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## AT THE BIG TABERNACLE

Throng of People Attend—Beginning to Hit the Saw-Dust Trail

Evangelist A. E. Burch's meetings at the big tabernacle continue the big attraction at present in Mexico. A multitude is in attendance at each night's service, and there is also an afternoon service each day at 2:30.

Wednesday night the students of McMillan High School attended in a body. The Evangelist talked on the theme, "How Connie Mack Picks the Winner." Connie Mack, you know, is the manager of the Philadelphia American Base Ball Club League.

"Clean living and quick thinking," observed the Evangelist, "are the virtues of a life that would play the game. Sin injures human efficiency. Winning in base ball requires clean living, and if that is true in base ball how much more is it true in the game of life. In life a man must be square and clean. Connie Mack stands for what I do—clean living. That is what men are insisting on today and if you are not living cleanly you will be out of the game."

"Alcohol slows a man down. It unfits man for emergencies. Cigarette smoking will reduce his efficiency. Connie Mack lays down four reasons why a man should lead a clean life; first, he owes it to the community; second, to his ball club; third, to his fellow players, and, lastly, he encourages marriage. I have no sympathy for an old bachelor. I hope if war ever breaks out you will send them to the front. There is no life like the married life and a wife is the best thing a man can have."

Friday night the tabernacle was thronged again. Persons were here for the service from Jefferson City, Louisiana, and other towns. About three dozen persons came in a body from Laddonia. The theme for the evening was the "Purposeless Man." The Evangelist arraigned the class of people who have no aim, no ideals; seeking no higher life, just drifters; thoughtless and shiftless. You are just as great as the purpose that throbs in your soul.

"When men see us, do they think of God? What is a purposeless person worth? There is many a man in the church, whose purpose only is at last to squeeze into heaven. Many a man will go down because we, as Christians, have loafed on our job, because we have not done our duty. These purposeless people hinder everywhere. They have no reward here or hereafter."

Saturday night the subject was, "Miss Dinah." The preacher got in plenty of Scripture in discussing Miss Dinah. He always closes his sermon with tender appeals that men and women should have holy purposes, and that men should come to Christ, for the Christ religion is the only salvation that saves.

Sunday afternoon Mr. Burch talked to a throng of men at the Mexico Court House while Rev. Cooper addressed the ladies of the city at the tabernacle.

Mr. Burch's subject was, "What's the Matter With the Irish."

You should have heard those men sing, and then you should have heard that sermon. Nothing the matter with the Irishman—or anybody else, for that

## FRESHMAN CLASS McMILLAN HIGH SCHOOL



Top Row: (from left to right) Tom Crawford, Pearl Barnett, Isabel Coons, Franc Johnson, Mabel Dorgan, Virginia Botts, Helen Plunkett, Grace Meliza  
 Second Row: Bryan Johnston, Roy Watts, Stanley Hopkins, Claggett Offutt, Frank Houston, Lucy Harrison, Bennetta Dillard  
 Third Row: Fred Henderson, Elizabeth Harper, Martha Quisenberry, Will Robinson, Bruce Powell, Mary K. Potts, Mary F. Rowland, Gladys Dowell, Phoebe Hobbs  
 Bottom Row: Frank Morris, Guy Pitts, Glen Williams, S. C. Auams, Ross Ferris, Ellwood Douglass, Westley Johnson.



Top Row: (from left to right) Charley Swinney, Harold Willis, Noland Fry, Clarice Painter, Clarence Chapman, Pauline Van Ness, Ben Dobyns, Effie Johnson, Priscilla Sannebeck, Pauline Gallop, Edward Moore Sadie Myers  
 Second Row: Juanita Marymee, Christine Schutte, Nellie Booth, Arleen Squires, Willie Beagles, Ray Calhoun, Madge Hollingsworth, Glen Blake-man, Harold Robinson, James Kearns  
 Third Row: Nannie Ruth Elliott, Cornelia Haskell, Edwin Winans, Margaret Graham, Theodore Winans, Kathryn Sannebeck, Helen Cave, Kathryn Jenkins  
 Bottom Row: Ray Heldbreder, William Barre, Morris Middleton, Milton Bland, Lloyd Campbell, Robert Dermody, Harold McCune.

matter—if he has God in his heart and the devil and all his trappings and Old Booze are cast out. Such a man goes forth conquering and to conquer,—a high asset to his community, to humanity and to God.

The sermon was brimful of humor, and then the deepest pathos, finally urging all to better living. All present were deeply interested from the beginning to the finish.

Sunday night every available seat in the tabernacle was taken and men stood in groups along the walls. The large choir of 200 voices made the music roll, and the fine sermon which followed held the attention of every man, woman and child. The text was, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The evangelist talked about the wonders revealed by the microscope and the telescope, but the telescope brings God before your mind and soul.

At the close of the service invitation was extended for confessions and people began to hit the saw-dust trail, as they term it in the Billy Sunday meetings. About 30 persons made profession of religion and promised to quit their sins.

