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"IN OUR TIME"

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Toward Evening

"IT IS TOWARD EVENING, AND THE DAY IS NOW FAR SPENT":

Luke 24:29

What a great day that had been! The morning had found them in the heaviness of a universal sorrow. As the dreadful hours passed, the two disciples roused themselves sufficiently to undertake the walk to Emmaus. They went slowly, for there was solace in the utterance of their sad thoughts. A mysterious stranger joined them as they journeyed onward. He drew from them the complete confession of the confusion and despair. He made their hearts burn with surprise and hope by the profoundly beautiful view which he took of the cause of their grief. He put his new and unexpected thought about the death of Jesus into their minds, to the absolute exclusion of their own. And when they came to their journey's end, it seemed to them that they had been walking in a divine dream. They could not allow their mysterious fellow traveler to go uninvited to their home. Something inexpressibly great had taken hold of them, and in the name of that they constrained the wondrous stranger, saying, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent; and he went in to abide with them." The morning heaviness, the walk and the human relief, the divine companion and interpretation, the full and mighty answer of the heart, the evening with the risen Christ standing in its reddening glow and peace, — such were the supreme things in that great day. And that one great day in the experience of those two disciples of Christ sets a type for all the disciples of Christ. As was the day, so may be the life.

The morning heaviness was the first thing. For the third time those two disciples had awakened to a world that had no Christ, or only a dead Christ, in it. A divine presence had been taken out of the world. The loveliness of nature seemed to be tarnished, Jerusalem had become the city of despair, Israel was again hopeless, love and friendship were bereaved of their great consecration, and the heart of the individual disciple was vacant and disconsolate. Such was the tragedy under which those two disciples awakened on the morning of that eventful day.

For how many disciples of Christ in the last century that is typical of the beginning of their spiritual life! How many have come to manhood in the fellowship of a traditional faith, to discover then that their faith was dead! Romans through the influence of physical sciences wakes to that horror; John Stirling through inability to find his way comes to that heaviness; Tennyson loses everything in the loss of his friend; Carlyle looks upon a godless universe under the power of a false philosophy. For the best youth of the nineteenth century the beginnings of spiritual life were hard. For thousands of young men and women in the colleges of the land there has been this terrible awakening. The Lord's Prayer which they learned in infancy, the Beatitudes whose music has been in their hearts from their earliest years, the Divine Christ to whom they have looked in awe and love, the Eternal God, their fathers' God, in whom they have steadfastly believed, become all at once uncertain, unreal, powerless. They awake to find them gone. There is no room for prayer in their world, the Beatitudes are an embarrassment in the struggle for existence; Christ has no place in the order of the universe; and in the mechanism of the sum of things there does not seem to

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From The North Carolina Human Resources

Curious Deaths Told By Clues

RALEIGH — A body hanging by a leg from a second floor window would give rise to suspicion that the victim's death was the result of foul play -- to the average person. Such was the concern, too, of Dr. Page Hudson, the State's Chief Medical Examiner. But, read on.

Youth Services Out Of Corrections Department

RALEIGH — The Division of Youth Development has been transferred from the Department of Correction to the Department of Human Resources by the state legislature effective July 1, 1975.

The legislative act changed the name to the Division of Youth Services and created a Commission of Youth Services within the Department of Human Resources. The Commission will coordinate programs for delinquent youths according to their needs for treatment and care using the appropriate other services already in the Department of Human Resources.

Legislative intent was to "separate the administration of training schools for delinquents from the adult correction system to avoid the stigma and punitive philosophy associated with penal facilities for convicted adult offenders."

The Division consists of approximately 685 employees. It operates four general treatment schools, one maximum security school, one minimum security school and two diagnostic evaluation centers. There are about 917 students of which 68 per cent are boys

and 32 per cent girls.

The Division will become one of the seven major Divisions of the Department of Human Resources.

Immediate plans for the Division include regional public hearings and employee questionnaires to help determine the needs and directions in the treatment of delinquent youths. Based on this input from citizens and employees, a long range plan of action for Youth Services will be developed for the full consideration of the Commission on Youth Services.

Human Resources Secretary David Flaherty had this comment, "We accept this

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Deaths GREENSBORO

MRS. DAISY STITT, 65, of 1225 S. Eugene Street, Apt. D, died at Greensboro Nursing and Convalescent Center. Funeral service was held at the Gethesemane Baptist Church, the Rev. W. H. Hall, pastor, officiating. BROWN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS were in charge of all arrangements.

