

January 9, 1939

On Thursday evening November 17, the Sawyer Bible Class met at the home of Mrs P. R. Drower. Mrs Joe Nollar was assisting hostess. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Miss Silker had charge of devotions. Mrs Barker brought threads of various colors made up into braids that she and Mrs Smiley are having as their project to earn money for church organization. Current events brought or mentioned by those present made an interesting evening. Refreshments were served and enjoyed. (Miss Silker was unanimously nominated and elected to the office of Secretary-treasurer.)

Notes by Mabelle M Mitchell see p 90

On Monday evening, January the ninth, 1939, the Sawyer Class met at the home of Mrs Frank Kirchner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. ^{in the absence of Mrs De Bolt} Miss Silker, had charge of devotions, using Prayer for thought. Secretary was instructed to send a card to Edith Miller, her father having passed away.

Mrs Ward Almsted invited class to her home for next meeting. Miss Silker volunteered to assist her. ^{and Mrs Drower seconded motion} Mrs Mitchel moved that Sawyer Class have flowers at church in memory of Revd Buthman, one Sunday soon. Motion carried.

Motion was made ^{and} carried, that class give \$²⁵ to the Italian church fund.

Current events were given ^{and} enjoyed, after which Chinese Checkers were played. Refreshments were enjoyed. Cora V. Silker was assisting hostess. (over)

Cora V. Silker, Secy-Treas.

Mrs Edith Miller

Sent condolence cards to Mrs Nesmith.

Class had flowers at church Jan 22
after which they were taken to
Mr. Gunthorpe.

Cora V. Silber
Secy-Treas

Friday evening February twenty-fourth
the Sawyer Bible Class and friends
enjoyed a Backwards Party at the
home of Mrs Ward Olmsted.
Miss Ethel Sitsion the assistant
hostess presided.

Current events were followed
by devotions given by
Mrs Miron Morrell. Mrs Morrell
gave us some thoughts on the Play of
Prayer and read us from Matthew
II Chapter beginning 43 verse,
closing devotions by all with Lord's
Prayer.

Secretary's and treasurer's reports were
read and accepted as read.

Words of appreciation from the
E. W. Magill's family; Edith Miller's
(father) and the Revrd & Mrs. G. J. Nesmith
were read.

Reports of sick were given.

Mrs Gustav Friedin invited class to
her home for next meeting.

Games were enjoyed after which
dainty refreshments were served.

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Origin Of Some Easter Symbols

Colored Eggs Custom Dates Far Back

Easter, one of the most holy days on the Christian calendar, draws its name from Eostre, pagan Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring.

Many of the outward symbols with which the day is marked—outside the religious observance—also had their origin in pagan sources. Pagans once rolled one another down hill to express joy at the coming of spring and ate red eggs as symbols of power at the feast of spring. Since then it has been found simpler to roll eggs instead of people.

Albumen Apple Had Part.

Eggs and Easter are practically synonymous, for in nearly every custom of the lunar holiday, the albumen apple plays a part. Colored eggs date to early Egyptian, Persian, Roman, Greek and Gallic times, when they were looked upon as a symbol of life.

There has long been a link between the hare (not to be confused with rabbit) and Easter, because the former is thought the symbol of the moon, and the date of the latter is fixed by lunar changes.

Link between the bunny and the eggs traces to an old German legend. Its foundation is doubtful, for a hare would be as surprised to find his burrow full of eggs as are children finding them under the bed Easter morn.

Finnish Custom.

Rugged children of Finland, aping the child who holds his breath for spite, spank each other with pussywillow or birch switches until their parents come through with rewards of Easter eggs.

