



OBSERVE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY-The Silver Echoes, above, will observe their 25th anniversary in the gospel music field Sunday, August 3, when they are presented in a two-part program, sponsored by the Short Journey School PTA. At 2 p.m., the group will appear at Short Journey, and at 7:30 p.m., they will be at the Raleigh Safety Club. Left to right, front row, are: Willie K. Jones, James Badger and Rex Leach. Back row, left to right, are: Roosevelt Sanders, Elmon Williams, Jr., Robert Sanders and Julius Avery. Many top singing groups will appear on both programs, and two prizes will be given away.

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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God had barely given the Law to Moses when He ordered it to be put in a coffin. That's right -- a coffin. The reason for this is that the Mosaic covenant clearly stipulated: "Now therefore, if ye will Obey My Voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people, for all the earth is Mine" (Ex. 19:5).

Israel, of course, did not obey God's voice; indeed, but broke the Law before Moses even got down from Sinai. It was because of this that God, in grace, said: "And they shall make Me an Ark..." (Ex. 25:10). This word "ark" is rendered "coffin" in the last verse of Genesis and that is its simple meaning. But why did God order a coffin as the very first article of furniture for the tabernacle? The answer is: To put the Law in. Read it for yourself:

"And thou shalt put into the COFFIN the testimony (the Law) which I shall give thee... and thou shalt put the MERCY SEAT above upon the coffin..." (Ex.

25:16, 21). If God had not put the covenant of the law in a coffin and met with His people from a "mercy seat" none of them ever would have been saved.

This Old Testament type has a lesson for us too, for if God dealt with us according to our works none of us would ever be saved, but "Christ died for our sins," meeting for us the demands of a broken Law, so that we might be saved by grace, through faith in His redemptive work.

Col. 2:14 says concerning this "handwriting of decrees, that was against us," that our Lord, in death, "took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross," and Rom. 7:6 goes on to explain: "But now we are delivered from the Law, that being Dead wherein we were held; that we might serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Thus believers in Christ are saved "by grace... through faith... not of works" but "unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE
BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths." -- Proverbs 3:6.

Life is growth. Life is change. Life is progress. Life does not stand still, and we cannot stand still if we want to be a continuing part of life. If we cling to the past, if we try to keep our lives in a pattern of sameness, if we resist growth or change in ourselves or in others, we find that life passed us by. We are spectators, rather than participants, in life.

We do not want to get into set or limited patterns of thought. We do not want to cease to grow and unfold. We do not want to lose our sense of wonder and joy, our power of imagination, our ability to express. We should keep ourselves alive and growing, we should keep ourselves in the flowing stream of God's life, by keeping ourselves always in touch and in tune with God through regular and conscientious prayer. Our flexibility of mind and heart keeps us flexible in our attitudes towards life and other people, keeps us open to new

ways of living, willing to follow new paths and to conform to new patterns, willing to be a part of growth and progress.

From the beginning, God has promised, "Jehovah, thy God... doth go with thee." If you climb the highest mountain, if you sail the farthest sea, if you fly above the clouds, or if you descend into the depths of the earth, God is always with you. You cannot go where He is not. He is with you wherever you are. His love is ever ready to guide your way, to protect you, to fulfill your every need. His love makes your life peaceful and harmonious. Live ever with this consciousness, and your life will be complete.

"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory." -- I Cor. 15:57.

Open Enrollment

NEW YORK-Saying that it would substantially increase enrollment among Black and Puerto Rican students, the American Jewish Congress last week urged broad support for the New York board of education's open-enrollment plan

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Oh, when the saints go marchin' in, I sure will miss my dear old daddy..."

RELIGION and RACE

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

BLACK ARCHBISHOP

LUSAKA-The second Black African to be named archbishop in Zambia is the 39-year-old Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Milingo, who has taken over from retiring Msgr. Adam Kozlowiecki. Ordained a priest on Aug. 31, 1958, he is well known as the founder of the flourishing "Zambia Helpers' society," a voluntary group catering to the medical needs of people occupying the shantytown areas around the nation's capital.

MERGER INSUFFICIENT

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.-Five black and 15 white members of the United Methodist women's society-guild for the southeastern jurisdiction concluded, at the end of a three-day session recently that merger of Black and white conferences within the past year has not ended the problem of racism within the denomination. Lauding the fact that eight of the 16 white conferences in the past year have been integrated, the women nonetheless pointed out "merger techniques cannot be used in isolation, without knowing the problems."

RESEARCH DIRECTOR

CHICAGO-A Howard University graduate, James B. Morris, 25, has been named director of research for project Equality, the nationwide religious program backing equal employment opportunities. Morris, who is an engineer and management consultant, will be responsible for compiling the P E Buyers' guide of equal opportunity employers, and for determining progress of the program on the national level.

"REPARATIONS" DEFENSE

BALTIMORE-The Catholic church, in defending its objections to paying "Reparations" proposed by James Forman, disclosed last week that one of its agencies, the Commission for the Colored People and the Indians, has spent more than \$30 million on programs in the Black community since its founding in 1887. The first year's amount was \$39,400, some \$5,600 more than in 1901, which registered the lowest annual expenditure. Last year, the annual figure was the largest in the group's history, \$1,646,000.

AFRICAN BISHOPS

KAMPALA-The three-day visit of Pope Paul VI to Uganda's capital this week, which began Thursday, will have another historic purpose besides the consecration of a shrine of 22 19th-century martyrs of Uganda. The Pope will also consecrate 12 bishops for African dioceses, namely Bishops Barnabas Halam, "Imana of Kabale;" John Kakubi, Mbarara; Edward Bahagarate, Hoima, Serapic Magambo, Fort Portal, all of Uganda; Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, Lusaka, Zambia; Raphael Ndigi, Machakos, and Emil Nieru, Eldoret, both in Kenya; Antony Saliu Sanusi, Ljeboude and William Mahony, Iorin, both in Nigerian -Constantin Guirma, Kava, Upper Volta; and Jean Pasquier, Garoua, Cameroons.

which goes into effect in Sept., 1970, but asked about \$50-\$75 million in public funds to help finance the program. Under the program, City University would be open to "every graduating high school student in the city," remedial and supportive services provided to prevent failure among poorly-prepared students.

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"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding..."

Attend church and hear God's leaders expound on His word.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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