NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. REID

"Atomic energy, like all other forms of power, is an opportunity as well as a peril," said a group of scientists, philosophers and religious leaders at Columbia University recently. "It is more clear than ever," they said, "that we can if we will create a world of greater happiness, knowledge, and breadth of moral and spiritual outlook or failing that we shall discover that we have loosed energies which will imperil civilization. The fate that has befallen the totalitarian peoples of Germany and Japan should warn us of the peril of seeking salvation in sheer power."

The atomic bomb is only "a climactic expression" of the method of pattern bombing developed by totalitarian warfare, and focuses attention upon the iniquity of the whole war system, declared Dr. Russell H. Stafford, of Boston, president of the American Board of Foreign Missions, recently. The Prudential Committee of the Board said: "It is evident that war cannot be permanently avoided and replaced by a more humane and efficacious method of settling international disputes save as there shall be effectual organization of the united nations of the world. . . . We insist that no political device nor economic order in itself can bring peace unless it is undergirded by a world committee to the Christian ideal of brotherhood and fair play. We call to the attention of our constituents the vital necessity of presenting the Christian task of world evangelism through all the agencies of all churches in all lands."

The shattering of the atom has brought from scientists a demand for repentance and for amendment of personal and international life, if all life is not to be destroyed, says Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, of Riverside Church, New York. He continues: "Look to yourselves, orient cries to mankind: you had better repent. Those dominant, central, inner secrets of life's ethical control that can wisely master and direct those powers now put in to your hands—these are absolute necessities now. Hiroshima and Nagasaki are but the first dim, tame intimations of what war henceforth will mean. Ethical control is wanted; a spiritual and faith adequate to master and direct to saving ends the might our hands have seized upon. It will require a new, courageous faith that hates room when hope fades. If we are to take the ruthless majority of the human heart so that the atomic age becomes heaven instead of our curse."

Statistics reaching the United States from Germany on the destroyed and damaged properties of the German Evangelisch Church (Lutheran) during the war and only to January 1, 1945, under figures as yet unavailable make astounding reading. Totally destroyed are reported 428 churches and chapels, 404 parsonages, 91 parish houses and other buildings, and 192 hospitals, old people's homes, etc. "Heavily damaged" are an additional 771 churches, 514 parsonages, 60 other buildings, and 143 hospitals and homes. The total of buildings listed as less heavily damaged is 5,313.

A. G. I.—for seven months a prisoner-of-war in Stalag VIB-A, Moosburg, Germany, and recently returned to this country—reveals that in that and other prison camps small "Christian Fellowships" existed during days of internment, that religious services were held daily "without benefit of chanalain," that denominational and nationality differences were forgotten, that many learned to preach and to pray in public who had never done so before, and that there were conversions, and dedications of life to the Christian ministry. When Red Cross parcels failed to come through (just before last Christmas), he says, "We stuck to our motto, 'The Lord will provide,' and he did. And at Christmas, when the Russians (who had no Red Cross services) were hungry and cold, the Fellowship collected extra clothes, food, and cigarettes to bare with them.

Students and faculty of Bennett College, Negro Methodist college in Greensboro, N. C., have "adopted" two rural communities in Guilford county, N. C., as a center for extension and rural welfare work. These are the communities of Colfax Cross and Mt. Tabor. The college personnel are concerned not only for the educational and religious betterment of the communities but try to serve the health and economic needs as well. During the past year, because of the activities of the college, a county physician has opened at Mt. Tabor the first clinic that community has had in twenty years; the old community spring was recovered by a well, and the farm women no longer travel a thousand yards for water; other wells are to be sunk, and the community church has taken on new life. Dr. David D. Jones is president of Bennett College.

Navy Department Needs Workers In Washington

Civilian typists and stenographers for duty with Navy Department Headquarters in Washington, D. C., are being sought in Lexington and vicinity by Miss Hazel Hansen, U. S. Civil Service Commission and Navy Department Representative. Miss Hansen will be at the U. S. Employment Service Office in Lexington beginning December 3rd.

