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The magazine for young people



Elder Coulter and Elder Caswell met with students and faculty in the college chapel for a morning worship period last year.

You weren't there?

We Are Calling for Last-Minute Enrollments

Seven graduates went out last spring to work in the Lord's harvest. Thirteen underclassmen will return this fall to resume their studies. Other ministerial candidates are scheduled to start the course of study afresh next month. Will you join them for the fall term?

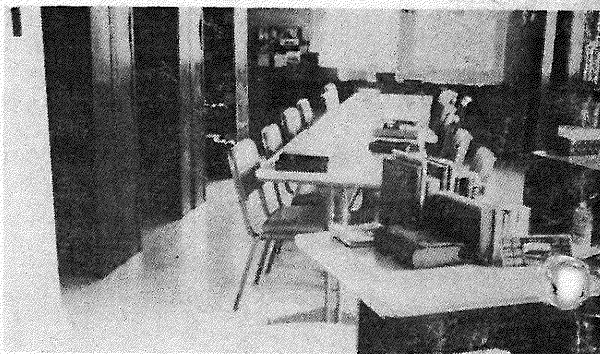
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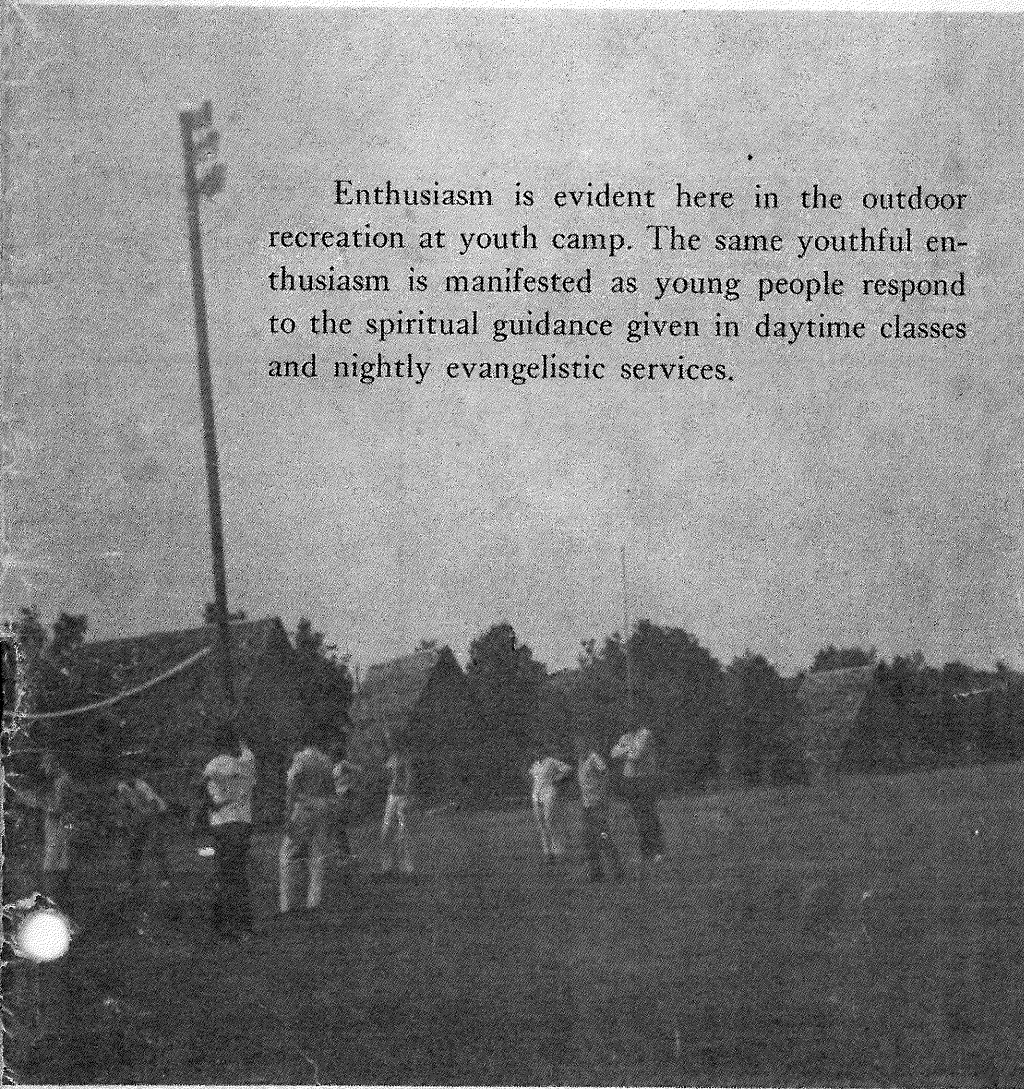
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Will you be here?



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Cover picture: A scene from Oklahoma Youth Camp. Seen in the background are the A cabins which provided housing for the campers.

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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

Your Best -- No Less

By Max M. Morrow

It is one thing to give your heart to the Lord, but it is another to give your *life* to Him. It is one thing to surrender your vile personality, and another to do all you can to refine that personality.

For the most part the average Christian is content to give his heart and his vile person to the Lord, not stopping to think that his gift would be so much more fitting if he went the "second mile" and really surrendered his LIFE and went ahead to refine his vile person.

Upon first coming to the Lord there is no one but that is vile and corrupted by sin. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," and "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing"; so says the Bible in Romans 3:23 and 7:18. The best that any of us can offer the Lord is "no good" in itself.

But the young person who is really interested in giving his Lord an "appropriate gift," like we sometimes are concerned about choosing an appropriate gift for a good friend, will look beyond the day of his first commitment to the Lord. He knows that he was vile and "no good" then; but he also knows that his very best is none too good for the Lord. So, he goes ahead to refine himself in every way possible so that the gift he has given will be even more "appropriate."

There is many a young person who progresses through the years of his high school studies, not really knowing what the Lord wants to make of him—the *him* that is the gift he gave to the Lord—not really knowing just where he is to fit



into the mighty army of Christian soldiers. He could sit down and say, "Well, Lord, here I am, worthless and no good. If you can do anything with me this way, good luck." Or he could say, "Well, Lord, I'm no good in myself, and I'm worthless to you as I am; but I'm going to do the best I can to fit myself for some appropriate place in your army."

The Lord does not always make it readily known just what He wants in the way of service from a young man. Perhaps it will be one of the professions, maybe a minister of the Gospel, maybe a zealous promoter on a layman's level; or maybe even a humble soul with only a tender smile and a prayer of faith that reaches heaven. (Did I say ONLY?)



Sometimes the young lady wonders what the Lord wants her to be, besides being a Christian through and through—maybe a nurse, maybe a teacher, maybe a stenographer, maybe a missionary to far-off Africa; or maybe just a loving little mother to rear her son to be an Elijah, her daughter to be a Tabitha. (Did I say JUST?)

In either case, the young man, the young lady, dare not waste the precious years of youth in do-nothing-ness. Those years ought to be used in careful preparation for effective service wherever the Lord leads.

A young man once said, "I don't know what the Lord wants me to do, but I am going to get the best education I can so that when the Lord does show me, I will be able to do a better job of it." This philosophy is what will drive a young person on to make the best use of his youth to prepare for his adulthood—that period of life that is so fruitful for the Lord if careful preparation is made in youth.

