

The Wayside Pulpit

By Dr. E. Barnhardt
 "Do not retaliate."
 Matthew 5:39.

The other night two balls of fire began to race around in my car. They turned out to be the eyes of a black cat. Philosophy taught me that you solve the problem of evil by the application of the law of Cause and Effect. I mentioned that to the cat and he thought I said claws and attack. When the door opened he went out a thousand miles a minute with me out in front.

The problem of sin is not just a black cat superstition. It is a moral disease that roots in the mind and heart. It works through the imagination, and the thoughts and the affection. It is deeper than mere act. We have thought to cure it by being kind to the sinner and by making him happy on the way to destruction. The soul of improvement is the improvement of the soul, and there is one Doctor who can administer a grace that is greater than all our sin. Our isms and schisms have misled us. Our Salvation is a Person.

Date Is Set For PSAT Test

Junior students who plan to attend college, three or four year nursing schools, military academies and college military programs should plan to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on October 24 in the John A. Holmes High School cafeteria.

The PSAT is a two-hour version of the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). This test will familiarize the student as to what to expect on the SAT in the spring or fall of the senior year. The test attempts to measure verbal and mathematical abilities essential for college work.

WEEDS BLOW IN
 Impure seed mixtures are the least likely source of lawn weeds. Most weeds come from seed in the soil or from seed blown or washed into the yard.

Mortuary Forum
 By E. N. (Pete) Manning

Question—In trying to communicate with a friend who has just experienced the loss of a loved one, should you talk about the deceased?

Answer—Authorities agree that in communicating with the bereaved you should not hesitate to talk about the deceased—in fact it is the right thing to do. Talk about the person who has died as you knew him in life; talk about his accomplishments, his family, and his hopes but don't monopolize the conversation for people in sorrow need to talk and they need you to listen.

Question—What is the maximum amount of burial allowance payable for a veteran who dies while hospitalized in a VA hospital?

Answer—For a veteran who dies while properly hospitalized in a VA hospital, a maximum of \$250 is allowed toward funeral and burial expenses. In addition, the VA will defray cost of transportation of the body to place of

burial within the United States (including The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or the Canal Zone). An allowance of not more than \$25 may be made for outside case for shipment of the body.

Question—What's the formula for determining the amount of the lump-sum death benefit upon the death of a worker insured under Social Security?

Answer—Upon the death of an insured worker (Social Security) a lump-sum death benefit equal to three (3) times the insured worker's monthly benefit amount, up to a limit of \$255, may be paid to the surviving spouse if he or she was living in the same household with the deceased worker at the time of death.

Editor's Note: Questions for answer in this column will be welcomed from readers. All questions should be sent to: Mortuary Forum, Box 207, Edenton, N. C. 27932.

THE ONE HE GAVE!
 By MARTIN LYNN PRIVOTT (in Vietnam)

Is there no end to His ability to mend?
 Will another sea be saved?
 Will there be food for the ones who are good?
 Is it enough just to be brave?
 Can we not feel out our own special doubt?
 Won't the torn roads of hope be paved?
 The questions are heard—even the absurd!
 And the answers—are the ones He gave?

Is there no end to this war-torn world?
 Will there ever again be peace?
 Will there be families rejoined in love?
 Is it too much to ask and hope?
 Why do we have to hate—to debate?
 Can we keep up our heart-filled hopes?
 The belief is there—even though bare!
 And the answer—YES!—is the One He gave!

Report From Washington

Very little legislative action occurred during the past week. Many members are busy with upcoming November 3 election; this, of course, applies to both Democrats and Republicans.

