

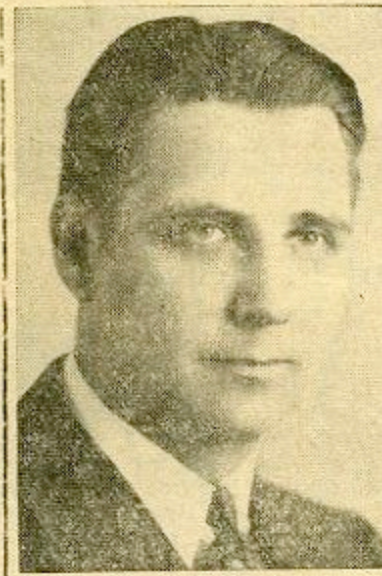
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SO. KOREAN GVT. HONORS FORMER SYCAMORE MAN

Rev. E. F. Swanson Is Presented With Medal

Saved Lives Of Orphans During War

Chicago Is Present Home



Rev. E. F. Swanson

Rev. E. F. Swanson, former Sycamore man, was paid great honor by the South Korean government recently. See story on the right.

Rev. Everett Swanson, born and raised in Sycamore and known as the "boy pastor" when he was but 15 years of age, was recently, at the age of 47, presented with a medal by President Po Sun Yoon of the South Korean Government. The former Sycamore man, now a missionary of worldwide renown, and living in Chicago was thus honored for the great work he did in saving orphans of the Korean War.

School Heads Attend Meets Of Importance

Ray Griglione, principal of Central School, and Arthur C. Muns, superintendent of schools, attended a Clinic for School Administrators which was held at the Midwest Administration Center at the University of Chicago on November 10.

The purpose of this clinic was to share recent research findings of the Midwest Administration Center with practicing school administrators and to provide an opportunity for discussion of the significance of such findings.

The main speakers of the day were N. A. Fattu, Director, Bureau of Educational Research, Indiana University and Gale W. Rose, Instructor, Department of Education, University of Chicago. There were also Field Reports given by Robert Andree, Superintendent of Rich Township High School District and Sidney Marland, Superintendent of the Winnetka School District.

Hear Archeologist

Graydon Peterson, Ray Griglione and Burdette Peterson, Principals of Sycamore Elementary Schools attended the fall meeting of Illinois Elementary School Principals Assn. which was held at Oregon, Illinois, Wednesday evening, November 15.

The speaker was Mr. J. P. Lockwood, who has had the privilege of working in archeology in the Middle East. The title of his talk was "Digging Up The Past." Mr. Lockwood is an engineer at Micro Switch Corporation in Freeport, Illinois.

Of Speech And Hearing

On November 6, Mrs. Betsy McIlroy, speech correctionist for Sycamore School District, and Mrs. Elizabeth Secrest, 2nd grade teacher at West Elementary School, attended the National Convention of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

The convention was held in Chicago November 5 through 8, and consisted of a series of panels and discussions on all phases of speech and hearing.

Mrs. McIlroy and Mrs. Secrest attended the panels and discussion groups on "Problems of Stuttering," "When Is Speech Defective," "Articulation Problems," and "Private Practice."

They also visited some interesting exhibits of therapy materials and ideas which included the newest of audiometers, recorders, etc., which were on display.

About Curriculums
Graydon Peterson, principal of Southeast Elementary School, and Jess B. Shroat, principal of Sycamore High School, attended Curriculum conference which was held at Pere Marquette State Park on November 9 and 10.

Mr. Peterson presented an overview in the development of the science curriculum in the Sycamore schools and distributed samples of the science unit workbooks that have been prepared by the Sycamore district. He also described how the Steering Committee serves in keeping the curriculum up to date.

Mrs. Reuben Nelson has returned to her local home following a few weeks' confinement at the Sycamore Municipal Hospital, where she has been receiving medical treatment.

However, he dislikes the honors. Such things embarrass him. What he has done came from his heart and the strength of his belief in his religious mission in life. He avoids fuss whenever he can. Even the love and aggressive greetings he receives when he visits one of the many Korean orphanages he is responsible for, he says, make him blush inside. The youngsters always have flowers and a terrific welcome for him.

Thousands of Orphans

He had been on a missionary trip and had reached Japan during the Korean war. He worried about things in Korea. He felt he was needed there but he dared not go until his living could be guaranteed.

Then, as he described it later, an act of God paved the way for him. He heard a Christian tune being whistled by stranger who turned out to be a Korean missionary. Rev. Swanson stopped him and asked about the tune. The meeting resulted in the missionary's providing the guarantee for Swanson's living in Korea.

