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DR. E. CROSSLEY HUNTER



DR. EDWIN P. BOOTH

Clergymen to make Lenten addresses at St. Paul's Methodist Church

Six American and Canadian Clergymen To Be Falls Lenten Series Speakers

Six foremost American and Canadian clergymen will come to Niagara Falls for the eighth annual series of Lenten addresses to be presented at St. Paul's Methodist church.

The series will open February 23, when Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, prominent American Christian statesman, will speak. Dr. Hough is the former minister of the American Presbyterian church, Montreal, former president of Northwestern university, university lecturer to Australia, dean of Drew Theological Seminary and summer preacher in City Temple, London. The subject of the address will be "Reign of Caesar and Reign of God."

Other Speakers Listed

Sockman's latest work, "Higher Happiness," has come from the press in recent weeks. Dr. Booth is the author of "Martin Luther: Oak of Saxony," and "An 18th Century Newspaper." All are coming to Niagara Falls for the first time with the exception of Dr. Sockman and Dr. Olson.

Choirs and choruses providing music for these Lenten services in-

clude Zion Lutheran church choir, Carl F. Heywang, director; Niagara Frontier Male chorus, Arnold Cornellssen, director; First Baptist church choir, Florence Tschabold Smith, director; Lundy's Lane United church choir, Fred W. Timms, director; Niagara Falls high school a cappella chorus, Warren A. Scotchmer, director; St. Paul's church chancel choir, Ethel P. Cumming, director.

The addresses are open to the public and are scheduled for 8 p.m. Doors of the church are open at 7 p.m.

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The executive committee in charge of this community Lenten series consists of Raymond H. Turver, chairman; Dr. Richard L. Saunders, Karl H. Sandmeyer, Mrs. Francis S. Adams, Mrs. Ethel P. Cumming and Miss Marian E. John.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH GIVEN APPROVAL

Action on Trustees' Plan Is Taken at Annual Meeting in Chapel.

The trustees' program for church improvement was approved at the fourth quarterly conference and annual meeting of St. Paul's Methodist church, held recently in the chapel.

The church improvement program includes a uniform plan for re-decorating rooms in the community house, a new arrangement for the altar, pulpit and choir in the sanctuary, a new altar arrangement for the chapel, windows in the sanctuary and an upkeep program for the sanctuary, community house and parsonage.

A substantial portion, if not all, of certain of these improvements may be met by memorial gifts, the trustees suggested. However, they recommend that all such gifts be made to conform in all respects to the over-all program of the church.

Annual written reports of church work were presented and regular business was transacted during the session.

Marion H. Anthony, George K. Connell and Mrs. Puella Scott were re-elected to the board of trustees to serve for three years.

James R. Hagen, lay leader and chairman of the committee on memorials and interior improvement of church and chapel, reported that ten windows in the sanctuary have been requested by donors. The first of these, the large chancel window, is now being designed. It is expected that this window will be installed by October. Other new windows will follow. There are 24 windows altogether.

Howard R. Smith was re-elected church treasurer; George K. Connell, financial secretary; Marion H. Anthony, treasurer of the building fund; Mrs. Howard Canfield, secretary; good literature, Miss Leanora C. Alt, director of Christian education; William E. Hosier, lay member of the annual conference; Dr. Sterling Temple, reserve lay member of the annual conference; Ralph S. Temple, church school superintendent, and A. H. Falter, recording steward.

Mrs. J. Frank McKeehan, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, reported 150 members and receipts for the year

to the amount of \$2,273, disbursements, \$1,759.

Mortgages Reduced

Howard R. Smith, church treasurer, reported receipts of \$60,262, disbursements, \$55,515. Church mortgages have been reduced to \$510,500.

The Rev. John A. Redmond, minister of St. Paul's church, reported an active membership of 1044 with a total membership of 1240 including non-resident members. Ninety-one persons joined the church within the year. Losses in membership included eight by death and 35 by transfer.

Mr. Redmond spoke words of high praise to all church officials, members and friends who have helped to make the year now closing a most eventful one in the history of St. Paul's church. He suggested plans for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the church to be held in 1948 and proposed that the church mortgages be burned at that time.