### MR. WINTER DEAD

Former Mexico Citizen—Was in the Grocery Business Here

Henry Winter died at his home in Fruit, Colo., Tuesday morning of last week. He was in the grocery business in Mexico some years ago, leaving here for Colorado about 10 years since. He was a brother of E. J. Winter, now living just south of Mexico.

Mr. Winter was a native of Warren county, Mo. His wife and two sons survive him—Mrs. Henry Eversmeyer, of Wright City, Mo., and Mrs. Ed. Colster, of Warrenton, Mo.

Mr. Winter was a good citizen. Many Audrain county friends will be pained to hear of his death.

Mrs. Martha Johnson, 85 years old, of the King's Daughters' Home for Aged Women, who fell and broke her hip several weeks ago, died Sunday night. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Johnson was an aunt of Mr. W. Clyde Johnson, County Superintendent of Schools.

Writing back to the Bunceton Eagle from Montana, where he homesteaded a claim about a year ago, a former Missourian explains the homestead privilege thusly: The government bets you 160 acres of land that you cannot make a living on it for three years, and if you do, you pay the government \$25 and get a deed to the land.

John Kane and L. J. Paradise, two of Audrain's good farmers, paid the Message a very agreeable call a few days ago.

Rev. W. F. Clearwater of New York writes an article in the Sunday School Journal concerning his missionary efforts in Wyoming organizing Sunday schools, as he calls it, "an effort to reach a claim the frontier for God and the child." In one of his trips Mr. Clearwater speaks of being accompanied by Rev. J. J. Hicks, some years ago pastor of the M. E. Church in this city. The Journal contains a picture of Bro. Hicks and a native, sitting in front of a tent at the edge of a wild woods.

Rev. Hicks was one of the most talented and popular pastors who ever filled a Mexico pulpit.

### MRS. DOWELL DEAD

One of Benton City's Most Beloved Women Passes Away

Mrs. Anna Lee Dowell, 46 years old, died at her home at Benton City, last Thursday at 12:30. She had been in declining health for some time. The husband, James O. Dowell, and two children, Alfred and Elizabeth, 14 and 10 years old respectively, survive her.

Mrs. Dowell was the daughter of Dr. Alex Crawford of Bardstow, Ky. Always congenial and kind, active in church work and a leader in the Benton City King's Daughters, a large circle of friends mourn her death. Rev. A. A. Wallace of Mexico conducted the funeral at the home Saturday, burial in Elmwood at Mexico.

Our friend, J. N. Cross, at Keyes, Cali., has our thanks for papers giving account of the opening of the Panama Exposition.

John Hiller, colored, got a \$300 fine in the Police Court Monday for violation of the local option law.

## GIRL KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Car Skids, Turns Turtle and Five People Are Thrown Out.

Laddonia, Mo., March 1.—While Hote White and J. R. Brown Jr. of Perry were riding in an automobile last evening the car skidded, turned turtle and threw out the occupants. Three young women were in the car with them.

Miss Ruby Mauker, 16 years old, died from her injuries. Miss Bertie Westfall suffered a broken collarbone and dislocated arm. Miss Maurine Martin was seriously bruised, as were the two men. Brown is married.

## Notes and Comment

R. E. Race has been chosen secretary of the Commercial Club for another year. Race is all right—he is a racer in action as well as name.

Don't kill a bat. Bats eat mosquitoes. Mosquitoes carry malaria and malaria kills people. Down in Texas each bat is valued at \$200. The Lone Star State has passed a law to protect the bat. Yes, don't kill the bat. His company is better than skelter bites.

Good butter is selling at 30 cents in Mexico. Wheat on the big market one day last week crashed 7 cents but our loaves of bread are yet just as small and the price of flour just as high, large or no tangle.

O yes, here's the truth: One reason the farmers are opposed to farm advisers is that they are opposed to the creation of any class of new officers at this time. Wait till the farmer gets out from under the effects of droughts and other calamities before you load him with any more taxes.

If you eat morphine you will have to have the strict confidence of a doctor hereafter; you can't get the drug anymore except by a prescription from a licensed physician.

The gossip-mongers have been reaping trouble for their trouble in Mexico in recent weeks. Don't you pass on a word against your neighbor without you are sure you have the truth. You and your neighbor will both be saved.

Why not try potato bread? With potatoes at 60 cents a bushel, 10 cents worth—or 10 pounds—will, it is said, give the consumer a little more actual nourishment than two one-pound loaves of bread at 5 cents each. You would be ahead on nourishment, any way.

John Burgess at the City Hotel lost his gold watch the other night. The burglar slipped in and away while John slept.

The Wellsville Optic-News calls Rev. J. D. Greer of Mexico "Rev. G. D. Bear." Now, Bro. Greer is no bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Candy and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Candy and daughter, Mary, have moved to Glasgow, Mont.

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SAM LOCKE, Cashier.