

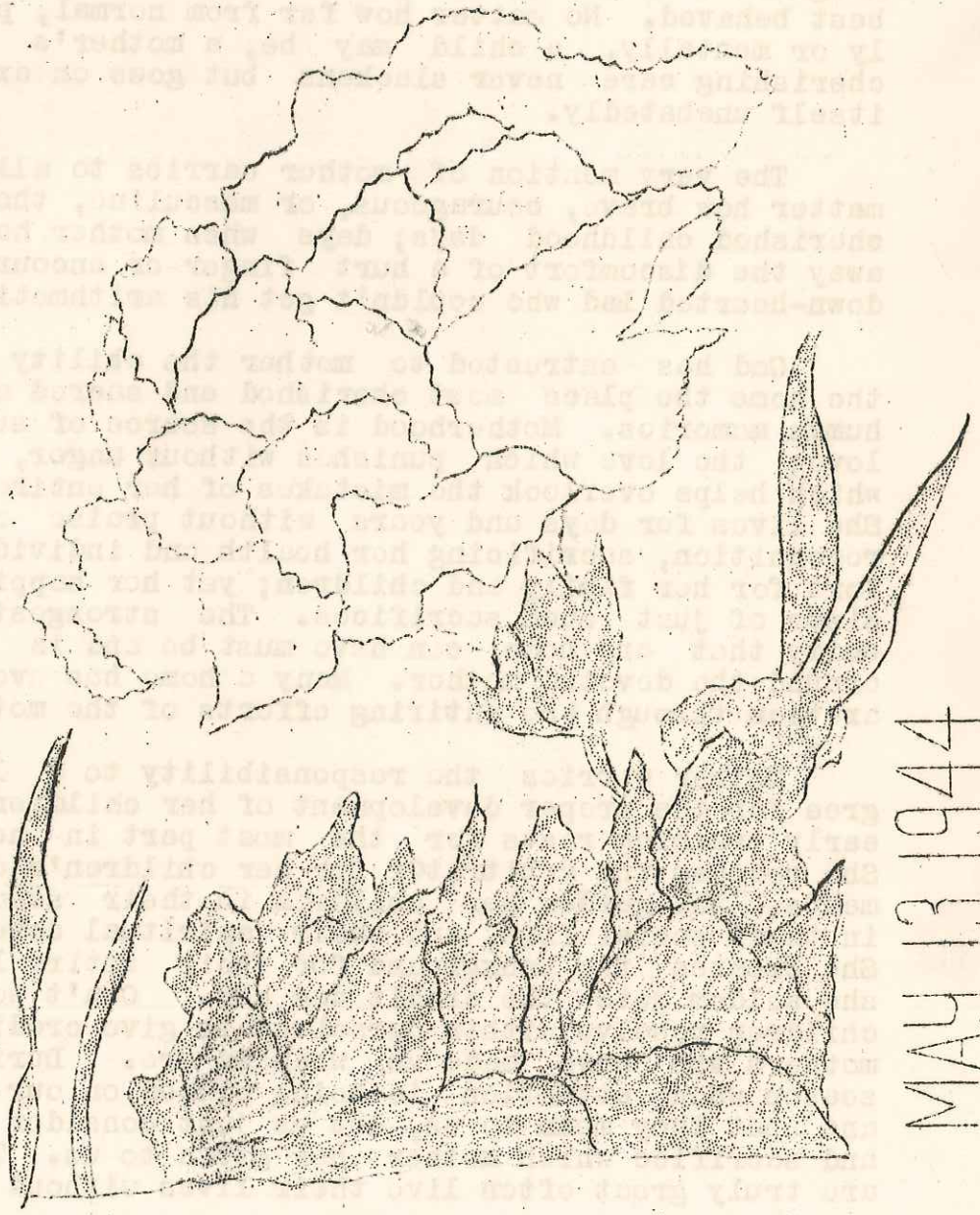
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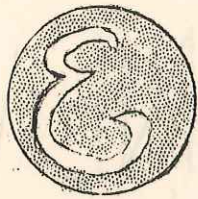


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MOTHER'S DAY EDITION







# Editorial

**Mother** - This word is the, finest, most expressive symbol of love and sacrifice which life can give. Motherhood is the realm where perfect love is manifested; where sacrifice is given most willingly. Even the naughtiest child is as precious to his mother as the best behaved. No matter how far from normal, physically or mentally, a child may be, a mother's love and cherishing care never slackens but goes on expressing itself unabatedly.

The very mention of mother carries to all men, no matter how brave, courageous, or masculine, thoughts of cherished childhood days; days when mother had kissed away the discomfort of a hurt finger or encouraged the down-hearted lad who couldn't get his arithmetic lesson.

