

Sunday Sermonette

A Continuing Series by Local Religious Leaders

"The Home and Its Children"

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Text: Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."
During the month of May many of our churches will be making much of National Family Week. A great number of opinions will be expressed by various people on what constitutes a happy, peace-loving home. Our text should help us in finding the answer.

Much loved Madame Schoman-Heink made the statement, "Home is more than a house to keep out the cold. It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father, warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship. Home is the first church, and the first school for young ones; where they learn what is right, what is good and what is kind. Where they go for comfort when they are hurt and sick, where joy is shared and sorrow eased, where fathers and mothers are respected and loved, where children are wanted and where even the teakettle sings from happiness. That is home—God Bless It."

of dealing with His children is to love them and discipline them when it is necessary. So my text was practical: 3,000 years ago and its method did not change in the New Testament. It still remains a proven fact—God's way is the best way.

IF WE ARE to have a home wherein dwells happiness, joy and contentment, children must be loved and taught that parents represent authority. The attitude a child develops toward Mom and Pop in the early years is likely in later life to become his attitude toward all authority—traffic policemen, law, the government or his boss (or God). Children do not resent punishment which is fair and consistent. That is the secret, "Firm but kind discipline," and that is the meaning of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child (with love and firm discipline) in a way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Let us face facts, the word of God is true. If there be any fault, it is on our part.

SUCH A HOME is only possible when father and mother love Christ and love His word and depend upon His truth to guide them in raising their children aright. My text is a golden promise to them. It is explained by the use of two words found in Hebrews 12:7. We learn that love and discipline are both essential parts in child training. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." God's way



LAST MINUTE checking of "stock" and prices is done (from left) by Mrs. Robert Barrett, Mrs. George Fiedrich, Mrs. Donald Schroeder and Mrs. Katherine Sweeting, the committee in charge of the rummage sale held Thursday and Friday by the women of Our Shepherd Lutheran church. The event was staged to raise money for church work.

Church Dedicates Recreation Area

The new recreation grounds of Redeemer Lutheran church will be dedicated Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day. The ceremony will take place at 12 o'clock noon, following the second morning service. The development of this area is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Semon Knudsen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vanderkloot, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKenney. It is being dedicated to the memory of Mrs. W. S. Knudsen, and will be known as the "Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Memorial Park of the Lutheran church."

The Rev. Theodore Wuggaer will preside at the dedication. The presentation will be made by William Vanderkloot, and the bronze plaque unveiled by Jim Vanderkloot, Bobby Stevenson, Tommy McKenney and Kristine Knudsen, youngest grandchildren of Mrs. Knudsen. Present also at the ceremony will be Mayor Dean Beier and Frank Whitney of the Birmingham board of recreation. The entire three-acre plot has been surrounded by cyclone fencing.

Improvements include a ball diamond, playground equipment (swings, slides, etc.), an outdoor grille and picnic tables. The ball diamond will be used by three church teams and Little League teams.

The grounds are for use of the members of the church and children of the surrounding community. Groups who desire to make use of the picnic facilities will call the church office.

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What's Being Planned By BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES

Copy for the church page must be in The Eccentric office by 3:30 p.m., Thursday.

Lutheran Redeemer

The ladies of the Missionary society will sponsor a smorgasbord at the church on May 8, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Arrangements are being handled by Mrs. Earl Strub, Mrs. Lowell Heisterman, Mrs. Herman Fiebig, Mrs. Ernest Sheehan, Mrs. Donald Harke and Mrs. Adolph Kowinske.

First Methodist

Junior and senior Youth Fellowship groups will join the Sunday school group in the joint sponsorship of a bake sale to start at 9:30 a.m., Saturday. The sale will be held in the basement of Jacobson's, on West Maple.

Unitarian

Plans are underway for a pot luck supper on May 23, at the home of Miss Jeanette Guyon on Oxford road. Mrs. John C. L. Coven and Mrs. Howard Harrington are in charge of arrangements.

First Presbyterian

held at the Apple Orchard nursery school building on Adams road.

May 14-17 has been selected for the annual spring rummage sale sponsored by the Women's association, Wednesday through Friday the sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The event will be at 128 S. Woodward, former location of McBride hardware, where items may be left any time during the regular hours, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Reginald Nicholas, Mrs. Ralph Beebe, Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison, Mrs. Dwight B. Ireland, Mrs. Dan B. Elliott, Mrs. William Story, Mrs. Clarence Kraft and Mrs. Bronson Brant are in charge. Poster advertising has been handled by Mrs. James G. Neal, assisted by Mrs. Frank Reynolds, Mrs. Everett Schaefer, Mrs. Glen Berry, Mrs. Marshall Keating, Mrs. J. S. McDaniel, Mrs. V. B. Watkins, Mrs. Ralph Scheel and Mrs. Orren Mohler.

Others on the project are Mrs. Paul Penfield, Mrs. C. M. Knight, Mrs. Wesley Groves, Mrs. Howard Coe, Mrs. Robert Gibson, Mrs. Donald Flimstead, Mrs. Norman Mack and Mrs. T. P. Sharples.

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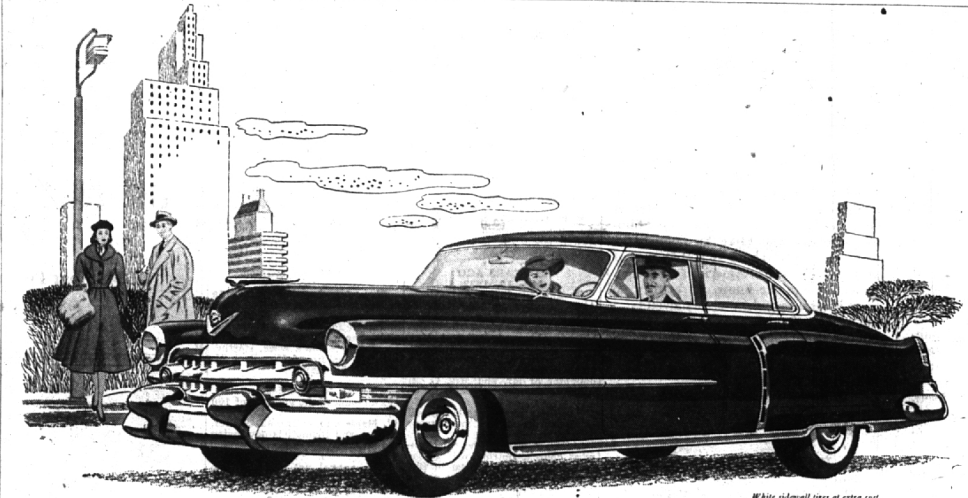
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