



**FUNFARE . . . Women of Riviera United Methodist Church — Mrs. Lawrence Cooke (left) and Mrs. Robert McMahon display a few of the many handmade items to be sold at the church Funfare Saturday. Slated to be held from 1 to 8 p.m., the festival features games, special booths, and a chicken dinner served by the men of the church. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will present an I.D. Dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m.** (Press-Herald Photo)

## Sermon of the Week

# Christians Can Help Build a Better World

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**Text: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." — Matthew 22:21.**

I'm sure you know the old chestnut by Jack Benny: "If you can't take it with you, I'm not going!" We all chuckle at that, because deep down we all feel like that! We take seriously the things which we have accumulated in life. And the idea of losing them, foolishly, needlessly, if not ultimately, is distasteful, to say the least! Yet the plain facts are you can't take it with you! And we are all going!

Here then are three teachings basic in Christian thought about possessions, ownership . . . the things that are "ours."

First, Christianity teaches that the things which are ours belong to God. God as creator, is responsible for their existence. We enjoy them not as owners in the last analysis, but as stewards charged with their responsible care and investment. Modern, possessive-minded men do not like the idea. But it is true. Even the things most apparently "ours" are really God's in origin and ownership.

Then, the things which we possess shape our lives. James Barrie's play, "The Will," portrays a couple meeting with the lawyer at three times during their lives, each 20 years later than the time before. As young marrieds, they idealistically leave their meager belongings to a cousin or two, and to a hospital in which they are interested. At middle age, however, the wife now comes along to make sure her husband doesn't do anything "foolish!" They haggle over what they each call "my money", and settle in a bitter compromise. In the final act, the man is now a figure

of importance and means, a widower, and again having to revise his will. His children have all turned out to be ne'er-do-wells. He suspects all "causes." In a fit of rage he finally leaves his wealth to his competitors, with his curses!

What we have shapes our lives, sometimes viciously. Possessions can make life cheap and ugly, or they can bless life and make it creative. But possessions are not benign. They are power, and what more dangerous a thing is there to handle safely, than power?

Finally, our possessions could help build a better world. A Greek word from which our word "idiot" derives, describes a man who uses his possessions for himself instead of for the common good. Eugene L. Smith writes, "We are closer than most of us have the courage to admit to the day when God may yet write over the story of America's decline the verdict, 'Idiot.'"

There is not a person reading this page who does not deplore the state of affairs even in our own South Bay community. Each of us affirms a sincere concern over the growing destructiveness in our urban areas, juvenile delinquency, the drug abuse problem, the searing divorce rate, the general malaise of insensitivity, immorality, and callous lethargy.

Yet the institutions and movements that could remedy these ills, our schools, our community agencies, specific appeals and projects, and our churches, synagogues and parishes are woefully lacking in even minimal support. Churches indicates that every major Protestant denomination in America either declined in 1967 or else just barely held the line in membership. My

Jewish and Roman Catholic colleagues describe their situations similarly.

Idiocy or not, the plain facts indicate that our religious institutions and community agencies, educational institutions and special task forces all lack the support, financial and otherwise, that they sorely need. And yet is there anything with a more vital and prior claim on the things which we have?

In my judgment, it would be the most colossal catastrophe imaginable, if knowing that we could cure the ills of this sick and bleeding world, if knowing that we could have a free and decent and dignified society, if we then elected NOT to do it, because of our misplaced investments! That would surely be idiocy, however you define it!

## Church To Hold Funfare

The annual Funfare of the Riviera United Methodist Church will be held Saturday on the church grounds, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, from 1 until 8 p.m.

There will be interests for all ages, with all proceeds going to the building fund. Handicraft items of all sorts, including Christmas items, will be sold. There will be a Garden Shop, Youth Art Area, Telephone Calls from Santa, Pony Rides, Pie Booth, and Baked Goods. A special Sweet Shop featuring homemade candies will also be featured. Special cake decorating will be done from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Come and have your name put on a cake or cup cake, made to order.

## 'Changing Our World' Is Topic Of Lecture

Despite today's technological explosion, it is still the kind of thinking we do that determines the course of our lives and the welfare of the world.

