

What Do You Think?

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TODAY'S QUESTION: What do you consider the outstanding issue in the United States in the approaching political campaign?

LEWIS L. RISHEL, Swannanoa: Prohibition, in my opinion, will be the outstanding issue. The economic situation should be the outstanding one, but inasmuch as prohibition will have its effect upon economics, I think the eighteenth amendment question becomes even more prominent.

MRS. E. K. CARTER, 10 Coleman avenue: Prohibition certainly should be. The present status of the eighteenth amendment is inadequate. We should place brains in the White House in this next election that will find a suitable remedy.

W. BOWEN HENDERSON, 23 Maney avenue: In my opinion, prominent issues of the approaching campaign will be: The reorganization of governmental agencies with executive control for purposes of efficiency and economy; tariffs; and policies of credit expansion.

J. HAMILTON SLAGLE, 6½ North Pack Square: For two reasons, I say prohibition. First, because prohibition now enters practically every conversation on politics; second, the prohibition matter is coming to a head in the near future, probably during the approaching campaign.

T. A. UZZELL, JR., 2 Edwin place, Grove Park: Whether or not it should be, I think Prohibition is destined to be the outstanding issue. It is, to say the least, the most colorful.

TOMORROW'S QUESTION: What do you think of Buchmanism, or the Groups?

SAYS AWAKENING OF SPIRIT MUST PRECEDE REVIVAL OF BUSINESS

"I am convinced that a spiritual revival must precede a trade revival," Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, a First Century Christian Fellowship, said just before leaving Asheville yesterday afternoon for Philadelphia.

For the last three evenings, 18 member of Dr. Buchman's group have led meetings at the Battery Park hotel. Dr. Buchman attended the first two, but found it necessary to leave yesterday for Philadelphia and then go to Detroit to make arrangements for a "house party" scheduled to open in the Michigan city tomorrow evening. His associates will remain here until Friday.

"The work of the Groups in Asheville has been very successful," Dr. Buchman said, "and may be the foundation for a great revival in the south." Dr. Buchman expects to come back to Asheville, but he does not know when. He considers this city an ideal place to live.

The final open meeting of the Groups last night at the hotel was similar to those held on Monday and Tuesday. The audience of approximately 500 persons was composed of persons of all ages and of all types.

The Rev. Sherwood S. Day, of New York, presided. A. S. Loudon Hamilton, of Edinburgh, Scotland, the first speaker, gave an introductory and explanatory talk on the work of the Groups.

Dr. David Sweets, of Louisville, Ky., editor of "The Christian Observer," told of the good that had come to him and the city of Louisville through the work of the Groups.

Says Life One Of Defeat

Miss Margery Speakman, of Wilmington, Del., told how her life had been one of defeat before she became associated with the Groups. Afterwards, she said, she achieved a life of fruitfulness.

The Groups gave Donald Mackay, of Durban, South Africa, a definite plan of life, he said last night. The possibilities of any life given to God are unlimited, he declared. In closing, he stressed the need of "life changers." Miss Marjorie Beck, of Summit, N. J., related how her life had been improved after acquiring the spirit of the Groups.

Mrs. Jessie Sheffield, of Blomfontein, South Africa, knew God as one of fear until her conversion to the Groups. Her marriage was a failure, she said last night. She was cynical and disillusioned, but her life changed after contact with the groups, she emphasized.

The Rev. Charles Scoville Wishard, of Summit, N. J., the final speaker of the evening, defined the spirit of the Oxford Groups as a quality of life in action, not passivity but action as opposed to static. He said he considered it the only answer to individual and world sins.

Plan Meet Today

After the meeting many persons remained and talked with various members of the Groups. A meeting will be held at the hotel at 5 o'clock this evening to give training to those who

are interested in the work of the movement. The regular monthly meeting of the local group will be held at 8 o'clock next Monday night at the Battery Park.

During the remainder of their stay here, members of the out-of-town Groups will meet with smaller groups of interested persons in private residences here.

Plans were discussed yesterday for holding a "house party" proper in this section. During this time members of the Groups live under the same roof for 10 days or two weeks. The Rev. Norman Von Post Schwab, of Asheville, said no definite plans had been made for the party, but it would probably be held next fall.