



News and Notes for Young People

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GEORGE WILSON

In 1830 George Wilson, in Pennsylvania, was sentenced by a United States court to be hanged for robbing the mails and for murder. Andrew Jackson, as president of the United States, pardoned him. Wilson refused the pardon and insisted that it was not a pardon unless he accepted it. That was a point in law never before raised in the United States of America. The Attorney General said the law was silent on the point. The President was urged to call upon the Supreme Court to decide the point at once, as the sheriff must know whether to hang Wilson or not. Chief Justice John Marshall gave the following decision: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon; but if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must hang." And he was hanged.

Who was responsible for his death? No one but the man himself. The law said he must die. The President stepped between him and the law, and the man refused the pardon.

Indirectly the Supreme Court of the United States decided that the truth of the atonement of Christ in making provision for the salvation of the whole world is beneficial only to those who receive Him as their own and accept the provisions of redemption.

SEPTEMBER HOURS

By Norman C. Schlichter

As over the fluffy asters
Butterfly bands go by.
Friendly groups of migrants
Go down the southern sky.

As every day the sunset
Earlier spreads its glow,
Apple trees in orchards
Are coloring, bending low.

The odor of grapes is rising,
Tarnishing summer gold,
But as radiant as ever
Is every marigold.

With afterglow of summer
Yet a wondrous thing,
September's happy hours
A thousand joys will bring.

MAU MAU MISSION

In East Africa, the Navigators, who recently completed an evangelistic mission among the Mau Mau camps in Kenya, are now continuing with a complete follow-up program. Since November, more than 42,000 former Mau Mau terrorists from the highly literate Kikuyu tribe have heard the gospel, and over 2,500 first-time decisions for Christ were recorded.—Conquest.

The King's Highway

BILLY GRAHAM AND HIS CRITICS

New York City—If Billy Graham collapses under the load of the biggest evangelistic meeting ever attempted, the cause can be attributed to his friends rather than his enemies.

Graham, however, would be the last to admit such a truth. A few individuals and groups continue to bang away with criticism at every opportunity, but Graham has ignored the taunts and let the Crusade speak for itself—over a half million attendance and 16,000 signed decisions in four weeks at Madison Square Garden.

When he does bother to answer a critic, it follows the pattern of the time in London when he was being taken apart in searing phrases by a British newspaperman. In a note to the writer, Graham said, "Of course, I can't agree with the things you are writing, but you certainly say them cleverly." The writer later became a good friend.

Friends are another problem, however. They are flocking into New York from the 48 states and scores of foreign countries. Many have been closely associated with the evangelist in Crusades and want to discuss various matters with him privately. Others want appointments to talk about future meetings. And some just want to talk. They include governors, industrial tycoons, oil millionaires, film stars, neighbors and ministers of every denomination.

With his built in southern hospitality, Bill Graham would have it no other way. He loved to greet old friends and meet new ones, but it would take a 48 hour day for him to do it and still keep up with all the demands of the New York Crusade. For instance, last weekend he was on three nationwide television programs. Such things take careful planning, but after a steady round of appointments Graham had only a few minutes to spare for each.

Members of the team endeavor to protect the evangelist, in order to give him time for vital study and prayer, but the task borders on the impossible at times. Graham is so afraid of hurting someone's feeling that he doesn't often co-operate with the efforts of his aides. He has expressed the belief many times that "God has called me for a short ministry."

He could be right.

—George Burnham, News Editor, "Christianity Today."

JAPANESE SUICIDE PILOT BECOMES SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

A former Japanese suicide pilot in World War II, converted to Christianity by a missionary, was ordained a Baptist minister at Fort Worth, Texas, a few days ago. He is the Rev. Samuel I. Niwa. At his ordination he took the Christian name of Samuel because it sounded like his Japanese name, Isamu.

Mr. Niwa, who became a suicide pilot when he was only 15, was an atheist working with Communists while attending a junior college at Osaka after the war. He said that one night he heard a Baptist missionary preaching and was converted. "I remember every word he said," the minister recalled. "The most important ones to me were, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' I felt a need, and the missionary's words answered it."—The Wesleyan Methodist.