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Overlook On Life

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The idea of "Overlook" is taken from the Overlooks provided for viewing panoramas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There was a period in my life when I lived in a community made up mostly of industrial workers. Not a few young men were constantly changing jobs. They never seemed to settle down. What ever job they had, they soon came to dislike it. They were always thinking that somewhere else would be better than where they were.

Such a state of mental unquietude prevails also among people in other than just industrial communities. There are people everywhere who wish they were elsewhere and who wonder what life is all about. Hundreds of older men are haunted by regrets at foolish choices they made earlier in life. What good has living been for them? Where have they got? To those questions they have no answer. They see no sense in it at all. Dejected, many of them spend their days in stolid endurance or angry, they feel like fighting the world (which may, in their case, mean fighting their wives or picking on their children or continually scolding and criticizing those who look after

them). Young people may not be as disillusioned as their elders: they are still at the stage of jumping from this to that, always hoping that luck will be with them, but often soon finding themselves in trouble.

These attitudes, these states of mind, define what the Bible means by being "lost". Such folks are like people lost in the woods. They don't know where they are, or which is the way that will lead them out. They are lost, too, from the point of view of their friends, or perhaps from their parents; and most certainly from the point of view of God. Oh, that they could be found! — such would be the longing desire of any one who cared for them.

One of the greatest joys of my life is the faith that enables me to tell anyone that God cares for him, and that to any human being to whom human existence seems meaningless and cruel, I can say with assurance, "God has a plan for you." If we can but learn it, there is wisdom behind every situa-

tion; there is a word of hope that may be spoken to any one in despair. Life up to now may indeed have been meaningless, but it need no longer be so. One may truly have got lost in an impenetrable jungle, but God is a Searcher, and He is a Finder, too. Let any one who is lost allow himself to be found!

But — and here I think of your young people — it is far better if one may keep from getting lost in the first place. The young man or the young woman who from youth up abides in the faith that God will lead him aright, and who knows that God is the Planner of his life and who tries his best to follow that plan will in the long run come out best — such is my own assurance. To a young person who is faced with making a choice as to what he is going to be, God would say: "Stop doing your own planning. Hear what my ideas for you are!" We may tell ourselves, God has better ideas about what we should be and do than we have, or than our parents have, or than our buddies have. The thing for us to do is to believe God, and to pray. We should not jump to the conclusion, however, that even with this faith we won't sometimes make mistakes; nor should we be too independent and give no heed to what a parent or teacher or minister might have to advise, for often God meditates His thoughts to us through others.

We hear increasingly of the vocational guidance that is offered to young people in schools and colleges. The term, "vocation", has come to mean the profession or the occupation or the trade in which a person becomes engaged. We should remember, however, that originally it had a more profound meaning than this. It signified that some one was being "called" to something, and this usage arose out of the thinking of God's people, first of all in the times of the Old Testament, and then later in the early Christian Church. According to Bible usage, God was the One who gave people a "call". We may illustrate it to ourselves if we think of a military platoon or company



WHAM!

By H. M. Alley

Statistics show that Church

standing at attention and of the company officer calling a man out of the ranks and assigning him some mission to perform. Similarly, God may be thought of as calling a person out of the ranks of society and putting him in a special classification. It would be a mistake to think, as sometimes people do, that this calling is just to be applied to preachers. Actually, according to the Bible, God's call is directed to EVERY CHRISTIAN. He calls every Christian out of the ranks of ordinary society to be in a special unit of all those who have faith. Fundamentally, He calls EVERYBODY TO BE A CHRISTIAN. That means that every Christian from the moment when he hears and responds to the call, is to have a meaningful life, not a meaningless one.

Christian vocation, therefore, signifies much more than merely job placement. It means, essentially, being right with God. If one is right with God, then God will help with job placement, too, no doubt. God with His infinite fund of ideas, lovingly wants you and me to find His idea about what job we should be in and even about the little daily tasks, that, taken singly, may not seem so important. He wants us to believe that He loves and cares for us, so that, despite our many mistakes, all things may, in the long run, work together for good. This faith, which is ours to share with our friends, is the thrilling good news of the Gospel.

membership in the United States has increased 28% since 1950, and 76% since 1940. On the other hand crime has increased 60% since 1950, and 128% since 1940. The over-all population increase since 1940 has been 36%.

Perhaps this un-balanced ratio between the increase of church membership and crime could be greatly remedied if pastors all across the nation would put less emphasis upon card-signing profession, and begin shocking their congregations with Bible-based sermons on the wages of sin: death, followed by hellfire and damnation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In your county there are young folks who are eager to become well qualified for the future. Many of them, no doubt, have access to good elementary and high school programs. The establishment of a good foundation for advanced or specialized training is not a problem for them. We are told, however, that many schools in the Southern Appalachians are very limited in their offerings. This causes some young folks considerable difficulty in college admission because they have been unable to get the courses needed in science, mathematics, and language. Then, there may be those who want or need some special high school work, such as industrial arts, business, music, and art, that is not available in their local schools. There are others who live in such remote areas that no schools are easily available to them.

Few people realize there are still private elementary and high schools in the mountain area that are in a position to be of help to these fine young folks who really want to move forward.

Of these schools the Foundation School of Berea College is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and by the Department of Education of the state of Kentucky. In the ungraded classes, over-age students and others who have been delayed in their education may move along as rapidly as

they are able. There is a wide range of high school classes designed to get students ready for college or for specialized work such as business, industrial arts or practical nursing. It is a school where a student may, while learning, earn a part or all of his school expenses. The practical training received in the various work activities may be of inestimable value.

Any space you may give to bring to the attention of those who need such opportunities the bene-

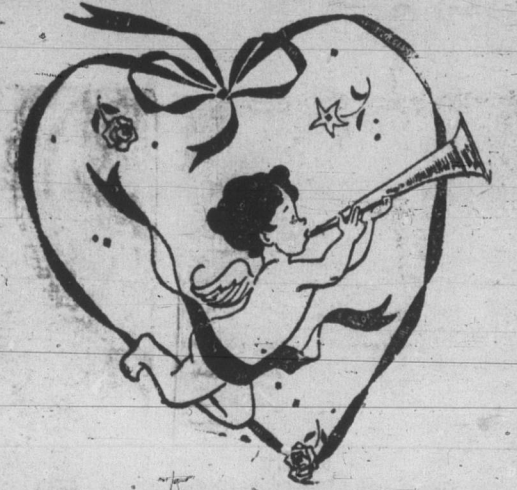
fits offered by the Foundation School would be a public service to the young people of your county.

Roy N. Walters, Dean
Foundation School
Berea, Kentucky

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