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1945 the cost of operation was \$6.26 per patient day, where in 1946 it had soared to \$8.61 per patient day, an increase of \$2.35. This year the increase will be greater by reason of the rapidly mounting costs of supplies, etc.

According to the Rankin report it is a matter of grave concern as to how long the hospitals will be able to continue operation without incurring deficits.

On Dec. 31, 1946, there were available beds in 173 general hospitals in the Carolinas, exclusive of federal and state operating institutions. These provided 2.5 beds per thousand persons for the population of the two states. Of these beds 89 per cent were in hospitals assisted by the Duke Endowment.

South Carolina has 83 general hospitals, 4,417 available beds, providing 2.3 beds per thousand population. Beds in assisted hospitals made up 93 per cent of the total in the Palmetto state.

The Rankin report shows that in addition to the 173 general hospitals in the two states there were nine special hospitals with 280 beds of which two in South Carolina were assisted by the Duke endowment.

Of the 132 general hospitals assisted by the Duke endowment in 1946, 13.7 per cent of the total days of care were classified as free and 135 hospitals, including the three special, 14.1 per cent of the days were classified as free with a total of 552,884 free days of care, representing an increase of 15,010 over 1945.

Plant investments of 135 hospitals the last of 1946 was \$44,680,220 an increase of \$3,941,696 over this investment of 133 hospitals in 1945. Operating expenses at 132 general hospitals in 1946 increased \$5,513,703 or 25.9 per cent over those of 26.9 per cent over those

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listees but want 50 more to attain the full strength of 96. The Camden unit, known as Battery B, 713th AAA Gun Battalion, is a highly technical group and requires a high percentage of non-commissioned officers. The command has announced it will not hold back a single rating where there is a reliable man to receive it.

The Battery opens its doors to the young men just reaching the age of 17 and promises instruction and technical training comparable to that given by the technical schools of the Anti-aircraft school department. Courses in radar, telephone communications, radio, automatic weapons, 90MM gun instruction, cooks and bakers, auto mechanics, besides the valuable instruction given in basic period. Pay of enlisted men ranges from \$2.50 to privates, to \$5.55 for master sergeants for a two hour period. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the local armory on U. S. No. 1, one half mile west of the post office.

Additional information concerning the activities of the guard unit can be obtained from Captain Robert E. David any Tuesday evening at the armory.

Cantaloupe Nutritious

Cantaloupes rate excellent for vitamins A and C. When the melon is ripe and full-flavored it is the best source of these vitamins. Whether you get right down to the rind or just eat the softer, sweeter part of it to get the food value, doesn't matter.

Of 13 general hospitals in 1945. The average per patient per day cost for 132 general hospitals was \$7.28 in 1946, an increase of 18 per cent over the 1946 average.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Eller Today

Lugoff, S. C.—Mrs. Emily Cameron Eller, age 22, died Oct. 13, 1947, at Smith Center Hospital, Smith Center, Kansas, at 7 p. m., after an illness of a few days.

Mrs. Eller was born in Lugoff, being the daughter of the late John Cameron and Ada Jones Cameron. The body will be met in Columbia at 4:55 p. m., the 16th of October, by the Konegny Funeral Home and returned to Camden and remain at the Funeral Home until the hour of funeral, today, Friday, October 17, at 11 a. m.

Funeral services will be held from the grave side in Quaker cemetery, with interment in the Cameron family plot.

Mrs. Eller is survived by her husband, J. F. Eller, Smith Center, Kansas; her mother, Mrs. John Cameron, Lugoff; six brothers, J. T. Paul, Eugene and Wm. R., of Lugoff; Edwin, of Dentville, and Oliver, of Fort Sill, Okla.

Seaboard Will Stress Diversity In Dining Cars

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 10.—Supporting President Truman's request for observance of meatless Tuesdays, and eggless and poultryless Thursdays, the Seaboard Air Line railroad will put added emphasis on diversity of Southern cooking in its dining cars. It was announced today by C. E. Bell, passenger traffic manager of the road.

"Menus are being changed effective immediately," Bell said. "We shall cooperate with the President's food conservation program and at the same time endeavor to please the traveling public by stressing the many good things to eat that are available in the South."

The principal problem is what to do about Thursday morning breakfasts, since more than 90 per cent of the travelers ordinarily want eggs for breakfast. Griddle cakes, codfish cakes, ham, bacon, Florida marmalade, and fruit, and cereals will be featured for breakfast on Seaboard trains.

With easy access to seafood products, the Seaboard will feature oysters, shrimp, scallops and other seafoods on meatless Tuesdays

STATE-WIDE PLAN—

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make personal calls on all the prospective members, but it will help the membership committees in every way it can to see that every farmer in the State is given an opportunity to join our organization.

