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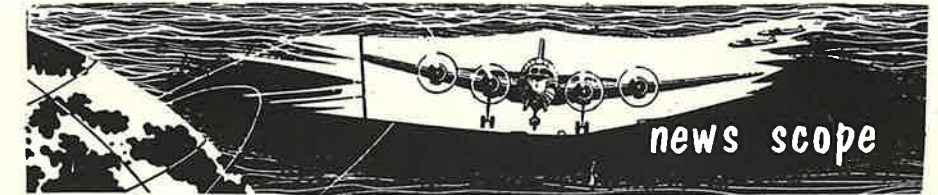
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I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. Ruth 2:7



A RELIGIOUS T-V TOWNHALL

A religious T-V panel, begun and directed by Albert A. Leiske, former Pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church in St. Paul, is meeting with much interest.

A Roman Catholic, a Lutheran, a Baptist, an Episcopalian, a Seventh Day Adventist, a Methodist and a Jew participate.

The program costs \$3500 per telecast, but each church sponsoring this program feels it is definitely contributing to the spirit of democracy and religious freedom of thought. It encourages the audience in approximately 750,000 homes to THINK. It inspires investigation of truth.

This Sunday afternoon telecast now has 71 of the 467 stations throughout the country. The comments of Pastor Leiske, regarding this experience will be published in the next issue of this paper, with his permission. There is room for careful analysis of his words by all of us, that we might search our own attitudes. If we have truth, it needs no defense. Truth can be discovered anywhere, anytime.

- These Times

SIX HOURS GONE

The Kiplinger News Service reports that the average length of time families run their television sets each day is 6.02 hours.

What about our Christian homes? Watch these things: Am I fair with the Lord? Do we neglect our family worship, prayer or Bible study by the presence of T-V? Do I watch those things that would fall under the Bible definition of "worldliness?" What do my children see? Do I accept Hollywood Movies via T-V which I would not go to the theater to see?

"If there be any virtue and if there be any praise think on these things." Measure your choice of programs with Philipians 4:5-9.

Be sure the "God of Peace" remains in the home.

IMPORTANCE OF GOOD DIET

Dr. W. H. Wiley, who is chiefly responsible for our pure food laws, said, "I believe I would not be far out of the way if I should say that diet may be said to be a factor in every disease to which man is heir." Read the health column on page seven for further information along this important part of good living.

GIANT EYE

A device that promises the greatest advances in astronomy in the 350 years since the invention of the telescope is being developed by the U.S. Naval Obs., Carnegie Instit., and National Bureau of Standards. It may enlarge man's knowledge of creation more than ten-fold. Attached to the 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar, it would increase the "big eye's" range into space at least two-and-a-half times. - *Think*.

CHURCH NEWS NOTE

Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead of London, president of the British Methodist Conference, has been discussing the possibilities of reunion with the Church of England with its leading primate, Archbishop Fisher of Canterbury. The Methodists came out of the Anglican communion during the Wesleyan Revival of the eighteenth century. - *These Times*.

MOSLEM MISSIONARIES IN U.S.A.

Allen Finley, regional director in the San Francisco area for International Students, Inc., reports that the leaders of Islam are "enlisting their finest minds" in a campaign to win America for Mohammed.

They plan not only to win converts to Islam but to keep Moslem students in the U.S. from accepting Christ, which had become a problem to them. - *Moody Mo*.

BIBLE COURSES IN B. W. I.

Pastor Weekes and his secretary, Bernice Agard, of the British West Indies, have been enrolled in the Searchlight Bible Correspondence Course. As soon as they have completed the lesson studies, they will be furnished instructions for handling enrollments in their home islands.

There is great interest there in the Bible lesson studies - far more than could be handled individually from the Denver office. Therefore, a plan has been worked out by the Foreign Missions Department, whereby these Courses can be handled abroad by qualified and trained representatives in the various fields. Literature can also be shipped in bulk shipments. Negotiations are under way for opening this plan in other foreign fields.

"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT"



Betty
Maynor

It is a pleasure once again to greet the readers of the Wand. From reports I have heard I believe that the women of the Church of God have been actively engaged in service for their Master during the past months. These good reports on every hand are most encouraging.

Now that summer, with vacation time, is upon us we must be doubly alert that we keep up the "good fight." How shall we do this?

1. *By being faithful in daily Bible reading and prayer.*

It is so easy to let an irregular summer schedule upset our daily devotions. But those who have experienced the joy of a family altar will not forget to keep in sacred trust—even on crowded days—this daily blessing.

2. *By being examples of the Christ life in our homes.*

If the husband of a household is an unbeliever, the wife, through her constant Christian kindness and gentleness, will be a good influence, possibly even able to lead the unbeliever to Christ.

