RESULTS OF A SIMPLE BIBLE TEST GIVEN IN OUR SCHOOL

The Sunday School Association of Virginia is conducting a project to determine how well the home and church are succeeding in giving the boys and girls in the high schools of the state a knowledge of the bare facts of the Bible. The questionnaire being given to the high schools of the state is made up of 20 of the simplest facts of the Bible. It would seem that any child in our so-called Christian land who has reached the age of twelve years could make a passing grade on this simple test, yet the actual results show how far from true this is. These results reveal the ignorance of the simple facts of the Bible that is as appalling as it is sad.

Last week 120 pupils of the Graham High School took this test. There was apparently no desire on the part of any one to give ridiculous answers, and each pupil seemed to take the test seriously. However, some of the answers seem ridiculous indeed to a person who knows even a few of the facts of our Bible. Following is a copy of the test given:

1. Who was the father of the Hebrew race?
2. To whom did God deliver the Ten Commandments?
3. Who was the first king of the Hebrew nation?
4. Who built the first temple at Jerusalem?
5. Name three prophets of the Old Testament.
6. Name the boy who was sold into slavery by his brothers.
7. Name the young woman of the Old Testament who said, "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee."
8. How many books make up our Bible?
9. In what village or city was Jesus born?
10. In what village or city did Jesus pass his youth?
11. How old was Jesus when he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"
12. Who baptized Jesus?
13. What was Jesus' first miracle?
14. Name the man living in Bethany whom Jesus raised from the dead.
15. Name any three of the disciples of Jesus.
16. Name the disciple who denied Jesus three times the night before his crucifixion.
17. Who was the first Christian martyr?
18. Name the four Gospels.
19. How many people were converted when Peter preached on the day of Pentecost?
20. Who said, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, but the greatest of these is charity."?

The results of the test are as follows:

Out of 120 pupils, 87 attend Sunday school regularly, 19 attend half time, 10 attend seldom and 4 never attend. One person could not answer a single one of the 20 questions, 8 answered only 2, 4 answered 3, 7 answered 4, 109 answered 5, 12 answered 6, 11 answered 7, 7 answered 8, 10 answered 9, 11 answered 10, 5 answered 11, 6 answered 12, 6 answered 13, 5 answered 14, 4 answered 15, 2 answered 16, 4 answered 17, I answered 18 and 4 answered 19. None answered them all. The average is fewer than 10 answered correctly.

Some of the absurd answers given are as follows:

Answer to 2, David; answer to 3, Abraham, Herod, Gideon; answer to 4, Moses, Prophets of Baal, Noah, Nebuchadnezzar; answer to 5, Paul, Deuteronomy, Judges, Adam, Paul; answer to 7, Rebecca, Mary Magdalene; answer to 12, Paul, Peter; answer to 13, Creation of man; answer to 15, Martin Luther, Moses; answer to 16, Judas, Brutus, Paul, Moses; answer to 17, St. Augustine, David, Jesus; answer to 18, Paul, Luther, Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Jews, Buddah, Christians; answer to 19, 11,000; answer to 20, God, Solomon.

These results should cause all of us to do some serious thinking. Are we going to be satisfied to allow such a condition to continue? The question of Christian education is demanding the attention of the best leaders of our country.

35% OF MARYLAND SEED CORN WORTHLESS

Only 65 per cent of the seed corn in the cribs of the Maryland farmers this year is fit for use, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The figure is based on germination tests of seed corn from 38 farms in 19 counties in the state that were entered in the National Seed Corn Show held in Chicago last week.

Fully 35 per cent of the Maryland seed corn tested showed poor germination. according to J. S. Naylor, the expert in charge of the testing. Presumably they were the best ears that these farmers could find, and yet in a large percentage of them will not grow when planted. Unless farmers test their seed corn before planting time, there will be a prodigious amount of replanting necessary. Testing now will prevent an absolute shortage at harvest time, he says.

"The big lesson of the National Seed Corn show can be learned by each Maryland corn grower in his own crib," says Mr. Naylor. "Take the dozen best ears. Then take the poorest dozen ears. Each dozen ears will plant an acre of ground. The land is the same, the work is the same. Same weather. Same overhead. Same cost. At the end of the season the best dozen ears will yield perhaps 45 bushels of corn on the acre; the poorest dozen ears will yield 22 bushels. The 12 good ears will yield twice the crop of the 12 poor ears. This is the lesson that every farmer should take to heart."

The Maryland state sweepstakes of the National Seed Corn Show was won by M. P. Prough, of Sykesville, Carroll county, but he was later defeated for the national championship by Mrs. Elsie M. Pulluska, of Waverly, Ill., whose entry was awarded the thousand dollar C. M. Kittle trophy, the big prize of the show.

MINIMUM SPEED LAW URGED BY MACKALL

Easton Md. April 6—Chairman John M. Mackall, of the State Road Commission, advocated the abolition of the Maximum speed limit of autos and the substitution of a minimum speed law in his address before the Easton Rotary Club this afternoon. Accidents occur, he said, frequently, and until their cause is ascertained no remedy can be made.