The Rev. J. Wesley Searles, superintendent of the Buffalo District of the Methodist church, presided at the meeting and expressed great admiration for the program and work that is being accomplished in the church.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1947

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Community Lenten Services to Open Here on Thursday

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Services will begin at 8 o'clock with organ music presented for 30 minutes previous to the hour. Church doors open at 7 o'clock. This is the eighth annual community Lenten series featuring addresses by leading internationally-known clergymen. The public is invited to attend.

Rededication to Cap Church Celebration

The 150th anniversary celebration of St. Paul's Methodist Church will have as its climax the rededication worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday at which Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman will preach the sesquicentennial sermon.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew S. Turnipseed, pastor, will offer the dedication prayer and conduct the service.

Dr. Sockman, pastor emeritus of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, and known for his books and radio preaching, preached at the 25th anniversary of the new St. Paul's church in 1948. He has come annually to preach at the Lenten series.

His sermon topic will be "The Pioneer of Life."

A reception in the Community Hall will honor Dr. Sockman immediately after the service.

Dr. and Mrs. Turnipseed, Paul H. Reid Jr., lay leader, and Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Louis E. Bauer, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Saunders, and Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Stiegman will be in the reception line. Mr. Bauer was president of the board at the time of his death and had served on the board many years.

Refreshments will be served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas W. Hager Jr. and Mrs. Ira F. Thompson.

The annual fourth conference dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Monday. The Rev. Dr. John O. Mabuice, interim superintendent for the Buffalo



DR.
RALPH W. SOCKMAN

District of the Methodist Church, will preside. It will be the final annual meeting he will preside over during his term. Dr. Mabuice served St. Paul's as associate minister the first half of the year until he assumed the district superintendent post.

Church officers will be elected at the congregation meeting and reports given.



Church Observance Brochure Planned

St. Paul's Methodist Church will publish a 150th anniversary brochure as the first phase of its May celebration.

The sesquicentennial worship service will be held on May 23 with the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor emeritus of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, the guest preacher. Dr. Sockman has come to this city to preach at many of the dedicatory services at St. Paul's.

The congregation will gather on May 19 for a dinner and a "Look at Itself" through the 150 years of its service to the community as shown in slides. Many unusual old photographs have been used in making up the collection to be shown.

Pageant May 21

The sesquicentennial pageant will be presented on May 21. Some 150 persons will be in the cast for this production.

The celebration will close at the annual fourth quarterly conference on May 24 at which various church officials are elected and annual reports presented.

Leland L. Stacy, who is serving as assistant to the pastor, Rev. Andrew S. Turnipseed, is compiling the brochure.

It will include a new history of the congregation. Former histories written for various celebrations of St. Paul's have been consulted and new material added which has been found through research on the early years of the church. The history also will include recent events.

Church Windows

Mr. Stacy said that one im-



LELAND L. STACY

portant part of the brochure will be an article on the art glass windows. Executed by the noted artist in stained glass, William R. Jack of the Whittemore Associates Inc., Boston, Mass., the 18 large and many smaller windows illustrate great scenes and personalities of both the New and Old Testaments. The article will discuss the symbolism used in presenting these scenes and in the many colors in art glass.

The brochure will also include notes on the various church organizations and names of donors of the major memorials of the church, including the windows.

Mr. Stacy, who is compiling the brochure, has taught for some 20 years the Cui Bono Adult Class in St. Paul's Sunday School.

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Methodism Came to Falls Early

By HELEN BRIDGMAN SMITH

(EDITORS NOTE: Mrs. Smith is a member of the St. Paul's 150th anniversary celebration committee. She is an authority on the history of the early churches on the Niagara Frontier and has written this history for the St. Paul's celebration.)

ST. PAUL'S Methodist Church, as it prepares for its sesquicentennial celebration May 19, 21 and 23, is well aware that Methodism came early to the Niagara Frontier.

Although the Presbyterians had the earliest church buildings, there was Methodist preaching probably as early as any by the Methodist circuit riders.

In 1795 a circuit was organized across the Niagara River and these preachers were called "Riders at large." They traveled throughout the countryside preaching on both sides of the river.

