

WINTER ACTIVITIES OF REID MEMORIAL CHURCH REORGANIZED

Complete re-organization of activities in the church, Sabbath school, Young People's society and musical organization of Reid Memorial Presbyterian church is announced for this fall and winter. A meeting of the board of trustees was held Thursday night, at which time many of the future plans were discussed and decided upon.

Dr. W. L. Misener, president of the board reported Thursday night that the church was in the best financial condition of its history. Richard Sedgwick was appointed chief usher, with the following assistants: Charles Moss, Harry Moss, Charles Roberts and Dr. Frank Harding.

A church bulletin board is to be placed on the front of the church and a weekly calendar is to be published containing the Sunday church meetings and activities during the following week. It is to be a four-page pamphlet. The first will be issued next week.

Pastor's Subjects
During the three following Sunday nights in this month the Rev. Work, pastor of the church, is to preach on "Sin." The subjects in the order in which they will be presented are: "The Evolution of Sin," "The Results of Sin," and "The Cure of Sin."

Sermon themes for the Sunday nights of October will deal with "Four Facts Every Man Ought to Know." The sermons will be delivered in the following order: "The Fact of a Living God," "The Fact of a Loving Savior," "The Fact of an Eternal Life," and "The Fact of a Triumphant Church."

Quarterly communion will be celebrated on the morning of the first Sunday in October, at which time a public reception for new members will be held. Preparatory preaching services will be held on Thursday and Friday nights, Sept. 29 and 30. Dr. A. Hutchison, of Pittsburgh, secretary of the board of Home Missions, will preach upon both occasions. Sacrament of infant baptism will be offered on the second Sunday in October.

With a more complete organization effected in the Sunday school department, the following classes will be taught by the persons named:

W. D. Scott, G. W. Gault and Mrs. Harry Ramsey will teach three adult women's classes; Miss Martha Scott will teach the high school girls' class; Mrs. Work will teach a newly formed class of young married women; Dr. Work will teach an older men's class; Brandon Griffiths will teach the young men's class, and Paul Baker will teach a class of high school boys.

The young people's activities will re-open next Sunday evening. Presley Wright, of Oxford, O., who is president of the board of young people's work, will speak.

Musical Programs
Musical programs for the fall and winter are expected to be exceptional. Morning church services will be aided by a double quartette composed of Mrs. Clara King, Mrs. Sherman Brown, Mrs. Wilson Magaw, Mrs. Ray Longnecker, Paul Stien, R. B. Jones, Hugh Foss and Walter Luring. Mrs. Hugh Foss will be the organist.

Night services will be featured by selections by the male quartette, Miss Pearl Crubaugh, soloist, also will take part in the evening musical programs. Miss Ruth Scott and Miss Mary Jones will offer instrumental numbers.

INDIAN EXTINCTION BY DISEASE THREATENS

KINGSTON, Alta., Sept. 9.—Indians in the near north are in danger of becoming an extinct species unless measures are taken by the province to safeguard them against contagious diseases. Dr. W. W. Bell, health inspector declared in a report made public today following a trip through the Watkins district.

Dr. Bell urged regulations prohibiting overcrowding in one room tenements, in which two or more families frequently are found and urged that a detachment of mounted police be stationed in the district to enforce this and other health regulations.

He also attacked the government ration issue, declaring it had done much to degrade the Indians. Many of them, he asserted use the rations only as stakes in gambling for purses and raisins which they use to brew "hooch."

SEARCH FOR PERSONS ON BURNED YACHT

DETROIT, Sept. 9.—The harbor master's department continued the search today for wreckage or other means of identifying a small yacht destroyed by fire late last night on Lake St. Clair.

No reports of persons being picked up by passing vessels had been received and authorities are inclined to the belief the occupants of the yacht had perished.

Only one vessel, the steamer St. Clair, was able to get near the scene of the fire before it burned out and several passengers on the steamer declared they heard a woman's call for help. A boat sent out from the steamer searched the lake for an hour but found no trace of the yacht's passengers.

The small craft was burned to the water line, the fire obliterating her name and destroying other markings by which identification might have been made.

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Bate Addresses Students at High School Friday

Superintendent W. G. Bate in an address before the senior high school student body Friday morning, spoke enthusiastically of the school standard, and impressed upon the students the need of shouldering the responsibilities attending the maintaining of such a record.

The school orchestra made its first appearance in chapel. Prof. Maddy had succeeded in getting a short rehearsal Thursday, and from all indications the fame of the school musical body will not suffer lowering this year.

Shields Funeral Held by Elks Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for William H. Shields, of New York City, were held Friday afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, 24 North Tenth street, at 3:30 o'clock. The services were in charge of Richmond lodge of Elks. Interment was in the Earlham cemetery.