Certainly before her children the Christian mother will display her Godly nature. I can't help being impressed by my little three month old daughter who, tiny as she is, follows so minutely my every step. Sometimes it makes me quiver when I think of how she unconsciously absorbs her pattern for life by following my example. God help all mothers to lead those innocent little feet aright!

3. *By being faithful in our financial support to our church.*

Sometimes it seems hard to give of our finances when we find ourselves "short" in monetary goods. But I heard a minister once say that the very time to give is when you feel the least able. That is trusting God to the fullest. You will never be able to prove whether that philosophy of giving is true or erroneous until you try it. I have tried it and agree with the minister.

Our church has made much progress in carrying the salvation message to the world in the past few years. It is an easily recognizable progress. We thank our Heavenly Father for it, and pray that every member of this body will realize his personal obligation to continue his faithful support.

4. *By being a helpful member of our Women's Association.*

Like the church as a whole, the Women's Association has grown appreciably and has determined to accomplish certain definite goals before the General Conference convenes in 1957. Our women are to be thanked and commended for their faithfulness. Let us continue in "good works" until the course is finished and the victory won.

Then we can say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight."



HOME



Mary
Holbert

Home is a word dear to the hearts of all people. To some, home means a shack by the railroad; to others, a mansion on Knob Hill; while to others it means a humble cottage. Home is a shelter for a family--and that is all it is for some people. Home to other people means more than just a roof over one's head.

Home encompasses not only the shelter, but the family living within and the spiritual atmosphere therein. A spiritual atmosphere would indicate a Christian Home. That should be the goal of every family. A home, to be a Christian home, must have the Lord as the unseen guest.

What will be the characteristics of the Christian home? First, there will be love--the love of God. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30). With this love of God manifested in the home, it is easy to --"love thy neighbor as thyself" (Verse 31) and to "love one another" (I John 4:7,8). Love is proof of discipleship. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

With such love in a home, the family will not indulge in quarreling. In this atmosphere parents will "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). In doing

this, parents will obey the command found in Colossians 3:21, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." This does not mean to discard proper correction of the child. The Bible encourages parents to discipline their children. Proverbs 29:17 says, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

From this we can say that a second characteristic of the Christian home would be obedience. This not only includes the obedience of children to parents, but the obedience of both children and parents to God.

How about cheerfulness? Surely God expects His family to be cheerful. We are told that "a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance" (Prov. 15:13); "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22); "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). A Christian home will be a place of quiet joy and peace.

Let us not forget another characteristic-- cleanliness. Yes, a Christian home, no matter how humble, will be clean. There will be no filth and dirt in the home or in the heart of the family. The clean smell of soap and water will characterize this home; so will the sweet atmosphere of clean hearts. This family will be as David, asking God daily to "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

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By ALVINA STACY

TRUST IN THE LORD

Some years ago when a fire swept through our home and many of our personal belongings were ruined, there remained a small plaque which has proven a tremendous blessing to me. Since it was only a small plaque it did not break as it fell face down on the floor and escaped the great heat.

As we were just entering the work of the Lord full time it meant quite a bit for this small plaque to remind me daily to trust in the Lord. Through the past few years it has always found a place on the wall above my kitchen sink. As I read it, many times it has brightened the day, given courage for the task, and comfort for the sorrow.

"But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him" (Psalm 37:39,40). David spoke much about the blessings and deliverance we would receive if we trusted in God.

We often feel that we are trusting in God but sometimes the meaning of the word is brought upon us much more forcibly. To trust Him to restore health when there is no earthly help; to trust Him to deliver us from the wicked when there is no earthly being to look after us; to trust Him to work out our financial problems when the coffers are empty; -- this brings new meaning and value to this word TRUST.

It means that we not only have faith there is a God, but that this God will work out all our problems according to His plan.

What wonderful promises are given us if we but trust God! In this fast age when mental disturbances have become a great menace to humanity, He can give us peace of mind if we trust in Him. God sometimes works "in mysterious ways His wonders to perform," but as we continually trust in Him we can claim the promise that He "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

A verse of scripture that has become very dear to me in recent months is Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." May God give us wisdom and grace so that we can teach our children there can be perfect peace of mind in a world of turmoil if we serve the Lord with a whole heart.

*For I know whom
I have believed,
And am persuaded that
He is able to keep that
Which I have committed unto him
Against that day...
Because we trust in the living God
(I Tim.4:10; II Tim.1:12)*

WHAT IS

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN?



That which applies generally to the Christian disciple applies to both the Christian man or Christian woman.