In Korea he found thousands of children who had been orphaned, many of them ill, injured or near starvation. Confronted with what must have spelled the word calamity in capital letters, he met the challenge.

By now, more than 10,000 South Korean children have homes, health, schooling and a near normal future as a result of Reverend Swanson's efforts. He has raised over one million dollars, and more money is coming to his aid to keep the huge humanitarian project alive and going strong.

Over 7,500 Americans are continuing their help. Some contribute regularly at the rate of \$8 a month. Today there are 108 homes for the young Koreans, and schools, too.

While his work in behalf of Korean children is probably the greatest example of his life's work, he has also followed strenuously his career as an evangelist. In 1955 he conducted evangelistic services in Seoul, Korea. It was said there afterward that those services, attended by some 640,000 Koreans, were the largest in that country's history.

Born in Sycamore

Reverend Swanson was born and raised in Sycamore, graduating from the local high school. That he was intended for religious life was indicated in his youth. At the age of fifteen, while yet in Sycamore, he began preaching and became known here as the "Boy Preacher."

After being ordained he had charge of the Central Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago for seven years. He returned to Sycamore several times to preach in the former Calvary Baptist Church.

In recent years, however, he has been deeply engaged in worldwide missionary work, most of it now concentrated in Korea. His office is part of his basement home at 4848 North Leonard Avenue, Chicago.

Earns Medal

When President Po Sun Yoon of the South Korean Government presented Reverend Swanson with the Korean Medal of Honor for Public Welfare he said, "You

Thinks One Election Is The Mandate

To the People of Sycamore:

The voters expressed their wishes in regard to the proposed tax increase recently. The instrument used, namely a free election, signifies that the will of the majority of the voters was expressed within the framework of our democratic society. To refuse to accept the outcome of a free election in a democratic society to the point of immediately wanting to re-submit the same issue to the same voters within a few weeks' time seems indicative of such things as poor sportsmanship or perhaps of even worse, such as a minority group seeking to impose its will upon the majority. Can anyone imagine such a thing as an action occurring in the event that the bond issue had been voted on favorably? Certainly not.

Let us now depart from old-fashioned, outmoded approaches and discard emotion in favor of a factual consideration of the problem. That we are faced with a problem is certain. How and why the problem arose are past history. The fact is that the Sycamore public school system is spending more than it takes in financially. Deficit financing is a reality. This one fact alone demands that something must be done about it, unless of course, we wish to ignore the condition, hoping that like a bad dream it will just go away.

To merely re-submit the same issue to the voters that they recently rejected by a significant majority does not seem to be the answer either.

It would seem that a close look at all the facts of the situation would provide the voters with a much more factual picture of the educational situation in Sycamore. Then, after a careful, unemotional look at the facts the voters might justifiably be called upon to again express their will at the polls.

Since no one actively campaigned against the recent bond issue, practically all the information available was provided by those who were campaigning in favor of the issue. Obviously anyone interested in achieving an objective doesn't pass out information which might be counter to the objective. One published letter did bring out some financial reports obtained from the county tax records. Since the election was held the next day, these figures were never debated. It would seem highly desirable to consider them now.

It would seem desirable to have some reliable estimate made of the amount of money to be available to the educational fund after the coming quadrennial tax reassessment. This would seem to be a factor of some importance in view of the rising trend in property values, new additions to the tax rolls and other factors which are considered at such time. It might be possible that the school system itself is not functioning as economically as possible. Government bodies, industries and business houses sometimes must evaluate themselves and trim out the dead wood if it exists. School systems are not immune inherently.

With all the facts on all sides of the issue examined calmly and objectively, it would seem certain that a clear picture of the educational fund needs would be obtained. When people really

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Export Trade Seminar At St. Charles

It is a well known fact that a number of Sycamore firms are interested in foreign trade. There may be others who are but they have not made it known. This story will be of interest to them.

On Wednesday, November 29, from noon to 4:30 p.m., an Export Trade Seminar is to be conducted in the Hotel Baker at St. Charles. Several Sycamore businessmen are planning to attend and this report may inspire the attendance of others.

There are seven speaking and panel events with two stretch or rest periods. Final event of the day will be a questions from the floor hour.

Topics of the afternoon will include "Current Thoughts on Foreign Trade and You"; "Why We are Exporting and the Results We Have Had"; "Why an Export Expansion Committee?"; "What Services the Department of Commerce Can Offer Exporters"; "What Are the Banker's Services to the Exporter?"; "What Special Services Does the Shipper Provide Exporters?"; and "What is the Function of the Export Managing Co.?"

