

## News Digest

### EVERETT SWANSON DIES FOLLOWING SURGERY

CHICAGO (EP)—The Rev. Everett F. Swanson, 51, founder and executive director of Compassion, Inc., reportedly the largest orphanage work in Korea, died here November 15 after undergoing brain surgery at the Rochester, Minn., Mayo Clinic in July. His independent faith work was organized as the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association in 1952 but on its 10th anniversary it was changed to "Compassion." Today it maintains 170 orphanage homes, caring for nearly 22,000 children.



Swanson

### DR. DEHAAN, 74, WITH THE LORD

Dr. Martin DeHaan, 74, physician who devoted his life to Bible teaching and evangelism, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 12, from Grand Rapids, Mich. He was the speaker on the widely heard Radio Bible Class.

### HENRY COLEMAN CROWELL, 68, DEAD

CHICAGO (EP)—Henry Coleman Crowell, 68, for many years associated with Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, died November 25 in Evanston Hospital near here.

### CLARENCE ERICKSON DEAD AT 71

GLENDALE, Calif. (EP)—Dr. Clarence Erickson, 71, radio pastor of the three-decade-old Heaven and Home Hour, died November 11 at his home in La Crescenta, Calif. He had suffered a prolonged illness of encephalitis. In 1933 he became pastor of the well known Church Gospel Tabernacle, founded by Paul Rader. In 1954 he retired from the church to enlarge the radio ministry of the Heaven and Home Hour, presently heard nationwide daily on 36 stations. His son-in-law, Russell Killman, continues the hour as director.

### FREE METHODISTS LEAD IN GIVING

The Free Methodist Church, with 53,601 members, led in per capita giving in 1964 with \$358.17. The Evangelical Free Church of America, with 45,021 members, was third with \$247.30, preceded in second by the Wesleyan Methodists with 38,715 members and a per capita giving of \$282.

Next in line were Pilgrim Holiness church (30,185) \$233.70; Brethren in Christ (9,378) \$210.80; Evangelical Covenant (64,713) \$207.99; Evangelical Mennonite (2,531) \$201.36.

### RETREAT DRAWS 112 FOR PARLEY ON MISSIONS STRATEGY

WINONA LAKE, Ind. (EP)—An optimistic attitude amid the discussion of difficult and thorny problems characterized the 14th Annual Mission Executives Retreat here in October. There was a prevailing feeling that an increasing partnership with Christians around the world is essential, and there was a diversity of views on methods for achieving this goal.

A paper by Dr. Arthur Glasser maintained that "the New Testament distinguishes between local congregations (churches) and the structured apostolic band called by God to evangelize the heathen and plant new churches."

The 112 participants in the retreat represented 57 agencies whose aggregate total of missionary personnel is over 6,000. The retreat was sponsored by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

### NAE LEADER HITS COUNCIL STAND ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—The religious liberty declaration endorsed by the Vatican Council falls short of the hopes of many Americans both Protestant and Roman Catholic, according to the executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals.

