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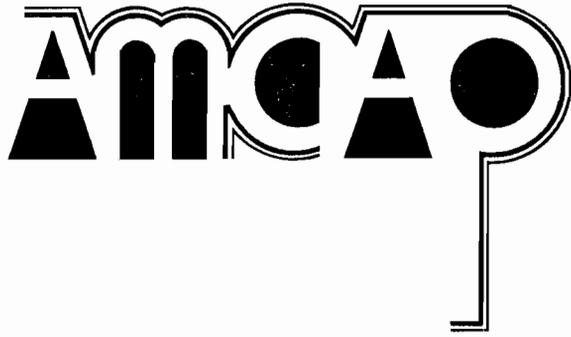
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EDITORIAL

It was gratifying to hear from so many of you after the mailing of our April issue. You will note that several letters to the editor are included in this issue, as well as a listing of several publications by members. Thanks to all of you who responded!

Thanks, also, to all who have submitted manuscripts. We consider it rather remarkable that we have been able to go from a "once a year" publication to a quarterly journal in so short a time and at the same time become more selective in choosing the material to be published. Keep up the good work! Send us your material: manuscripts,

letters, lists of recent publications, poetry, etc.

Many of you who attended the April workshop will be disappointed, we are sure, not to find Victor Cline's talk in this issue. The reason it is not included is that Bro. Cline expects to release a new book soon that will contain the material he presented. Watch for it — and Vic, we hope you will keep us posted so we can include the title in our "You May Want to Read" column.

Let's hear from others of you now! It's good to know that you are out there reading the Journal.

—Ed

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am still in a state of amazement with regard to the article "Psychotherapists, Love Your Wives" by Elder James E. Faust, from a presentation at the AMCAP convention. . . .

I would think that female AMCAP members are as much in need of love and support from their spouses . . . as are male AMCAP members.

Because my counseling brings me into contact with many adult members of the Church who are single, and/or divorced, and/or working mothers, who have expressed the pain they feel when other members make careless statements reflecting negatively on their "deviant" condition, in church meetings, the church media or in person, I would like to encourage all of us as church members to be more sensitive to the atypical member (adult members in a situation other than intact marriage with a working husband and stay-at-home wife — and the number of these seems to be growing) and supportive of their full and *equal* involvement in all the gospel has to offer.

Yours sincerely,
David R. Shepherd
Mesa, Arizona

Elder Faust departed from his prepared script and acknowledged his awareness of the presence of sisters and unmarried brethren in the audience who were unmarried. He apologized for the fact that the title and focus of his talk were too narrow and asked us to apply the principle of his talk regardless of our situation. Unfortunately this remark was not included in the manuscript he submitted for publication.

—Ed

Dear Editor:

I am a new member of AMCAP, and have just finished reading my first article in the Journal of AMCAP, January 1981, the longest article in this issue of the Journal, namely "What We Know About The Psychological Needs of L.D.S. Women" by Sister Ida Smith

There is no doubt, in my opinion, that men in general, and most especially Priesthood holders, should be the responsible (in the eyes of God) leaders of their wives and children 24 hours per day by their own truly loving example as per D&C 121:41-45.

In my opinion there is nothing basically wrong with American women that is not the fault of American males.

Respectfully yours,
Brother Harry Ricketts
Crockett, Texas

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write some months ago when I received my first copy of AMCAP.

Then as now I thought that it was really great to be able to read material that reflects the Gospel in psychology. I thought Bro. Alan Westover's letter and the article by Ida Smith (Vol 7, Issue 1.) both asked some thought provoking questions.

In the last edition I was truly impressed by the article by Bros. Madsen and Millet. It was what I needed at that time.

Reading this article has made me reassess how I teach my Sunday School class (I teach Gospel Essentials). The concept that psychologists — both students, therapists and teachers — can end up teaching the philosophy of men mingled with a few scriptures, is certainly a timely warning. To actually have the "demi-gods" . . . called to their true places and described for what they are, Godless men, although no doubt intelligent men, is satisfying to one who has laboured under the torturous burden of empirical "knowledge" so antithetical to Gospel truth.

I am reminded of Pres. John Taylor's reference to philosophy upon his return to Utah from Europe. He said "I don't know the proper name, but in the absence of one, I can give it a name — I will call it philosophy or fried froth, which you like." (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, pg. 27).

So much of today's theory is "fried froth" which has a very subtle influence upon our minds

Your Brother in the
Gospel,
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