THE RELIGION OF JAPAN

What a ridden country is Japan, pulled this way and that way by religions. Centuries after centuries this up and down, this in and out contest among religious clans has been in evidence. Japan has profited and suffered by the religious feuds of the centuries. Japan should have one great all absorbing, christian community church all aflame with a mighty zeal for Christ and the people.

The early religion of Japan consisted in a worship of spirits, both of nature and of the dead. This form of worship developed into a well organized system called Shinto. In this belief some spirits were thought to reside in Heaven, others in objects, others in living beings that gave extraordinary power to whom they were pleased to favor. Their deities were supposed to multiply, pairs of them were generated spontaneously etc. Hence Shinto-ism was an endless chain of superstition and disappointment. In 538 Buddha’s religion was introduced and presented to the imperial court by one of the kings of Korea as a sign of friendship. Buddha was declared to have infinite power and wisdom and who was represented by a fine image. People immediately took sides, Buddha’s followers against Shinto, so the feuds ran fiercely for many years. Buddhism however brought to Japan arts, refined thoughts, spiritual communion, industry etc. This civilization of Japan moved forward. Buddhism became powerful in Japan, but Shintoism never perished. Between the years 1200 and 1600 Japan experienced an uneasy spirit, a current of thought began to flow expressing a desire for a deeper reality in religion, something more than images and trappings. Different waves of religious fanaticism swept Japan. The agitation was increased by the arrival of Jesuit missionaries from Spain who brought guns, with them and in the course of a half century had three hundred thousand converts, religious zeal, opposition and bloodshed was evidenced from end to end in the Kingdom of the Rising Sun.

In 1875 one Neeshima founded a Theological School of Christianity in Japan. Young men coverted to Christianity rallied together with high aspirations, firm in their belief then advanced for a better homeland. The moral ideas of Christianity began to bear fruit throughout the kingdom. Howbeit Buddhist patriots and Shintoonists ganged together against Christianity, the cry arose away with the foreigners, they are as a plague overrunning our land and encroaching on all our ancient traditions. In 1896 a representative group of the followers of Buddha, Spirit Worshippers, Christians, and Infidels in a friendly forum debated the advisability of inventing or finding a substitute for religion in the form of morality, out of this forum came a Religious Union Movement which gathered a great following. Buddhism however still goes strong; Shintoism with all its evil superstition, has its roots deep and firm from time immemorial, Christianity has been ordered out of the country, persecuted, expelled, only to return.
again and again with a new birth and a new zeal. Now the great war overshadows the Island Kingdom. Great have been the opportunities laid at its feet, now one wonders; in the words of the great teacher, "If thou in thy day had known the things that make for peace, but now they are hidden from thee."

Geo. M. Hulme

LOYALTY TO CHRIST
October 11

"Golden Text—What things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. Philippians 3:7.

Jesus invited the criticism of high church officials when he called Matthew to follow him. Matthew was called a "publican and sinner" because he acted as an agent of the Roman government collecting taxes from his own countrymen. The method used was to pay a certain amount to Rome and anything over and above that which the collector could extort was profit to himself. Naturally these men were despised and hated by their own people.

Matthew, hearing Jesus preach, loathed himself and was ready to leave his unjust business at the word of a penniless carpenter whom he believed was truly the Son of God, the Messiah of prophecy.

Paul said, "What things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ." A man does not give up all the things usually held dear unless he sees a new prize to work for which is so much more desirable that the old things become as rubbish and tinsel. So with Paul and Peter and Matthew—they became faithful to Christ because they felt that he alone was the Son of God come to earth and he alone had the words of eternal life.

A Pontiac salesman in China once asked a Chinese minister if he did not find the religions of
China sharp competition for his teaching of the Christian religion. The prompt answer was "Honorable sir, I believe you sell Pontiac cars. Do you find Chinese wheelbarrows competition for Pontiac cars?"

For that which men prize highly they are willing to fight and die. Those who hold Christ dearest of all should give him their utmost loyalty; they should be willing to work for him, fight for him, if necessary die for him.

Hazel Gillam

CHOIR NOTES

There were 23 in the Junior Choir last Sunday. Their anthem "Come to the Temple", was very much appreciated. Mrs. Violet Large sang beautifully a number particularly appropriate now, "A Song of Peace" from "Finlandia."