After the War of 1812, which was so devastating to the Niagara Frontier, families which had fled the dangerous border began moving back to the frontier and in 1815 a Methodist Society was organized and recorded in Manchester, now Niagara Falls. It was the first church organized in Niagara Falls.

These Methodists held their services in homes and in the school house until 1824.

THEN A GROUP bought the building on the site of the present Sears, Roebuck and Co. store. This was called Union Chapel, for

several denominations held their services there.

The Methodists held their services in Union Chapel until 1849, when they bought, from the Presbyterians, the little church located on southeast corner of Falls and First Streets.

This was an active congregation. Services were held in this church until 1865, when the congregation bought property at First and Thomas Streets. At this time the congregation took the name of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

AN IMPRESSIVE stone church was built. During the construction, at the generous invitation of First Presbyterian Church officials across the street, services and meetings of the St. Paul's congregation were held in the Presbyterian Church.

St. Paul's new church was dedicated in 1872. Here church services and Sunday School were held regularly and membership in the downtown church grew. Many tourists worshipped with the congregation throughout the year.

As the church member-



HELEN B. SMITH

ship grew and more space was needed, the officials considered long the problem of remaining "downtown" or moving into the center of its congregation where more room would be available for a larger church home.

THE DECISION to move "away from downtown" came in 1917. The present

site on Seventh Street near City Hall was chosen as a neighborhood location for the congregation. The property in First Street was sold in 1919.

Construction on the St. Paul's Community Center started shortly. Work on the church followed in 1921. Until the Community Hall was completed church services were held, at the invitation of the YWCA, in its Howard Hall.

Once the Community Hall was completed, church services were moved there and other congregational activities were centered in its new building.

THE NEW CHURCH itself was ready in 1923 for church services. It was dedicated on Aug. 12.

The stone Gothic-type structure won immediate admiration. Installation of the brilliant art-glass windows took place as they were completed. The chancel was remodeled in 1952 to enhance the beauty of the inside of the church.

St. Paul's contribution to the community has included the annual Lenten series, considered one of the finest in the country. Many of the church's leaders have given much to the civic life of the community.

It has long been one of the great churches of the Buffalo District of the Methodist Church.

St. Paul's is grateful that it has been given grace for long years of devoted service to the Christian fellowship and the community life of Niagara Falls.

THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH WINDOWS

Much of the history of St. Paul's, particularly over the past one hundred years, could be told in the lives of those who are memorialized in the beautiful stained glass windows of the St. Paul's sanctuary. The following comments relate to those donors and those memorialized who were known personally to me.

CHANCEL WINDOWS

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hosler were most active for many years in the life of the church. As a member of the Board of Trustees during the period 1919-1952, and as president from 1922-1952, Mr. Hosler played a major role in planning the construction of our beautiful edifice and in its maintenance. He also did much to assure the completion of our divided chancel in 1952. In 1924, he, with seven other trustees, personally assumed a debt of \$112,000.00 required to pay a mortgage indebtedness on the church if the church defaulted, an undertaking that fortunately they were not required to perform. Mr. Hosler was very prominent in the commercial and industrial life of the city as president of the Spirella Corset Company, then a major industry in the city.

NARTHEX NORTH AISLE WINDOW

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hagen resided just two houses south of the church on Seventh Street. They gave unstintingly of their time to the work of the church. Mr. Hagen, who at one time was the head of the William A. Rogers Silverware Company in the city, was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1922-1955, and its secretary for most of that period. He was one of those who personally pledged payment of the church mortgage indebtedness if the church defaulted. He was also Lay Leader from 1949-1952. Mrs. Hagen was most active in the Sunday School program of the church.



DAYS OF OLD — Preparing for the re opening of the old time general store at the annual bazaar sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Pauls Methodist Church Thursday are, from left, Mrs. Thomas E. Hager Jr.; Mrs. Ira F. Thompson, president, and Mrs. Leland L. Stacy, proprietor of the country store. — Gazette photo.

Monday, April 13, 1987



LISA MASSEY — Niagara Gazette

Valerie LeMasters of Niagara Falls, a choir member at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, waits in the church chapel with palm and hymn book in hand for the Palm Sunday procession and dedication to begin.

