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LITTLE THINGS

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses, and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.

—Sir H. Davy

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So We've Orbited the Moon...



... Did it
really change
much of
anything? ...

By Paul Linville

Man today in his complex, modern world of machines, computers and space travel has accomplished feats which have astounded the minds of countless millions of people. His combined technical knowledge of rockets and space travel has made it possible to send three of his fellow companions on a voyage which circled the moon ten times before their space ship brought them safely back to earth.

Reviewing man's accomplishments and the many wonders which he has attained through advanced knowledge, one who is familiar with God's Word should stop and consider man's greatness in its true perspective. The Christian may ask: What is the purpose of this knowledge which man has displayed? Has it been to magnify God's greatness or has it been to amplify the greatness of man? Has man's knowledge in the field of space travel brought him closer to God? Or has it widened the gap between the Creator and His subjects?

It would be wonderful if one could truthfully say that all of man's accomplishments in the space race were to signalize the power of God. However, such a statement would be false. Everyone knows that man has accomplished these astounding feats in space technology because he is involved in

a space race with his fellow man. The idea of glorifying God is not even considered. The whole idea propelling the project is to reach the moon before anyone else does. God is not pleased with the race between man and his neighbor for its purpose is to aggrandize man, not God. Thus the gap between man and God is widened.

Man has been successful in orbiting the moon, and from a human point of view this is great; but what about God? How does this align with God's accomplishments?

Man and his "store" of knowledge looks so infinitesimally small when one pauses to make a few comparisons. How does man's greatness and knowledge compare with that of the One Who has created not only the moon, which man in his efforts has been successful in orbiting, but also the earth, the sun, the stars, the planets, and the universe in its entirety? "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:3, 4).

Is man great? Can man in his ability and knowledge create something as small as a mustard seed and cause it to grow into a large plant? GOD CAN! God not only creates mustard seeds and causes them to grow, but He has created every seed and plant upon the face of this earth.

IS MAN GREAT? NO! Even at the peak of his wisdom, man must look to the omniscience of His Maker and acknowledge, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (Psalm 139:6).

It is time for man to come to his senses, and to stop and consider what his purpose in life really is. In the eyes of God, man has only one purpose in life and it is not that he should risk life and soul trying to be the first man on the moon, but that he should "... 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).

Through man's love for God, he may learn that: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." (Proverbs 1:7). If there were ever a man that could be called great, it had to be because he loved God.

GIVING

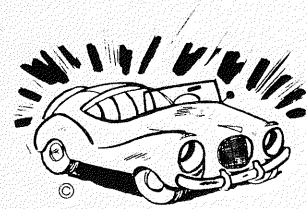
It is strange, but very true—
 Giving just enriches you.
 If you give a kindly deed,
 If you plant a friendship seed,
 If you share a laugh or song,
 If your giving rights a wrong,
 Then joy you feel and share
 Makes more goodness everywhere.
 It is strange, but very true—
 Giving just enriches you!

—From *The Young Soldier*

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A Motor of Gold



By Mike Weir

It was a typical winter day. In the church parking lot the snow had been pushed back into large drifts to make room for cars. The temperature had reached a bitter 29° below zero during the night, and so the parking lot contained only those cars that were willing to start this morning. The parking lot itself was sheltered from the frigid, piercing wind so most of the automobiles were intently and comfortably listening to Elder Buick as he spoke....

Elder Buick was the church pastor's car and was a respected car in the church lot. His message on "Being a Faithful Auto Apostle" was heeded seriously. "...and so every one of us must tune our engines so as to be fit vehicles for the Lord's service. If, on a cold morning such as this, we do not feel enough responsibility to start our engines and get our owners to church, then we need to examine ourselves as to our dependability.

"Maybe it's that low tire that's bothering me," thought Brother Ford, "but for some reason I can't concentrate on the message. I don't feel that it's really directed toward me

anyway. After all, which other station wagon on this lot comes to Sabbath services with fourteen people inside? And also," he gloated to himself, "who else puts as many miles on their speedometer during tract distribution? My tires are still killing me from last Sabbath afternoon's driving."

Elder Buick's deep sonorous voice roused Brother Ford out of his reverie, "...Therefore, it makes no difference how old or how new, or what make or model you are; we all need to make an effort to work harder. Don't be as the wheelbarrow which has to be pushed to get work done, but be like the plow which pushes."

The church service had concluded by this time and the church quickly emptied of its congregants. All fourteen of Brother Ford's riders were inside and he was carefully driven out of the parking lot behind Sister Volkswagen and ahead of Sister Cadillac. A smile crossed his radiator and he chuckled, "My, what two extremes I am between. Sister Volkswagen can hardly carry anyone to church. She's so small she hardly makes a dent in all the church work to be done; and speaking of dents, she is all banged up and hardly makes a good witness with such a shabby chassis. And on the other hand," he nearly laughed out loud, "ol' snooty Mrs. Cadillac thinks she's the queen's carriage. Why, she even has a chauffeur to drive her around. Maybe she does do a lot of good work but that's only because people respect her appearance. She is so neat and polished and yet she doesn't park separately from the rest of us cars. Talk about false humility! I'm going to explain these faults to Elder Buick. I'm sure that he will know what to do."

The next Sabbath was again very cold, but this time the church parking lot was brimming with vehicles. Many of the cars, which weren't willing to start the previous Sabbath, chagringly chugged into the church lot this morning. The lot was so full that a few cars were parked right up next to the pastor's.

Brother Ford was overjoyed,

"Now's my chance to inform Elder Buick of the problems." When the opportunity presented itself, Brother Ford poured out his grievances to Elder Buick.

"I really appreciate your concern, Brother Ford. I'm sure these two cars could do more work for the Lord, but couldn't we all? It's very easy to notice someone else's faults. You know as well as I do that the other car's headlights always appear more glaring than our own."

"Yes, I see now. We should forget about what the other car is or does and concentrate on being a punctilious and faithful vehicle ourselves."

"That's right! Remember, a car may not have a polished outward appearance or may not seem to be humble and worthy for service, but under its hood may beat a motor of gold. That's the vehicle fit for service in the Lord's work."

"...for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

FAITH

"I don't believe"—I've heard it said

By those whose faith is nil—

But they are blind to April

That blossoms on a hill.

The miracle of springtime—

Each year a new rebirth!

Our faith in resurrection

Is the dearest thing on earth.

The magic of a flower

Blooming from the winter sod—

How can they look at springtime

And not believe in God?

Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

How long do you think the average minister's sermon should be? Our pastor preaches past noon almost all the time, and we get out quite late. I thought ministers were supposed to quit preaching at 12:00 on Sabbath morning.

ANSWER:

Your question touches a subject on which I prefer not to commit myself!

It is difficult to know what an average sermon is. Further, I don't know how much time your pastor has to preach before noon arrives, because your question doesn't state when he gets started.

I detect that you spend most of your time in church waiting for noon to arrive so that you can get out and go home, or to wherever else you plan to go after church services. Should you decide to think about what your pastor is saying instead of worrying about when he is going to quit, you might find that the minutes past noon are not nearly as agonizing.

