

# Good Families Far Outweigh Bad Families, Sociologists Discover

Gilman, N. H.—U.P.—Successful families are those that flock together with birds of the same feather.

And, despite wars, depressions, juvenile delinquency and increasing urban life, good families far outweigh bad families in America today.

These findings come from a Harvard Protestant scientist and a Jesuit priest who collaborated in a survey of 6,000 representative families.

"Good families in America are like the adage 'birds of a feather flock together' in their reciprocal relationships to protect the best of family life," said Father Lucius F. Cervantes, S. J., of Denver, Colo.

And in another way, Dr. Carl C. Zimmerman, professor of sociology at Harvard, said "People who are trying to do the right thing family-wise and are afraid of trouble for their children try to flock with people who are better."

The priest and the scientist gave their findings to the United

Press here where Dr. Zimmerman resides. They are working on the final draft of their latest book on family life which is expected to be published early next year. They co-authored an earlier volume, "Marriage In The Family." Their present study is being financed by the Ford Foundation.

The study involved six large cities, Boston, New Orleans, St. Louis, Omaha, Denver and Los Angeles, and two small cities, Morgantown, W. Va., and Stillwater, Okla.

They found that families try to make a "cocoon" of social relations about their children. They have certain few selected family friends who are permitted to visit their homes over a period of years. These family friends are very much alike, not only in ideals and ambitions but also with similar backgrounds.

The two sociologists measured backgrounds by religion, kindred or intermarriage, region of origin and wealth or income. The more the families had similar

backgrounds, the more successful they were in keeping their children out of trouble.

In Boston, they found that high school seniors graduating in

1955 who had friends with whom they had nothing in common had a juvenile arrest rate 13 times higher than those from families who had friends with whom they

had the aforementioned measurements in common.

**Extreme Families**  
Their study showed that the extreme income families have

the most difficulty rearing children and have a higher proportion of juvenile arrests. Not only the poor families with less than \$2,000 per year but also the well-

to-do families with incomes of more than \$10,000.

Dr. Zimmerman said "Religious leaders have always stressed the value of intermarriage of persons with the same faith but it is astonishing the large number who marry into other faiths."

"Our studies show that those who cross-marry have the most trouble," he said. "It arises because they have not agreed wholeheartedly to accept one or the other's faith and continue to hold their religious differences before their children."

## Mystery of Life on Mars May Never Be Answered

By F. VAN SCHOIACK BENTLEY

"Is there really life on Mars?" students often inquire. This question is almost as old as the study of astronomy.

Well, what about it? Nobody knows. Mars has seasons about twice as long as ours; some water, but much less than we have; a type of vegetation and an atmosphere much "thinner" than the air surrounding the earth. Life as we know it could exist, but by our standards it would be a rugged type of living. However, astronomers are hoping to obtain much important data on this "sixty-four dollar question" during 1958. There is even a possibility of settling the matter. **Close Approach Due**

On Sept. 7, 1958, Mars will

be approximately 35,000,000 miles away from the earth. Astronomically speaking, this is practically in our back yard, and is the red planet's closest approach to us since 1924. On Sept. 10, the sun, earth, and Mars will be in a straight line with the earth in the center placing Mars in a very favorable "opposition" for scrutiny. These favorable positions occur about every 17 years.

Because the orbit or path followed by Mars is not a true circle, but slightly elliptical or elongated, the red planet's distance from the earth varies from 35,000,000 to 235,000,000 miles and its brightness changes accordingly. This fall a combination of events gives to earth-dwellers an unusual opportunity for the study of our neighboring planet; Mars reaches its point of nearest approach just three days before it reaches the position astronomers call opposition.

**May Not Be Answered**

New and improved techniques for observation coupled with the use of new instruments may supply answers to some of our age-old questions concerning the "god of war." The canal controversy may even be settled!

This argument was started nearly 80 years ago by an astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, who said that he saw lines running across the surface of Mars. Schiaparelli called these lines, canals, which is the Italian word for channels, and from this the "canals" on Mars originated.

Professional astronomers do not agree on the existence of these "canals." Some claim to have seen them and others firmly deny their existence. No camera has ever photographed the "canals."

**Seek More Knowledge**

Astronomers, the world over, have for months been using cameras, telescopes, spectroscopes, and other instruments in a special effort to learn more of our celestial neighbor while it is so favorably placed for observation. Anyone who has the privilege of viewing this planet through a large telescope is fortunate. The use of binoculars makes it possible to see the planet's disk.

The diameter of Mars is about one-half the diameter of the earth and approximately twice the diameter of our moon. A day on the red planet is about 37 minutes longer than our day, but due to the fact that Mars is farther from the sun than we are, a year consists of 687 days. Mars has two tiny moons, named Phobos and Deimos in honor of the two sons of the god of war, that are among the smallest of the known heavenly bodies.

**Given Name**

This celestial body has always attracted attention and 2,440 years before the birth of Christ was named the "Red Planet" by the Chinese. The Hebrews called it the "Burning One." Ancient Romans named it "Mars" after their god of war because its red or ruddy color suggested blood.

Mars is now visible in the southeast where it rises about one and one-half hours after sunset. There are no bright stars in that part of the heavens and the red brilliance of the non-twinkling "star" dominates the southeastern sky. It will continue to brighten rapidly as it draws nearer to the earth.

After Sept. 7, its brightness begins to fade gradually, but not perceptibly so, until the month of November. By the last of December, it will be much dimmer, rise directly overhead at sunset and set about midnight.

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## Three Log Trucks Involved in Two Collisions Friday

Three logging trucks were involved in two separate collisions reported by state police Friday.

At 12:57 p.m. the state police said log trucks driven by Clyde Norman Caton and Elwell Hakes, both of Ashland, collided on Highway 99 at the intersection of Valley View rd. Damage was done to both trucks, but the drivers were uninjured.

Caton was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

At 1:30 p.m. the same day, a log truck driven by Samuel Dean Evensizer, 30, route 1, box 152-A, Rogue River, struck the rear of a car driven by Molly Waldorf Galliff, 77, of Eureka, Calif., police reported.

The accident occurred north of the Rogue Riviera lodge on Highway 99. State police said the Galliff sedan had slowed to a near stop when Evensizer's truck rounded the corner. He put on his brakes, skidding almost to a stop, but struck the rear bumper of the car with the truck's right fuel tank, the report said. Evensizer was cited for following too close.

## YMCA Theft Solved; Admitted by Boys

Theft of two wrist watches and \$1.13 in cash from YMCA men's lockers Aug. 20 was solved Friday with the arrest of four juvenile boys, according to city police.

Three of the boys were 13 and the other 14 years of age. They admitted in written statements that they stole the money and watches, total value about \$26, from the men's lockers of the YMCA.

The boys were released to their parents and ordered to appear in juvenile court.

The original complaint of the theft was made by Walter Eston Humphrey, route 2, box 417, Medford, on Aug. 20. He reported the items were taken between 3 and 5 p.m. that day.

## Driver Dozes Off; Car Leaves Highway

A one-car accident at 1 a.m. Saturday morning caused minor damages to the car when the driver dozed off while traveling along Highway 99, state police reported.

John R. Alexandro, 22, Grants Pass, was the driver. Officers said he was driving south on Highway 99 near Foots creek when he dozed off and the car went onto the shoulder. Alexandro attempted to get the vehicle back on the highway, but the rear end struck a concrete block at the entrance to a driveway at the C. J. Montak residence.

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