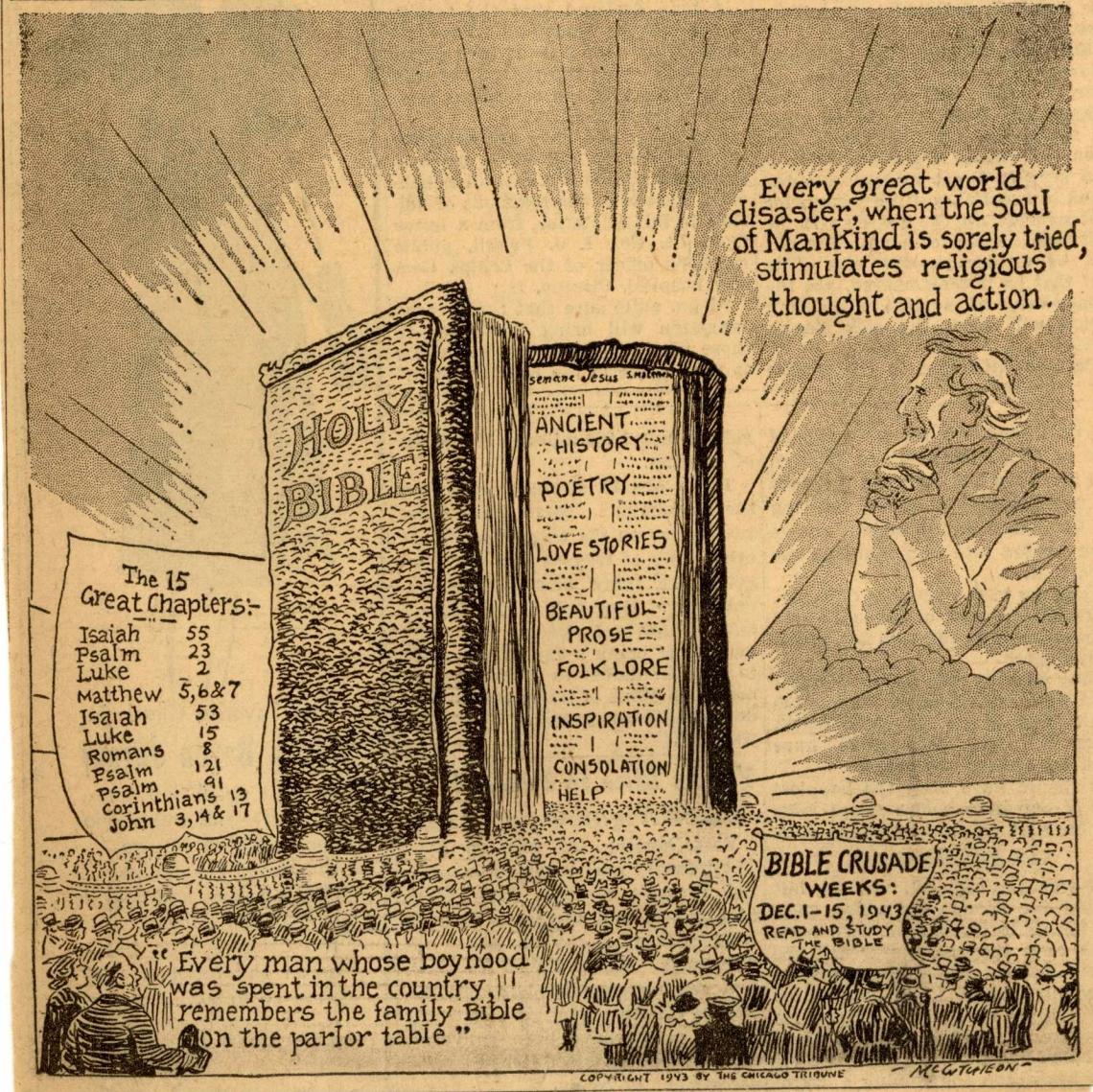
In Hungary, the village boys used to duck girls in streams or pour buckets of water over their heads. More discreet modern method of noting Easter is to sprinkle the girls with perfume. Victims thus drenched pay tormentors with gifts of colored eggs.

Egg Rolling Custom.

White House egg rolling dates to the days of Dolly Madison, the Mrs. Roosevelt of a century ago. Dispensed with during the Wilson administration, when White House gates were locked, the custom was revived by Mrs. Harding in 1921.