Positions open are those of stenographers CAF-3, salary $1902 per annum, and stenographers, typists and telephone operators CAF-2, salary $1704.

It is again possible for the general public to qualify for such positions in Washington by passing the necessary Civil Service examination. Arrangements for taking such an examination may be made with Miss Hansen or the local Civil Service Secretary in the Post Office.

Appointments to Navy may also be made for those who are already on the Civil Service eligible list; for those who are now employed in other Federal Civil Service positions, but who anticipate release because of reduction in force; and for veterans who may qualify in current examinations.

Desirable housing at moderate cost is guaranteed to all those who are selected. Planned recreational programs for Navy employees offer leisure time activities, in addition to the numerous educational and cultural advantages to be enjoyed in Washington.

Persons interested are asked to contact Miss Hansen at the U. S. Employment Service Office in Lexington.

Beneficiaries Of National Service Life Insurance

Any veteran has a right to designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to his National Service Life Insurance Policy within the following classes: wife (husband), child (including an adopted child, stepchild, illegitimate child), parent (including parent through adoption and persons who have stood in place of a parent to the veteran at any time prior to his entry into active service for a period of not less than one year), brother or sister (including those of the half blood) of the veteran.

The veteran may change the beneficiary or beneficiaries within the classes outlined in the preceding paragraph, without their knowledge or consent. All that is necessary is a notice signed by the veteran giving the beneficiary change, and forwarded to the Veterans Administration. A change of beneficiary must not be made by last will and testament. The beneficiary has been designated by the veteran.

Guaranteed Values

All permanent policies have accrued cash, loan, paid-up and extended insurance values available after the policy has been in force one year. The right year level premium term policies has no cash, loan, paid-up or extended insurance value.

Policy Loans

The permanent policies (20-pay life, 30-pay life, and ordinary life) provide for loans at any time after the first policy year and before default in the payment of any subsequent premium, in any amount not exceeding 94% of the cash value. Policy loans bear interest at the rate of 5% per year. The eight year level premium term policy has no loan value.

Dividends

Policies may participate in dividends from gains and saving as determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Assignment, Taxation, And Exemption

The proceeds of a National Service Life Insurance policy are not assignable, and except where invested in property, are exempt from taxation. Payments to a beneficiary are exempt from claims of private creditors of the deceased veteran, or of the beneficiary, and are not liable to attachment, levy or seizure by any legal process whatever, either before or after receipt by the beneficiary.

Information Free

Information relative to any government insurance to be had, free of charge, by directing all requests to the Disabled Ex-Service Men's Board, Lexington, Kentucky.

Prudence is a conformity to the rules of reason, truth and decency, at all times and in all circumstances.—John Mason.

I will study more how to give account of my little than how to make it more.—Bishop A. C. A. Hall.

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ANNUAL FARM BUREAU BANQUET IS ATTENDED BY MANY FROM COUNTY

Enthusiastic Group Of More Than 300 Persons Hear Speakers Outline Plans To Improve Farm Conditions Through Farmer Unity

The annual Nicholas County Farm Bureau banquet, held last Thursday night at the Carlisle school gymnasium was declared by W. T. Straw, Nicholas County Agent, as the best ever held here. More than 300 persons attended in spite of inclement weather.

George Rankin Carter, president of the Farm Bureau, and Harvey Leonard, Carlisle attorney, served as toastmaster. The dinner consisted of turkey and all the extra items including apple pie. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Clyde Snelling, president of Carlisle P. T. A., and Robert Davis, Carlisle superintendent of schools, for work of committees in charge of the banquet and served the meal.

Larry Brandon, Secretary of the Indiana Farm Bureau, was the principal speaker. He declared that "America will face the most critical period in history during the next several years." The speaker referred repeatedly to the Bible and the Ten Commandments as a guide to good government and not the political party or directives of government as the country has been supposed.

