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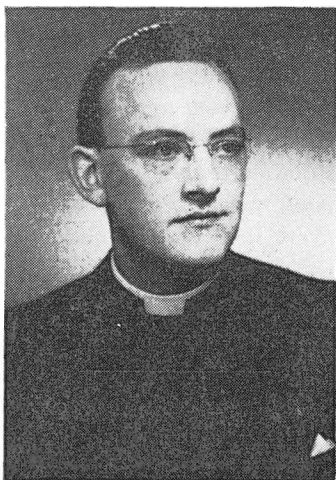
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Part-Time Deaf Workers

Our Pastor at St. Helens-Scappoose

Your editor suspects that the community newspaper at St. Helens carried a headline,



Pastor Luther J. Russert

"Son Succeeds Father," when Luther Eugene Russert was installed as pastor on April 19.

Pastor Russert was born October 23, 1927, at Dubuque, Iowa, where his father was pastor for many years before coming to the Northwest. After graduating from the elementary school, Luther chose the ministry as his future profession and continued his education at Concordia, St. Paul, Minn., and Concordia, Milwaukee, Wis. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., was the next step in his ministerial training. Three years of study completed, Luther vicared at Columbus, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill., as missionary to the Deaf (Pastor George Ring will be happy to know this). Luther graduated from the seminary on June 6, 1952, and accepted a call to Park City and Columbus, Mont., where he was ordained and installed on July 13 of the same year. Three months later

the new pastor made a trip to Chicago, where he and Faith A. Scheibert were made one.

Luther was installed in the St. Helens-Scappoose, Oreg., parish by his father, the Rev. Martin A. Russert, with the Rev. Amos Schmidt delivering the sermon. Darkness covered the church during the evening, as a fuse blew out during the order of service. The service continued in darkness until the lights were finally restored in the midst of the sermon. May the "darkness to light" of his installation service be symbolic of Pastor Russert's work in the Northwest.

We welcome Pastor and Mrs. L. Russert to the Northwest and pray that they may be blessed and be a blessing in the work of the Kingdom.

Our Pastor at Bellevue

For the past two years Pastor Paul J. Schulze has been writing news. From now on



Pastor Paul J. Schulze

he is going to be making news, news of souls won for the Kingdom at Pilgrim, Bellevue, Wash.

Born March 5, 1926, at Springfield, Ill., Paul

in due time attended Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., from which he graduated in June, 1951. Prior to his graduation he served Berea, Alton, Ill. He interrupted his parish studies to serve as parish school teacher at St. Paul's, Paducah, Ky. His year of seminary internship was spent as instructor at Concordia College, Portland, Oreg. It was while he was instructor that he met Doris Altenburg of Portland, who on Dec. 23, 1950, became Mrs. Schulze. The Schulzes have a son, Matthew, 16 months old.

Pastor Schulze helped to organize our Synod's information service on his graduation from the seminary, and has served for two years in Synod's Department of Public Relations. He was ordained October 15, 1951, at St. Philip's, St. Louis, Mo., and installed as associate pastor of Holy Cross Church for the Deaf, St. Louis, Mo. On May 24 of this year he was installed as pastor at Pilgrim, Bellevue, Wash. We welcome the Schulzes back to the Northwest.

Northwest Witness

The Editors Say Goodbye

Pastor N. P. Uhlig has returned to the editor's desk of the DEAF LUTHERAN, after a long absence. During his term the paper was its biggest. We hope this will happen again.

After four years of co-editing from St. Louis and Miami and three years from Indianapolis, the present staff bows out at its own request. We must give more time to our growing work in Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

We bequeath to our successor his scissors, paste, and aspirin, and hope he gets the news from the fields in an ever-increasing stream.

May the Lord continue to bless our paper and its returning Editor. To our readers we say: "See you in Field Gleanings. You will see us, that is, we shall see you, if you send in your own news."

Send everything, news, stories, etc., to the Editor: Pastor N. P. Uhlig, 104 Finley St., Jacksonville, Ill. And if you please, type it double-spaced. Your Editor has other work, too. Help him by sending in ready-to-print, clean copy. THANKS AGAIN!