Mr. Shields is survived by the widow, one brother, Dr. E. H. Shields, who is traveling in Europe; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Baron, of California, and Mrs. Virginia Altman, of New York.

DEAD LETTER

(Continued from Page One.)

grenades now on hand have the potential power of blowing up the Washington monument.

There is also quite an assortment of aerial bombs. Post office clerks will tell anybody that it was a lucky day when these bombs and grenades landed in the dead letter office, away from harm. The collection of weapons also includes rifles, revolvers, brass knuckles, blackjacks, police maces, knives, stiletos, swords, scimitars, cutlasses and bayonets.

Find Drugs.
The extent of the illicit traffic in drugs conducted through the mails is indicated by the fact that one day recently a clerk at the dead letter office opened a package and found about \$2,000 worth of cocaine. That is the largest amount of drug yet received, but the receipt of cocaine and other drugs is a common occurrence.

There is one thing, however, that comes into the dead letter office only at rare intervals, namely whiskey. Apparently people are afraid to trust this valuable liquid to the mails.

On the other hand, this sort of missing letters and packages can show a large assortment of stills—big stills and little stills—intended for home manufacture of hooch.

Not so long ago a Japanese prince died in California. The remains were cremated and the ashes sent to Japan. No one claimed them there and they were returned to the United States. During the return journey the sender's name was effaced, so the package found its way to the dead letter office, where it remained for many a day as a paper weight on the desk of one of the officials. One day the top of the container came open, then came a whiff of incense through an open window and the ashes of the Japanese prince were wafted away in the general direction of his fatherland.

Handle Great Volume.
All the property that is turned into the dead letter office must be accounted for, even to the last sheet of paper contained in a letter.

The total amount of mail handled at this office each year is enormous. In 1920 the registered and unregistered domestic and foreign mails turned into the "place of a thousand thrills" amounted to 19,353,413 pieces.

Not all of these were lost forever. The dead letter office is a morgue only when it is to be. One of its most important functions is to find the persons who sent the mail that arrives there or locate the persons to whom the mail was addressed. So, out of the aforementioned 19,353,413 pieces of mail, 452,988 pieces of mail.

Once a year they have a house cleaning at the dead letter office. It is then that they sell the valuables that come through the mails that have no owners in fee simple. Letters that contain no valuables or important information are destroyed. Over 12,000,000 letters were destroyed last year.

Little Money Lost.
There is usually considerable sums of money sent through the mails, but most of it is sent under registry and little of it is lost, however, last year the dead letter office turned over to the treasury department a total of \$158,466.96 in currency which had not been claimed.

Checks and drafts to the amount of \$638,956.18 were discovered in lost letters in 1920, but there was little difficulty in tracing the owners of these checks and drafts because the names of banks were printed on them. There is no regular time for holding sales of unclaimed merchandise. Emergency demands dictate the time for such sales. A sale last year netted the post office department \$161,627.69. Unclaimed stamps found enclosed in lost letters last year were of the value of \$1,646.22.

The Chinese tael, now used for reckoning financial transactions, is not a coin but a measured slab of silver.

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CHAUTAUQUA OFFICER SUBMITS STATEMENT

O. F. Ward, president of the Richmond Chautauqua association, issued a statement Friday on behalf of the association, in which he discusses statements made by Dr. Russell H. Bready, platform manager during the 1921 assembly, in his last address on "My Impressions of Richmond and of the Chautauqua." The statement follows:

"Those who were present at the close of the Chautauqua last Sunday will recall some very 'spicy' impressions by Dr. Russell H. Bready, who was platform manager during the session. While the criticisms were directed largely toward the failure of the merchants and civic organizations to patronize the Chautauqua, for fear his remarks may be misconstrued, as an officer of the association, it is felt that a few facts may be in order.

"So far as the Chautauqua receiving the support of the civic organizations, it never has received their support as such any more than it has received the support of every church in the city. It has been a matter of individual support since its inception, and the program has been set before the community as an uplift proposition, for the benefit of any who chose to take part in its advantages.

"Dr. Bready is not familiar with the conditions that affect the Richmond Chautauqua. It is the largest independent Chautauqua in the United States, and the only independent Chautauqua held within the corporate limits of a city of over 20,000 population. The civic organizations have their own meetings, and there is not a week but some speaker of note is heard, and for this reason their organizations are in a manner surfeited with matter that is much the same as the program offered at the Chautauqua. Several of the officers of the Chautauqua are members of the Chamber of Commerce and also members of other clubs, but no special effort has been made to secure the backing of any organization because of such membership. An examination of the list of guarantors will show that practically every phase of city industries is represented. Prior to the opening of the last session, seventy merchants and professional men in the city took a block of tickets and sold them without any profit to themselves in a financial way.

