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EDITORIAL
Youth For Easter Seals

Our young people today are often criticized for many of their actions, but the North Carolina Easter Seal Society owes a debt of gratitude to thousands of high school and college age young men and women statewide who give of their time and energy to Easter Seal's efforts for crippled children and adults. It is unfortunate that the efforts of these young people are not more readily recognized to demonstrate that there is an abundance of youth who are concerned and motivated to take an active role in many worthy causes.

These young people are not afforded the headlines of the "rock throwers", but many organizations like Easter Seals could not fulfill their missions without the able and generous help of young people. You do not hear that much about the young man who rocked in a rocking chair for sixty straight hours, through a snow storm, while his college classmates collected funds for Easter Seals; the 800 youth council members in one city and the 300 in another city who are working on Lily Days; the numerous fraternities and sororities in colleges throughout the state carrying out well organized and beneficial projects; the 14 year old youngster, in a small town, who on his own initiative annually

A.M.E. Zion Church Observes Youth Day

The Christian Education Department of Poplar Run A.M.E. Zion church, observed "Youth Day", on Sunday March 28. The theme was "Youth for Christ Recruit". The opening statement was given by Velma Winslow, the scripture was read by Cheryl Jones after which prayer was offered by Cheryl Felton. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Elliott, extended greetings preceding the welcome by Cynthia Norman. Brenda Moore responded the welcome.

A reading, "How much is a teenager worth," was read by Lillie Elliott. A question and answer period was led by Mrs. Ida Norman on "How Youth looks at the Church." Mrs. Elaine Scoggins then presented the guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. R. Irving Boone, a religious instructor at the Elizabeth City State University, who spoke very inspiring on, "The answer to youth's unrest."

Poplar Run Junior choir furnished music with Mrs. I. E.

Rogerson performing at the organ. The Melton's Grove High School Usher Board sponsored by Mrs. Odessa Harrell and Floyd Modlin, rendered their services at the meeting. Remarks were made by Mrs. Mattie Modlin, after which the offering was received. The benediction was given by the pastor. Refreshments were served in the church annex.

Mrs. Mattie Modlin
Mrs. Ida Norman
Mrs. I. E. Rogerson
Mrs. Mary E. Jones
Program Comm. for Christian Education Dept.

VOTING AT 18
A proposed constitutional amendment that would lower the voting age in all elections to 18 has won congressional approval as it passed the House.

Surprise Birthday Party

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Gaius Winslow, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfreda M. Winslow on Sunday, March 28th. Those who attended were: Johnny and Bradford Frierson, Shyrel, Brenda and Windy Walton, Tommy and Trudy Overton, Elois and Carlton Jordan, Charita Whitehurst,

Janet Welch, Tonjoy Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Burke and their grandson Danny, Garry Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White and grandson Marvin, Mrs. E. V. Billups and her son John W.

Billups Jr., and Granddaughter Elnora Rhodes, Mrs. Leno B. Gilliam and daughter Clara. Gifts and beautiful cards were received. A sweet course was served.