ANNIVERSARY DAY

This coming Sunday, October 11th, Stow Community Church will observe as anniversary day. Our minister, Rev. Hulme, who is in charge of the program on that day, informs us that our Bible School Orchestra will play at the morning service. Also the Children’s Choir, who so well entertained us last Sunday, will again be present. According to Will Lodge it was "way back" in 1917 that the first Bible School of Community Church met and was organized. Later, that same year, the first church services were held That, we figure, was something like twenty five years ago. So, as member, past or present, or friend of Community Church, we invite you to be present at the morning church services Sunday.

MARRIED

Mildred Eloise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shroyer and Donald, son of Mrs. Eva Matjunas were married at the Stow Church of Christ parsonage at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3rd by Rev. Gregory. They were attended by the bride’s sister, Thelma, and Kenneth Weiss of Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Shroyer had the wedding supper at their home on Fish Creek-Darrowville Road. Mr. and Mrs. Matjunas will live at New Philadelphia where he is employed at the Allied Machine and Engineering Corporation. The Thursday before the wedding nearby neighbors and friends honored Mildred with a miscellaneous shower.

DEATH

Last week Mrs. I. E. Brittan received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Moore in New York. Funeral services were held at Sloan’s Funeral Home in Ravenna on Wednesday. Mr. Moore and daughters Jean and Martha were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brittan the remainder of the week at their home on East Main street in Ravenna.

For God is King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding, Ps. 47.7.

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7—And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.
8—And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

If there was one problem hard for the followers of Jesus to understand, it was that this wonder worker whom they loved so much was actually the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

Jesus said “Let’s go up into the mountain to pray”. It was a beautiful spot and at eventide. Then a voice out of the night was heard to say “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him”. They were privileged to see Jesus in the flesh as we sometime will see Him in all His glory —Moses and Eliaien were there, James and John were there and Simon Peter — a great communion of Saints.

What we want and need today is more human fellowship, a getting-together of good people but —God pity the day when we have popcorn, pumpkin pie or fried chicken festivals to get the people together.

Then when they came down out of the mountain there was a gathering of people, cripples, epileptics, lepers etc., begging the Master to help them and one man kneeling asked for mercy on his son, a lunatic, and Jesus touched him and commanded the evil spirit to leave and the child was cured.

We need Jesus and the world will never find rest and peace until we turn to Him only and hear Him speak.

Pearl Davis, Reporter

P. F. Robinson (right) of Baumberger Road and elder brother W. H. Robinson. This picture was taken on Labor Day when the former was visiting the latter at his home in Detroit, Michigan. On this date the older brother celebrated his thirty-sixth wedding anniversary and on the preceding Sunday was baptised and received into Christian fellowship at the Baptist church.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Attendance at Bible School last Sunday in spite of the rain was encouraging, two hundred sixty-five being present. The offering was twenty-four dollars and sixty-five cents. This compares very favorably with the one hundred seventy-five present and an offering of twelve dollars and sixty-three cents the preceding Sunday.

Three hundred thirty-eight has been set by the Bible School Superintendent as the attendance goal for Rally Day Sunday, October 18th.

From last week's Church of Christ bulletin: The District Convention of the Churches of Christ from Summit, Portage and Medina counties is being held in the Wooster Avenue Church this Friday, (Oct. 9th.)

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lukens held open house Thursday evening October 8th at their home on the County Line Road for their son Clive, who leaves soon for the army.

Perfect Attendance Record.

Four Primary children hold perfect attendance records for the past quarter. They were Ann Parttridge, Roy Bohl, Gordon Sandercox and Tommy Scott.

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The first Stow Parent Teachers Association meeting of the year will be held in the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, October thirteenth at eight p.m.

The program for the evening includes an address by Supt. Kemp-ton on School Finance; formal initiation of new members for the Honor Society, and community singing led by Miss Farr.

At the close of the meeting a reception will be held in the Cafeteria for Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. Walter Haines and Mrs. Franz Abbott co-chairmen of the hospitality committee urge that parents come at this time and get acquainted with teachers of their children.

SCHOOL NEWS
Reginald and Gladys Laubin spoke at a chapel Thursday afternoon which was sponsored by the Honor Society. The Laubins, both Indians, gave interpretations of Indian lore and dances.