Brandon said that "eighty per cent of industrial products are purchased by farmers and parity prices for farm products are necessary to a sound national economy and added that many forces in this country would like to see agricultural prices held to ruinous low levels.

In conclusion, Brannon said, "the farm bureau is a conservation group and declared that a **strong farm bureau will do more** to save America than any other group." The speaker was presented by J. E. Overby, of Lexington, district agent.

Mrs. G. C. Grover, chairman of Nicholas County Associated Women of the Farm Bureau, explained that all wives of members of the farm bureau are automatically members of the association.

Clay Richey, insurance agent of the farm bureau, reported a 200 per cent increase in the number of policies of automobile insurance carried by farm bureau members only.

Rev. Ralph Thomas gave the invocation. Cleary Fightmaster assisted by Mrs. Fightmaster led the audience in singing America. Miss Dorothy Rowe, home demonstration agent in Nicholas county since July 1, was introduced to the gathering.

C. C. Crockett, secretary of the farm bureau, gave the annual financial report. Howard Sidle, chairman of the nomination committee, presented the nominations of officers, directors and delegates to the State Farm Bureau convention to be held in Louisville, January 9, 10 and 11.

Officers, during the year have been: George Rankin Carter, president; J. T. Standford, vice president; C. C. Crockett, secretary; directors, James G. Allison, G. C. Grover, Frank C. Henry, H. T. Lafton, J. W. Miller, J. D. Patton, E. Piper, Howard Sidle, B. S. Stephenson, C. S. Whaley, and Clay Richey, insurance agent.

Officers elected for 1946 are: J. A. Standiford, president; B. F. Clark, vice president; C. C. Crockett, secretary. Directors, G. C. Grover, Howard Sidle and H. T. Lafton held over from 1945 elected this year for two years are George Rankin Carter, Silver Hollar, W. E. Piper, Frank C. Henry, C. T. Whaley, J. W. Miller and Oval Day along with Mrs. J. A. Standiford of the Associated Women. Directors elected for one year are: B. C. Clark, Sterling Blake, W. J. Clark, Thomas Gaunce and Emery Clark.

Delegates elected to attend the State convention are: J. A. Standiford, George Rankin Carter, Hamer Miller, Clay Richey, Miss Ruth Clark, and Mrs. J. A. Standiford, Associated Women representative.

The remarks of Mrs. G. C. Grover, one of the highlights of the program, appear elsewhere in this issue of the Mercury.

Lights Add To Spirit

Installation of a new lighting system on streets forming the courthouse square has been a decided improvement. Brighter illumination, along with strings of vari-colored lights on Main street for decorative purposes during the holiday season, has added much to the appearance of Carlisle and the central part of the city has taken on a festive quality which should make this particularly merry Christmas even merrier.

E Bonds Lagging As Drive Reaches General Quota

A total of $161,717.70, subscribed in Nicholas county in the Victory Bond Drive, has placed the county well over the top in sale of ordinary bonds but the county continues to lag in the sale of E bonds, according to Roger Womack, chairman. The figures represent standing at the beginning of this week. The quota for the county was $120,000.

Something more than $28,000 in E bonds remain to be sold for the county to reach its assignment, he said.

The sale of E, F and G bonds will be continued until the end of the year.

Holiday Dances Are Arranged

A square dance, first of a series will be held at the armory next Wednesday night under the auspices of the American Legion and the Active Militia. The holiday dances were arranged at the regular meeting of the Legion last Friday night, at which Grimes Caywood, vice-president, presided in the absence of Elvey Kendall, commander. Other dance dates are to be announced, it was stated.

Rotary Club Hears Cowan

Dr. G. T. Cowan, Carlisle dentist, spoke to follow Rotarians last Thursday night on the advancement of dentistry. Frank Bradley presided as president of the club. Charles Law, Cynthiana, was a visitor.

Leslie Stone Hunt, 20, Nicholas county; Milford Soard, 22, Nicholas county, and Coledo V. Jackson, 21, Paris.

