

'Take Youngsters To Church,' FBI Chief Advises

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who perhaps more than any one other individual in our country, has had an opportunity to study the causes and cures for crime, has these words for modern parents: "SHALL I FORCE MY CHILD TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH?"

"Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter, too."

He adds: "How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and announces rebelliously, 'I am not going to school today.'"

"You know! Junior goes."

"Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Are you going to wait and let him decide whether or not he wished to go? Quit your kidding! You did not wait till you were old enough! You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wants to go to school or not."

"What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday School or Church? That is an easy one. Just be consistent: 'Junior, in our home we all attend Sunday School and Church; that includes you.'

"Your firmness and example here will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal and religious living."

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SANTA'S CANDID CAMERA—Of course I know what I want for Christmas, the little girl says, "but how do you expect me to concentrate with such a crowd around and that guy pointing a camera in my face."

Family Fun Party At St. John's

St. John's Auditorium last Sunday was the scene of the annual St. John's Family Fun Party. About 400 people attended.

The children of St. John's School presented an entertaining Christmas program consisting of various skits, recitations, drills and the singing of Christmas carols.

The highlight of the afternoon was a visit by Santa Claus who distributed Christmas candy to the children and drew the winning numbers for the fowl raffle sponsored by St. John's Altar Society and Guild.

A chicken was won by Fred Feldhausen; James Cutrell won the duck; and Mrs. Howard Nord won the grand prize, a 14 pound turkey.

Santa then presented the Venerable Ursuline Sisters with a Christmas purse from the parish.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing bingo. A covered dish supper closed the day's festivities.

Bluebird News
Columbian Bluebirds' weekly meeting was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. Sarver. We finished our Christmas presents for our parents and sang Christmas Carols.

We had a Christmas Tea Friday for our mothers and school teacher, Miss Von Seggern. Hot chocolate and coffee was served by Mrs. Sarver with each girl bringing cookies. Janet Gilson, reporter.

Scientists endeavoring to reach absolute zero might examine some political speeches.

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Moulton, Thompson Favored As Legislative Speaker

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LINCOLN—Support is beginning to build up among state senators for the post of speaker of the 1961 Legislature.

This is not only an honorary position, recognizing service of a lawmaker in the Unicameral, but a functional one as well. The speaker's main duty is presiding over the Legislature in the absence of the lieutenant governor.

State Sen. William Moulton of Omaha ad Sen. Don Thompson of McCook appear to be front-runners for this job when the 1961 regular session convenes January 3.

The current speaker, Sen. Harry Pizer of North Platte, has retired from politics.

There is also reported to be considerable behind the scenes activity pointing toward chairmanships of the important standing committees of the Legislature.

These are the groups that originally hear bills aired at public hearings, then make recommendations to the entire Legislature.

The special session this week was concerned with pay of the state senators. It is expected to end early next week. Members of the session were those elected in 1958. The new solon, begin their work January 3, and will get higher pay as a result of work of the current special session.

Among the top problems of the 1961 session will be reapportionment of Congressional

districts, whether to broaden the state's tax base and disposition of the problem of whether to change the Board of Control which governs state institutions.

Education Funds
An emergency appropriation will be required by the State Department of Education to operate the schools for the Deaf at Omaha and the Blind at Nebraska City.

Dr. F. B. Decker, commissioner of education, said the request — the first by the department — was prompted by the department taking over the two schools in July from the Board of Control.

There was considerable controversy preceding transfer of the schools to the department.

State Spending
The Nebraska Citizens Council, a private tax research has looked into the problem of state spending over a 10-year period.

Some of the findings are startling. The Council, for instance, discovered that 85% more money is being spent by state government today for postage than 10 years ago. The total for the fiscal year ending last July was \$237,759. Use of the telephone and telegraph has climbed 127 per cent from 1950, the Council reports.

Travel expense of state employees went up 58 per cent during the decade, a lesser amount than most of the other categories.

Those expenses show up in state spending records as "operating expenses."

There are 13 separate items in the category, dealing with communication and transportation, publishing, printing and advertising, heat, light and power and miscellaneous expenses.

Fire Code
A new code for Nebraska is continuing to kick up controversy at educational institutions.

The latest to complain was the University of Nebraska which said the regulations would require expenditure of \$1.6 million if they are complied with across the board.

Previously objecting were the state teachers colleges at Wayne, Chadron, Peru and Kearney.

They have estimated expenditures of a quarter of a million dollars to meet the requirements.

Neither the colleges nor the University included the expenditures in budget requests for 1961-63 spending.

Fire Marshal Joe Divis says school officials should blame their own organization, not him, if they feel the fire rules are not proper.

Divis said five of the eight members of the committee that wrote the regulations represented school groups and agencies.

The marshal said he is not in full agreement with the regulations but by law he must enforce them which he is doing. The rules were adopted July 1, 1959 and have the force of law. Deadline for complying was September 1 of this year.

One of the main complaints against the rules is that they require addition of fire detection or other type equipment to recently built structures that were considered fire-safe when constructed.

Divis said he feels the rules are too strict in some respects and do not allow enough area for an exercise of judgment by his inspectors.

