

Will Power, Faith in God Called Keys to Surmounting Handicaps

"No obstacle is insurmountable if a person has the will to overcome it and has faith in God."

That was the essence of a sermon last night at United Summer Park Services by the Rev. Frank A. Smith, pastor of Trinity CME Church.

"There is no such thing as a handicap that keeps one from making his contribution to life," he said.

"With determination and with God helping, anyone can do a better job."

Most people are handicapped in some respect, he said, and handicapped persons are conscious of their limitations.

However, he pointed out numerous handicapped persons who have made marvelous contributions to science, art and music.

Louis Pasteur was a paralytic, but he developed the process now known as pasteurization, he said.

Booker T. Washington was a poor boy, but he became an outstanding educator; and George Washington Carver was hopelessly ill, yet he became a great scientist, the Rev. Mr. Smith said.

Ludwig van Beethoven made one of the greatest contributions to music, although he was deaf

at the peak of his career, he added.

"The outstanding example is the Apostle Paul, who was said to be deformed," the Rev. Mr. Smith said.

"He made the greatest contribution in the qualifying and interpreting of scripture and in evangelizing."

"If one cannot do anything, he still can have faith in God, for there is a reality in faith," he said.

The Rev. Orville Salzman, pastor of the Third Evangelical United Brethren Church and president of the Decatur Council of Churches, will be the park speaker next Sunday night.

Local Obituaries

Mrs. Helen Hahn Zerfowski