St. Paul's congregation celebrates dual blessings

By ANNEMARIE WESS
Niagara Gazette

Singing songs and ringing bells, the children of St. Paul's United Methodist Church led a procession of parishioners Sunday to the church's newly renovated sanctuary.

The celebration marked the completion of

ices during the winter.

"It took a great deal of work, but I'm proud and happy the renovations are completed," said John Marsh, a 62-year parishioner.

"It's much brighter. The church is back to its original condition."



LENTEN TEA PRINCIPALS — Plans for a tea to promote fellowship among women of St. Paul's Methodist Church are being formulated by, left to right,

seated, Mrs. Ralph Temple, Mrs. C. A. Stiegman and Mrs. Marion B. Geiger and, standing, Mrs. Jackson Young. — Gazette Photo.

Church Society Schedules Tea

MRS. MARION B. GEIGER will be hostess at her home in Mountain View Dr., Lewiston Heights, at a Lenten tea Wednesday, an event planned by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul's Methodist Church.

The tea, which will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., has been planned to promote fellowship among the women of the church.

MRS. RALPH TEMPLE and Mrs. C. A. Stiegman will be co-hostesses with Mrs. Geiger. Pourers will be Mrs. Elton Burmaster, Mrs.

Kenneth Eller, Mrs. Thomas Hager Jr., Mrs. Marvin Hall, Mrs. James R. Robinson, Mrs. P. E. Taylor and Mrs. Lee A. Wilson.

AIDES at the tea will be Mrs. Elbert Coe, Mrs. Frederick Bastian, Mrs. William Jackman, Mrs. L. M. Krausmann, Mrs. Lloyd Randall, Mrs. A. R. Fowler and Mrs. Richard Saunders.

Also, Mrs. John Sharp, Mrs. C. C. Newfang, Mrs. J. M. Wainscott, Mrs. Garrett Van Nimwegen and Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Jackson Young is general chairman of the Lenten event.



RON SCHIFFERLE — Niagara Gazette

A memorable creation

Connie Jessup and Hallie Stiegman, forefront, admire a quilt made by members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Niagara Falls. The quilt squares depict each United Methodist church in Western New York.



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JAMIE GERMANO — Niagara Gazette

James Dennis works on the frame of a stained-glass window at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's sanctuary gets facelift

By AMY TEIBEL
Special to the Gazette

Sunday best has given way to work clothes in St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Seventh Street as renovation crews scrape, hammer and paint the building's 64-year-old sanctuary.

Plaster will be replaced, walls will be repainted, and brighter lighting and ceiling fans will be installed as part of the church's \$50,000 facelift.

The renovation was undertaken in an effort to repair and beautify the building, explained Paul Reid, chairman of St. Paul's board of trustees.