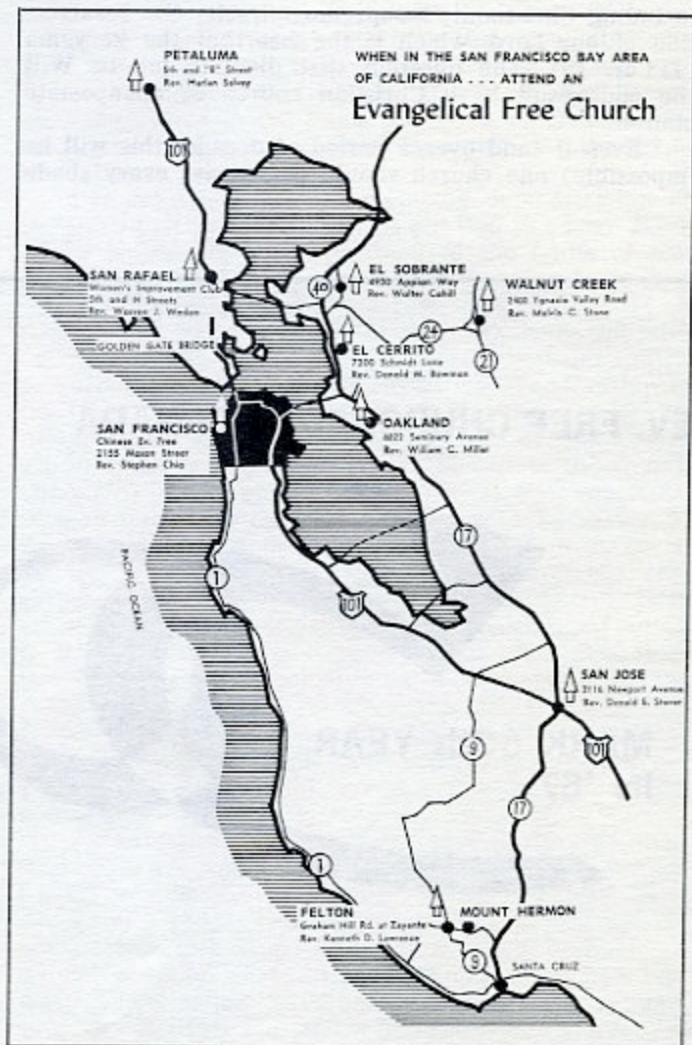
Dr. Clyde Taylor of Washington, D.C., was particularly critical of the addition to the declaration which proclaims that all men have the "sacred duty to profess and embrace the Catholic faith insofar as they are able to know it." "The Church of Rome," he said, "has made no changes in any dogma regarding the Virgin Mary, Papal authority or any basic doctrine of the church."

### ONLY ONE PASTORAL DWELLING ENTITLED TO TAX EXEMPTION

AUSTIN, Texas (EP)—The "ministry of the church" refers only to the congregational pastor when it involves the question of property tax exemption for a dwelling owned by a church, the Texas Supreme Court ruled here.

It reaffirmed without a written opinion a decision of the Court of Civil Appeals that tax exemption for church-owned dwellings apply only to one—that used by the pastor.

The appeals court had reversed a trial court which ruled that a dwelling owned by South Park Baptist Church in Houston and occupied by its "education minister" was exempt from property taxation.



## Mail Box

### COMPASSION, PLEASE

I wonder if you could take the time to read the enclosed letter which appeared in the *Alliance Witness* of September 29, 1965. (The article called for Christian compassion in referring to those with whom we may disagree.) This woman has beautifully expressed a problem which has concerned me for some time, since it appears to be prevalent among believers of all denominations.

I would expand her letter to include references to others beside Catholics—Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, evolutionists and other unbelievers who take issue with us. I am sure you have heard these references made as frequently as I have, not only from the pulpit but also among Christians just visiting together. When I hear a Christian triumphantly telling how he cleverly "told off" one of these people, I can't help but wonder what has happened to his desire to win them to the Lord. Unless I have overlooked something, I don't recall that Christ ever acted in this manner.

Another thing that bothers me about it is that we can't afford to sneer at things which the devil uses so ably to turn people from Christ. How can we laugh at the evolutionist who has the power to cast doubt into the minds of our young people, if not actually turn them from salvation? There isn't anything funny about it.

On one occasion this summer, when an incident such as this happened in my presence, I was reminded of 1 Peter 3:15, which in Living Letters reads, "Quietly trust yourself to Christ your Lord and if anybody asks you why you believe as you do, be ready to tell him and do it in a gentle and respectful way."

Mrs. Hope B. Green  
Rapid City, S.D.

### FROM AFRICA

*The Evangelical Beacon* has been a real blessing. I enjoy it so much.

Miss Dorothy M. Larsen  
Rhodesia, Africa

We have been receiving *The Evangelical Beacon* here in Morocco. The testimonies are a blessing and it is good to keep up on the news from the home churches.

