Christian Science Lecture Given At Civic Center

Following is the text of a lecture on "Christian Science: The Religion of Enlightenment and Glorious Liberty" given recently in the Potsdam civic center by Oscar Graham Peeks, C. S. B., of Kansas City, Mo. He is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

The text:

"It is becoming better understood that we live in a spiritually mental universe. This, however, is not apparent to mortal, material sense, which can cognize only materiality. One learns in Christian Science that man's true being is spiritual. This should be apparent to all, for God is Spirit and man created in God's likeness must necessarily be spiritual. There can be no other man.

"The account of creation which is given in the first chapter of the book of Genesis, studied in the light of Christian Science—and it should be kept in mind that all Christian Science demonstrations are based on the understanding of true creation—shows clearly that God is the one infinite, divine Mind, the only intelligence, the only creator, that all that really exists reflects and expresses this one creative Mind, and that man is Mind's highest idea.

"In this light it is also seen that the purpose of the allegory which is presented in the second and third chapters of Genesis is to show the unreality of matter and evil, or the so-called mortal mind, in contradistinction to the grand reality of God' perfect spiritual creation. Rightly interpreted this allegory exposes the status of mortal man—shows that this so-called man is a falsity, a mere counterfeit of the man of God's creating. He has no status.

Man Is God's Reflection

"Because man is created in God's likeness he possesses all the qualities of his creator, by reflection. As each ray of the light from the sun is an expression of the nature and quality of that orb, even so, in a far higher sense, the true being of each one of us manifests infinite Mind, or God. This illustration gives one a clear sense of his inseparability from God, and helps one to see the secessity of intelligently denying the existence of any mind except God, the divine Mind.

"The logic is indeed lame which declares that God, divine Spirit, has created man as he is seen through material sense and explained by physiology and anatomy. Such logic falls before the revelation adn demonstration of Christian Science.

"If God creates mortals or aids in their creation, then He must be a limited and finite deity. Such a belief detracts from the majesty of God, it beclouds His wisdom, belittles His intelligence, denies the teachings of Jesus and the apostles, and precludes demonstration of spiritual being.

Omnipotent Spirit

"Is not God omnipotent Spirit? Is He not infinite Mind eternal Truth, and ever-present divine Love? Is he not omniactive Life? The Scriptures declare that He is, and also indicate that He is the Soul of all true existence, and the Principle—not a principle, but the one divine Principle of man and the universe.

"Spirit, Mind, Truth, Love, Life, Soul, Principle—these are synonymous terms. Carefully considered, they are seen to indicate God's unchangeable goodness and loving-kindness, His wholeness, His allness, together with the perfection of man and the universe, which are embraced in the allness of that one omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being. Christian Science is teaching men to understand God as He is revealed through these synonymous terms and to utilize their knowledge of Him as Jesus did in the healing of sickness, sorrow, and sin.

Brasher Falls

The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded Staff Sgt. James E. Durant of the 747th Tank Battalion, U. S. Army, for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in Germany. The action occured when Sgt. Durant observed two enemy self propelled guns advancing threatening to outflank the attacking forces. Realizing the danger of the situation Sgt. Durant engaged these guns with his tank and without support effectively forced their withdrawal by fast and accurate fire. His initiative, courage, and skill materially aided the success of the mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the Military service. He also received the Purple Heart which he has sent to his brother Ralph Durant. It was awarded for injuries received on September 8 1944. Sgt. Durant volunteered for service in 1940. A brother of Sgt Durant, Ralph Durant resides here. He has a brother Pvt. Edward Durant who volunteered four months ago and is in training at Camp Gordon, Ga. Another brother Howard D. Durant was honorably discharged from service after finishing his boot training at Sampson and has arrived home. A sister, Miss Irene Durant volunteered for service with the Waves a little over a year ago and is in New York City. Before entering the services, Miss Durant was employed at the Aluminum Plant in Massena. S-Sgt. has sent his brother Ralph Durant many souvenirs from Germany including swords, helmets, belts, swastikas, etc., and his commander after examining the equipment, says, that the trophy value of such items exceeds and training service or scrap value. He also added that the items do not include any explosives, firearms or parts of firearms.

Seaman 1-c Donald P. Hoag who came from training school in Fla., Monday, April 30, left for New York City on Monday, May 7. 1-c Hoag received his wings at the close of his bomber training last week. He will fly from New York to Chicago and from there to San Diego, Cal. enroute to Hawaii. He has been in training in Gunnery School, Radar and bomber training since finishing his boot training at Sampson, March 1944.

Mrs. Omar Lalonde has recovered from an operation in the Massena hospital and came home Wednesday, May 2.