First speaker of the afternoon should be of special interest. He is Charles F. Boehm, Director of Commercial Intelligence Division, Bureau of International Business Operations, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Union Church Service Will Be Wednesday

The Protestant congregations of Sycamore will assemble at the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on Thanksgiving eve, November 22, at 7:30 for the annual Union Thanksgiving Service. This service is being sponsored by the Bethany Baptist Church, Bethel Assembly of God, the Federated Church, the First Baptist Church, the Mayfield Congregational Church, the Methodist Church of Sycamore, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Father Paul Emenheiser will open the service with prayer and the reading of Scripture from the Old and New Testaments. Pastor Eric N. Hawkins will lead the congregation in the Litany of Thanksgiving. Anthems will be sung by the A' Cappella Choir of Sycamore High School, directed by Mrs. James Johnson. The Reverend Brubaker of Bethel Assembly of God will deliver the sermon. The offering this year will be consecrated to world relief as sponsored by CROP.

Peace Corps Exams To Be This Month

Those in this area who are interested in training and enlisting with the Peace Corps are invited to take the mental examination provided on November 28 and 29. Two city post offices have been designated as test centers. They are in Rockford and Aurora. Announcement of the time and place was made today by Postmaster Harry King of Sycamore.

The tests are to begin at 8:30 o'clock on those mornings and promptness is emphasized. Government posters with information about the exams will soon be on display on bulletin boards in all post offices.

Mrs. E. E. Swanson recently returned to Sycamore from a pleasant visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Knowles Parker and family, who reside at Sandy Springs, Ga. She and her sister, Miss Dora Anderson of DeKalb, accompanied their brother, Atty. Theodore Anderson, who motored south on a business trip and took them to Georgia. Miss Anderson was also a guest of the Knowles Parkers. They were away two weeks. Mrs. Swanson especially mentioned the miles and miles of gorgeous scenic beauty which they viewed as they traveled southward, the brilliancy of the autumn colorings being beyond verbal description.

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more and Mrs. Esie Johnson of rural DeKalb are the grandparents.

Honors For Ag Champs Of Sycohi

Chamber To Be Host

Next Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m., in the new Sycamore High School, a banquet will be staged along with a program honoring the Sycamore High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Tickets have gone on sale to business and professional men throughout the city. A unique feature of the ticket sale is that the price includes the cost of one ticket for one member of the FFA chapter in addition to the ticket going to the adult purchaser. The boys of the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce for this event. The community is in this way honoring the Sycohi Ag champs.

The Agriculture Committee of the Chamber, headed by Carroll Mummert, chairman, has prepared the event, complete with food and speaker. Speaker of the evening will be W. T. Schanhorst, supervisor of Educational Services of the International Harvester Company, Chicago.

Honor "Coach" Hovey, Too
An interesting angle in connection with honoring the FFA is the fact that here again, in an entirely different operation from athletics, Sycamore High is producing champions. In this case Robert Hovey, head of the department of agriculture at Sycohi, is the winning "coach."

Because of the academic emphasis attached to these trophies, Sycamore boys continue to maintain their interest in the subject of agriculture. Not only do many of them remain in the Sycamore area to farm with modern efficiency learned under Hovey, but others go on to universities to study in greater scientific detail this modern age of farming—thereby insuring agriculture of top shelf instructors in other high schools down through the future years.

Many Victories
Among the many outstanding honors received by the chapter over the past year has been placing first in Sectional Chapter Contest, for the eighth consecutive year, no other chapter having won twice; receiving Silver Emblem Award in the National Chapter Contest, which follows four Gold Emblem Awards; placing first in Sectional Land Use judging, parliamentary procedure, and livestock judging contests; second in grain judging, seventh in poultry, and ninth in dairy judging.

It is hoped that a crowd of major proportions attends this chief agricultural event of the fall and winter season, if for no other reason than to show the Sycohi Ag champs that the community is both pleased with and proud of every one of them.

Children Of 4th Grade In Mail Project

Recently the 4th grade of Central School enjoyed an interesting trip to the Post Office as part of a letter writing study.

The children wrote letters to their parents extending an invitation to visit the schools. They purchased stamps, posted their letters and then saw the processing of the mail.

They will visit the City Library as a part of the observance of Book Week. They have prepared posters and discussed ways of stimulating an interest in reading. Mrs. Schneider's group acted out, "The Golden Goose" which they presented to the 3rd grades.

Learning to read maps is an important skill to be learned in 4th grade. An interesting collection of maps is being made and a discovery of the countless kinds of information maps can tell.

