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**Warns Against Vote Seekers and Selfish Blocs in Union Service Sermon—Only the Church Can Be Relied Upon—Doctor Morrison Reads Service Men's Poems**

"God meets us where we are, and whatever our need may be. He desires that we turn to Him in prayer," said Dr. James D. Morrison of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, holding up the prayers of our men from foxholes and drifting rafts as a model of sincerity and trustful reliance upon God as compared with "some prayers offered in churches or just before we drop off to sleep." Speaking last evening at a union Week of Prayer service at the Central Church of Christ, Disciples, he advocated prayers "for light in these days of burdensome problems whose solution will affect the whole world's future; for our fighting forces, that they may have strength to meet all the dangers without and within; for the victory of the United Nations, which we believe promises more for freedom and the kingdom of God than would the victory of those we fight; and for our enemies, especially the Christians among them, that in days to come we may work together for the building of a better world."

Doctor Morrison placed small reliance upon the politicians as builders of enduring peace. "They are talking in terms of high ideals just now; but wait till they begin to angle for votes, and all the various selfish blocs gather around their appropriate seats. Only the church can be relied upon to keep plodding toward the far-off, absolute good. Only as we pray do we rise above selfish, petty, and hateful thoughts." He told of an early aviator flying across the desert who heard a rat gnawing somewhere about the flimsy canvas and wooden fuselage. He took the plane up to its ceiling, and at 10,000 feet the sounds of gnawing ceased. The rat could not live in the rarefied atmosphere. "We cannot hate while we pray," he declared, pointing to Mme. Kai-Shek's feeling of compassion for the common people of Japan, in spite of all China has suffered.

Poems by Service Men  
Dr. Morrison has collected over 3,000 poems by service men, and he told the story of a brilliant young Australian scholar and teacher who was lost in the first 1,000-plane raid over Cologne. He quoted a poem found among his effects, to be sent to his mother in case he did not return, and a letter he wrote to the boys of the Melbourne High School, in

**LABOR INSTALLS 1944 OFFICERS. REVIEW BY RYAN**

**Points With Pride to Federation Record in Auburn—Lists New Contracts Negotiated**

The delegates of the Auburn Federation of Labor installed officers elected for 1944 and listened to an interesting report of the past year from President Harold E. Ryan Friday evening at their meeting held in the Labor Temple, Goss Bldg. The officers installed were Harold E. Ryan, president; Joseph Manucia, vice president; James Belluso, secretary; Carl Randall, treasurer; trustees, John Crosby, Glenn Adams and Michael Hatch; and sergeant-at-arms, Michael Kowal. Mr. Belluso, the newly elected secretary, is a member of the War Labor Board Regional Panel.

Mr. Ryan extended an invitation to the workers of Auburn to bring their problems to the Federation of Labor office in the Goss Bldg., where "Mr. Belluso or Mr. Crosby will freely, gladly and in strict confidence render advice and assistance on problems of wages, hours and working conditions."

George J. Weldon, director of the Auburn office of the United States Employment Service gave a very interesting talk. He explained the present set-up under Paul V. McNutt and the different rules in effect in the various regions. Mr. Weldon also explained the Utilization Plan now being put into effect in this area.

In his review of the past year, President Ryan reported that "just as organized labor throughout the nation has kept its no-strike pledge better than 99 percent so too A.F.L. workers in Auburn view with satisfaction their record of continuous production during 1943 in which they stuck to their jobs in spite of many provocations, irritating grievances, long hours, labor-baiting columnists, and labor legislation, the rising cost of living, poorer quality goods and the restrictions on income while huge profits are permitted to grow."

**Occupational Deferments for Many Are Banned**

Washington, Jan. 10—(AP)—Selective Service has banned occupational deferments for draft registrants 18 through 31 years old of age, February 1.

The action, announced by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national Selective Service director, is designed to make at least 115,000 more non-fathers eligible for military duty. Hershey warned the move will not long postpone the drafting of pre-war fathers.

Exceptions to the new regulation include the 405,680 farm workers in the 18-21 age group and registrants with industrial deferments. The latter group must have the approval of state draft directors in order to retain their deferment status. Student deferments likewise are curtailed.

**C. T. FRANCHINA, IN ORDNANCE, IS 1ST LIEUTENANT**

Second Lieut. Charles Thomas Franchina, U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Franchina of 24 Aspen Street, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, the War Department announced today. First Lieut. Franchina is stationed with the Ordnance Department at Fort Dix, N. J.

He was attending East High School when the Auburn units of the New York National Guard were called into service and federalized in October 1940. Leaving Auburn with the Headquarters Company as a first class private he first went to Fort McClellan, Ala., and while there he was promoted to corporal. In December 1941 he was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., and was advanced to sergeant. Shifted to Fort Ord, Cal., and then sent to the Hawaiian Islands in January 1942, he became a first sergeant.

