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BE such a man, and live such a life, that if every man were such as you, and every life a life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise.

—Phillips Brooks

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To All

YOUTH

By Joy Meader

Much has been written to the "Youth" of our day trying to invite and persuade them to accept the Lord Jesus while they are yet young, and not to put off their salvation in order to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. And I guess until the end of time man will continue to write articles on this subject.

I may be just another "youth" of today, but I feel deeply impressed to write this invitation to all youth the world over. Only with the help of the Lord Jesus, my personal Friend will I attempt to write this.

Satan tries his hardest to keep young people from accepting the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. For he knows that the longer a

"Remember NOW thy Creator in the days of thy YOUTH, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12: 1).

person puts off salvation the easier it is for him to keep that person just where he wants him, right in the chains of darkness for eternity!

It is so easy for the average youth to have this philosophy: "I am young and have plenty of time to accept Christ as my Saviour and get religion when I am older and know what I am doing. I am going to have "fun" now while I am young—live it up! Later I will think about religion."

But the sad part about it is that usually "later" never comes.

A person is never too young to accept Jesus as his or her Saviour and to be determined to fol-

low Him all his life. There are many matters on doctrine which are hard for young people to understand, but "Salvation" is so very clear and simple that a child can understand it. Jesus died for us youth as well as for all men. Let us remember Him "NOW"! We may not have the opportunity to live until "later." We know not what tomorrow may bring. If death should suddenly come upon you, would you be ready? On that great day of the Lord when Jesus shall return to this earth, will you be called forth from the grave in the first resurrection to live for eternity in a world of peace and righteousness?

Search your heart my fellow youth! Is the answer "YES" or a sad "NO"?

You may say, "Oh, I have time—let me have "fun" while I am young. If I accept Jesus as my Saviour, I will have to give up so many things that I enjoy doing. And all my friends will laugh and make fun of me."

Oh, my dear fellow youth, this world has nothing to offer you! What you think you can not bear to give up is nothing compared to the happiness, peace, and love which Jesus has waiting for you, if you will but take one step by accepting Jesus now.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12: 13 and 14).

You will find that life will be much happier and sweeter when you have Jesus as your friend and Saviour. You will have peace within your heart and you will have "fun"—*real "fun"* living in the will of the Lord.

When I was a girl, (I cannot remember how old I was) I, too, had the philosophy that I had plenty of time for religion—I would wait until I was older and mature before I would accept the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. But, thank God that somewhere along the line I lost that philosophy and I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. (I owe this to my parents who taught me to love the Lord Jesus.)

I regret that I have made mistakes, but praise God for what He has done for me! He washed away my sins and set me free—led me out of darkness into light. He is my personal friend and Saviour—I know that no matter what, Jesus will always be there ready and willing to help me in the smallest matters and on to the greatest!

My friend, Jesus, is ready and willing to help "YOU"—to guide you into light and to wash away your sins and save you. He will never forsake you. Remember Jesus "NOW" and you will never regret it!

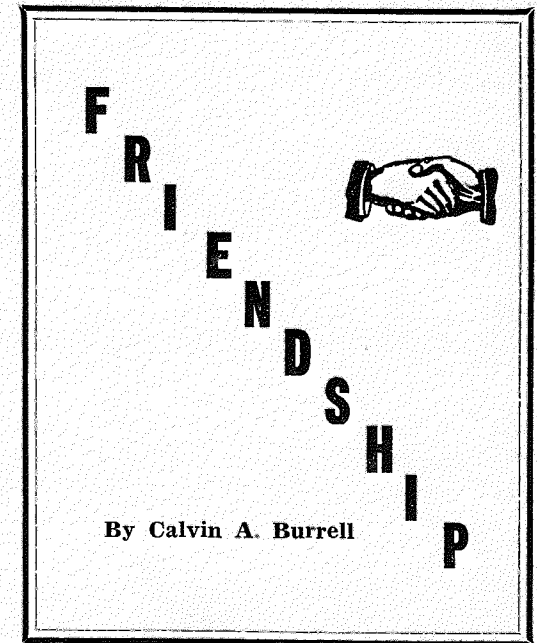
WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP? Friendship is the bond of unity between individuals; it can break the chains of doubt, and weld a web of wondrous faith.

WITH FRIENDS, a man is quick to listen, slow to repeat, and is never alone. The richest man in the world is poor without friends, and a friend bought with money is of less value than a fool's words, which can no more be heard.

TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly; to be friendly we should be as the wise old owl who lived in the oak: the more he saw the less he spoke; the less he spoke, the more he heard; why can't we be like that old bird?

TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly, and the fires of strife will be doused. To emphasize the faults of another only brings us to his level; and as fire cannot exist without fuel, so where no talebearer is, the strife ceaseth.

TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly, and the size of a man's friendship can be measured by his circle of friends. Friendship knows no barriers of size, color, or creed; to reject from our circle of friends someone whom God has included in His family, is to place our own judgment above that of God's. To keep a man down, means only to stay down with him; we can be no closer to God than we are to His children. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.



TO HAVE FRIENDS, a man must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Though we are betrayed by brothers, and wounded in the house of friends, yet will the Lord Jesus Christ never fail us. And when the fearful day comes when man's weapons are rendered futile, when the earth quakes, and fire engulfs the wicked, HE will carry us through!

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A TIMELY RHYME

The time of day I do not tell as
some do by the clock,
Or by the distant chiming bell set on
some steepled rock,
But by the progress that I see in what
I have to do;
It's either "DONE O'CLOCK" for me,
or only "HALF-PAST
THROUGH."

The Whole

By Dorothy Nimchuk

"Christian education? Why should I go so far from home? We have a wonderful new high school right here in town, good teachers and a wide choice of subjects," argued Sarah. She tossed the Spring Vale catalog onto the coffee table and leaned back on the couch as if to indicate the matter was all settled as far as she was concerned.

Mother sighed. She so hoped Sarah would want to go to Spring Vale for the high school years. "I know it's a small school, dear, but it *is* growing and improving all the time. More important, you will receive good Bible training. You need to be well grounded in the truth."

"I can study my Bible right here at home! And we go to church every week. What more do I need? Look at Miss Stevens, the church organist; *she* didn't go to a Christian school. She is very active at church and all the kids think so much of her," continued Sarah.

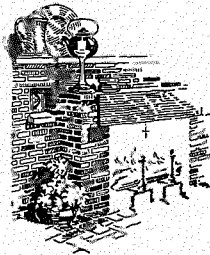
That remark gave mother the opening she had been looking for and she took advantage of it at once. She knew Sarah valued Frances Stevens' opinion and hoped she would be the one to convince Sarah she needed a good knowledge of the scriptures and the will of God in order to stand true to her convictions in all situations.

"Why not go and see Miss Stevens and see what she thinks. Then when you come back we will discuss the

matter further," urged Mrs. Wilson.

"All right, Mother, I will!" And with the decision made she went directly to the phone to call Miss Stevens.

Later that afternoon Sarah was seated in the living room of Miss Stevens' tiny apartment drinking hot chocolate and eating the last of the



delicious sandwiches on the plate. The weather had turned colder and a few snowflakes had begun to fall. The fire in the grate burned brightly and the gray Persian cat was dozing contentedly on the hearth. Once the lunch dishes were cleared away the two settled down for a heart-to-heart talk.

