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Watergate has made it fashionable to talk about morality in government during the past six months. In fact, since Watergate, some talk as if morality in government and politics is a new topic never before raised as a public issue in this country.

There was a poll released recently that showed parents to be very reluctant to have their children get involved in politics. Those results were said to be an outgrowth of the Watergate publicity. But political morality is not a new issue. It's something that has been with us for many years.

Perhaps a personal illustration will help to put the subject into its proper perspective. During the twelve years I served in the State

Legislature - which was 6 to 18 years prior to any mention of Watergate - I visited our high schools talking to about 100 senior government classes. In everyone of those classes I asked the same question - "How many of you think politics is dirty"? In everyone of those classes at least two-thirds of the students raised their hands to indicate that they thought politics was a dirty business.

That would launch me into a "sermonette" to the effect that they weren't born with that attitude. Obviously, these students had acquired their opinion from adults - parents, teachers and others - meaning that society, in general, regarded politics and politicians as morally suspicious.

Then, I would try to distinguish between the statements "politics

is dirty" and "there are dirty politicians." There is no doubt that both major parties have had dirty politicians, and I would concede to the students that maybe even the percentage of corrupt people is higher in politics than in other professions because politicians are subjected to greater temptations.

But, the fact remains that it is not politics alone that has people go bad. There are "foul balls" in every job and profession in this country. And the significant thing is that we don't condemn everyone else in those jobs and professions when one of their number goes astray.

When a banker turns "sour", the public doesn't lose faith in its whole banking system --nor should it. If a doctor somewhere is sued for malpractice, people don't immediately lose faith in their own family doctor -- nor should they.

The same kind of treatment should be accorded to those in government and politics. Just because some turn "sour" does not mean that the whole democratic system should be condemned. Condemn those who have dishonored a public trust, but don't lose faith in our governmental process.

It is important for all of us to distinguish the difference between saying all of politics is dirty and admitting there are some dirty politicians. There have been

and will be politicians turn bad in both parties. But, public confidence in the democratic process must not be undermined. No

matter how dirty the politician, it is that individual and not the system that's at fault. Politics is not dirty.

Non-Public Transportation Cost For Donegal 50% Above Budget

Cost of transporting non-public school boys and girls will be \$11,353.02, it was revealed Thursday night, Sept. 20, at the monthly meeting of the School Board, held at D.H.S. library.

The district had budgeted \$5,000 for the 1973-'74 year. That action was mandated by the Commonwealth when a new law gave non-public school transportation responsibility to the public schools.

Donegal has a Holy Trinity bus operating from Marietta area for

approximately 20 pupils; a 'shared' bus with Manheim Central district for 12 pupils to St. Peters in Elizabethtown; a bus to Lancaster County Day School for five pupils, and Kraybills school pupils are riding on Kraybill buses, some on a shared basis with other districts.

Donegal has not tried to tie these bus routes with other local routes to avoid conflicts and problems of special dismissals and different school day problems.

Lay Witness Mission To Be Held Sept. 28-30 At Florin

Approximately a dozen visiting lay witnesses from across the state will lead the Florin Church of the Brethren in its first Lay Witness Mission this weekend, Sept. 28-30.

Beginning with a congregational carry-in covered-dish supper on Friday, at 6:30 p.m., the Lay Witness Mission will have a general session at 7:30 p.m. followed by small group discussions. Baby-sitting service will be available for both the Friday evening and Saturday evening sessions.

On Saturday morning (Sept. 29) at 10 o'clock the visiting witnesses will lead coffee groups of men and women, as well as youth, in various homes of the congregation. At noon there will be a special men's luncheon at the Mount Joy restaurant, and a women's luncheon at the Magic Chef Restaurant. On Saturday evening following a dinner for the visiting lay witnesses and local Mission chairpersons and their families, there will be the second general session, at 7:30 o'clock succeeded by small groups again.

Sunday morning, the visiting lay witness will lead the individual Sunday School classes, and bringing the messages during the morning Worship beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

Mission will conclude with an all-congregation fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall at noon. This meal will take the place of the meal and the afternoon service traditionally held on Worldwide Communion Sunday.

An evaluation sharing will close the Lay Witness Mission weekend activities.

James E. Greenham, an educator from Ellwood City, Pa., and trained by the Institute of Church Renewal, will be the visiting Missions' Coordinator. Henry Becker, Jr., Florin Church lay moderator, is the local chairman planning and preparing for the Lay Witness Mission.

The public is invited to all general sessions as well as the morning worship of the Florin Church of the Brethren, located at 815 Bruce Avenue.



BIRTHS

Jeffrey and Patricia (Witmer) Ober, Mount Joy R2, a daughter, Monday, Sept. 24, at General Hospital.

J. Neal and Beverly (Neideigh) Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, a son, Saturday, Sept. 22, at General hospital.

William and Martha (Ratcliff) Arndt, 509 Martin ave., a son, Sunday, Sept. 23, at General hospital.

James and Audrey (Watts) Embly, 17 W. Elizabeth street, Maytown, a daughter, Thursday, Sept. 6, at St. Joseph's hospital.

Roy and Judith (Buchenauer) Arnold, 230 Arnold St., Maytown, a son, Wednesday, Sept. 5, at St. Joseph's hospital.

John W. and Carolyn (Sweigart) Thome, Mount Joy R2, a son, Monday, Sept. 17, at Osteopathic hospital.

Barry and Linda (Knight) Reheard, Mount Joy R1, a son, Monday, Sept. 17, at home.

Orrin and Valerie (Newcomer) Thompson, Marietta, Minn., a son, Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Madison, Minn. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Newcomer, Mount Joy R1.

Jay and Francis (Nolt) Stauffer, Mount Joy R2, a son, Tuesday, Sept. 18, at General hospital.

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