Marriage Licenses

Eugene Shroat, 26, and Eleance Shroat, 23, both of this county.

Stanley C. Crawford, 28 Carlisle, and Leola Stone Hunt, 20, Nicholas county; Milford Soard, 22, Nicholas county, and Coledo V. Jackson, 21, Paris.

Musketeers Win First C. K. C. Game

The Carlisle Musketeers won their first C. K. C. game when they defeated Jacksonville here Tuesday night by a score of 33 to 32. It was a closely contested game with the score being tied three times in the fourth quarter.

Carlisle took the lead in the first few minutes of the game and was ahead at the end of each quarter. The score by quarters: 10-6, 19-11, 25-19, 33-32.

Emery Clark lead the scoring for the Musketeers with 18 points and Flynn led Nicholasville with 13 points.

In the preliminary game the Nicholasville B team defeated the Carlisle B team 21-13.

Line-up:

Carlisle		Nicholasville
Crawford (5)	F	Flynn (13)
Clark (18)	F	Cleveland
Cureton (3)	C	M. Nichols (3)
Blake (1)	G	H. Nichols (2)
Dixon (6)	G	Schneider (8)

Substitutes:

Woodall	Yearly (6)
Young	Cook
Pitman	

Referee: Wilson (Ky. Wesleyan).

The next home game will be Dec. 17 with North Middletown.

Headquarters F. F. A. Elects Officers

The Headquarters chapter Future Farmers of America met Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1945, to elect officers for the 1946-7 term, with President John Reid presiding.

The nominating committee, appointed by the president November 27 and consisting of Raymond Scheffler, Ralph Hovermale, John Anderson and Billy Hillock, submitted their report on the nominations, which was as follows: President, Raymond Scheffler; vice president, James Brady; second vice president, Roger Myers; secretary, Leroy Reed; all assistant secretary, Billy McClain; treasurer, John Reid; assistant treasurer, John Anderson; reporter, William Hickman; assistant reporter, Billy Taylor; watchdog, Coburn Miller.

Twenty-eight members were present.—William Hickman, reporter.

Woman's Club

The Carlisle Woman's club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. Dec. 7 at the Carlisle Baptist church with Mrs. Ira McMillen in charge of the program.

Mrs. McMillen introduced Prof. Anders, of the Nicholas County High school, Lexington, district agent.

At the business meeting Mrs. Earl VanBever, president of the Carlisle Woman's club, asked that anyone interested in making a donation toward the "stocking" to be sent to Nicholas General hospital, Louisville, for disabled soldiers, please see Miss Dessilla Campbell.

Following the meeting, tea was served with Mrs. Ira McMillen, Mrs. A. V. Allison and Mrs. Martin Judge, as hostesses.

Knife Fracas Hearing Set For Saturday

Jess Bretz, of this county, is reported as remaining in a serious condition at Johnson Memorial hospital after having been cut in an altercation here Saturday night.

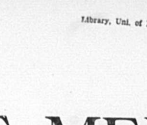
Slim Vice, also of Nicholas county, is alleged to have wielded the knife in the fracas which is said to have resulted from an old grudge. Vice is to be given examining trial in county court Saturday before County Judge Walter Shepherd.

In county court Monday Lee Bailey Jones, white, and Walker Berry, colored, charged with breach of the peace; and Jim Mc-Mullin and "Punk" Berry, colored, charged with being drunk in a public place were each fined $10. and costs.

Masonic Meetings

The regular meeting of Dougherty lodge, No. 65, F. & A. M. will be held Friday night, Dec. 14. Election of officers is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 27 at 10 a. m. All members are requested to be present at these meetings.

Celebrates Anniversary



ROBERT HARPER

Now in his eighty-first year and actively engaged in the line of business he established here more than three decades ago, Robert Harper, long a leading citizen of Nicholas county, said Wednesday that even a long life is a short one.

Hale and hearty in spite of the advance of years, Mr. Harper holds that activity and interest in daily affairs are necessary to the enjoyment of life and to the rendition of service which is, he said, after all, the best reason for living.