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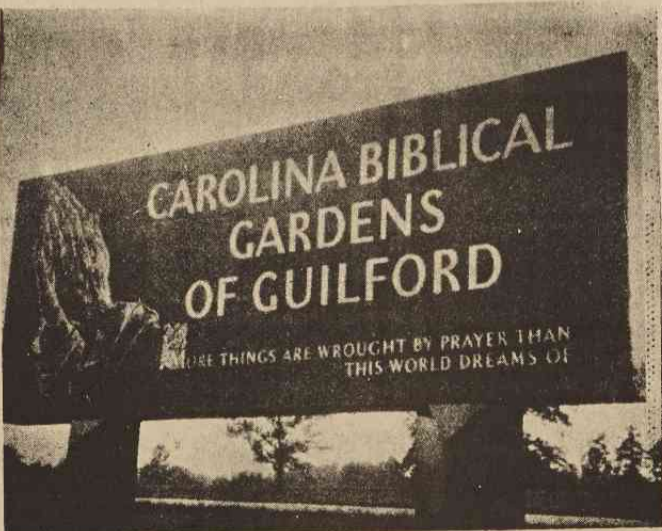
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process of falling from the window, a stick used to prop the window open, was dislodged catching the victim's ankle as she fell.

But for an autopsy and investigation of the scene by an experienced forensic pathologist, the person's spouse could have been charged with murder.

"The medical examiner system takes the suspicion, ignorance and politics out of determining the cause and manner of deaths that occur under unusual and sometimes bazaar circumstances," Hudson said. "Even the sharpest forensic experts sometime find it difficult to pinpoint the actual cause of death."

Hudson reflected on other incidences where sudden, unusual and violent crimes could have been successfully investigated only by a person having scientific training and experience in medicine.

"A youngster dies suddenly in the doctor's office in rural North Carolina. Next day the father dies suddenly in the same doctor's office. The family suspects poison sprayed on crops in the area of the home. Circumstances of the deaths notwithstanding, autopsies revealed the youngster died of carditis (inflammation of the heart) and the father suffered from advanced coronary heart disease.

"An old lady, known to be in poor health, is found dead by a neighbor. To the untrained eye nothing at the scene indicated the victim died a violent death.

The medical examiner discovers subtle scratches on the

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Saudi's subjects, 2. Early ripe inland sea, 3. Asian sea, 4. Good Queen, 5. Abrupt, 6. Misdemeanor, 7. Turkish regiment, 8. Outer husk, 9. Franchot, 10. Celestial body, 11. Erubium, 12. "Silas Marner" author, 13. Eradicate, 14. Antique red, 15. Otherwise, 16. Kind of duck, 17. Erubium (sym.), 18. Creek letter, 19. Capital of Oregon, 20. Thoroughfare, 21. Malt beverage, 22. Back talk, 23. Girl's name, 24. Native of Ulster, 25. Snare, 26. Flower heads of a prickly herb, 27. Gaulish god, 28. Dregs, 29. Region, 30. Geronimo's abode, 31. Aleutian island, 32. Candlenut tree, 33. Performed, 34. Bone (anat.), 35. Kind, 36. Smooth name (phonet.), 37. Region, 38. Dregs, 39. Charlie, 40. Employ, 41. Biblical name, 42. Weird, 43. Leg bone, 44. Assam silkworms, 45. Fishhook line, 46. Assam silkworms, 47. Chairs, 48. University officers, 49. Playing card.

Church Calendar

On July 13, St. Luke's United Methodist youth will have an initiation service for all young people who would like to join the youth of the church.

DATES TO REMEMBER: (August 3) Mechanic Baptist Church Revival.

(August 10) St. Mark's United Methodist Church Revival. (August 17) Salem Church of Christ Revival. (August 24) Strieby Church Revival.

Advertisement for Water-Stiks offering a 10-day money-back guarantee for \$1.99. Includes a small image of a plant and a person.

Advertisement for WCOG radio station. Features a photo of Jimmy Fuller and text: "Jimmy invites you to listen to 1320 WCOG. The more you listen, the better it sounds. Listen for fun and games!"

Large advertisement for the United Negro College Fund. Features a photo of a woman washing clothes and text: "In 41 Black colleges today there are thousands of dedicated students who want an education. Some of them may never get it. Their schools are in desperate need of money. Your contributions can help these schools. It's important. A mind is a terrible thing to waste. Give to the United Negro College Fund. 55 E. 52nd St. New York, N.Y. 10022. 'My grandmother takes in washing so I can become a teacher. Now my school is running out of money.'"