

Biography of the Revered Dr. Ernest James Pace



Introduction:

Rev. Ernest James Pace lived an extraordinary life, when some ministers considered themselves interdenominational, Pace was teaching and preaching in no fewer than thirty-four denominations. He was as at home with Presbyterian as Baptist, Church of God as United Brethren and visited Reformed Churches of every name. Pace traveled for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the British Isles, Canada, Europe, Africa, the Philippines, China, and coast to coast, north to south in the United States. Over the course of his extensive ministry, he preached in the open-air, under the Gospel tent. At ease in Missions, and in speaking at colleges and universities; truly, Rev. Pace, outpaced most pastors and evangelists, in miles trekked, speaking engagements, classes taught, and conferences attended.¹ In 1934-35, Pace spent eight months in England, Ireland and Scotland preaching of Jesus, following through to Morocco, French West Africa, along with Belgium and France, these were part of that extended Itinerary.²

Rev. Pace as a cartoonist was ever busy once started in his Christian endeavors, providing cartoons for The Ram's Horn, of Chicago, The Sunday School Times (more than a quarter of century with this publication), The Christian Workers Magazine, Watchword, Layman's League, the Religious Telescope, and the Evangelical Christian and others on occasion.³ Sometimes Pace was known to draw a cartoon during a lecture, such when in Manhattan, Ernest sketched one regarding the great doctrines of the

¹ Harrisburg Telegraph, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1916; The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 28, 1921; Herald and review, Decatur, Illinois, June 2, 1931; The Record-Argus, Greenville, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1937; The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, November 7, 1935; Statesville Record and Landmark, Statesville, North Carolina, January 10, 1933; Ridgewood Herald-News, Ridgewood, New Jersey, August 24, 1939; The News, Paterson, New Jersey, August 28, 1939

² Altoona Tribune, Altoona, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1935; The Nebraska Teacher, page 476

³ The Coshocton Tribune, Coshocton, Ohio, December 4, 1930; The Charlotte News, Charlotte, North Carolina, June 14, 1941

Church, the other, the menace of Modernism.⁴ Yet, his teaching style might be best termed as “Chalk Talk,” a popular term of that era, a teaching that provides real time illustration to the subject, this at least according to one reporter.⁵ He spent six years on the faculty of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and ten years as missionary to the Philippines.⁶ In addition, Pace was the president of the Longwood Bible Institution, of Longwood, Florida, which hosted a conference each year; Rev. Pace was a busy man of God, for God, bringing to light the Truth of His Word.⁷ Pace as part of the United Brethren, was involved in a push for clean government, and for legislation for alcohol temperance, which would play a repeating role in many of his drawings throughout his ministry.⁸



Ohio and Illinois:

E. J. Pace was born in Columbus, Ohio on November 11, 1879, his father was James A. Pace (born 1838), his mother Rosana Catherine Miles Pace (born 1849). E. J. had two older brothers, Arthur L. born in 1870 and Vinton M., born 1874. James Pace was a grocery store clerk, the Pace family had come from Pennsylvania, James A. Pace was the son of Michael Pace Jr., the son of Michael Pace, who owned 102 acres in the community of Plymouth, located in Luzerne county. Little is known of Rosana’s family history.

Ernest James Pace had an oval face, light complexion, gray eyes, a slightly prominent nose, with a medium full mouth, a high forehead, and brown hair, and already a tinge of gray by his thirty-fifth year on this earth, and built with a medium frame. Ernest attended Columbus High School, and clearly had a

⁴ Times Union, Brooklyn, New York, May 12, 1928

⁵ The News-Messenger, Fremont, Ohio, August 5, 1939

⁶ The Victoria Daily Times, Victorian, British Columbia, Canada, July 26, 1930

⁷ The Tampa Times, Tampa, Florida, January 8, 1927

⁸ The Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 9, 1905

unique capacity for drawing cartoons, and at the age sixteen E. J. moved out of his family's at home 207 E. 5th Ave, to 155 E. 5th Ave., just about two hundred feet west of his father James, who was running a grocery. Rev. Pace's first job was for the Columbus Post, and by the time young Mr. Pace reached eighteen years of age he landed a position at the Chicago Journal, this most probably was very late 1897 or in early 1898, for Pace was already listed in the Columbus directory for 1918, which would have been printed in late 1897.