A resident of Carlisle since 1865, he celebrated his 80th birthday Monday, Dec. 6, by putting in the day as usual at Harper's Garage, where he is associated in the business now with his eldest son, William. Monday he was given a surprise birthday by members of his family who were able to be present and received telephone calls of congratulations from two daughters who were unable to come home.

Born in Fleming county in 1865, Mr. Harper spent his earlier life on a farm until launching a pioneer garage business here. He was an only child of his father, William Harper, whose grandfather was the first of the family to settle in Kentucky after immigrating from Northern Ireland.

As one of its most beloved citizens, Mr. Harper has long held a reputation in Carlisle for his kindliness, rich humor and business judgment. While he is up-to-the-minute in present affairs he still believes that the old times and ways were better.

He says that people are living too rapidly these days to get the real enjoyment from life they used to get but goes along, of course, with conditions as they are just the same. It was a good while before he looked with any favor upon his eldest son taking up flying. An active member of the Methodist church, he has attended services regularly all his life.

At the surprise party Monday were his wife, Mrs. Robert Harper; a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Ferridge, Springfield, Ohio; three sons, William, of this city, and Robert Harper, of Lexington.

His other two daughters who were unable to attend but who phoned their father are Mrs. Wise Collliver, Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. Nell Giles, Morganton, N. C.

Esla K. Watkins Buys Drug Business

Esla K. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins of East Fern avenue, has purchased the drug business of the late Houston Benaker in Cynthiana and taken over the business. Mr. Watkins has been the pharmacist in this store for the past several years.

Arrives Home

Pfc. Charlie T. Mynear, son of Mrs. Dora Mynear, Barterville, has arrived after being discharged from the service. He was in the European theater for about 21 months. He was in the service over three years.

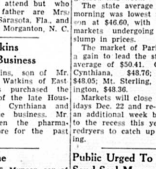
Farewell To Vs

The letter V is one familiarity identified with Nicholas county. Through the war with V-Day and V2-day—and on Nicholas county automobile tags for nearly a decade, the letter V has appeared prominently as serial letter.

According to John Surr, county clerk, we will take leave of the V on auto tags in the first year of peace. The 1946 tags will introduce six figure numbers, beginning with 378,001. Soon to be on sale in the clerk's office, new tags will be black with silver numerals.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR MEET AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE SUNDAY

A. B. Chandler Expected To Address Session At Which Awards Are To Be Presented District Scouts For Merit In Achievement



A. B. CHANDLER

The Bourbon District Court of Honor of the Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America will be held in Carlisle at 4 o'clock next Sunday afternoon at the Carlisle Christian church.

An invitation has been extended to A. B. Chandler, High Commissioner of Scouts and former U. S. Senator to deliver the principal address for the occasion. It is believed that Chandler will be able to fill the engagement, but in event he is unable to come another speaker of prominence will substitute for the national figure. A large attendance is expected at the Scout event when high awards are to be presented to meritorious scout members. An extensive program has been arranged by Chess Shearer arrangements chairman. A number of out of town scouts and scout officials are to be present as members of the local troop under the guidance of C. M. Smith scoutmaster join with other troops in the district to receive honors for outstanding achievement in scout work. W. C. Dalby, Paris, will be chairman and G. C. Wheeldon, Lexington, will be clerk.

The program will be:

Presentation of Flags and Processional.

The National Anthem—(Audience to remain standing through invocation).

The Scout Oath and Law—Lead by Eagle Scout John Howerton, Paris.

Invocation—Rev. E. H. Barnette, pastor of the Carlisle Methodist church.

Remarks—By the Chairman.

Scout Quartett—Troop 15, Carlisle.

Presentation of Awards to Second Class Scouts—Stanley Clarkson, North Middletown.

Presentation of Awards to First Class Scouts—Clay Sutherland, Paris.

Presentation of Awards to Star Scouts—Col. W. R. Nelson, Millersburg.