The editors and managers for the Stobiion have been chosen for this year. They are: Gladys Wey-

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PERSONALS

Isalys in Stow are now closing their store each evening at 10:00 p.m.

Arnold Roxbury serving his country on foreign soil is now a corporal.

A. J. Kurinsky has this week moved into his property on West Graham Road.

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Harold Roxbury of Fort Knox, Ky., is home now on a fourteen day furlough.

For Sale: Coleman Instant-Gas Table Top Range. Very reasonable OV-8967. (Adv.)

Mite box collection last Sunday was fifty-three dollars and twenty-nine cents.

Born Friday October 2 to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Powell of Munroe Falls a baby girl, Dorothy Jean.

Cyril McCloskey of Camp Forrest, Tenn. has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Sonya Thayer, Mrs. Lester Garver and Supt. J. Willard Davis.

WANTED—High school or college girl to work for room and board or wages. Call OV-8480. (Adv.)

Howard Schlarb of Darrowville, is located at Pendleton Field, Oregon. Harry Schroeder of Baumberger Road is also at the same place.

W. V. Smith confined to his bed for the past few days is reported somewhat improved and able to be up and around some.

For Sale: Cider from Baldwin apples. Orders taken for Halloween cider. Place your orders early. Call WA-5590. (Adv.)

Besides being equipped to do plowing and grading Melvin Thomas has purchased a new dump truck and expects to enter into a number of other activities. See his ad this issue.

For Sale: Slightly used General Electric best quality sunlamp reduced to fifteen dollars and tax. Call OV-8254. (Adv.)

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For Sale: Country butter as you like it. Kent Stow Market, quarter mile east of Fish Creek on Kent-Stow Road. (Adv.)

Share a ride to Bible School and Church. If you have need of transportation to church and Bible School on Sunday call either Supt. Davis WA-0486 or Rev. Hulme UN-1685.

Purchase your winter’s coal supply early. Later, due to priority transportation of vital war supplies, it may be impossible to obtain your favorite fuel. Cook Coal Delivery, WA-8121, 2760 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls. (Adv.)

Mrs. Gillam’s Bible class will be entertained this coming Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Snyder on East Arndale Road. Mrs. Lester Garver is assisting hostess. All members of this class are urged to be present.

At school or at work—always you need good food. So—see us for lunch meat, fresh pork, veal, home cured and smoked meats. Kent-Stow Market, J. B. Weldon, Prop. Route 5, Kent Stow Road near County line. (Adv.)

Mrs. C. V. Cross and daughter Betty Slusser with her son, Jimmy are visiting for ten days or two weeks with James Cross and family at Roosevelt, L. Island, N. Y.

At their annual Buddy Party held in the church basement Tuesday evening September 22nd, members of the Ladies Bible class surprised our minister’s wife, Mrs. Hulme, whose birthday came on that date, with a handkerchief shower and birthday cake. The party was a decided success.

Fall plowing, land fitting, moving, good work, reasonable price. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie road, Stow. (Adv.)

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Some would have us believe that no fine new homes are ever built in Stow. On the contrary, within the past two or three years a number of fine new dwellings have been erected. This one, at the corner of Fish Creek and East Kent Road, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitcher.

Wanted: 30x3½ tire and tube for Model T. Ford. What have you? Call OV-8771. (Adv.)

The following ad appearing last week had the wrong telephone number. It is therefore, reprinted with correct number.

Party living nearly two miles north on Hudson Rd., Stow and working 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Goodyear Aircraft has room for two more passengers or would prefer to drive alternate. Have yard parking privileges at Aircraft Call OV-8525 or Local 449 at Aircraft (Adv).

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Custer of Munroe Falls are in Moultrie, Georgia this week where they expect to attend graduating exercises at Spencer Field when their son Lawrence receives his wings. Pictures Wanted: Chester Holt of the Stow Pharmacy desires a picture of each Stow Soldier or Sailor Boy. These pictures he hopes to place on public display where all Stowites may see who is now in the service of Uncle Sam. Bring your boy's picture in today.

NEWS ITEM
Joe Mitten Attends Movie—No Article This Week.

Mr. Joe Mitten went over—somewhere—to see "Gone With The Wind" this last Tuesday evening and as a result—no article for the paper this week. This fact we report as an example of the terrible and sinister influence movies have on any one.