God has entrusted to mother the ability to make the home the place most cherished and sacred among all human memories. Motherhood is the source of surpassing love; the love which punishes without anger, the love which helps overlook the mistakes of her entire family. She lives for days and years without praise or proper recognition, sacrificing her health and individual comfort for her family and children; yet her happiness consists of just such sacrifices. The strongest hand of unity that any home can have must be and is centered around the devoted mother. Many a home has avoided separation through the untiring efforts of the mother.

Mother carries the responsibility to a large degree for the proper development of her children. Their early training rests for the most part in her hands. She becomes the arbitrator for her children's disagreements. She guides her children in their school work, in their social life, and their spiritual development. She creates the background for their entire lives yet she seldom gets the credit due her. Can't we who are children resolve within ourselves to give credit to our mothers who have made us what we are. During this season when attention is being placed on our mothers and what they mean to us, let us just consider the love and sacrifice which mother has given to us. Those who are truly great often live their lives without honor.

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## FOREMANSHIP TRAINING CLASS

Mr. T. G. Meier, project foreman, is conducting a class in leadership training. The group meets Monday evenings and discusses problems relative to the technique of working with men.

Before coming to camp, as foreman, Mr. Meier was safety engineer in an ordnance plant. He also has several years experience in supervision of men in CCC Camps. Mr. Meier has a master's degree in psychology.

## FIRE SCHOOL

The annual fire school convened May 6 with Mr. Percy Ray from the Forest Service conducting the school. The forenoon was used by Mr. Ray in lecturing on principles of forest fire fighting while in the afternoon the men practiced building fire lines. Similar schools are conducted in all camps helping to protect our forests.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Gerald Berneking of the First Christian Church, Colorado Springs, brought us the morning message on Sunday April 30.

Rev. McDaniel of the Trinity Methodist Church was with us on Sunday morning May 7th.

Bishop Miller, Old Order Amish, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Rev. George Nichols, Holdeman, Fairview, Oklahoma, spoke to us Sunday evening May 7.

Rev. Albert Unruh, Holdeman of Montezuma, Kansas, also visited camp last weekend.

## ARRIVALS

Norman E. Abrahams-- General Conference Mennonite from Hillsboro, Kan. He is a farmer and had been going to school before coming to camp.

Pete E. Klassen-- Mennonite Brethren from Wichita, Kansas. He was an insurance representative for the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. Pete is married and has two children.

Elden T. Koehn--Non-affiliated from McPherson, Kansas. He was working on a farm before coming to camp.

Melvin E. Schroeder-- General Conference Mennonite from Goessel, Kans. He worked in a creamery before coming to camp.

Clarence M. Yoder-- (Old) Mennonite from Wellman, Iowa. Clarence was working on a farm before coming to camp.

## TRANSFERS

Walter H. Frey--(Old) Mennonite from Elkhart, Indiana. He was transferred from the Marlboro, New Jersey Hospital Unit. Walter is married. E.S.

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## At Mother's Knee

I have worshipped in churches and  
chapels,  
I have prayed in the busy street;  
I have sought my God and have found  
Him  
Where the waves of the ocean boat  
I have knelt in the silent forest,  
In the shade of some ancient tree;  
But the dearest of all my altars  
Was raised at my mother's knee.

The things in my life that are worthy  
Were born in my mother's breast;  
And breathed into mine by the magic  
Of the love her life expressed.  
The years that have brought me to man-  
hood  
Have taken her far from me;  
But memory keeps me from straying  
Too far from my mother's knee.

God make me the man of her vision,  
And purge me of selfishness;  
God, keep me true to her standards,  
And help me to live to bless;  
God hallow the holy impress  
Of the day that used to be,  
And keep me a pilgrim forever  
To the shrine at my mother's knee!  
—John H. Styles, Jr.

## Before It Is Too Late

If you have a grey-haired mother  
In the old home far away,  
Sit down and write the letter  
You put off from day to day,  
Don't wait until her weary steps  
Reach Heaven's pearly gate  
But show her that you think of her  
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message  
Or a loving word to say,  
Don't wait until you forget it,  
But whisper it today.  
Who knows what bitter memories  
May haunt you if you wait?  
So make your loved one happy  
Before it is too late.

The tender word unspoken,  
The letters never sent,  
The long forgotten messages,  
The wealth of love unspent;  
For these some hearts are breaking  
For these some loved ones wait;  
Show them that you care for them  
Before it is too late.