South of the border, Mexicans burn effigies on Easter eve, each representing the Judas or traitor in the life of a peon.

THE PORTALS OF CHRISTENDOM



In Friday evening March 31, 1939, the Sawyer Bible Class met at the home of Mrs G. Fredin with Mrs J. H. de Bol presiding.

Mrs P. R. Drower conducted devotions, using

, following with the reading of the 91st Psalm and prayer.

The treasurers and secretary's reports were read and accepted as read. A report of the sick was given. The class decided to send Mrs Stella Welty an Easter lily. Stella's birthday is May 14, talked of each sending her a little gift.

We discussed ^{doing some} cleaning in church. Miss Kitson made the motion that Sawyer Class pay for cleaning the entrance, ladies rest room, the cost not to exceed seven dollars. The motion was seconded by Mrs Edie

Mitchell. The motion carried. Current events were given. Games were enjoyed after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

In present.

A thank you card was read from Mrs P. R. Drower.

Cora V. Silker, Secy-Treas.

Barrington Ill Oct 27, 1939

The Sawyer Bible Class met Friday evening October the twenty-seventh at the home of Miss Ethel Kitson with Miss Kitson presiding.

After the reading of secretary's and treasurers report and their acceptance, we enjoyed a social evening. Halloween costumes, games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Mrs William Skinner was the assisting hostess.

Cora V. Silker
Secy-Treas.

The Sawyer Class meet Dec 29, 1939, with Mrs De Bolt, with Mrs De Bolt presiding. We opened meeting with singing "Silent night". Devotions were conducted by Cora V. Silber, she using, "Going Forward with Confidence for her Thought." Secretary and treasurer's reports were given and accepted as read.

Miss Ethel Kitson moved that bills of Mrs De Bolt be paid, book for Stella Welty 40 cents due and fruit for Mrs Gunthorp \$1.05 motion carried.

Mrs De Bolt read a letter from Stella Welty and also thank class for Mrs Gunthorp for fruit. Mrs De Bolt asked also told of receiving cards from Mrs Hicks and Mrs Stultz.

Mrs Neomith brought us some thoughts for the new year, after which some of members told of interesting things of past year. Games and refreshments were then enjoyed. Eleven were present. Cora Silber assisted.

Secy-Treasurer.

March 28-1940

The Sawyer Bible Class met with Mrs Percy Krover, March 28, Mrs Krover presided, with Mrs De Bolt conducting devotions using verse 8-5.17, John 8, 12. as her theme, closing with ~~of~~ prayer. Minutes were read and treasurer's report given, and accepted.

The general association meeting was re-posted postponed until April 11.

Father & Son Banquet was announced for April 24. Decided to hold next Sawyer meeting April 18. Mrs Gunthorp invited us to her home. Mrs Hillen assisted Mrs Krover. This closed business session, we then enjoyed current events and a social hour. Twelve were present, Krover, De Bolt, Hillen, Neomith, Mitchel, Morris, Kitson, Almsted, Gunthorp, Bennett Alberta, Schubert, Silber.

We enjoyed a white elephant sale this evening which amounted to \$3.05.

Cora V. Silber, Secy-Treas.

april 18-1940

on Thursday evening April 18, 1940 the Sawyer Class enjoyed meeting with Mrs J. M. Gunthorp Mrs Gunthorp presided and opened the meeting with Mrs Skinner conducting devotions using as new theme Matt 7- beginning with 12th chapter, closing with prayer. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given and accepted as read.

Mrs Herrover announced lectures of Sam Campbell for Sunday evening April 21.
Mrs Olmsted announced P. J. A. meeting of April 23.

Mrs Gunthorp announced Piano Recital of Arthur Weichel for April 30.

We then enjoyed a book review given by Mrs De Bolt of the book, The Burnt Land of the Burnt Thigh by

(a history of neighbors of the De Bolts in S. Dakota)
Nineteen enjoyed this meeting.