Frances Stevens, 35, tall and dignified, smiled at Sarah and encouraged her to begin speaking. She had helped countless young people over the past years to make decisions for Christ. She had devoted the remainder of her

Armour

of

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life to working with the young.

"... and Mother wants me to go to Spring Vale. I really don't think it's necessary. What do you think?"

Frances sat so long gazing into the dancing flames that Sarah thought perhaps she hadn't really heard her question. But Frances' mind was racing back over the years—years she didn't like to remember. Finally, slowly at first, she spoke in a soft voice.

"No, Sarah, I didn't go to Spring Vale, although we lived not far from there. I had been on the grounds on many occasions; State Conference, all-day meetings and the like. My folks couldn't afford to send me; moreover

—like you—I really didn't want to go. I felt I had a better choice of subjects in our local high school and didn't give much thought to all the Bible training I would be missing. Although baptized at an early age, I had little interest in spiritual things.

Graduating with honors I took a job, thinking to save money for college. Soon I bought a car. Gradually worldly friends began to fill my leisure hours. I was drawn farther than ever away from my Saviour. My daily devotions were very sporadic and more than once I broke the Sabbath when something came up I really wanted to do."

She paused, the silence broken only by the clock ticking on the mantel. Snow fell gently against the window pane. The cat stirred and moved closer to the fire.

"Years passed. Time and money squandered on worldly interests. My church contributions grew less and less. I was unable to save money even though I earned a good salary. Through my association with non-Christian companions, I, too, became quite worldly.

"Then one Sabbath I attended an all-day meeting. The youth slogan, strung on a banner across the front of the church, proclaimed 'Serve the Lord in youth.' Suddenly I realized my youth was almost gone. All I had served was *self!* That day at the altar I knelt and truly committed my life to Christ.

"Since then I have been led of His Spirit and spend much time in study and prayer. But always I think of the years, those wasted years, when I failed to give God my all."

"I do my best," she smiled, "to witness and work for Him now. You

see, I've got a lot of catching up to do."

Not knowing quite what to say to this testimony, Sarah remained quiet.

Rising from her chair, Frances walked to the window, looked out at the snow which was falling faster now, and finally turned to face Sarah once more.

"You asked my advice," she said gently, "about Christian Education. I'm all for it. One hundred per cent! I can't help but feel that my own life would have been different had I been better equipped to meet the trials and temptations that befall all of us. You not only receive a good working knowledge of the scriptures; you get Christian fellowship with others of like faith and Christian teachers to guide you when you need advice. When you go into this world, you will be prepared, clothed with the whole armour of God. Here, Sarah, take my Bible and turn to Ephesians 6:11-17 and read it."

Sarah found the passage and read aloud. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts

of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

"A person needs to prepare for anything which he really wants to do. This includes service to God," observed Frances. "Most of the young adults taking over important positions in the church today are Spring Vale or Midwest graduates. They are spiritually prepared to meet and conquer temptations in this life.

"It's like the pastor mentioned in his sermon last Sabbath. We are living in the last days of this age. What could possibly be more important than preparing to meet God! What better goal than a home in His glorious kingdom? How better to use our time than to witness of God's love and the free gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ? By all means, go to Spring Vale, Sarah. You'll never regret it."

Sarah was thoughtful for a while, then she smiled. Impulsively she jumped up and threw her arms around Frances.

"You've certainly brought me to my senses, Miss Stevens. Thanks so much and God bless you." She reached for her coat. "I've got to race home and tell Mom the good news! I'm going to Spring Vale next year. I want my life to count for Christ."

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Be quiet enough to hear it,

The plan of God.

Be brave enough to speak it,

The message of God.

Be honest enough to live it,

The life of God.



Because of Unbelief . . .

By R. C. Moldenhauer

Certainly Christ must have been ashamed of His disciples in His day because of their failure along certain lines.

The followers were also ashamed of themselves; they came to Jesus secretly apart from the crowd to ask Him "why" they were not able to cure the lunatic. Jesus answered them as we read in Matthew 17:20—"Because of your unbelief. . . ." We notice in verse 18 that He did not rebuke His disciples for not being able to cure this boy because He well knew that they did not have "the faith, as a grain of mustard seed."

Such faith can only be obtained by "fasting and prayer." Just one in their midst had fasted; consequently, He was the only One Who could heal the lunatic.

Since it was necessary for Jesus, the Son of God, to fast forty days to obtain such power, how much more necessary it is for Christians in these closing days to fast and seek for such power.

The major reason why so many of us are often so powerless is because we do not engage in fasting and prayer. Fasting is not harmful to the body. Jesus would never ask us to do anything that would be harmful to our bodies.

One main reason that people fast

so little is because Satan overtakes them, causing many doubts and fears to arise. But read 1 John 4:18, "... perfect love casteth out fear."

In one of our special meetings when the Lord came very near to us, we then learned that it is indeed necessary to fast if we want to seek the power of God manifested to the extent that miracles will be wrought.

If you desire to have more power in your life, I would advise you to spend more time in fasting and prayer; and by so doing, your problems will be solved and your prayers answered.

Jesus has promised that He will "openly reward" when we fast. Notice the words of our Master in Matthew 6:16-18. "Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

Let us bear in mind that we are living in the last days and it behooves us to take time to serve God, awaiting the blessed promises in store for us.

Come Unto Me

By Betty Lou
Crawford

"The night is dark--How shall I go on?"

And yet--off there somewhere

Will be the dawn..." —E. B. Sloan

The still, rainy night is quiet except for the soft falling of the rain. Now and then a lone car passes by. Suddenly—what's that? The clatter of feet break the hushed silence of the night as someone comes running up the sidewalk. A misjudgment by the running girl stops her flight as she catches her shoe in a crack of the sidewalk's disintegrating pavement; she sprawls headfirst, skinning her face and knees. But the lone girl is not aware of any pain, except the pain of fear, and she looks about frantically, trying to find a place to hide.

"There's an alley!" she mutters, and on hands and knees she scrambles into the dark alley behind a stack of trash barrels, boxes and garbage cans.

All of this has taken place in about five seconds since her first footsteps were heard. Suddenly we know more about why the girl is fleeing, or at least who she is fleeing from, as another volley of running steps is heard approaching. There under the

street light we can see a small, fat man, whose heavy breathing and wet clothes make him look much like the rats that scurry around old shipping docks on the waterfronts, or the same breed that looks for food in the city dumps.

"Where did that scrawny kid disappear to now? Angela, if you're anywhere near the sound of my voice, I'm a tellin' you now you'd better git out here! Come out right now or you'll be sorrier'n you've ever been!"

An eternity of time passes for Angela as she tries to shrink further back among the trash, remembering the bruises she had suffered in Mickey's last fit of rage. Mickey Slate waited for the effect of his threat to take hold on Angela, but nothing but the rain and his own ringing words answered him. Then, seeing the alley, he headed for it, convinced that Angela couldn't have outdistanced him very far.

"Ahhh!" Feeling a terrible pain in his leg, Mickey fought to free himself as he realized that

he'd blundered into something. A huge black dog had the calf of Mickey's leg gripped in a death clinch; he could feel his muscles being cramped and torn. As he stumbled out of the alley, and fell into the street, the dog let loose of his leg, and returned to the entrance of the alley, forbidding another entrance by Mickey.

