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EDITORIAL

INFORMATION PLEASE

I received a letter dated August 13, 1945, from one who signed his name "R. H. Peoples, Chairman, Program Committee of National Convention Disciples of Christ."

Who is this man Peoples?

Is he the Reverend Doctor Professor Peoples, whom I used to know, who was a field worker for the United Missionary Society?

Is he the Reverend Mister Peoples, who told me on or about the 23rd of September, 1943, that the disciple ministers had outgrown the title Elder?

Is he the Reverend Mister Peoples, whom Elder R. W. Watson mentioned in a letter to me dated October 21, 1943, as "Our Black Bishop?"

Is he the Reverend Mister Doctor Professor Peoples, whom the editor of The Christian Plea in June, 1944, issue (the official organ of the Long Range Program and the National Missionary Convention of Disciples of Christ), said on page three, column one, quote: "Rev. Peoples represent a type of leadership which mean nothing to the masses of Negroes?"

Is he the Reverend Mister Peoples, whom Mrs. Rosa B. Bracy told me several times, and also in the presence of others, "how he worked to get her fired from the U. C. M. S., after 24 or 25 years of sacrificial service?"

If he is the same Peoples, whom I used to know, why did he resign from the U. C. M. S.?

Please favor me with the above information.



Elder G. C. Campbell

A NEGLECTED CAUSE

By ELDER R. L. (Silver Trumpet) SERCY

Brethren, the time has come when we must as never before introduce Christ and His way as the only medium through which men can be saved. While we have been sleeping these last twenty-five years, the church to some extent has fallen into the wrong hands.

What Has Happened?

Now it is just about half dead, crippled, lame, and has turned out to be a Parasite where it must depend upon a crutch offered by the devil or it can't walk. The spirit is low, energy almost gone, members leaving, buildings falling down, souls neglected, while thousands of dollars are being spent for what they call promotion. You can't promote churches without preachers.

Believe It Or Not

But there is more said today about what the U. C. M. S. Federal Council and World Council is doing for the people than about Christ and His church. The church today, with its modernistic trend, is saying to the minister, if you can take me without any changes, accept my liberal views, recognize the men sent down from headquarters, you are the man.

Brethren, we have catered too long to organizations and to people who are not willing to launch out in the deep. When the orders of the church came from the inspired word of God, souls were saved, buildings went up and the spirit of evangelism ran high, but now I don't know what you see, but I see chaos unless through the vivifying power of Christ there be recreated within us a moral fiber, and a spirit to stand for the faith once delivered unto the Saints.

Fear Has Crept In

Because of sin and evil, fear has entered the church, and ministers no longer trust each other; therefore, the word of God is being stolen from the people. Let us think of the old song: "And must I meet the judgment bar, to answer in that day, for every vain and idle thought, and every word I say; Yes, every secret of my heart, shall shortly be made known, then I'll receive my just desire, for all that I have done."

HOW DOES THIS SOUND TO YOU?

One Lord, one faith, one baptism and four living wives. To me it sounds like Hollywood, and not the church. To me it sounds like a movie star and not a minister of the gospel of Christ.

HATS OFF TO THE PAST — COATS OFF

TO THE FUTURE

By LONNIE BRANCH

All roads worth taking lead up hill and under the circumstances all may help but none should hinder. Our task is to improve each day, each hour, each moment, and remember that the most reckless spendthrift in the world is the one who squanders time. To meet the future with its backaches, headaches, and heartaches is going to require a fresh supply of courage. We must awake to the fact that we are face to face with a new civilization. The old order has changed, giving place to the new. We must adjust ourselves to the changed conditions or be left behind in the march of progress. The law of life is action. Economic freedom is the first and greatest necessity in human happiness and in order to make it possible to every human being we should work as we never did before and remember that, "He who wishes the good of others has already secured his own." Our business is to get at the honest thoughts of men and make them free. Force does not make thinkers but hypocrites. For my part I would not care to have any station or social position even in heaven if I had to admit I would never have been there only I got scared. One is never to be condemned for trying to do the right thing even if done in the wrong way. Shakespeare was right when he said, "There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we may." Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.—Prov. 111:5-6.