Rather than to attempt to give our own opinions or conclusions, we prefer to let the Bible tell us exactly what a Christian woman is like.

We believe that every woman of conscientious convictions will be hungry to read the following Scriptures for herself and measure by them.

Pray that the holy spirit will give spiritual insight to grow in grace in these matters.

Creation of the Woman
Genesis 1:27; 2:20-23.

Subjection of
Genesis 3:16; Ephesians 5:22-24; I Peter 3:1, 5-7.

Wives and Housekeepers
Genesis 27:9; Proverbs 31:10-31.

Hospitality and Liberality
II Kings 4:10; Proverbs 31:20; Acts Modesty
Genesis 24:65; I Timothy 2:9,10; I Peter 3:1,2.

Mother Love and Faith
I Kings 3:26; II Kings 4:18-37; Genesis 21:16; Exodus 2:3; Matt. 15:22.

Arising to Defend Righteousness
Judges 4:4; 5:7; II Samuel 20:19.

Devotional Spirit
I Samuel 1:15; II Kings 22:14; Esther Luke 1:25, 38, 46; 2:36; 10:42; Acts 16:14.

Prophetesses
Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4; II Kings 22:14; Luke 2:36; Neh. 6:14; Acts 21:9.

Church Workers
Acts 18:26; Romans 16:1-3, 6, 12; I Timothy 5:10; Philippians 4:3.

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HEALTH COLUMN

Blanche Miller
Editor

No matter how you look at it, your health is your most prized possession. Your health depends largely on the foods you eat and the way they are prepared. Each day we are faced with proper food habits, proper food handling, proper ways of storing foods, proper qualities of foods and proper ways of preparing foods. Let's brush up on a few things that might be of help to you.

Artistry with Vegetables. Are You An Artist?

Vegetable cookery is often the neglected portion of the art of cooking. Because of this, it frequently becomes the criterion by which a cook's ability is judged. All too often we are apt to forget that there are other ways of preparing them than to open the can, heat its contents, and perhaps add seasoning.

We have all had the experience of being served a creamed vegetable with a white sauce a little too thick in texture and a little too thin in flavor; or cabbage, cauliflower, or broccoli so overcooked as to be strong in flavor and grey in color. Small wonder that such vegetables are rejected. In proper cooking of vegetables there are only a few rules to follow:

1. Do not overcook. Cooked vegetables, though tender, should be slightly crisp and firm enough to hold their shape and should be bright in color.
2. Cook vegetables or heat canned ones in small quantities to avoid over-cooking and prevent crushing.
3. Use only a small amount of water to conserve as many of the nutrients as is possible.
4. Cook green vegetables *without* the cover to retain the *color.
5. Use time tables and timer for cooking vegetables.

Remember that the best way to serve vegetables is to prepare them so attractive in color, flavor and texture that they tempt instead of repel the appetite.

New Method for Cooking Macaroni

As you know, times and methods change. Many times new methods are simpler. Each of us has her own method of cooking *macaroni*, for instance.

This is the New method: To cook four ounces of macaroni, noodles or spaghetti, first bring three cups of water to boiling. Add two teaspoons of salt and the macaroni

food to the rapidly boiling water. Stir the boiling mixture constantly for two minutes. Then cover the pan, remove from heat and let stand ten minutes. At the end of ten minutes, drain the macaroni food and rinse immediately. It will be cooked to the correct stage of 'doneness'—completely cooked, yet still chewy—not overdone and mushy. Increase or decrease the amount of water as you vary the quantity of macaroni you wish to cook. It is important that the water be boiling when the macaroni food is added, and that the mixture be boiled for *two minutes*.

Inexperienced cooks like this method because the step of testing for 'doneness' is eliminated. Cooking macaroni foods for a crowd is much simpler this new way. For example, you need only 2½ gallons of boiling water to cook three pounds of macaroni, noodles or spaghetti. Use two tablespoons salt for this amount of water.

This method is not recommended for thickwalled macaroni food and shapes like lasagna and tufoli. Cooking in large quantities of water still seems to be the best method for these forms.

EGGS, grade and qualities.

Best guide to egg quality at time of purchase is the grade label on the sticker that seals the carton, or on the carton itself. The grade mark on a carton of *officially* graded eggs always carries the letters, "U. S.," and always tells the grade (quality) of the eggs and the size (weight per dozen), and always states the date of grading. There are *four* U. S. consumer grades for eggs. They are U. S. Grade AA, U. S. Grade A, U. S. Grade B, and U. S. Grade C. Each refers to a specific interior quality, defined by Government standards.