For the record, I suppose an average sermon should run from 25 to 40 minutes. How long a pastor speaks is of less importance than whether

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



or not he has something important to say. If a minister has a message he feels his congregation ought to hear that extends a bit past closing time, those attending should stay and listen carefully. If, on the other hand, what needed to be said was given before closing time, there is no need to keep talking and repeating until closing time.

I must admit that some pastors habitually speak too long. It can be a faulty habit. Perhaps your pastor isn't aware of your feelings. Why not talk to him about it? The experience may do both of you some good.

QUESTION:

This girl and I have been going out some, more often lately. We didn't want to go steady because we are hung up on our religious differences. Now she is saying that it isn't fair to her to expect her to go with me all of the time without some understanding. Am I being unfair? or should I consent to get more serious?

ANSWER:

It seems to me that the more you are going out together, the less in—
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National Youth Week



"Highway to Better Living"

By Jewell Linville

Praise the Lord!" is the expression of emotion injected into many of the National Youth Week reports from the various FYC groups throughout the country after having experienced a week of exceptional blessings from God as they walked on "The Highway to Better Living."

February 19-23 marked the time when FYCers from Canada to Southern Texas were enjoying the thrill of serving God in a special time of inspiration, spiritual strengthening, fellowship and fun shared also with visiting young people who were urged to attend by their FYC friends. A real time of witnessing indeed!

Most of the groups followed the outline of activities suggested by the National FYC with a panel on the "Problems of Today's Youth" on Wednesday, a banquet with a short program on Thursday, an evangelistic service on Friday, youth leadership for Sabbath school services, a youth rally on Sabbath afternoon, and a recreational day on Sunday with an inspirational fireside and devotional service closing the week's activities on Sunday evening.

One of the most outstanding things about the week's programming was that the spiritual feasts were not limited to evangelistic services, but bountiful spiritual blessings were received throughout all the services. In fact, the Ontario, California, FYC reports their greatest time of spiritual blessing and consecration to God during the evening of their banquet:

"God was surely here in Ontario during youth week. The first part of the week a lot of things didn't work out the way we'd planned, but God still blessed. On Monday night, things started to go wrong as usual. It was raining hard and Elder Marquez from Los Angeles called to say he couldn't come to speak. But praise the Lord, Brothers Abram and Frank Camero could come.

"After dinner, we had a few specials and we could feel the Lord starting to work. One of the choruses we sang quite a few

times during the week was "I Know the Lord Will Make a Way for Me" and praise God, He did for us that night!

"When Brothers Abe and Frank Camero got up to sing, Brother Frank made a few comments on things that had happened to him. Soon he was moved to say more and he brought some real good thoughts on yielding our entire selves to God and living more for the Lord in the days of our youth. God really blessed.

"We sang choruses and could feel the showers starting to fall. Then we started praying and then the real showers started to fall. We all realized how much we needed the presence of the Lord in our lives and began pouring our hearts out to the Lord. It really was wonderful.

"We tasted of a physical banquet here that night and we were hungry for a spiritual blessing also, but it seemed that we had just taken the first bite! There is so much more to be sought after.

"The spirit of God blessed so wonderfully that it is impossible to even try to tell of it. There are multitudes of blessings in store for us if we only search for Him with our entire hearts, souls, and minds.

"God's love is unsearchable and unchanging. We love Him because of His unending love. We pray that we will always strive for a closer walk with God that we may do better for Him. Because without Him, we can do nothing."

St. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, opened their week's activities with a power-packed panel discussion regarding "Friday night activities," "dancing," "movies," "by-words," "drugs," and "tobacco." The panel consisted of two Midwest Bible College students, Lael Tikili and John Lemley, along with Mrs. Joy Miller and Miss Denise Williams of the local congregation, and "the audience took an active part and we were at church until 10:30 p.m. We could have used even more time."



A group of St. Joseph FYCers displaying the signs depicting the theme of National Youth Week.

FREELAND AND SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, churches combined their efforts in the week's campaign and were privileged to have our General Conference Chairman, Elder Robert Coulter, as their guest speaker for Sabbath services.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FYCers were also privileged to have a special guest speaker, Elder Calvin Burrell, a member of the National Committee for the Young People's Department and instructor at Spring Vale Academy. Detroit FYCers shared the fun of a unique Sunday afternoon having an indoor party with the main activity being that of Bible games, the winners of which received appropriate gifts of Bible dictionaries, Bible picture puzzles, etc.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, also experienced a fine week of youth activities with their own evaluation of the week being: "It was very uplifting to everyone that could attend."

CONROE AND HOUSTON, TEXAS, united forces for a full Sabbath of services consisting of a sermon for youth by Elder K. C. Walker Sabbath morning, a most gratifying youth rally service Sabbath afternoon, a supper Saturday evening, and an evangelistic service Saturday night with Brother Nathan Crisp as speaker.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (Spanish and English) enjoyed a week packed full of wonderful services with some of the services being held in the Spanish Church and others in the English Church. They highlighted their Wednesday evening service with a film on LSD and a talk by an officer from the Accident Prevention Bureau, after which they had an enthusiastic panel discussion on LSD and other drugs plus the all-important topic of "Friday night activities." On Sabbath afternoon 106 congregants, 60 of them being young people, thrilled to a well-planned youth rally intensified by a sermon delivered by Elder Kenneth Lawson entitled "A Built-in Chaperone."

The NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN, FYC led out in the series of National Youth Week programs with their "week" of activities being held January 29 through February 2. They were especially blessed to have Elder and Sister Vernon Patchen present and of special inspiration to the young people throughout the week.

CANADA (NIPAWIN) FYCers, for the first time in history, joined with the U. S. A. groups in observance of National Youth Week and report having had a "fine program."

LODI AND STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, FYCers coalesced their endeavors for a week of inspiring worship with the greater blessing of all stemming from their Friday night fireside services where the young people gathered around a temporary fireplace, fashioned especially for the occasion, which set the mood for a glorious time of communion with God. In the words of their pastor: "This was one of the best services I have ever experienced. About 80

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Meet Your Committeemen

Mary Jean Wilson, age 21 has held various offices in the Conroe FYC and has been a dependable supporter as well as instigator of many worthwhile efforts in youth work.

In May, she will graduate from the University of Houston with a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education in the area of the mentally retarded.



When I received the letter telling me that the time had come for me to write my article for "Meet Your Committeemen," I panicked. After many hours of sitting and scratching my brain, I became very ashamed. God has done so many wonderful things for me so why should I have any trouble proclaiming His love to others. Yet this is too often the way we, as human beings, operate. We find time to present our ideas on new cars, on clothes, and about other people but for some reason we don't find the time to express our religious convictions.