The greatest interest of the week was President Nixon's "Peace Proposal," for if it is accepted, it could possibly bring to a conclusion the wars in IndoChina. Certainly the Vietnam war has been the longest and most costly in our history. Previously I have referred to this as an action of futility, and as a member of Congress, I shall do all possible to assist the President in securing peace at

the earliest possible moment. Among the many tragedies associated with the Vietnam war has been the deplorable treatment of our American prisoners of war. One can hardly appreciate the sadness and anxiety that exists on the part of the wives and parents of these men, unless they have had the opportunity to discuss this matter with them. Attempts are being made to have a national "Week of Concern for the American Prisoners of War" sometime in November, culminating with a day of prayer. I have been assured by some of those affected in recent months that the American concern which has been expressed to Hanoi in growing numbers, has resulted in more frequent correspondence.

Of local interest is a meeting to be held in Myrtle Beach, S. C., on Monday, October 19, in which the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia will be represented to add impetus to the proposal of a coastal corridor highway connecting the three states already mentioned. Everyone in Eastern North Carolina is aware of our lack of modern roads. Among other important reasons for the necessity of an adequate highway is the fact of the existence of many military bases from the Norfolk area, Elizabeth City Coast Guard Base, Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, as well as in South Carolina. In case of emergencies when men and materials would have to be moved rapidly by land, this could be of the greatest importance to the security of the East Coast.

Also last week, the House and Senate conferees agreed on the controversial provision of the new Farm Bill

Make Going To Church A Habit

STUDYING THE BIBLE

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 18

Memory Selection: "Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart."—Psalm 119:33-34.

Lesson Text: Nehemiah 8:1-8; Psalm 119:9-16; Acts 17:10-12; I Corinthians 12:31 to 14:1; II Timothy 1-2; 3:14-17.

In today's lesson we begin a new unit: "Helps to a Maturing Faith." It is no accident, therefore, that, in the beginning, our text deals with the studying of the Bible.

To fully grasp a subject, one must know the right way to study, and if one is in any doubt about this, ask any high school student who has aspired to a college education. The ability to study, the knowledge of the right way to go about research and study, has made or broken many an aspiring young person intent on a specific career. It has made them if the ability to study was present; it has broken them if it was not.

How much more important is this ability when it is implied to our immortal souls!

An integral part of our study today is Psalm 119. Through this passage, as throughout all the Scriptures, one gains an inspiring insight into the nature of the one true God. One becomes more acutely aware of the Divine purpose, as related to mankind.

We cannot afford to overlook one great salient fact—and that is that the men and women who have proved to be the backbone of the Christian faith throughout all the ages have been assiduous students of the Bible. They read, they interpreted, they learned—and they put the knowledge and insight they had gained from its pages into practice in their lives.

There certainly is guidance and comfort in its pages—inspiring words that will lift the student to hitherto undreamed of heights; words of comfort and reassurance that will stand he who studies in good stead, in times of stress.

What other book serves mankind so well? From it he can gain knowledge and wisdom; he can glean a guidance for living; he acquires moral cleansing, and spiritual joy. What riches lie between its pages! From it he can gain an undreamed of strength of spirit in times of adversity. From it he acquires hope for the future. Truly, the power of the Scriptures must not be taken lightly.

The Bible is, indeed, a Holy Book. It was God-inspired, it was God-prompted. Through out the ages many things have changed in this world of ours. There is not, however, any single misfortune or any single joy that can befall mankind that does not have its counterpart in the Bible. Man's needs never change—especially the needs of his spirit. And the answers are to be found in this one great Book.

To find them, however, one must not approach its study lightly; to fully understand its message

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don't knock it

Maybe you don't like rock and roll, but there's vibrancy to its beat that lets kids express themselves. Even if it isn't your kind of music it's their kind of music. Perhaps the "generation gap" may be narrowed slightly if you'll listen.

Life, remember, is a process of give and take. Adults and teenagers have to give a little if they are going to reach mutual understanding. If, in the beginning, you've given the basic things—like faith, love and respect, then you've nothing to worry about.

But it's never too late. For instance—have you gone with your teenager to church lately?

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Sunday Proverbs 3:1-12	Monday John 8:12-15	Tuesday John 4:7-26	Wednesday John 4:43-54	Thursday Mark 10:46-52	Friday Luke 7:11-23	Saturday John 9:1-11
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