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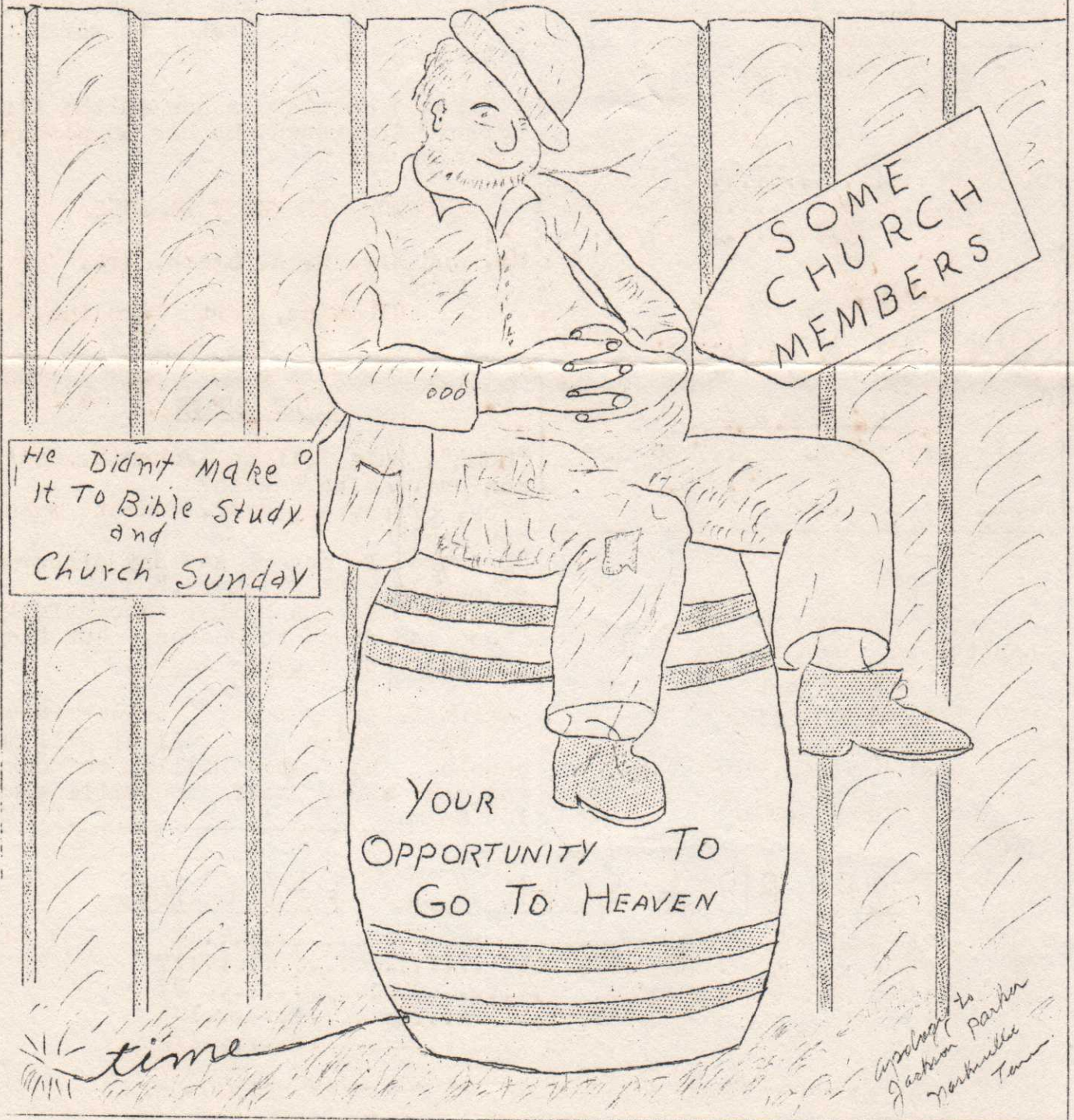
"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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Mrs. C. E. Warner is visiting her sister in Mt. Airy.

Last Saturday Night the Chaffins had supper with the F. D. Messicks.

Brother A. P. Warner is home from the hospital and is improving. We hope he can be back to worship with us soon.

Bobby Messick is now in the Air Force. At present he has no permanent address.

VISITORS FEBRUARY 10, 1952

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CLOSE SHAVE

"Mama", said little Johnnie, don't men ever go to Heaven?"

"Why, of course, dear. What makes you ask?"

"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers."

"Well", said the Mother thoughtfully "Some men do go to Heaven, but they get there by a close shave."

The church is full of willing people. Half are willing to work, and the other half are willing to let them.