Today, we see so many demonstrations—demonstrations against the war in Viet Nam, for civil rights, against "the Establishment," and for student power. People participating in these demonstrations seem to be very zealous for their cause. Recently the Negro students at the University of Houston united and presented ten demands to the University President. Something about this united effort brought a tenseness to the campus. Meetings were held all over the campus—public meetings, board meetings, meetings behind closed doors—as University officials strove to prevent a large-scale demonstration or riot. Students across campus were heard discussing and making individual decisions concerning the legitimacy of the demands. Around town newspapers and radios kept the public informed of every happening. Citizens discussed the possibility of this demonstration's turning into a riot similar to those in California.

The incredible part of the situation is that the demonstrating group did not number over three or four hundred in a university boasting a student body of twenty-three to twenty-five thousand and in a city with a population numbering over one million. This is the part that captured my attention. Here we find demonstrated the power of a group, large or small, united with a common goal.

How sad that people involved in demonstrations across the country are not expanding their efforts and enthusiasm in God's service. Just consider how many people in a city the size of Houston became aware of the beliefs of these students. The riots in California have received national coverage. Yet often we, as Christians, do not even radiate the enthusiasm we should feel to our neighbors.

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Family Financing

A Solution . . . The Budget Plan

Lloyd C. Clark

"Take no thought for tomorrow . . ." (Matt. 6:25). In our western culture and affluent society, it may appear on first consideration that one cannot follow this advice. However, Jesus sent His disciples with their scrip. A Christian who plans his "scrip" today will not need to worry or even take thought for tomorrow. In this sense, the words of Christ can become reality. A family who uses a budget system plans not only for tomorrow but for the tomorrows.

The previous chapter presented a simple, basic budget. It presented a number of problems also. It was arranged to reveal the ground level world of the great mass of factory workers. In that budget no place was provided for taxes, life insurance, consumer credit accounts and others. Have you compared your income to this budget?

This is a simple working form. Each family presents a different case. Your income, less the deductions by the employer, must be discussed in the light of your problems. When you run short as the above fam-

ily is short, you begin to reason and plan to find the solution. There are three basic areas open to such a person. You can seek welfare—a surplus food plan. You can begin to cut costs where possible. You can seek to increase your income.

First, the matter of a surplus food plan should never be misused. While there are some cases when such a benefit seems necessary and acceptable, it should never be a supplement (or inducement) to idleness.

The second is easy to say but may be very difficult to do. You could move to a cheaper housing unit but the cost of moving in many cases will eat up the savings gained thereby for several months. The move could increase the cost of other items in the budget. However, it *could* help, with careful planning.

The third plan could be the quickest and perhaps the answer until some more secure plan comes up. The husband could take a second job as a few hours at a gas station, as a janitor, taxi driver, or a night watch-

man. Perhaps mother could take some work for a few hours a day. If there are children, she could work when father is home. In both cases, this must be temporary since health could become a factor.

Let me illustrate another way which may be somewhat longer but which is a solution. A young man found himself some \$5000 in debt, no car and alone after his wife walked out on him and created the debt problem. Confused, crushed, and in a critical state of mind, he was sent to his Credit Union by the social worker in the local UAW office. I spent hours with this man over the next four years. He took me to lunch a few days ago, and we discussed his final step out of the world of defeat. His debt is now a little over \$1800. When we first met he was earning about \$2.80 per hour. Today he gets \$4.89 per hour and is on his way to a maximum of \$5.60. One of the first directives that was given him . . . "We will help you if you will return to school and pick up a skill trade to your liking." He did and after four years, without a car, with few friends, with one trip to the hospital for alcoholics, and a return to the church of his childhood, he stands in a new world ready to begin over again.

If a man of such conditions can walk up out of the pit of financial as well as personal darkness through the use of a budget that takes everything from him and compels him to re-train his life for a skill he

did not know he possessed, then no Christian under God's wonderful guidance should ever need walk long in a troubled financial world.

Let me illustrate another answer to the financial worries of young couples beginning life. A young college graduate is just entering the insurance business. We finance young couples who are getting a life insurance plan through this company. This young agent told me that he plans never to borrow money and pay the interest which so many pay and which keeps many people poor. Two debts must be created and that is for the home and generally for a car . . . though this is not always necessary if a young man will plan before marriage. This agent's method can be done in our day . . . the plan to pay cash for everything one buys. He and his wife have made this plan. They know that for five to ten years they will have only the basic essentials for living. They also know that somewhere out there they will be some fifty to one hundred thousand dollars to the good by paying cash.

To prove the above plan there is a farmer and factory worker who can tell you the story. For fifteen years, his wife never had a store dress or a new coat after they were married. Today at the retirement stage of life, this man has three large farms, two cadillac cars, a dream cottage in the North; and the only debt he ever created was for the

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Teen Guidelines

Especially for boys . . .

Should a Christian Fight?

By Calvin Burrell

As sure as death, taxes, school, and your 18th birthday, Uncle Sam wants you! Here is some straight talk for you to consider as you make up your mind about military service.

Following are four reasons why I feel that a Christian should not participate in warfare.

1. NATURAL EVIL OF WAR

Modern warfare, if not all warfare, is surrounded and saturated by sin and sorrow. The Bible tells us in James 4:1, 2 that wars and fightings come among us because of the greed and lust within us. This human nature on a national level leads to frightening conflict among nations. The awful results are that nothing has been settled, but many lives were lost, many more were wounded, terrible suffering was experienced, and others were left homeless or grieving over lost loved ones. Usually the only certain thing about the end of a war is that the seeds of hatred and discord have been sown to insure an abundant crop of future war. . . . All because man refuses God's way, and goes his own.

2. WAR VIOLATES GOD'S PLAIN COMMAND

Even from the time that Cain slew his brother, we are taught in the scriptures the importance of each human life. Let us not think that God makes an exception to this sixth commandment of His eternal ten just because someone wears the uniform of a na-

tion with whom our country happens to be at war. Whenever we take the life of another person in any situation, we place ourselves in the position of judgment that God alone is qualified to fill—that of deciding when any person is no longer fit to breathe the breath of life. It can be said no plainer than, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13).

3. WAR IS CONTRARY TO THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS AND THE APOSTLES

The words of Jesus and the writings of the apostles contain some teachings that most people find difficult to accept and almost impossible to practice:

"... for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52).

"... Love your enemies, bless them that curse you" (Matthew 5:44).

"Do violence to no man" (Luke 3:14).

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink" (Romans 12:18, 20).

"... Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matthew 5:39).

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." (Ephesians 6:12).

Now are we to take these statements and say that they only apply in certain situations? Jesus did not say that we should follow His teachings and example only in certain situations. It seems to me very unlikely that Jesus would take up weapons of war against any person at any time, even if His home country were in danger of attack from foreign invaders.

4. CHRISTIANS FIGHT A SPIRITUAL WAR, NOT A PHYSICAL ONE

In Ephesians 4 Paul indicates very plainly the type of soldier a Christian should be. We are to fight with spiritual weapons against the spiritual wickedness of this world. A good soldier of Jesus Christ will most certainly be able to do more good in this life for himself and for others by Godly living, than he ever could accomplish by taking the sword.

* * *

Next I would like to deal briefly with three objections that are commonly heard against the Christian's stand on military service. These arguments are offered by well-meaning people who feel quite patriotically that we should be willing to fight and die for the liberty that we enjoy in a free nation.

