

CHAPEL, March 3, 1934

-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Matthew X and XI

Art Kassel's contract, to appear here next Tuesday evening with his "Kassels in the Air" has been canceled. The orchestra was in an automobile wreck, and two members of the orchestra are injured as a result, and it is impossible for them to keep the engagement.

In this connection I want to say something about the safety movement all over our state, a movement to reduce the number of automobile accidents. It is being advocated in this particular community, and yet last evening's paper had accounts of more accidental deaths than I have ever seen in one issue in a long, long time. The situation is really and truly serious. I do hope that when you go out to teach you will teach children to walk on the correct side of the road, that is the left side, so that they will meet traffic instead of being overtaken by it. In the reports of deaths in yesterday's paper one was a school child who was trying to catch a bus he was not supposed to ride on. The driver didn't see him, and the bus ran over him and he was killed. Human life seems to be too cheap. We need a safety campaign.

Today marks the end of the first year of Roosevelt's administration. More things of international importance have taken place throughout the world during the last twelve months than during any other twelve months in our history, except during a period of war. Just what is coming out of it all no man seems to be able to tell. The president is going to talk on his program Monday. The N. R. A. will probably be the center of his talk. I wish it were possible for us all to hear what he says, if it is broadcast. I do hope every student in college will read what the president says.

We are in the midst of a very unusual period of history. All the nations of the world, practically, are talking about peace and preparing for war. As I see

it, the prospectivity for peace is less promising today than twelve months ago. The possibility of war is very great, in fact, is almost a probability. It may be that the nations of the world will settle down to common sense and adjust their difficulties. If not, before this time next year there is going to be more than one war. Just last week the newspapers carried an item showing that Japan is very much offended by what airplanes from Russia have done and Russia is very much offended by what airplanes from Japan have done. Rumors are that Japan and Russia are just waiting for the weather to moderate to begin another great war. I hope that is in error. Central Europe is a mass of seething unrest. The government of Spain resigned yesterday. We are in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty. And yet our nation is desirous of peace. I believe the people in all the nations are desirous of peace, but it looks like those in authority are planning another great catastrophe. I hope the voice of the people will be heard and we will be spared another war. Our own government is doing everything it can to restore prosperity in our midst. And prosperity has started. Whether it will continue, whether the administration will be able to carry on, depends in a large measure upon the attitude of the people. If we continue as a people to get everything possible from the government, in reality stealing from ourselves, we will never have prosperity in our country. It is time for sober-thinking, right-minded citizens to consider this.

Read the papers and read back of the news in the papers the causes for what is going on in the world, and form correct judgments.