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**EDITORIAL**

**Swim With Care**

With vacation time in full swing, we offer a word of caution to the swimmer. Judging from the experience of other years, approximately 3,500 lives will have been lost by accidental drowning these next few months. This represents only about half of the total number of people drowned each year.

The annual death toll in the United States from drowning grows larger each year. More than one-half of those dying in this manner are young persons under twenty-four years of age. Every vacationist should be careful this summer.

**Helen Keller**

One of the great American stories is that of the late Helen Keller, probably the most famous blind, deaf mute in the history of education. She was born at Tusculum, Alabama, on the 27th in 1880.

When nineteen months old she had scarlet fever, which left her blind and unable to hear; thus she could not learn to talk. No effort was made to educate her until she was eight but then she was put under the care of remarkable Anne Sullivan, who had been trained in Boston's Perkins Institution for the Blind.

Miss Sullivan, with remarkable patience, taught her to read Braille. Then young Keller wanted to learn to talk and studied at the Horace Mann School in New York until successful. She went on to graduate from Radcliffe and then led a remarkably successful life, writing and lecturing and giving new hope to other handicapped people throughout the world.

The Helen Keller story should serve as an inspiration to all who consider themselves victims of an unlucky fate. Helen Keller led a satisfying, happy life of accomplishment—helping and inspiring millions by perseverance, courage and faith.

**MORE PIGS**

Higher average hog prices so far in 1972, coupled with lower corn prices, will encourage producers to expand production, agricultural experts believe. But no real expansion in farrowings is likely before early next year.

**B.J. Crowley's  
HOROSCOPE**

Week of June 18

**CANCER**—Emotional, sensitive, changeable describe those born under this sign. Most are popular with others. Your gem is the ruby. Your colors are green and gold. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 3. Your lucky day is Monday.

**CANCER**—June 21 to July 22—Accept promotion and prestige without becoming egotistical. Since there is a possibility that you may be chosen for a high honor, you could become carried away with your ideas of your own importance.

**LEO**—July 23 to Aug. 22—Look after your own money interests. There may be those about who paint a picture of honesty, but who are deceptive. Be pleasant, but firm.

**VIRGO**—Aug. 23 to Sept. 22—For the married, put a little life into your marriage. If your relationship with your mate has become humdrum you have only yourself to blame. Get away from the ordinary, if only for a short vacation.

**LIBRA**—Sept. 23 to Oct. 22—Avoid lethargy or someone could steal your thunder. You must be conscientious. A demotion could sting. Shape up and it won't happen to you.

**SCORPIO**—Oct. 23 to Nov. 22—The tone with which you speak sometimes indicates harshness when affectionate and kind. If a disagreement has evolved be the first to forgive.

**SAGITTARIUS**—Nov. 23 to Dec. 21—Respect the rights of others. Avoid the temptation to interfere in the lives of those close to you. Help them to learn independence by encouraging them to make their own decisions.

**CAPRICORN**—Dec. 22 to Jan. 19—A good week to consider the replacement of outdated home appliances. Watch for summer sales. Consider the possibility of vacationing close to home for less money.

**AQUARIUS**—Jan. 20 to Feb. 18—You can make someone happy by sharing a confidence with them. Social activities are favored this week. An excellent all-around week for enlarging your circle of friends.

**PISCES**—Feb. 19 to March 20—Telephone conversations prove rewarding. Mild exercise is favored. An especially good week for taking walks, communing with nature.

**ARIES**—March 21 to April 20—Don't be afraid to change your way of thinking. Your popularity could wane if you insist that only your ideas are the right ones. Weigh your words carefully.

**TAURUS**—April 21 to May 20—A week when opportunity awaits around every corner. Take advantage of this golden week. You will be delighted with the results.

**GEMINI**—May 21 to June 20—Laughter is the best cure-all. Be humorous this week, as only you can be. Your quick wit can put those around you at ease.

One girl to another: "Of course now, I wouldn't say a thing about her unless it was good. And oh boy, is this good..."

**Washington Report**

By Congressman Walter Jones

On Wednesday, June 14, the House staged a most impressive "Flag Day" ceremony. The principal speaker was a well-known entertainer, Mr. Red Skelton. His performance consisted of citing the Pledge of Allegiance and adding his own words, which are as follows:

**I** - me, an individual, a committee of one.

**PLEDGE** - dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

**ALLEGIANCE** - my love and my devotion.

**TO THE FLAG** - our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

**OF THE UNITED** - that means that we have come together.

**STATES** - individual communities that have united into 48 great states, 48 individual communities, with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

**OF AMERICA. AND TO THE REPUBLIC** - a state in which sovereign power is invested in

representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

**FOR WHICH IT STANDS.**  
**ONE NATION** - meaning, so blessed by God.

**INDIVISIBLE** - incapable of being divided.

**WITH LIBERTY** - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

**AND JUSTICE** - The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

**FOR ALL** - which means "it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance - "under God." Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said - "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from schools, too?

In House action last week, the House enacted legislation in an effort to combat the serious problem of drug abuse in the Armed Services, designed to assist the unfortunate who become victims. Among other things it will require each member of the Armed Forces to be examined; it broadens the authority to offer hospitalization either in a military facility or other responsible agencies. It will require persons to undergo rehabilitation for a period of 30 days beyond the member's term of service, with the 30 days being compensated.