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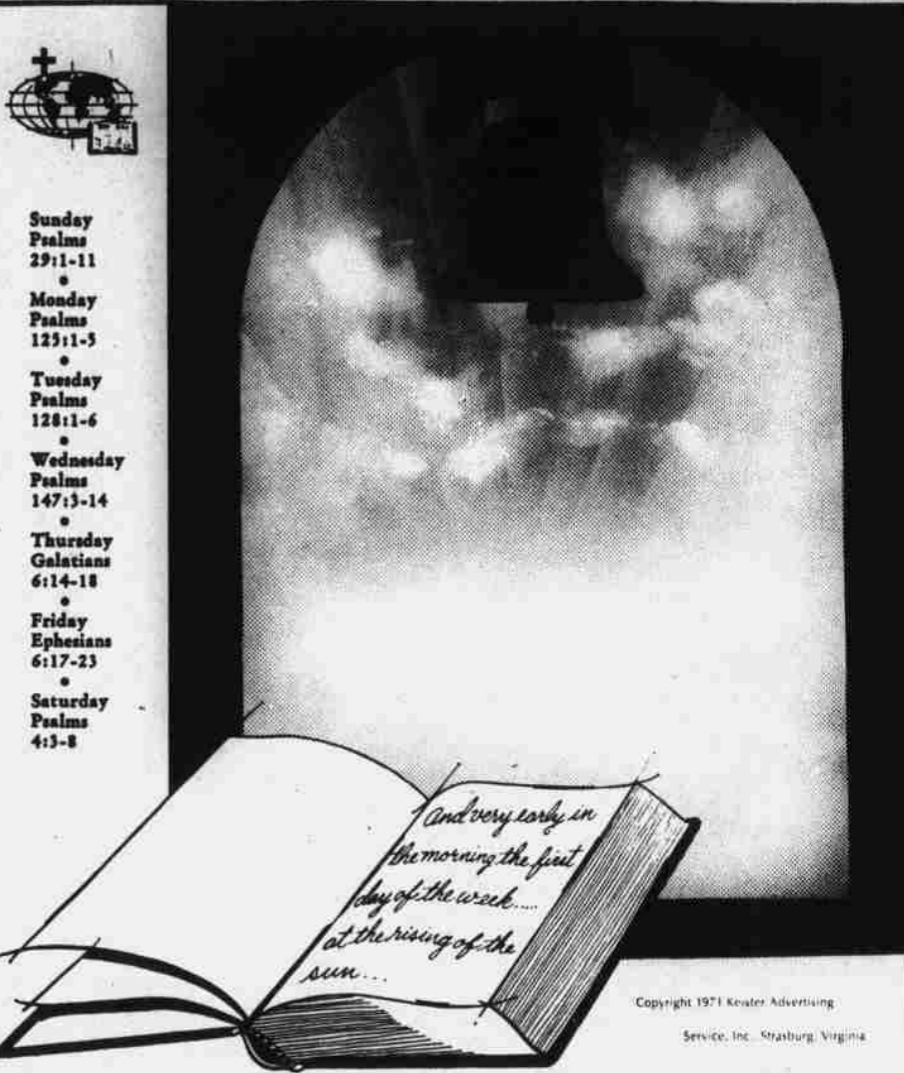
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What has given such meaning to one moment in time?

Its PROMISE: Christ is risen. The One Who said, because I live, ye shall live also—He lives!

This tremendous moment, for all who worship Him in faith, became the first entry in the Diary of our Destiny.

THE NATURE OF OUR RESURRECTION

International Sunday School Lesson for April 11, 1971
MEMORY SELECTION: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". — (John 11:25-26)

LESSON TEXT: I Corinthians 15.

Our lesson last week dealt with man's rejection. This week it deals with the victory of life over death.

Death is the inevitable end of mortal life as we know it. Despite the fact that we have been taught that there is a life beyond death and, in our Christian beliefs, have been exhorted to live out our days on earth in continuing endeavor to make ourselves worthy of entering the Kingdom, we are naturally afraid. For even in these days when the frontiers of space have been explored and man's knowledge of the universe is steadily increasing, there are so many things we do not know, and fear of the unknown is one of the basic human instincts.

Paul recognized this failing in mankind, and, throughout his teachings, sought to allay these fears. A man of strong faith, himself, he always sought to pass that strength on to his listeners. And, like Christ, he dealt with the familiar in making comparisons.

In reading the verses before us, today, we find Paul (in verse 39, I Corinthians 15) pointing to the fact that fish have one kind of flesh, birds another, fish still another, and man uniquely in possession of still another. Each one has been allotted flesh uniquely adapted to the environment in which it is destined to have its being. And Paul goes on to point out that though our earthly flesh shall perish, still will our souls be re-garbed in a body that will be adaptable and in keeping with the life we will live when we come to the Kingdom. That which was corruptible in the earthly flesh will be incorruptible in our resurrected bodies. Our earthly bodies may decay, our resurrected bodies, never! Resurrection will glorify the body in its new, undying state!

To Paul death was but a form of exchange — the exchange of that which is perishable for that which is everlasting. For Paul saw in Christ's resurrection, not a lone incident, but a continuing process made manifest in the lives of true believers — those who unreservedly committed themselves to Christ, and who steadfastly identified themselves with Him.

When the time of Christ's crucifixion arrived the victory, for a short while, appeared to belong to His enemies... but not for long. For in a matter of days Christ was resurrected, and generations to come were assured of forgiveness of their sins and a unique place in God's plans for mankind!

Such an act of faith on God's part — on the part of the Son of God, Jesus Christ — surely must challenge us to faith, deep and unshaken, in return! In the eyes of the believing Christian, death must surely be regarded as a transitory thing... the stepping-stone to fuller and more abundant life. For we are resurrected in Christ!

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