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.
Worship.....11:00 A. M.
Worship..... 7:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class.....2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Men's Training Class...7:30 P. M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....115
Attendance a week ago.....117
Attendance a year ago..... 97
Average attendance for 1951.....105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....114

HELP US IMPROVE THIS RECORD, COME SUNDAY 10:00 A. M.

QUESTIONS BIBLE ANSWERS

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

I received a letter a few days ago, with five questions, requesting me to answer them in our little paper. Some of these questions are scarcely worth answering since the querist seems to want to quibble over some things. Therefore, my answer to some of them will be brief. I will not print the whole letter now, in order to preserve space, but I will quote each question verbatim as we answer them.

1. "Where did you get the baptistry from? Did the New Testament Church have one?"

ANS. Our Lord often ask questions to answer a question that was ask him. So, let us ask our querist, where did you get your song books, or where is your authority for having them? Did the New Testament have them? If so where is the book chapter and verse that says so? Where did you get your church house? Did the New Testament Church have one? I do not at this moment recall having read in the New Testament where the church ever owned a building to meet in. Yet, they probably had song books, and maybe some of the congregations had a meeting house. Anyway, we do know that they met in some building, whether it was owned by the church or not.

Yes, the New Testament Church had a baptistry. Or at least we do know that they used one. Whether it was in the building in which they met or in some creek or river it makes no difference. They had to have a baptistry before they could baptize. A baptistry is a place where people are baptized; so in that sense a river could be referred to as the baptistry of the Church. If not, why not?

2. "In one of your papers you said a harp is vocal cords. You gave Mr. Webster as reference, but you did not say what he said about harp, you looked up the word voice. What does he say about harp?"

ANS. Our querist knows what Mr Webster says about harps, but for the benefit of all our readers, we give here his definition. "A musical stringed instrument of triangular shape, played with the fingers: to play on the harp; dwell tediously or persistently on some particular subject (with on or upon)." Now, if this justifies the use of musical instruments in worship, it also restricts it to the kind described, namely: They must be "stinged instruments"---- they must be of "triangular shape" This certainly will eliminate many instruments of music used in worship today.

Let us now observe a few other things in the reference to which our querist refers, Rev.5:8-9. You will note in verse 8 that John speaking of the elders says, each one has a harp. "Having EVERY ONE of them harps." Therefore, if this justifies instruments of music in worship, every worshiper must have a harp, but it is not done that way in any church today. But the fact is "harps" here is used in a figurative sense just as the other things mentioned in this verse. In the latter part of this verse John speaks of "golden vials full of odours, WHICH ARE THE PRAYERS of saints." Is prayers carried in literal "golden vials" today? Is prayers actually and literally "odours?" The answers to these questions are positively, No! I think those who use musical instruments in their worship would agree that the things I have mentioned

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(BIBLE QUESTIONS Cont.)

here are used in a figurative sense. But they want to make "harps" literal. "Consistency thou art a jewel."

But John you said, "having every one of them harps," What did they do with them? "They sung a new song, SAYING....." Rev.5:9. Here we have the answer of the one who said they had harps. He said they SUNG. This will forever settle the matter for those who want to know the truth. And I wonder if our querist is honest enough to accept it. If she is honest she will repent of her sins in using a musical instrument in worship, and will never again attempt to worship God with a musical instrument.

3. "How can anyone belong to a church and not be a member? According to your last weeks' paper you can."

ANS. How our querist ever came to such a conclusion from reading my article in the January 20th, issue, I must confess I do not know. I do not have any idea what part of the article she has reference to. If she will write and let me know what she has reference to I will give further consideration to the matter.

(To be continued next week)

-----Vestal Chaffin

RADIO PROGRAMS

Sunday morning 9:00 to 9:15
WTOB, 1380 on your dial.

Sunday afternoon 1:00 to 1:30
WAIR, 1340 on your dial.

A PREACHER'S SON WAS

Found taking money from the basket as it passed him in the audience, the young man took the money from the Lord's treasury and put it in his own pocket to be used for his own personal desires. Yes, he did wrong and he was rebuked.

How about these people who have the Lord's money in their pocket, who will not put it into the Lord's treasury (where it belongs), but they keep it to use for their own personal desires? Who is guilty of the greater sin, the one who takes money out of the treasury or the one who withholds what belongs in the treasury?

Are YOU sure the amount that you are giving each week is all that belongs to the Lord out of your prosperity? You know that sprinkling for baptism is not scriptural, but how about giving only a "sprinkling" of what we are capable of giving?

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35).

---Highland Highlights
Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Via. Maryville Messenger.

THAT GIVING SERMON

Now I lay me down to snore;
That "GIVING" sermon I'LL ignore.
If I should die before I wake,
The devil sure will get a break.
---The Exhorter, Manchester, Tenn.