T. Otis Butler who had passed two weeks in Potsdam hospital receiving treatment came home on Tuesday much improved in health.

Miss Florette Lalonde has come from Syracuse to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Lalonde and family.

Mrs. Vincent Sherman, nee Esther Murray of New York city, is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. Margaret Murray and Miss Mae Murray. Also visiting in the Murray home is Mrs. Murray's son, Leland Murray, Mrs. Murray and their two sons of Albany. Mr. Murray is the executive head of the Teachers Retirement Board.

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An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England—In the recent Eighth Air Force attack on Nazi fields in the Berlin area Major Archie A. Tower, 29-year-old P51 Mustang squadron operations officer from Winthrop, N. Y., set one record of his own and helped in smashing of at least three more.

Leading an assault on an enemy airfield at Wittstock, about 60 miles northwest of Berlin, Maj. Tower destroyed eight German planes on the ground and damaged three more to share a new individual Eighth Air Force high with another Mustang pilot who duplicated his feat on the same mission.

In the 40-minute period of destruction, Major Archie Tower's squadron, led by Lieut. Col. Joseph L. Thury of St. Paul, Minn., destroyed 63 planes for a new squadron mark in the European theatre of operations; his group, the 339th Fighter Group commanded by Col. John B. Henry Jr., of San Antonio, Tex., smashed a total of 105 planes for still another record, and Eight Air Force fighter pilots bagged a grand total of 277 planes on the ground and 18 in the air to top all previous single-mission efforts.

"It was just one hell of a big day, no matter how you took it," Maj. Tower said.

In addition to the foregoing, Maj. Tower's eight kills hiked his personal strafing score to 18, which is second only to Col. Thury's 18½ in the ETO for planes destroyed os the ground.

The shooting sent Col. Henry's group beyond the 500-destroyed mark, of which more than 235 have been air kills. "We still haven't finished our first year of combat operations," Maj. Tower reminded his friends who wondered about possibility of cracking still more records.

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Norfolk

Mrs. Harrison Rogers, chairman for tag day for Potsdam hospital held on April 28. Girls who solicited were Norma Bennett, Pearl Papp, Irene Kocsis, Barbara Packard, Sally Hill, Ethel Dearbon and Patricia Tooley. The total was $45.50.

Mrs. Andrew Newtown and family have moved from Laura Finnen's house on Hepburn street to the Hunkins house on High street. William LaMora who purchased the Firman house earlier in the spring will take immediate possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bond have received word from their son, Kenneth that he has been promoted to Pfc. and that he has received two bronze stars for the D-day invasion and the invasion of Northern France. He is now in the First Specialty Brigade. A few weeks ago he sent home a box of souvenirs, among them a statue from the Shrine of Ladiu Leurs as Bernardette knelt at the feet of the Blessed Virgin. This he purchased immediately following the invasion and paid a thousand francs for it. He also sent his wife some perfume from Paris and a lovely pair of ruby earrings, to his little daughter, Bonnie Marie, whom he has never seen, he sent a dainty hand made white silk handerchief with the allied flags embroidered on it. Other items he sent were foreign money, a Nazi buckle and emblem, sea shells from Normandy beach head and patches he had to wear while overseas. Pfc. Bond is now in Belgium. He entered the service on Jan. 27, 1942, going overseas on Oct. 22, 1942. He was in England until D-day when he crossed the channel on an LST at that time being a truck driver. He has two brothers in action, Pvt. Amos Bond who entered the service on Feb. 27, 1942 and has been in Germany for about 3 months. He is in the Infantry. Pvt. Francis Bond who entered the service in 1941 and is now with the 16th Bomber Squadron in Geneva, Neb. He saw action in the Tunisian campaign and received shrapnel wounds in the arm and leg.

Parishville

Mrs. Harry L. Foster and sons, Charles, David and Harry, Jr., of Westmoreland, were in town Friday to Sunday. Mrs. Foster David and Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crawford and called on many friends. Charles spent the time with Stanley Bisnett, and Floyd Fenner, Jr. Mrs. Foster, a past worthy matron of Parish Chapter attended its festivities Friday evening.

Mrs. Richard (Carol Seaver) Whalen, Jr., and little daughter, Peggy Ann of Tennessee are spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seaver and brother, Lyndon. Miss Hope Seaver of Massena was home for the week-end.

DR. POWERS TO ADDRESS BOY SCOUT COUNCIL

Dr. A. R. Powers of Clarkson College of Technology, will address the semi-annual meeting of the St. Lawrence Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, to be held in Gouverneur on Thursday, May 24th.

All leaders of scouting are to gather for this annual program to which the ladies are invited. An interesting program is being planned.

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