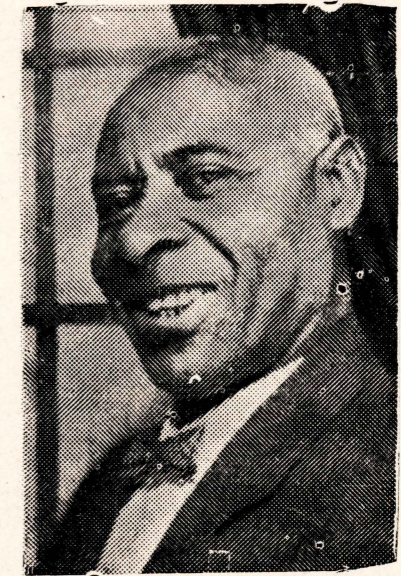
LET'S HAVE A LAUGH

A smart young man, thinking to perplex his minister, asked him this question in a public meeting: "Will you kindly tell me who was Cain's wife?" The minister replied: "I love young men and I want to give this young man a word of advice. It is this: 'Don't lose your soul's salvation inquiring after other men's wives.'"

The trial had reached a stage where the defendant's wife was allowed to testify in an attempt to establish an alibi. You are positive you know where your husband was on the night the crime was committed?" asked the prosecutor.

"Well, all I can say," replied the good woman, "is that if I didn't know, then I busted a good rolling pin over the head of an innocent man."

John, aged five, had been receiving a lesson on politeness. "Remember," said his father, "when you are in a street-car and a lady comes in, you must jump up and say, 'Take my seat.'" A few days afterward they were in a crowded street-car, and John sat on his father's knee. As a pretty young lady approached, up jumped John. "Take my seat, lady," he said.



Elder C. H. Dickerson

CAN I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?

By ELDER C. H. DICKERSON, Minister

Tazewell, Va.

Can I understand the Bible? No! "Thank God." "Now we know in part." "Then shall we know."

The passenger doesn't need to understand the road, the rails, cross ties, engine, throttle nor steam. He may ask a hat full of foolish questions, the explanation of which he could never understand. What he needs is his ticket. The railroad company is responsible for all the rest.

Again nobody yet ever fully understood anybody else, and certainly you can't hold back, because you don't understand the Bible.

You can't understand a biscuit but you eat it, nor milk but you drink it, the motor but you ride.

What you need is to love God and obey his Son Jesus Christ who loves us and gave his life for us, and promises eternal life to all those who obey Him. Here we walk by faith, "seeing through a glass darkly." Then and there we shall know, even as we are known. "Thank God."

HAVE YOU HEARD IT?

Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, has prepared a sermon to be preached at the Executive Board and Fellowship Meeting of the National Christian Preaching Convention. Subject, "Open Membership As Known in the Christian Church Is the Main Highway to Hell."

THE INEVITABLE TASK

By ELDER G. HAROLD BUNDY

Minister, Eighth Street Christian Church
Kansas City-2, Kansas

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears.—2nd Timothy 4:2-3.

In the time of peace or in a time like this when the world is at war, it is still our task to restore "New Testament Christianity." God, the Father's task was to give His Son. He did that. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, also accomplished His task in the giving of His life on Calvary; and our task is to win humanity back to God. The only way that this can be done is to restore the New Testament Church; in its doctrines, its ordinances and its life.

