

Pastor A. O. Tait Reveals Sympathy and Friendship for Youth in Interview

By LOUISE G. OLSEN

"If I were giving a rule to young people, I would say: *Undertake no keep busy intellectually.* If a person isn't developing his brain, his body goes to pieces. Men of great brain power usually live longer than men who do not have it. A man may be an invalid, but if he works his brain hard, he will live a lot longer than if he does not. You've got to keep 'cranking' brain cells in order to keep alive."

Pastor A. O. Tait, that young-old veteran who won his way into the heart of every student during his brief stay at Union college, was being interviewed. The paragraph above came in response to a request for a guiding principle that he could recommend to students for every-day use. His first counsel, he said, was to study closely the Bible; and he added that students can also get more help than they ordinarily realize from studying the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. Then followed his advice to keep busy intellectually, a principle which he himself has followed throughout life. We know that it must be a good idea because he is considered among the keenest of men intellectually.

The next question also was on a problem that interests Union college students. This question called for his opinion as to whether Adventist young people today should prepare themselves for future work in the denomination or if they were justified in seeking outside employment. After mentioning his dislike for my use of the word "outside," he said:

"Mrs. White has a reassuring statement to the effect that no more surely has God a place for us in heaven than He has a place for us here on earth. I think we should keep that in mind. Then I like that statement in Mark 13:34, Revised Version [He quotes the Revised Version frequently]: 'He gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work.' The first and most important thing for a young person to do is to develop a definite, sane Christian spirituality. The Lord will then lead him into His work. Of course we are bewildered, 'bemused,' to use Sir Phillip Gibbs' expression, by conditions today, but our young people need to have confidence in God's promises. They will get hold of that idea more and more, I believe."

"It does not follow that a young man or a young woman must have something definite in connection with our organized work. If the individual is following God's leadership, the Lord will show him what he should do. As to our young people going into public school work, all depends on the individual. Christ's instruction is very definite—we are to be in the world, but not of the world. Daniel was taken into Babylon, the most wicked place in the world, amidst the greatest temptations ever to beset a young man. Yet he has been influencing the world ever since because of the life he lived and because of the contacts he had with his God. It all depends on that. If we are going to be Christians, we can stand the strain anywhere; and if we are not going to be Christians, it does not make much difference where we are."

The truth of this statement makes a deep impression when we realize

that it comes from this informed, sympathetic gentleman who has given more than half a century of service as a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. He accepted the Advent and Sabbath truth at the age of 19, through the labors of R. F. Andrews, who later resided in College View. Pastor Tait received his education in a Methodist college in Illinois and in the Baptist theological seminary of Chicago. He was licensed to preach at twenty-two years of age, and ordained when just twenty-five years old. He labored as a minister in Illinois until 1891, when he went to Battle Creek to connect with the General conference for six years. From 1897 until the present time, with the exception of two years during which he taught Bible at Pacific Union college, Pastor Tait has been connected with the editorial department of the Pacific press, where he is chief editor of the *Signs of the Times*. He has had intimate association with all but one of our General Conference presidents, and with all of our pioneer denominational leaders from the time of John Byington.

At the end of the interview, Pastor Tait was asked for his impressions of Union college as compared with other colleges. Every student should have seen and heard him as he leaned forward and answered in a deliberate, sincere tone:

"Do you know, I have been impressed here at Union with the sincerity and the definite earnestness of the students and the faculty. I have not met a faculty anywhere that has impressed me as being more spiritual than this one. They are making spiritual things first in this school."

Pre-Medic Lives In Unique House

By BEATRICE ROSS

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road And be a friend to man." B. D. Fickess is a friend to man all right but his house isn't beside the road. It is in a corner of the grove, just east of North hall. Haven't you noticed the little brown and white trailer-house there in the corner? Let Buddy Fickess, age 3, tell you about it.

"Sure, I live here with mom and daddy, and sister, and that's all. I like it here."

Mr. Fickess, Buddy's father and also owner of the house, told us that his house is sixteen feet long and eight feet wide. It is divided into two rooms, a kitchenette and a living room.

Besides the necessary furniture, Mr. Fickess has a library of about one hundred fifty volumes.

Mr. Fickess, who is a registered nurse and who since 1918 has been technician and anesthetist at the Iowa sanitarium, Nevada, Iowa, will finish his pre-medical course at Union and continue his studies at Loma Linda. He plans to live in this same little house during much of his school career.