Maryland roads, he said, are not as wide as they should be, and, therefore, on days of heavy traffic congestion occurs due to the slow moving vehicles depriving the people of the full use of the roads.

Regulation of traffic is paramount with safety, but until the idea that speed causes all the accidents get out of the minds of the people, no remedy can be made, he said.

Some cars, for example, should not be allowed on certain highways at the peak of traffic for they cannot even get out of their own way and only stop others enjoying the benefit of the highways. Unless something is done traffic congestion will be so great that it will be dangerous to travel, Mr. Mackall declared.

WORK ON DEL. ROAD TO MD. LINE IS BEGUN

Georgetown, Del., April 6—The first concrete has been placed on the stretch of highway from Bridgeville to the Maryland line, commencing at Atlanta. The highway from Bridgeville to Atlanta has bee ncompleted and thrown open to the public.

The distance to be finished from Atlanta to the Maryland line is a little more than a mile, and will connect with the highway being built by Maryland from Federalsburg to connect up with the stretch in this county.

Within the next two months residents of lower Delaware will be able to go to Federalsburg on an improved road. The dirt road from Bridgeville to Federalsburg for many years was almost impassable and thus prevented the people from travel who desired to trade between these two towns.

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The Washington College faculty has recently decided that the degree of bachelor of science in economics be offered students specializing in economics and business administration. The college already offers courses leading to the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of science degrees.

The new group of studies leading to the degree in economics is planned for the accommodation of those students contemplating a business career of any nature and is similar to the same courses given by Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania.

The new degree will be conferred during the next academic year and the work will be directed by Prof. George G. Snyder, formerly of the Wharton School.

The field covered by these new courses will embrace economic resources of the United States, principles of accounting, business law, marketing problems, advertising, salesmanship and sales management, money and banking, railway transportation, taxation and public finance, international trade and tariff problems and the theory of economics.

For some time the need has been felt of providing those students who come particularly from the Eastern Shore with a training that will fit them scientifically to deal with the growing business and agricultural problems of this section.

To that end these courses have been grouped for the selection of all those who are thinking of entering these fields of endeavor.

William R. Howell, professor of economics and formerly of Yale, will collaborate in conducting the work.

Make It Negligible This Year

If you have not been immunized within the last two years against typhoid fever, Dr. John S. Fulton, director of the state department of health, urges you to go to your physician and have it done. The vaccine will be furnished free of charge by the State Department of Health and your physician can get his supply either directly from the office of the department in Baltimore, or from the local health officer. If it is not convenient for you to go to your own physician, the local or the deputy health officer will vaccinate you against the disease.

One of the most reliable gauges of the up-to-dateness of any community, according to Dr. Fulton, is its record in regard to typhoid fever. "A decline in typhoid fever," he says, "indicates state and community activity, on the one side—protection of water supplies from pollution; protection of food supplies from contamination; care in detecting the presence of 'carriers'—supplemented by personal intelligence on the other side.

"The State Department of Health safeguards every community in the state with all the means at its command, but there are unavoidable weak spots in every sort of defense. To offset these and to afford the security that nothing but individual immunization can give, the department urges all persons who have not been vaccinated against typhoid within the last two years to be vaccinated before June before the 1925 'typhoid' season opens.

"Typhoid is what we call a seasonal disease. It reaches a low ebb during the winter; starts up again in the spring and reaches its peak in August or September. Vaccination against typhoid requires three treatments, one each week for three weeks. Each week it will take about five minutes of your time. The only cost to you will be your physician's fee. The State Department of Health will supply the vaccine free of charge. The anti-typhoid treatment is a sure preventive if taken in time.

"During the Spanish American war, 80 per cent. of the deaths of soldiers were caused by typhoid; during the last great war, typhoid fever was almost unknown because the men had been protected by vaccination against the disease.

"In 1914, there were 1860 cases of typhoid fever reported to the Bureau of Communicable Diseases from the counties. In 1924, the number reported was 823—or over a thousand less. But that was 823 cases too many.

"We want to cut down typhoid fever until it disappears entirely as a cause of sickness and death in Maryland. It can be done. Help to make it negligible this year."

A GOOD START FOR NEW SECRETARY

In his first statement given out to the newspaper men in Washington, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine very wisely announced that he wanted it distinctly understood he had no magic wand to wave over American agriculture to cure it of all of its ills. Evidently Mr. Jardine expects to leave the glittering promises to the demagogues, and to tackle his job in a constructive way.

The Secretary expressed the belief that agriculture is now on the upgrade but he indulged in no vain optimism and declared that no millennium is at hand. There is no panacea for agricultural relief, he stated, and the farmers' improvements can only be made permanent by hard pulling. Congress can help, but legislation cannot accomplish everything. It can only help the farmers to help themselves, and then it must be sound legislation, and not the kind that is calculated to do more ultimate harm than good.

Mr. Jardine expressed the opinion that cooperative marketing associations, efficiently operated will be helpful in eliminating waste in the marketing process but absolute elimination of the middleman is neither practicable nor necessary. Expecting the consumer to pay more was not the end in view, he declared, but instead the wiping out of some of the useless cost of getting the product from the farmer to the consumer.

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