Presentation of Awards to Life Scouts—O. C. Rankin, Cynthiana.

Presentation of Merit Badges—William Butler, Millersburg.

Introduction of Hon. A. B. Chandler—M. C. Shearer.

Presentation of Awards to Eagle Scouts—A. B. Chandler, Versailles.

Benediction—Rev. Ralph Thomas, pastor of the Carlisle Christian church.

NICHOLAS COUNTIANS TO PROTEST DAMS ON LICKING RIVER FOR POWER

Large Acreage Of Rich Soil Will Be Sacrificed To Rising Tide If Flood Control Measure Is Adopted Is View Generally Held Here

Nicholas County Judge Walter Shepherd will head a delegation of local citizens which is to attend a public hearing to be conducted by a government engineer at the postoffice building in Frankfort at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in protest against the carrying out of a proposed flood control project by the government on the Licking river. The construction of dams along the course of the stream, in what is stated in the government circulative will be essentially a power project, will wreak considerable damage to a valuable acreage in the county and will completely engulf many acres of valuable farmland, it was stated by Judge Shepherd this week.

"I am unalterably opposed to the construction of such a project as will bring great hardship to so many people of Nicholas county and doubt seriously that any benefits which may arise from the project become a reality. I am opposed to the construction of three dams which will administer affairs of the AAA farm program within Nicholas county.

Other members elected to the county committee are: H. S. Vice, vice chairman, and John G. Allison, third member. W. E. Piper and Oval Day were named as alternate members.

Results of community committeeman elections follow:

Headquarters—chairman, L. M. Giffin; vice chairman, W. P. Collier; third member, John Kendrick; alternates, E. V. Delaney and Thomas Gaunce.

Barterville—chairman, Grover Phillips; vice chairman, Roy Shapp; third member, Sam Day; alternates, Howard Sidles and Robert Mayhrier.

Ellisville—chairman, Ovel Day; vice chairman, Joe Holland; third member, A. C. Laughlin; alternates, Robert Jennings and Sam Ham.

Myers — chairman, Eugene Luther; vice chairman, Walter Alexander; third member, Meredith Barnett; alternates, Peter McLean and Noble Gillispie.

Moorefield—chairman, Harold Mitchell; vice chairman, Ollie Mitchell; third member, C. S. Whaley; alternates, A. E. Kerns and R. H. Owens.

Miranda and East Union—chairman—Edgar Clarkson; vice chairman, Ollie R. Cannon; third member, John Barrett; alternates, Luther Lafferty and C. C. Thompson.

Carlisle—chairman, Sam F. Smith; vice chairman, W. S. Atkinson; third member, Walter Bowling; alternates, Clyde Burton and Arthur Mullikin.

Parker—chairman, Allin Ferguson; vice chairman, Harvey Wagoner; third member, Charles Law; alternates, George Honican and Bill Sharp.

Carlisle P. T. A. Presents Pageant

"Lights at Christmas," described as a pageant of song and scripture, was presented at 2:45 p. m. Wednesday at the meeting of the Carlisle Parent-Teacher Association in the city school auditorium. Students of the Fourth grade presented the pageant. Students of the Sixth grade gave two musical numbers. Rev. Ralph Thomas, pastor of the Carlisle Christian church, was the speaker.

Stock Sales Report

Hogs—receipts, 83; packers, $14.55; mediums, $13.80; shoats, $12.00 to $14.00.

Cattle—receipts, 95; steers, $12.10 to $14.60; heifers, $11.80 to $14.35; cows, $9.50 to $11.30; stock cattle, $23.00 to $52.50; bulls, $9.00 to $12.00.

Sheep and Lamb—receipts, 67; top E. and B., $14.20; medium E. and B., $12.50 to $13.80; common, $11.50 down.

Calves—receipts, 31; top veals, $16.55; medium, $15.80; common and large, $15.00 down.

Total receipts: 276.

The management has announced there will be no stock sale on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25.