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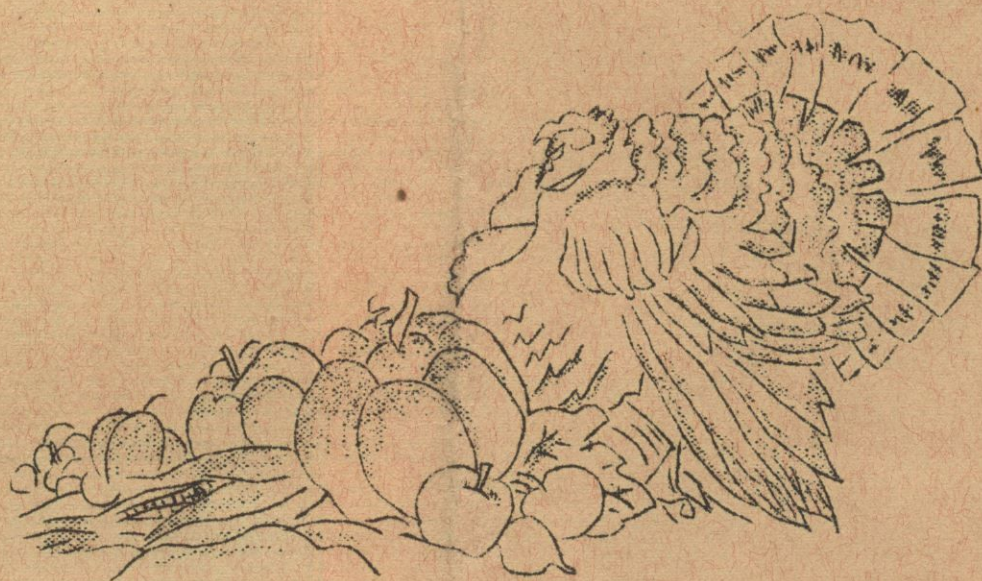
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TRINITY FLASH



NOVEMBER '44

The Nation Wide Bible Reading program appears as a challenge to us all. The Bible itself assures us that "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". Therefore if we are to increase our faith, we need to emphasize the Word of God. We have taken up the challenge and we shall participate in this program, each reading that portion which is designated for that particular day. Thus, we shall cooperate

to "Keep the Faith". While we are separated by many miles of land and sea we shall feel the blessed fellowship of the Spirit around the Chapter for the day. It will be for us like God's great sun and moon shining in the sky on us and our loved ones though not at the same exact moment, yet sometime throughout the day we shall know that we are met around the same thought, and will be praying to the same great God and Savior, whose Cross is the center of our Salvation, and whose resurrection is the cause for our triumphant hope. We own His Book as the only chart and compass of our storm tossed lives. We own His Cross as the precious symbol of our Faith in His sacrificial death. Therefore, with prayer and faith in His leading we turn to His Holy Word.

Thanksgiving-Nov. 23	Psalm 103
Friday	John 14
Saturday	Psalm 23
Sunday - Nov. 26	Psalm 1
Monday	Matthew 5
Tuesday	Romans 8
Wednesday	I Cor. 13
Thursday	Psalm 91
Friday	Matthew 6
Saturday	John 3
Sunday - Dec. 3	Isaiah 40
Monday	Psalm 46
Tuesday	Romans 12
Wednesday	Hebrews 11
Thursday	Matthew 7
Friday	John 15
Saturday	Psalm 27
Sunday - Dec. 10	Isaiah 55
Monday	Psalm 121
Tuesday	Phil. 4
Wednesday	Rev. 21
Thursday	Luke 15
Friday	Eph. 6
Saturday	John 17
Sunday - Dec. 17	Isaiah 53
Monday	I Cor. 15
Tuesday	John 10
Wednesday	Psalm 51
Thursday	Psalm 37
Friday	John 1
Saturday	Rev. 22
Sunday - Dec. 24	Psalm 90
Christmas-Dec. 25	Luke 2

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NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Pfc. Roy Lubbers left for Hot Springs, Arkansas where had to report to receive his new assignment.

The Y. G. Mulder family has recently received two letters from their son, S/Sgt. James Mulder, the latter of which was written July 19. James writes that the camp where he is staying is quite new and therefore at that time did not yet have any athletic equipment. However, this equipment was expected soon. He also says that they are trying to make good use of some of their time. Every morning they hold prayer services and every evening a group gathers for Bible study.

S/Sgt. Willard Lubbers in the Aleutians has recently met Bill Verdoorn, who is stationed near him, and enjoys visiting and attending Chapel with a former Orange City man.

T/4 Robert Vis is still an instructor in radio at Clinton, Iowa.

Cpl. Al Heemstra is still in New Guinea where it is hot, very hot at present because it is summer there.

Cpl. Harvey De Kock writes about some strange experiences during the recent hurricane in the South. Women and children were evacuated from their homes for a night but most of them returned to their homes in the morning.

Frank W. Heemstra SoM 3/c has finished his course in Fleet Sound. He has been selected to take a course in Sonar Maintenance. He will remain at Key West, Florida for some weeks.