His political background (both parents were Democrats) was as a democrat and he used his ability as a cartoonist to attack President McKinley and the Republicans in general.⁹ Along with politics Pace drew pictures of murder scenes and other news worthy stories, in the days when photographers were not available to handle on location responsibilities. Yet after meeting a Christian in Chicago in 1899 (probably no more than a year and half after arriving in Chicago), a man born in Denmark, who had been converted four years prior, and after hearing his testimony, Pace left his secular pursuits, and went into the ministry straightway, enrolling in Otterbein University, and quickly became a student pastor.¹⁰

The Philippines:

E.J. married Cornelia H. Parker (born June 29, 1878), in Westfield, New York, on November 12, 1901, and the couple embarked upon a ministry together, Corneila who went through the two-year program at the Moody Bible Institute, and graduated from Otterbein University alongside, Rev. Pace, she was a perfect match in love, love for the Gospel of Christ and teaching it and showing it.¹¹ On June 18, 1905, Rev. Ernest J. Pace and Corneila Pace were consecrated for the mission field of the Philippines, and the young couple set sail on the American steamer Minnesota, from Seattle, Washington, on November 5, 1905; settling in Balaoan, the headquarters of the North District, Ernest being the presiding Elder there.¹² When Corneila was not speaking at ladies luncheons and Church banquets, regarding the Mission Field, especially directed upon the subject of the women of the Philippines, or teaching Missions to children,¹³ she was accompanying E. J., literally around the world.

⁹ The Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida, February 15, 1938

¹⁰ The Daily Times, New Philadelphia, Ohio, December 31, 1923

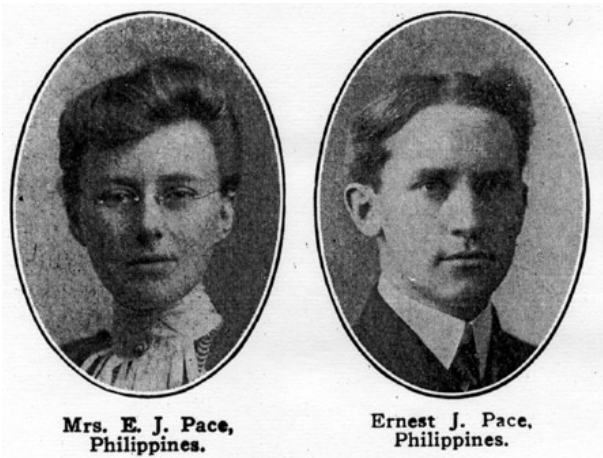
¹¹ The Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren of Christ, 1910, page 142

¹² The Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren of Christ, 1910, pages 85, 89, 104; The Japan Weekly Mail, November 25, 1905, volume 44, page 590

¹³ Chillicothe Gazette, Chillicothe, Ohio, December 10, 1910; The Dayton Herald, Dayton, Ohio, March 24, 1911; Telegraph-Forum, Bucyrus, Ohio, April 25, 1911; Lincoln Journal Star, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 10, 1915; Orlando Evening Star, Orlando, Florida, January 31, 1925;



The ten or so years spent by the Paces as missionaries to the Philippines were full of trips back and forth to the United States, drumming up interest in the cause of the Gospel being preached and practically demonstrated in the copious Islands. While home-side, their days and nights were often filled with dinners, lunches, with invitations to various Churches, nationwide. This couple were fully invested in the Mission of Christ to the Philippines, taking their four-year old daughter Helen along, to that field ready for harvest. The Christianity lived experimentally by Dr. Pace and his wife Cornelia is a wonderful testimony to us all, to go forward with Christ, with no looking back.



