

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."
—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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YOUTH IN ACTION

VAUGHN SHOEMAKER

Did you ever hear of Vaughn Shoemaker? If not, then here is an introduction to one of the leading cartoonists of America. He is a young man employed by "The Chicago Daily News", one-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1938 for outstanding work, and most important of all, an active follower of Jesus Christ.

He began work on the "Daily News" when he was nineteen, but had little opportunity for showing his skill at cartooning. The hard-boiled newspapermen were reluctant to give the young man a try, until one day the regular cartoonist left to take a job in another place. The assistant was also out of town leaving only Shoemaker who knew anything at all about the job. The editor was frantic and looking at the youth shouted: "You Shoemaker. Draw something, anything, till I can look around and get a cartoonist."

This was the opportunity that he wanted. Shoemaker himself in telling the story, said; Newspaper men call that a "break." I call it God's providence.

When Christmas time came that year, Shoemaker was still drawing the daily cartoon. He needed a fresh idea in keeping with the season, and turned to the type of material that he knew best. He had drawn a scene of Bethlehem, and written across the face of it the whole verse of John 3:16. At first the editor was reluctant to publish it, but after a conference on the matter, the publisher said, "Let's be sensible. Shoemaker's right. If it weren't for John 3:16 there wouldn't be any Christmas. It's a good cartoon. Run it. We need more like it in the News."

Again in Shoemaker's words: "I finished that cartoon, and it made the greatest hit of anything I'd ever done. It has been reproduced eight years in succession at Christmas time on the front page of the Chicago "Daily News". Now the editors keep asking me, "When are we going to have another gospel cartoon?"

One of Shoemaker's cartoons is before us as we write this. It shows the inside of a large beautiful church edifice, with the janitor standing, with broom and duster, in front of the altar. Covering the altar rail, which should show signs of use, are several scraggly spider webs. A sad, but eloquent commentary on the general church today.

Shoemaker is enthusiastic about Christian service and believes in letting his light shine where he works. The life of this young man shows that success need not be divorced from true Christianity. In truth, the only success that is real is accomplished in and through Jesus Christ.

PEGGY

Peggy was always the life of the party. One evening Peggy's friends gathered in the parlor to spend the evening. There were people of various ages—grandparents, mothers, fathers and young people like Peggy in their early twenties. Soon the crowd was playing guessing games. Peggy was usually the first to win. She felt a sense of pride in guessing Disraeli as the English statesman; Bacon, the writer; Magellan, the sailor; Luther, the reformer. She was the first to announce authors, books, events.

"Peggy, if you will leave the room again, we will try to find a character that will not be so

easy for you," one of the older men suggested.

As she stood before the group again, a man started, "Guess who. He was a leader of the people, was celebrated for his meekness, a law-maker, never permitted to enter the place he most desired because of one sin."

"Hammurabi."

"No; guess again. He passed forty days on a mount, received tables of stones."

"Hadrian. He had a great deal of stone collections"

"No."

"I give up." For the first time she was beaten. "Moses!" the crowd shouted.

"Moses? Why, he delivered the Sermon on the Mount."

A few of the young people laughed, but on most of the older faces there was a solemn expression that made Peggy uncomfortable.

After the party was over, Peggy went to her room, lay down on the bed and began to cry. A few minutes later she heard a knock on the door. Mrs. Williams entered. "I thought you might be alone. Why, child, are you weeping?"

"I can't help it. I know every one in the parlor must have been shocked at my ignorance of the Bible."

"But, Peg, do not let this ignorance continue another day. The Bible is God's Word given to show us how to live. It is God's way of revealing His will to us. You are pretty popular, but you should know your Bible. You cannot live a full Christian life without a knowledge of the Book."

"I know it. I shall get a Bible tomorrow, and God being my Helper, I shall spend one hour with it every day, and I mean to pray as I read."

—Rev. Joseph D. Ryan in *The Presbyterian*.

HOW WONDROUS IS GOD'S WILL

By Beth C. Hill

I watched a redbird wing its fearless flight
Skyward to meet the sun's caressing rays;
Noted its song of faith and pure delight—
And prayed my heart might know such trust
and praise!

A rose—its roots sunk deep in clogging soil—
Burst forth in gorgeous beauty overnight.
I prayed God's love might thus transform my toil,
Turn common things of fragrant blossoms
bright.

The very trees that spread their grateful shade.
O'er grass and ferns, o'er rock and dimpling
pool
Made mute appeal, man (in God's image made)
Might prove the loving wisdom of His rule!

All nature, yielding glad obedience
To God's divine decrees, His love reveals
In terms of bounteous beauty! When we sense
Our greater powers, what wonder o'er us
steals!
—Y. P. Standard.

DENOMINATIONAL RALLY

Don't forget the Rally at Fredericton, May 23—26 inclusive.

SPEAKER: REV. H. R. WHITING, Meaford, Ontario.

Let's pray for the Rally, talk up the Rally, plan for the Rally, and COME to the Rally.

OTHERS

Lord, help me live from day to day,
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for—Others.
Help me in all the work I do.
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for You,
Must needs be done for—Others.
Let "Self" be crucified and slain
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for—Others.
And when my work on earth is done,
And my work in Heaven's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of—Others.
Others, Lord, yes, Others,
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for Others,
That I may live like Thee.
—General Booth of the Salvation Army, published by the Meigs Publishing Co.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE GOD

In the darkest day of our world war when it looked as though England might be crushed by Germany, King George gave an optimistic radio address in which he emphasized that "There will always be an England." That message inspired the following poem:

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE GOD!

They cannot shell His temple
Nor dynamite His Throne,
They cannot bomb His city
Nor rob Him of His own
They cannot cause Him panic
Nor cut off His supplies,
They cannot take His Kingdom
Nor hurt Him with their lies.
Though we face war and struggle
And feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion
There always will be God.

—Our Message.

BREVITY

The late Lord Bryce said: "The Constitution of the United States, including the amendments, may be read aloud in twenty-three minutes." It took George Eliot 700 pages to describe Adam Bede. Thackeray used 600 pages to describe Henry Esmond, and it took Victor Hugo 1,500 pages to give us Jean Valjean. But in 527 words Christ gave us the Prodigal Son. In 197 words He told us the story of the Good Samaritan, and in 124 words He gave us that matchless picture of the Publican and the Pharisee who went up to pray. All the words in the Gospels spoken by Jesus can be read in two or three hours.—Selected.

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Isn't it queer how nineteen drops of rain can keep twenty people from church!