarily. However, Secretary of State Cordell Hull is opposed to airmail censorship at Bermuda and has told the British Ambassador that the practice is "stupid."

5. Denial by British authorities at Hamilton, Bermuda, that force had been used to carry out the censor's orders in the Clipper incident and assertions by State Department officials that their reports of the incident mentioned neither the use of force nor resistance by the Clipper's captain.

**SERVICES TOMORROW  
FOR LYDIA A. SMITH**

Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia A. Smith, who died yesterday at her home, 949 N. Dearborn St., will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. Mrs. Smith, who was 79, will be buried in Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 27, 1860, in Palmyra, Ind., Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark. She married Robert W. Smith and moved to Indianapolis in 1912.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Robert E. Alley and Mrs. Ruth Smith, Indianapolis; a brother, Sherman Clark, Palmyra, and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Herchel, Palmyra; Mrs. Charles Wolfe, DePauw; and Mrs. George Gregory, New Albany.

## FORMER OFFICIAL AWAITS SENTENCE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 23 (U. P.).—Louise Fiffe, former auditor of the municipal water department, pleaded guilty yesterday in Superior Court to charges of conspiracy to commit a felony and his case was being investigated by the probation department before sentence.

The former city official was charged with taking \$10,000 from water department funds and transferring it to a beverage corporation in which he was interested.

W. G. Kops, an officer of the beverage company, also indicted, has not been arraigned.

## 150 PASTORS INVITED TO EARLHAM PARLEY

**RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 23.**—The Earlham Department of Religion will hold its second annual religious conference at Earlham College Monday and Tuesday. Approximately 150 pastors of the Society of Friends (Quakers) from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan have received invitations. They will be welcomed at the opening session by President William C. Dennis of Earlham.

Presiding officer will be Dr. William E. Berry, professor of religion. Dr. Alexander C. Purdy, formerly Earlham professor and now of Hartford, Conn., will lead discussions on "The Task of the Church."

Additional speakers will be Dr. Edward Bartlett of DePauw University, the Rev. Murray S. Kenworthy of Carthage, Dr. Millard S. Markle of Earlham and Dr. Berry.

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