If you haven't noticed this little house, look it up, because it is one of the new places of interest on Union college campus.

Book Shows Man Unwitting Victim of Manufacturers

By OPAL W. DICK

Ten men, selected from a large volunteer group of life-term convicts, recently submitted to encephalitis (sleeping sickness) infection in order for scientists, through careful study of each case, to seek a cure for this dreaded disease. These men had much to gain—freedom in case they survived—and little to lose.

But you and I and the other 99,999,998 inhabitants of the United States are unwittingly acting as test animals in a gigantic experiment with poisons, conducted by the food, drug, and cosmetic manufacturers, Arthur Kallet and F. J. Schlink show in their book, "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs," recently added to the college library.

The authors, both technical experts of long experience and both connected with Consumers' Research, Inc., not only report dangerous and largely unsuspected conditions affecting the health and safety of all, but outline remedies for the evils disclosed.

It may be a shock to discover that many widely-advertised foods, drugs, and cosmetics (which the authors mention by name) contain poison or are absolutely worthless for the purposes advertised; that perhaps one's favorite germicide will not kill germs; that the hamburger surreptitiously bought at the corner "hot-dog" stand may be stale, partially decomposed meat generously dosed with sodium sulphite, a veritable embalming fluid; that the apple a day eaten to keep the doctor away is permitted to carry as a residue from spraying two and a half times the safe limit of arsenic; that a well-known toothpaste is two-fifths potassium chlorate, a poison responsible for dozens of deaths; that a widely-advertised freckle remover contains a powerful and irritating caustic poison, although the product is described by the manufacturers as "absolutely harmless to the most delicate complexion"; that the lives of patients in over three hundred American hospitals are daily being endangered by impure, substandard ether. Yet these and many other revelations are made in "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs."

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1933 Graduate Sticks to Union

By LEETA ANDERSON

It was with strange emotions that I registered in Union college this fall. In the past I had always looked forward to registration days as being great fun. But this year I was afraid that no one would care to see me back, except the business office. I felt out of place consulting advisers and signing up for lower division classes. Especially did I feel out of place at the times when I was asked, "Didn't you graduate last year? How does it come that you are back?"

But in spite of all this I was really happy until the day of Dean Johnson's chapel talk. In proving that Union's graduates were worth while, he cited the number of last year's class who now hold positions. None of the self esteem I had acquired at graduation was left after that.

Notwithstanding my decided feeling of inferiority I cannot help being glad that I am in Union's halls again as a student. To be a student in Union college at any time is a privilege. To be a student after one has graduated is a blessing.

Union has been a severe task-mistress. Her lessons have been hard and often long. Her tasks have been arduous. At times there seemed to be no cause for her severeness. But she is a loving Alma Mater. Within her difficult tasks I find she had a gift for me. She has given me beautiful friendships—friendships which I shall cherish and which will inspire me throughout life. She has awakened in me worthwhile thoughts and lofty ideals. And she has taught me to reverence God and Christianity.

It is impossible for any one to have spent four years in Union without having been inspired by her nobleness and without having had some of Union's worthwhileness instilled into his character.

MUSIC STUDENTS IN RADIO CONCERT

Engel plays; Orchestra and Quartet Contribute in Program

A concert by the music department of Union college was given over KFOR, Lincoln, Sunday evening at 6:30. The first two numbers, "Nobody Knows the Troubles I've Seen," by Cameron White, and "Indian Snake Dance," by Burleigh, were violin solos played by Prof. C. C. Engel. A mixed quartet composed of Pearl Fairchild, Doris Kirstein, Winfield Eden, and Harold Schmidt sang a song by Ogden, "Enough to Know." Esther Lorntz-Ledington assisted by the quartet, sang "Berceuse" from *Jocelyn*, by

Godard. Harold Schmidt sang "Kashmiri Song," by Woodford-Finden. The last number, "Grant Us Thy Peace," by Hamblen, was by the quartet.

The Union college orchestra, C. C. Engel, director, assisted by the mixed quartet, gave the concert over KFOR on October 15. "Petite Suite de Ballet," by Gluck, was the first number played by the orchestra. Professor Engel played a violin solo, "Indian Lament," by Dvorak-Kreisler. The mixed quartet sang "Stranger of Galilee," by Morris. The orchestra continued with Brahms' "Hungarian Dances," numbers 7 and 8. The mixed quartet sang another selection, "Bells Over Jordan," by Hamblen. The program was concluded with two numbers by the orchestra.

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