Mickey planted himself squarely on the street corner, as though determined to wait until Angela would reappear, but then deciding that Angela couldn't have passed that devil dog anyway, he started back to the boarding house.

Angela was almost afraid to breathe. She sat huddled in the dark, smelly alley until she thought that Mickey would be long gone; also, she couldn't help but wonder if that horrible dog was still out there.

"How did I get past that dog?" she mused, half amazed at the timely arrival of help. Or would the dog be a help to her now?

Cautiously she crawled out of the boxes, and there in front of her was the biggest dog she had ever seen in her whole life, and black as night.

"N-n-nice d-d-dog . . .," and the big brutish dog walked swiftly over to her, sniffed at her leg, and shoes; then suddenly his tail wagged and he jumped up on her, practically knocking her down.

Suddenly it came to her, "Why, I remember you; you're that big dog I used to save bread for every Friday night. The dog

had started coming to her door every Friday night because Angela worked in the boarding house kitchen on Friday night and saved stale bread. She remembered well the first time she had seen the dog.

"... Yes, I remember you; I had just come back from that ther' Mission Center downtown, I was all dressed up in that new cotton dress, when Miss May made me dump the garbage I'd fergot to dump. You came a runnin' up and got mud all over my clean dress and I had a terrible time explainin' that to Miss May!" Miss May manages the boarding house.

The dog and girl made an odd pair, as they walked aimlessly, happy for each other's company.

"Who c'n I git to help me now? After leavin' like that I don't dare go back. They'd lock me in the freezer longer than an hour this time . . . I know—I c'n call that preacher feller. He was real nice to us kids. But, he wouldn't help no stray like me, would he?"

She saw a phone booth across the street, and questioned whether she should risk her only dime to call him. What if he refused to help her? But she

couldn't forget his expression that one night when he looked around at the forlorn group of listeners, and had delivered a message that had been about "... rest ... come ...



Yes, that's what he said: 'Come unto me and I will give you rest'; he sure sounded sincere . . ."

So she bounded across the street to the phone.

John Matthews couldn't believe his ears, but he promised the young girl that he would be right over to get her—and the black dog. He had suspected that this girl he had seen occasionally slip into the Mission was living

in difficult circumstances, but he didn't realize that it was as bad as what he'd been able to make out from Angela over the phone . . . oh well, he'd have time to question her later.

He took Angela to his home where he lived with his mother, a widow. John washed and fed the dog, who was quite unwilling at first. (John and the dog were unwilling!) Meanwhile, John's mother supplied Angela

with the needed bathing accommodations, outfitting her in one of her housecoats. She then fed her some hot soup and sandwiches.

After Angela fell asleep, which was right away, Mrs. Matthews went to talk to her son.

"I hope you realize what you are doing, John. That young lady can get you into a lot of trouble; after all, you are a minister,

and something about this whole thing bothers me . . . her last words before she fell asleep were, ' . . . please, don't tell them where I am. If I am too much trouble just let me leave quietly. I'll understand. . . . ' What can we do in a situation like this?"

"We can pray, mother . . ." and in silent understanding the two of them knelt down and asked the Father's guidance.

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What Will They Think ?

We share with you here a sincere testimony which was given by Ruthella Ling at a recent New Auburn, Wisconsin, FYC meeting. Ruthella is in the eighth grade at New Auburn Junior High School.

"It was always hard for me to witness. It wasn't that I didn't want to witness. I wanted to witness for my God with all my heart. But I was just plain chicken. Yes, that's all that was ailing me. I was just plain chicken. I was afraid of what the other kids would think. Because to me, if I wasn't popular anymore, I might just as well go dig a hole in the ground and crawl in.

"This was the way I felt about a month ago. That morning had been especially trying. What with missing the school bus, unconsciously hurting a friend's feelings, and losing my lunch ticket (therefore being destined to fast).

"However, there I was sitting in English class racking my brain over a poem I was supposed to write. The poem was to contain what I thought about America. There were just five minutes left to go . . .

"Just as I was coming to the end of my resources, a poem suddenly popped into my head. However, I was hesitant to write it down because it mentioned God in it. But as I could think of no other, I wrote it down. I just barely finished writing when the teacher called time.

"By the time it was my turn to read the poem I had written, I was scared silly. Somehow I stumbled to the front of the room and in a somewhat shaky voice commenced to read:

AMERICA

*The wonder of the wildlife,
The greatness of the sea,
The majesty of the mountains;
This is America to me.*

*The might of the forest
With tall and sturdy tree,
And the flowers of the springtime;
This is America to me.*

*The freedom of religion—
The song of the free sing we.
Safe in God's love, hope from above;
This is America to me.*

"After class several of the kids told me they liked my poem very much. That made me feel good and I decided maybe the kids weren't quite as heathen as I had thought. After that, witnessing became easier for me.

"I praise God for this experience because it has brought me closer to Him and has made me more conscious of His love and care for me.

*Safe in God's love, hope from above;
This is America to me."*

Ruthella Ling

Again we want to encourage others of you to send your testimonies in to us. It can be short, long, or just whatever you want to make it.

Youth leaders and sponsors, when you have inspiring contributions from your youth, encourage them to put it into writing and share it with others through AIM.

Through Service

WITNESSING, POWER FILLED CHRISTIANS!!

Hi teens! Isn't being a Christian an exciting life? Everyday affords new experiences.

And when victories come—this is spectacular.

In living for the Lord this happens frequently. In giving the Lord the best years of our lives, we are going to be busy witnessing. Your life for one thing is going to show you are a Christian. Young people are sharp. It's hard to put any thing over on them. That's why the Lord wants you in your youth. He knows who has the vitality and unending exuberance to just keep going on and on, wherever you are, whatever you're doing, to live the ABUNDANT LIFE and WITNESS for Him.

Now we can tell the difference between a house and barn, bird and bee, horse and cow, or a Cadillac and Hot Rod. What's this got to do with being a Christian you might ask? Just this—People must be able to tell the difference between a child of God and a person of the world! It is *unnatural* to be a *Christian* and *not have others know it*. Some people attempt to live Christian lives in SECRET. BUT

THEY ARE NOT HEALTHY CHRISTIANS.

The only way to live a successful Christian life is to live it out in the open, WITHOUT SHAME AND WITHOUT FEAR. The Christian life is so much better than the life of the world, that to LIVE IT IN THE OPEN is the only way it can be successfully lived. God has blessed us with life, and our *responsibility* to the world is to *live the life* of a Christian. How important, too, to speak of CHRIST at work, school and even in our homes.

Did you ever hear of someone's being called to the witness stand who didn't know anything about the case? Of course not. A person would have to see, hear or feel something, have personal contact in order to know the facts. He cannot simply give his own opinion, he has to give the facts! What he *knows* to be truth!

SEVERAL THINGS ARE IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST.

● You must know by personal experience that JESUS GIVES NEW LIFE. Everyone can be a witness to others, but if you haven't experienced a

We Grow

By Vernon Patchen

CHANGE in your own life first you certainly cannot convince your friends that Christ will change their lives.

● It is just as important to know by personal experience that God *answers prayer!* This is one avenue where we cannot depend upon what Mom and Dad, the church, or other Christians think. We must experience for ourselves DEFINITE answers to our prayers. "... What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

● We should have experience for ourselves that Christ SATISFIES. For we can't convince others that they need Christ if He doesn't satisfy us. Poems, writings, hymns and even promises in the Bible may not convince them, but they may believe what you say when they see that Christ really means something to you.

