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Divine Challenge

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Honor is used chiefly in the Bible to mean respect, reverence, and esteem.

First our honor should be to God, because He is DUE ALL HONOR. We should respect God in every way possible.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (Psalm 29:2).

Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created (Rev. 4:11).

If we honor the Lord, He in turn will honor us. So this works both ways.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man shall serve me, him will my Father honor (John 12:26).

Here I am chiefly speaking to younger people. You that have parents. Do you honor your parents? You need to remember that to honor our parents IS A COMMANDMENT. As a matter of fact, it is the first commandment with a promise tacked on it. It says that we can have a long life if we honor our parents.

Coast Guard Invites College Seniors To Apply For OCS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—College seniors or graduate students can fulfill their military obligation as officers in the U. S. Coast Guard, the active peacetime Service. Qualified applicants will be notified of selection for Officer Candidate School before they enlist. The classes convene in September and February at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in historic Yorktown, Va.

The carefully selected college graduates receive 17 weeks of intensive, highly specialized training. Successful applicants are commissioned as ensigns and serve on active duty for three years.

Coast Guard officers receive the same pay and benefits as officers of other Armed Forces. These include 30 days of annual leave as well as free medical and dental care. They also have an opportunity to qualify for flight training.

Peacetime duties of the Coast Guard include law enforcement, search and rescue, oceanographic research, ocean station patrols, and the maintenance of aids to navigation.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Advisory Council Report on Social Security

This is the last of a series of question-and-answer articles covering the report of the Advisory Council on Social Security which recently completed a study of, and made its report and recommendations regarding, the social security program.

By: D. C. Nichols
Field Representative

QUESTION. Under the present law a child's benefits stop when he becomes 18. I'm sure many others feel as I do, that child beneficiaries should continue entitled to benefits after age 18 if they are still in school. Did the Council say anything about this?

ANSWER. Yes. The present provision for stopping benefits at age 18 was enacted into law in 1939. At that time there was the expectation, much more reasonable than in 1965, that an 18-year-old person usually could become self-supporting. "However," the Council stated in its report, "with the growing importance of education in modern life, it is becoming increasingly clear that this expectation is no longer valid. Today at least some education beyond high school is rapidly becoming part of our general level of living." So the Council recommended benefits to entitled children be continued until age 22 if the child is attending school.

Q. Previously I asked a question about the Council's recommended benefit increases for low-income workers (and, of course, their family). How would the Council's proposals affect workers with maximum creditable earnings?

A. The Council's recommendations affect them were (1) the 7 percent general increase in benefits, (2) the increase in the benefit formula, and (3) the increase in the yearly creditable

amount, of \$6000 effective in 1966 and \$7200 effective in 1968.

Once the proposed \$7200 base becomes fully effective (after a sufficient number of years) a benefit of \$186 a month would be payable to such a worker (or self-employed person). In addition, benefits would be payable to his eligible dependents if any.

Q. Just one final question or two. What about "Medicare"—did the Council take a position for or against it?

A. Actually, to be technically correct, no such thing as "Medicare" has been officially proposed in Congress. "Medicare," presumably a journalistic term, is a misnomer when applied to the proposed legislation for "hospital insurance" (and including nursing home services) for the aged under the social security system. The Council did recommend that such a program be adopted.

Q. What do you yourself think of the Advisory Council's recommendations, including the last one mentioned?

A. Does it really matter what I personally think? I have simply tried to explain briefly, and to put in proper focus and perspective, some of the Advisory Council's most important recommendations. Many readers may have recognized that these recommendations are essentially along the lines of certain legislative proposals now pending. My interest, however, has been in trying to clarify, to give a little background information and throw a little light upon some of the issues now before the American people and their Congress. Having attempted this, I have no further duty or responsibility as a field representative of the Social Security Administration.

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TO THOSE WHO EXPRESSED their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

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Feldspar Plant Recognized For Accident-Free Year

SPRUCE PINE, N. C.—The Kona feldspar plant of International Minerals & Chemical Corporation has been recognized for an accident-free year.

Employees received the President's Letter from the National Safety Council for working a full year without a loss-time accident. The plant is a facility of IMC's Industrial Minerals Division.

"The united efforts of management, supervision and employees in your company are proof that accident programs really work," said Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety Council.

IMC, headquarters in Skokie, Illinois, is the world's largest producer of chemical fertilizer materials. The company's Industrial Minerals Division produces materials for the glass-ceramics, foundry, iron ore, and oil well drilling industries.

IMC, a leader in industrial accident prevention, has received more than 200 safety awards in the last nine years.

1,600 Trout Stacked In Yancey County

In accordance with previously approved plans, the Wildlife Resources Commission has completed a stocking of 1,600 trout averaging 8-10 inches in length, in the waters of Yancey County. These fish were produced at the Federal Fish Hatchery located near Pisgah Forest, District Game and Fish Protector Mr. D. R. McCallister directed the release of the fish.

The Wildlife Resources Commission points out that the cooperative effort of all those interested in the State's fish and game resources will be required to bring about better fishing, the favorite outdoor recreation of so many Americans.

Gospel Singing At South Toe School April 3

There will be a Gospel Sing at South Toe School Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 P. M.

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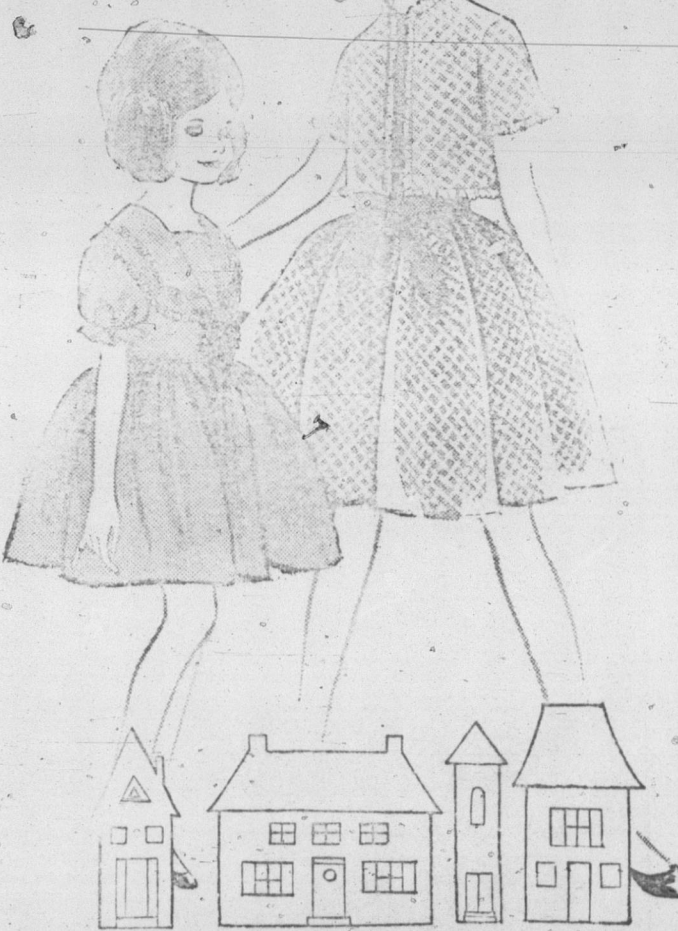
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