The Church

In the New Testament Church our creed is Christ, our name is Christian and our only book of discipline is the New Testament, and we speak where the scriptures speak and where the scriptures are silent we are silent. Jesus said in St. Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church therefore was called into existence A. D. 33, Jerusalem on the first pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. To know of its organization, its doctrines and fruits, read the acts of the Apostles. For about two hundred years it was true to apostolic teaching. But by the mixing of Jewish teaching and paganistic ideas and through political intrigue, the church of the beginning was lost. Centuries of ignorance and superstition passed by, during which the Catholic Church came into prominence. Later Calvin advocated the divine sovereignty of God. John Wesley stated the need of more spirituality in the church, around these ideas several denominations sprang into existence. Early in the nineteenth century there was a general unrest among the churches of America. In all denominations could be found those who believed that the followers of Christ should lay aside the traditions of men and go back to the church described in the new testament.

The Restorers

Among this number were Thomas Campbell and his son, Alexander. They aimed to take up things just as the Apostles left them, and thus being disentangled from the embarrassments of intervening ages, stand with evidence on the same ground on which the church stood in the beginning. They aimed not to start another church, but to call the people back to the church of the New Testament. They were not reformers, but restorers. They held up the Bible and by its teaching restored the Church of Christ. Again we say our task is to carry on.

The National Christian Preaching Convention

Since the passing of such restorers as the Campbells, B. W. Stone, J. T. Johnston and J. W. McGarvey fate put the church into the hands of sectarian-minded men, who robbed it of its purity and power and made of it a denomination; destroying one of the only two ordinances "baptism by emersion," "by teaching open membership," but faith through the National Christian Preaching Convention redeemed the Church of Christ, and presented to the world once again, in its purity, its power and its fruits.

To keep the church pure, powerful and fruitful till Christ comes for it, truly is our inevitable task.



Mrs. R. L. Sercy

AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPETH, ARISE FROM THE

DEAD AND CHRIST WILL GIVE THEE LIFE

By ELDER J. N. KEYES

First Christian Church, Greenwood, Miss.

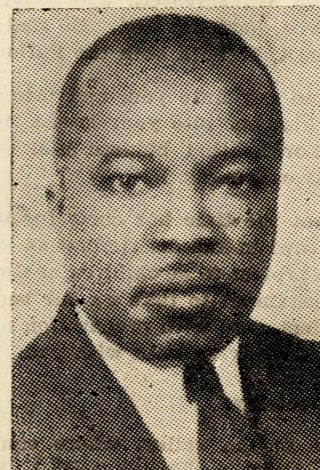
This is a fine declaration. And the more I read the Christian Informer, the more I'm convinced that every minister should put forth efforts to get it before his people. That they may be awakened to what is happening within our own ranks. That the churches may be saved from the clutches of these most unscriptural State and National Boards, Societies, etc. "The Christian Informer" is filled with information all should know. The editor's desk should be crowded with checks and money orders from ministers everywhere, saying I want my people to be taught the true way of life.

To my mind and its sad to say, that there are lots of our churches (Christian Churches) that are uninformed concerning something they very much need to know; and ought to be awakened in order to protect themselves from a very immediate and grave menacing danger.

It now appears from my way of thinking that a good many of the ministers, and laymen as well, believes that the Informer is the only journal which supplies this much needed information, that is, when conditions are such as threaten the liberty and loyalty of the church. The Informer does not follow the voyage of a man pleasing press and to "handle quietly" such matters, which is to say, keep them back from the people, and so become a partaker of the evil deeds; but frankly gives the brethren (Brotherhood) the facts.

More and more the discerning preachers and a goodly number of church leaders are awakening to this serious situation, and are acting accordingly. This I will say if you would have your people "awakened" and "informed" and at the same time built up in the most Holy Faith, get the Christian Informer into their homes. Then it will not be an easy thing for perverters of the Gospel, and dividers of churches to get a footing in your congregation.

I'm sure if Jesus Christ should come into the world (in person) today He would not pay a second visit to some churches; and He would refuse to participate in any ecclesiastical gathering which are being held.



Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor

PRESIDENT W. H. (Baltimore) TAYLOR'S FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE 28th NATIONAL CONVENTION

OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

In Lexington, Kentucky, August, 1944

A minister stood up to preach and he said, I am going to talk about baptism. The pastor whispered, talk about something else, my people don't like to hear about baptism.