High-quality eggs—Grade AA and A—are good for all uses, and generally bring higher prices than eggs of the lower qualities. They have a large proportion of thick white which stands up well around a firm high yolk, and are delicate in flavor.

Grade B and C eggs are good eggs, although they differ from higher quality eggs in several ways. Most of the white is thin so these eggs spread over a wide area. The yolk is rather flat and may break easily. But they offer the same food value as top grade eggs, and have dozens of uses in which appearance and delicate flavor are less important.



* To retain the green color of cabbage, cook it in six times as much water as the cabbage. Have the water boiling and salted. Drop the cabbage leaves into water, cooking only until tender, and drain.

THE SECRETARY REPORTS

Nearly a year has passed since last we met as a group at the General Conference Camp Meeting in Denver. During that time all of us have been busy earning funds with which to meet the goals set up at that meeting.

Many have done much to help carry on the work, but I wonder if all of us have done our utmost.

Perhaps it is well that the goals set up be brought to mind at this time. It was voted to try to do the following:

Pay \$100 monthly into the United Fund which would be prorated to the budgeted departments. These include Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Publishing, Ministerial, Young People and Education departments.

In addition to the above it was decided to give during the two year period the following "gifts:"

Foreign Missions \$240 for literature; Home Missions \$325 for visual aid equipment; Ministerial \$240 for office help; Education—Midwest Bible College \$175 to purchase washing machine; Springvale Academy \$130 to purchase ten classroom chairs and three linoleum rugs.

Because of the urgent, immediate need, the full amount was provided to the Educational department last fall. We did not wish to make them wait two years for such necessary equipment. The other "gifts" have not been started. We have paid \$100 each month, August through February, into the United Fund. This amounts to \$700 which has been distributed to the various departments mentioned.

Because our treasury has been low, the payments for March, April and May have not been made to the United fund.

The current expenses, such as publishing the Wand, purchase of Mite boxes, postage and other incidentals required to carry on the work of the Women's Association have been kept paid. I am hoping that when the con-

tents of the Mite boxes are sent in, that we will be able to finish the year commendably.

The reports coming from the various districts are very encouraging. We know that the members of the Women's Association are supporting the work of the church with their prayers and money. It has been said, "If you want something done, the women of the church will do it."

May we continue on with God's help and we shall succeed.

— Ivy Dugger, Secretary

HOME SWEET HOME

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Another characteristic of this Christian home is its hospitality. This family knows the verse in Hebrews 13:2, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." The Christian family is not only to show hospitality to strangers but are urged to "Use hospitality one to another without grudging" (I Peter 4:9). "Without grudging" should strike the keynote of the hospitality of the Christian home. Hospitality should be given from a generous and friendly heart.

"Home, sweet home!" Indeed it is a sweet home if it is a Christian home -- a home where Christian principles are practiced, not just preached. The occupants of the Christian home are candidates for the home of the saved. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2,3).

Field Reports

● *Sacramento, California, The Women's Charity Association, Donna Perry, President, Betty Jarwin, Secretary.* We have a very active group here in the North Sacramento church. We have had several rummage sales, the last one netting over \$100. The Women's Charity has bought shrubs, lawn seed, gravel and other improvements for our new church building.

We helped in the National Dime Brigade and the Apron Drive last year. Now we are working on a project for the Western District Camp Meeting, the proceeds of which will go toward the National Women's Association.

Last December we helped the flood stricken victims with food and clothing. May the Lord continue to bless us in our efforts for Him.

● *District Three (Oregon, Idaho, Washington), Blanche Miller, Regional Dir.* The present project in our district is making things to sell (fancy work) at the Lodi Camp Meeting. Each lady is making at least one thing to sell and several groups have made quilts.

The Deborah Circle made a beautiful friendship quilt with flowers and Scripture quotations. Mite boxes are distributed to the women of this district.

● *Eureka, South Dakota, Ladies Aid, Emma Moldenhauer, President, Hulda Fischer, Secy., Ruth Dais, Treas., Leona Fischer, Committee.* The Ladies Aid was organized in December and we have regular meetings the last Thursday afternoon of each month, at the local church. We have 16 members, but are expecting more, since others are attending regularly and helping with our projects.

We have sent eight large boxes of used garments to Jamaica, and have cut and sold 13 aprons from a piece of donated nylon material. Recently we finished a quilt which is to be sold and we also received a 48-cup coffee maker by selling vanilla.

We are faithfully 'feeding' our Mite boxes. At the next meeting we expect to adopt some by-laws for our group. May the Lord bless all and continue the spirit of cooperation among us, His children. — Mrs. Albert Fischer.