Thanks to our readers and writers. It was a pleasure to know you.

M. G. K. and F. G. G.

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take.
If I should live for other days,
I pray Thee, Lord, to guide my ways,
So, when I sleep or when I wake,
Thy child I'll be, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Now!

Tomorrow, he promised his conscience, tomorrow I mean to believe,
Tomorrow I will think as I ought to, tomorrow my Savior receive;
Tomorrow I will conquer the habits that hold me from heaven away,
But ever his conscience repeated one word and one only — "Today!"
Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow; thus day after day it went on.
Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow, until youth like a vision was gone;
Until age and his passions had written the message of fate on his brow,
And forth from the shadows came death with the pitiless syllable — "Now!"

WHAT a challenge! There are 1,600,000,000 heathen in the world. Only one per cent of Asia's one billion people are Christians. 750,000,000 heathen during the last third of this century have gone to a Christless eternity. Many of these have crossed our path at some time or other. What a challenge! The world is waiting for *the* Sunrise!

INCIDENTALLY, has your Bible class increased its membership?

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Field Gleanings

Bloomington, Ill. — On April 12 Mr. Albert Olson gave the pastor a check for \$100 as a memorial to his mother, the late Mrs. Hilma Olson of Galesburg, to be used for the 6×10-foot "old rugged cross" that will be on the wall of the chapel at Jacksonville. Little did he, or anyone else, think that four days later the angel of death would call him through a stroke. He died in firm faith in his Savior and was given Christian burial on April 20 at Bloomington. His wife is the former Miss Edith Tappan of Chicago. His death is a blow to the little Deaf group at Bloomington. But to be home with Jesus is victory and peace for Mr. Olson. N. P. U.

Cedar Falls, Iowa. — About 35 Deaf attended our church service and annual picnic on July 12. V. M.

Decatur, Ill. — Mr. Hugh Harshbarger, one of our faithful attendants, had the misfortune to lose an eye through an eye tumor. But one may lose even both eyes and still clearly see Jesus, our Helper. N. P. U.

Des Moines, Iowa. — Mr. Leroy Rickabaugh and Miss Lorelei Laverty were united in holy marriage on the TV program *Bride and Groom* on July 3. Pastor George Kraus of New York performed the ceremony both orally and in sign language. The couple received many beautiful gifts, including a stove, freezer, and carpeting for their home. They were also given an all-expense-paid honeymoon in Atlantic City. Mr. Rickabaugh is a member of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Des Moines, and his bride intends to join our Church.

Mrs. Myrna Kissell, age 24, wife of Mr. Donald Kissell, was called to her eternal home quite suddenly on Saturday, July 18. Mr. and Mrs. Kissell had been married for only about one year, and she had given birth to their first child on July 14. A few days after the birth complications which caused her death set in. Mrs. Kissell had been baptized and confirmed in May, 1947, by Pastor E. Mappes while attending the Nebraska School for the Deaf.

On June 7, after completing their studies in the chief teachings of the Bible, Mr. Dale van Hemert, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sawhill, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson were received

as members of our church in Des Moines by confirmation.

Jacksonville, Ill. — Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lupien were forced to visit the hospital in recent months, but both are recovered or progressing toward that end. He had two broken hips in the last five years. He has been our treasurer for a long time. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mather (Fred is Mrs. Lupien's brother) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary also. N. P. U.

Mason City, Iowa. — Mr. Robert Clark was received into membership of the Lutheran Church by the rite of confirmation on May 10.

On the evening of July 12 about 30 Deaf persons held a church service and picnic.

V. M.

Mattoon, Ill. — The Mattoon services are always well attended. To attend is the rule, to miss a service is the exception. That is as it should be. Too many people have lost the feeling of duty to attend church. They let anything keep them from going to church. God says: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

January 9 Mr. and Mrs. Wendell E. Biggs celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

February 8 Anna Belle came to stay with her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones (formerly Maxine Kenton).

June 25 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hollrah (she was Miss Betty Jean Tory) welcomed a little girl into their circle. Congratulations and best wishes! N. P. U.

