

"Let no man despise thy youth,
but be thou an example . . ."

—I Timothy 4:12

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIALS

How

A Dear

Becomes

A Bear

Sounds like an impossibility, doesn't it? Biologically and literally, I guess that such a change is not probable. But figuratively and spiritually, the change is quite simple and common.

You have heard people say, "He is a bear," and again, "He is a dear." Yes, that may be said of the same person at different times. After all, all that is necessary to make a "bear" out of some people is to cross the "D" (standing for devil) in the "Dear." Do you know what I mean?

In literal terms the idea may be stated thus: Carnal Christians who are generally sweet may manifest an evil spirit when someone offends them.

The experience of heart purity takes "the devil" out of the dear so that the dear will not become a bear any more.

If you have been looking for a solution for evil temper, why not ask God to cleanse your heart of carnality? There is freedom for you:

"Freedom from pride and all sinful follies;
Freedom from love and glitter of gold;
Freedom from evil temper and anger—
Glorious freedom, rapture untold!"

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. President

Probably "Happy" Bagley was never more happy than the day when Barbara arrived. We can't blame him nor the mother. Congratulations to both.

Hurrah for Killams

The newly-organized Killams Mills Society has attained a membership of forty-nine in a month. I say, "Hurrah!" Let's give them a cheer.

C. E. S.

KILLAMS MILLS ORGANIZES

Greetings in the Name of our Lord for 1954.

The Killams Mills Young People's Society was organized on January 29th, 1954, with a good attendance, and has been increasing, despite poor roads and weather conditions.

The following officers were appointed:

President—Mrs. John Alward

Vice-President—Curtis Steeves

Secretary—Ruth Steeves

Treasurer—Reta Killam

Highway Reporter—Ruth Branscombe

Our meetings, held each Friday evening, open with a hymn, scripture reading, and prayer. The programmes are varied, including: Bible study, search for verses on given words or subjects, poems, specials in song choruses, hymns and a brief message by the president or some other speaker.

Membership has reached 49—more than half ranging from school age to early teens. Everyone takes part enthusiastically, especially the younger ones.

We pray that our group will continue to grow and be a blessing in this community.

Ruth Branscombe, Reporter

What... Do You Value Most?

M. W. Bagley*

Professed Christians who dabble in worldly amusements do so at the expense of a deep spiritual life. The Christian who is all out for his Lord finds no time for such amusements.

Several good books such as the "Robe" and similar ones have been reproduced by Hollywood as motion pictures. Many young people are heard to ask this question: "What is wrong with going to the movies?"

In endeavouring to answer this question allow me to ask one. If we were at war with a neighbouring country, would we be loyal and faithful citizens if we were to send money and weapons to the enemy country? Certainly not. Neither can we be loyal to the cause of Jesus Christ if we give of our money and time to the support of the enemy of our souls. The Devil has a cesspool of adulterers and adultresses in Hollywood. Is it possible for a Christian to give his money to sinful men and women, and thus enable them to sin more grossly?

The answer comes back, "Yes, but the theme of the story is good." I wholeheartedly agree that the themes of some stories are good. However, when a woman who has had several husbands and is already in the process of getting another plays the part of the Virgin Mary is there any greater hypocrisy in this wicked world?

I recall an incident which happened while I was attending high school. The teacher recommended that the whole class attend a certain motion picture in the theatre. I went towards the theatre that particular night, but as I approached I looked around to see if anyone was watching me. That act brought me to my senses, and as I turned and walked away the verse of scripture came to my mind, "Abstain from the very appearance of evil."

A short time ago I read these words in a daily newspaper: "Old-time religious disapproval of ballroom dancing and card-playing isn't what it used to be, in many churches today." That is very true, but there is another very important matter which the newspaper did not mention. These very same churches have lost the "glow"; they no longer feed the souls of men on the bread of life. We can see from the mistakes of others that worldliness weakens the Christian's life and destroys his usefulness.

Young people, what do you value most: A life that is hid with Christ in God, or the pleasures of sin for a season?

A proper sense of value will assist us in living the Christian life.

* Denominational Y. P. President.

DOCTORS SHOULD KNOW

CHICAGO (AP)—Publication of the America Medical Association will drop all liquor and tobacco advertisement effective Jan. 1, 1954.

An official of the A.M.A. confirmed Sunday night that letters dated Oct. 31 had been sent to all advertisers and advertising agencies notifying them of the new policy.

The letter said cigaret, tobacco and alcoholic beverage ads were dropped because they are disapproved by "a large number of physicians."

The A.M.A. official declined to estimate the revenue loss which will result.

"YE ARE THE SALT"

Martin W. Cox

Yes, Jesus says it.

What did He mean?

He's talking to us—you and me. We are Christians. We profess His name. We have yielded to Him. We have been forgiven. He has saved us. We are born again. So He speaks to us His followers.

He tells us what we are. "Ye are the salt." Not "will be" or "ought to be" or "could be," but "are." Christians are salt.

And salt—that preserves. It has an influence. It permeates. It goes to work. It seasons, purifies, helps.

But it is no good in a sack, in storage. It is not made just to be stock-piled.

It is to be used. We are to be sprinkled, distributed, shaken out to bless the world.

But it must not lose its savour—its distinctiveness. The Christian must not lose his Christianity, his distinctive power. He is to keep close to Christ.

Otherwise he's no good; useless; powerless—"good for nothing."

Jesus says it. It's for us—you and me. Our influence counts. With the power of Christ upon us we are ready to be used in our world for His glory!

TESTING AMUSEMENTS

1. Do they rest and strengthen, or weary and weaken the body or brain?
2. Do they make resistance to temptation easier or harder?
3. Do they increase or lessen love for virtue, temperance, and justice?
4. Do they give inspiration and quicken enthusiasm, or stupify the intellect and harden the moral nature?
5. Do they draw one nearer to or remove one farther from Christ?

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You're Cornered

In this issue we have cornered Rev. B. C. Cochrane, our Superintendent. It would seem more logical for him to be cornering some of us.

We have cornered him, however, to express our appreciation of him. We appreciate the contribution which he has made to the work of the denomination as a whole, and, quite naturally, we appreciate his contribution to the young people's work. He was one of the advocates for organizing the young people's work on the present plan. He has taken keen interest and given wise counsel in youth camp work; he has had vision and concern for Bethany Bible College. None the less important has been his personal interest in individual young people, the lay young people, as well as those in full-time service. He has been an older person who has understood young people. He has shared the problems of many young student preachers and young pastors. He has been a Paul to many Timothys. We have appreciated a leader who has been a friend.