

Are You Satisfied With Or From Yourself

By: John D. McCready

At the University of Virginia a crowd had gathered for the varsity show. Suddenly a student came prancing out on the stage and burst into song -

"Oh it's great to be the center of attraction, To have them all salaam and cry 'Tis he!' I'm completely overcome with satisfaction -

I'm a hero - that's me!" Such make-believe vanity nobody objects to, and many find delightful. But on the stage of real life the feeling is different. When pronounced egotists like the German general Von Ludendorff of years ago, or the French general, deGaulle, now for some years the president and virtual dictator of France - when men like these, hugely satisfied with themselves, come along they are apt to leave us cold. A New York paper, reviewing von Ludendorff's recollections of his years of "blood and iron", made a sly comment. "The General," said the editor, "is not offensively modest in his memoirs." Much more appealing are the words of Winston Churchill, when on a visit to Harvard University, he declared that he had never obtained a college education, "but just had to do the best he could, picking up a few odds and ends here and there" - on the way, some one should have added to becoming the greatest statesman of the twentieth century.

A refreshing contrast to those tremendously satisfied with themselves is found in the type of man mentioned in the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament - the 14th chapter, verse 14. The entire verse reads "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways, and a good man shall be satisfied from himself." The two halves of the verse are evidently meant as a contrast between types of men, the one evil, the other upright. The evil one, it says, shall have this as his punishment, that he will have to eat his fill - to be stuffed - with his own misdeeds. If he takes a selfish, dishonest or violent life as his, he will have to partake of such things in abundance, whereas the upright man will find his blessings arising likewise from things connected with himself. Here we shall think mainly of him rather than his opposite.

At first the words that a good man "shall be satisfied

from himself" sound somewhat puzzling and mysterious. Just what do they mean?

A remark once made by an elderly colored preacher may help here. This man's schooling was, like that of many others of both races, limited. One day he was standing on the street corner, talking to a very young minister. A passer-by hailed him, and genially inquired, "What are you doing - expounding the subject, or just explaining it?"

"Oh, just realizin' him a few things" came the answer. So the good man, whose trust is in the Lord, needs at times just to realize himself a few things in order to be happy and go forward courageously to do his work. Well, to realize what?

For one thing that, as the epistle says, "That all things are yours, whether things present or things to come." In John Wesley's youthful days he was crossing the Atlantic when a terrible storm arose. Young Wesley, alarmed, then beheld something he never forgot. On board were a company of Moravian Brethren. They were calm and serene. The satisfaction of great peace they drew from their perfect trust within. Christ was in their hearts. They were "satisfied from themselves."

Annual Phone Gains Reported

Telephones in service in Black Mountain have approached 4,000 at year end according to M. W. Carson, Southern Bell manager here. 1968 showed a net gain of 209 new phones in service in the "699" exchange; 112 of these were main service and the remainder extensions. The growth rate here was 5.5% compared to a Buncombe County growth of 4.5%.

The Swannanoa exchange (686) grew at an identical rate with 93 additional phones added in 1968 to the 1700 already in service for a 5.5% increase. Of the 93, 60 were main service and the remainder extensions.

Carson noted that the county-wide figures in 1968 showed almost as many extensions being added as new main telephone installations. In the county, there were 73,275 telephones at year end of which 29,500 were extensions.

A-B Registration Deadline Feb. 15

A deadline of Feb. 15 has been set for registration in Asheville - Biltmore College's initial summer study center at Regent's Park College, Oxford University.

Dr. James A. Stewart, professor of philosophy at A-B and director of the program, said 40 students will be accommodated in the program which will offer course credit in either philosophy or literature.

The six-week program will begin June 23 when the group leaves Dulles Airport and flies via Pan American to Glasgow, Scotland. The group returns to the U. S. on Aug. 1.

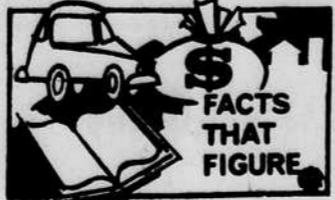
Two seminar courses will be offered, British Literature of the Twentieth Century and Contemporary Philosophy. Seminar leaders will be regular Oxford University lecturers and tutors with Dr. Stewart and Dr. Ellis Short, professor of literature at A-B, serving as coordinators. Each course will carry three semester hours credit.

In addition to the study at Oxford, eight days will be spent in Scotland and Ireland, with visits to Edinburgh, Glasgow, the Scottish Highlands, Galway and Dublin.

Side trips from Oxford will include visits to London and Stratford - on - Avon, where opportunities will be given to attend the well-known theaters and visit places of historic interest.

Application for enrollment in the course should be made to Dr. Stewart at Asheville-Biltmore College. Total cost will

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The fall 1968 enrollment represents an increase of 6,281 students or 5.2 per cent over the fall 1967 enrollment of 120,558. This 1968 increase is lower than the 1967 increase of seven per cent.

While enrollment in the public institutions increased 7.3 per cent, the enrollment in private institutions increased only 1.9 per cent. As a result, 62 per cent of the total college students are now enrolled in the public institutions, an increase from 61 per cent in 1967.

Community colleges enrolled 7,170 college parallel students, a 28.5 per cent increase. Private junior colleges enrolled 9,143 students.

Insurers Assure Safety

NEW YORK - Safety engineers of the American Insurance Association check the fire defenses of more than 1,000 cities every year, the Insurance Information Institute says. To make cities safer, these insurance engineers observe fire departments in action, examine their equipment and city water supplies, and check for fire hazards in built-up areas.

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Claims Mounting

NEW YORK - The average bodily injury liability claim resulting from automobile accidents jumped about 46 per cent in the last decade, the Insurance Information Institute reports.

Farm Fires Soar

NEW YORK - Fires on the nation's farms cost an average of more than \$500,000 a day. The Insurance Information Institute reports that farm fire losses in 1967 totaled a record \$208 million.

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