

THE SOWER

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

HELP WANTED.

Dr. Halford E. Luce speaking: We are all familiar with Whittier's lines:

"For all sad words of tongue or pen The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

At the low point of the depression in 1933 a newspaper columnist printed these two lines:

"Of all the glad words of tongue or pen The gladdest are these: 'Help Wanted.'"

It was a sign that did not often appear in the barren years of unemployment. And that very fact is evidence of some of the world's fundamental needs, to which Christian people must give their minds, and hearts and their strength.

Over the whole enterprise of making a more Christlike world there has always been hanging the sign: "Help Wanted."

In a high and reverent sense we may say that Jesus first put up that sign. "Lift up your eyes," he said to his disciples, "and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest . . . but the laborers are few."

"Help wanted," still applies to the great work of the kingdom of God. In our day the fields are white with opportunity and need. In every field of life and need, in the opportunity for Christian education, for disciple winning at home and abroad, for securing greater justice in economic opportunity, for ridding the world of war, the fields are white. There is, as in Jesus' time, a labor scarcity.

There is no lack of spectators. There are plenty of people to sit on the grandstand and ask with a cheery curiosity, "Well, how's the world going?" They have no sense of personal responsibility, no desire to get down into the arena and struggle to help the world get going away from ruin to welfare.

There is no lack of well wishers. "My sympathies are with you!" many comfortable souls to those in the fight for a more Christian society; but they do not send more than their sympathies. Their interest does not deserve the word "sympathy" for genuine sympathy is a vital force. If it is real it compels action. What these well wishers have is wishful sentimentalism, which never won any battles against evil.

A minor party candidate for President said after the election: "Many people told me they voted for me, and then I found out I had no votes at all in their precincts." Even so! That often happens. The same thing is often true of the cause of Christianity. Loud protestations of support; but when the returns on a concrete issue come in, it turns out that Christianity had no votes at all in that precinct.

There is no lack of theorists. There is no lack of people to announce "Now this is the way it ought to be." But when they finish casting their pearls of wisdom, that is the end of the matter. They do not pull off their coats and go to work. They disdain practical work on the job of necessary change. In an old English comedy there is a character named Sir Nicholas Glimcrack who used to practice swimming, outstretched, froglike, on a table. "I hate the water," he confessed. "I content myself with the speculative part of swimming. I care not for the PRACTICK." What a lot of people there are who care not for the PRACTICK of Christian living!

But the laborers, the people whom Jesus called for, those who put their muscle and mind into the doing of the tasks he calls them to, are few. A laborer is willing to break out of the jail of his immediate comforts and concerns and find a wider orbit in the greater circle of God's family.

Consider the fields of opportunity within the Church:

There is the PRIVATE MEMBER. The greatest need of any church is simply for members who are actually members in the sense that an arm or an eye is the member of the body. That is the implication of Paul's great comparison of the Church to the body of Christ. The church depends on its members as a body depends on an arm. Is your church armless so far as you are concerned?

There is the great field of Christian education. How easy to shield oneself behind a protective "humility" and to say, "Oh, no, I couldn't teach a church school class"; "I couldn't get time to attend a training class"; or, even more selfishly, "I enjoy being in my own class so much I couldn't miss it!" "Oh, I haven't time to go to the mid-week Bible class, I have other engagements."

Will some readers of these words "take a dare?" I dare you to go to your pastor and ask him if there is any place in your church school and young people's program where a lift is needed and where you could help.

There is a great field of Christianizing and directing public opinion. Take such issues as child labor, security laws, protection of exploited workers in industry, fighting the ever-increasing hold of the liquor traffic. All these desperately need help from church people.

"Help wanted," for the laborers are few—and the need is so great!

Two Get Positions.

Two Cambria county residents were given positions in the State Department of Highways, according to a list of appointments announced in Harrisburg. Miss Dorothy H. Adams, Johnstown, was named a stenographer at \$1020 a year, and Miss Helen Scollon of Barnesboro, was named a clerk at \$1020 a year.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF PATTON BOROUGH AND PATTON BOROUGH WATER WORKS FOR YEAR OF 1938.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Borough of Patton, Pennsylvania, have carefully checked the books of account of Patton Borough and the Borough of Patton Water Works for the year ending December 31, 1938, and respectfully submit herewith a report of our examination which is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS X. YOUNG,
H. J. MULLIGAN,
R. G. SHANNON.