Mr. Robert Cox  
Rabat, Morocco, Africa

### HARD TO READ

I am writing in protest regarding

the December 7, 1965, issue of *The Beacon*, page four. The title sounds good and I'd like to read it, but it is usually too difficult to discern black type on a solid red background (page 32) but when this effect (page four) is used I will not attempt nor encourage others to read it. In fact, I would not permit a child in my home to punish his eyes in such a manner. Black on gray is not too easy, either. (Page seven.)

Since many pick up a denominational magazine to read choice sections, why not encourage rather than discourage them.

Mrs. B. Bosckis  
Stevensville, Mont.

### AN ADDED WORD

Thank you for the Dix Hills article in the November 23 issue of *The Beacon*. It may be worthy of mention that the Dix Hills church sketch should be credited to Mrs. Otto (Florence) Andersen, sister of Miss Norma Andreassen in Venezuela. The Andersens are members of Trinity Ev. Free Church, Teaneck, N.J. The sketch was done gratis as a home missions project.

Rev. Trygve Landru  
Long Island, N.Y.

### A CHAPLAIN WRITES

We do so much appreciate *The Beacon*. We lack good Christian fellowship and *The Beacon* is as refreshing as water on thirsty ground. The articles are spiritual and the news so good to hear.

The life and work here is much different than in a pastorate and the opportunities are many. How I feel the need of prayer for God's guidance and power. We receive basic trainees in a few weeks and these young men are open as they come in. I covet them for Christ and desire to be a channel He can use.

Chap. (1st Lt.) Marvin Wassink  
Fort Hood, Texas

### RESOLUTION

The following resolution was passed at our recent Prairie District Conference:

"Whereas we, the delegates, pastors, and board members are gathered in Steinbach, Manitoba, for the 35th Annual Conference of The Evangelical Free Church of America, Prairie District, be it resolved that we unite in the following expressions of gratitude:

"To Mr. Mel Larson, editor of *The Evangelical Beacon*, for publishing news and articles from the Prairie District."

Thank you very much for your fellowship and ministry at the conference as well.

Rev. Donald Kroening, Secretary

### CHURCH PLAN ADOPTED

Just a note to inform you that our church took action on *The Evangelical*

*Beacon* subscription matter at a special business meeting on November 29. We plan to announce it on Sunday and will send a list with check covering all who want to subscribe to the plan.

Wally Hulstrand  
Dallas, Texas

I am happy to enclose the list of names to which *The Beacon* should be sent for 1966. This represents our participation in the 100 per cent plan. Make our subscription from January 1 through December 31.

Rev. Paul H. Anderson  
Trumbull, Conn.

Enclosed is a list of names of our people on the 50 per cent plan. Please send 50 of *The Beacon* offering envelopes.

Harold Haskell,  
Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

We would like to use the 100 per cent plan in receiving *The Evangelical Beacon*. The list of those to get copies is enclosed.

S. Dahlstrom, secretary  
First Ev. Free Church  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

We would like to adopt the 50 per cent plan of *The Evangelical Beacon*. Our list of names will be coming.

Ev. Free Church  
Moorhead, Minn.

We made it, and our congregation is adopting the 50 per cent plan. Enclosed find the list and a check for \$105.

Rev. Philip Hanson  
Yuba City Calif.

Yes, count us in. We'll be using the 50 per cent category in the church plan. The list of names will be coming.

Mrs. F. D. Creighton  
Lac La Biche  
Alberta, Canada

### My Memory

"Twas the smile so freely given,  
By a heart so warm and true  
To make a small boy happy,  
And the smile belonged to you.

"Twas the twinkle in your eyes  
Like the stars up in the blue,  
That made a small boy gay,  
And those eyes belonged to you.

"Twas the hand you placed in mine,  
As I led you through the hue,  
With a heart-string all entwined  
And the hand belonged to you.

Oh how little such kindness seems  
To the one who freely gives;  
Oh how much it really means  
To the heart in which it lives.

—James F. Mitchell  
Minneapolis, Minn.