Quincy, Ill. — In recent months the stork visited the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kramer (Dorothy Fengel), Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yates (Patricia Eggson), and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin (Delores George).

After a long illness Mrs. Edward Brackley died June 4.

Mr. Woodrow Asher of Coatsburg is recovering from his broken hip.

Joys and sorrows make up the mixture of life, but faith and trust in the Lord gives help, light, and hope. N. P. U.

Rock Island, Ill. — On May 19 Mrs. Roscoe Bradney became a communicant member of the church through the rite of confirmation.

V. M.

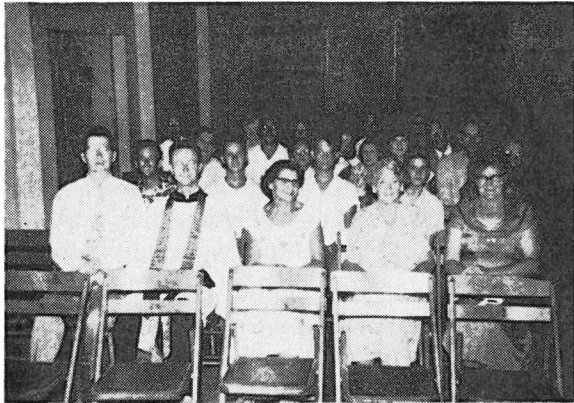
Confirmed at Vancouver, B.C.—Mr. and Mrs. Chester Orr, Mrs. Mira Tribe; Yakima, Wash.—Dale Drystad; Everett, Wash.—Mrs. Earl Knapp; Seattle, Wash.—Alfred Smith.

Northwest Witness

Candidate Cuthbert Pauluhn was ordained and installed by Pastor Victor Grimm of Macon, Mo. He and Mrs. Pauluhn (Beverly, daughter of the Raymond Burmeisters, Holy Cross Deaf Church, St. Louis) went to the groom's home State of Rhode Island for their honeymoon. They are now settled down in their first church at Kirksville, Mo. May the Lord bless their work there.

Western Witness

Miami, Fla.—Two members of those who began with us in 1952, in our Church's newest "headquarters town" are both named Alice;



Left to right: Harry Gibbens, Pastor Gyle, Mrs. Caroline Thompson, Mrs. Hannah Woolley, Mrs. Muncill. Second row: James Rutledge, Joe Clemons, Gary Clark, Jerry Peeples, Mrs. Gyle. Third row: James Friend, Mrs. Stitt, Mary Metts, O. W. Stitt. Fourth row: Howard Good, Yvonne Durette, Mrs. Lillian Aldridge, J. E. Taplin. Back row: Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Aldridge, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George Bilenky

both are natives of New Jersey; and both were in the Maryland School for the Deaf in 1941 to 1942. One, a teacher, married your Editor. The other, a pupil, went back to Trenton and later moved to Miami, where she works as a seamstress. The Wheelers and infant went back to Tarrytown for a better job with General Motors. Mrs. Otto Reinke is now in New Jersey; but we look for her to return someday soon. Two others joined a hearing church which promised to "cure" their deafness. (They are still Deaf, for all their faith.) Several prospects are expected to join our Miami group this fall. Attendance continues to be good and better than 1952. The enclosed picture shows a midsummer crowd on

July 12. W. Herman Morris of Tampa, grandfather of Paul Hrabovsky, Jr., took the picture.

Tampa, Fla.—Mr. Horace Dean was confirmed May 24, 1953. He was instructed in Detroit, Mich. Mr. Robert Wollert transferred in from New York, May 24.

Winter Haven, Fla.—The First Deaf Lutheran Church of Florida was organized here on Pentecost, May 24, 1953. Four charter members signed the roll: Mr. Leon Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Schmidt, Jr., and Pastor Gyle (three voters and one lady aide). A name has not yet been chosen for the new congregation. All the four members are former Episcopalians.