BOROUGH OF PATTON.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR 1938.

CURRENT ASSETS:	
First National Bank	\$7,276.06
Sewer Assessments Receivable	549.74
Sewer Extensions Receivable	253.84
Paving Assessments Receivable	3,010.92
W. J. Gill Est., Rent	250.00
T. C. Gill, Rent	48.00
T. C. Gill, Collector	4,195.67
Alley Paving Assessments Rec.	114.14
Tax Returns Year 1931	687.99
Tax Returns Year 1932	988.86
Tax Returns Year 1933	941.97
Tax Returns Year 1934	924.52
Tax Returns Year 1935	2,675.30
Tax Returns Year 1936	2,797.09
Tax Returns Year 1937	2,928.20

Total Current Assets \$27,642.30

PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Municipal Hall	\$12,000.00
Fire Truck	4,000.00
Equipment	258.53
Furniture and Fixtures	419.09
Borough Truck	350.00
Cement Mixer	56.50
Steam Roller	528.54
Siren	351.75
Property	295.96
Paving Contracts	20,374.48

38,634.75

Total Assets \$66,277.05

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Borough of Patton Water Works	\$13,500.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$13,500.00

SURPLUS:

Reserve for Depreciation	4,487.90
Balance December 31, 1938	\$43,883.10
Plus Net Profit for year 1938	4,406.05

48,289.15

Total Liabilities \$66,277.05

BOROUGH OF PATTON.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR 1938.

INCOME:	
Rent Income	\$ 48.00
Tax Duplicate	9,214.59
Penalties on Taxes	36.21
Percentage gained on Ret. Tax	506.32
Tax Redemptions	23.83
Taxes Received by Com. Sales	44.97
Pole Tax	75.90
Liquor Licenses	41.75
Income from Equipment	1,416.67
Total Income	\$11,880.74

EXPENSES:

Appropriation to Fire Company	\$ 375.00
Maintenance of Streets	907.65
Light	1,176.47
Police	1,322.10
Printing	197.62
Telephone	138.98
Compensation Insurance	333.93
Insurance	456.57
Auditors' Compensation	60.00
Damages	5.00
Board of Health	480.00
Burgess' Salary	150.00
Tax Collector's Compensation	500.00
State Taxes	117.80
Legal Expense	22.85
Engineering	76.30
Rents	224.00
Postage	82.50
Cambria County, Commission on Ret. Taxes	66.90
Discounts given on Current Taxes	250.94
Tax Exonerations	449.05
Borough Association Dues	14.00
General Expense	67.03
Total Expense	7,474.69

NET PROFIT FOR YEAR 1938 \$ 4,406.05

BOROUGH OF PATTON WATER WORKS.

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR 1938.

WATER RENTALS	\$17,252.11
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Labor	\$6,338.07
Supplies	3,223.37
Repairs to Machinery	43.36
Less Misc. Operating Exp.	\$8,004.80
Total	\$11,513.09

Gross Profits from Operations 8,738.42

GENERAL EXPENSE:

Salaries	\$1,080.00
Auditors' Compensation	30.00
Telephone	30.00
State Taxes	113.80
Total	1,253.80

Net Profit from Operations \$ 7,484.62

DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME:

Reserve for Depreciation of Plant	\$4,000.00
Interest on Bonds	2,500.00
Total	6,500.00

Net Profit from Operation \$ 984.62

BOROUGH OF PATTON WATER WORKS.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR YEAR 1938.

CURRENT ASSETS:	
First National Bank, Depository	\$ 424.15
Accounts Receivable	33,692.37
Borough of Patton	13,500.00

Total Current Assets \$ 47,616.52

PLANT AND PROPERTY:

Filtration Plant	\$58,291.65
Water Meters	231.99
Dam	2,886.91
Office Furniture and Fixtures	210.51
Plant, Property and Franchise	57,198.38
Improvements	4,672.89
Chlorinator	601.12
Total	124,083.45

Total Assets \$172,416.61

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Borough of Patton Water Works Purchase 5 per cent Serial Bonds, due \$2,000.00 each year from January 1, 1920	\$60,000.00
Less Bonds Paid	40,000.00
Total	\$20,000.00