OBJECTION NO. 1: Look at the Old Testament. Didn't God often lead His chosen people into battle? Didn't they completely kill and destroy the enemy, with God's help?

We do find experiences in the old scriptures where the destruction of certain cities or armies was ordered by the Lord. But we must recognize that God oftentimes dealt differently with the Israelites as a nation than He ever deals with His people today. In the Old Testament, God commanded Israel to fight; in the New Testament, God commands His people *not* to fight. The life and death of Jesus *did* change some things. In the Old Testament God led a physical nation (Israel) out of physical bondage (Egyptian slavery) to fight physical battles and inherit a physical promised land. In the new dispensation God leads His spiritual nation (Christians) out of a spiritual bondage (sin) through many spiritual battles, and into that spiritual promised land, the Kingdom of God. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36). Many Old Testament experiences are written as types, to teach us these spiritual truths.

OBJECTION NO 2: Christians are to be subject to the law of the land, and the law requires all young men to serve.

It is true that we are to obey the national laws; but in the case of military service, there is an exception that is legal in every respect. A young man who sincerely believes that it is not right in God's sight to participate in warfare may appeal to the government for exemption. If granted this exemption, he is completely within the law of the land.

Even if it were not possible to be exempt from service, we could not allow national law to overrule God's law with regard to participation in warfare. "We ought to obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29).

OBJECTION NO. 3: What if everybody took the stand that you do? What if no one were willing to fight to defend our country?

If everyone were willing to obey all the scripture with regard to military service, then praise God! I believe that a God-fearing nation could withstand a fighting nation any time!

Certainly I realize that many men have paid dearly with their lives so that this nation and others might be free. However, the good results thus obtained do not prove that the methods were righteous.

The Bible states "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Proverbs

14:34). I believe that Godly living on our part will do more to keep our nation great and free than any amount of the enemy that we might mow down with a gun.

A FEW CLOSING COMMENTS

The Bible teaches that we should love all men. How can you kill someone that you love? The Bible also advocates non-violence; we cannot sympathize, however, with those groups or individuals who broadcast their own "non-violence," while actually encouraging and fostering violent and rebellious behavior on the part of others. This they do by their own lawless attempts, however "non-violent," to change society.

Our society feeds on violence; the Bible condemns it. Our favorite T. V. programs are the war stories; our favorite book is the murder mystery; our favorite sports are the most brutal ones; headlines of violent and bloody crimes grab our interest every day. The Bible predicted that our day would be like the days of Noah, when violence filled the whole earth. What will a Christian do to turn this trend?

We hold no agreement with those people who rebelliously wave "Make love—not war" signs to show their defiance of the national laws and any particular war. Their "commendable" (?) motto serves only as a front for many who live as a law unto themselves, ignoring most other standards of morality and right. Certainly a Christian should practice love to all men instead of war; but it must also be accompanied with every other form of obedience and submission that God requires.

How many young men do you know who have had their standard of morality and conduct lowered considerably after a time of service in the armed forces? The list is long.

AND SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FELLOWS

When you reach the age of 18 you will be required to register with the selective service board in your home county. At that time, if you are a Christian, and if it is your sincere conviction that you would not be serving God by serving as a soldier of war, then be sure to sign your name in the proper place on your registration form. This will be found in the paragraph titled for the Conscientious Objector only. Let it not be once named of you that any other reason was ever used for signing this belief than a deep and sincere desire to serve God, in every way.

When you begin to fill out the second form asking you of your belief as a conscientious objector, you should use great care to give accurate and sincere answers that well describe your belief and the teachings of the Bible. You may wish to consult your pastor for assistance.

"MINI" RETREAT

VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR YOUTH—INSPIRATION—GOD'S BLESSINGS—A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE—FUN—AND FOOD! These are all ingredients for one successful "mini" retreat—A NEW "FIRST" IN FYC PROGRAMS!

The National FYC Office personnel, along with the churches of Northeastern Oklahoma, have proven that it is not necessary to wait for a summer youth camp, a biennial general conference, a mid-winter retreat, or a spring retreat to experience the blessings of God and the joy of Christian fellowship as is always outstandingly evident in these special meetings! God's work knows no season: "...be instant in season, out of season..." (2 Timothy 4:2).

The "mini" retreat, a nationally sponsored FYC social and inspirational for the FYCers of Eastern Oklahoma was held on Saturday night, January 15, being preceded by a special service for young people at the Tulsa Church of God in which the sermon was directed to the youth of the congregation. After an uplifting altar service where many young

people left their burdens with the Lord, the group consisting of the Tulsa FYCers and those FYCers of neighboring churches, trekked its way through the unexpected furrows of snow to the fellowship hall which had been acquired for the night's activities. Due to the unforeseen change in weather, many of the FYCers from nearby churches were unable to at-



Left—Young people are seen in front of the posters which explain programs and goals of FYCers on a national level.

tend, and their presence was missed very much.

The mid-winter snow blew away our wiener roast, but escorted in a most inviting chili supper served so graciously by the faithful sponsors and parents of some of our Tulsa FYCers.

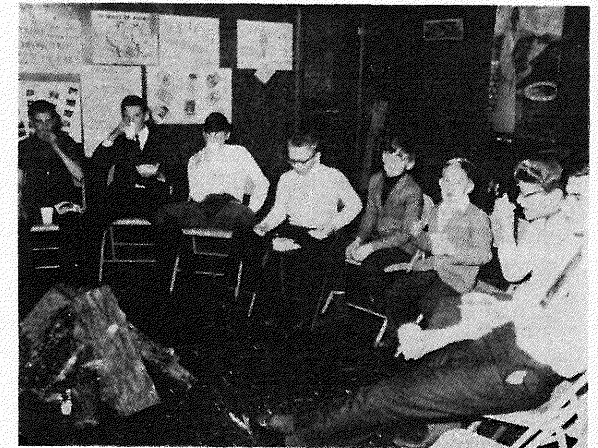
After all hungry tummies were satisfied, the energetic group of young people settled themselves around an atmospheric log fire built in the center of the room—we thought about having the fire department stand by "just in case" and almost needed it, too, when our red crepe paper came too close to the hidden light bulb! Nevertheless, the presence of our Lord was keenly felt in a lively chorus session which introduced the evening's program.

Goals of the national youth work were made vivid as each phase of the

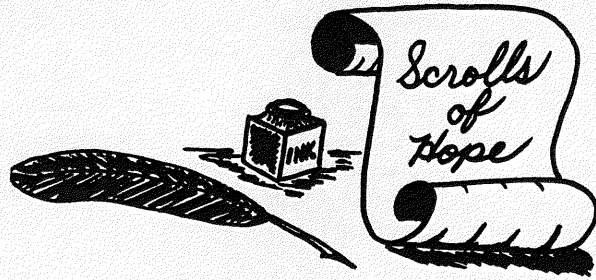
young people's work was explained by Elder Dale Lawson, Chairman of the National Young People's Department, and Sister Jewell Linville, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Young People's Department and member of the Leadership Committee. Each phase of the work was portrayed by a large display of materials depicting the various programs of the National FYC (see cover photo).