--G. B. Griffith

## Honoring Our Mothers

Most of us cherish our mother more than we ever express. We regard our mother's teachings more than we admit and seek to fulfill her hopes more than we confess. A good mother lives not for adulation nor does she work for compliments or find her supreme happiness in receiving words of praise. Our mother's life is rich or poor because of what we are. Her heart is sad or glad because of what we do. Every day is mother's day but on this particular occasion let us remember her with special gratitude and love. This day will be of real value to us and the cause of permanent satisfaction to our mother only as we resolve anew that with the help of God we will become the man that she wishes us to be.

--J. Sherman Wallace.

(Condensed from "Young People")



## THE INFLUENCE OF A CHRISTIAN MOTHER.

Thousands upon thousands of children are going into a Christless grave because they have never had Christian training. The mother has more influence in this world than any other being. She is a constant companion to her child and thus she will leave some indelible impressions upon the child. Solomon stated it well when he said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. To a large extent the child's training will determine his future character.

A person is influenced most at the place where he eats, sleeps and lives. It is readily seen that this place begins at the mother's lap, thus Christianity will largely depend upon the influence that a mother has on her child. It is hard to see why so many mothers leave their home and go to work in defense plants when the greatest defense work is to train the child. If a child is not properly trained, what can we expect in the future of the home, the church and our nation.

Character is built, not inherited. A person inherits tendencies but his character will be determined by the training he receives and by his will. It is the mother's opportunity to influence her child to walk in the paths of life and to walk upon it well so that he will be able to build a noble Christian character.

The mother has had a great influence upon the boys in CPS. Many of the boys have learned to pray at their mother's knee and carry the practice to camp. When a child, we were advised by her to live a clean and moral life. Now through her influence we have obtained the habit of clean living and thinking.

The love of a mother is indescribable. All the sacrifice and love that it takes to train a child can never be repaid by the child. Nothing wins like love. If this statement is true, we can more fully understand why the mother's love has such a great influence. PRCC

## SONS TO BE PROUD

Let us stop and think on this Mother's Day, "What we as sons mean to our Mothers." We pay tribute to our Mothers because we are proud of them, but are our Mothers proud of us? For your Mother to be proud of you, you must live a life that is deserving of such pride.

Mother was a character of many principles and she was very diligent in trying to impart these deeply into our minds. She believed in the unfailing power of love. Else, would she have born us into this world? It is through her loving care and tender watchfulness during many trying times that we are here today.

Let us at no time forget that honesty and truthfulness are two of the virtues that Mother taught us from the time we were little tots. Even though we are old enough to be away from her now, she still wants us to follow these teachings at all times.

From the time we were old enough to understand, Mother would take us on her lap and teach us the stories of Jesus. When we sat down to eat, we were taught to give thanks to the Lord for the food. At night when we went to bed, we would kneel at Mother's knee and thank our Creator for the protection He had given us and ask Him for guidance in the future. Our Mother is praying for us daily, are we praying for her?

After we were old enough, Mother took us to Sunday School to learn more about Christ. Through the teachings of the Church, the pastor and our parents, we formed our philosophy of life. Mother had a very great influence in this philosophy.

Virtues as, truthfulness, honesty, and love of fellowmen, which mother instilled into our philosophy have caused us to take the stand that we have. This is cause for much pleasure and gratification on the part of our Mother.

Is my Mother proud of me?

MMM



# A LETTER TO MOTHER

Dear Mother,

I have been reflecting upon the factors that brought me to this camp and I am glad you influenced me to decide to come here. The greatest joy comes in knowing that you are giving me your full moral support even if people about you try to persuade you that I am mistaken in my stand. I remember the many times you carefully taught me to love my enemies and to do good to them that hate me and I am thankful that you have not succumbed to propoganda and lowered your standards. It would be a great disappointment to me if you would give in to the public opinion. Mother, had you given in, I would have to question several things you taught me but now my confidence in you has deepened. As I think of the associates I had when in the public school and how their mothers taught them to love their enemies and do good to them that hated them and how they now say it is alright to go against those principles when the government says we must, I can see the ruin of our nation coming. If mothers let down these principles their sons will not have confidence in their other teachings. I do not speak of the ones where the mothers did not teach them these beliefs.

Mother, I feel I will come back after the war is over with a stronger character and deeper appreciation for what you have done for me. I am sure I am not the only one that feels this way. There are times it is very discouraging when on the surface the routine of work seems unimportant. If it were not for the peace principle that you taught me I would have given up long ago and joined the army.

There are many things even in a camp of this kind that will distract from our goal. Because of no pay, several have gone to the army. You may ask the question, "Do you mean to say that in a religious camp of this kind things happen that are not right?" It might be just as fair to ask whether within the church there are things not fully in accord with Christian ideals.

I can see nothing of greater value than to live and show others the value of a Christian life.

Your son,

*James*  
James.

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"All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."  
A. Lincoln.