The minister changed, and said, I am going to on the race question. The pastor whispered again, don't do that because some of my folks will be offended.

The minister changed again and said, I am going to talk about the doctrine of the Christian Church. The pastor whispered again, don't do that because that is a thing of the past.

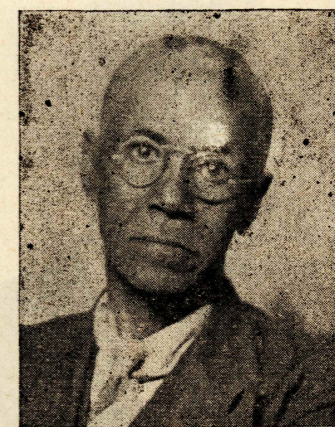
The minister changed again and said, I am going to talk about the founders and fathers of our national convention, the pastor whispered again, don't do that, who cares anything about the fathers and founders now.

The minister changed again, and said, I am going to talk the New Testament, our rule of faith and practice in the Christian Church. The pastor whispered again and said, don't do that because we receive literature from a certain place, which we use as our rule of faith and practice.

The minister changed again, and said, I am going to talk about Heaven, our headquarters where we receive orders. The pastor whispered again, don't do that because there is a place a little nearer than Heaven and we take orders from there.

The minister changed again, and said, I am going to talk about the evilness of open membership. The pastor whispered again and said, don't do that because some of my folk will get offended.

The minister turned to the pastor and asked, what in the world do you want me to preach about? The pastor said preach about how to play with little children or what you saw on your vacation, or how to keep the streets clean or how many barrels of oil are in the earth or will we need God after the war or the kind of transportation we will have in 1999, then no one will be angry and we will all go home hungry for the word of God.



Elder D. W. Bradley

No one has whispered to me, so I am going to talk about "Christ the Disturber." In Luke 23:5 are these words: "He stirreth up the people." Mark 5:17 are these words: "They begged Him to depart out of their district."

When Christ was brought before Pilate for trial, most of the testimony against Him was absolutely false. There was, however, one bit that was true. His enemies declared that he stirred up the people throughout the whole nation.

There was no denying that; he did throw the people of His day into a ferment. He asked them questions they did not answer. To some he filled their hearts with hopes and longings which had never before troubled their sleepy minds. And He has been disturbing us ever since—this strange man who walked the streets with his little group of followers.

One day He came into a sleepy little village on the east coast of the lake. The inhabitants boasted that it was the most peaceful village in the world. Nothing ever happens, they said; no news of the troubled world ever reaches us, no one comes, no one goes, one day is like another.

But that day a poor demented man ran out from his cave in the biffs which boarded the lake, and Jesus restored his sanity. The people had known this insane man for many years, and they came running from all directions when they heard of this marvel.

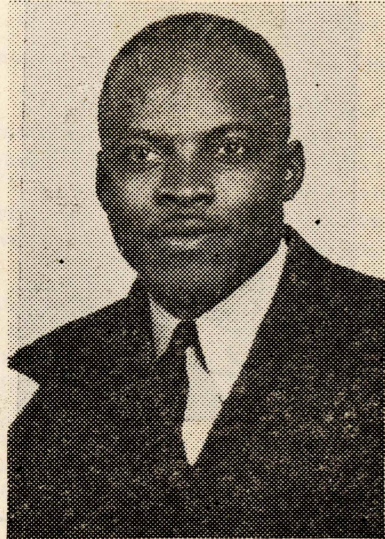
Their pigs which rooted along the lake shore were so frightened by this unusual excitement that they ran blindly over the edge of the cliff and were drowned in the lake.

Then the people of the village began to realize that Jesus, this stranger, had caused all of this disturbance, and they begged Him to depart out of their neighborhood or convention.

The fourth chapter of Luke tells us that one day this disturber came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as His custom was, He went into the synagogue or the convention and stood up for to read.