● Christ's gift of VICTORY over sin should be a personal experience! When our life has changed so that others can see we have gained victory over sins we used to do, then we can be an effective witness to the

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world. If others cannot see victory in our lives, they will not believe that they can be free from their sinful habits.

Not only is a witness someone who knows something definite, but he is also WILLING TO TELL WHAT HE KNOWS. In court, a witness is expected to tell the facts. We, too, need to tell about Jesus and His SAVING power.

Remember the woman by the well? The story is told in John 4:25-30. When she found out Who Jesus was, she immediately went and told others. She was a witness because she told what she had seen. When we see and know Jesus as our personal Saviour, we too will witness of Him.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED" (Romans 10:9).

If we are to be a witness to the world, (we must live as we talk). Our life must be TRUE if people are to believe that our words are true.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with

meekness and fear."

"Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ" (1 Peter 3:15, 16).

I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY SOME "WHY SHOULD WE WITNESS? Just let those who have the talent for that do the job!" So many are afraid to witness. For one thing they say it's not right to barge into someone's life. We might embarrass them or *get embarrassed ourselves!* So with this philosophy we just keep quiet about the whole thing. But listen here! It is *necessary* that the unsaved see Jesus!!! We must point out to them the plan of salvation and the *necessity* of accepting Jesus as their *personal* Saviour.

How are your friends going to see HIM? Jesus is in heaven, so they can't see Him physically. Most young people today don't read their Bible, so it is YOU who needs to be a witness for the Lord **SO THAT OTHERS MAY SEE HIM IN YOUR LIFE!** As others see Jesus in you, they will be convicted of their shortcomings, and begin to ask how they can receive what you have.

Christ is the hope of the world and this can be your golden opportunity to tell them about Christ. **CHRIST WHO CAN CHANGE THEIR ETERNAL DESTINY!** Those in the world need to know that "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have

turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). Paul said to the Romans in Romans 3:23 "... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." But don't forget the wonderful news in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

And then the promise given in John 1:12 "... as many as receive him, to them gave he POWER to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name." Romans 10:9-13 and Revelation 3:20 are good verses to use also.

If you want to be saved yourself, if you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit—the Holy Spirit that will teach, guide, direct, as well as comfort when needed (John 16:13), **YOU must witness!**

John 7:37 says, "*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*"

WHEN WE BELIEVE AND ARE SAVED, WE DON'T STAND STILL! WE WORK FOR THE MASTER!

Acts 1:8 says, "... *ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and YE SHALL BE WITNESSES unto me ...* (where ever we live in the world)"!

How do we receive this Holy Spirit that gives us this Holy boldness? Luke 11:13 says, "*If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your*

children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?"

Jesus gave another command in Matthew 28:19 when He said "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." This was spoken for all Christians (we witness where we live). This is a direct command **TO YOU** from the Lord Jesus to be a witness for **HIM** in the world. When we read, study and pray we will desire to tell others about Him **SO THAT THEY MIGHT experience** what we have.

As we witness—the results will be strength and happiness in our own spiritual lives! It will also eradicate many problems, such as friends inviting you to worldly activities **AS THEY WILL BE AWARE OF YOUR STAND FOR CHRIST!!**

AS IN MOST THINGS, EXPERIENCE IN WITNESSING IS THE BEST TEACHER. I can't tell you just what to do because every case is different. Some key Bible verses to use in your witnessing might be: Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 1 John 1:9; 1:12; 5:11-13. To memorize these verses would be good. We should be able to use them freely in our conversation.

If you find it hard to be genuinely concerned for people, **ASK GOD** to give you a love for them! He has **PROMISED TO GIVE IT THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT.** "*The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT which is given unto us*" (Romans 5:5).

The Bible says that we are in

this world as "**AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**" (2 Cor. 5:20). We all know what an ambassador is. He lives in a foreign country, and is representing his own. The Christian **REPRESENTS A NEW WAY** of living in a world that is full of sin.

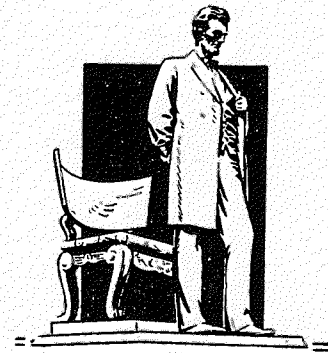
The world today is **LOOKING FOR A WAY OF LIVING THAT WILL SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS! YOU HAVE THE ANSWER.** So, walking in the Spirit, be a **CONSISTENT WITNESS** to your friends. May you be the instrument through which God may work.

THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!

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Contentment in life comes not from great wealth, but from few wants.

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Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty, as we understand it.

—Abraham Lincoln

Enthusiastic and consecrated young people can't begin to measure the joy and inspiration which they may spread to others through their efforts. Often appreciation may not even be expressed verbally; however, the joy of service and sharing is still felt.

The following poem was written by Ralph Loofboro shortly after the New Auburn, Wisconsin, Junior and Senior FYC groups had visited in his home. We selected it from the Wisconsin "Midweek Reminder":

In autumn late, one star lit night,
A group of singers came in sight,
To banish gloom with Gospel light,
In song, and praise.

They sang the songs both old and new.
Each had a witness clean and true.
In melody each heart shone through,
Like sun beam rays.

In fancy I could almost hear,
Some Heavenly Choir, with angels near,
Sweet melody of hope and cheer,
That joyous eve.

Some way a peace infolds my breast,
When songs are heard which I love best.
For He we trust brings perfect rest,
When we believe.

So in the days which lie before,
My thoughts like wings, will lightly soar,
Back to that night, an open door,
You left ajar.

I cannot ever recompense
You all, for this great happiness.
But may our Lord each of you bless,
Just where you are.

My humble thanks, the only pay,
Is rendered now, to you this day.
But all I feel is hard to say,
So will not try.

But when you stand before the throne,
Where every action then is known,
Rewards will be your very own.
So friends good-bye.

—Ralph Loofboro

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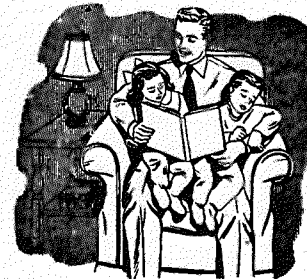


If you would have a happy home
As through the years of life you go,
It won't just happen through "good luck,"
Although some people think it so;
But there are rules by which to live,
And certain laws we must accept,
Which God has made for all mankind,
And these, we know, must all be kept.

A Happy Home

Foundation for a happy home
No human by himself can lay;
For what he does, apart from God,
Will some time wither and decay;
But God has laid a solid rock
On which our lives and homes should rest,
And if we build upon this rock
Our hearts and souls will then be blest.

A home to be a happy home
Must truly be a home of prayer,
And meanwhile as the years pass by
Life's burdens each must help to bear;
And when the tests sometimes are hard,
Or sickness takes away the health,
How sweet the comfort we can give
That flows from hearts of godly wealth!



A happy home is made through love,
In which a lot of kindness reigns,
And where God's spirit shows us how
To share our losses and our gains.
Also the Guide Book in this home
Is God's eternal Word of truth,
That leads along the righteous way,
Directing parents, children, youth.

A happy home's a treasure rare
That fame and money cannot build;
And all the learning earth affords
Cannot with sweetness keep it filled;
Therefore the unseen grace of God
Must, day by day, come flowing in,
And keep the home-doors closed against
All envy, hatred, strife and sin.

—Walter E. Isenhour

PACKAGE CHRISTIANS

by N. E. Gustafson

Jessie looked at her gift with sparkling eyes. "What a gorgeous gift. Isn't it lovely?" It was the wrapping that had caught her attention. "Oh, it's too beautiful to open," she sighed and laid it on the table.

Gregory's reaction to his gift was the opposite. It, too, was stunningly wrapped but it was as if he didn't see it. With little if any thought of the wrappings he tore it from the box to get to the real gift inside. "Ah, there's something I can use. Isn't it a beauty; just what I needed!"

There are Christians like Jessie and Gregory.

The "Jessie-Christians" worship the lovely Christ but never go beyond the wrappings. They never take the wrappings off to see what Christ has really bought for them—Who He is—and their real relationship with Him. They like the church—the routine of worship, but never entertain the Living Christ in having a working identification with Him.

"Gregory-Christians" see beyond the wrappings to the Living Christ and what He has given them. They are those Christians who find that Christ is made unto them everything they need. They become one with Him and enjoy His fellowship and share His glory.

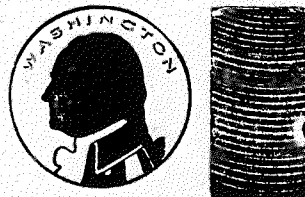
WHICH KIND ARE YOU?



February is the birth month of two of the greatest Americans. The dates on which they were born are remembered and honored; we have not remembered the dates of their death, because Washington and Lincoln will live as long as there is an American alive to recall their words and deeds. The frailties and inadequacies of lesser men who followed

them into the Presidency of our country, while not condoned, will in time be forgotten. But on the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, let us recall and take strength from the fact that America has had men who placed principle above privilege, patriotism above politics, and love of country above all personal gain.

—Selected



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The Editor's Page

Though I have never pretended to be any kind of an artist, I expected the sketch of a house to satisfy my young 5-year-old. At first glance, however, his sole comment was, "Hey! You forgot the doorknob." This wasn't all. He proceeded to draw a doorknob **half the size of the door!**

In small children, we may smile at such exaggerations, but are we, too, often found capitalizing on the inadequacies, the failures, the inefficiencies, rather than appreciating the good that is there?

Have you ever lost a degree of blessing or caused another to, by disregarding the good accomplished, and critically discussing only the weaker points in perhaps a program you've attended—perhaps in a sermon you've heard?

This is not to discredit altogether the values of constructive criticism and helpful counselling. It is one thing to ponder in one's mind how assistance may effectively be given in helping to improve, and act accordingly; it is quite another matter to dwell upon thoughts of a negative or critical nature simply for the sake of lively and interesting conversation. Don't underestimate the damage you may do or the blessings you may cause another to miss by your unwise words or attitudes.

Your attitude is so important, not only because of its influence upon others, but because your thought patterns will eventually dictate your own degree of happiness. You can be happy in everyday living because you look for the bright side, emphasize it and make the best of it—or you can be depressed and uninteresting because your mind dwells on "how much better it would be if..."

The passage in Philippians 4:8 is so familiar to us now that perhaps we can quote it without realizing what the words are really saying—what it can really mean and **should** mean in each of our lives. Look it up; read it and ponder it.

"... If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (**Don't let YOUR doorknobs grow out of proportion!**)

2T₄G - Take Time For God

IMPETUOUS, IMPULSIVE PETER

By
Jessie
Truman

His original name was Simon. He and his brother Andrew were the first apostles to be called to the ministry by Jesus. They fished with their father in the waters of Galilee, so we know he was a laborer.

Let's take a good look at this man Peter. Did you notice how often it was Peter who asked the questions? "Peter saith unto him—" and "Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus—" It was usually Peter who spoke for the disciples.

Peter possessed leadership qualities, in that he was bold and had "push." But sometimes his eagerness got him into trouble. He walked on the water, but had to be saved when doubts assailed him. It was revealed to him that Jesus was the Son of God. Immediately he brought on a stern rebuke from Jesus (Matt. 16:16-23) because "... thou savourest not the things that be of God." Obviously Peter had great love for the Master, but he had not yet received the Holy Spirit, nor did he understand that Jesus must die.

Peter was present at the transfiguration. He stoutly professed his love for Him, then slept in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed in agony. It was Peter's sword that severed the ear of the high priest's servant as they came to arrest Jesus. Shortly afterward, in a moment of weakness, he denied his Master three times. He was restored and given the commission to "Feed my sheep" just before Jesus ascended into heaven.

The book of Acts shows him as a strong

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leader, though in no way claiming any authority nor superiority over his colleagues. The rest of his life was well marked with miracles of healing, of judgment, of being loosed from prison, and of preaching with convicting power. He had received power from on high to become a lively stone in the foundation of the temple of God (Ephesians 2:20).

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Are you working toward a 2T4G award? After 365 consecutive days in which you read a chapter and have prayer, notify us and a certificate is yours. This is a real challenge, because if you miss one day, you must start over again.

Have a definite time for your daily reading. Make it a habit but make it meaningful. You will have the best success if your devotional time is in the morning. Putting it off until bedtime may lead to crowding it out of the day.

We are interested in your progress so let us hear from you. We would not even begin to infer that this certificate is the main blessing or goal in this program. Your blessings will be daily and abundant from the start. This material award is only an added incentive.

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COME UNTO ME

(Continued from page 13)

In the days that followed, Mrs. Matthews became enthused with the lovely young girl. (She was quite attractive when cleaned up, and about 18, although she looked quite young

for her age.) She grew to love her as she had once loved her daughter who had died at 16 of leukemia.

When Mrs. Matthews went to see a friend of hers who worked in the Welfare Department downtown, he was very helpful.

Later Mrs. Matthews rushed into the house. "Oh, John, guess what I learned today! Angela is legally a ward of the court since her parents deserted her last year, and she was forced to beg or steal food in order to live. When Mickey Slate and his wife offered to give her a good home for her help in their boarding home, she was released under their care. Now that the true character of the Slate's has become evident, the court will likely let her become my ward. Oh, Son, it's just what I've been needing since Janie died..."

This very thing was also what young Angela had been needing. She worked for Mrs. Matthews, and the two of them kept John's church spotless. They also helped John hold services in his Mission Center. They kept it attractive and clean.

Angela certainly made her own contributions.

"Angela, you're wonderful," said John. "Why, this sign you painted draws people into the mission like flies to honey, or—that is—sheep to the fold! It's so simple, and yet so appealing. Where did you get the idea?"

The large poster had on it only two outstretched hands, and the words: "COME UNTO ME, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

M A K E M A R K M E R I T

By Dale Lawson

Congratulations to the merit award winners! May God bless your efforts of 1964. Our prayer is that the seed which has been sown in the past year by our F.Y.C.ers will spring up and bear much fruit for the Master.

The number of merit award winners nearly doubled over the number of winners for the year, 1963. Thank you for your zeal, and may we continue working hard for the cause of Christ in the year, 1965. We invite others to join us this year as we work together for the saving of souls and the spreading of the Gospel. This year is filled with opportunity. We must not let it pass without doing our most for the master. Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, wrote these words:

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

Jesus said "... The night cometh, when no man can work." Let us re-examine our goals in life. Take a good close look at your purpose in life. Now for the present year—and throughout our lives let's give our all to God and His service.

Somehow, I wish it were possible to express on paper the great need for active youth in the Church and its work. Join us in the MERIT PROGRAM. If you have tried to accomplish goals and failed, don't give up. Just work harder in 1965. We hope to announce 20 MERIT AWARD WINNERS at the beginning of 1966. Make sure your F.Y.C. will be on the list!

In the last year, 12 F.Y.C. groups won awards. I am looking for more reports to come in, so this is not the final number of winners. All reports for the past year should be in by the end of February.

Is your group missing from the list below? It doesn't have to be in February of "66."

AWARD WINNERS

CALIFORNIA

Lodi 500 pts. Golden Award *****

Stockton	500 pts.	Golden Award *****
Bloomington	420 pts.	Silver Award ***
MISSOURI		
Stanberry	500 pts.	Golden Award *****
Kansas City	365 pts.	Silver Award ***
SOUTH DAKOTA		
Eureka	485 pts.	Silver Award ***
IDAHO		
Nampa	395 pts.	Silver Award ***
OKLAHOMA		
Fairview	500 pts.	Golden Award *****
WISCONSIN		
New Auburn	500 pts.	Golden Award *****
WEST VIRGINIA		
Moundsville	415 pts.	Silver Award ***
ARKANSAS		
Fort Smith	410 pts.	Silver Award ***

FOR 1965

Give of your best to the Master and rich blessings shall be yours. Perhaps YOU will be the F.Y.C. of the year for 1965.

Second Semester Begins

at

M. B. C.

With the month of February the second semester begins this year at Midwest Bible College. This is about two weeks later than usual, due to the late opening last fall. We are glad to welcome Joy Meader back with us. She is from the distant state of Maine and was one of our students last year. Joy plans to get all she can from the Bible College subjects this year and then enter the Northwest Missouri State College for teacher training beginning next fall. She hopes to eventually be a teacher in the

Church of God foreign mission work. During the first semester Violet Knoll has been taking two classes at Midwest but she is now enrolled for a full college course for the second

semester. This brings our number of full time students to nine, seven men and two women. In addition three other women are each taking one class. The names of the students are as follows: Violet Knoll, Joy Meader, Daniel Camero, Daniel Coulson, George Tolbert, John Moldenhauer, and Dale, Nathan, and Kenneth Lawson.

The classes being taught this semester are as follows:

ELDER KIESZ IS TEACHING BIBLE PROPHECIES, WORLD HISTORY, EVANGELISM, BIBLE SURVEY, AND CHURCH OF GOD HISTORY. (In addition he is directing the College-Church choir. The choir is made up of college students and others who are members of the Stanberry church.)

ELDER KAUER IS TEACHING FOREIGN MISSIONS, COMPARATIVE DOCTRINES, CHURCH ADMINISTRATION, TYPEWRITING, AND SONG LEADING.

DOCTOR CARLIN IS TEACHING A CLASS CALLED HUMAN PROBLEMS. (This features motion pictures from the Missouri State Department of Health. The pictures show emotional, mental and health problems. The class discusses how these things affect the work of the Church and how the minister and Christian worker can be of help.)

ELDER MOLDENHAUER IS TEACHING DIRECTED MINISTRY (in which the three senior students help plan and conduct the work of the Stanberry church).

The students all have a busy schedule as most of them are taking more than 16 hours which is considered the standard load. The classes begin at seven in the morning and continue until 12:10. The classes meet two, three or four times a week and the students

use their free periods for study. In the afternoons they work to earn part of their living expenses. Evening is another time for study.

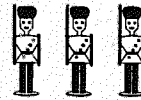
Midwest students and teachers presented many of the numbers on the Singspiration and Youth Rally programs held in the Stanberry church on Sabbath and Saturday night, January 23.

Three of our students, Dale Lawson, John Moldenhauer and George Tolbert will complete their work at Midwest this spring. Already they have received many calls in the ministerial work of the Church of God. There are so many places which are in need of pastoral care in the Church of God, and new places of work are opening up all the time which increases the need.

The work needs leaders who are qualified by consecration and training. Young people of the Church of God should hear and heed the call to enter into the gospel work. The ministry is much more than preaching and it should not be entered into without qualified training. The Church of God has established Midwest Bible College as the school for the training of our workers. More intelligent, consecrated, zealous young people are needed to train for the work of the Church of God. Jesus said "the harvest is great but the laborers are few," and surely this is true today. Will you hear and heed the call?

Plans are being made for increasing the work of Midwest Bible College by offering some courses by correspondence and by having some extension classes taught by ministers or others who are qualified to do so. Watch for further announcements regarding these plans.

Minutemen Program



By Cecyl Fischer

ONE IF BY LAND, TWO IF BY SEA

This was the code by which Paul Revere's Minutemen were to be informed as to what sort of attack they should prepare for. If one lamp appeared in the window of the old North Church it meant the British were coming by land. If two lamps appeared, they were coming by sea.

While reflecting on the idea of Christians as 20th Century Minutemen, (see "January Challenge" in January AIM) it occurred to us that this would be an appropriate name for our memory verse program. By having appropriate verses of scripture at our memory's fingertips, we can "be instant in season and out of season."

Christ's Minutemen don't have a "Paul Revere" to warn them of which way the enemy is coming or from whence opportunity may suddenly appear. We must do our own watching. We may be needed at a most unexpected moment when we will not have time to turn back to our sword (the Bible). Let's hide the word in our hearts where it will always be available and ready for action.

Christians, young and old, are instructed to put on the whole armour of God. Probably the most vital part of the Christian's armour is the sword of the Spirit "which is the Word of God." God needs soldiers who are not simply on the defensive, but who are aggressors, willing to attack. He doesn't need soldiers who stand ready until the time comes to attack and then retreat in fear. The devil has minutemen who are not afraid. They are always ready and alert to overcome a person when he is most vulnerable. Why should God's soldiers hesitate? We know even now that Christ's Army will be victorious. We don't have to fear that we will live or die for naught.

Memorize these verses this month. Be ready to use them at a moment's notice.

Psalm 119:11

2 Timothy 2:15

Galatians 6:7

Galatians 6:9

Psalm 119:105

Matthew 6:33

Mark 9:23

1 Corinthians 6:20

From Across the Ocean

INTRODUCING . . .

Brother P. J. Ejukwu
Chairman of Idu-Osobile FYC

AND . . .

Brother Job Ejukwu—Secretary
-Treasurer of Idu-Osobile FYC



Idu-Osobile FYC Group

“MY NAME IS PETER J. EJUKWU”

“Dear Aim Reader:

I want to introduce myself to you. My name is Peter J. Ejukwu. And I am attending Church of God in Idu-Osobile. I am also a native of Idu-Osobile, too. My age is 25, from the year 1957-58, I was the Secretary in the Bandboys Club in our Church. From 1959-60, I was elected lecturer in our IBO Bible Class in our Church. And from 61-64 I am still now a Superintendent of our Church. And also the local Chairman of FYC Idu-Osobile, which I was appointed this year, 1964.