● *District One, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Katherine Kiesz, Regional Director.* I wish to add my testimony to let you know that I am still with you. My heart is ever in the Women's Association and I would love to see it do even more. I believe we should all work to get more members for our Assoc-

iation. I would like to see every lady member of the Church of God working in this.

I have another great desire for us, and that is that we should all prosper spiritually. We all need to pray more. We are never going to see the souls saved that need to be saved unless we have enough compassion to fast and pray.

When Billy Graham was in India the people came together at four o'clock in the morning and prayed all day for that meeting. Other ministers and evangelists ask their people to fast and pray and God definitely blesses these folks for the time spent in fasting and prayer.

Fasting takes one into humility, removing pride. It also removes unbelief according to Matthew 17:20, 21. Fasting leaves the natural and takes one quickly into the spiritual realm, bringing better understanding of the Bible. Thus God can come near to us and we near to Him.

Fasting will bring spiritual revival. So let us pray and fast more, so that God will bless the Church of God with many spiritual blessings.

NOTE: Sister Kiesz is presently with her husband in Tennessee, where they are beginning evangelistic meetings. We should remember this effort in prayer for souls.

Reports

While we only have a few reports that were turned in from the field recently, it does not mean that our women are not just as active and busy as ever in each of the districts. We know this by our general correspondence and also by the many orders coming for the Mite boxes.

We usually write into the field asking for reports shortly before the Wand is due, but it seemed there was no time to handle personal correspondence with the field this time.

However, these things are not due to any lack of interest. The Women's Association is going forward. As we grow, we find that it requires continual new plans and new systems to meet growth problems.

System! that was the word we wanted. The lack of reports in this issue is a good illustration of what we mean. We cannot depend upon past methods for a more extensive work today.

What is being done to bring about a better system? Our national W. A. staff is working on a fine system that will correct these matters and serve the field, the national secretary's office, and the Wand in a much better way.

We need persons designated in the field to make up the reports at a certain time.

These field reporters need to be furnished with schedules, instructions and report forms. I am sure that when the president brings these things to your attention in the coming future, you will welcome them.

Here is the way to help:

1. Appoint someone to make the report.
2. Prepare a reminder when to mail.
3. Mail report in early December.

THERE'S BEEN A RAID . . .

on the "Mite boxes" that is! We ran out once and twice again! Mite boxes have been sent out from our Denver office almost every month since last Conference, when they were first announced. Not too long ago we received an order for a dozen or so and found ourselves out of stock. We ordered another hundred. But we were soon out of stock again when a letter arrived from the women of the Kansas City, Mo. church, requesting fifteen. Fortunately, we located another four dozen from a Denver supply house and have some on hand.

We hope that good things are happening to them. Are they receiving those "mighty mite" coins for Christ?

The W. A. Secretary informs us that the treasury has hit bottom because of all the "good works" undertaken. Sister Dugger spends many hours at the typewriter and over the books. Let's lift those wrinkles from her brow by sending our Mite box proceeds in now.

If You Have Just Recently . . .

received a Mite box, however, the above does not apply. This is for those who received them last summer or fall.

Please Retain Your Mite Box . . .

When you empty your Mite box, be sure to retain them for future use. You never can tell when the W. A. will be needing them again. Or you can voluntarily continue the plan. A penny a day will fill up the little paper Church in a year. If you do not have one or need to replace yours, write to the Women's Association, Box 2370, Denver 1, Colorado.



MEETING OUR GOALS

Betty Maynor

As you know, the members of the Women's Association set some very commendable goals for the years of 1956-57. So far some of these have been met.

The annual Dime Brigade was not conducted this spring. It is our plan to conduct it a little later.

However, we do have the Mite boxes circulating. Several have been turned in heaped up and running over. Therefore, in view of our extreme financial need, we are issuing an S.O.S. at this time for all Mite boxes (except those issued recently) to be sent in to:

Women's Association
Box 2370
Denver, Colorado

Please write a check or get a bank or postal money order for the total amount in your Mite box. It is dangerous and expensive to send coins through the mail.

If you have put one penny a day into your Mite box since General Conference you will have a total of \$3 by June 22, 1956.

If each of us is faithful, our treasury's needs will be supplied and our goals will be met. How easy it is to accomplish much by working together, each doing her own small share! How blessed it is to share in the work of our Master!

ATTENTION Regional Directors and Area Field Workers:

Please collect and send in one lump sum the contents of the Mite boxes for your district or local group where it is convenient. Return the emptied boxes to their respective owners so that they may be filled again! Thanks.

GRANDMA'S APRON

When I was a child, Grandma's garments made little impression on me—with the exception of her apron! Since Grandma was a woman of ample proportions, her cover-all apron was a big affair of dark printed cotton, slow to soil, edged all around with bias tape. Its uses were limitless.