This is the premise of a free lecture on Christian Science to be given by James Spencer, C.S., of Miami, Florida, a former Marine and now a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. The title of his lecture is "We Can Change Our World."

Presented as a commun-

ity service, the lecture is sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Redondo Beach. It will be held Monday, 8 p.m., at 527 So. Broadway.

Spencer served as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He has been a Chaplain in the United States Army and also has worked as a Christian Science Minister for the Armed Services. He has been active in the public healing ministry of Christian Science since 1953.



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## Methodist Guild Sets Program

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Torrance First United Methodist Church of 1551 El Prado Ave. will participate this week in one of the most important annual observances of United Methodist women throughout the United States.

The "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," initiated in 1887, focuses on guided mission study, a much needed offering for special world and national projects, and a deepened spiritual life. More than 1,541,500 women in 33,000 societies and guilds in all 50 states will join in the observance.

The Call is sponsored by the Women's Division of The United Methodist Board of Missions. The Division, one of the four major units of the Board of Missions, is the national body through which all local Women's Societies and Guilds function. The two major events of the observance are the Program Meeting for interpretation of mission projects for which a special offering will be made, and the Quiet Day, a service of prayer, meditation, and a silent meal.

The Program Meeting for women of the Torrance Church will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday.

## Adventist's Sacrifice Observed

The old, almost forgotten principle of sacrifice will be observed at the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Avenue, this Saturday, as members will give a special Sacrifice Offering to maintain and enlarge missions of the denomination around the world.

According to Pastor Pillor, of the local church, the sacrifice offering climaxes a week-long "Week of Prayer" in which church members have been participating since Nov. 2.

"This very special offering," Pastor Pillor said, "sometimes amounts to a full week's salary for some church members. In theory the offering is much like the Bible story of the widow's mite, for members are invited to give until it really is a sacrifice."

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADS**  
The U.S. Department of Labor says that each year about 20 per cent of the nation's graduating high school seniors register with the federal-state public Employment Service for assistance in finding jobs.

## Witnesses Say God Will Destroy Wicked

"Almighty God's promise to destroy wickedness at the end of this wicked system is an expression of his love for mankind," so stated A. C. Manera Jr., district supervisor of Jehovah's Witnesses before an audience of 1,368 gathered at the semi-annual circuit assembly, 3341 West 43rd Place, Sunday.

Continuing, he said, "Despite claims that it is unloving, destruction of the wicked is a step God must take

to restore paradise to the earth. Unlike man's wars, Armageddon will be discriminate—only the wicked will die. God will execute only those who, like Adam, follow the Devil's leading and who scorn his love.

"What caused man to lose his perfection, his home, his love for God?" queried Manera. "Adam and Eve sinned, refusing God's rulership, rebelling against his authority and sovereignty. As a result all mankind is born in sin and subject to death. Who is responsible for man's hope of eternal life? Again almighty God showed his love by providing a ransom, his son Jesus Christ."

As a result of imitating God's way of Love, 17 new ministers were baptized Saturday afternoon and will join in praising God and will fulfill their ministerial vows to do Jehovah's will, said Leonard Olliff, presiding minister of the Torrance West Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.



ELDER LEE

## Elder Lee Plans Talk At Church

Elder Harold B. Lee, a member of The Council of Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will speak at the Redondo Stake (diocese) Conference Saturday and Sunday in Torrance.

Elder Lee, a former educator, businessman and public official, was managing director of the worldwide Church Welfare Program from its beginning in 1937 until 1959. He holds honorary degrees from two universities. He also is a director of four banking, insurance and railroad corporations, and the American Red Cross.

The Conference session will be held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at 2000 Artesia Blvd., Torrance. Stake President Vernon L. Cobabe, Jr., 1030 9th St., Hermosa Beach, says visitors are welcome.

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## Temptation Bible Topic To Be Read

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." This verse from the Epistle of James is part of the Bible Lesson-Sermon titled "Adam and Fallen Man" to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday.

At First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218th and Manuel Ave., services will begin at 11 a.m.

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