Cpl. Ivan Muilenburg is still in England. He works 24 hours and then rests 24 hours.

Pvt. Donald Foreman is training in southern England and expects to visit London soon.

It has recently been disclosed that the Battalion with which Capt. Ralph Mouw is serving, landed the first shells on the German homeland. Ralph crossed the German border Sept. 11, and has been in combat on enemy soil since that time.

Pfc. Ray Wierda has received an Honorable Discharge from the Service. He came back to Orange City and we hope he will be able to find the job that is suitable, having sold his Corner Cafe when he left for the Service.

Congratulations to Lawrence Van Wyk on being promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Cpl. Kenneth Beyer is improving nicely, and hopes to be home at Christmas time.

No news has been received from Glenn Beyer. We are tempted to be filled with anxiety as the battles begin to surround him, but we shall say with the Psalmist - "Hope thou in God".

Lt. J. Elwin Muilenburg's "Infantry Regiment was fighting the main battle for Metz on the Pouilly ridge" as stated in the Nov. 16th Des Moines Register.

(Editorial note from our Pastor)

When our reporters for the Flash brought in the following news in regard to a number of our men --- "no change" we thought it best not to include all their names. From our understanding of life in the Service that statement of "no change" describes in some cases the drab experiences of continuing dull days of drudgery and waiting for the war to cease. In other cases it describes a sense of relief that the situation has not turned to the worse. We all experience those times in our lives but we suppose that they are more frequent in military life and produce a more intense feeling. Other names are not mentioned because the only news about some is that "they expect to be sent across". Our Government does not want us to discuss troop movements and therefore we do not write in detail about it. But be well assured that our men are representative of the U.S. Service and some are in camp and battlefield while others are necessarily on the move. Thus, without disclosing such movements with friend or foe we wish to assure all that we trust we are on the side of righteousness and that God will give us the victory.

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RECEPTION

Mr. & Mrs. Gerrit J. Beyer gave a reception for Sgt. & Mrs. Robert Malisch at the church parlors Friday, Nov. 3. Around 250 guests were present.

The wives of the service men took charge of the waiting and decorating, consisting of baskets of autumn flowers, mums, asters and miniature flags placed in tasteful arrangement about the room with the Christian flag and American flag in eminence.

A program was carried out with Rev. Ongna presiding as Master of Ceremonies. Harriet Muyskens played soft strains as guests arrived. Nuptial music was played by Mrs. Stanley Duven as the newly weds entered, followed by Sgt. Malisch' mother, Mrs. Miller, and his brother Gene, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Biemers and sons and Mr. & Mrs. G. Beyer. After the guests of honor and attendants were seated Mrs. Alfred Aalberts sang "Because".

Rev. Ongna read a scripture passage, offered prayer, and gave an appropriate talk. A vocal selection "Prayer Perfect" was then given by Milton Bogaard.

An interesting account of Sgt. Malisch' life in the army from the time of his induction until his discharge from the army written by Sgt. Malisch was read by Jack Versteeg. Mr. Versteeg also read a poem composed by William Van Veldhuizen and dedicated to the Soldier.

Mrs. George Van Roekel and Mrs. H. Rozeboom sang a duet "Hold Thou My Hand".

C. Aue gave a talk and dedicated a poem to the Sgt.

A Bible, a gift of the Trinity Church congregation was then presented the newly weds by the Pastor.

Miss Helen Beyer sang "Bless This House" and prayer was offered by Dr. Heemstra.

After the program refreshments were served.

Sgt. & Mrs. Malisch were presented with many beautiful gifts.

Christian Endeavorers of Orange City experienced a treat Sunday evening, November 9, when they heard Judge Fred G. Bale, of Columbus, Ohio. Our delegates to the State C. E. Convention were so impressed with his message at the convention in Des Moines that arrangements were made to bring Judge Bale to Orange City.

"Our Citizens of Tomorrow" was Judge Bale's message. He has had direct contact with delinquent youth for he served for eight years as a judge in the Juvenile Court in Columbus. He stated that liquor was, either directly or indirectly, the cause of much delinquency. He quoted an editorial from the trade journal of the American Liquor Manufacturers Association. This editorial urged liquor manufacturers to concentrate their advertising on the youth of America. As a result of this vicious policy of advertising, thousands of young Americans have acquired the drink habit.

According to Judge Bale, "juvenile delinquency" is a misnomer. The term should be "adult delinquency" for it is the parents who have failed in their obligations to their children. He cited the fact that in large defense centers of our country, juvenile delinquency has increased alarmingly. Here, where often both the mother and father of the family work, normal family life is broken up and the child is "on his own". Home means little to him. He looks for relaxation and diversion and finally ends up in such unwholesome places as taverns, beer joints, and pool halls.

Reports from the F. B. I. show that lawbreaking by juveniles has increased greatly since the beginning of the war. The increase has not been in crimes committed by boys alone, but also in crimes of girls. As Judge Bale said, juvenile delinquency is one of the major national problems today.

Judge Bale's talk was made especially interesting by the stories he related from his own experiences with youth.

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Raymond Heemstra is to
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on Nov. 19.