The stage having been set with an arousing testimony by Brother Paul Linville, a Midwest Bible College ministerial student, the young people sat motionless as Elder Lawson conducted a most impressive inspirational period emphasizing youth's consecration to God and his field of labor in the Master's vineyard. God showered His blessings upon the young people, some of whom were prompted to think very seriously, perhaps even for the first time, about their own obligation to our Dear Saviour and His Holy Church.

The results of such a meeting cannot be measured by man—only God knows the hearts of those young people. However, God gives us a
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At right, young people are gathered round the "log fire" in center of room for a rousing chorus session, and evening program.



It seemed like quite a severe blow to the head as my one-year-old toddler lost her balance and fell headlong. However, intent on pursuing her beloved father who had just disappeared around the door in their favorite game of peek-a-boo, a blow which would otherwise have been considered sufficient reason for some sympathizing and cuddling was totally ignored.

Why? Because little Linda had more important interests. She was too intent on the expediency and pleasure of chasing her Daddy to be deterred by so trivial a thing as this bump, though it left a noticeable mark on her little forehead. (One might speculate that had she been on an *undesirable* errand, such as returning a forbidden cookie to the cupboard, a much smaller bump would have been a real "tragedy.")

Is this trait of which I'm speaking a toddler's trait only? Hardly. In all honesty, we must admit that this same attitude also governs many actions of young people and adults. It is sad indeed that this misuse of excuses spills over even into the gospel work. A headache which would render the handing out of tracts impossible may be considered negligible if a hayride or picnic is the matter under consideration.

Each of us must learn to analyze carefully his own attitudes. We must learn to separate our excuses from our reasons and clearly define each—with the help of prayer.

This attitude may hinder not only individuals, but also groups. Some local FYC groups are faced with real obstacles when it comes to endeavoring to work together for the gospel. Perhaps the obstacle is lack of numbers, perhaps distance, perhaps financial setbacks, or various other problems.

May we share with you the following excerpts from an inspiring letter from a small, newly-organized FYC group which *really* faces the obstacles! This is from a 16-year-old boy:

... We do not have a large group, but we have an active group, and I'd rather have some real effervescent people than a lot of "dead wood!" But don't worry, we're trying to grow...

... We have a small problem. It's all of us living so far away from the church, I, myself, live 70 miles away from it. One family lives as far as ... another...

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HIGHWAY TO BETTER LIVING (Continued from page 10)

attended. After talking and testimonies, there were about 60 who came forward at the invitation. The prayer service lasted for about an hour."

After reliving the joy of National Youth Week with each local group through such inspiring reports, surely one is prompted to add his own enthusiastic "PRAISE THE LORD!"

When one attempts to judge the effectiveness and success of such a program as National Youth Week, it becomes quite difficult to balance the scales with tangible proof of its benefits. However, when one considers that the whole purpose of the program was to draw young people close to God, he needs only to read such testimonies as those below to realize thoroughly that truly that goal was accomplished:

BETTY WEIR (NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN):

This week has meant a lot to me because I am really beginning to realize that I can have just as much fun with the church group as the kids at school. Also I am realizing the fact that I can be a Christian, too, and that the other kids at church weren't "born" angels.

Although I have been very tired this week, I have enjoyed it and the activities, testimonies, and services we've had.

Testimonies
(EXPERIENCES DURING
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK)

LOIS YOUNGS (ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA):

Praise the Lord! I am left practically speechless. God has worked in such a wondrous way. God blessed us with a spiritual feast Monday night at our banquet here in Ontario. God poured out His spirit in our midst so fully that night. It is so wonderful! Praise the Lord!

He showed me how much more I need to give up all of self so that I can serve Him with my whole heart. Only if I give my whole being to God can I hope to please Him and do as I should for Him. In these last days when things are so wicked, only God can help me to live for Him. I need the spirit of God in my life to withstand the trials and temptations of this life. We need to go on unto perfection. God's love is so wonderful.

We all started pouring out our hearts to God in prayer. The sweet spirit that filled the room was indescribable. It's just wonderful—the feeling that came over me was really marvelous.

We were all touched; and as tears flowed, we poured out our hearts to God and offered our lives in service to Him. The joy, peace, and love that filled our hearts was something that one cannot forget. Even now as I write I can feel the same spirit. It makes me want to shout out praises to God.

After prayer we stood around discussing with each other the good time we had just experienced and telling of the things we had learned. I noticed a friend still in prayer and a few of us went to pray with her. She told me that she knew she couldn't leave until her prayers had been answered and asked me to stay and pray with her. When we finished it was almost 12:30; but God had really blessed and we praised Him for it. And, to think that even greater blessings are in store for us if we seek them!

God's love is so matchless. I have fallen so many times and He has picked me up and blessed me. I know He can do the same for others because His mercy endureth forever. Praise the Lord.

SHERYL YOUNGS (ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA):

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! All words somehow seem vastly insignificant to express the joy and gratefulness one feels when God blesses such as He has tonight. One can only say, "Praise God!"

Frank A young man and his brother got up to sing; between verses God laid it upon his heart to share with us his testimony. He told of his life before *Abe* conversion, the change, his struggle with the opposition, overcoming—and now *Cam* of his love for God and his desire to do the utmost to please Him. He admonished us to either serve God with all our hearts, souls, and might or we are failures to the commission God has given us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Praise God many hearts were touched, and a wonderful season of prayer followed.

I am reminded of that time long ago when Jesus stilled the storm and brought peace. Even as we prayed tonight the water poured down and the winds howled. Inside He once again calmed the storms (spiritual) in our lives and brought peace.

We realize the fight has only begun, but with God's help we'll not give up.

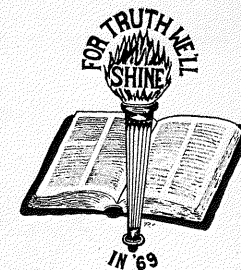
Many times it takes a person so determined to serve God that he's willing to forsake all he holds dear: friends, beliefs, etc., and say, "I don't care what others may say, think, or do, just take my life, no matter what the cost. Clean it through and through and help me to follow wherever you lead." "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts..." (Psalm 119:18, 27).

Many times (and I will testify to it) if you take this type of stand it will seem like you're the weirdest—most fanatical—old fogey in the whole, wide world. But, thank God, there are others and those moments don't last for long.

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Youth Doctrine Corner

*"Ye shall know the truth
and the truth shall make
you free" (John 8:32).*



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Official Church of God doctrine—Article No. 13

... **"The Lord's Supper is an ordinance given to the Church as a memorial of the death of Christ, and it is to be observed annually on the beginning of the day corresponding to the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month Nisan (or Abib). Unleavened bread and the "fruit of the vine" (unfermented grape juice) should be used in this service as emblems of the broken body and shed blood of Christ."**

Purpose:

... **Memorial of the death of Christ** (1 Cor. 11:26).

Time:

... **Fourteenth of Nisan** (Ex. 12:6 and Num. 9:3-5).