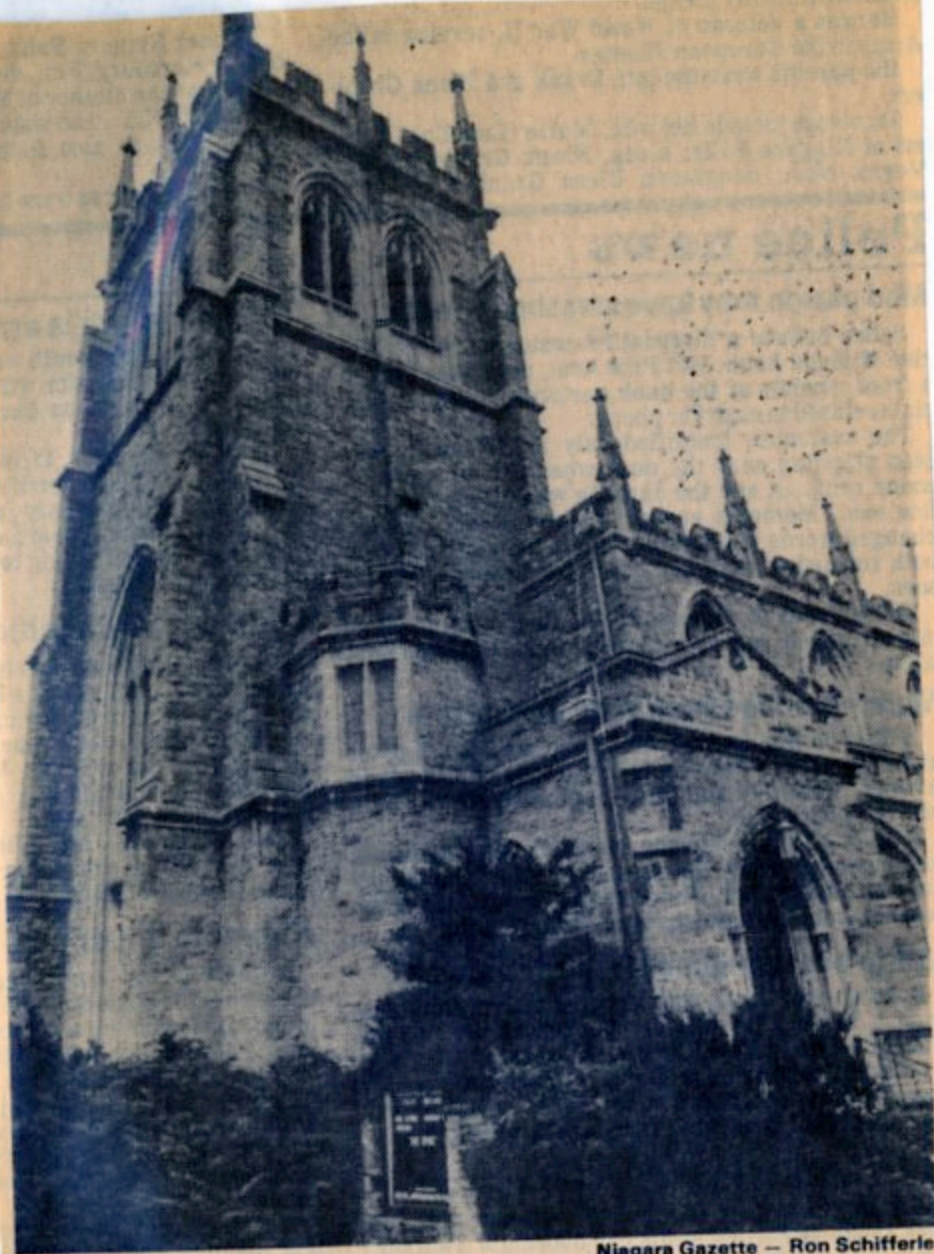
"The sanctuary will look very much as it did when our stained-glass windows were first installed 30 years ago," he said. "It's really going to look beautiful."

James Dennis of Brass Associates, which is carrying out the refurbishing project, said churches offer a creative challenge that other buildings do not.

"You try and stay with the historical aspect of the church and within the community as much as you possibly can," he said.

"You don't renovate completely and make brand-new. You try and keep the old."

The restoration is scheduled for completion by Palm Sunday, April 5.



Niagara Gazette — Ron Schifferle

60 years on Seventh Street

St. Paul's United Methodist Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary of its 7th Street location with a special service at 11 a.m. Sunday, followed by a dinner. Former pastors, the Rev. Dr. Harold Babb of Buffalo and the Rev. Calvin Babcock, Niagara Falls, will be honored and participate in the morning worship. Greetings will also be read from previous pastors and staff. St. Paul's was founded from a local church society of the Methodist Episcopal Church begun in 1815. After meeting at the Union Chapel (1824) and on Falls Street (1849), the old St. Paul's was completed at First and Thomas streets, Niagara Falls, and dedicated in 1872.







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Today's Chuckle

One of our present troubles seems to be that too many adults and Not enough children believe in Santa Claus.



Members of the Class of St. Paul's participated in the 40th annual dinner at the community hall. Seated, Mrs. J. M. Wainwright and Albert H. Coe and Leland L.

