Unitarians of the month

N. C. Unitarian wins judgeship

In a hot Democratic primary election in which Unitarianism became one of the issues, Byron E. Williams, president of All Souls' Chapel, Monroe, N.C., was elected Judge of Union County Court at the end of June.

Williams defeated the incumbent in the position. As Ray Shute, member of the board of the American Unitarian Association, reports it: "Religion came into the issue and Williams' Unitarianism was used as a point of political attack."

Fenn candidate for Mass. House

Dan Fenn Jr., son of Rev. Dan H. Fenn of Tucson, Ariz., who was former director of the department of the ministry, A.U.A., is a Democratic candidate for the Massachusetts state house from the 19th Middlesex District.

Fenn, whose grandfather was dean of the Harvard Divinity School, is a member of the Unitarian church of Lexington, president of the church's men's club, and director of the United Council on World Affairs. He has been a member of the A.U.A. advisory committee on adult education and social relations, the Unitarian World Order Commission and of the editorial advisory committee for the Beacon Press.

Philadelphia mayor wins honorary degree

Harvard University awarded an honorary doctorate to Mayor Joseph S. Clark, Jr., reform mayor of Philadelphia, at its June commencement, where Mayor Clark gave one of the two major addresses.

Clark, who is a member of the Unitarian Church of Germantown, spoke on city government and declared that government must give municipal services "with at least a modicum of efficiency and integrity."

AUYer wins prize

Jane Holt, member of the American Unitarian Youth, Summit, N.J., won a first prize in the *Atlantic Monthly* young peoples' contest for her essay, "Live with them and like them." The $100 prize was awarded for the article on the Unitarian Service Committee youth camp in Monteagle, Tenn. She is editor of the Kent Place weekly magazine, *Cargoes*, and will enter Swarthmore this fall.

Unitarian leader praised by paper

In the Durham, N.C., *Morning Herald*, of June 29, appeared a four-column picture and headline that said: "J. Ray Shute,—A Man Who Preaches 'Genuine Christianity."

The feature story said he is Exhibit A in the Christianity he preaches—a man called by his friend, Carl Sandburg, "truly civilized." It points out that with his own funds, the member of the *Register* board of editors erected All Souls Chapel in Monroe, where the Unitarian fellowship now meets. The Chapel, which is developing into a cultural center, has a children's chapel, swimming pool, playgrounds, dancing school, forums and many other activities with future plans for a museum of art. "Everything we have is for everybody," Shute is quoted as saying.

The paper credits Shute with helping to organize in the past four years fellowships in Monroe, Raleigh, Durham, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro.

"I have seen more genuine brotherly love in action in our movement than anywhere else during my life," he said. Shute is director of the OPS office of Charlotte district, and in his job organized 2,000 housewives into small Consumer Advisory Groups; and 1000 businessmen into small Volunteer Committees. His plan won a special citation from former OPS Director Michael DiSalle.

Ware grandmother performs ceremony

Rev. Anita Trueman Pickett, of Ware, performed the marriage ceremony for her granddaughter, Miss Carol Coggins and Dr. Leslie C. Powell, Jr., at the All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, D.C. in June. Rev. Pickett has been minister of the Ware Unitarian Church for the past two years, taking over at the request of the parishioners when her husband, Rev. Harold L. Pickett, died. She has just retired from her parish this summer.

NBC broadcaster gains citation

Clifton Utley, well-known NBC radio and television commentator and member of the Radio and Television Advisory Committee of the American Unitarian Association, has won a citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The award was given for "focusing the white light of public analysis on our daily practices in the market-place and for challenging us, as thinking citizens of a great democracy, to remedy those practices and to bring them into closer harmony with the high precepts on which that democracy was founded." It said he has "challenged injustice, wherever he has found it." Utley is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago.

KING'S CHAPEL. Corner Tremont and School Sts. Dr. Palfrey Perkins, Minister. Rev. George R. Plagenz, Assistant Minister. Sunday Service, 11 a. m. Week Days, 12 noon. Monday half hour of organ music. Tuesday-Friday, guest preachers. All are welcome.

Overholser wins award

Dr. Winfred Overholser, outstanding Unitarian layman, and superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C., is the first winner of the American Psychiatric Association's "Isaac Ray Award" to be given annually to a person of "outstanding accomplishment in psychiatry and jurisprudence. He receives $1000 and delivers the "Isaac Ray Lectures" at Harvard University next year.

SWANSON PROMOTED: Rev. Harvey Swanson, minister of the Church of Our Father, Unitarian, Lancaster, Pa., has been promoted to the rank of Commander, Chaplains Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve. He is the highest ranking officer in the 1st 155 mm Howitzer Battalion, Marine Corps Reserve, with headquarters at the Philadelphia Naval Base. He was on active duty in World War II, earning six battle stars. Swanson faced danger of court martial on two occasions—once when he uncovered a condition of "brutality in treatment of prisoners" and reported it; the second time when he preached a sermon at King's Chapel, Boston, criticizing the "deterioration of moral character" in America reflected among men in the service.

UNITARIAN IN SPAIN: *Time* Magazine reports in its July 7 issue on Alice Bache Gould who has spent 41 years in Seville, Spain, studying historical documents on the Spanish exploration of the New World. She is 84 years old and was a former Boston school teacher who went to Spain originally on a vacation and never returned. A Unitarian, she was recently given the Cross of Isabella the Catholic, in a special ceremony from the Spanish Minister of Education.