It may be that as you read these lines you are wondering what the Lord wants to make of your life. You may have thought about various fields of employment where you could give your LIFE in service: the ministry, the mission field, nursing, farming, church administration, school teaching, business, engineering—any number of professions.

Where should you begin if you don't know what the Lord wants?

Well, there have been a number of young folks enter college without knowing and spend a year, or two, or more in one line of study only to find that they were "misfits" there and had to change fields. As a consequence, that precious time was poorly invested

and did not serve as a good groundwork on which to build for the future.

To safeguard against this, young people are urged to enroll at Midwest Bible College, where they can spend precious years of youth in studies that will be excellent background for whatever work the Lord may later reveal, whether it be the ministry, the mission field, nursing, dentistry, farming, church administration, school teaching, business, engineering—the very profession you may have been considering.

While young people are studying the Bible and related subjects and spending time together in prayer and Christian fellowship, they are opening their hearts for the Lord's revelation of His plan for them. And beyond just waiting on the Lord for a directive, they are refining their "no good" personality into something better so they can give Him their very best.



If you have been content to think you can give the Lord less than your best, do reconsider. Nothing short of your best is worthy to be given as a gift to the Lord.

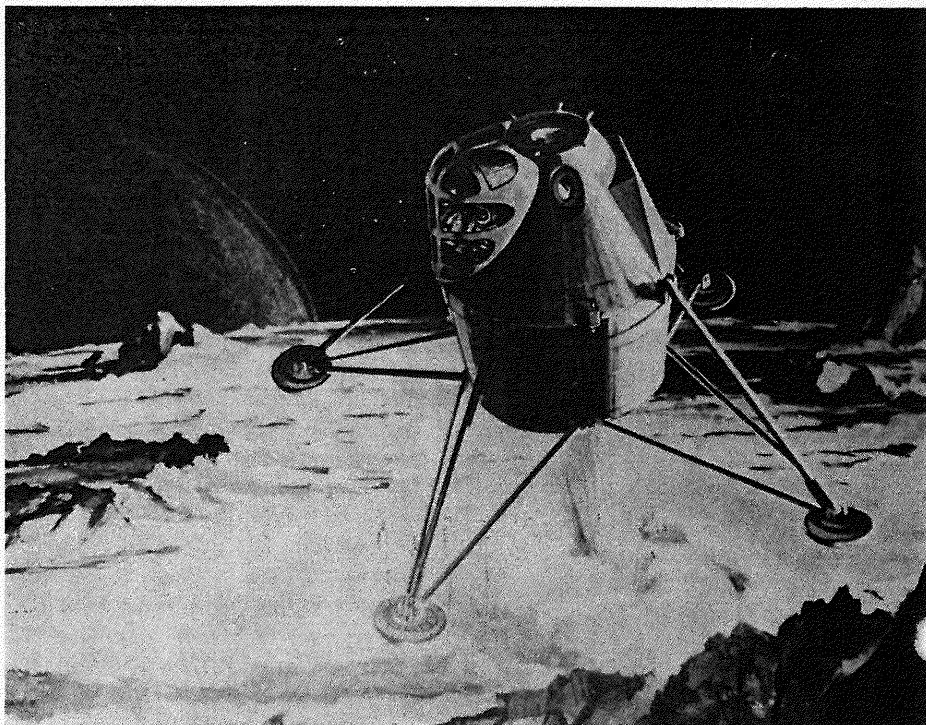
SEE WHO I AM

I am the greatest criminal in history.
 I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars of all the world.
 I have turned men into brutes.
 I have made millions of homes unhappy.
 I have transformed many ambitious youth into hopeless parasites.
 I make smooth the downward path for countless millions.
 I destroy the weak and weaken the strong.
 I make the wise man a fool and trample the fool into his folly.
 I ensnare the innocent.
 The abandoned wife knows me;
 The hungry children know me.
 The parents, whose child has bowed their gray heads in sorrow, know me.
 I have ruined millions and shall try to ruin millions more.
 I am alcohol.

—H. W. Gibson in *Young Pilgrim*

Man On The Moon

By Stanley J. Kauer



H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS

On Sunday evening, July 20, 1969, the world was thrilled by a great event. On our television screens we saw two men descend out of a space ship and walk on the moon! They set up a staff bearing the flag of the United States. The president of the United States talked with them by telephone. They picked up moon rocks and dug up moon soil. They returned to their space ship, started its rocket engine, flew up into the moon sky, and joined the mother ship which all that time had been orbiting the moon. Then they returned to the earth—and splashed down in the Pacific Ocean just a few miles from the aircraft carrier which was waiting there for them.

A very short time ago all of this would have been declared absolutely impossible. But now nothing is considered impossible. What does it all mean—and especially—what does it mean to Bible-believing Christians? What does it mean to us of the Church of God? Should it weaken our faith in God, or strengthen that faith? Does it prove or disprove the accuracy of the Bible? What should young people think?

The Increase of Knowledge

In Daniel 12:4, we read that in the time of the end “many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” When the “Pony Express” made regular trips between St. Joseph, Mo., and California, men were “running to and fro.” The first steamships took people across the ocean in a matter of weeks instead of months as had been the case with sailing ships. Steam railroads carried people and materials back and forth

across the continent. High-speed autos on super highways traveled to and fro in every direction. We thought the prophecy had been wonderfully fulfilled. And then came the airplanes, and the modern jet planes in which people go back and forth through the sky from New York to San Francisco in a few hours. Surely that was the greatest fulfillment of the prophecy! Who could dream that it might also include man’s going to and fro to the moon—and even beyond?

All of this has been made possible by the tremendous increase of knowledge. And much of this has been in the realm of advanced mathematics. With the aid of marvelous computers, calculations are made to plot the course of rockets and space ships. The exact speed which will be produced with a certain amount of thrust is determined; and the precise amount of thrust produced by the fuel is also calculated. This is all so exact

that a schedule of times could be made in advance showing just where the moon astronauts would be at precise times—and they were able to carry this out and meet the schedule almost to the minute. For centuries, schools have taught boys and girls the law of forces—that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. This has now been fully proven as rocket thrust sends space ships from earth to moon and back. There is absolutely nothing for the rocket blast to push against when ships are beyond the atmosphere of the earth. The ship rose from the surface of the moon entirely by the force of reaction, a force which is a mystery—and yet works!

How Can Man Leave the Earth?

Some teen-ager may say, "This takes away my faith in the Bible because the Bible says man can never leave this earth. The Church of God has taught that man does not go to heaven but always remains on the earth."

But let us see just what the Bible says and what the church has really taught. On the subject of the *eternal reward* of man, the Bible says: "The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth" (Prov. 10:30). And in Matthew 5:5 we are told that the "meek shall inherit the earth." Now neither of these references says anything about man's not being able to go and *visit* the moon or other planets.

But rather they tell us that the eternal reward of the righteous after death, will be on this earth.

In the 16th verse of the 115th Psalm we read, "The heaven, even the heavens are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." This again does not say that man shall never be able to leave the earth to visit another place. But it does say that man's place is the earth and that the heavens are God's. Man has penetrated the heavens to the moon only because God has permitted him to do so.

Bible Science Proved True

The observations and pictures which have been made on the moon trips should increase our faith in the Bible. For centuries men believed that the moon was a light which shined of itself. Genesis 1:16 refers to two great lights in the heavens. One is called the "lesser light" and it was to rule the night. Evidently this refers to the moon which appears as a light in the night sky. But in Job 25:5 we are told that the moon does not shine. Modern science has for many years taught us that the moon's surface is a rock formation which only reflects the light of the sun. But this could not be absolutely proved until man actually landed on the moon. The men who walked on the moon found that it did not shine of itself but that the sunlight was very bright upon it.

Many of the ancients believed that the earth was a great flat

The Blind Who See

by J. Michael Weir

Men do condemn and men support
Their brothers on this earth,
But oft the guage by which they judge
Speaks falsely of their worth.

The wealth one has, the clothes he wears,
The color of his skin;
By these crude tests they measure
And neglect the wealth within.

Can a leopard change his spotted hide,
Or negro lighten his tone?
Because a prince has a castle fair,
Can a poor man buy a home?

Men give their praise to outward guise—
Their stamp of "up to par."
But God, so wise, is not so fooled;
He looks upon the heart.

If we were blind, we would not see
The outward flaws in others
Nor would we ask what race they were
Before we call them brothers.

Our hearts are blind—yes, that's the rub—
We need healing from above.
Our eyes just let the image in—
But our hearts send forth the love.

"Jesus, Use Me"

By Lorraine Faubion

This is a true story—but unlike the familiar saying, we'll not change names to protect the innocent, for our purpose here is to acknowledge guilt—our own guilt.

It is strange how one fleeting moment can have an impact on your life for weeks to come, but I find this so true as I write this.

I suppose the guilt I feel reflects back a long way—perhaps to something I was taught or maybe to the time of my own conversion, but nevertheless I seem to remember its rebirth, strangely enough, in an insignificant instance I can recall as clearly as if it were yesterday.

If you're a teacher, you realize that the last day of school is no time to be distracted by noise; and if you're a student, you also realize that the last day is no time to sit quietly and learn. So it was that I found myself frantically finishing my reports and grades during my precious "off period," at the same time breathing silent threats at the noise next door in the choir room where the final exam was being given in the form of a free-for-all song fest. Not being a connoisseur of modern rock and "soul" music, I was on the verge of a nervous fit when the guitars suddenly

ceased banging and the chatter of last day business stopped. I became aware of a different note. A lone voice—a small male voice of no spectacular quality was singing to a listening, silent audience which moments before seemed impossible.

I listened a moment. Nice tune—strange I didn't know it. Stranger still, I found myself leaving my desk and going to the door to hear more. Again he sang. . . .

*To be used of God,
To sing, to speak, to pray.
To be used of God,*

*To show someone the way.
I long so much to feel the touch
of His consuming fire,
To be used of God,
Is my desire.**

Such a beautiful thought—one I had had years ago before college—before facing reality—but nevertheless I had had that thought; that idea. I tried to think how long it had been since I'd examined this idea—this pledge; "To be used of God. . ." Was that still my desire?

I looked at the boy. He stood straight and tall in spite of his short frame. He looked at his audience in much the manner Jesus must have used to still the multitudes. And like those throngs before, these kids listened. I looked around the room. All eyes were on him.

I recognized many of the students (even though this school's student body numbered nearly three thousand). There was Donnie (He so needed love and security he missed at home—Had I told him of God's love?); Mary (I'd had her in English class—Did she know I loved the Lord?); Bill (He was a troublemaker—long hair and all—When I caught him cheating, did I show God's love?).

Then my eyes fell on a lovely, red-haired girl who was obviously humming the song. I nudged an ex-student in the door next to me and asked the girl's name.

"That's my sis," he beamed,

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"I'm sure proud of her. Sixteen years old and determined to devote her life to teaching deaf and dumb about the Lord—got a pretty good start too."

"To be used of God, to sing, to speak, to pray. . ." All the rest of the day these words came over and over to my mind. When the day was over at last, I went home seeking a moment's relaxation and drifted to the piano. Methodically I picked up a new book I'd gotten weeks before and surprisingly there was that same song—"To Be Used of God."

Since that day I've sung this song many times, but more than that, I've thought about its meaning: dedication, sincere dedication to God and His cause.

" . . . to sing, to speak, to pray . . ." I can do all those things.

" . . . to show someone the way. . ." Now there's the problem.

I guess I've probably gone to more camp meetings and revivals than most people, but my shame remains that this idea, the whole purpose of being a Christian, hasn't been on my schedule. I guess I've used about every excuse in the book to cover my own selfish refusal to get down to business with God—and all the while this burning, this desire to feel God's "consuming fire" has led me further from my only means of ever attaining it.

So as I sit here tonight, I guess I've pretty well summed up my life so far, but through

it all, I think I've found out a few things.

First, I've found again the purpose for my life—for any life—to be the instrument of God.

Second, I realize that whatever talent I may possess came from God and is useless without Him.

Third, I discovered what it was that kept my Christian experience a facade instead of a deep experience, and that was that I was not sharing it with others.

Fourth, I know that to be content with myself I must be at peace with God. That means that...

Fifth, I've got to stop using excuses and put God's work first in my life.

Now this much I know; I've used my complaints and dissatisfaction for a hole in which I stuck my head without fooling anybody—least of all God. I also know I've got to get busy, but I also know I'm stumped. Where and when will I be used of God? What can I do? How can I find true service and claim my share in this power God gives when one proves his life is sincerely dedicated to Him?

Before we go further, let's get one thing straight—just living like a Christian won't do the job. I've done that, as well as I could, for years, and God has blessed me and answered prayer. But I want more—I want to claim all He has promised and that means I've got to learn to *tell* others—not just live a good life and hope they

notice, or perform certain duties and hope they understand.

In his book *Effective Evangelism* (Harper & Brothers), p. 21, George Sweaze has observed:

Christianity cannot be radiated. It is not only an attitude and a spirit—it is also a body of truth. . . . Knowledge of this truth can no more be radiated than can a knowledge of arithmetic.

From my own experience, I am forced to conclude he's right.

The way I figure it, earnest belief that you have something the people around you need has got to be the first step (Isn't that what salesmen learn?) I don't know if I've quite got that, but I'm working on it. I do know that if I sincerely believe that everyone who doesn't *serve God* (not just know about Him) will be lost, then I'd better get convinced before God gets tired of me, and start to love those around me enough to *care* whether they are saved or not.

I'm trying very hard to care. I want to set about putting more love in my heart. I'm concerned. I'm convicted!

All right now, do you see yourself in this idea—it's pretty big, but it's possible. I want to know what *real* blessings are and those blessings are available only through an active campaign of caring enough to give myself to God that He, through me, can lead others to a fuller life.

I want to find a way. I want

to be used. I want to spend more nights like this one when sleep won't come for my thinking of God's work and what I can do. I want to show God I mean business.

It occurs to me—should anyone read these idle words—that God may stir them with the same dedication or may have spoken to them in the past. (Thank God, it's not yet unique to be dedicated.) I covet suggestions, experiences you have had in witnessing for God and filling the job He has given.

If you, like I, feel amazed at the threshold of never-before-experienced blessings and a bit perplexed at the next step,

please join me in prayer that the way will be clear. If you have an experience—share it if you can through *Aim*. Perhaps this too is another way to serve God if He so leads. Your experience may help others more than you will ever know.

If you forget what I have attempted here—fine! But please remember this idea—"To be used of God. . . ." Will you join me in saying that *this* is your desire too? Will you join me in a search for real ways this desire can become reality? Will you help me and those around you to see the many opportunities God is already providing for us to do His work?

THANK YOU

Harleigh M. Rosenberger

"Thank you!" What beautiful words they are! For they speak of the gratitude that is within, and bless the one who hears them.

A friend of mine, a successful businessman, volunteered to perform a difficult community task, involving responsibility for which he received no payment. He accepted the task because he loved his neighborhood. In the two years that he held the position, he received many letters of complaint. But in those two years, he received only two letters of appreciation. True, much formal appreciation was spoken, but only two persons took time to write him. My friend was so impressed by those two letters that he took time to seek out each person, just to thank him.

Have you learned the art of appreciation? One of the kits of kindness that each person ought to have in his possession is a package of "thank you" notes. Send a simple, sincere "thank you" note of appreciation to those who render some service.

Recently it was said that when toll-keepers on an eastern turnpike began to thank the customers, some drivers started away and then backed up to express appreciation for the word of thanks. If ever we become too busy to express appreciation, we are too busy!

—*Sunshine magazine*

Hints

on

Good

Prayer

Habits

Richard Trigg

Has your prayer-life been ineffective and unrewarding? Perhaps the fault lies in your attitude. It is a fact, that a proper attitude toward prayer is essential before it can be successfully engaged in. One must realize

the blessed privilege he has of actually communing directly with such a One as our heavenly Father. When a child of God bows before Him, his first thoughts should be praise and gratitude to the Creator for His intimate interest in us and for His desire to fellowship with us. Such an attitude is pitifully scarce among Christians, as is witnessed by our sparing use of this divine communion.

This brings us to another point—how often should we pray? Several of the Bible characters throw light on this question. Daniel, for one, was in the habit of praying three times a day. He kept faithful to these sessions even at the risk of his life, proving their importance to him. David testified, "Evening and morning, and at noon will I pray. . . ." I see no reason why Christians today shouldn't set aside a period three times a day to pray. We can find time to feed our physical bodies three times daily, so why not our spiritual life? Which is more important?

One of these three sessions should, if at all possible, be in the morning, preferably early. It honors our heavenly Father when we crucify our lust of the flesh which desires to consume that extra sleep, and rise early to wait before Him. Often God's richest blessings accompany, throughout the day, those who

have made contact with Him in the morning. This idea for early morning prayer is strengthened by the example of our Saviour Who, "... rising up a great while before day, went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed."

Another practice which uplifts and enlightens the soul is to pray over the Bible. Pick a devotional-type chapter and spend a half hour praying over it. Read a verse and then meditate and pray over its meaning, even if it seems apparent. Do this over the whole chapter. God will reveal hidden meaning to those who pray over His Word. The Word was written by the Spirit of God and it takes the Spirit of God in prayer to interpret it.

In our praying, sometimes our minds go blank as to what to pray for. This really should never be a problem. There are hundreds of things to pray for—let me suggest a few.

Firstly, we need always to pray for ourselves that God will keep us in His grace and make us better laborers. But let's not get over-possessed with this self-praying. Do it, yes, but not to the neglecting of the rest of the world's problems. Don't be selfish.

Pray for the leaders of our country—the Bible tells us to do this.

Pray especially for the lost, both in your own environment, and abroad in the heathen countries.

Pray for your minister. Some

people like to criticize their minister, feeling that he isn't half what he ought to be. Maybe he isn't, but who are you and I to cast stones? Let's pray for him.

Spend time fervently praying over the requests which appear in our church papers. These people are depending upon us.

If you can't think of anything else to pray for, think of the thousands of children who are starving to death in Nigeria. Those of you who have children, just imagine your own in that predicament—slowly and painfully withering away, confused, frightened, perhaps separated from parents and not understanding why they should be exposed to such heartache. If suffering such as this doesn't move us to prayer, may God have mercy upon our calloused souls.

This divine communion, as we have seen, serves a dual purpose. Through prayer, Christians maintain a close relationship to the heavenly Father; and through prayer Christians move God to work in behalf of solving this world's many problems—both small and great. In the words of John Wesley, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." Realizing this, it behooves us to pray. As we put these suggestions into practice and are persistent in following them, our prayer times will become more meaningful to each of us. There is no reason for prayer to be an offensive chore. Rather it will become a delightful blessing.

Oklahoma

"Bring Us Together Again" was the theme of the 1969 District Four Youth Camp held June 15-22 at Sequoyah State Park near Wagoner, Oklahoma. 95 campers and 22 staff members were brought together by God for a week filled with activities and experiences that will long be remembered by all. Young people traveled from Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas to make this year's camp, which was under the direction of Allan Burlison, the largest Youth Camp ever held in District Four.

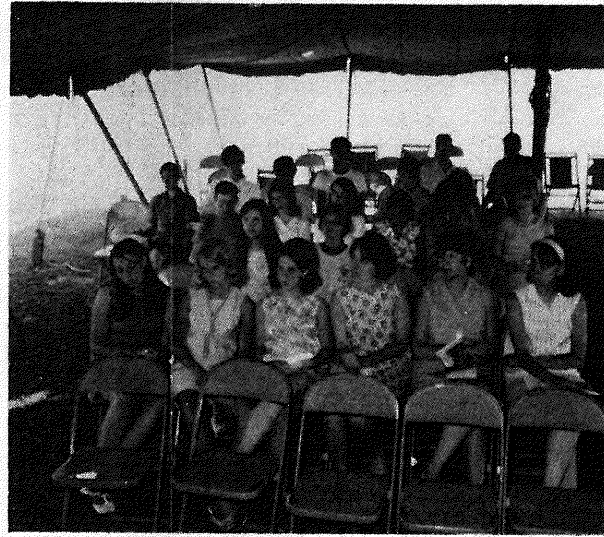
Sequoyah State Park is located in scenic Northeastern Oklahoma. Our campsite was in the midst of a heavily wooded area and was surrounded by a large, beautiful lake. The campers and staff were comfortably housed in cabins which resembled tepees. Meals were served cafeteria style in a large dining hall complete with modern kitchen. Worship services were held under a spacious revival tent.

One of the main factors that contributed to the total success of camp was the excellent co-operation and spirit of unity that existed between the campers and the staff. This year's staff included these dedicated workers: Allan and Mary Lea Burlison, Charles and Waynetta Burlison, Minnie Brunson, Elder Hugh Butrick, Vickie Butrick, Elder L. L. Christenson, Vernon and Charlotte Dickinson, Sam Duncan, Betty Eddy, Joann Freeman, Sister Grimm, Sue Kanady, Elder Kenneth Lawson, Gail Rincker, Ray and Beverly Robinson, Betty Scott, and Murray and Yvonne Sweet.

OREGON OKLAHOMA

Youth Camps

This is one of the Senior Campers Bible classes.



God truly blessed our camp with the presence of His Holy Spirit. The week's activities were launched with a special musical program featuring the Youth Missions Team followed by an inspiring message from Elder Dale Lawson. At this, our very first service, God dealt richly with the hearts of many young people.

We were also privileged to have Brother Virgil Ward from Amsterdam, Missouri, speak to us one evening. Brother Ward, who is a professional fisherman and holder of "The Word's Champion Fisherman" title, spoke on the subject of professions, and he related his own inspiring personal testimony. He also showed films he has used on his television show. These films showed many beautiful lakes and rivers in various parts

of the country as well as other wonderful things of nature that God has given us to enjoy.

Youth Camp just would not seem like Youth Camp without a fireside service, and our fireside service proved to be one of the richest experiences of camp. After everyone gathered around a roaring fire, the surrounding hills began to ring with the sound of choruses. Elder Kenneth Lawson spoke to the group about the times in which we live and the closeness of the Battle of Armageddon, and he admonished everyone to truly give their whole heart and their whole life to the Lord. More choruses were sung, and two large prayer circles were formed. The Holy Spirit truly descended upon us as we prayed late

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Oregon

The Oregon Youth Camp opened on June 23 amidst a downpour of rain at the campsite in the mountains. A warm fire in the big wood heater in the dining hall was a welcome center of attraction to arriving campers, counselors, and directors, for everyone got wet while unloading personal belongings and getting settled into various dormitories. By the end of the afternoon, a total of 118 campers were registered. Later in the week more campers came to make a total of 137 campers, 94 senior youth (ages 12 through 25) and 43 juniors (ages 9 through 11). Youth came from many states—North Dakota, Texas, Idaho, Washington, California, and Oregon, as well as from Canada.

"In the Strength of the Lord" was the theme of the camp, these words being displayed on a large banner hung at the front of the chapel. Throughout the week various sermons, talks, and lessons brought out the idea that the Christian must rely heavily upon the strength of the Lord to remain faithful to Him. Effectual Christian living was stressed in classes and sermons. God's blessing was surely felt throughout the whole week, for campers stayed generally happy even though rain continued much of the week and planned activities had to be cancelled and indoor games emphasized. Ping pong and shuffle board tournaments were played and other indoor games pursued. Swimming was also a popular sport each afternoon. Softball was played for a brief time on two afternoons.

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Morning chapel and classes were welcome spiritual benefits of the day. Elders Nathan Lawson, Ray Benight, and Jacob Miller gave chapel sermons for the young people. Brother Harvey Fischer, who also helped plan camp activities, taught the senior youth class. Elders Haeger and Trigg taught junior-high-age youth classes. Juniors were taught by junior directors Roberta Williams and Thelma Severance. The juniors had nature classes and crafts, in addition to Bible classes. Various counselors helped with junior classes and crafts.

Favorite time of the day was evening service time. Quiz teams competed each evening, Elder Miller asking questions from previously assigned chapters from the Bible. The competition was keen, but friendly. Three teams tied as first place winners during the week.

Fireside services are always looked forward to with eagerness. Brother Lawson spoke words of encouragement and admonition at this time to the youth following lively singing of a number of choruses. In the hush of the evening, God's presence was clearly felt and youth responded to the Spirit's call during prayer time. Because of inclement weather, only one outdoor fireside service was held, the chapel being used other evenings.

Junior fireside services were held separately from the youth with Elder Benight leading them. After a short message, often a nature message about God's creation, Elder Benight read a true story about other boys and girls. A prayer circle concluded the service and many juniors responded with simple, heartfelt prayers.

Sabbath was a day for parents and friends to visit. Regular Sabbath morn-

ing services were held. In addition to regular classes, a baptismal class was held for 20 young people interested in learning more about baptism and its meaning. Of these, 14 were to be baptized later in home churches where parents could be present. One girl, whose family is isolated from a church, received baptism Sabbath evening at camp.

The Sabbath evening service brought a close to activities for the week, except for clean-up Sunday morning. Brother Will McGill, camp director, gave awards to those who had earned them in team work. This event was climaxed with the announcement of winners for the citizenship trophies. Directors and counselors had met the previous day to decide upon winners. With so many outstanding youth present for camp activities, the choice was very difficult. Cooperation, helpfulness, attitudes, and general camp participation were considered as the basis for choosing winners. Junior honorary winners were Lori Dailey, Lynnita Jellison, Ruth Ogren, Steven Feigum, Kevin Towery, and Larry Towery. Winner of the junior citizenship trophy was Carol Shapitka. Senior honorary winners were Dixie Walton, Bob Dais, Lyndon McGill, David Ogren, and Loren Stacey. Del McGill won the senior citizenship trophy. The camp director stated that he wished he could give a trophy to every camper, for cooperation had been truly magnificent and spiritual blessings had abounded. No doubt the rain will be long remembered, but of more importance will be memories of rededicated Christian lives and the Heavenly Father.

A park worker summed up the general feeling of camp one day when

he looked about the dining hall and said, "Rain or shine, everybody's happy here." May it continue to be that way with Christian youth!

Testimony:

Oregon Youth Camp was a pretty watery experience this year, with Oregon showing its notorious capacity for rainy weather—this time for six days in a row with only occasional let-ups.

It might seem that the weather must have made it a boring week. In reality, this is definitely not the case. The schedule called for services and classes in the morning, recreation in the afternoon, and services part of the evening. The rain merely nar-

rowed the choices of recreation to indoor games, not counting the short times spent at basketball and baseball between showers and occasional swimming while it rained.

It seemed that the time spent inside provided more opportunities for conversation and getting to know one another. The gray weather couldn't dampen the cheerful and friendly spirits of the many campers and staff members.

Most everyone would agree that it was a wonderful week, that it provided a spiritual lift and good fellowship, and that it passed entirely too quickly.

—Written by Linda Whitehead

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into the night. Many young people met God for the first time and surrendered their lives to Him as they knelt in prayer under tall trees, bright stars, and soft moonlight. Praise God for wonderful times like this!

Throughout the week at camp Elders Hugh Butrick, L. L. Christenson, and Kenneth Lawson brought timely, inspiring messages from the Word of God, and many of the campers and

staff members gave heart-touching testimonies about the great love and power of God.

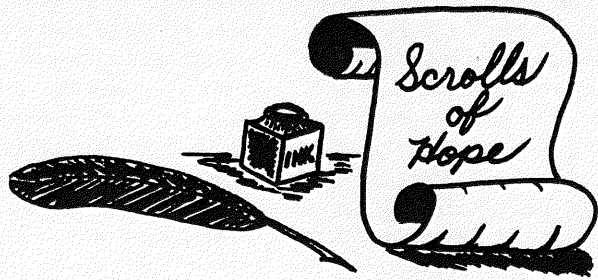
The daily Bible classes were challenging, enjoyable sessions for campers in all age groups. The younger campers (ages 9-14) attended classes where they learned more about God's precious and holy Word while the older campers (ages 15-25) participated in lively panel discussion groups.

The Junior campers looked forward to their Craft Classes each day. Among

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A lively horse-shoe match in action. The dining hall is in the background.





MAKING OUR OWN HEADLINES

Many spectacular news items make the headlines. In scanning a typical newspaper, one finds such headlines as: "Much Vandalism by Teenagers Yesterday"; "Riots Still Continue on Campus"; "Speeding Seventeen-Year-Old Arrested for Negligent Manslaughter."

In view of this type of publicity, which is too often given our young people, I commented to someone (after being privileged, as AIM editor, to attend the camp meeting FYC Banquet): "Tomorrow morning there will be no headlines which say—MORE THAN 200 CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER FOR A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BANQUET! It is inspiring to further speculate that were such headlines to be found, the subsequent write-up of this event would read: . . . *the guest speaker ended his inspiring talk with these words: "Young folks, it's never out of place to step out and come forward for the cause of Christ. If you'd like to do so as we sing our closing chorus, feel free to meet God here."* As the chorus was sung, a number of young people stepped out from their banquet tables and came forward, kneeling near the head table, in sincere, consecrated prayer of submission to God and His will for their lives.

Because my own attendance at the young people's activities was very limited, this particular one made "headlines" in my evaluation. Others, who attended many more FYC activities, could supply us with many more headline-worthy items. One of our National FYC officers, in discussing the blessings of working with the young people, remarked to me one day at General Conference: "Have you ever seen 100-125 young people fairly run to the altar, seeking God in prayer . . . ?"

Young people, for those of you who were privileged to attend General Conference, it was a tremendous source of inspiration. However, the really important thing now is what you're doing at home—whether or not you were at Huron last month. What kind

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Meet Your Committeemen

Larry Moldenhauer, a 1966 graduate of Spring Vale Academy, is now a 20-year-old Senior Psychology Major at the University of Oregon.

For several years Larry has been a capable leader and active participant in FYC activities. He has served as leader of his local FYC at Elmira, Oregon, as well as being a state FYC officer.

It's a Restless World—Can We Help??



As one looks about, the undeniable reality of a suffering, sick world is shouted from every direction. One can find, with a little effort, the doom of the human race proclaimed in almost every newspaper or magazine. These proclamations decry the decaying morals of the youth, and the evils forced upon the society by the older generations. Even though air, water, and soil pollution, and the threat of a nuclear holocaust, are the much-publicized dangers today, I would like to deal with an even graver situation—the challenge and responsibility of Christian youth toward those who do not know Christ.

The Christian youth of *today* have a very great responsibility—not only to themselves—but to those yet in the world. Those who choose to meet this responsibility must be fearless—and not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. First we must realize that this earth, in its chaotic condition, will soon come to an end—at the return of Christ. Once this realization is ours, then it becomes our responsibility to allow Christ into our lives, or if we have already taken that initial step, to attempt to show others the way to Salvation.

As one looks at growing intensity in the occurrence of crime, drug addiction, unwed mothers, etc., among youth, the growth in relation to population increase is astounding. *Why?* Why are youth the leading offenders in various areas of crime—such as shoplifting? Leading professionals who study, or come in contact with offending youth, have proposed varied theories as to why youth are rebelling in such a way. Even though many of these people give insight into human behavior, they do not get at the source

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Shocking Teenage Morals

by Ricky Everett

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE MORALS in our teenage world today? Man has gained much knowledge in the last one hundred years. In what way is this knowledge affecting our teenagers? Will this newly acquired knowledge enlighten or blind our teenagers?

People throughout the ages have pursued the idea of "fleshly pleasure." From the early days of this earth, people have sought pleasure as their main goal. And afterward men had to bear the punishment for their loose morals. Will history repeat itself?

HOW DOES THIS PROBLEM AFFECT TODAY'S GENERATION—especially people between the ages of 12 and 20 years of age?

Here's how! . . .

Teenagers have been bombarded with the three-letter word S-E-X from childhood on. Blaring music from records and radios drug the teenagers with a desire for "pleasure." And let's not forget the motion pictures, advertisements, and filthy magazines. Everywhere one looks, sex is displayed.

What about parents? Yes, too many contribute to this rising problem by letting their children go wild. Many teenagers say, "Mom and Dad are real hip! They don't care what I do as long as I am happy." Shocking! No wonder this problem is increasing.

WHAT EFFECT DOES THIS HAVE ON A TEENAGER during and after his teenage years? Statistics show the alarming rise in disease resulting from personal intimacies, not to mention the 40% of teenage brides who are already pregnant when they take their wedding vows. The rising rate of suicide among teenagers shows that something is wrong.

What about later in marriage? Facts show that 50% of all teenage marriages end in divorce within five years. Just imagine what their lives will be after this tragic happening! What if they have children? Most children are sent home to mom or to an adoption agency. Young people, this is a serious problem!

A BAG OF TOOLS

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people like you and me,
Are builders for eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules;
And each must make, ere life has flown,
A stumbling-block or a stepping stone.

—R. L. Sharpe

Are You the Fourth Ox?

On a short trip by ox-cart one day in Brazil I quickly learned the names of three of the four oxen that pulled the cart. Later it occurred to me that I didn't learn the name of the fourth ox. There was a good reason for this. The other three animals were unruly, sometimes rushing forward, at other times holding back. A bit of shade under a tree would attract one and he would pull over in that direction. The driver with his long whip and goad was kept busy. Occasionally he had to take a flying leap from the cart to run ahead and turn the lead oxen back into the trail. All his efforts were accompanied by much shouting of the names of the oxen. It did not take long for one to have them off by heart. But that fourth ox! I never heard his name shouted. I never saw him goaded, nor did the lash descend on his back. In the language of the people, he was *manso*. He was tamed. He was submissive. And for him the yoke was easy and the burden was light.

If we take Christ's yoke upon us and learn of Him, we will find that yoke easy, that burden light. But if we insist on our own way, if we stand up for our rights, we will find that the yoke galls and that chastisement follows. How much better, how much easier, to submit and inherit the blessing. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

A teacher told me recently that in his class of teen-aged boys several thought obedience to speed limits and traffic signs was foolishness. Whence this strange anomaly (irregularity)? Why do Christians find it so hard to submit to rules and laws? They admit they are good and exist for our good, yet they are flaunted every day. This applies in many ways in the daily life of the Christian. A visitor to a high school met the sponsor of the students' Christian group. She pointed out several students as the fine leaders of the Christians in the school. The visitors wanted to know why they were all doing detention! Obviously they had not learned yet to submit.

Riding with a friend down a street in a Minnesota town, he glanced at the speedometer as we passed a traffic sign. "Slow

down, Porter," he admonished himself. Then, turning to me, "You know there is one verse of Scripture that should make us Christians obey these signs." I thought I knew what was coming and, sure enough, he began to quote 1 Peter 2:13—"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." "If you don't do it for your own sake," commented Dr. Porter, "Do it for the Lord's sake."

Business firms reporting on the cause for the last three dismissals of employees said that it was a lack of willingness to accept discipline and authority. This attitude seems to be in the very air we breathe these days. "For the Lord's sake," for the testimony we seek to give others, let us learn to submit.

Where may this lesson be learned? Only at the feet of Him Who said, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek (submissive) and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:29).
—J. Manley in *Field News*

ETERNAL YOUTH

(From an address by the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur)

Youth is not entirely a time of life—it is a state of mind. It is not wholly a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips or supple knees. It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life. It means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of an appetite for adventure over love of ease.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by **DESERTING THEIR IDEALS**. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whatever your years, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, and as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, cheer and courage, so long are you young.

When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only are you grown old.
—*Selected*

"Is Smoking a Sin?" She asked

When visiting a young Christian lady in the Provincial Hospital at Port Elizabeth, I found her on the balcony of her ward in the company of three other ladies. As she had persistently refrained from taking cigarettes and faithfully borne her witness against smoking, one of the three who were smoking asked me: "Is it a sin to smoke?"

In order to gain her confidence, and to get my point in more decisively I put some questions to her in a way that she had to answer them. Here are my questions and her answers:

1. If you as a young mother smoke against medical advice and better knowledge so that the little one to be born will be detrimentally affected, is that right? She said, "Definitely not."

2. If your example causes your daughter to take up the habit of smoking early and she does it secretly during school hours, would that be right? She said, "Definitely not."

3. If you cannot afford financially to smoke and consequently your children and husband suffer in terms of food and clothing, etc., is it right to go on smoking? Her answer was, "Definitely not."

4. If you know by medical statement and your own observations that smoking is furthering a certain bodily affliction of yours, like cancer, tuberculosis, etc., and you smoke wilfully, is that right? "Definitely not."

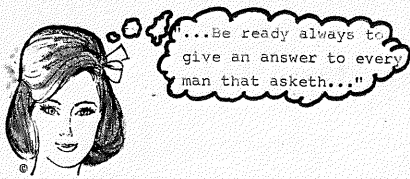
5. If your habit of smoking is forcing you into bondage to such an extent that you must smoke up to 50 cigarettes a day, is that right? "Definitely not."

6. If for some particular reason the Holy Spirit speaks to your conscience to abstain from smoking, and you continue to do so, is that right? "Definitely not."

7. If a person suffering from the bondage of smoking requests you to help in ridding himself of such slavery and you tell him, "Do not worry about it: smoking is no sin. My minister smokes too," is that right? "Definitely not."

All four ladies then kindly permitted me to share a Word of God with them and offer up a prayer for them. My questions made them think and the consistent reply of "Definitely not" by one of

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MINUTEMAN

By Jan Pedersen

In Matthew 4:19 we read, "And he saith unto them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" In Luke 5:10 (last part) Jesus says, "...Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Ofttimes, we hear sermons related to this subject—and all too often we fail to recognize the deep meaning of these scriptures.

In many areas, fishing is a favorite pastime or sport. People enjoy it because it is relaxing and peaceful. These people, we realize, do not fish because they "have to," but because they love to.

Fishing for a living is not always easy. Sometimes the water is rough, the weather is not fit, or maybe the net has torn. This would be enough to make many give up and try a different occupation. Yet these people never give up. They have a job to be done and a goal to reach.

Unlike the pleasure fishermen and the occupational fishermen, the men that fish for food, fish because it is their only means of survival. Their goal is to

catch the biggest and best-tasting because this will provide them more and better food.

As we read verse 19 again, let us ponder upon its meaning. How can we best apply these fishermen?

One type of fisherman is those who fish because they want to—because they love the Lord. These fishermen witness in action and deed and probably have a great influence upon their fellowworkers, classmates, etc.

Some fishermen are fishermen because God has called them to save the lost and dying. We can assume these men are usually ministers and their goal is to win more souls for the kingdom of God.

Unlike the other two fishermen, the last group fish in a little different manner. They fish that their souls may grow in the knowledge of the scriptures. They fish that the Spirit of God within them will not die but will remain alive—eager to do the Lord's will.

May we be in the category of one of these fishermen—the

ones who fish because they enjoy the work of the Lord, the ones who fish because they are called, or the ones who fish to learn more of the Bible and may thus be ready whenever the Lord calls.

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:10).

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me" (Psalm 138:7).

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord" (Lamentations 3:40).

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

"For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent" (1 Corinthians 1:19).

HE WENT, NOT I

By Lester Campbell, SVA student

He walked down the road to Golgotha

With a robe so pure and white,
They spat upon my Saviour,
Because what He taught was right.

At the gates of Jerusalem,
He fell beneath the load;
Simon took His place,
But Jesus walked the road.

He went to the cross willingly,
He didn't once say, "No,"
He said, "Though your sins be as scarlet,
I make them white as snow."

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon,
He cried, "My task is done."
The earth quaked and darkness came

And a voice cried, "This was God's Son."

At 6 o'clock came Joseph
To take the body away;
They laid Him in a tomb;
But there He was not to stay.

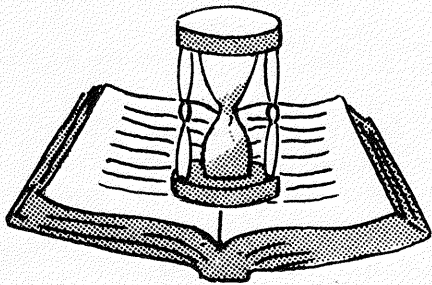
The third night came,
The third day passed,
And up came Jesus—
A victor over death at last.

After forty days, He went to His Father,
To prepare us all a home—
That someday in New Jerusalem
From Him we'll never roam.

The story goes on forever,
But my story approaches its end,
If you want to hear the rest of it,
Kneel and ask Jesus to be your Friend.

Submitted by James Fordyce

2T₄G- Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

Aug. 15	Psa. 84
Aug. 16	Psa. 85
Aug. 17	Psa. 86
Aug. 18	Psa. 87
Aug. 19	Psa. 88
Aug. 20	Psa. 89
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Aug. 22	Psa. 91
Aug. 23	Psa. 92
Aug. 24	Psa. 93
Aug. 25	Psa. 94
Aug. 26	Psa. 95
Aug. 27	Psa. 96
Aug. 28	Psa. 97
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Aug. 30	Psa. 99
Aug. 31	Psa. 100
Sept. 1	Psa. 101
Sept. 2	Psa. 102
Sept. 3	Psa. 103
Sept. 4	Psa. 104
Sept. 5	Psa. 105
Sept. 6	Psa. 106
Sept. 7	Psa. 107
Sept. 8	Psa. 108
Sept. 9	Psa. 109
Sept. 10	Psa. 110
Sept. 11	Psa. 111
Sept. 12	Psa. 112
Sept. 13	Psa. 113
Sept. 14	Psa. 114

So far we have found lessons of praise, humility, joy, and deep contrition in the psalms of the Jews. This month we will also discover that David and the other poets entwined prophetic secrets into their songs. We gain small insights into such times as the crucifixion of Jesus, the return of the Jews, and the profaning of the crown of David.

It is truly wonderful to be able to read about events prophesied in the scriptures—and then either see them come to pass, or read of it in history.

Psalms 89 foretells that David's throne would be established forever. This was a great promise—but with a restriction, as we read in the books of Samuel. David and his sons had to do the works of their Heavenly Father to retain this promise.

This same psalm prophesies the fall of the crown of David, since Solomon and his sons disobeyed God. However, God loved David so much that He still did not destroy his throne. Christ, in the lineage of David, still reigns on the thrones of our hearts, and will someday be our literal King! Isn't this glorious?

Even though there has never been a world-ruling king on an earthly throne since the days of captivity, God provided an even more lasting and enduring King—the Messiah! This Messiah is going to come and judge the world (Psalm 96:13).

To a degree, we even know when His return shall be! Psalm 102 says the time is set! Christ will return when Zion is rebuilt and His praise is found in

Jerusalem! Surely, this means His return is very near, for even now Israel is re-inhabited by the Israelis!

"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord" (v. 18).

Are we ready for Christ's imminent return? Can we join the righteous in praise of our Creator's marvelous works and grace toward us?

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of the problem. 1 Peter 5:8 holds the answer: "... the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Satan realizes that Christ is soon to return, and is working harder, and having greater success, it seems, than ever before. The youth of today are being met on every side with greater temptation than ever before. Never before have the devil's playthings been more available than they are today. AND YET many Christians (?) seem unmoved. They make no—or very little—effort to tell someone of Salvation—and the opportunity for Eternal Life.

Young people, we can no longer be apathetic toward those who do not know Christ. One way we can be more effective for Christ is through an active, strong FYC. Many local FYC groups, in cooperation with the National FYC officers, have some excellent programs whereby youth out of the Church can be reached. Your Leadership Committeeman might have ideas which are unique to your local area. —Try him!

The Christian youth of today *must* carry the message of Eternal Life and inner Joy to those who do not have it. Will you, as a Christian youth, accept this challenge?

IF

If, when the sun sinks low tonight,
And floods you with its golden light,
As you sit thinking of the day
Crowded with its work or play;
If you recall some kindly deed,
A helping hand to one in need,
Or just a touch to ease some pain,
You have not spent the day in vain.

—Robin A. Walker

JUST TRY IT

If you seek trouble anywhere, I'm sure
that you will find it.
If disappointment is your lot, I pray
you do not mind it.
If misfortune comes your way, just
try to rise above it.
Life is what we make of it, so do
your best to love it.

—Everett W. Hill

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the useful and decorative items they made to take home with them were wastepaper baskets, letter holders, and wall plaques.

The Senior campers all seemed to enjoy a Teen Problems Class in which they discussed many different subjects they had questions on. This class was highlighted by a two-day discussion on the Battle of Armageddon.

A part of Youth Camp that everyone eagerly anticipated was the third annual Talent and Skit Night. Each of the eight cabins presented a skit and a talent act for the contest. All of the skits were clever and quite humorous while the talent acts did, indeed, reveal much true talent.

Daily music classes gave everyone the opportunity to learn new songs and to enjoy singing praises to God. The Junior Choir under the direction of Vickie Butrick, and the Senior Choir, under the direction of Sue Kanady, presented special musical selections that contributed much to the worship services.

One aspect of camp that just can't be overlooked is the lively recreation the campers enjoyed each day. This year the campers competed in softball, volleyball, horse shoes, and badminton. These young people expended an unbelievable amount of energy playing these games, but they managed to conserve enough strength to hike to the lake and enjoy a cooling swim each day. On Friday afternoon all attention was focused on the traditional Camper-Staff softball game. It was an exciting and close game in which the Campers slipped past the Staff and were the champions again this year!

Some of the other events the campers enjoyed during the week were a Bible quiz, a watermelon feast, a folk sing, and a weiner roast.

Mealtime was a favorite time of every day for everyone. The kitchen supervisors, Murray and Yvonne Sweet, and the cooks, Minnie Brunson, Betty Eddy, and Sister Grimm, served delicious meals all week long. A concession stand operated by Charles and Waynetta Burlison was a popular congregating place for campers to enjoy refreshments and visiting together.

Competition among the campers was keen for the daily Honor Cabin award. Each day an inspection committee toured the cabins to select the winning one, and the campers went above and beyond the call of duty in presenting neat, clean cabins.

Each year at camp a special award is given to the one girl and the one boy chosen "Most Outstanding Camper" by the campers themselves. At a special Awards Assembly Debbie Scott and Jerry Summers were recognized as the Most Outstanding Girl and Boy Camper. This year the kitchen staff presented a special award to Gary Johnson for being "Best Camp Dishwasher." The Senior boys also honored their counselor, Ray Robinson, with a plaque.

Approximately 275 people attended the Sabbath services at camp and enjoyed good worship services and fellowship together. The camp was climaxed by the Sabbath afternoon baptismal service where the following 21 campers were baptized: Eddie Baucom, Terry Baucom, Doris Blocker, LaNell Brunson, Mike Burlison, Linda Chandler, Johnny Cox, Kathy Crisp, Gary Earnhart, Rebecca Espinosa, Gary Johnson, Elsa Martinez, David Mayhugh, Cynthia Scott, Fara

Summers, Katie Summers, Cheryl Sweet, Kaye Sweet, Charlotte Thomsson, Johnny Thomsson, and Terry Younger.

We thank God for every young person who attended this camp, and we give great praise to Him for allowing us the blessings of such a wonderful camp. This was our prayer at camp, "Dear Lord, Bring Us Together Again in Thy Kingdom." May this be the prayer of our young people every place.

Reported by Gail Rincker

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of "headlines" are you making? The really worthwhile efforts *will* be noticed—and the good you will do can never be measured.

Don't be discouraged by the ready publicity given to the disdainful acts of youth. Rather, become more determined to do your part to reverse this image. And regardless what others may say or write, your Heavenly Father sees all, and He will be ever just, merciful, and loving!

These four boys are displaying the handiwork they made in Craft Class. In the background is seen the banner depicting the theme of our youth camp.



"IS SMOKING A SIN?" SHE ASKED (Continued from page 27)

the three tobacco indulgers is not only self-explanatory but self-condemnatory.

It is so easy for the smoker to pass the buck, to evade responsibility by ignoring the opinion of some fellow Christian and then be disobedient to the Holy Spirit and stay in slavery of carnality. All these questions: "Is it a sin to smoke, play cards, or go to the movie" must be dealt with in self-judgment and not in the judgment of others, even that of a minister or a church. They are a matter between the individual soul and the Holy Spirit.

—F. H. Schwartz, O. F. S., So. Africa

National FYC Correspondence

After September 1, all correspondence to the National FYC Office should be sent to Stanberry, Mo. 64489, rather than the Oklahoma address which was for the summer only. Both our national chairman and our secretary will return to Stanberry this fall as faculty members at Midwest Bible College.

"V.I.P." Merge

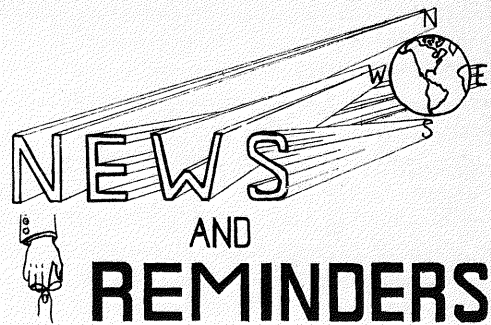
You can be watching for greater things happening down Texas way now that Kenneth Knoll and Mary Jean Wilson, members of the National and Leadership Committees, respectively, have united forces ("Until death do they part") for a more "workable" plan in their duties for the Young People's Department.

Although there is some doubt as to this being the sole purpose for their marriage vows, it is interesting to note that their burden for the young people's work parallel each other and make for what we think will be one of the best teams for young people's work anywhere!

The Young People's Department extends a sincere hand of warmest congratulations to this fine young couple as they begin a rich life of sharing God together in the most marvelous way granted to mankind—that divine state of holy matrimony. God bless you, Ken and Mary Jean!

FYC Sweaters

FYC sweaters are available in three colors—navy, old gold, and dark



green. The FYC emblem is printed in the pocket area surrounded by the words "FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS."

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.

Order yours from the FYC office or plan to purchase one from the Youth Missions Team if they will visit your area yet this summer. The cost is \$3 per sweater.

"Aim" for Goals

Are you doing your part to help us reach our goal of 250 new subscriptions in our "AIM for Goals" Campaign?

To complete the second phase, each FYC Group is asked to give ten gift subscriptions to young people who are non-members.

Do your part!!!

Request for FYC Leaders Names

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 the national secretary: Jewell Linville, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

singers have made 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 is available this month. Proceeds from the record sales will go into the Young People's work of the Church of God.

Long Play Album

The 1969 Youth Missions Team

Definitions

What does Spring Vale mean?

To high school age boys and girls, it means:

- ▶ An opportunity to participate freely in all desired activities, with no Sabbath conflict
- ▶ A good basic knowledge of the Bible, which will last a lifetime
- ▶ Friends with the same basic beliefs and ideals
- ▶ A more personal interest and understanding from their teachers

To parents, it means:

- ▶ An atmosphere which will encourage for their children a Christ-centered life
- ▶ Christian companions for their boys and girls
- ▶ The satisfaction of knowing their children can participate whole-heartedly in school activities.

Registration at Spring Vale Academy is on August 26.

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