

THE SOWER

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INTELLIGENT BEING—OR MOTH?

Whichever you are can be determined if you read the following by Dr. Bailey:

"If a good universe gave us our equipment of instincts and then proceeded to show their inadequacy, it was logically obligated to provide some remedy. That remedy it did provide. In general we call it Intelligence or Mind—the conscious part of us that judges whether an instinctive act has been blocked or has failed to secure the good at which it was aimed, and then suggests another way. Without this intelligence and its special tools, Memory, we might destroy ourselves without knowing it or might repeat indefinitely a damaging act.

A moth gets singed in the flame, but having no intelligence or memory flies at the attracting object again and again, until its fool life is extinguished. A burned child perceives that it has been burned, and though it dreads the fire it tries another method of getting satisfaction out of it; until after some years it makes fire its servant. Only by virtue of intelligence can we profit by experience.

Instincts, Memory, and Control! These endowments distinguish us from the lower animal world only by having added to them Conscience, — that something that judges Instinct — Intelligence plus pressure applied to acts or impulses that have a better-or-worse aspect, impulses that are capable of doing damage to our standards of integrity, or threatening our spiritual integration and our growth. It is a sort of advisory traffic signal which says when we come to a fork in the road: 'The left road will not take you where you really want to go. Better take the right.'

We are now ready for a practical definition of two religious terms, Sin and Salvation — interpreted from a psychological viewpoint. Sin may now be defined as the failure to transform an instinct — the state in which we are content with the direct, unmodified release of our biologic urges regardless of how that release affects our whole personality, present and future, or the personalities of others. Selfishness and sin are failures to transform because of disregard for an ultimate good.

Salvation may be defined as that state in which instincts are transformed. Since that transformation is in the direction of fuller personality and greater survival value for our-

selves and for others, we see that to be saved we must be socialized; that is, we must always exercise our instincts in view of another's good, never exclusively in view of our own need. It will be discovered, then, that salvation cannot be an instantaneous process nor one that is completed short of eternity.

For as we ourselves progress from selfish individuals to socialized beings — as life reveals to us wider and wider reaches of experience, more numerous contacts with persons, more relationships to be established on a high level, we realize that salvation is a never-ending process. It cannot be completed until our wills have become habituated to a socialized reaction in all possible adjustments to all possible persons including the Infinite. However, when the general set of our total will is in that direction, we may be said to be saved."

These definitions of Sin and Salvation should be committed to memory. An intelligent man, like Paul, continually "presses on" to better things through the directions of experience and conscience. The "Moth" is the person who never learns anything, either by experience or conscience, who shuts himself or herself away from the Church, religious activities and spiritual growth, and stays on a dead level of selfish self-seeking and crude animality, and comes eventually to the destroying fire of their own folly and stupidity.

Emerson said that "the greatest enterprise in the world, for splendor, for extent, is the upbuilding of a man." It is necessary for all of us, young and old, to idealize something, to have a goal far beyond our reach, and, as Stevenson said, "to keep traveling hopefully toward it."

Hitch your wagon to that great Star, the Church, and you will someday find yourself in the company of the Aristocracy of the Universe, the cream of Mankind, the Archangels of the Living God, standing in the eternal, effulgent light of the Throne of the Everlasting Creator, ever to behold the glory and the beauty of His endless day.

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church School 10 A. M., Preaching 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th, the Adult Bible Class met in the Church Parlor with the following members present: Mr. and Mrs. Eli Steir, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steir, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. James Blake, Miss Millie O'Brien, Mrs. John Morgan, Mrs. Mae Jenkins, Mrs. Mary Marshall, and Mr. A. C. Winslow.

A special request is being sent to the membership of the Church to help us in our campaign to increase the at-

endance at the mid-week Bible study class on Wednesday evening.

Every professing Christian should never let a week go by without spending at least an hour in the study of the Bible — a half hour at Sunday School and another half hour at the Wednesday evening class. To omit that privilege from one's weekly program is to trifle with one's soul's salvation. No man or woman can be the kind of Christian he or she ought to be without a systematic study of that great literature which has been the inspiration of all great men and women since the beginning of the Christian religion. The mid-week Bible class last for a half an hour, from 7:30 to 8:00. Come and bring your bible and get a blessing.

MOTOR FEDERATION WANTS CAR LICENSES DUE DATE ON APRIL 1

Harrisburg.—The Pennsylvania Motor Federation has announced it would back legislation to change the date for new automobile license plates from January 1 to April 1.

John A. Rupp, president of the Federation said bills will be introduced this week along with a companion measure to make the renewable date for operators' licenses February 1st, instead of March 1st.

The present system of renewing the Pennsylvania Motor Licenses on January 1st, has the indirect effect of driving thousands of automobiles from the roads during the early months of the year, Rupp said.

"These cars are put in garages when the old licenses expire and are not registered until March or April. The average motorist with a small income needs his money to pay year-end, Christmas and other holiday bills. He expects winter weather to curtail his driving and prefers to spend his limited funds for purposes other than renewing his registration.

"The final result is that the motorist loses the use of his car for several months, the state loses a large amount of potential gasoline tax revenue and business loses trade."