Florida:

As of 1935, the Paces owned their home at 2888 Fern Creek Ave., which is just steps from Lake Willisara, in an unincorporated area (now Orlando) of Orange County, in Florida. Prior to their house near Lake Willisara, they lived on Farmcreek Drive, in Orlando (this street name no longer exists), from 1930 until 1934? As of 1946 their residence was at 515 E Amelia St... In total Rev. and Mrs. Pace were in Orlando

for more than twenty-one years, prior to his passing.¹⁴ Rev. Pace was pastoring in Canton, Ohio at the First United Brethren Church, located at Cleveland Ave & 5th Street SW (this was prior to the Church building further north on Cleveland Ave.¹⁵) as late as 1924, but by Spring of 1925, Ernest and Cornelia had made the move to Orlando; the Paces also had a summer home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.¹⁶



While in the Orlando area, Rev. Pace began to teach a Bible class at the Hampden-DuBose Academy (founded by Dr. Pierre W. DuBose), a boarding school for the children of missionaries, Christian leaders and all those who desired a Christ-centered education for their Children. The school opened in 1934 in Columbia, South Carolina, but made the move to Orlando in September of 1935, taking over the premises of the former Francis Marion Hotel.



Ernest typically taught a Bible class on a Friday evening, which was open to the public; for 1938 Hebrews was the subject and for 1939 the Epistle to the Romans. Pace was often found as conference speaker in

¹⁴ The Canton Daily News, Canton, Ohio, April 12, 1925; The York Dispatch, York, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1925; Battle Creek Enquirer, Battle Creek, Michigan, July 31, 1925; The Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida, August 1, 1926

¹⁵ <https://www.crossroads120.org/history>

¹⁶ Orlando Evening Star, Orlando, Florida, June 21, 1946

Orlando, under the auspices of the Hampden DuBose Academy, services held off campus, at the Presbyterian and Baptist congregations throughout the city and neighboring communities.¹⁷



Reverend Ernest James Pace died, going his eternal home, on June 19, 1946, in Hendersonville, North Carolina, of a cerebral hemorrhage with the underlying cause of diabetes, and he was buried at Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio, on June 24, 1946.¹⁸ Cornelia Parker Pace would survive Ernest by nearly seven years, passing in March of 1963 and joining him in Heaven.

Rev. Steve Williams,

April 24, 2020

(Below you will find links to Christian Cartoons by E. J. Pace and Biola University's E. J. Pace collection. In supplement, I have included links to online versions of other Pace works or links for purchase for you the reader to gain a better understanding of his sketching ability in his work for Christ.)

Christian Cartoons <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=osu.32435018612549&view=image&seq=34>

The Law of the Octave in the World and in the Word <http://paceart.tripod.com/index/id8.html>

Biola University E. J. Pace Cartoon Collection <https://digitalcommons.biola.edu/ejpace-cartoons/>

