Lent Described as Steps of Devotion Leading to Empty Cross

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On the island of Iona whose white-sand shores are washed by blue billows of the Atlantic off the coast of Scotland, a visitor may discover among the red granite, rocky hills – on the hill called "Dun I" – a circle of unhewn stones half-hidden in the grass. This is the foundation of what was known as the "Hermit's Cell." To this hallowed place in the Middle Ages pilgrims from all over Europe journeyed to receive the counsel and blessing of the wise saint who lived here. If the visitor will look further, he will discern in the wildflower - dappled grass, three flat stepping stones about two yards apart. Apparently the pilgrims always kneeled on these stones and said their private devotions before coming into the presence of God's man.

Lent may be described as the steps of devotion and preparation that lead to the empty cross of Easter Day. We prepare for the great occasions in life, as for a wedding or going on a long journey. So we ought to prepare for Easter.

From earliest times the church has practiced "fasting," which is the original meaning of "Lent." As Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days, so his children are exhorted to do so. There has never been, however, any uniformity in the nature or length of the fast. In the Third Century, fasting was for 40 hours between the afternoon of Good Friday and the morning of Easter. At other times it was two weeks. Even when fasting was observed for seven weeks (the entire Lenten season), exceptions were made for Saturdays and Sundays (except Holy Saturday). Fasting has always been good for the soul even though fasting, in and by itself, need not necessarily be good.

However we observe the Lenten season, there is encouraged upon all Christians to set this time apart as a holy season. Throughout the nation, churches observe special services and choirs prepare appropriate Lenten music. As every man hurries along the sidewalks in pursuit of the ever fleeting deceptions of materialism, he too is bidden to stop and think of love's deepest pain and greatest triumph on the cross of Christ. "Is is nothing to you, oh ye who pass by . . ."

Joint Work on Moon Flight Urged

Washington – (UPI) – Space Agency Director T. Keith Glennan says he would like for the United States and Russia to work together on manned flight to the moon and other space projects.

Glennan, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said Sunday night the United States had made no such proposals to Russia but added, "I would like to see this happen."

He said he thought that "in the space business we have . . . perhaps a new mechanism for international cooperation which we ought to push just as hard as we can."

Carpenter's Union Head Found Guilty

Washington – (UPI) – Maurice A. Hutcheson, 62, president of the Carpenter's Union, Monday was found guilty of contempt of Congress by a federal court for balking at questions about possible misuse of union funds.

The chief of the 850,000-member union refused to answer 18 questions asked him in June, 1958, by the Senate Rackets Committee.

Federal Judge James W. Morris, who heard the case without a jury, found Hutcheson guilty on all counts after a week-long trial.

Washington–(UPI)–The American Public Power Association has endorsed President Eisenhower's budget request as a "minimum program" for the development of the Pacific northwest.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Margaret J.—I want to be to be an actress.

Mrs. L. J.—I doesn't lead to any good.

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Margaret J.—I am a 16-year-old girl who wants very much to become an actress. I've been in a lot of school plays and everyone thinks I'm very good.

My problem is that my mother is opposed to my ambition. The reason is that my aunt is an actress and mother doesn't approve of her. Personally I think my mother is a little jealous. My aunt is gorgeous and a marvelous person. I absolutely adore her, but Mother doesn't even want me to see her as much as I do.

My aunt has invited me to spend the week with her in New York and she promises to take me to every play and introduce me to all her friends, but Mother doesn't want to let me go.

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Mrs. L. J.—I'll make no bones about the fact that I definitely don't want Margaret to be an actress. In my opinion it leads to no good.

My sister was lucky enough to enjoy a little success, but she is not a happy woman. She has been married twice and couldn't make a go of it because her career interfered. She is now close to 40 and is bitterly unhappy because she never had a child and a normal woman's life.

I don't like the kind of life my sister leads or the kind of people she runs around with. I love her as a sister, but I don't want Margaret to grow up anything like her. Yet Margaret keeps making an idol out of her. I don't know how to convince her.

