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MINISTER'S TOPIC

TIME FOR ACTION

The golden rod in bloom, harvests are moving toward the barns, it's time for the school bell to ring, back from vacations, everyone to his task. Hurrah for the ring and the swing, the joy, the opportunity of something to do. Come now, my friend, there's a Community Church around the corner. Come along, get the swing, get the rhythm, get the reward that comes to every man that does a good work. Work? yes.

Thank God for the might of it,

The ardor, the urge, the delight of it.

Work that springs from the heart's desire

Setting the brain and soul on fire.

Oh, what is so good as the heat of it,

And what is so glad as the beat of it,

And what is so kind as the stern command,

Challenging brain and heart and hand?

Work!

Thank God for the pride of it,

For the beautiful conquering tide of it,

Sweeping the life in its furious flood,

Thrilling the arteries, cleansing the blood,

Mastering stupor and dull despair,

Moving the dreamer to do and dare.

Oh, what is so good as the urge of it,

And what is so glad as the surge of it,

And what is so strong as the summons deep,

Rousing the torpid soul from sleep?

Come now all good and faithful ones, come along let us put on the working garb, it's time now for action. This will be the best year in the history of The Community Church. Two reasons will suffice as evidence, one is, there is a great program before us, a program that surpasses any attempt in former years. The second reason is that our people are committed and ready to carry on.

When this article appears in The Community Church News that vexing note of years standing will have been paid in full. Almost simultaneously with that encouragement the parsonage which has proven a burden for years will have been sold and passed from the care of our church folk.

Our people have been slow to see the possibilities of a great cosmopolitan meeting house at Stow. Now I dare assert, without over estimating the facts, that a large majority of The Community Church folk see

Rev. Hulme will preach Sunday on - Incounstency

a light in the clearing, they are on the way out. Yea, and more, they do thank God and take courage, for they not only trod the path that leads out but they feel the thrill of an oncoming harvest. There is something to work for, Victory and not defeat shall be their reward.

The Community Church at Stow deserves to live, and out from its night into a new day, stronger and finer of soul because of the journey through night, trial, experience and almost despair hath wrought a great work in the souls of our folk. A reliance on God, a faith in His Christ, a thirst for truth is the purging that the past years has vouchsafed for us.

It's time for action.

Officers of the church, do you hear the call to work? Teachers, mark well, you have a sacred trust, be faithful then, again, I say, be faithful. Members and friends, know the deeper meaning of church membership, privileges, blessings and responsibilities are too grave for nominal church membership. Life is too short and the hereafter too real for trifling.

Come now for the greatest year in our history. Come, IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!

GEO. M. HULME, Minister

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CHURCH CALENDAR

BIBLE SCHOOL . . . Sunday 9:30
MORNING WORSHIP . . Sunday 10:45
JUNIOR CHOIR PRACTICE - Tues. 2 p.m.
ORCHESTRA PRACTICE Wed. 7:30 p. m.
CHOIS PRACTICE - Thurshay 7:30 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NIGHT BUSINESS MEETING will be held Friday evening, September 4th. The Men's Class will put on a corn roast at that time. "Kill two birds with one stone." Attend both the business meeting and the corn roast.

COMMUNITY FAIR—Remember Remember this: the ladies of the Church will stage a Community Fair Friday, September 18th, 3:30

P. M. on the Community Church lawn.

FLOWER SHOW—You are again reminded that next Wednesday, September 2, from 4 to 10 P. M. the Stow Garden Club will hold their sixth annual flower show in the High School Auditorium. No admission charge. Please support this show with your exhibits and by your attendance.

HOME COMING. Mr. Monteith, chairman, has called a meeting of the Home Coming Day committee for Sunday after church. Besides the chairman, members of this committee are W. V. Smith, W. R. Lodge, Mrs. C. M. Woodring, and Mrs. Harry Osman.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We still need more paid up subscribers. While our second application has gone into Uncle Sam for admission of this paper to the mail as second class matter it is quite probable that it will be turned down on account of a peculiar subscription list. We distribute too many of what "Uncle" would call "sample copies."—More subscribers

are needed. Do we have your 50c? If we don't succeed this time another trial will be made. Subscribe now.

NEWS

Some people like to see their name in the paper—others do not. Some folks like one thing—some another. What do you like? If you don't answer now, sometime, we will come around and ask you about it. Be that as it may, to those who sent in news items this past week the editor wishes to express his thanks. And we would thank you for more, only please sign your name, or, if you telephone let us know who you are. Another thing give all the "horrible details." Those visitors for instance, did they call on you Friday, or last week or last month? Send in the news.

GOLDEN TEXT

And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15.