"As to the Chautauqua having become a 'farmers' institute,' this is no reflection upon the farmer, the merchant or the management. The farmer has access to recreation to which he looks forward with pleasure, and does not have an over abundance of lectures and entertainments such as are indulged in at Chautauqua organizations. He attends the Chautauqua because he finds varied form of entertainment, which is not offered him by any other organization. A comparative showing of ticket sales, however, will show many more tickets sold to residents of the city than those residing outside. The fact that none connected with Chautauqua associations receives any remuneration for services rendered makes it unnecessary for them to worry about profits and as there has not been a deficit in the fourteen years it has been managed locally, it would seem that sufficient patrons are to be found who are willing to contribute toward the success of the institution.

"Dr. Bready received some cheers when he spoke of a pavilion being needed. This also showed his lack of knowledge concerning Chautauqua, as it is so authentic that every Chautauqua that has erected a pavilion has ceased to function after two or three years. A few years ago the writer was sent to Chicago to secure plans for a pavilion and interview was had with about 100 professional Chautauqua people, including both managers and talent, and in every instance advice was against the erection of a pavilion if we wished to preserve the Chautauqua. No later than last week Senator Willis, Brooks Fletcher and Roscoe Gilmore sent advice us to keep away from the pavilion project.

"In the matter of entertaining the talent, the management catered to the wishes of the talent. Governor Allen was entertained by Mr. Foulke, and Senator Willis at his own request, was left alone at the hotel, as he had come from Washington by way of New York and was very tired. Whenever it was possible the talent was met at train or hotel and taken to and from the grounds. The talent does not want any elaborate plan of entertainment and only expect courteous treatment, which was accorded in every instance.

"The Richmond Chautauqua may go on the rocks," as stated by Dr. Bready, but it will not be for the reasons named by him, as the support he wishes has never been a factor, and so long as the management is able to build a fifteen day program of the weight and variety given this year, the institution will go on even though the audience is composed of 'teachers and farmers,' two very important elements in the life of this community."

O. F. WARD,
President Richmond Chautauqua Association.

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County Churches

Dublin Friends Church—Preaching services at the Friends church Sunday morning and evening.

Services at the U. B. church at 10:30 o'clock.

At the M. E. church at 7:30 o'clock. Public is invited to all services.

Boston M. E. Church—W. P. Thorn, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30; preaching service at 10:30 and 7:30; Epworth League, Tuesday night, 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night, 7:30; teacher training Thursday night after prayer meeting.

Middleboro M. E. Church—L. F. Ulmer, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 10:30 a. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Whitewater M. E. Church—L. F. Ulmer, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Class meeting, 10:30 a. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at Christian church Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Bible study class after prayer meeting. Cambridge City Presbyterian Church—Services at the Presbyterian church, Sunday, Sept. 11. Sunday School at 9:30 and preaching services at 3 p. m. This is rally day for the Sunday school and all are cordially invited.

Williamsburg M. E. church—Sunday school at 9:30, Frank Mikesell, superintendent; preaching services at 10:30 by the Rev. J. J. Fisher. A cordial invitation is extended to all to hear this gifted man. He will probably be with us only two more Sundays. Interest has been increasing each service since he has been here. Do not fail to come.

Marriage license was issued to Ray Raney, railroad worker, Richmond, and Lucile Robinson, Whitewater, by County Clerk Meredith, Friday.

The complaint filed by the Follansbee company against the Lorraine Car company on an account demand for \$92.92 was dismissed in Wayne circuit court Friday and costs paid.

Daniel B. Berry, colored, was granted a divorce from Hattie Berry in Wayne circuit court Friday morning.

Circuit Court
William Anderson, 518 North Seventeenth street, filed an action for divorce against Gertrude Anderson in Wayne circuit court Friday. Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged in the complaint. The care and custody of two minor children, who are now in the custody of the defendant at Akron, O., is asked by Mr. Anderson.

Abandonment was charged in the complaint. Costs were paid by the plaintiff.

Carl Spaulding was fined \$1 and costs in city court Friday morning after his plea of guilty to speeding.

Births
ECONOMY, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Anson Saunders are parents of a son, Cecil Lavon, born Friday.

MARION CENTENNIAL
(By Associated Press)
MARION, Sept. 9.—Preparations are being made for the celebration of Marion's centennial anniversary. The city will be 100 years old April 3, 1922, starting Russia.

**REFUSE INVESTIGATION
OF RUSS CONDITIONS**
(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Sept. 9.—The Russian Soviet government has declined to permit the international Russian committee, recently appointed by the allied supreme council, to investigate conditions in Russia preparatory to aiding in famine relief.

This decision was made known today through a note forwarded by M. Chusherin, Soviet foreign minister to England, France, Italy and Belgium.

The note says the Soviet government regards the appointment of Joseph Noulans of France as chairman, as a monstrous sneer at the fate of starving Russia.

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