Gainesville, Fla.—Mrs. Gottlieb Schock was baptized and received as a member after by-mail instructions and attendance at Fort Myers and Gainesville classes. The event took place on Saturday night, August 1, at the regular service. Another event is due any time now, and we hope to have that Baptism soon. Gordon, their first child, was baptized as an infant. The Schocks now live in Wildwood and drive 65 miles to church. After church, the pastor drives with them to Wildwood and catches the 1:50 A.M. train for Tampa.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—Carol Holmes was baptized in the July 12 service.

Charleston, S.C.—Yours truly was official interpreter for the SCAD, August 6—9.

Miami, V. B. S.—Twenty-six Deaf boys and girls, ages 5 to 18, are attending the second annual vacation Bible school at Hialeah, in Faith Lutheran School (Lawson Knight, pastor). 30 signed up before school, but four dropped out. Daily attendance is 24 Deaf and 3 hearing children. Assisting Pastor and Mrs. Gyle are: Mrs. Verna T. Welsh (teen-agers), Mrs. George Reno, (10—11-year-olds), and Miss Barbara Ann Jones (kindergarten). Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Uriel C. Jones of TSD, Knoxville, Tenn. Several mothers and friends run a city-wide bus service for the children every day. Pictures are shown on the screen. Fruit juice is donated by Mr. Jack Russell of Faith Church. We thank the ministers and people of Miami for making this the nation's biggest Deaf V. B. S. May the children continue in the Word of God, which they receive here. F. G. G.

From Here and There



1953 officers of the Portland, Oreg., congregation. Left to right: Mr. Albert Huber, second elder; Mr. Earl Hughes, first elder; Mr. James Drake, secretary; Mr. Walter Lauer, president; Mr. Herbert Foss, treasurer



Sunday School at Portland, Oreg. All of these are hearing children of Deaf parents. Mrs. Oscar Prien is teacher



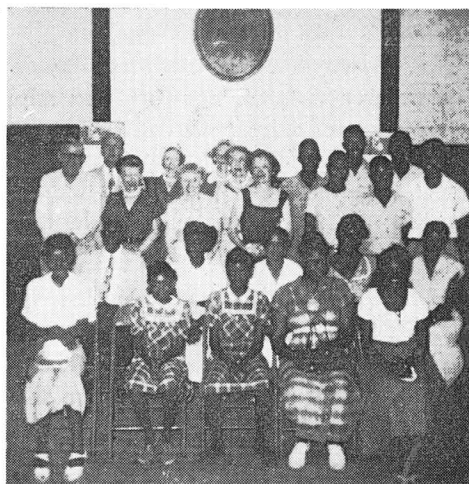
Group which attended the confirmation reunion on June 14, in Portland, Oreg. Church and parsonage in background. 81 adults attended the morning service. More than 100 (including children) stayed for a banquet at noon



Group which attends services in Salem, Oreg. Left to right: Mrs. Clara Lauby, Mr. Arthur Rebitzke, Mrs. Arthur Rebitzke, Mrs. Chester La Fave, Mrs. Ray Hummel, Mr. Chester La Fave, Mrs. William Toll, Mr. William Toll, Mr. T. A. Lindstrom



Confirmation class of 1952 (largest on record) attending the reunion. Left to right: Mrs. Ethel Carlson, Mr. Albert Huber, Mrs. Amelia Chambers, Mr. Warren Bond, Mr. James Ogle, Mr. James Drake, Mrs. Joseph Stotts, Mrs. James Drake. Mr. Donald Patterson was absent



Service at Little Rock with a "record" attendance of 24 (white and colored). We praise God

Bible Readings for October, 1953

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 — Read Luke 17:22-25

With Joy Wait for the Coming Lord

The kingdom of God comes not with observation (show of glory). It is in the hearts of the believers. They must not expect glory and honor in this world but rather suffering and shame. The world hates Christ and His followers, will mock and persecute them. Therefore Jesus says to His disciples that during these days of trouble and suffering they will desire one of the days of their Lord and Master. They will wish that only for one day their Master be with them and comfort and uphold them. False prophets will come and say: "See here," or, "See there." But Jesus warns, saying: "Go not after them, nor follow them." Jesus will come as lightning which lightens out of one part under heaven to the other part. Suddenly He will come again. Therefore they should not listen to any man's ideas or teaching, but stay with the Word, which tells them that Jesus will come again and take them who believe in His sin-cleansing blood with Himself into heaven. But first He must suffer many things, and this generation will reject Him. Let us remember this. In this world also we Christians first must suffer shame and mockery, yes, perhaps die for Him. But let us patiently follow Him who suffered and died for us and with joy wait for His coming again in glory. That is to be our support and comfort in this world of trouble.