His text was this, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of

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Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy

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sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he began to say unto them, this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

When they heard these things they were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

But he passing through the midst of them went his way. And he came to Capernaum, a city of Gallilee, and there he stirred up the people again, to the extent that they were astonished at his doctrine.

Wherever Jesus went he disturbed people. He disturbed things and conditions that needed to be disturbed. There are things and conditions in our brotherhood that needs to be disturbed; and that our business here at this convention is to see to it that these things are disturbed.

When you elected me as your president I made a vow to God that I would disturb these things and conditions, and I have opened my mouth to the Lord and I will not take it back.

Here we have the background of these texts, and also certain reactions to the divine disturbance which came from the teaching and the person of Jesus.

God never intended us to be content with selfish ease, or to spend our lives in a rut. He intended that this be a striving, struggling world. He never intended that man should spend his life on a soft couch, and play Uncle Tom, just to get a hand-out over the back fence.

When Christ found such a man He disturbed him. He said to him, take up thy bed and walk. As a National Convention, we have been sleeping too long; the time has come for us to arise and take up our beds and walk.

The time has come for us who love the doctrine of the Christian Church to take up our beds and walk, because Paul said in Romans, "I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them."

The Apostle John takes it up in his second epistle and says, Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed. For he that biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deeds.

I believe that the time has come for us who are opposed to jim crowism and discrimination because of color by people who profess to be children of God and students of the New Testament to take up our bed and walk. I have had my feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace and I am ready to walk with you.

I hear the poet say:

"It may be in the valley, where countless dangers hide; it may be in the sunshine that I, in peace, abide; but this one thing I know—if it be dark or fair, if Jesus is with me, I'll walk anywhere."

"It is not mine to question the judgments of my Lord, it is but mine to follow the leadings of His word; but if to go or stay, or whether here or there, I'll be, with my Saviour, content anywhere."

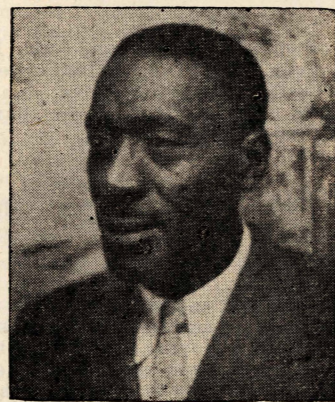
"If Jesus walks with me, I'll walk anywhere; 'tis heaven to me, where'er I may be, if He is there. I count it a privilege here His cross to bear; if Jesus walks with me, I'll walk anywhere."

The world which God created is not a static world, no matter how men strive to make it so. It is in constant state of flux and change, and life must change with it. Our forefathers traveled in ox carts and covered wagons. We skim over the earth in automobiles, streamlined trains and airplanes.

So it is with most things. We discard old books because they no longer speak our language, their ideas are outmoded by the progress of the world. But there is a book. The New Testament which is as timeless as the Christ.

The spiritual needs of the soul of man do not change with new methods of transportation or a revolutionary change in the treatment of disease. Christ the Disturber said, He came that we might have life, and that

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Elder R. F. Hayes



Elder A. G. Nelson

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we might have it more abundantly.

He stirreth up the people. He has stirred the people with the cry of human need and misery wherever it is to be found.

He stirred Preston Taylor, W. H. Dickerson, Henry L. Herod, W. M. Alphin, P. H. Moss, K. R. Brown, Monroe Jackson and many others to the extent that they organized this National Convention, whereby they might lead themselves, after giving others a chance to lead them from the days of slavery up to that time.

What is your response to the stirring of the Spirit, urging us to live a life that is really worthwhile, urging us to have a national convention worthwhile?

There are always many who say, "I do not want to be disturbed. Please let me attend to my own affairs." That is asking God to stay out of your life, and that is a terrible thing to say.

But thanks be to God, there are multitudes who are anxious to be stirred and disturbed for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for those things it has stood for from the first Pentecost to the present time.

