

Census Work Is Almost Finished In Co. Mrs. Juanita Echols Reveals To Pilot

The 1950 Decennial census count of residents of Curry Co. is rapidly nearing completion, Mrs. Juanita Echols, enumerator, told the Pilot, Monday, and lists will soon be ready for forwarding to headquarters for a final tabulation.

"I would like to thank local

organizations and public officials who have assisted in making this count a success, with their ready co-operation. I would also like to thank each and every person whom the enumerators have contacted for their courtesy and kindness, which has made a difficult job more pleasant.

WHAT IS A "SOUL-SLEEPER?"

Seventh-Day Adventists are sometimes called "soul-sleepers" because they believe that the Bible means what it says when it states "the living know that they will die; but the dead KNOW NOT ANYTHING" (Eccl. 9:5). But we don't object to that term because it places us in good company. In the Bible, death is called a sleep 54 times and Jesus Himself calls death a sleep in John 11:11-14.

There are some who believe that the soul is immortal and cannot die. The Bible mentions the word "soul" 1700 times but never once speaks of it as being immortal. In fact, the Scriptures tell us that only God has immortality (1 Tim. 6:15-16) and 1 Cor. 15:51-54 show us that immortality is God's gift to the righteous at the resurrection which takes place at the second coming of Christ. Can the soul die? "The soul that sinneth it shall die." (Eze. 18:4).

Paul speaks of those which "sleep in Jesus" in 1 Thes. 4:13-17 and goes on to say: "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

This shows that the dead in Christ do not go to heaven when they die but remain asleep in their graves until the resurrection. 1 Cor. 15:16-18 shows us that without the resurrection, the good people who have died are perished. This could not be true if they went to heaven when they died. In fact, if they went to heaven when they died, what would be the use of a resurrection which might take place hundreds of thousands of years later?

There could be no reason for Christ to come back to the earth the second time to gather His saints (John 15:1-3) if they had already gone to heaven at death. If the wicked go to hell-fire at death and the righteous to heaven at death as some teach, there is no use of a final judgment day at the end of time or for Christ to come to reward every man according to his works. (Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12)

This idea of the righteous going to heaven at death and the wicked going to hell-fire at death destroys the Bible teachings of the resurrection, the coming of Christ, and the judgment at the

last day, and certainly, the Bible does not contradict its own teachings. In fact it plainly states that "All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." (Eccl. 3:20). And that place is the grave. (Job 30:23-24) Eight times the Bible speaks of the SOUL itself as going into the grave: Acts 2:31; Joh 33:18, 22, 28, 30; Ps. 30:3, 89:48; Isa. 38:17.

Notice how Job tells us where the dead are: "But man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the water fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up; so man lieth down and riseth not; till the HEAVENS BE NO MORE, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their SLEEP. O that thou wouldst hide me in the GRAVE that thou wouldst keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time WILL I WAIT, TILL MY CHANGE COME. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands." (Job 14:10-15).

"If I wait, the GRAVE is mine house; I have made my bed in the darkness." (Job 17:13). The time when Job expected to be awakened from his sleep in the grave—when the heavens will be no more—is at the time when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven to gather his saints. (Rev. 6:14-17; Matt. 24:30-31).

If one man has an immoral soul, all men must have the same. Therefore, if the dead in Christ were to go to heaven at death, that would mean that the man who dies without Christ must be somewhere burning in the fiery tortures of hell today. Even before the day of judgment. But we can be thankful that is not the Bible picture. The dead "know not anything," their thoughts have perished (Eccl. 9:5-10; Ps. 146:3-4). They are ASLEEP in their graves and to the dead in Christ it will seem but a moment until they look up into the face of the Jesus they love who has come back to this earth the second time to gather His own. Then families will be re-united and all will go to heaven together. If our loved ones were now in heaven they could not be happy there looking down at the earth and seeing our tragedies and unhappiness. God's way is surely the best way.

We're sure this brief presentation does not answer all your questions concerning the state of the dead, so drop us a card today and we'll gladly send you free of charge the pamphlet entitled "The Mystery of Life."

"This friendliness on the part of all the citizens has been outstanding and is really appreciated by the enumerators and myself," she told the Pilot.

"It is important that every person be counted. If anyone has been missed, please notify me (or fill out the form elsewhere in this paper) and immediate arrangements will be made to get the necessary information.

"Information about the total count for any area must be obtained from the district or national office since all of the information obtained is confidential," she concluded.

For convenience of those who may, by being boarders, itinerant workers, or other reason, a convenient form has been put in the paper to help complete a job which will soon be done. The form is self-explanatory.

Commander Scott "Boosts" Festival On Radio Program

Brookings-Harbor Azalea Festival, one of the first Oregon Coast events, especially of floral nature, was subject of Commander Scott's radio program last Sunday over CBS stations.

"Romance of the Highways," the Greyhound program, which Commander Scott has built up to millions of listeners each Sunday, is a masterpiece of description, and enjoyed by all.

Also included on the same program was the Rhododendron Festival at Florence on the same dates, and of the Garden Club show at Portland, Friday to Sunday of this week.

LOCAL NEWS

Business visitor to this area this week was Robert D. Fisher, architect from Grants Pass who met with the building committee of the Seventh-Day Adventists Monday afternoon.

Much of the framework for Conner Kessler's new home, on the lots opposite the Goldsberry

home, is up. Work is being done by the Kesslers.

Mrs. Goldie Smith, Brookings post master, left last week for a six-weeks vacation. She went first to Salem, then to Portland and Seattle. She will leave Friday, May 19, by plane for Las

Vegas, New Mexico.

John Hogan left Monday for a 10-day or two weeks selling trip to the Coquille and Coos Bay area, for Battleship roofing company. He told the Pilot he had been having gratifying results in the local area.

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