Returned to the United States and sent to Officers Candidate School he was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1943 at Aberdeen, Md. Later he served at Pine Camp and Camp Perry, O. Last month he was transferred to Fort Dix, N. J.

Heart Attack Fatal  
Fred W. Clark, 76, died suddenly of a heart attack Saturday evening at his home, 34 W. Genesee Street, Skaneateles. Born in Skaneateles he was in the flour and grain business for 25 years, retiring six years ago.

He was a member of the official board of Skaneateles Methodist Church, and was treasurer of the church for 15 years. Mr. Clark was past grand of I. O. O. F. Lodge 275, and was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America in Oswego.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Clark; three daughters, Mrs. Olin Dewey of Syracuse, Mrs. James Lukis, and Mrs. Dorwin Windnagle of Buffalo; and a son, Garret A. Clark of West Springfield, Mass. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at the home with Rev. C. P. Torrance, pastor of Skaneateles Methodist Church, and Rev. Leonard F. Basford, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Syracuse, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Skaneateles.

New Hymnals at St. John's  
The New Church Hymnal, officially approved by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, has been adopted for use at all services in St. John's Church. The new hymnals replaced the old ones in the church pews, as well as in the choir stalls, yesterday. Many of the hymns in the older hymnals appear in the new books and to these have been added others. In some cases, a new setting has been provided for the words.

stalling officer. Refreshments will be served by Group No. 1.

**For All The Family**

"SEND NOW AWAY, PLEASE—YES, FATHER JOSEPH'S MEMBRINE."

All three candidates endorsed by the Federation won in the November elections.

Mr. Ryan concluded by declaring that "Critical though 1944 may be, we pledge ourselves as AFL representatives in Auburn to stick to the principles of Unionism and solve problems with study and a calm, reasonable approach and to fight for a better life for each and every worker."

**REV. DR. HYNES PREACHES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

**Pulpit Committee Considering Number of Names Before Decision Is Made As to New Pastor**

Dr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Hynes of Freeport, L. I. were guests of the First Baptist Church and congregation Sunday, following a Saturday evening conference with the members of the pulpit committee, which has been considering a number of names in their effort to find a successor to the Rev. Donald B. Cloward, now working at Northern Baptist headquarters in New York City as chairman of the Council for Christian Social Progress. A letter had been sent out by the committee asking that all who are interested in the future of the church come out to hear Doctor Hynes, and there was a large response to this invitation. At the morning service next Sunday action will be taken upon the recommendation of the committee.

Doctor Hynes, who is a graduate of Gordon Bible College and of Union Theological Seminary, preached from the first 14 verses of the third chapter of Philippians on "The Courage of Imperfection." "It takes no courage to say, Oh, I'm no angel! But to come right down to some one fault, and admit, 'I should have done better there' takes real courage. Some confessions of imperfection are only pride worn inside out to attract attention. The church is not a place for saints, but for sinners who want to be better. A man who prided himself on being as good as anybody inside the church admitted to me that he did feel the need of some help toward being better than he was, and that is what the church is for."

"We need the courage to tackle big jobs which we know we can't do to our satisfaction, rather than the small things in which we can take pride. An artist is never satisfied with his pictures when he recalls the vision of beauty he tried to put down on canvas, but he keeps on trying."

"We need to learn to trust God. After all, He is there working out the processes of His kingdom, and He does not ask us to bear the whole burden. It takes courage to trust God, but it is one condition of happy and effective service."

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**WESTMINSTER'S PASTOR SAYS HIS FAREWELL**

Rev. J. T. M. Wilson took leave of the members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. Early this week the pastor and his family will leave for Elmira, where Rev. Mr. Wilson is to be pastor of a large Presbyterian parish.

A large congregation heard the retiring pastor preach on "A Workable Religion." Mr. Wilson reminded the congregation that, if the Christian teachings are to be of real benefit to them and to the community, these must result in the sort of religion that will "make us better neighbors, better workmen, better husbands, wives or parents—better citizens."

Expressions of regret at leaving Auburn and of appreciation for the understanding and support given him during his pastorate here were combined by Mr. Wilson with the sermon. Special music was sung by the choir. Arrangements have been made for supply preachers during the time Westminster is, without a pastor.

**Treasury Statement**  
Washington, Jan. 10—(AP)—The position of the treasury January 7: Receipts, \$119,888,243.34; expenditures, \$324,912,279.56; net balance, \$11,600,011,435.87; total debt, \$170,441,744,589.13; increase over previous day, \$83,275,412.10.

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