Borough of Patton Water Works Filtration Plant 5 per cent Serial Bonds Due January 1, 1930 at \$2,000.00 each year until January 1, 1940, and thereafter \$3,000.00 each year	\$50,000.00
Less Bonds Paid	20,000.00
Total	\$30,000.00

Total Bonded Indebtedness \$ 50,000.00

Accrued Interest on Bonds 2,500.00

DEFERRED CREDIT ITEM:

Reserve for Depreciation on Plant	60,000.00
SURPLUS:	
January 1, 1938	\$58,931.99
Plus Net Gain for Year 1938	984.62
Total	59,916.61

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$172,416.61

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the Estate of Onuter Scranon, late of Elder Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of administration in the estate of the said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

RAYMOND D. BUCK,
Administrator, Patton, Pa.
Reuel Somerville, Attorney,
Patton, Pa. 6t.

NEW TYPEWRITERS \$31.75
Official Remington-Rand Portable Agency
Account Books, Ledgers, All-Facts Business Record Bk., Loose-Leaf Outfits, Dupli-
cator Needs, Calendars, Advertising Novelties
Stapling Machines & Staples for All machines
Typewriter Ribbons 30c Salesbooks 6 for 25c
Typewriter & Adding Machine Service Agency
EAGLE PRINTING CO., Barnesboro



June 15, 1939.

WEEK-END SPECIALS

Big Sale of Fine Quality BEEF ROASTS!

Priced Extra Low for This Sale!

PRIME RIB ROAST,	Short Ribs for braising, LB. 15c
SHORT PORTER HOUSE CUTS, lb. 27c	LARGE RIBS TO ROAST, lb. 22c
Boneless Rump ROAST	Solid Meat, rolled and tied, LB. 25c
Chuck ROAST	First cuts, from young, tender quality beef, LB. 13c CHOICE CUTS, LB. 19c

FRESH PORK LOINS	RIB ENDS, POUND 15c LOIN ENDS Pound 19c

Freshly Killed Spring Chickens,	2-lb. Avg. EACH 49c
Lean Smk'd Skinned Hams,	Large size, whole or shank half, POUND 19½c
FOUNTAIN SMOKED PICNICS, lb. 17c	LAKEVIEW SLICED BACON, ½ lb 10c
CREAMY COTTAGE CHEESE, 2 lbs, 25c	LEAN BACON ENDS, 2 lbs. 25c

CARLOAD SALE---JUST ARRIVED!	
NEW PACK PRESERVES	Strawberry Blackberry Pine- apple or Raspberry. 2 Pound Jar 25c
Quality Evaporated MILK	
10 Tall Cans 55c	
FRESH SALTED SODA CRACKERS, 2 lb. pkg.	12c
HANOVER KIDNEY BEANS, 4 No. 2 cans	25c
FARMDALE CORN, Golden Bantam, 3 No. 2 cans	25c
BETTY JANE APPLE BUTTER, 2 38 oz. jars	25c
FRESH GOLDEN KRUST BREAD, Sliced Loaf	5c

Banner Day Blend COFFEE,	3 Pound Bag 39c

EARLY JUNE PEAS	NEW 1939 NO. 2 PACK 4 CANS 25c

Target Cook'd Corned Beef	2 12 OZ. CANS 29c

FINE QUALITY OLEO	
3 Pounds for 25c	
SLEIGH BELL BEVERAGES.....	2 full qt. blts. (plus deposit) 15c
TOMATOES, BEETS or GREEN BEANS, 4 No. 2 cans	23c
KELLOGG'S CRISP CORN FLAKES, 2 8-oz. pkgs.	13c
FRESH NOLA PEANUT BUTTER, pint jar	13c
STURDY FOUR-SEW BROOMS, each	21c

LARGE CRISP DILL PICKLES,	½ Gallon Jar 23c

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!	
FANCY TOMATOES,	Large Solid Ripe, Slicers, LB. 5c
NEW POTATOES	Medium size, white fresh- ly dug. Full 15-Lb. PK. 19c
FRESH HOME GROWN LEAF LETTUCE, 2 lbs.	9c
HOME GROWN TENDER SPINACH, 2 lbs.	9c
LARGE JUICY GRAPE FRUIT, 4 for	19c
CALIF. FIRM JUICY LEMONS, dozen	19c
FANCY TEXAS YELLOW ONIONS 3 lbs.	10c