“ALL THESE ARE THE THINGS WE USUALLY DO
IN OUR AREA”

The members in our group are very active in any way. We use to go to open-air preaching in some parts of our area. We have a monthly meeting where we discuss many things in our meeting. We are trying to raise a fund which we shall often use to visit the poor people in our area. We use to attend (do attend) Sabbath school regularly where we study the word of our God. We visit any person who is ill in our group and pray for them. So, all these things are the things we usually do in our area. Therefore may you kindly send us plenty of tracts as requested by our Business Leader, J. E. Orie, to distribute during our open air preaching.

“WE ARE EXPECTING FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
WITH YOU PEOPLE”

I am very glad to see our reports published in the AIM. We are expecting for a closer relationship with you people. May God bless us all as we strive to enter into his Kingdom. Amen.

I am P. J. Ejukwu
Local Chairman
FYC IDU-OSOBILE.”

“MY NAME IS JOB EJUKWU”

“Dear Editor:

In fact, I am very happy to introduce myself to all the members of our FYC Organization round the world through the AIM Magazine for Youths, moreover. . . .

My name is Job Ejukwu, a 16-year-old boy, the newly appointed Secretary-Treasurer of our Local FYC here at Idu-Osobile. I had just taken over from Luke Omodo a month now. I am in elementary six preparing to take my first School Leaving Certificate Examination by November this year.

“WE ARE HAVING SIX TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOL”

I also attend the Church of God School at Idu-Osobile. We are having six teachers in the school and about 32 children in our class. Mr. L. E. Tikili is my class teacher and also the Headmaster of the School. In the school I like to play football, tennis ball, I am also good at jumping.

“DON'T FORGET US IN YOUR PRAYERS”

Our FYC is the most progressive one in the District if not in Nigeria as a whole as far as FYC is concerned. Our Business Leader, Brother Orie, Chairman Peter Ejukwu and Joshua Eke Choir Leader. Brother Orie had been leader ever since the meeting started in our place even he is the organizer. I like to read our stories in AIMs. I stop so far till I write again but don't forget us in your prayers. Good-bye.

Job Ejukwu.”

Idu-Osobile is indeed a very active FYC and is a fine representation for our Church in Nigeria. They do covet our prayers, so let's not forget them when we approach the Throne of Grace.

WORK—WORK—WORK . . .

for the night is far spent; the day is at hand—and the Ahoda Church Office is still in need of a typewriter!!

Won't YOU help by taking this up as a project—a few cents a month from each FYC Group would soon make the purchase!

See the outline for the drive in November 1964 AIM! AND ACT TODAY!

(Send your suggestions, progress reports, etc., to 903 East Boone St., Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464.)

—Jewell Linville

OPERATION F-A-I-T-H

Your FYC Committee is launching out into the deep. We and others have long felt that if a team of representatives for the Young People's Department could visit local FYCs it would greatly benefit the Department and the local FYC groups. We would like to personally explain the national FYC programs, give you a chance to ask questions and find out how we can serve you better. Realizing the need and the benefits of this project we are going ahead with plans for a tour to visit with as many Y.P. as possible.

As we go ahead with plans, we are praying that top personnel and finances will be available. If possible we would like to have included in the team a youth evangelist and musical talent. Can you help make this a reality?

All funds from local groups from now until May 1 will go into this project. In this manner we plan to raise \$100 for this tour. Each letter of F-A-I-T-H will represent \$20. Help us complete the word "FAITH" and pray for this project.

QUIZ

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Bible Quiz competition in local FYC groups can be conducted in a very interesting manner. Divide your local FYCers into two groups. Two equally matched teams of three to six on a team can be used for competition. If the group has enough members for three or four teams, it could be arranged to quiz two teams at a time or you could have competition among three teams at the same time. On each team you could have four quizzers and two substitutes.

After the teams are chosen they should have about 10-14 days to study the chapters designated for quiz competition. The material selected for study and quizzing should

be determined by the age group and ability of the team members.

"QUIZ TIME"

At quiz time, each team is seated before the quizmaster or sponsor who does the quizzing. One team is seated to his right; the other to his left. The substitutes for each team are seated in another area. The quizmaster asks questions selected from all areas of the assigned chapters. The quizmaster reads the question and as soon as the quizzing knows the answer he jumps to his feet. The quizmaster stops reading and the quizzing must give his answer. If the quizzing jumps up before the quizz-

master has finished reading the question, the quizzing must finish the question and then give his answer.

"POINT" SYSTEM

For every correct answer a team gets two points and for a wrong answer they must lose one point. If a team anticipates a question and finishes the question wrong, the team is penalized one point and the quizmaster repeats the question. If a quizzing gives a wrong answer, someone from the other team gets to answer without the risk of penalty if the question is missed.

Each team should have a captain and the captain decides who of his team are on their feet at the same time. The quizzing must begin his answer 5 seconds after he rises and finish it shortly after that.

PRESENT "LIMITS" AND RULES . . .

To balance the competition you might limit the number of questions one quizzing can answer before he is replaced by a substitute. The length of the quiz may be determined by either a certain time limit or a certain number of questions. The quizmaster's decision on correct or incorrect answers is final. He can have one or two helpers to keep score, observe which one rises to his feet first, and help in other decisions. Each team can have a coach. This can be someone beyond 25 years of age to help prepare the team for quizzing.

If a need for other rules develops you can make additional rules. This is the basic set that we will try to use in youth camps and camp meetings. The quizzing can be part of a rally program or part of social ac-

tivities but other activities should not be going on during the quizzing. Show respect to the quizzers that have worked hard to be prepared for the contest.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

If the possibility develops, we would like to have national competition. A contest could be set up for General Conference and Camp Meeting if several teams can be there. If you do not have a local quiz team and would like to take part in a concentrated study of the suggested chapters in AIM you can write to the FYC office for a written quiz for that study. At the end of February you can write for the test covering the material suggested in the February AIM. We hope many of you can receive the benefits of this program.

The Bible is a quiz source that never grows old. Your group can learn a lot from God's word in this exciting manner.

FOR THE FEBRUARY QUIZ, STUDY MATTHEW, CHAPTERS 24-28. These are the 2T4G READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7 through 11.

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DOUBT OR FAITH?

Doubt sees the obstacles—

Faith sees the way:

Doubt sees the darkest night—

Faith sees the day:

Doubt dreads to take a step—

Faith soars on high,

Doubt questions—"Who believes?"

Faith answers—"I."

FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

Evangelette Program

The new FYC program for 1965 is the Evangelette Program. In this program the Y.P. "do the work of an evangelist" on a smaller scale. Your pastor has a sample of this program in his FYC packet. Every Christian young person should participate in this program that is set up for you to meet seven goals each month on a minimum service basis. Very few have time for this, but you must *take time* for service.

Pastors, leaders, and sponsors, don't expect Y.P. to respond on their own. They may, but you check on them and find out if they have considered or are participating in the program.

Motto for 1965

A few young people have sent in suggestions for mottos for 1965. Of these, over half were "Put on the whole armour of God," in keeping with our FYC emblem. The earliest postmark with this motto was that of Irene Bond, Nortonville, Kansas. Unless further suggestions come in, we will be making a selection from these mottos.

FYC Pins

Several FYC groups received in September the emblem pins they or-

dered. We would like to receive payment on these.

If others want to order these pins at \$2.15 we can send a sample to a local group. If we place another order we would like to have the pins by the Denver Camp Meeting. Let us hear from you with your order or with payment for pins received.

Minutemen, Charge!

The Minutemen program is the new title for our new scripture memorization program in which young people are to learn eight suggested Bible verses and texts in a month. Learning these now will make them yours for life. This program is designed for the rocket age where witnessing with scripture is often instantaneous. Only two young people completed this program last year so we will be using many of the same verses in 1965.

We suggest that you write or type up each verse on a separate file card with the text on the opposite side. This way you can test yourself and see your memory grow as your file grows.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

FYC Song

How about trying your hand at songwriting? Your FYC needs a theme

song. You might write appropriate words to an old familiar tune or if you are musically gifted, compose your own tune.

The department has received a few suggested songs to date. Will you put your own creativity to work? Perhaps we can still do better.

Lighthouse Award for 1965

The Merit System has been amended to make it possible for local groups to earn more than 500 points. Based on points earned and type of program a local group conducts during the year, we will select a "group of the year." Selection will be made on the basis of group response to national programs in AIM, reports to the Merit

System, and correspondence with the FYC office. A 16 x 22 inch blue and white felt banner with the words FYC Lighthouse Award will be presented to the winner. To be the winner you will have to start now.

If possible we would also like to select and recognize a Leader of the Year.

Attention, Evangelettes!

Encourage others to join this program. It will help others and help our church.

Tracts—For Standard VII this month we recommend the tract, "The End of the Law." For March study, "World History Foretold." In April use "What Christians Should Know about Easter." Get these from your

"ELMIRA BOOSTER BAND"

The Junior FYC at Elmira, Oregon, is one of the most active groups in the church here. These hard workers and devoted helpers, ages 9 to 12, organized in February 1964, and have not stopped working since.

They earned enough money to buy 75 new song books for the church by selling candy, offerings taken at their meetings, and various other projects. They sent cards and flowers to many of our church people in the hospitals in the neighborhood.

The club is now working very hard toward the new church building that is being planned for the Elmira people. They are saving a "mile of pennies." They are well on their way toward this goal; when this project is

completed they will have about \$900 to give to the building fund.

(The adults are saving a mile of dimes, which will amount to around \$9,000.)

We hope that this report will be a stimulant to other churches and Sabbath schools to organize your Junior FYC now. The sooner the better; your local group will profit from it very much. This is also good basic training for the children. We hope that you will pray for these little workers in the church. Soon they will be our leaders.

We hope that this group at Elmira will continue working as hard as they did in the past year. We want to commend them for the fine example they have set for others to follow.

local tract supply or the Publishing House. A dime will help cover postage and handling.

For this month's project write to Sister Jewell Linville, 903 E. Boone, Tahlequah, Okla., and she can send you the name of a foreign FYC'er to whom you can write. You can purchase an aerogramme at your post office for 11 cents and this is the best way to correspond with Y.P. in other lands.

Work—Work—Work . . .

for the night is far spent; the day is at hand—and the Ahoada Church Office is still in need of a typewriter!!

Won't YOU help by taking this up as a project—a few cents a month from each FYC Group would soon make the purchase!

See the outline for the drive in November 1964 AIM! AND ACT TODAY!

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LOCAL NEWS

Pomona, California—The local FYC youth group held a meeting on January 9, 1965, at which we elected new officers. The new officers are: President—Urbane Standerfird; Vice-President—Larry Carpenter; Secretary-Treasurer—Shar-on Standerfird; Sergeant at arms—Dennis Hutton; and Historian-Re-

porter—Tom O'Haver. We hope that these new officers will help bring our young people closer to God.

Business discussed at this meeting included: collecting canned foods for needy Mexican families, and plans for a social.

Our past events include a young people's program on January 9 and a rummage sale and fun day in the mountains in December.

Tom O'Haver, reporter

Stanberry, Mo.—On Youth Day, January 23, all leadership capacities in both Sabbath school and church were occupied by young people. These included superintendent, master of ceremonies, speaker, etc.

After lunch in the basement, the young people were in charge of a Singspiration. The many inspiring songs presented by a variety of groups and individuals were enjoyed by all.

A Youth Rally, "Moments with God," topped off a full day. Featured in this rally along with musical selections were short 3-5 minute talks by individuals of various capacities—student, mother, editor, nurse, etc, concerning special moments with God. This was wonderful fellowship. The day's activities were planned and led by our youth leader, Ken Lawson.

Do You Need A Projector?

A good 150-watt filmstrip projector is available from the publishing house for just \$39. This is satisfactory for a small class or a group of 100. If you wish to supply several classes with these machines, the price for three is \$100. If you want a 300-watt projector that will show both slides and filmstrips, a good projector for this purpose is available for \$69.50.

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AUDIO-VISUAL Materials Available

Several colorful filmstrips on Bible stories are now available from the Young People's Department. Each filmstrip is accompanied by a 33 1/3 rpm recording (12-15 min.); one side of the record is for teaching use, and the other side for devotional use. A printed guide accompanies each set. All you need to use these filmstrips and records is a projector and a phonograph.

SET A—LIFE OF CHRIST, EARLY MINISTRY

1. *Calling of the Four*
2. *Marriage at Cana*
3. *Healing of a Leper*
4. *Healing of a Paralytic*
5. *Visit to Mary and Martha*
6. *The Man Born Blind*

SET B—LIFE OF CHRIST, LATER MINISTRY

1. *Story of the Twelve*
2. *The Centurion's Servant*
3. *Rejection at Nazareth*
4. *Attempted Arrest*
5. *Fate of John the Baptist*
6. *The Raising of Lazarus*

SET C—SERMONS FOR Y.P. (7-8 minutes)

1. *A Big Decision*
2. *He Lost His Head*

SET D—LIFE OF SAINT PAUL, PART I

1. *Stephen, First Christian Martyr*
2. *Conversion of Saul of Tarsus*
3. *Years of Apprenticeship*
4. *Return to Jerusalem*
5. *Ambassador for Christ*
6. *First Missionary Journey*

SET E—OLD TESTAMENT, PART I

1. *Abraham, Man of Faith*
2. *Jacob, Bearer of the Promise*
3. *Joseph, the Young Man*
4. *Joseph, Ruler of Egypt*

SET F—THE PASSION STORY

1. *The Last Supper*
2. *Gethsemane*
3. *Arrest and Trial*
4. *Judgment and Crucifixion*
5. *The Resurrection*

THIRTY-MINUTE TAPES recorded by Church of God folks

1. *Elder and Sister Padilla Sing*
2. *Kansas City Mixed Quartet*
3. *New Auburn FYC*
4. *New choruses (with printed words)*
5. *Patchens Sing and Play*
6. *Oklahoma State FYC (15 min.)*
7. *Deloros Fischer at the Organ*
8. *Elder and Mrs. John Kiesz Sing and Play*

SLIDES

Missouri-Oklahoma Youth Camp
Michigan Youth Camp
Midwest Bible College
Scenes from the Life of Christ
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ALSO AVAILABLE ARE . . .

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"Don Lonie Talks to Teenagers," a recording of good advice for youth.

Hymns of Cross Filmstrip and Program.

The materials listed above are made available for your use in presenting interesting programs in your areas. All we ask is that you handle these materials carefully.

Order these materials from the Audio-visual Library, Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri. We ask only 25¢ for the use of each item to cover postage and handling. Tapes are available free. We would like to have these returned as soon as you are through with them so others can use them.