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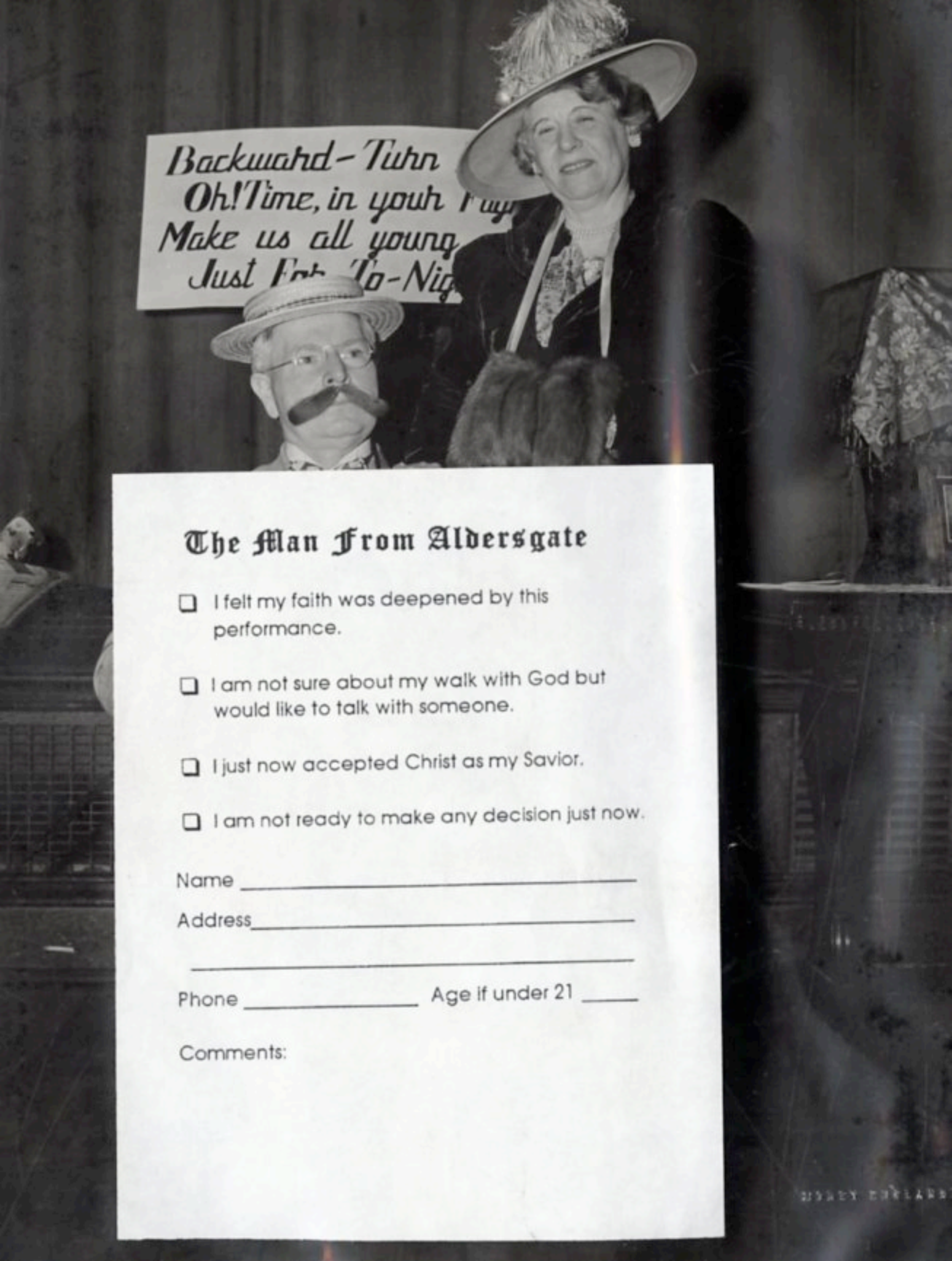
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PLAN ANNIVERSARY DINNER—Today's leaders of Cui Bono class discuss the anniversary dinner at 6 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Richard J. Davey, D.D.

Left to right are Mrs. Jesse M. Wainscott, Jesse M. Wainscott, Dr. Davey and Leland L. Stacey.
Gazette Photo.





*Backward-Turn
Oh! Time, in your way
Make us all young
Just For To-Night*

The Man From Aldersgate

- ☐ I felt my faith was deepened by this performance.
- ☐ I am not sure about my walk with God but would like to talk with someone.
- ☐ I just now accepted Christ as my Savior.
- ☐ I am not ready to make any decision just now.

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