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Junior High Booster P. T. A. Looks Ahead

The executive committee of the Sycamore Junior High School Booster Club PTA met Monday evening and discussed future activity. As a result it was announced that the next general meeting of the entire club will be held on January 29, at which time the topic of "Home Work" would be object of the evening.

A panel presentation on home work will be a feature. Parents, students and teachers will take part. This will be followed by a discussion period. Panelists have not yet been named.

Next meeting of the executive committee will be on December 11.

Rotary Takes Picture Tour On Wednesday

The Sycamore Rotary Club enjoyed a beautiful lesson in geography with Cora Miner, retired art teacher, acting as instructor this week. It was during its regular weekly noon luncheon meeting in the Coach Rooms of the Fargo Hotel that the Rotarians saw many beautiful slide pictures and heard comments from Miss Miner who toured Europe and obtained the pictures this past summer.

The meeting opened with Ed Holcomb, president, presiding. First interesting act of the hour was the presentation of a club flag from the Rotarians of Paopee, Tahiti, that far away isle of the South Seas, by H. R. Hillstrom.

Salute of the club this week went to three clubs of the nation observing their 50th anniversary of their founding this month. They are: San Diego, Calif.; Davenport, Ia.; and Omaha, Nebr.

Gullberg In Charge

The Sycamore club had its attention pointed to a story in the last edition of Rotary International's official magazine, "The Rotarian." The story tells how contact clubs of Rotarians all over Europe are working for peace by traveling between nations such as France, Germany, Austria and Italy. Makes good reading during these days of long continued crisis.

President Ed Holcomb called upon S. I. Gullberg to introduce Miss Miner. In doing so the president described Gullberg as one of Miss Miners former and most loquacious students. He was in charge of the program of the day.

Miss Miner has a skill all her own in taking pictures. The skill born of long years as a student and instructor in art. She also has some interesting comments to offer along with her pictures. We can imagine the many retailers present must have been aghast when she said that stores in Italy close daily at 12:30 p.m., and reopen later in the afternoon, usually at 4:00 p.m. She noted that the conductor in charge of the tour group could chatter in six languages. Transportation is varied in Italy, according to Miss Miner. She saw oxen as well as tractors in the rural areas. She was greatly impressed with the beautiful terrace gardens in Italy also.

The Alps And Rome

Her pictures, all in color, led the eye from into narrow streets of foreign cities, through the world famous Riviera, Monaco, Monte Carlo and into Verona Italy where there is an arena 1800 years old. She saw and took a picture of the birth place of Columbus, too.

The renowned Colosseum, St. Peters and the Vatican, all in Rome. The ruins of Pompeii, the bridges of Venice, beautiful church interiors, Switzerland and its snowcapped Alps and many other scenes were included in her picture show. A very interesting, entertaining and informative program—that was the unanimous and vehement agreement of the entire club.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Johnson of rural Sycamore are welcoming their sixth child, a daughter born to them Thursday morning, November 16, at Sycamore Municipal Hospital, weighing eight pounds and 11½ ounces. She has been named Diane Joy. Awaiting her arrival home are Trudy, 9, Michael, 8, Connie, 6, Ronnie, 4½, and Cynthia, 2. Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Miller of Sycamore

School Board Acts On Recent Voters Mandate

The Board of Education has asked that several things be emphasized in discussing the situation the district now faces. The Board indicated it is not acting in the spirit of retaliation in planning the drastic curtailments found necessary to be put into operation in 1962. Also, the Board is accepting the election of November 4, as a mandate. Only a very strong, determined and seemingly urgent request will cause the Board to exercise a second election. However, this does not mean that the Board would be unhappy if it were shown that a really strong desire for a new referendum is established.

The school chiefs also want it emphasized that the Board has no part in the movement outside its confines which is aimed at acquiring a petition asking for a second election. The Board is going forward with its study and planning of ways and means to meet the situation in such a way that the present debt (of July 1, 1962) can be liquidated and further deficits prevented.

Board members point out that the Board has struggled for years to give the district the most modern educational facilities possible at least possible cost. The result is that the school head and the board are finding it difficult to reduce the budget without at the same time hurting the legally required essentials.

Reduction Policy Is Definite Decision
The following excerpts from the November 13 meeting of the Board of Education indicate that curtailments reported previously as having been considered by the Board for the 1962-63 school year have actually been adopted as the tentative program for 1962-63.

"It was agreed by the Board that, in view of the fact that there was an adequate poll of 1,098 votes, the board would have to accept this as a mandate of the people to finance our schools with the present educational fund rate, and at least for the present another referendum should not be brought to the public—unless there is sufficient expression from the public demanding it."