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LETTER
Eighteenth Repair Squadron
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Fairfield, Ohio

September 27, 1942
Dear Mr. Stockman (and readers of Community News)

Bill Carlson and myself want to thank you for sending us the Community News, which we both enjoy very much. As you probably know, Frank Becker, Bill Carlson and myself enlisted down here at Patterson Field together. Yesterday Frank left us to go to Santa Ana, California for Cadet training. Now there is just two of us here. We both are in the 18th Repair Sq. So without a doubt we will go through this world conflict together. We both think that the Army life is quite the life. It is a drastic change over civilian life, but we're all for it. Bill is a line mechanic, while I am an office worker. Bill gets callouses on his hands while I get mine elsewhere. I work the day shift and Bill the 4:00 to midnight shift. Bill's night life is shot to the wind. Seeing that we both just came in off a furlough, we won't be home again for sometime. We just read Bob Crichton's letter in the paper and wrote him a letter asking him all the news and how he is getting along out there and wishing he was here with us. We sure would like to see him again. Along with all our friends that are in the different components of the armed services. Again we would like to thank you people for the paper and all the friendship you show us when we are home. I would like you to pardon the structure of this letter. This type-writer doesn't know how to make paragraphs so as you see it just runs on and on.

Yours truly,
Privates "Stu" Ferreira and "Bill" Carlson

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According to Chet Holt, from whose collection we borrowed this picture, the young man on the left is Bill Carlson, in the middle Frank Becker, and on the right Stewart Ferreira.

LETTER

Camp Claiborne, La.
September 29. 1942
Mr. H. J. Stockman
Editor C. C. News
Stow, Ohio
Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that I haven't written to you sooner. I really have no good reason for not writing.

I want to express my gratitude to you for sending the C. C. News to me. Haven't missed receiving an issue yet. You are doing a lot in boosting the morale of the many soldiers from Stow. I find it very interesting to read about the different experiences of the fellows in the Armed Forces.

I have been in the army for 6 months and have found it very beneficial in many ways. Life in the Army is entirely different from civilian life. We have to live, eat and sleep together and must adjust ourselves in a lot of ways. I have gotten used to this life and it is not bad at all.

I find this M. P. duty very interesting. Some of the soldiers look with disfavor upon us, in spite of the fact that we are always willing and ready to help them out in any way possible.

Would be glad to receive a let-
Letter from anyone in and around good old Stow. Will try and answer all letters that I receive. A letter from home is quite a lift to the boys in the service.

Once again I want to thank you for the C. C. News. Hoping for a speedy victory, I remain,

Sincerely,
Pvt. Harry Suppes
Camp Claiborne, La.

LETTER
Tues. Morn.
Sept. 29, 1942

Dear Sir:

I haven't written to you for quite sometime now mainly because I was transferred to the Air Corp. some 3 months ago and I have been waiting to be transferred to a field to start training ever since. I was home 45 days on furlough and I have been loafing around here in camp the rest of the time. I still haven't been transferred to a field but I am hoping to be soon and as soon as I am I will send you my new address.

About two weeks ago I was separated from all my Ohio friends, they have started their Cadet training and will probably become pilots, bombardiers or navigators in a few months if they don't wash out. I certainly hope that I can start my training soon.

I was separated from Jack Beckley when I transferred over to the Air Corp. The last I heard from him he was in Camp Edwards but I don't know whether he is still there or not. I would like to see him again.

I saw the Olson and Thompson families when I was home and they were very proud of their sons since they have become officers and they should be. I think they will both make good officers and leaders. I'll write again when I get started in Flight Training.

Thanking you for the C. C. News.

Yours truly,
Air Cadet Robert E. Green
4th Platoon Casual Det.,
Camp Blanding; Fla.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933 OF THE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY AT STOW, OHIO, FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1942.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared H. J. Stockman who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of The Community Church News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption.

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, and editor are:
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2. That the owner is—Community Church, Stow, Ohio.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees—None.

Signed: H. J. STOCKMAN, Editor.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of September, 1942.
EVELYN PHELPS,
Notary Public.
My Commission expires May 24, 1944.

ANNOUNCEMENT
CURT AKERS has recently purchased the Pickard Block adjoining the Post Office Building and is moving his business MONDAY, SEPT. 28TH to that location. He will occupy all of the downstairs portion of the building.