

Your Responsibility

Labor Day, the summer season's last important holiday, is almost here. As with all three-day holidays, one primary consideration will be sheer survival in the press of traffic and other hazards of congestion.

There is another consideration too of which we should all be acutely conscious. As individuals, we can each contribute mightily to pollution control during a period when lakes, forests, streams and parks are swamped with visitors. A leaflet, issued by Enterprise Publications of Chicago, offers the following questionnaire for those who are sincerely concerned about pollution. It asks, among other things: When did I last throw an empty can, bottle, cigarette

butt, or paper wrapper out of the car window? When did I last throw a cigarette pack, gum or candy wrapper on the street or the floor of a public building? When did I last leave a picnic table without cleaning up? When did I last leave a camp site without picking up all the refuse? When did I last leave a public or private beach without picking up paper, glass, or other sharp objects? When did I last—when no one was looking—drop off garbage or junk by the side of the road—hoping I wouldn't be caught?

How these questions can be answered by those returning from the long Labor Day weekend will be a pretty accurate gauge of public interest in pollution control.

A Word For Kindergartens

A wonderful experience awaits the preschool child when he is included in a kindergarten or day care group with other children his own age, and with a teacher aware of their needs.

Children this age need plenty of room to explore, play and take part in quiet activities; they should not be required to sit at desks or tables except for short periods. Authorities such as the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the North Carolina Day Care Licensing Law and Federal Interagency Day Care Standards emphasize that there should not be more than 18 or 20 five year olds in a group with one teacher. Three and four year old children should be in groups of 12 or 15. With groups this size, the children are assured of a lot of individual attention from the teacher.

The right amount of indoor space is necessary; 25 square feet per child

is an absolute minimum, and 35 to 50 square feet is recommended. Outdoor play space should be 75 to 100 square feet per child. Many studies have shown that crowding children in spaces not adequate is very detrimental to their normal development.

The daily preschool program includes experiences in arts and crafts, games, music, field trips and exploration into the child's everyday environment. Pre-reading and sub-first grades are not recommended by the Department of Public Instruction. Each child is encouraged to reach this goal on an individual level.

Teachers of preschool children enjoy meeting together in local and state associations to share new ideas, compare notes, attend workshops and increase their knowledge of the growth and development of preschool children.

Sustaining Our Environment

Early this year, "Better Homes and Gardens" began a series of articles entitled "Environment Yes Hysteria No." The series dealt with such questions as auto and sewage pollution—and that highly controversial subject pesticides. The article on pesticides pointed out that there are some 3,000 different insect pests that compete with us for our food. It observes, "It's obvious that we must try to control these insects as best we can. If we didn't, we'd soon face food shortages and sky-rocketing food prices—not to mention the threat of epidemics caused by insect-borne diseases."

While concluding that a few of the most toxic pesticides are dangerous if not used properly and should ultimately be replaced, the "Better Homes and Gardens" piece finds that there is little firm evidence of a pesticide threat to either man or animal that justifies banning all pesticides. On the contrary, it points out, "... one of the fastest ways, to wipe out wildlife is to denude a for-

est, as the spruce bud worm can do if it's not controlled somehow."

Farm chemicals have revolutionized agriculture. If they were banned, it has been estimated that food prices at the grocery store would rise 50 per cent. Moreover, as one agricultural publication comments, "... what company will research new compounds if there is little chance of their being used? The research and development time and cost required to put a new pesticide on the market is now about 10 years and \$10 million." The same publication commented: "Few in the cities understand the fragile price margins in agriculture and the enormity of the farmer's dependence on weather, chemicals, labor, and machinery as well as weed, insect, and disease control." As a matter of cold fact, it is likely that the pesticides, which have been so hysterically condemned, may actually be one of the major factors in sustaining an environment in which modern civilization, as we know it, can live.



SENATOR

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WASHINGTON — Congress reconvenes next week after a month-long summer recess with much of its work yet to be completed.

Economic measures are certain to receive speedy Congressional consideration. President Nixon won assurances that effect from Congressional leaders a few days ago at the White House. The economic legislation which the President is expected to send to Congress proposes the repeal of the seven percent excise tax on automobiles, a new investment credit program for business, and a speed-up of the effective date of the \$750 personal income tax exemption to January 1, 1972.

With the money crisis foremost on the minds of everyone, there is also the prospect that other measures may be introduced to fight inflation and unemployment, since the Administration has been under steady pressure for months from Capitol Hill to take action to improve the economy.