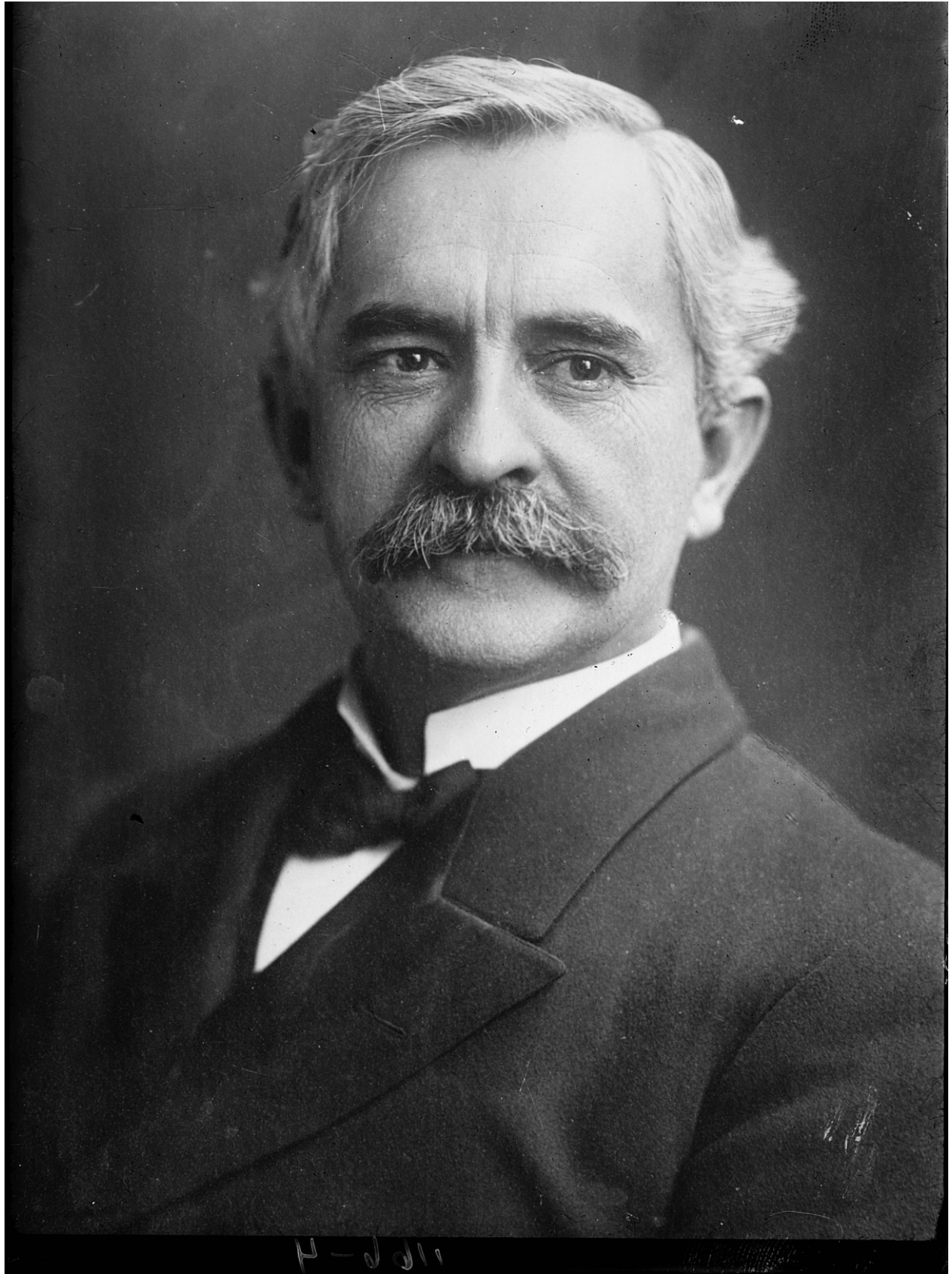
Salvation Songs for Children (Illustrations by Pace) https://www.amazon.com/Salvation-Songs-Children-Number-One/dp/B000KSQTES/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=%22e.+j.+pace%22&qid=1587739165&s=books&sr=1-2

A general online search for images of Pace sketches

<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=%22e.%20j.%20pace%22%20&qsn=&form=QBIR&sp=1&pq=%22e.%20j.%20pace%22%20&sc=2-13&sk=&cvid=10E59CCF3EB54484BE5F714C851BDEFE>

¹⁷ The Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida, December 3, 1935; March 21, 1937; January 6, 1939; March 2, 1940; February 22, 1941; March 4, 1941; <https://www.hampdenduboseacademy.com/history>

¹⁸ Orlando Evening Star, Orlando, Florida, June 21, 1946



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