The apron made a "basket" when she gathered eggs from the henhouse late in the afternoon. If there were fluffy, yellow chicks to be carried to the back porch during the sudden cold spells, they made the trip peeping contentedly, in Grandma's apron. When these little darlings grew into henhood and liked to peck and scratch among Grandma's flowers, she merely flapped her apron at them and they ran squawking to the chicken-yard. And I can see her yet, tossing cracked corn to the hungry flock from her apron.

Lots of chips and kindling were needed to start fires in the big ivory-colored cookstove in Grandma's kitchen. Sure, she carried them in her apron. Vegetables and fruits, too—lettuce, radishes, peas, string beans, carrots, apples, peaches—all found their way to the kitchen via Grandma's carry-all! While things were cooking, it was a handy holder for removing hot pans from the stove.

If the men working in the field weren't too far away, the apron waved aloft was the signal to "come to dinner." At threshing or company time,

when the long dining room table was crowded with hungry folks, Grandma hovered about, passing aromatic dishes and flipping the big apron at pesky flies.

When grandchildren came to visit, the apron stood ready to dry childish tears. If the little ones were a bit shy, it made a good hiding place in case a stranger appeared unexpectedly.

The apron was used countless times to stroke a perspiring brow as Grandma bent over the hot wood stove, or hoed the garden under a blistering sun. In chilly weather, Grandma wrapped the friendly apron around her arms while she hurried on an outside errand or lingered at the door with a departing guest.

Hastily, and a bit slyly, it dusted tables and chairs if company was sighted coming down the lane. And, in the evening, when the day's work was done, Grandma shed her garment of many uses and draped it over the canary's cage. -Rock County Leader

As the WAND develops, more new features continue to be added. How we appreciate our subscribers who are providing for these things which render spiritual inspiration.

The "Aunt Sophia" column, devoted to reader "problem" questions, page six, began with the first women's bulletin (1953). This is the first issue in which we have not had a reader question presented, but it is here to serve. Those of you who have received former issues of this paper have enjoyed its questions and answers.

Next was added the "News Scope" page two, as a regular feature for accumulating short news items into one section - news of special interest to readers of the WAND.

To meet an urgent need, a Memorial Foundation was established in 1955 by the Women's Association of the Church of God, bringing to the WAND a special Memorial section, in memory of those passing from this life. To illustrate the acute need for such a project, donations were already beginning to arrive for quite some time before its establishment. Our W. A. Secretary was recently called, with her husband, to attend the funeral of a near relative, a prominent man in his home town. Members of his family asked if his church, (the Church of God) had a memorial foundation, as do many other churches. She said, "How glad I was to be able to say that we do have such a fund for the education of young men to the ministry." A representative from the Masonic Lodge also called at the home to present a check in memory of the deceased.

In the previous issue of the WAND, page seven, a new column was introduced, "Here's To Health." Besides giving us guidance and tips to good health, it will lend us another important ingredient called "good cheer" which is better than a tonic, for it is being edited by a most cheerful and charming personality.

A new feature beginning with this issue is the column to the right, "Word of Testimony." We have had several requests for such a column. We believe you, our readers, will keep it going with the "Word of your testimony," to the everlasting glory and praise of the Heavenly Father. "That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11).

The "Word of Testimony" column needs no personal editor. It only needs YOU, the reader. All of you are its editors. All of you have experienced special blessings, answers to prayer or healings from the Lord. Remember that it is by the "word of their testimony" that the saints overcome evil and gain victory.

WORD OF TESTIMONY

A Faith Column

"And they overcame...by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11).

"May I take this opportunity to thank all the readers of the WAND for your prayers in my behalf during my recent illness; a special thanks to all who so kindly sent greetings through cards of good wishes. It will be sometime before I shall be completely recovered, but I am thankful for the progress that I am making. The doctors agree that it is nothing short of a miracle from above that my life was spared.

"I always enjoy reading the WAND and learning of the women's activities. The work of the Women's Association is encouraging and I pray that it may continue to grow and prosper." - Eider Otto Haerber, 382 Oxford Avenue, Hawthorne, California.

"I had an infection on my finger which grew quite serious. I thought I would have to go to have it cared for, but I prayed about it. When I took the tape off a little later, it had completely gone away. This was one of the most direct and quick answers to prayer I have experienced."

-Mrs. Ivy Dugger

"I wish to extend praise and thankfulness to a merciful and loving Father. Several of us joined in a 'prayer for healing' service in the Kansas City church, while we visited there in March. Prayers were continued in our home for a growing affliction. Soon after this, I returned to our Christian doctor for a check-up. He said that my difficulty which had been with me had gone completely away."