The shift in the Administration's money policy is almost certain to have some effect on several of the President's major proposals — revenue sharing and the guaranteed annual income for welfare families. When the wage-price-tax-budget plan was announced on August 15th, it was stated that the Administration was deferring the effective date of any revenue-sharing and welfare reforms for

periods of as much as one year. Since both of these measures were in some trouble already, the President's action is not likely to improve the chances for their passage at this session.

New environmental legislation seems likely to win final approval soon. Most likely this will be in the form of a 3-year construction program for water treatment facilities. The Senate Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution completed markup of a bill to extend such aid on August 5th. The House Public Works Committee has scheduled hearings on water pollution control measures on September 13th.

The House-Senate conference report on the bill to extend the draft, which was approved by the House just before the recess, will be taken up by the Senate on September 13th. Opponents of the measure have already indicated that they will again engage in extended debate in an effort to set a deadline for the withdrawal of U. S. troops from Indochina. My own feeling is that Congress ought to extend the draft for a period of two years and leave it to the President to work out the withdrawal schedule for our troops as he determines best for our national interests.

Four out of fourteen regular appropriation bills have yet to be approved, but even so this — Turn to Page Four

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Guest Column

Daily Devotionals

(Editor's note: The following is the third of a five-part series which will appear as Guest Columns. These are taken from the September-October, 1971, issue of "These Days", a magazine published by the Presbyterian and United Church of Christ. They were written by the Rev. G. Daniel McCall, formerly the pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church.)

Sunday, September 19

Read Philippians 3:1-11.

Joy In The Good News

that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...

Philippians 3:9

Have you ever felt discouraged because you were unable to do consistently the good you want to do? distressed at being unable to behave as you feel God expects? Most Christians are troubled by this at one time or another; some are bothered by it most of the time.

Paul was aware of the human tendency to feel that we must earn God's approval. He knew the anxiousness which comes with the belief that we must win God's favor through our own efforts. But what a blessing to learn of "The righteousness from God that depends on faith!"

This was the "good news" Paul had proclaimed to the Philippians. It was the faith upon which the church had been built. He declared it again in his Letter because he knew of the temptation to revert in our thinking to the idea of works' righteousness.

Christian joy — for Paul, for the Philippians, and for us — comes with knowing that the right relationship with God for which our souls yearn is his gracious gift through Christ.

PRAYER: Help us, great God, to hear with understanding minds and believing hearts the good news that is the gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Monday, September 20

Read Philippians 3:8-16.

Joy In Christian Maturity

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

Maybe you or someone in your family has asked, "Can I be sure I am saved? If so, then what? What is there left for me to do?"

Paul was joyfully confident of his salvation. He might have been content to rest securely in that belief and do little more. Instead, this confidence seemed to spur him on toward greater knowledge of God's will and deeper devotion to his service.

When we first inquired into the Christian faith, you and I were looking for a right relationship with God. Hearing his offer of salvation through Christ, we accepted his Lordship with the confident expectation that he will be true to his word. What now? Shall we retire to the gallery of "the saints who from their labors rest"? Shall we be content with our assurance of salvation, or shall we, like Paul, strain forward and "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"?

Christian maturity is not so much a state or condition at which one arrives. It is more an evolving attitude and a developing disposition that leads the believer to continue to seek further into God's will, to trust him more implicitly, and to devote himself more fully to his service.

PRAYER: O God, "let those of us who are mature be thus minded." In the Master's name. Amen.

Pick Of The Press

Sleep On, Silent American

(Gaffney, S. C., Ledger)

Sleep on, silent American. Turn your ears away from the dissonant clamor of the mob in the street, the thunder of the artillery shell in a Cambodian jungle, the wail of a starving child. Sleep on, silent American. If the six-thirty newscast shocks your sensibilities too much, or if tomorrow's headlines frighten you, or if the cover of LIFE makes you sick to your stomach, just don't look.

Sleep on, silent American. Don't worry about the hundreds of thousands of student protesters who are commandeering administration buildings and bombing banks and exalting false gods like Bobby Seals.

Sleep on, silent American. Say nothing, think nothing do nothing — and the problems of this nation may vanish away. Sleep on, silent American. Preach the gospel of peace and tell your next door neighbor as he reclines on his patio that the President should end that nasty war in Viet Nam and withdraw 100,000 more troops this month, but don't give any thought to those last 50,000 men who'll be left in Viet Nam to be mercilessly slaughtered.