PRAYER: Thanks, dear Savior, for Thy Word of truth, which can keep us against all false teachings. Always let us cling to Thy Word, which can give us true comfort and support. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 — Read Luke 17:26-30

Watch; Jesus Will Come Suddenly

While Christians suffer and with joy wait for the coming Lord, what will the wicked world be doing? Jesus tells us that people will laugh as did the people before the Flood during the days of Noe and before the destruction of Sodom during the days of Lot. People were eating, drinking, marrying wives, were given into marriage, were buying, selling, planting, building. Jesus says that so it will

be before He will come again. We see it in the world today. People are money mad and pleasure mad and have no time for God. And as the people before the Flood laughed and mocked Noe because he built the ark for the Flood; and as the people of Sodom mocked when Lot spoke to them of God's coming wrath and punishment, so people laugh today when we tell them of the coming Judgment Day. They believe not, and will not turn from sin.

And then what? A flood came and destroyed them all. Only eight, Noe and his family, were saved in the ark. Upon Sodom, God rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Only Lot and his family went out of Sodom. So shall the Day of the Lord come suddenly with judgment and destroy the wicked and send them to everlasting fire. Only those who believe in Him and His blood and love Him will enter into life eternal with Him. Come, let us turn from sin to our God, trust in His Son Jesus Christ, our Savior, and then watch and be ready always.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help that I always trust in Thee and Thy death on the cross and daily watch and pray for Thy coming again and so be ready always. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 — Read Luke 17:31-33

Be Ready to Give Up All Things for Christ

When God comes with His Judgment, blessed are they who have not made the world and the things of this world their chief aim. When God comes with his wrath and Judgment, we should forget all our good things of this world and hurry to save our life. Woe to those who look back at their good things and in their heart wish for them! Jesus says, "Remember Lot's wife." God had told Lot and his family not to look back but to hurry on their way and forget all their good things and so be saved. But Lot's wife did look back. She could not forget her house and good things in the city, obeyed not God's command, and therefore died. She was turned into a pillar of salt.

And then Jesus said important words, important also for us. He says that if anyone tries to save his life, thinking only of this world and the things of this world and not wanting to give them up for Christ, he will

lose it all. All these things will be destroyed on the Last Day. Therefore if a man lives for this world, he shall lose everything, also his soul. But he that loses his life, gladly gives up the things of this world, yes, also his own life, for Christ, he will preserve his life (keep it to life everlasting). He that keeps his soul loses nothing. He that loses his soul loses everything. He who has Christ has all things, even though he has nothing in this world. He who has not Jesus has nothing, although he has many good things in this life. Gladly let us be ready to give up all things for Christ, and we shall be richly blessed.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, be Thou with Thy salvation my one and all and thus keep my life to everlasting life. Amen.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 — Read Luke 17:34-37

Be Ready When Jesus Comes Again

When Jesus comes again on the Last Day, two men will be in one bed; the one will be taken, and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together; the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field; the one will be taken and the other left. One friend will be taken and the other left; the husband or wife will be taken and one or the other left; parents or children will be taken, and these or the others will be left. He who believes in Jesus and trusts in His holy precious blood shall be taken to be with Christ. He that believes not and despises Christ and his salvation shall be left to go to everlasting punishment. What will happen to you and me? Shall we be taken to everlasting life or left for eternal punishment? Will you go to heaven and your friend not? Hurry, tell your friend of Christ and His coming again, so that he will be taken into life everlasting with you. Or will your friend be taken and you be left? Oh, hurry to Jesus, take hold of Him in life and death, and on the Last Day you will enter into glory!