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by all seven members of the Board of Education:

"... that the 'Principles that should govern the reduction of costs in the educational program' and 'Possible curtailments - Educational Program (reduction in annual expenditures that must be made)' be adopted as the tentative program to be followed by the Board of Education for the reduction of costs for the 1962-1963 school year; and that, inasmuch as reductions specified will not be adequate, the Board continue the process of checking schedules and teacher loads in an effort to shift personnel and locate other possible ways of making the additional reduction needed to maintain the best possible school system within the means of the district."

In these times, when costs of most everything we purchase are on the increase, it is extremely difficult to cut the costs of education. Regardless as to how it is done, the quality of our educational program will be reduced; however, in order that students will not suffer a greater loss, three guiding principles should be observed.

1. Reductions that would result in the loss of recognition by the Office of the State Department of Public Instruction should not be made because such loss would deny our district reimbursement from the State School Distributive Fund, which accounts for \$221,000 annual income to the educational fund.

2. Educational program should not be reduced below the standards required by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Failure to meet these standards would mean loss of membership in the North Central Association and jeopardize our status among colleges and universities.

3. Adequate curtailments should be made so that those remaining on the staff can be paid salaries comparable to teachers in neighboring communities. To keep salaries below that of communities in this area, year after year, will mean that the high quality teachers we now have must be replaced by those unable to secure positions in higher

paying districts. The quality, as well as the quantity of educational services would then be reduced.

In order to catch up with the \$44,000 debt to become a fact by July 1, 1962, and, also prevent future deficit it is necessary to amputate \$86,500 from the total budget of 1962-63. At this time the Board has found seventeen items which will bring about a reduction of \$80,568. Somehow some more shaving must be done to trim another \$6,000.

Present Plans

(1) Kindergarten to be eliminated from elementary schools—saving \$12,543. There are 167 children in kindergarten now.

(2) Eliminate a program for mentally retarded, saving \$4,075.

(3) Eliminate speech correction program, saving \$11,800.

(4) Drop two music teachers (regular teachers to teach music), saving \$11,000.

(5) Reduce art program, include its elimination at Junior High, saving \$10,000.

(6) End auto driving program, saving \$2,600. In this case the total cost had been \$7,600, but the state had reimbursed the Sycamore program by \$5,000, making the net cost \$2,600.

(7) Eliminate school nurse and the preventive program, saving \$6,000.

(8) Eliminate Junior High sports, also elementary school sports and reduce high school sports, saving \$4,700.

(9) Reduce library book and magazine purchases, saving \$3,500.

(10) End school bus replacement which had replaced one eleven-year-old bus annually, saving \$6,000.

(11) Eliminate all educational field trips, saving \$1,000.

(12) Slash classroom furniture replacement, saving \$5,000.

(13) Increase textbook rentals \$1 a year per student. Book fees are: kindergarten, \$3.50; grades one through six, \$7.50; grades seven through twelve, \$8.50. Saving—\$2,000.

(14) Reduce band budget and staff, saving \$2,000.

(15) Reduce science equipment purchases, including high school, saving \$2,500. Cost of science equipment was running about \$5,000 a year including grades one through twelve, but the state reimbursed Sycamore \$2,750 a year.

(16) All other capital outlays, saving \$2,000.

(17) Cut teacher attendance expense to meetings that were desirable because they tended to keep teachers informed on latest in various types of courses, saving \$2,000.

The total and assured reduction as of this hour of planning: \$80,568. Must yet reduce \$6,000.

Guardsmen To Feed On Army Chow Sunday

One of the Headquarters Company National Guard trucks from Sycamore was dispatched to Fort Sheridan today to obtain food for use in Sunday's mock war to be conducted by the unit in Sportsman's Park. The Guardsmen will be fed the same kind of rations the regular army gets in its field training.

Headquarters Company cooks must cook it and Headquarters Company KP's must serve.

The nearly 140 officers and men will spend the entire day on a combat problem under as near combat conditions as possible.

In this connection it is learned that the "B" Company, Freeport, of the 1st Battle Group, 129th, just a few weeks ago experienced a night combat problem on a Saturday night. It included crossing the river in boats under simulated war conditions.

This is far different and far more intense a type of training than Sycamore Guardsmen ever experienced prior to World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Johnson of Sycamore are proudly announcing the arrival of a son, born to them Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Sycamore Municipal Hospital.

Mrs. George Hay of this city underwent surgery Monday at the Sycamore Municipal Hospital and is doing as well as can be expected at this time.