

SEX... A BADLY CONFUSED IDEA

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Perhaps the most charitable thing that can be said about American society's attitude toward sex is that it is badly confused. Perhaps a more accurate statement would be to say that it is sick.

A TIME magazine feature article some time ago pointed out just how sick our society is in its sexual morality, and it also gave a fairly accurate diagnosis of the causes of this sickness—over-exposure, and over-indulgence.

For several decades now we have been bombarded by an intensive "down with Puritanism" campaign which has made any criticism of trends in sexual morality seem almost un-American. Anyone who dared to speak out against increasing permissiveness in the national pattern of sexual morality was immediately and thoroughly dismissed as "Puritanical."

Now no one will deny that Puritanism had to go. It was unhealthy, inhuman, and even immoral in its own right, denying as it did one of God's greatest gifts to man. But if Puritanism was unhealthy, our present day substitute is less so. For whether society denies the existence of a basic human

drive or is obsessed with it makes little difference. In either case it is sick, and American society of the sixties is very sick indeed.

For some reason or other Americans seem convinced that sex is an evil pleasure which they are determined to enjoy in spite of God. Why it does not occur to them that God must know about sex if He created it, and that He must have thought it all right if He created it, is a mystery which still awaits a solution.

THE SIMPLE FACT IS THAT THERE IS NOTHING IMMORAL ABOUT SEX OR THE PLEASURE CONNECTED WITH IT, ANY MORE THAN THERE IS ANYTHING IMMORAL ABOUT A BRAND NEW AUTOMOBILE AND THE ENJOYMENT THAT COMES FROM DRIVING IT. BUT JUST AS WE DO WRONG IF WE STEAL THE AUTOMOBILE IN ORDER TO ENJOY ITS USE, SO WE SIN IF WE USE SEX APART FROM ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN MARRIAGE. NOR DOES THE SINFULNESS OF SEX OUTSIDE MARRIAGE DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT ANYONE ELSE IS HURT BY OUR ACTION. SIN IS AN OFFENSE AGAINST GOD, AND THE CHIEF MALICE OF ANY SIN LIES IN THIS FAILURE TO LOVE HIM WHO LOVES US.

GIRL SCOUTS

ATTEND DAY CAMP

Thirty six Girl Scouts from Yancey County are registered for the Girl Scout Day Camp to be held June 22 to 26 in the Pisgah Forest just off the Parkway near Burnsville.

This is one of the seven Day Camps to be held by the Pisgah Cir. Scout Council this summer in the sixteen counties covered by the council. Girls from Yancey and Mitchell counties will attend the camp accompanied by trained volunteer leaders from their communities.

Miss Sara Davis, physical education director from Waukegan, Ill., and member of the Day Camp staff here last year, will be the Day Camp director. She will be assisted

American society's present dilemma over sex is the logical result of a relativism which has infected even some of our churches. TIME quotes one eminent Churchman as saying that he condemns premarital sex in general but that there are exceptions. One might hope that God has been keeping up on current trends in the theology of sexual morality. But then, God has never been too keen on changes.

by a corps of college girls and the volunteer adults. A program of planned activities will be carried out at various age levels including hiking, campcraft, nature study, conservation, flag ceremonies, exploring, and cookouts.

The purpose of the day camps, along with established camping and troop camping by the Girl Scout organization is to promote the physical, mental and spiritual well being of every girl and leader, to develop resourcefulness and initiative, provide opportunities for democratic living in the out of doors and a sense of love for the out of doors and accomplishment of skills to make outdoor living easier.

Yancey County Girl Scouts registered for Balsam Day Camp are Sherrie Laughrun, Paula Kay McWhirter, Sylvia Kay Ballew, Zoe Ann Kaulf, Sharon Leigh Presnell, Kathy Griffin, Jackie Lynn Byrd, Deborah Lynn Autrey, Donna Lu Kates, Carol Ray, Kimberly Gail Westal, Dianne Angel, Denise Piercy, Janet Olivia Hensley, Lisa Fox, Ginger Styles, Deborah Jean Butner, Gail Crisp, Chris Miller, Marcia Kaye Banks, Rhonda Stiles, Judith Cornwell, Janice Hunter, Jeannie Biggerstaff, Barbara Cooper, Marilyn Laughrun, Pamela Ho Edge, Susie Proffitt, Suzanne Edge, Katie B. King, Marie Hunter, Julena Ann Young, Linda Deyton and Cathy Sil-

TO CITIZENS OF YANCEY COUNTY:

An effort is being made to initiate a clean-up and sanitary program throughout Yancey County. This program is vital to every person. If we want more people to come into our county, it is necessary that we have our county attractive.

It is also important from a standpoint of health, and the dumping of garbage along our highways is a violation of law. It is hoped to work out a plan whereby sites can be obtained at various places in the county where garbage could be dumped by the residents of each community and have this covered with a bulldozer.

Any persons interested in assisting in this program or willing to permit some of their land to be used for this purpose are asked to communicate with any of the following persons:

- Cecil Anglin
- James Ray
- George Roberts
- Lowe Thomas
- Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent
- Dover R. Fouts

Adults from Burnsville and Spruce Pine assisting with the Day Camp are Mrs. Vivian Aubrey, Mrs. Eugene Wilkins, Mrs. Mary Robinson, Mrs. Linda Edge, Mrs. Tom Westal, Mrs. Linda Gillespie and Mrs. Z. P. Westall.



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