- Lois Merriam

NOTE: We welcome testimonies. It will help others to gain faith. God is love, and His power must be magnified.

Hour of Prayer

In connection with the above subject of prayer, we would like to mention that a daily prayer service is held at the General Conference offices at 8:30 A. M., Mountain time, each week-day morning, where incoming requests for prayer are read and especially remembered in prayer. Many of these requests are from those outside the church, and from those studying the truth through the new Bible Correspondence School. Whenever you can join in prayer be sure to do so at that hour. Special requests may be sent to the "Prayer Band," box 2370, Denver 1, Colorado.



Winnie Davison, 1956, Bassett, Nebraska
by Alex and Ivy Dugger, Celia Potratz.

Hugh Miller, 1956, Bassett, Nebraska.
by Leona Mae Allen, Alice Anderson, Albert Armstrong, Floyd and Wilma Carpenter, Alex and Ivy Dugger, Ford and Edna Garwood, Orson and Lu Jeffrey, Frank and Vera Jilg, Mrs. Alta Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Marsh, Masonic Lodge (Bassett), Mrs. Celia Potratz, Chester and Laura Stockwell.

Amy Sandall, 1956, Bassett, Nebraska
by Luther Bard, Erny and Marjorie Bussinger, Alex and Ivy Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. Grandt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson, Ernest Hypse, Alta Leonard, Viola Linke Theona Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ring, Ed Sandall, Dick Sandall.

Arthur Potratz, 1955, Bassett, Nebraska
by Celia Potratz.

Elder Carl V. Stacy, 1954, Los Angeles, California, by Mrs. Ben Drongesen, Mrs. Grace Foote, DeRoy and LeRoy McGill.

IN MEMORIAM

A gift to Christ has been made in loving memory of those who have completed their journey of life in this present world.

The last deceased is listed first. Gifts may be sent in memory of friends or relatives, and may be made at any time in remembrance.

All gifts go into a fund for the Christian education of young men preparing for the ministry. We still have copies of the book, "Mission Accomplished" which is sent on to those requesting it, who have made memorial gifts. It is especially comforting to those who are shaken by the power of death, and need courage and understanding of this event. It is the story of a young minister taken in sudden death while on an errand of mercy.

Many people prefer to limit floral gifts and place something to the living memory of a loved one, so that "he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4).

The above list covers all memorial gifts up to June 10, 1956.

THANATOPSIS

by William Cullen Bryant

So live that when thy summons
comes to join
The innumerable caravan
that moves
To that mysterious realm,
where each shall take
His chamber in the silent
halls of death,
Thou go not, like the
quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but
sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust,
approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery
of his couch
About him, and lies down
to pleasant dreams.



"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

"They Agree!"



From "The Secret of the Hittites" (Knopf)

*Fabulous beast, part man, part lion,
from Carchemish, capital of Hittites.*

Another historical treasure has been slowly unfolding in Asia Minor. Until a century ago what little we knew of the Hittites was gleaned from occasional references in the Bible. They were great warriors and had apparently vanished without a trace. But here again truth is stranger than fiction, since modern science has not only rediscovered the Hittites but has unearthed their cities, deciphered their language and shown them to be one of the great powers of antiquity, capable of defeating in battle even the redoubtable Ramses II of Egypt. This story is told in **THE SECRET OF THE HITTITES** (New York: Knopf—\$5) in which C. W. Ceram conveys the excitement of hunting for buried treasure in the form of vanished civilizations. A detective story could not be more fascinating. - *Think*

It was only a short time ago that skeptics of Bible history were scorning the story of the Hittites. They said that outside the Bible, no other

history of ancient records ever revealed such a people as the "Hittites!"

Now, suddenly, the whole story is laid bare by archaeology. It not only did make war with Israel, but it was a great enough power so that it could challenge ancient Egypt.

MESSAGE OF THANKS from B.W.I.

Please accept sincere thanks and precious greetings in the Holy name of Jesus, our coming King. Upon reaching home from my field of labour Sunday morning, I found my wife wearing beautiful smiles. She led the way to the house and showed me the box of clothing sent to us here. I opened it. While the ten of us waited, wife did the sorting. Every child was filled with joy when a garment came forth which fit him.

I was to go to an out-door meeting that Sunday night, and the suit I had on needed to be renovated, but still I would have to wear it. Seeing the one you sent was a little short, I got down to business lengthening it and pressed it, and it was a fit suit for the occasion.

I felt so good that it would not be good for us alone to be happy. We gave several pieces of clothing to the church brethren, who said to me, "Pastor! it came right in the time of need."

