

THE SOWER

A Weekly Department of Religious and Secular Thought Contributed by REV. JAMES A. TURNER, Pastor, M. E. Church, Patton, Pa.

I AM THE CHURCH.

I am a VOICE calling to mankind through the ages; Calling men away from all that is low and unworthy To all that is high and holy.

I am a BOOK, THE BOOK made articulate, the Living Word From whose pages irradiates Light eternal, so that I become A lamp unto the feet and a light unto the pathway of men.

I am a LIGHT shining in the dark places of the earth, Reflecting the glory of Him who is the Light of the world, Making bright the lives of those who sit in darkness, And bringing warmth and cheer to the discouraged and downcast.

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I am the Custodian of TRUTH, the Guardian of FAITH, The Conservator of HOPE, and the Interpreter of LOVE.

I am an ALTAR built in the shadow of a Cross, the place where "The soul of man keeps tryst with the Spirit of God."

Before me men kneel to confess their sins and receive forgiveness. "They kneel, how weak; they rise, how full of power."

I am the SPIRIT OF WORSHIP, I am that which lifts man out of himself. And makes Him, "Whom, having not seen, we love," "Closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet."

I am the COMMUNION OF SAINTS, the tie that binds All hearts in Christian love, and links the redeemed on earth With the redeemed in Heaven.

I am the BODY OF CHRIST through which He operates for the extension Of His Kingdom on earth, that Kingdom whose imperishable glory Is the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

I am HUMANITY at its best, consecrating its all to the service of Him Who is King of Kings and Lord of lords.

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—Margaret Reese Potter.

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

James A. Turner, Pastor. Church school at 9:00 A. M., Preaching, 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Mid-week Bible Class, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Come to the Mid-week Bible Class on Wednesday evening and hear the interesting discussions about the great deluge, the Ark, the Deliverance of mankind from the tragic conditions preceding the flood, the exit from the Ark, the reestablishment of human economy, the ordering of the seasons of the year, the covenant, and the cause of the rainbow, Noah's drunkenness and the sad results, the dispersion of mankind over the earth following the building of the tower of Babel, and many other interesting incidents relative to man's early history on earth.

Don't forget to get your ticket for the banquet on Friday evening, June the 2nd. An interesting program is assured. Come and get acquainted with the young people in the churches up here on the mountain top. You will enjoy the evening.

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STATE MEDICOS TALK OF HAZARDS OF THE BICYCLE ON HIGHWAYS

Close to one thousand bicycle riders will be killed this year. They will be children full of the zest for life and fun.

Their deaths will bring tragic grief and lasting sorrow to many homes. All of these deaths could have been prevented with the exercise of more care.

Here are ten safety rules which parents should read and explain to their sons and daughters who are riding bicycles:

1—Learn to ride in a park or other safe place. Stay off the streets until you can ride well.

2—Have your bicycle equipped with

proper brakes, lights, and bell or a horn. Keep it adjusted to fit you and in good condition. Check the brakes frequently.

3—When riding, keep to the right, close to the curb.

4—Obey all traffic rules and regulations. Use hand signals when turning or stopping.

5—Ride without wobbling, and avoid sharp turns. Weaving through traffic is dangerous. Avoid fast riding on slippery or rough roads.

6—Never carry a passenger. It is dangerous.

7—Never hold on to a moving vehicle.

8—When riding at night, carry a light in front and either a light or reflector in the rear. Light colored clothing also helps motorists to see you.

9—Do not carry an object in one hand or ride in the street with both hands removed from the handle bars. Parcels should be strapped to the bicycle or placed in a carrier.

10—Choose your route carefully and avoid crowded streets and highways.

These rules, if obeyed, would greatly reduce the increasing number of deaths of bicycle riders.

Bicycle riding is great fun and good exercise, but present day highway congestion makes it a dangerous undertaking unless continual care is used.

Be a better bicyclist—don't ride recklessly.

Johnsonburg Celebration. Johnsonburg, Pa.—Many dozens of Fire Companies throughout Western Pennsylvania already have replied to

invitations to appear here in the summer's first big firemen's parade climaxing the week's celebration at the second annual jubilee of the Central Hose Company, No. 1, June 5th to 10.

Firemen's day is Saturday, June 10, with the mile long parade of bands, hose companies and fire equipment beginning at 6 P. M., standard time. The visitors will be competing for upwards of \$400 offered in 14 big prizes.

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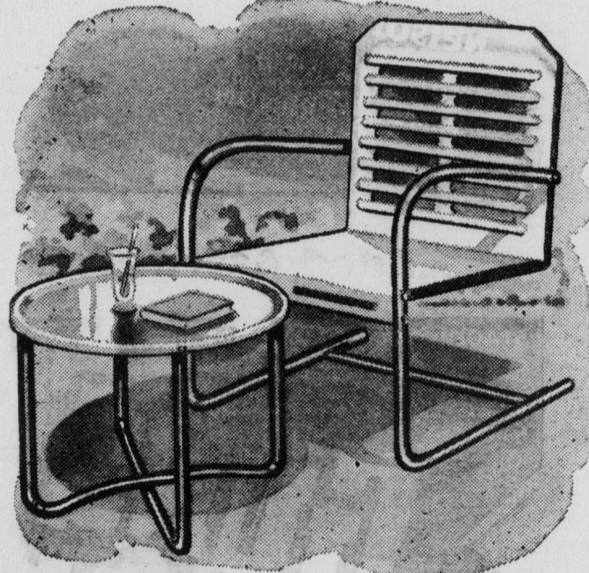
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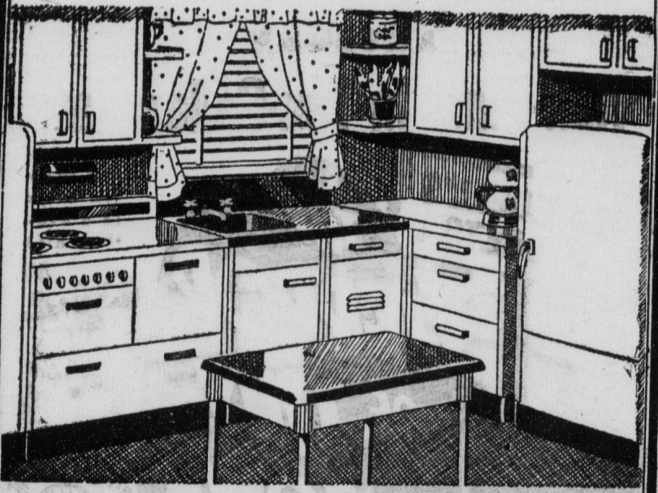
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