National board member

Rev. Waldemar Argow, minister of the People's Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a new member of the board of directors of the National Association for Mental Health. He is a member of mental health boards in his city, county, and state, also.

RESIGNS: Rev. Reuel W. Beach has resigned as minister of the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth, Me., to study for his Th.D. in pastoral psychology at the graduate school of religion, University of Southern California. He left the printing business in Cambridge to help out as a lay preacher during the war years when there was a shortage, served Congregational churches, and received his degree from Boston University in 1947.

Sharon to Salzburg

John W. Baker who has been minister in Sharon, Mass. will be assistant director of the Salzburg Seminar of American Studies in Salzburg, Austria, for the next three years.

EDITOR APPOINTED: Melvin Arnold, director of the division of publications, American Unitarian Association and editor of Beacon Press, has been appointed a member of the American Committee for Cultural Freedom, Inc.—affiliated with the international Congress for Cultural Freedom, with headquarters in Paris.

PRESS-TIME BULLETIN

Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, has been refused a passport by the State Department and has been forced to cancel his plan to visit Australia this fall. He had been asked to deliver an address in Melbourne on the 100th anniversary of Unitarianism in that country.

Minister backs UNESCO

When three days of public hearings were held before the Los Angeles Board of Education on whether the study of UNESCO should be included in the city school curriculum, Rev. Howard G. Matson of the Unitarian Community Church, Santa Monica, was one of these urging the study.

Matson who is also regional vice president of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, asked for a comprehensive UNESCO educational program so that young people could be well-informed in world affairs. A staff writer of the Los Angeles *Daily News* said that rejection of the study "by one of the greatest school systems in the world's most powerful nation" might have a "shattering effect" on the UN.

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'Dynamic Tolerance'

"Unitarianism as we know it is a product of the Judeo-Christian tradition. And in England and America, where it has been the strongest, it developed at the beginning of the nineteenth century as a sort of Second Reformation, making explicit what was implicit in the revolt and the positive witness of Martin Luther. It flashed the beams of knowledge upon the Book which has long since taken the place of the institution as a guide in the religious experience of man, and it exalted the power of interpretation and the light of conscience even above that Book.

"In our own land Unitarianism grew up within the Congregational Churches, and then became the liberal wing of those churches. It was a reaction against the harsh, Calvinistic theology and the acquired, or perhaps never conquered, bigotry of those who came across the sea for freedom to worship God in their own way. It was an affirmation of faith in man and in tolerance, not indifference, but what we might call today 'dynamic' tolerance."

From a Sermon on "What Is Unitarianism?" D. M. GREELEY

THE CALL

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN (*George William Warren, 1892*)

1

America, behold the stricken world!
Nations enslaved by ruthless tyranny;
Wounded, they cry for help to bind their wounds;
Moved by their anguish, God is calling thee.

2

To raise thee up for this dark time of need,
The homeless Pilgrims crossed the wintry sea;
Building rude homes in that bleak wilderness,
They built a nation, strong and brave and free.

3

Take up thy heavy cross of sacrifice,
Shrink not from hardship, toil and pain and tears;
Trust in the strength of God's omnipotence;
He will sustain thee, banish all thy fears.

4

Cleanse thou the inner wellsprings of thy life,
Open the channels of the Spirit's power;
Choose righteous men, unselfish, wise and strong,
To lead thy people in this fateful hour.

5

The fate of generations yet unborn
Rests now on thee; what shall thine answer be?
Heed thou the call to save their heritage;
Gird for thy task, fulfill thy destiny!

Marion Franklin Ham

Ministers recently called to churches

Robert Bowman, Assistant Minister, First Universalist Church, Chicago, Ill.
Raymond B. Bragg, Kansas City, Mo.
William Billingham, Houlton, Me.
Charles Donelson, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.
Max Gaebler, Madison, Wisc.
Aron Gilmartin, Seattle, Wash. (University Church)
William P. Horton, Ware, Mass.
Lester C. Lewis, New Haven, Conn.
Mason McGinness, Peterborough, N. H.
Donald McKinney, Assistant Minister, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rudolph Nemser, Whitman, Mass.
Ernest Pipes, Jr., Albany, N. Y.
Francis M. Ruland, Pittsburgh (Northside), Pa.
Alexander St. Ivanyi, Lancaster, Mass.
Bertrand Steeves, Pembroke, Mass.
Kenneth Warren, Chicopee, Mass.
Walter Woodman, Universalist Church, Woodsville, N. H.
Walter Pedersen, Westchester Ethical Society

Several men, new to the Fellowship, have been ordained or installed:

Jesse R. Cavileer, Unitarian Society of Cleveland, Ohio
Thomas J. Maloney, First Unitarian Society of Whitman, Mass.
David W. Edmunds, Roslindale, Mass.
Henry G. Cooper, Scituate, Mass.
W. Curtis Crawford, North Easton, Mass.
Donald W. McKinney, Bridgewater, Mass.
Robert M. Bowman, First Unitarian Society of Chicago, Ill.
Bertrand Steeves, Leominster, Mass.
Rudolph Nemser, Whitman, Mass.
Kenneth Warren, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma