



**IN SEATTLE**—These Boy Scouts from Medford are among 400 from throughout the country serving as color bearers, guides, and aids to elderly or handicapped at the Seattle World's Fair. Shown before leaving are (back row left to right) Mike Burrell, Paul Brainerd, Jim Savard, David Doty and H. A. Mauck; front row, left to right, Bruce Cunningham, Philip Hollen, Larry Wright and Mike Ford. Not shown in the picture are Ted Mauck and Carl George who also are in Seattle. (Brainerd Photo)

**Religion in America**

**Episcopal Rector Urges Calm Planning for Funeral Service**

**UPI Correspondent**  
What kind of funeral do you want?  
That may strike you as a macabre question. But to the Rev. Ernest D. Vanderburgh, an Episcopal rector of Provincetown, Mass., it's a question that Christians should be prepared to answer calmly and matter-of-factly. Since it's a safe bet that you're going to have a funeral of some kind, some day, the Rev. Mr. Vanderburgh reasons, you might as well help to plan it—at least to the extent of sparing your survivors from some of the costly and un-Christian things they're likely to do with your corpse unless you have made your wishes clear.

In the current issue of the *Episcopalian* magazine, the Rev. Mr. Vanderburgh offers a letter that a Christian might leave for his survivors, to head off some of the "painful practices and spiritual outrages" which have become conventional in modern funerals.

Addressed to "my dear harassed, beloved survivors," it gives instructions for a simple, Christian burial.

"The first thing to do," it says, "is to call the clergyman, not the funeral director. Never mind if it is the middle of the night; never mind if you haven't been to church lately; never mind what the circumstances are. Call the clergyman. He will be the one most competent to make the arrangements and make things easier for you. Show him this letter and have him take over."

"I want my funeral to be in a church. I mean a real church, not a 'funeral chapel' or 'funeral church.' I belong to the church so my funeral ought to be in the church. Also, I think you will find it more helpful and satisfactory that way, although you may find this hard to see beforehand."

"For the service, ask the minister to use simply the book of Common Prayer. No sermon, no eulogy, no 'special' poetry, no 'special' prayers. They would only lengthen the funeral and make it a burden. An eulogy would mean telling white lies at a time that particularly calls for absolute truth."

"And no solos or instrumental music, fine. But don't let others talk you into it. 'No flowers in the church, please, except on the altar. There they proclaim resurrection. Elsewhere in the church, at a funeral, they would seem to me to indicate either that you or I had been entered in some sort of popularity contest... let people give a little donation to their church or favorite charity instead, if they must spend their money.'"

"Instead of flowers on the casket, you can use the old Christian tradition of covering it with a pall—a fine large cloth made for the purpose, used as the American flag is used at military funerals. The pall gives no opportunity for man-made distinctions between rich and poor."

"I want the undertaker to use the simplest, cheapest casket he can find. I know that means it will probably be in bad taste. I still say cheapest. If it is covered with a pall, its

looks will make no practical difference anyway. But more important, what honor or value is there in spending huge sums of money to glorify and protect unnaturally, artificially, the now useless machine that was provided for my temporary use here on this planet?  
I do not want my body to be on display at any time after I no longer need it. I believe most people will be

grateful in their hearts if they are not permitted to 'pay their respects to the remains.' But there is a more serious principle involved here. Too many funerals show a direct and obvious contradiction between what the clergyman says and what the congregation does.

The minister's words indicate that what counts is the soul and only the soul, because it is still alive, and that the now dead body is no longer of any importance. But if the casket is left open and people pay respects to the body, this indicates that... what counts is still the body and only the body.  
I want not costly stones around my grave—if possible, no stones at all. And I don't want you to revisit my grave. I have no intention of ever being anywhere near it after my funeral, so I do not see why you should be... I expect to have more interesting things to do than worry over my ashes or dust, and I expect you to, also."

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**Moon May Furnish Clues to Life Elsewhere in Universe**

Corvallis — (UPI) — A Nobel Laureate scientist said Tuesday night that the moon, as a sort of cold storage repository for biological molecules, may furnish clues to life elsewhere in the universe.  
Dr. Melvin Calvin said that new laboratory experiments bolster the idea that life possibly in higher form than that on Earth, may exist in many other places.  
"Probes to the Moon, he suggested, hold the promise of information that might not be available otherwise. He said the Moon, in its sweep through space during billions

of years, could have collected revealing molecules and fragments of matter.  
**Race to Moon**  
The theory held particular interest against the background of the current American-Soviet "race to the Moon."  
Calvin is director of the bio-organic group in the University of California's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. His remarks were in a keynote speech at the American Institute of Biological Sciences convention here.  
Experiments, he said, reinforce the theory that some two or three billion years ago natural energy sources on Earth created molecules of growing complexity, eventually resulting in a form that could duplicate itself in hereditary fashion.  
**Life Likely Elsewhere**  
Because conditions similar to those on earth probably prevailed elsewhere in the universe, Calvin said, he believes that forms of life exist elsewhere. Some forms may be inferior and some superior to those on earth, he said.  
He said evidence seems strong that some life, possibly plants, exist on Mars. He said no conclusions could be reached about Venus.  
"Many of us," he said, "will undoubtedly have unequivocal answers... about all three

of our nearest celestial neighbors — Mars, Venus and the Moon — certainly within the next decade and possibly much sooner," he said.  
**Other Systems**  
Speaking of possible life in other galactic systems Calvin said:  
"We are led to the conclusion that there must exist elsewhere in the universe not one but many terrestrial type planets upon which... will have evolved living systems of a kind that we would recognize as such."  
"Given the time scale of five to 10 billion years, it is clear that some of these living communities may have existed much longer than the one on earth."  
"Some of these other planetary systems may be inhabited by organisms far more skillful and knowledgeable than we."

**Phytopathological Society Names Head**

Corvallis, Ore. — (UPI) — Dr. C. S. Holton, Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., was named president of the American Phytopathological Society here Wednesday. The group is meeting in conjunction with the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

**Portland Woman Dies From Injuries**

Portland — (UPI) — Mrs. Synnove Anderson, 58, Portland, died in Good Samaritan hospital here late Wednesday from injuries she suffered when she was struck by a car earlier in the day at Ilwaco, Wash.

Police said she was walking on U.S. Highway 101 with her husband. The Andersons, employees of the University of Oregon Medical school, were returning from fishing.

**Outstanding Service Award Presented**

Las Cruces, N.M. — (UPI) — Louis H. Gross of McMinnville was presented a \$3,000 outstanding service award today at the 47th annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.  
Gross is the Yamhill county extension agent.

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