The Federation's suggestion for the transition would be for 1939 plates to be extended to March 1st and start renewing automobile licenses during that month with April 1 as the deadline.

Do You Know?

The number of persons living on farms in this country is approximately the same as in 1910, even though the population as a whole has increased 33 per cent. The farm population, which is about one-fourth of the total population, accounts for one third of the births and one half of the excess of births over deaths each year.

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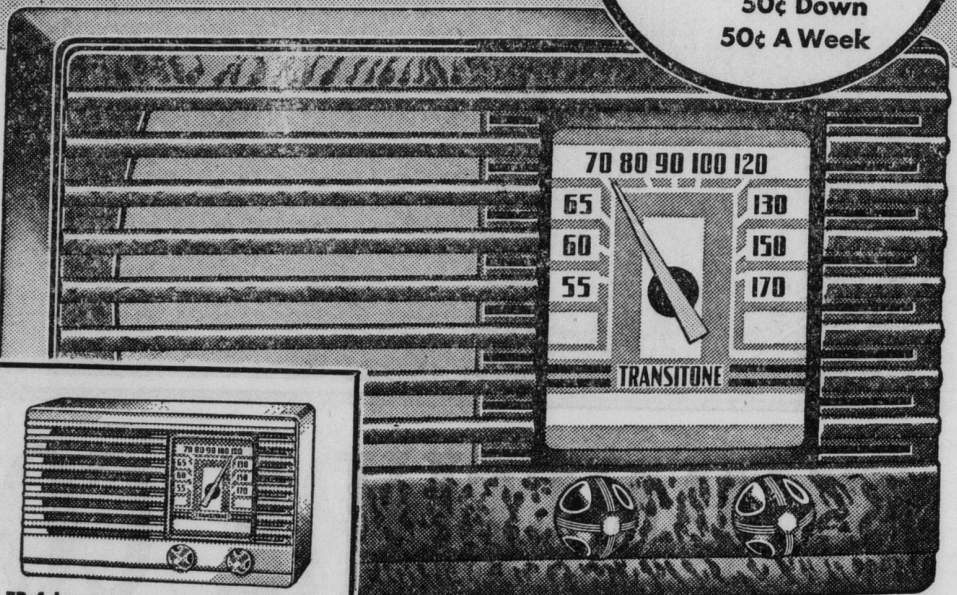
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SUDDEN OR VIOLENT DEATHS CLAIM TOTAL OF 400 IN CO. IN 1938

A total of four hundred persons in Cambria county met death in a sudden or violent manner in 1938—a decrease of 176 from the previous year, according to statistics compiled by Coroner Patrick McDermott and his deputy, John A. Conwey.

Of the 1938 total, 12 deaths were classified as violent or accidental. The remaining were attributed to other causes.

As has been the case in past years automobile fatalities headed the list classified as violent or accidents involving cars. While this figure is the lowest in some years it still headed the list of deaths that occurred from accidents or violence. The automobile fatality toll in 1937 was 55.

With 27 recorded, mine fatalities ranked second in the 1938 list of accidental deaths, according to the coroner's report. However this was a decrease from 1937 when 31 persons met their deaths in mine mishaps.

Showing that fatal accidents occur in the home just the same as any place else, 16 deaths were charged off to falls in homes and six to falls from buildings, trucks and other things outside buildings. The totals for the preceding year were 12 and 7 respectively.

There were no murders in Cambria county in 1938 as compared to five in 1937 and a similar number in 1936.

A sharp increase in suicides over the preceding year was noted in the county. In 1938 a total of 30 persons took their own lives in comparison to 18 the preceding year.

One person suffocated to death last year, while eight others were burned fatally. The coroner's report showed 12 other accidental deaths, including one who was injured fatally in the steel industry.

Alcoholism claimed three persons, while a total of 260 persons died suddenly of natural causes. These cases were also investigated by the Coroner or his assistant.

DEADLINE FOR CAR INSPECTION FALLS LAST DAY OF MONTH

It's one thing after another for motorists.

On January 15th owners were compelled to put their car in storage unless they had 1938 license plates. And if they do have them they'll still be denied use of the highways if they fail to get an inspection sticker on their car by January 31st.

Then drivers must renew their operators' cards on or before February 28th if they want to continue operating an automobile.

CAMBRIA FARMERS WIN POTATO EXHIBIT PRIZES

Cambria County Potato Growers were numbered among the victors in the competition at the annual state farm show at Harrisburg last week.

Among the growers who obtained awards were the following: District 3—Rural White Skin, G. H. Dumm, Ebensburg, R. D., first; Catherine Smith-bower, Loretto, second; A. W. Smith-bower, Loretto, fourth; E. Paul Hoover,

er, Patton, fifth; russets, G. H. Dumm, first; Donald Dumm, Bradley Junction, second, Clair J. Dumm, Bradley Junction, third, and Robert Dumm, of Ebensburg, fourth.

Sweetstakes—Rurals, G. H. Dumm, first; russets; G. H. Dumm, second; certified seed potatoes, rural white skin, Leo Hoover, Patton R. D., Pa., second; V. A. Holtz, Hastings, second; state wide class, commercial pack, with minimum of 60 pounds, russets, Vincent A. Holtz, Hastings, fifth.

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