—PERSONAL—

John Stahl is getting married in October

Mrs. Predmore attended Bible school last Sunday.

Richard Beckwith is now working at the Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pace have a new 1936 Ford coach.

Mr. L. Gibbs, East Arndale road has moved to Pennsylvania.

Mr. C. C. Keeler, 180 Oak road, is reported seriously ill.

Mrs. A. Sylvester, 137 East Graham road, is now ill in bed.

Miss Helen Harper visited her grandmother in Akron this week.

E. M. Guise, Munroe Falls, has been repairing his coal scales this past week.

It is reported that Mr. Howard E. Ferris is in a Cleveland hospital with appendicitis.

Paul Monteith had a headache last Monday. Where was he Sunday night?

Gladys Schroeder visited her grandmother, Mrs. H. A. Schroeder in Akron Wednesday.

Miss Mary Noon, the mail man's daughter who lives on Williamson road, has a new 1934 Ford V-8.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Anderson, Vira road, left last Saturday for a two weeks fishing trip in Canada.

The River Road Club visited an aunt of Mrs. C. E. Parr at Mentor-on-the-Beach, Cleveland (recently?)

Dr. L. H. Willsford of Paradise Park has a new 1936 'Chevy.' With his family he is now presumably vacationing in Corning, N. Y.

Don Braunlich, 151 East Kent road lost his mother for an hour

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or so at the Cleveland Exposition last Sunday night.

Lawrence Henry and son, Bob, with friends left last Tuesday for a week's fishing trip in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Putt, Franklin road, expect to visit in Johnstown, Pa., this Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shakespeare will drive Mrs. Klesla over to Grand Rapids, Michigan this weekend.

Melvin Thomas, Mr. Gerber reports, is the first one to receive an electric clock for discount stamps. Must take lots of gas to run a coal truck.

Last week Billy Starcher of King Drive visited Mathew Cummings of Bedford. This week Mathew is visiting Billy here in Stow.

R. P. Hanna and family, Maplewood Road, enjoyed a vacation trip through the East last week. They visited Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

Rumor relates Clyde Gerber recently bought a Persian Kitty but whatever became of it, to some, is a deep mystery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sanner and family of Rockwood, Pa., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sanner, West Arndale road, last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Boettler of Canton road is spending a few days visiting with Miss Jean Neville, Marhoffer avenue.

Kenneth Putt reports he is sub-

stituting as mailman for Mr. Moon, Cuyahoga Falls Route 1 carrier, who is vacationing this week at home.

Robert (Bob) Schroder of Cleveland Heights is spending a week visiting his cousin, Don Braunlich, 151 East Kent road. (Don's dad runs the new drug store.)

Mrs. Delia Anderson of Staunton, Virginia, who is an aunt of Russell and Herman Harper, is a visitor in Stow this week.

Rev. Geo. M. Hulme and wife recently spent two delightful days at Conneaut Lake, Pa., visiting their son William Hulme and family.

Victor Baughman and "Bill" Smith (with lady friends of course) attended the Quaker Oats picnic held at Geauga Lake Park last Saturday.

Our printer, Frank Howe, as a member for fifty years was one of the honored last Saturday evening by the Darrow Street Grange of Darrowville.

Visitors this week at the Wright Chandler residence, Hudson road, are Miss Dale Wright, May Chandler and Clarence Wilson.

O. L. Carpenter and family of Marhofer Avenue, with his mother and father, brother Daniel and sister Mary, attended the Carpenter family reunion held recently at Gambier, Ohio.

Eddie Chandler, Hudson road, writes that he has decided to stay

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with his uncle in Noble county and attend school there this fall.

Levi Moyer reports that George Robinson and lady friend were at the church one evening last week looking for the minister. Guess why?

Joe Fisher is contemplating a trip to Canada. Last week he managed to get as far as Cleveland, after visiting the Exposition, however, his courage failed him and he returned home.

Mrs. P. R. Trent, who fell down the Court House steps last Thursday, seriously injuring herself, has been confined to her bed since that time. The report is that her condition is slightly better.

Mrs. Mabel Marlowe is home again from the hospital where she underwent an operation. A speedy recovery is the wish of all her friends.

Last Sunday Betty Schroeder of Baumberger road, celebrated her fifth birthday at the cottage of her aunt Mrs. A. L. Mosteller of Cuyahoga Falls. The cottage is at Comet

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Lake. Fifteen guests were present.

Miss Marion King, Stow librarian, is, as you probably know one of the V. P.'s of the Ohio State Librarians Association, and as such has just completed a new directory listing the librarians of Ohio. There are some 2223 of them. This directory will be published in the near future.