... **Institution of Lord's Supper at Passover** (Mark 14:12-17 and Matt. 26:19, 20, 26).

... **Christ, our Passover** (1 Cor. 5:7).

Frequency:

... **To be kept on the anniversary of Christ's death as a memorial** (1 Cor. 11:24-26).

... **Replaces Passover** (1 Cor. 5:7).

Emblems:

... **Unleavened bread, signifying the broken body of Christ** (Matt. 26:26).

... **Unfermented grape juice, signifying the shed blood of Christ** (Matt. 26:27-29).

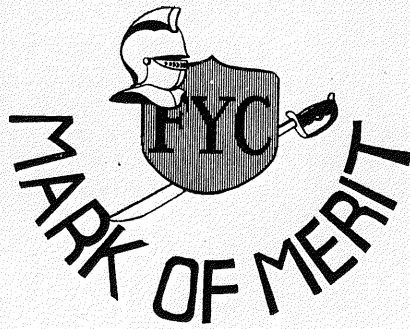
... **Purifying process unnecessary for Christ** (1 Pet. 2:22).

Importance:

... **Not to partake when unworthy** (1 Cor. 11:27, 29).

... **Prepare to be worthy** (John 6:53, 54 and 1 Cor. 11:28).

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by Nathan Lawson

“Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him” (Isa. 40:10).

Youth, can you imagine World Events drawing quickly toward the grand and final climax of all ages? All that true Christians of all ages have worked for, longed for, and died for is soon to become reality in the ushering in of God's Eternal Kingdom. We would like to reach your hearts today and draw you to real dedication and service to the Lord Jesus Christ. The message of your Bible indicates that God is soon going to reward your faithfulness and service to Him.

We have some important announcements to make this month concerning both the past and present year of the Mark of Merit Program.

“FYC OF THE YEAR” TO BE FEATURED NEXT MONTH in “AIM.”

Next month's issue of “Aim” will carry a special feature on the Elmira, Oregon, FYC. They are the “FYC of the Year” for 1968. Watch for this special feature article.

TWO MORE WINNERS FOR 1968

Gold Award—500 Points
Stanberry, Mo.

Silver Award—350 to 499 points
Claremore, Okla.

(Because awards are not yet available, they have not been sent to any of the 1968 winners yet. Please be patient. As soon as the National FYC can secure these awards, they will be sent to each winner.)

AGE LIMIT FOR FYC

Several groups have written and asked if they can include

ages below the FYC age limit in the Bonus point program. We realize that some of the Bonus point standards make it easier for large groups to earn more points than small groups. We hope to revise the program some before another year so that small groups can compete more easily with our large groups. We would appreciate your listing only young people in the FYC age group for participation in this program. The present age is 13 through 25.

FIRST QUARTER—1969

Report blanks for the first quarter of the 1969 *Mark of Merit* Year have been sent to the local FYC groups. These should be filled out and sent in immediately upon receiving them. If your group did not receive a report and you would like to enter this program this year, please send and request one immediately.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH—for May, 1969

GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS for hospitals or libraries. Three gift subscriptions for the AIM to either hospitals or libraries in your community will complete the project of the month. Your FYC leader should contact these places and make arrangements for the AIM to be placed in either the waiting room or the reading room of the hospital or library.

We hope that your FYC is enjoying a good year in 1969. Let us set our goals high and see just how much we can accomplish for the work of God.

SCROLLS OF HOPE

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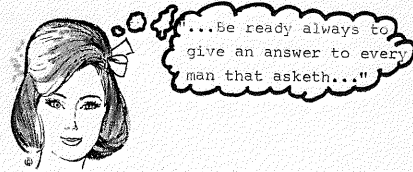
... We plan to have 100% AIM subscriptions in every home... We plan to support the National FYC both spiritually and financially!... We are going to support a Foreign Worker!... We are building a local FYC office... We plan to go to the General Conference meeting in South Dakota; not a representative, but the whole group!...

... We had a bake sale... just six of our group made it, but believe it or not, we cleared \$93.00....

... If it's not worth working for, it's not worth having... With all the adults and God behind us, we can't go wrong!

The determination of these FYCers exemplifies that what we really have a genuine desire to do, we will find a way to do. And when it involves God's work, we have an added dimension on our side—and that is prayer.

MINUTEMAN



By Jan Pedersen

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:12).

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37).

"And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:39).

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:16).

GREETINGS, TEENAGER, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Lord surely has been wonderful to us. Just think—God so loved you and I that He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins. It is something we cannot fully comprehend but someday we'll understand if we are faithful.

I would like to share with you some thoughts that have been on my mind recently. As we know, the time of the Lord's Supper is very special to us. Since it signifies the Lord's death and the blood that was shed for our sins, we take inventory of our lives. If we have "aught" against anyone or against God, we make things right. This is scriptural for it says in 1 Corinthians 11:27 that if we drink the cup and eat the bread unworthily, we are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. Not only that, but in verse 29 it says if we are unworthy we eat and drink damnation to ourselves. Therefore we see the great need of preparing ourselves for the Lord's Supper.

Some people have the idea that they need to ask forgiveness of

grudges and wrong deeds before the Lord's Supper only. This is a false impression. Our Christian life should not end after partaking of the emblems, but should continue every day of our lives. We have two duties or responsibilities in our Christian endeavors which we should perform each day—the duties to God and the duties to our fellowman.

Our first duty—to God—is explained to us in Ecclesiastes 12:13 where it says to "...Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Matthew 22:37 also verifies this, "...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

Verse 39 of Matthew 22 reads: "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus says our second greatest responsibility is to love our neighbors and our enemies (Matthew 5:44). That doesn't mean to hold grudges or to take advantage of others, but to love our fellow man as our own flesh and blood. We can apply the same advice that Jesus gave Peter—to forgive our brother 'till seventy times seven.

Let's have a Christian attitude and spirit every day—a spirit of forgiveness and of helping others. Let us march in the footsteps of Jesus.

P.S. Are you learning your memory verses each week?

TESTIMONIES—NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

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There is no greater joy—you will find no greater peace or satisfaction in this life—than full-time service to God. With God's power, you'll do and experience things you never thought possible.

What a great God we have—and yet our feebleness can only comprehend and bring forth such a minute amount of appreciation that it hardly seems worth the effort. Oh, that man could witness, please, and glorify God the way He deserves.

Praise God, we are created in the image of God—vessels at His command created in the way He saw was good. May we ever strive to do His will that we may glorify Him forever!

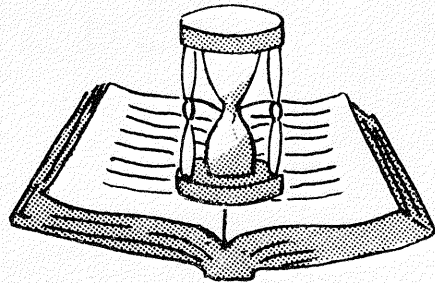
Our only fear is that we may fall short, but thank God our hope and assurance is that with our minds stayed on Him we will overcome.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Rev. 21:7).

1 Corinthians 9:24 puts it this way: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain!"

No matter how widely you have traveled, you haven't seen the world if you have failed to look into the human hearts that inhabit it.

2T₄G - Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

Date	Chapter
April 15	Job 4
April 16	Job 5
April 17	Job 6
April 18	Job 7
April 19	Job 8
April 20	Job 9
April 21	Job 10
April 22	Job 11
April 23	Job 12
April 24	Job 13
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May 7	Job 26
May 8	Job 27
May 9	Job 28
May 10	Job 29
May 11	Job 30
May 12	Job 31
May 13	Job 32
May 14	Job 33

If we were to turn to a book of the Bible for cheering, comfort, or inspiration, probably the first book we would think of would be Psalms, or one of the New Testament books. Job would be the last book we would think of—it is filled with such misery, agony, and comfortless opinions from unfeeling companions. Yet, in all this, there are many verses scattered throughout the book that can bring us cheer and joy, and can draw us nearer to our Creator.

Too often we are inclined to skip over passages in the Bible that seem boring, uninteresting, or as is the case with Job, hard to understand. Many verses in this book seem like riddles or complaints, but by skipping this book, we would miss out on many beautiful thoughts.

My heart always thrills when I read such verses as Job 7:17. Man is so little and unimportant in comparison to God's majesty and might, why should He be bothered with us? Why should He care? And yet He does! Praise God!

Job knew many marvelous truths about God. He knew God made and molded us as the clay of the earth (ch. 10:9), that He had made a plan of salvation (ch. 13:16), and that our Redeemer will stand upon the earth in the last days, and we, who have died and await His coming, shall awake to see Him. (ch. 19:25-27; 14:12).

Even his comrades seemed to know much truth

about God—no doubt from Job's own lips at an earlier time. For example, they knew God chastens us for our own good (ch. 5:17), and that we can only know peace by knowing Him (ch. 22:21). They were not questioning these truths, but only whether or not Job had sinned.

As you read this book, look beyond the argument of Job with his friends. Search, instead, for the verses with messages of God, His goodness, His plan of salvation, and how man fits into this plan. There are many words of wisdom concerning many of our doctrines that can be found in the speeches of all five of the men. May God bless you as you search for these gems.

YOUTH RETREAT TO BE HELD!!!

Fort Smith, Arkansas

May 2-4, 1969

Theme: "Christian Living is Good Living"

Imagine this: Fifty, sixty, or even more, young people seated around a bonfire enjoying choruses, discussions, and prayer; the scene changes and suddenly we see the gang happily enjoying a hayride through the fields and roads of a country farm; next we see the same ones in a car caravan traveling happily up the highway into the scenic Arkansas Ozarks admiring God's handiwork evidenced all about them; once again our scene changes and these youth are reverently sitting in a church listening to special music groups.

Sound like a dream? It isn't. It's only a brief glimpse of what is in store for those attending a Youth Retreat, such as the one to be held in Fort Smith. YOU could be one of those gathered around the bonfire or laughing amid piles of hay or joining the rest in choruses, prayer, and discussions.

Featured at this Retreat will be a youth team from Midwest Bible College under the direction of Elder Dale Lawson. The group will present special music, testimonies, and such like in a program to be presented Sabbath afternoon. Elder Lawson will speak at both the Friday night and Sabbath morning services. The group will also be in charge of the recreational activities Saturday night and Sunday.

Interested? Send any questions you might have to the address below. Registration forms can also be received by writing to the address below. It would be much appreciated if you would send us your name if you are planning on coming so we would have some idea of housing space and food to have prepared.

Fort Smith FYC
3908 Waldron Road
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901



School Notes

ENTERING THE LAST LAP . . .

As the winter's snow begins to disappear and the first rays of the warm spring sun begin to fall on Midwest Bible College, we find the students and the teachers enveloped in plenty of hard work and studies.

As the college was feeling the effects of the transition from winter to spring, another transition was also taking place. Sister Lova Brown found it necessary to leave the post of college cook because of her health. Sister Brown had been the faithful cook for the college for the past two and one-half years, and we of the college family were sad to hear that she was leaving. A farewell party was given in her honor where many friends from both Stanberry and Midwest were present. One of the highlights of the party was when Sister Brown took off her cook's apron and tied it around Sister Barbara Fischer. Sister Fischer has traveled from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to take up Sister Brown's post as college cook for the remainder of the year. We of Midwest pray God's richest blessings on both Sister Brown and Sister Fischer as they pursue their new walks of life.

March 13th through March 16th marked a special time of feasting on the Word of God when the members

of the homiletics class of Midwest delivered a series of sermons to the members of the Stanberry Church. The month's motto, "March in His Footsteps," was followed and the student ministers did a fine job of presenting the Word of God.—Look for these young men out in the field because graduation is drawing nigh and they will be going out into the active service of God.

The Stanberry Church choir, primarily composed of college students, is working hard to be ready to present a full-length cantata scheduled for the latter part of May. The cantata is entitled "No Greater Love." Practice sessions have been progressing well and the musical sounds vibrating from the choir are pleasing to the ear. We urge all music enthusiasts to be present when "No Greater Love" is presented by the choir of the Stanberry Church of God. Watch for the announcement of the performance date in your church publications.

March 24-26 were dates reserved for the first nine-week exams for the second semester at MBC. It seems hard to believe that three-quarters of the school year has already passed with March 31 marking the beginning of the fourth and final quarter of the school year.

Exam week found Dale Lawson and a team of students from Midwest

enthusiastically working for the Master in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in an eight-night revival. The team consisted of Larry and Darlene Hadden, Denis Burrell, Linda Salmons, and Paul Linville. God was most generous with His blessings on these meetings and His Spirit quickened the hearts of many. May we all remember the brethren of the Tulsa Church as they strive to serve God in this day when Satan is trying to stamp out the remnant of God's seed.

The forthcoming final weeks of school at Midwest Bible College will be busy ones with lots of activities "in the air," and they will be met with interest and enthusiasm as the students look forward to the day when they can work full-time in winning others to the Lord by putting to practical use the knowledge gained at Midwest Bible College.

Pray for Midwest that God will send more young men to study His Word so that they, too, can serve Him in a mightier way.

—Paul Linville

"SPECIAL DAYS" at SVA

An enthusiastic and inspiring National Youth Week began the past month at Spring Vale Academy. It was ushered in by a banquet on the theme of the week, "Highway to Better Living." The delicious dinner and inspiring message which was presented were enjoyed by everyone. A special panel discussion on "Bywords" was held on the second evening. Points on the subject were brought out that many of us had never considered before, and we resolved to let God have His way in our lives in this respect.

The next evening an evangelistic service was held with Brother Paul Heavilin as speaker. Saturday night was devoted to the Senior Fun Night. This carnival night was a success for the seniors, who are raising money for their senior class trip.