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The Council: Children and adolescents can't be talked out of hero worship. They need heroes and heroines as they grow up. Their parents are their first, but they must expand their horizons outside the limits of their immediate families in order to grow into individuals with an active relationship to their own generation.

Margaret may never become an actress, yet we think she has much to gain by having ambition and by knowing somebody who personifies some of her ambitions. Of course, Mrs. L. J. is right to point out that the aunt is not a happy woman, that her life may seem glamorous on the surface, but that heartache, loneliness and bitterness exist beneath the tinsel.

We also think Mrs. L. J. is prone to generalize her sister's experience. Although the theatrical world has its share of personal failures, these exist in other realms too. Many modest housewifes fail to achieve real satisfaction in their marriages and some actresses do manage to create a fine family life.

We are always in favor of tackling such problems from the positive rather than the negative point of view. If Margaret is keenly interested in acting she should learn as much as possible about it. She will soon find out about the drudgery and frustration involved in working toward a goal. She will also learn how few individuals with her ambition actually make the grade.

Eventually Margaret should arrive at a realistic appraisal of the situation. She may decide by herself that it's not the life for her. If, on the other hand, she is willing to work and ready to face the possibility of defeat, she should not be squelched. She will discover, as we all do, that there is also such a thing as compromise in life. Many happy homemakers do a little theater work on the side and some frustrated actresses wind up as excellent and fulfilled speech or dramatics teachers.

However, we don't think Mrs. L. J. should let Margaret visit her aunt for an extended period if she feels she will be exposed to wrong influences. She should be very firm on this point, but reasonable and sympathetic toward her ambitions.

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Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

George William Everitt, 18, Alhambra, Calif., reckless driving, $25 and 10 days; illegal possession of intoxicating beverages, $25 and 10 days.

Joe Edward Cook, 33, of 2844 Dark Hollow rd., driving with suspended driver's license, $25.

George Leo Fulcher, 333 West Second st., resisting peace officer, 30 days suspended.

George Leo Fulcher, 333 West Second st., disorderly conduct, 30 days suspended.

Arthur Winston Chipman, disregarding street barricades, $10 and costs.

Warren Clarence Rock, inadequate equipment, fine suspended.

Emerson Etharge McClearen, 307 Ashland ave., failure to leave information at the scene of an accident, $25 and costs; failure to leave information at the scene of an accident, $50 and costs.

Oregon City – (UPI) – Clackamas county has 47,417 registered voters including 24,522 Democrats and 22,449 Republicans.

Father Burned in Rescuing Young Son

Salem–(UPI)–A father received face burns Sunday in rescuing his son from their burning Northeast Silverton road home.

Melvin Case woke up early in the morning to find flames in his own bedroom. He ran through them to rescue his two-year-old son from another room. The boy was not hurt.

Case's wife died two years ago. The house was partially destroyed.

About 800 languages are spoken in the world today.

Future Business Leaders Pick Officers

Corvallis – (UPI) – Oregon's Future Business Leaders of America have named Larry Baker, Burns, as president, Jeane Marsh, Oregon City, was picked vice president; Wally Donahue, Bend, secretary, and Cindy Reynolds, Albany, treasurer.

PLEDGES WOMAN'S DORM

Cambridge, Mass. –(UPI)– The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has received a pledge of $1,500,000 to provide MIT with a woman's dormitory. The donor expressed a desire to remain anonymous.

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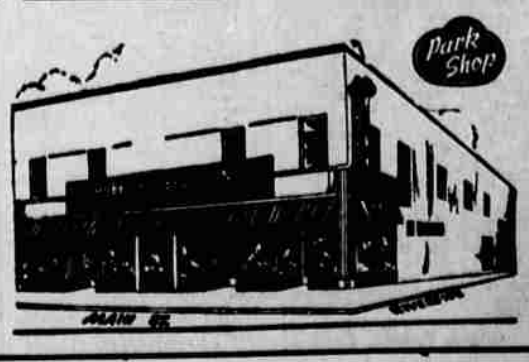
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