Standby Legislators
Nebraska senators are expected to begin announcing soon a standby legislators under a new law now in effect.

The law is designed to provide Nebraska with continuity of government in the event of

Congo Events No Surprise To Africans, Speaker Says

Recent events in the Congo came as no surprise to many people in Africa, a medical missionary who spent 16 years in Portuguese West Africa said here Tuesday.

Dr. Aaron McMillan spoke to the Rotary Club and showed slides of his experiences as a physician and surgeon in organizing and operating a jungle hospital.

Dr. McMillan said it was apparent as long as 15 to 20 years ago that changes taking place in Africa would have to reach a head. Africans, he said, want the same things Americans want—Democracy, freedom and self assertion.

With those few comments the Negro doctor cut short his commentary on African politics.

He told about the difficulty he and his wife encountered when they went to Angola, Portuguese West Africa. They had an adobe hut to start with, almost no hospital equipment and a populace which had never had medical help and needed it desperately.

Dr. McMillan told how he improvised a device needed in maintaining an incision for a bladder operation by using a sink plunger, of making his "hospital's" first sterilizer from a gasoline drum and of practicing ureter transplants by practicing on dead animals.

He said he mastered the technique at that way and went on to do 206 ureter transplants, which he has been told is a

world's record. In a lighter vein, the doctor told of shooting the world's longest lion, 11 feet, 8 inches from nose to tip of tail. It's still a record, he said.

Dr. McMillan said that of all the assistance being given African natives, most appreciated is the medical help. He said they are eager for help and welcome it despite primitive beliefs they've had to overcome.

His talk was arranged by Dr. Richard Brendel, Rotarian who was program chairman for the day.

Union Women's Club Has Xmas Family Night

UNION (Special)—The Union Women's Club held its "Family Night Christmas party at the Methodist Church on last Tuesday evening. Twenty-eight adults and six children were in attendance.

The serving tables were attractively decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. The gift table was colorful with gaily wrapped packages and centered with a lighted Christmas tree.

A "potluck" supper was enjoyed by all after which the gifts were distributed.

Mrs. Earl Herman then introduced the guest of the evening, Gerald Switzer of Nehawka, who entertained the gathering with an evening of pictures of South American places he had visited with a party recently.

Gas For Avoca?

AVOCA (Special) — Vern Livingston of Nebraska City met Thursday evening with members of the Town Board to discuss prospects of getting Natural Gas piped into town.

Avoca Christmas Party Saturday

AVOCA (Special) — The Lions Club and Firemen will sponsor a Christmas party Saturday afternoon Dec. 17, at the Town Hall starting at 1:30.

A Classified Ad In The Journal cost as little as 50 cents.

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New March of Dimes Funds Help Eric, Birth Defects Victim, Reach Age of 2

Eric Brantner is a frail and appealing little boy who achieved the age of two years the other day in his crossroads home at Palouse, Wash.

Heid in his mother's arms on that great day, blue-eyed Eric could recognize his birthday well-wishers, among them his dancing hound-dog, Jupiter. But not so long ago, Eric wasn't given much time by most doctors to enjoy Jupiter or other members of the household. He was born three months prematurely and also developed an enlarged head (hydrocephalus) due to excess fluid on the brain. His despairing parents, Gail and Vonda Brantner, did not believe that a second birthday was in the cards for Eric.

Then, as the head grew alarmingly larger on the insubstantial body, members of the Whitman County Chapter of The National Foundation came forward with an offer of March of Dimes funds if they were needed for patient aid.

They were urgently needed. Eric was rushed to Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, 65 miles away. There, at the age of 10 months, he underwent surgery for nearly four hours. The surplus fluid was drained away, relieving the pressure on the brain caused by blockage, and a plastic tube was inserted to keep the accumulating fluid flowing from the head to the blood stream near the heart.

Although Eric's appearance today belies his two years—the little boy looks scarcely more than six months old—the doctors' view is that he now has a good chance of survival. He cannot sit up by himself and he is only just learning to toddle uncertainly in a baby walker. But he engages in lively play with his mother and father, who is a section hand for the Great Northern Railway, with his dotting brother Mark, three years, and of course with his frisky but gentle four-footed companion, Jupiter.

Eric enjoys the dubious distinction of being one of the first victims of a significant



On second birthday, which his parents never expected Eric to celebrate, his mother Vonda Brantner holds him aloft.

birth defect to be given patient aid in continental United States under The National Foundation's expanded program, which includes arthritis in addition to continued work in polio. (The first instance of patient aid under this new program occurred last year in Honolulu where the local chapter expended March of Dimes contributions to care for a Hawaiian infant born with the birth defect of an open spine; the baby today is well along the road to a normal life.)

Otherwise, Eric's plight is not singular. Each year in this

country, 250,000 infants are born with significant defects and 34,000 of them are stillborn or die within four weeks. The National Foundation, which helped develop both the Salk and the Sabin polio preventives with March of Dimes funds, moved into the area of birth defects because these congenital malformations comprise the largest unmet childhood medical problem in the nation today.

With generous support of the New March of Dimes in January, hopefully the number of Erics will in time be many thousands fewer.