The House approved the 1973 appropriation for Labor, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and other agencies. This amount was in excess of \$94 billion, and includes the Social Security Administration, the National Institutes of Health, libraries and many other retirement funds.

**BIBLE VERSE**

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

1. Who is the author of the above declaration?
2. To whom was he writing?
3. Where was he at the time of this writing?
4. Where may we find this statement?

**Answers to Bible Verse**

1. Paul the Apostle.
2. To Timothy, a young preacher.
3. In prison in the city of Rome.
4. II Timothy 4:7.

**Wooing Wallace**

Sometimes it's hard for the average citizen to stomach the politics of an election year. In this connection, the recent parade of Democrats to the bedside of Governor George Wallace of Alabama is a prime example.

Damned as the blackest of politicians by the party hierarchy for so long, now that his 300 plus delegate votes might be decisive at the convention this summer, or because of the fear that he might throw in his lot with President Nixon, a parade of high Democrats, led by party chief Larry O'Brien, has wooed on the Governor.

The crowning example was a recent, highly-publicized visit by Ethel Kennedy. Politics, it's said, makes strange bedfellows. More rightly put, it might be said that the urge to win makes most politicians do almost anything and flip-flop in almost any direction—if the votes are there.



"Few of the men and women about us today have what they want, and few want what they have."

The above words sum up man as well as any we know. It's human nature to find our little world is actually a prison wall. Within these walls we must spend our days—spend them happily, or resentfully. We gain our victories, not by assaulting the walls, but by accepting them.

We accept life by looking at it in this respect: However uncontrollable our past, however disappointing our present—our future can be what we choose to make it.

We may seem at times to be the prisoners of fate, while we are actually its master.

**OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER:** The mastery of life is often just a simple adjustment.

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While you're traveling to or from your favorite vacation mecca this Summer, please take your manners along too.

You can't telephone the guy ahead of you to tell him you're passing, but you can sound your horn to make him aware of your intentions. It's the safe, courteous thing to do. In many states (N. C. included) you're violating the law if you fail to.

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direction  
of energy**

When the big wheel turns clockwise, the little wheel turns counter-clockwise at a greater rate of speed. Thus man controls energy in the physical universe, determining, according to his own will, its direction and effect.

There is a spiritual universe, too. A world in which God, who gave us freedom of will, provides the guidance, help and inspiration which unite our minds with His for purposes which are GOOD.

We realize with trembling in this nuclear age that the physical and spiritual universe are not two—but ONE. We cannot live in the one and forget the other. For the world we know will perish unless man's spiritual vision governs his use of the energy he controls.

Wise and reverent minds have always known this. That is why we have CHURCHES . . . why we share their Life and Work with one another.

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday Romans 3:9-18	Monday Job 7:6-21	Tuesday Psalms 88:1-18	Wednesday Proverbs 12:7-8	Thursday Ecclesiastes 7:11-22	Friday Ecclesiastes 9:7-12	Saturday Jeremiah 50:4-8
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LESSON TEXT: Psalms 57: 90:13-17; Isaiah 6:1-6; Romans 8: 38-39.

If we live life to its fullest, we are invariably confronted with insecurities; it inevitably follows that, in the life of the practicing Christian, we seek answers through the truly devotional life. Our relationship with God, therefore, plays a very important part in the solving of these conflicts.

This lesson, therefore, is directed towards inspiring confidence of an inner nature—in God, and in ourselves as servants of God.

For Israel, as we have learned, there were times of bondage, pilgrimage, civil war, and exile. For the Church there was gross misunderstanding, persecution and internal strife. For man, who, in the natural advent of things, makes up a nation, makes up a congregation, inner strife and a sense of impermanence are continuing threats to a sense of security.

How to combat these debilitating forces? The answer can only be found in a close and personal relationship with God!

In our study of Psalm 57 we recognize the cry of a soul in great distress; fear is expressed, as is—on the opposite side of the coin—trust; faith and exaltation are the keywords. There was a great unburdening of the writer's soul.

How often, as we go through life, do we find ourselves in the same spiritual situation beset by insecurities, we turn to One who was both creative and triumphant; who has allseeing, and all-forgiving.

How fortunate we are! In the Bible we have a charted course to follow; we travel no uncharted paths, for men have trod them before us; from their experiences we are able to learn! We are able to evaluate!

God, through the advent and death of Christ Jesus, has openly declared His love and concern for mankind. Christ, throughout a comparatively short lifetime, demonstrated this Godly concern.

Today the world is beset with many problems. Continual warring factors in far-flung reaches threaten the lives of our young men. On the home front we are plagued with racial unrest and the specter of drug addiction. We fight the good fight of providing for our families—our loved ones—and we return to our homes at night, thankful for the shelter of our roof, and a surcease from struggle. There we gird ourselves to face the challenges of another day.

How much better would we fare if we returned to God! For in Him would we not only find rest and renewal, but spiritual strength! For spiritual security is no less important to mankind than physical security!

As Christians we are blessed with being able to communicate with God at any time, in any circumstances. We may lift up our voices in prayer and supplication, and claim His help at any time. Our faith becomes our armor; Christ is our assurance of an after-life!

The innate needs of man have been answered in the concept of the Holy Trinity . . . if we accept this doctrine we will never be dismayed, or lonely, or lost.

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