The disciples then ask: "Where, Lord, will this happen?" Jesus answers: "Wheresoever the body [dead body] is, there will the eagles be gathered together." Judgment will come upon those in every place who still are dead in trespasses and sins. Let us watch and pray and be ready.

PRAYER: Help me, dear Savior, to trust in Thee and stay with Thee and so to be ready at Thy coming again. May I hurry and tell my friends of Thee for their souls' salvation. Amen.

J. L. S.

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Duties of Pastors and Preachers

By His Apostle Paul God says: "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office [work] of a bishop [pastor], he desires a good work," 1 Timothy 3:1. It is a good work, but it is also a work of great responsibilities.

A Pastor Must Be Able to Teach

A pastor's work is to teach. Therefore God says that he shall be "apt [fitted or able] to teach." He must know what he is to teach, must know the Lord Jesus and His Word, and also must know how to teach and to bring this Word of salvation to people. And this a pastor will learn to do better and better if he diligently studies the Word of God as doctors study books of medicine and lawyers books of law. Above all, a pastor should be a diligent student of the Bible.

A Pastor Should Give Himself Wholly to His Work

Therefore God furthermore says that a pastor should "not be given to wine." He should not sit long at his wine and then perhaps begin to quarrel and fight, for he also should not be a "striker." Again, he should not be in the ministry for money and things of this world and always wish for more. Oh, no! God says he should "not be greedy of filthy lucre." "Filthy lucre" is gain or money so often connected with sin. Peter therefore writes that he should take the oversight over the flock "not for filthy lucre, but of a ready [willing, glad] mind." He should always "first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Then "all these things [food, drink, clothing] shall be added unto you." And if he must suffer hunger and thirst, as Paul so often did, he should be "patient" and gladly suffer anything for his Savior and Master. He also should be "patient" with those whom he is to teach and with those who are not yet

Christ's sheep. He should therefore not be a "brawler," one who speaks angry words and calls people names, but be like Jesus, "who, when He was reviled [mocked], reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not," 1 Peter 3:23. And gladly he should give to the poor and needy and for the spreading of the glorious Gospel, for he should not be "covetous," not a "money lover." He is to do good with his money, and also in this he is to be a good example to all believers.

Pray for Such a Pastor

Such a pastor is a wonderful gift of God! Pray for your pastor that he be a pastor after God's heart. Pray that he be a good example to all believers and thus help to glorify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. J. L. S.

The Difficulties of Discipline

One man, a golf enthusiast, was telling another man how hard it was, on a certain course, to drive the ball over a ditch that lay between the tee and the green. "Why don't they fill up the ditch?" asked the second man. But that isn't golf.

An old lady was watching a game of tennis and saw how often the ball was driven against the net. "Why don't they take down the net?" But that isn't tennis.

It is hard for many to comprehend the value of obstacles, hazards, hindrances. They cannot understand the joys of the chase. They never entered into the delight of overcoming.

If the time ever came when all our ditches were filled up and all our nets taken down, life would soon be a bore. Let us praise God daily for the obstacles, hazards, and hindrances in the way. Let us face them cheerfully and with His help hurdle them. That's the joy of being a Christian.

WHAT does Satan pay you for cursing?" asked a man of a cursing boy.

"Nothing," was his answer.

"Well," said the man, "you work cheap. To forfeit the character of a gentleman, to give so much pain to your friends and all civil folks, to wound your conscience, and to risk your soul, and all for nothing, you certainly do work cheap — very cheap indeed."

How to Keep Faith Bright

A woman who was showing friends a beautiful, massive piece of family silver apologized as she took it from the cupboard where it was kept. "Dreadfully tarnished!" she said. "I can't keep it bright unless I use it."

That is just as true of faith as it is of silver. If you keep faith tucked away in the Sunday closet of the soul, and only bring it out for show, you will be compelled to apologize. Your faith is bound to be tarnished. You cannot keep faith bright unless you use it in everyday life.

FEAR not tomorrow, God is already there.

From Here and There



Nashville, Tenn., is "growing" — this is an average attendance



Miss Wright, Hot Springs, Ark., opens her heart and her home for regular monthly services