The last day of National Youth Week was a full one for the FYCers. Recreation for the day was bowling. Snowmobiling and sledding had been planned, but as the weather didn't cooperate, bowling was a good substitute. In the evening, a gospel-sing was attended featuring the Calvarymen Quartet. A fireside service was held afterwards in the lounge of the girls' dorm in front of the fireplace. This was a perfect climax to a wonderful week. God spoke to us through the many moving testimonies the young people gave. We are thankful for the good Youth Week we enjoyed.

Spring Vale was happy to host the ministers of the Executive Board and the Administrative Committee. The ministers were very busy with their meetings, but it was a blessing when we were able to have them as guest speakers throughout the week they spent here.

Mid-term tests occupied March 3rd through 5th. We were glad to get them over with for more than one reason. At noon on the 6th of March, school was dismissed for spring break. Many of the students were invited to spend their vacations at different homes throughout Michigan. This short rest was doubly enjoyed after the strain of tests.

As Spring Vale takes up once again for the concluding lap of the school year, we ask your continuing prayers for this phase of God's work—Christian education.

—Donna Larson

Youth Missions Tour—1969

The Young People's Department is sponsoring a Youth Missions Team that will be visiting the churches in the midwestern and western U.S.A. and Canada.

The team will consist of Elder Dale Lawson, Young People's Department Chairman and Team Director; Elder Vernon Patchen, pianist and youth worker; Ken Moldenhauer, Ken Merriam, Kevin Weir and Paul Carlin, quartet; and Jim Fischer, soloist.

The team will spend from the beginning of the summer vacation to General Conference time in the midwestern area and then will spend the rest of the summer in Canada, on the west coast, and in the southwestern part of the U.S.A.

We are hoping the churches will be filled with people for the programs sponsored by the Department and Team. We are looking forward to seeing you when we visit your church.

Youth Team Long-Play Album

The 1969 Youth Missions Team singers are making a record that will contain many of the songs that will be used on the 1969 tour.

The record is being sponsored by the Young People's Department and should be available sometime in May. Proceeds from the records sales will go into the Young People's work of the Church of God.

Youth Camps

We want to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend the YOUTH CAMP that will be held



in your area. See camp notices in this issue of AIM Magazine for dates and places.

Hammondville FYC to Huron (July 11-19)

We received a report from the Hammondville, Alabama, FYC, that plans are being made for their entire FYC group to attend the Youth Conference in Huron. In response to a letter which was sent out from the National FYC office encouraging FYC groups to have a representative at the meeting in Huron, we received the following reply from Hammondville: "We plan to go to the General Conference meeting in South Dakota; not a representative, but the whole group!"

Are YOU planning to be at Conference? We want to see you there!

FYC Sweaters to Be Available Soon

NEW! The "most wanted" look on every FYC'er's list... pin stripes with color trim... extra high crew neck, knit cuffs and "hugger" waistband colormatch the horizontal stripes... short set-in sleeves... rugged blend of 92% cotton and 8% acrylic fibers.

You may have your choice of three

outstanding colors—navy blue, old gold, and dark green. All sweaters will have the FYC emblem printed in the pocket area surrounded by the words "FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS."

You may order yours now from the National FYC office at 316 North Willow, Stanberry, Missouri 64489, or plan to purchase yours from the Youth Missions Team when they visit your area or at General Conference in Huron, South Dakota, in July. The cost will be \$3 per sweater.

Request for Names of All FYC Leaders—1969

Please send us the names and addresses of all the FYC leaders in your local FYC. Your compliance with this request will enable us to serve you more and in a better way. Send requested information to: National FYC Office, 316 N. Willow, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

FAMILY FINANCING

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farm and several pieces of machinery. He paid cash for everything he secured thereafter. It still can be done in the consumer credit society.

The balanced budget, living within our income, planning for tomorrow, providing for the education of our children, giving them a home free of financial confusion, a church where they can be at home, schools that help build a foundation of gold, silver and the precious things of God rather than the food, hay and chaff of the modern sin-

sucking society, should become the burden and the ambition of every parent, every preacher and every church. Less than this and we fail ourselves, our children and the Kingdom Truth we know as our message. Next month, our concluding chapter—THE CHURCH and its Moral Budget.

"MINI" RETREAT

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little glimpse of the thoughts of these hearts through the fine response we had to offers for enrollment in the national programs and through such expressions as these which were heard after the meeting disbanded:

—"This has really inspired me to get busy!"

—"I didn't know AIM had *all that* in it! I am going to read every page from now on!"

—"I want to sign up for the 2T4G Program."

—"How do I enroll in the Evangelette Program?"

—"Here's my money for AIM—I want to subscribe right now!"

The future possibilities for such "mini" retreats are unlimited! The plan of the National Office is for members of the National Committee to set up such programs often in their respective areas or in any area in which they might be traveling. These "mini" retreats will undoubtedly serve as a great unifying factor to more fully cement our FYCs together and push the progress of the FYC work forward at a remarkable speed!

May God be praised for this NEW "FIRST" in the work of the Young People's Department—the "MINI" RETREAT!

Youth Camps for 1969

CENTRAL STATES YOUTH CAMP—June 15-22
Camp Pa He Tsi, Lake of the Ozarks State Park
Osage Beach, Missouri

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OKLAHOMA YOUTH CAMP—June 15-22
Sequoyah State Park, near Wagoner, Oklahoma
Fees: \$15 per camper

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CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP—August 10-17
Pacific Pines Camp near Crestline, California
Fees: \$18 per camper

TELL ME, PLEASE

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clined you are to reason. Religious differences do not disappear just because they are not discussed. Apparently, you both thought enough of your religions to agree not to get serious. Unless you have come to some agreement, I see the same need for you to exercise caution.

It doesn't sound to me like you are forcing this girl to date you. So, if she doesn't consider it fair to go out with you, she might consider turning you down. It will hardly be any easier to give each other up later due to your religious differences than it is now.

MEET YOUR COMMITTEEMEN

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We spoke before about the strength of a united effort. Fortunately, we, too, can feel this strength if we unite as young people and servants of the Lord. One way for us to form a united body is to participate in the programs of the National FYC. Miles may separate us but the love of God is our connecting cord. We, as young people, have a vitality that is often envied by older people. What a shame it is to squander this sparkle and energy on temporal things when we could receive a greater joy from serving the Lord. May God help each of us to devote our lives and talents to His service.

Facts and Figures about Camp Meeting

July 11-19, 1969

Two dormitories will be reserved for the young people at a very reasonable cost of 50¢ per night. Young people will have a fine time of fellowship while in the dorm each evening.

For accommodations write to:

The Accommodations
Committee

c/o Mrs. Delvin
O'Banion

Rt. 3

New Auburn,
Wisconsin 74757



Meals will be served at prices set as near at cost as possible.

Look for LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP, A SPECIAL MUSICAL FEATURE SPOTLIGHTING MANY CHURCH OF GOD SINGING GROUPS, SPECIAL "AIM" PROMOTION, FILMS, and OTHER OUTSTANDING ATTRACTIONS.

With these offers, you should plan to be at Huron from July 11-19. Remember the program will include outstanding recreation, singing, and preaching. There will be special features that will thrill you. DON'T MISS IT!