ERRATUM: No birthdays celebrated at S. S. last Sunday but the week before it was Mrs. G. W. Mineard in place of Mrs. B. B. Mineard who celebrated her birthday.

Mrs. W. E. Sanders of 157 Ritchie road and Miss Norton who lives a mile east of Darrowville left last Monday morning for a vacation trip throughout the east. Mr. Saunders remained at home to wash the dishes left behind and to keep the house in good order.

Before leaving for town last Saturday night Charlie Senn, Mun-

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roe Falls, started the hot water heater in his basement with the expectation of taking a bath on his return. The water got hot, steam formed, the hot water tank blew up, then the heating stove let go. The fire department put out the fire. Damage reported to be about \$300.00. Bath postponed.

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Thursday lightning stuck the chimney at the Damond residence, otherwise known as the old Mueller place, East Graham road. The house was filled with soot. Sunday on Ritchie road there was a terrific wind and hail storm, while Darrowville suffered the loss of four or five of its large trees at the same time.

Insult for Insult: Certain well known individual visiting C. W. Stahl begs his pardon for running fingers over proffered chair to ascertain if dust is present. C. W. S. replies: "That's perfectly all right Mr. S. we certainly want you to feel at home." Now how did C. W. S. know there was dust on the chairs at home. The very idea!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetmore left last Friday morning on an automobile tour. First stop was at Marietta, Ohio. There they visited the Campus Martus Museum, saw the largest Elm tree in the United States, the old Indian Mound cemetery, also the first building erected in the State of Ohio. Saturday morning they left for Caldwell, Ohio, where they visited with friends for a day or two. Ask Fred for further details.

Mr. Ralph Butler, a comparative-ly new resident on Maplewood Drive, works for the Department of Agriculture in the European Black Currant eradication campaign. He states that last week a crew of twelve men rooted out a total of five hundred and fifty of these plants. In Summit County alone, a total of 70,000 of this variety of Currant have been removed to date. The reason for the eradication of the European Black Currant is that it acts as a host for the White Pine Blister Rust during the winter months. An interesting thing about this bush is that its odor makes detection easy. An experienced worker with an educated nose, providing the wind is right, can drive along the road and smell the offending shrub in your back yard, providing you have one there.

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MENTAL HOSPITALS **DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

By Oakley Spaght

For sometime, your Editor has requested that I write an article pertaining to the Welfare Department of Ohio, but because of the size of the department and its many ramifications, I have been reluctant to comply with the request, knowing that with the limited amount of space available only a few of the many interesting things of the department could be touched upon, and those only mentioned, but his insistence prompts me to submit the following.

The name, Department of Public Welfare of Ohio, is misleading. In the last several years the terms "welfare" and "relief" have been used synonymously, with the result that many persons are of the opinion that the Department of Public Welfare has something to do with relief. This is entirely wrong. The Welfare Department, as it is commonly called, has under its control and supervision the eight state hospitals for the mentally ill, the three feeble-minded institutions, the Ohio Hospital for Epileptics, Ohio State Sanatorium, Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Madison Home, Boys' Industrial School, Girls' Industrial School, Ohio Penitentiary, London Prison Farm, Ohio State Reformatory, Ohio Reformatory for Women, and the Bureau of Juvenile Research, with a combined population of 35,157, of which 25,250 are confined in hospitals for the treatment of mental diseases and the remaining 9,907 in penal and correctional institutions.

In the limited space at my disposal, only a small part of the department's activities can be touched upon, so I will discuss briefly the mental hospitals. Mental dis-

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orders are increasing so rapidly that in 1934 there were approximately as many persons in hospitals for the treatment of mental cases as there were students registered in colleges and universities in the United States. Statistics show that one out of about every twenty persons, is, has been, or will be in a hospital for mental disease before he dies, and the average duration of his institutional life will be about seven years. These are rather startling figures, and the sad part of the story is that 25% of those admitted to mental hospitals could have been prevented. The particular types of mental disorders designated as preventable, are those resulting from syphilis and the excessive use of alcohol and

drugs, and are divided as follows: Syphilis 17 per cent, Alcoholic 7 per cent, Drug Addicts 1 per cent of all admissions to state hospitals.