Brethren, you really cannot know how grateful we are to the donors, but Jesus who is Omnipotent, He will reveal it all to you, and make the way possible for you to continue your glorious work (Matt. 25:35-40).

Pen and paper are limited in making expression, but we hope to meet all in the Kingdom.

Your thankful brother,
Eld. Festus Brown, BWI

NOTE: The above box was evidently sent to these islands by one of our local women's groups. We trust they will see this letter of appreciation.

It was addressed to the Women's Missionary Society. -Ed.



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PERSPECTIVE

One's reactions to life's problems and situations will be in relation to his perspective. All things are relative. You will meet with bitterness of soul in some folks, as you listen to their experiences of trials, mistreatment, disillusionment or misfortune; such a one will assure you he has reason to be bitter. Then you find a gentle soul who seems to emanate joy and gladness. He is glad to be alive and ready to cheer. Must have not had many troubles? I recall one lady in particular, whom I once knew. She was full of alms and good deeds. She had no immediate family, but went about doing good -- but not with a "do-gooders" attitude. She always brought cheer and laughter with her. Later I learned of tragedies in her past, and many of her days must have been dark. I think it all revolves upon perspective -- these attitudes we show.

It is true that adult bodies can house childish immaturity. In fact, it is quite common, as I'm sure you have found. People do not allow their minds to take on maturity along with their physical growth. Why? Possibly because of a reluctance to accept adult responsibilities, and as an escape from the realities of life, they prefer to react as a child. There could be a number of reasons.

The past is gone and we must live today -- for God's purpose. Without hope in God, how can anyone's perspective be right? But to lose it is to destroy that hope also. Why spend our hours in worry and anxiety about troubles that may come tomorrow? They'll come anyway, for life is full of troubles. Yet we forget that we have lots of time in between them in which to enjoy God's blessings. But we have the tendency to forget all of that when even a slight trouble arrives.

Let's let trouble come, if it persists. If our perspective is right, we'll know how to meet it. Many troubles will not amount to much and will be easily disposed of if we do not worry ahead and magnify them before arrival. Above all, let us not lament our state of affairs. Others have troubles too. Rich or poor, each has his own problems and heartaches. Let us bear one another's burdens and so lighten our own.

Einstein stumbled across the great truth -- the law of relativity. God talked to us about it in HIS BOOK quite a long time

before that, but man's mind could not grasp it then. Neither could the prophet-writers who penned God's word. When they wrote that a thousand years is as one day with the Lord, and one day as a thousand years, they were speaking of relative laws without being aware of the science of such.

If you were hanging on a rock ledge, and waiting for me to bring help before you would lose your grasp and fall to certain death, how long would each minute of time seem to you? Perhaps in ten minutes help would be there, but you would say, "Those were the longest ten minutes I ever expect to live!" But if one is absorbed in an interesting book, an hour flies by in what seems like fifteen minutes.

Speed is relative. During my first air trip, as the plane rolled down the run-way, we experienced a great sense of speed, as landscape and buildings were passed. After the plane had circled and leveled off at high altitude it suddenly seemed to stop in mid-air!

Was something wrong with the plane? No, the four huge engines were humming beautifully. The plane was now picking up speed and soon approached a 300 mile-per-hour pace, but it seemed it was standing still. I then realized that our sense of speed was absent because there was nothing to measure it by -- no fence posts, no landscape, no buildings going by -- just empty space up there. It is the same with jet pilots who travel miles above where we were, at twice that speed. The only reality was that the earth below gradually changed. Walking in a plane three or four miles high makes you feel more like a fly walking on the ceiling -- if you ever want to feel like a fly!

All things are relative, just as is time and space and travel. Everything that happens to you may bring entirely different results than to someone else, because it is in relation to your environment, your reactions, attitude and manner of coping with a situation. How important then it is to get our perspectives in focus; and may I add that I believe a godly, spiritual perspective is the real answer -- the only kind that can take us unafraid through anything that might happen to us in this life.

Lois Merriam

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EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM

The second coming of Christ is spoken of eight times as often in the Bible as was His first coming to Bethlehem. He came the first time at the exact time appointed. He not only will not delay His second return, but there is Bible evidence that He will return ahead of schedule! "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matthew 24).

Since His coming will vitally affect you, why not investigate the evidence? God cannot lie. The fruit tree of current events, with its prophetic buds, is blossoming so fast that many do not recognize the times. But this is the thing that should awaken every individual: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him...every knee shall bow." (Ref. Rev. 1:7 and Philippians 2:10, 11). Send for **FREE Bible folders**, beautifully illustrated and printed, Box 2525, Denver 1, Colorado.