Cora V. Silker

Remarks:- Sent Mrs Paul Clark a condolence card (her father having passed away).

May 31-1940.

The Sawyer Bible Class were entertained at the home of Rev and Mrs G. T. NeSmith on Friday evening May 31, 1940 Mrs NeSmith presided and meeting opened with the secretary and treasurer's report, both were accepted. Discussed having picnic sometime in June at Tyler Park, near Elgin, Mrs Kirchman and Mrs De Bolt were asked to take charge. Discussed using Sawyer Basket ^{during} for the summer months, decided to table idea for the time being.

Mrs Fredin was appointed a committee of one to arrange an entertainment schedule for coming year.

Mrs NeSmith conducted devotions using "a layman says" from Advocate after which each took part with a memory verse followed with prayer by all.

Miss Ethel Selson then very interestingly entertained us with a review of her recent trip "through the Smokies". Mrs NeSmith served seventeen were present. delicious refreshments.

Cora V. Silker - Secretary.

On Friday evening, November 29, 1940
the Sawyer Bible Class enjoyed
meeting with Miss Ethel Sutson.
Miss Sutson presided, beginning with
business part, secretary and treasurer's
reports were read and accepted as read.
After some discussion the following
recommendations were drawn to be
presented to the offic^house committee:
that janitor ring bell each Sunday,
clean closet in basement and keep
cleaning materials in furnace room.
Mrs Gust Fredin brought us devotions,
"Thanksgiving", closing devotions with
Lord's Prayer by all.

Secretary read thank you letter from
Mrs P. R. Krover. We then enjoyed current
events ^{and} games, after which refreshments
were served.

Those present, Miss Sutson, Mrs Gust Fredin,
Mrs We Bolt, Mrs White, Mrs Elvisted,
Mrs Sanford Rieke, ^{and} Cora V. Silber.
Mrs Gust Fredin was assisting hostess.

Cora V. Silber, Secy-Treas.

June 20, 1941.

On Friday afternoon, the Sawyer Bible
Class met with Mrs We Bolt. A short
business meeting was held first, opening
with singing of "Blest Be the Tie".
Mrs P. R. Krover ^{gave} brought us devotions using as her
topic, Christ's Two Great Commandments,
closing the devotions with the Lord's Prayer
by all.

We then discussed picnic ^{and} meetings but
nothing was decided upon.

A possible date for meeting in September
at Mrs Frank Birchman's.

We then enjoyed games ^{and} refreshments.
This was last meeting of Mrs Grace
Burke with us before her leaving for
the east.

Cora V. Silber
Secy-Treas.

In Friday evening, April seventeenth, 1942, the Sawyer Bible Class and guests met at Mrs Gunthorp.

The secretary and treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. We then visited and enjoyed games after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present: Mrs Gunthorp, Minnie Rieke, Jennie Rieke, Ethel Prover, Lucille Strichman, Blocks, Kloppenstein, Kennedy, Luella Hager, Cora Silber. Mrs Smith and Miss Lois Kennedy were guests.

Cora V. Silber, Secy-Treas.

evening, May 24, 1943, Sawyer Bible Class and friends met with Mrs De Bolt.

The meeting was opened with devotions conducted by Cora V. Silber. A short time was held in a discussion after which Miss Ethel Kitson made the motion that class would not be responsible for any more bills clearing and that secretary notify the Official Board of this action. Motion seconded by Mrs Elmeted. Motion carried.

We then enjoyed a very fine review of E. Stanley Jones book, Abundant Living by Mrs Marsh.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed after review.

Those present Mrs De Bolt, Marsh, White, Dahl, Miss Moore, Miss Kitson, Strichman, Kloppenstein, Minnie Rieke, Jennie Rieke, Clara Gunthorp, Alberta Bennet, Edna Elmeted, Ethel Prover, Cora Silber

Cora V. Silber assisted Mrs De Bolt,

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Secy. Treas.