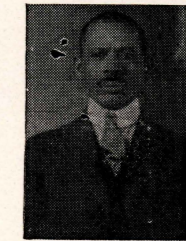
Do you want Christ to disturb you? Does conditions in our National Convention disturb you?

I do not want to be a Baptist, but some of our United Christian Missionary Society Brethren are trying to drag us into the Baptist Church. If I wanted to join the Baptist Church, I would join of my own accord.

I do not want to be a Methodist or an Episcopalian. I came out of that, and if I wanted to go back I would go of my own accord; but some of our United Missionary Society Brethren are trying to drag us into the above mentioned churches, by advocating and practicing open membership.

What is open membership in the Christian Church? Open membership in the Christian Church is this, if you have been sprinkled or poured, you can become a member of the Christian Church without being buried in baptism. Therefore, those among us who advocated and practice open membership, endorse sprinkling and pouring, which are unscriptural; because Christ said, "Except a man is born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Paul takes it up and says in Gal. 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Romans tells us that we are "buried with Him in baptism."

If I did not like the Christian Church I would get out



Elder G. Salvador Johnson

of it, and not be a hypocrite.

If I did not believe in the Diety of Christ I would get out of His church.

If I did not like the doctrine of the Christian Church, I would get out of it and join something that is not related to the New Testament.

If I were ashamed of what the founders and fathers preached, like some of our ministers are ashamed, I would get out of the pulpit, stop preaching and turn to a jitterbug.

The time has come for us to drive the jitterbug and pulpit money changers from the Temple. We are told to come ye out from among them and be ye separated.

I am ready to trust God. I can sing.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word, my hope secure. He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Are you disturbed by the conditions in our brotherhood? Christ disturbed Zachuas when he was resting up in the sycamore tree. He said Zacharus come down, I must disturb, today I must abide at thy house.

He disturbed Lazarus, who had been quietly in the grave for four days. He said come forth.

He disturbed the widow's son who was dead and was being carried to the grave. He touched the casket, and said young man, I say unto thee arise, and he that was dead sat up and began to speak.

Because I speak out against open membership. I have been called a disturber.

Because I speak out against jim crowism and discrimination because of color, I have been called a disturber.

Because I preach that the Christian Church is the only way to God, I have been called a disturber.

Because I contend for the doctrine of the Christian Church I have been called a disturber.

Because I preach John 3-5 which says except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. I have been called a disturber.

Jesus Christ, the Great Disturber, whispers to me and says, blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for so presecuted they the prophets which were before you.

I love the Christian Church better than I love the National Convention.

I love the doctrine of the Christian Church, as in the New Testament, better than I love being president of this National Convention.

I say to you what Christ the Disturber said on his way to the cross: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in a dry?

Editor's Note—Because of liberalism, modernism, and the question of open membership, the convention split, and the National Christian Preaching Convention was organized September 12, 1944, in the Y. M. C. A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

BACK TO THE BIBLE



IN THE FIELD OF EVANGELISM

Elder R. L. (Silver Trumpet) Sercy has resigned the church at Oklahoma City to do evangelist work. Elder Sercy has been a successful pastor and evangelist.

Take a look at his record. With God's help he built a church at Daingerfield, Texas; carried the membership from 38 to 109 in two years. He remodeled a church building at Paris, Texas; built platform and choir stand himself; more than 100 persons took membership during his three years there. Elder Sercy conducted a revival in Boley, and 42 persons confessed faith in Christ. In 1934 he became pastor of the Boll Street Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. He found a membership of 92, stayed with the church five years; when he resigned the membership had increased to 411, which means he had 319 additions while there. He went from Dallas to Henderson, Texas, a neglected field; today they are going forward in a fine way. While in Henderson he met and married his fine and loyal wife, whose picture is in this paper. Leaving Henderson, he accepted a call to the East Sixth Street Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. Elder Sercy found the membership of this church about 78, now the membership is 312. In July, 1945, he organized a church in Oklahoma, Miss. He was selected to teach a course in the Manhattan, Kansas, service camp. He is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

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