Sleep on, silent American. Do not concern yourself with the problems of the cities. Ignorance and disease and poverty are part of life itself. Even Christ himself said, "The poor, you shall have with you always."

Sleep on, silent American. Don't pay any attention to all you read and hear about pollution and destruction of our natural resources. It's all just a scare-tactic thought of by politicians to push their own programs through Congress. (They told us cigarettes would kill us, too, but we're all still here.) Don't worry about the pollution of our air or the pollution of our minds.

Sleep on, silent American. Don't be intimidated by our children, either. Tell your toddler to go to his room and play with his toys, but not to bother you. Your eight-year-old has books and games and a color TV in his room. It's not necessary for you to go into his room to hear his prayers. Let him entertain himself.

Sleep on, silent American. Tell your

teenager to go have himself a good time. Throw him the car keys and give him a ten-dollar bill. But don't ask him where he's going. That would be a violation of his privacy and infringement on his rights. Don't even question his judgment. Always take his part in a confrontation with the high school principal or the highway patrolman. Never ask for an explanation of how he spends his spare time or who he runs around with or why he stayed out all night. Don't ever roll up his shirt sleeves to see if the skin on his forearms is free of puncture marks. Don't look to see what he's reading. Never ask him who his heroes are. Don't require him to work and earn his own money. You remember the lean times when you were a boy, and you're going to make sure that your own child never has to do without anything. Protect him from responsibility and hard work and don't force him to make decisions for himself.

Sleep on, silent American. Do not bestir yourself to the polls on election day. Politics is a rotten mess anyway, and you're better off to stay out of it. Don't tire yourself out with any serious thing. Just listen to the opinions of others and emulate them. Never be seen with your hand over your heart and resist that nagging urge to put up an American flag on your front lawn. Continue to applaud nudity in the theatre and pornography and filth on the newstands. This is the new morality, haven't you heard? Stand idly by and watch our system of justice made a mockery. Watch the Supreme Court of our land degenerate into a handful of bitter, bungling old men, who command neither respect nor dignity, yet who still have the authority to tie the hands of our law enforcement agencies.

Sleep on, silent American. Go to the golf course on Sunday morning. You've worked hard all week and you deserve a little time off to relax and enjoy yourself. Of course, on your way to the greens you might drop the kids off at Sunday School and give them a quarter to drop into the collection plate. Let peace and tranquility be the quintessence of your summer day. Lie back in the hammock of complacency and inhale the amnesia of indifference.

Sleep on, silent American. You have

THE EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

BY

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Trouble, confusion, fear, anxiety, frustration, recrimination and resulting illness is the burden of a 10-page letter from a correspondent. It was written by a grandmother who has difficulty with her own husband. He is not a professing Christian and does not attend church. She does attend and is quite active, but does not make her religion attractive enough to her husband to make him want to attend. The domestic difficulty carries over into the second generation where a son and his wife are battling much in the same way. The third generation, a 15 year old girl, is caught in the cross fire. The perfect setup is developing for her to marry at an early age and get out of the home battles.

The letter concludes, "I can hardly write I am in so much trouble. I love God and I have asked God to show me or tell me what to do."

Selfishness is written all over the letter and in between the lines. Selfishness and self-centeredness. I might add that the grandmother has arthritis. It is a wonder she doesn't have more.

In such cases we always recommend going back to the point of personal relationship with God, confession of sin, seeking forgiveness, and yielding the life with all problems completely to Him. Next The grandmother should develop such a Christian atmosphere of warmth and love in her own home that she wins her husband to Christ. Now they can become a praying team.

Next the blessing, and guidance of the Holy Spirit should be sought through prayer. (See the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit in I Corinthians 12)

Finally there must be some demonstration of the fruits of the Spirit, (Galathians 5) love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

Practically all of our public buildings and many of our homes and automobiles are now air-conditioned. The Christian home should be emotionally conditioned by love, joy, and peace — (the first three gifts of the Holy Spirit). When this warmth and atmosphere of love is acquired, it affects others who come into the home.

In the case above, the grandfather and grandmother can and must unite their prayers for their children and granddaughter. All the while holding them up in loving care.

There is an old saying when you can't talk to the man about God, you can talk to God about the man. This grandmother needs to do some talking to God about herself and her husband. She might remember these words, "But you can talk about me all you please, but I'll talk about you on my knees."

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