Ohio is divided into eight districts, with a state hospital for the care of the mentally ill in each district. Summit County is in the Massillon district. Included also in that same district are Stark, Medina, Wayne, Ashland, Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Jefferson, Tuscarawas and Harrison Counties. The Massillon hospital has a normal capacity of 2,290 persons, but, at present, has a population of 3,004. The institution accepts about 17 patients per week and releases about the same number, either as cured or able to go

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home on trial visits. This intake, however, does not keep pace with the commitments from the courts, with the result that because of this crowded condition in the State hospitals, private hospitals are being pressed into service and the State is compelled to pay for those persons, in private hospitals, at the rate of from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per day, per person. Summit County has 44 such patients being cared for at Just - A - Mere Home, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. In Cuyahoga County there are 1,119 persons being cared for in private hospitals because of the crowded condition of Cleveland State Hospital. The cost to the state is \$2,700 per day for that county alone. The sum of \$1,025,000 was appropriated this year for the care and maintenance of such cases. Governor Davey tried to correct this situation by making arrangements for an extensive building program to increase the facilities at all state hospitals, and the Federal government was willing to help to the extent of 55 per cent of the total cost, but the legislators refused to go along with the program. As a result, the taxpayers will continue to pay \$1,000,000 per year for the care of persons in private hospitals who could be cared for in state institutions with an outlay of \$2,500,000 for new buildings. In other words, for what the state will pay in two and one-half years, at the present rate, to private hospitals, facilities could be provided that would take care of Ohio's needs for the next ten years, but, because an unfriendly legislature feared the governor would receive too much credit for correcting a bad situation, they refused to go along with a building program.

About 30 per cent of the persons entering state hospitals for the

care and treatment of mental disorders are returned, either as cured or much improved. About 18 per cent are cured and 12 per cent sufficiently improved to return home. The state charges \$5.50 per week for the care and maintenance of persons in state hospitals if the family is able to pay. If the family cannot pay, the state bears the expense. At the present time, about 15 per cent pay, but during the worst part of the depression only about 10 per cent were able to pay.

Each institution operates a large farm in connection with the hospital. These farms serve a dual purpose, first, to supply as large a portion of the food as possible, second, and most important, to furnish occupation for the patients. These farms range in size from 1,600 to 2,000 acres. Massillon State Hospital has 1,626 acres. I mention Massillon Hospital because that is in our own district. Last year the Massillon farm produced 18,000 bushels of potatoes, 3,500 bushels of wheat, 550 gallons of milk per day at a cost of 7c per gallon. An average of 12 hogs, weighing from 250 to 300 lbs., are butchered every week, raised on the institution's garbage and fattened on corn produced on the farm. This amount of pork furnishes the institution with lard and a small amount of fresh meat. In addition to the pork, the average monthly requirements for the Massillon institution, in the meat line, are as follows: Dressed Beef, (in carcass) 30,000 lbs., Wieners, 4,000 lbs., Dried Beef, 1,000 lbs.

The monthly payroll at Massillon is \$16,877.63 for 256 employees. Aside from the physicians, dentists and nurses, these employees represent many trades and professions, such as painter, carpenter, engineer,

cook, baker, creamery man, butcher, pipefitter, electrician, florist, farmer, gardner, poultryman, blacksmith, laundryman, attendants, and etc. In fact, the institution is a small community in itself. Patients do all the farm, garden, laundry, creamery, bakery and dairy work. One paid employee heads each department and the patients work under his instruction. That is the reason milk can be produced for 7c per gallon and food costs can be kept at a minimum. In addition to the manual labor, there is provided occupation for those not strong enough to do heavy work, or who are gifted along other lines. Each institution maintains a gift shop where those patients are employed who are talented to do fancy work, painting, carving, rug making, needle point work, etc. The articles made in the gift shop are sold and the profits used for the entertainment of the patients. Each institution has a large auditorium and with the aid of the money derived from the gift shop, a picture show is furnished each week. Radios are also purchased from this fund, for use in the cottages, as well as band and orchestra instruments, plays are given, and etc. An important factor in the cure of a mentally disturbed person is to keep the patient occupied. Entertainment is a contributing factor. Of course, many of the seriously disturbed cases can neither work nor be helped in any other way. These are not privileged patients, and do not have a part

in either the work or entertainment. A surprisingly large number of persons, when able to go home, have no desire to do so. They become institutionalized and want to stay. Others, however, plead and beg daily to be let out.

The per capita operating cost of the various institutions varies somewhat from year to year. Last year, for all institutions, this cost was \$172.86 per person, or 47c per day for care and maintenance. This includes medical attention, dentistry, food and clothing.

The finest cooperation exists at all times between the central office and the institutions. Recently, when potatoes began to raise in price, the central office requested that macaroni, rice and beans be substituted for potatoes, with the result that the daily consumption of potatoes in all the institutions was reduced from 680 bushels to 350 bushels per day.

I have endeavored to mention, and only mention, a few of the interesting things concerning the mental hospitals of Ohio. Included in this group should be the feeble-minded, but space forbids a discussion of these, although quite interesting. Next week I will say a few words about the Reformatories or Correctional Schools.

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