"We will make a series of announcements to keep everyone informed of the various steps in the drive and we have full confidence that the newspapers, wire services and radio stations will cooperate wholeheartedly, as they always do. This drive is important to every resident of South Carolina. I urge complete support of the campaign, for only with concerted effort can we hope to overcome the snares that might lead Southern agriculture to a downfall."

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BIBLE

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11-12; Genesis 12:1-9. DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans 8:1-4.

Creative Power of Faith

Lesson for October 19, 1947

THIS lesson takes us to the Westminster Abbey of the Bible—Hebrews, eleventh through the thirteenth chapters—to meditate for a season upon the

valiant souls in the long ago who obtained a good report as they stood at the passage of destiny and sounded the trumpets of triumph, even the trumpets of faith.

The reader will be richly rewarded to stop right here and open his or her Bible and read these three chapters. Your attention will be riveted to the word, faith.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of 'things which do appear.'" Hebrews 11:1-3.

A Journey to a New Land I look at the passage which describes how Abraham, "when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

How could Abraham leave his pleasant situation in Ur? Through faith in God, and that alone. A memory verse is here suggested: "I will trust, and will not be afraid," Isaiah 12:2. Abraham might well have been afraid of unknown enemies, of disease, of poverty. Men do become afraid of these things, unless their faith is in God. But Abraham believed in God—had faith in God. And he went forth, holding the hand of God.

There is creative power in such a faith. Abraham discovered that every step he took was accompanied by God. He built altars. He talked with God, and God talked with him. Such will be the experience of every boy and girl who stakes his or her all upon implicit faith in God.

What Faith Can Do INTERMEDIATES are considering what they will do with their lives. It is the vitally important period when they are wistfully considering a life career. This lesson would seem to clearly indicate that God has a purpose and plan for each life. He will reveal that plan to those who trust him for guidance. Faith in God at this point is absolutely essential if we are to live victoriously.

Read again the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and see how these heroes of faith in the long ago cast themselves wholly into the will of God for their lives. We can have no doubt about their ultimate success.

Parents and teachers are here reminded of their solemn responsibility in pointing intermediate boys and girls to the truth of Sunday's lesson. Life is too valuable, too fleeting, to be frittered away in purposeless drifting.

Faith is the bright shaft of God's presence and power to guide young people into his will. It is the unfailing light to direct their steps daily. It is the creative power to sustain them each step of the way.

This Power at Work TAKE any one of the characters portrayed in these three chapters of Hebrews and see how faith in God produced men and women who changed the course of history.

Young people are interested in biography. I would commend to you the lives of the great men and women of modern times, who lived in the creative power of faith in God.

John Wesley, for example. There was a man whose life, when strangely warmed by the spirit of God, lifted England from the depths of secularism and set her feet once more on the highway of worthy achievement.

Martha Berry is another splendid example. Miss Berry devoted her life to God's will and purpose to open doors of opportunity to the under-privileged boys and girls of the southern mountain areas. Today, at Mt. Berry, stands a school with the largest campus in the world—a school which reveals what one life can accomplish when that life is built by the creative power of faith in the Living God.

"Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

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HAMPTON IRBY COMING HOME Hampton Irby, linotype operator at the Chronicle office, who has been in the Marine hospital at Charleston the past two weeks recovering from an operation, will be brought to his home here next week.

Attention Ladies

Came June, came brides, come headaches for the biggest book-keeping organization in the country, the Social Security Administration.

Being proud of their new names, working brides almost invariably ask their boss to show their new names on the payroll—and being human, most of them put off bringing their cards around to the Social Security Administration office for an official Social Security name change. James P. Chick, Manager of the local office reports.

So, the June bride now appears on her employer's social security report as Mary Brown along with the number that the Social Security Administration records show for Mary Smith. The Social Security Administration suspects that a marriage might be the answer to the discrepancy, but there is also the chance that Mary Brown is a new employee who was accidentally reported with Mary Smith's number.

Chick explains that the Government can't afford to take chances, and correspondence with the employer is necessary before Mary Brown, nee Smith, can get credit for the wages she earned. "In most instances, the records are cleared and Mrs. Mary Brown gets credit for her wages," Chick said, "but this happens only after the Government and the employer have spent considerable time and effort in untangling the mix-up."

"Now that June is over I'm extending all June brides an invitation to come in and get their name officially added to their social security account number card," he concluded.

CALENDAR CHURCH EVENTS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Stiles Lines, Rector 8:00 A. M.—Holy Communion. 10:00 A. M.—Church school. 11:15 A. M.—Morning prayer and sermon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH O. Floyd Montgomery, Pastor 10 A. M.—Church school. 11:15 A. M.—Morning worship. 6:15 P. M.—Training Union. 7:30 P. M.—Evening worship. 7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, prayer service.

LYTTLETON STREET METHODIST CHURCH George K. Way, Pastor Sunday Services Church school at 10 a. m. classes and groups for all. The nursery will remain open during the morning preaching hour. Preaching service at 11:15 A. A cordial welcome awaits Lyttleton Street church.

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