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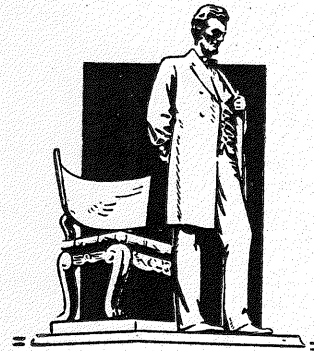
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When a young man, Abraham Lincoln said, "I will study and get ready, and maybe my time will come."

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I have been more and more convinced, the more I think of it, that, in general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes. All the other passions do occasional good; but whenever pride puts in its word, everything goes wrong; and what it might really be desirable to do, quietly and innocently, it is mortally dangerous to do proudly.—RUSKIN

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. . . When they are about to give up, does a faint glimmer shine through?

Can You Tell?

By Vivian Hall

AS my sister-in-law and I came across the lawn from the church and up the walk to our house we heard an airplane overhead. I glanced up three or four times as I walked but couldn't locate it. I knew from the sound it should be within sight; and it was such a beautifully clear day, there could be no clouds hiding it from view.

So I stopped, and again searched the skies and this time the glint of sun on silver trim located it for me. No wonder I had failed to see it at a glance—it was painted almost the identical blue of the skies around it. When I mentioned this fact to my sister-in-law she said, "That has a good lesson in it. If the Christian paints the same as the world, how can we tell they are Christian?"

The airplane was painted almost the same shade as the sky and I could not see it until I paused long enough in my walk to study more closely, and the glimmer of sunlight reflected on silver brought it to my attention. Indeed it makes one stop to think. How many times do we associate daily with peo-

ple, and never dream they have any interest in religion at all. Why? Because their talk is the same as the world (dirty jokes and all) and their actions are the same, as well as the paint job. What a surprise it is to go into a church and discover that person taking a very active part. Do you catch yourself thinking, "Why, I never knew that church believed in such things as that person does!"

Can we put ourselves in that person's place and get a better reaction? Can the others tell WE are Christians? Is our talk so nearly like the world (smutty stories and all) and our actions so worldly, and our paint job so gaudy as to cause others to pause on the threshold of our church, amazed to see us within?

Stop a moment—no, it will take longer than a moment—and look deep into your own life. Look into the mirror, and what do you see? Are you wearing a camouflage of paint until the real YOU can't be seen? Take inventory on just one day's actions and one day's conversation. How did that day start out? How many stories of a questionable nature did you tell—or how many did you listen to—just for a laugh? Were your actions or dealings with your fellow man Christ-like? Was this a typical day or was it a very unusual day—one you never experienced before? After you have evaluated that day, can you truthfully say,

"Yes, the world can tell I'm a Christian"?

Do we condemn our fellow man for his actions, his dealings, his words, and his dress, and yet do the very same ourselves? How dare we criticize anyone else and yet be guilty ourselves even in one small detail? We are told in Matthew 7:5, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." First, rid ourselves of our own faults before trying to find someone else's shortcomings. We will find it is a full time job just clearing up our own life and keeping it that way.

Can you tell who is a Christian as you pass him on the street? Can the world tell you are a Christian from your appearance? Or are you like the airplane—your Christianity can not be seen easily until someone pauses long enough to study you carefully and then when they are about to give up—a little glimmer shines through.

If the world cannot tell you are a Christian, what was the use of your baptism, your being given the right hand of fellowship into your church? Why did you go to all that bother? What use was your declaration before God to serve Him? God believes in keeping His promises, and certainly if you make a bargain with Him,

He expects you to keep your part.

If you had habits before your conversion that you have not given up although you know them to be wrong and you know that the church doesn't teach those habits to be right, why did you join church? It takes more than our names on the church register to be a member of God's church. He is not satisfied just to have you attend church regularly, and throw an offering into the collection plate now and then. When we accepted God as our own personal Help, we declared before Him and others who may have been present during that service that we would serve Him. From that moment our interests should have been of a more spiritual nature—our carnal thoughts, habits, and deeds should have been left at the altar. We cannot cope with these things, but

God can. He can instill within us that desire to serve Him only, if we truly make our stand for Him.

Naturally, we will meet temptations, perhaps daily, but if we are Christians we can ignore that temptation and overcome it—not give in to it.

Are you a real Christian? Can the world tell it? Can you tell it as truth when you say, "Yes, I am a Christian"? Remember, Christian means Christ-like, so before you say "yes" be sure you have those qualities that make you Christ-like. God knows whether you are answering truthfully. You may deceive man who sees only the outside, but God sees the heart. Consider this as you answer the question—am I a real Christian? Can the world tell that I am a Christian?



When George Washington took his seat in the House of Burgesses at the age of twenty-six, Captain Mercer wrote: "He is as straight as an arrow, measuring six feet two inches in his stockings, and weighing 175 pounds. His head is well shaped, though not large, and is gracefully poised. He has a large, straight nose; blue-gray, penetrating eyes, which are widely separated and overhung by heavy brows. A pleasing, though commanding countenance; dark-brown hair, features regular and placid, and a large mouth, generally firmly closed."

The one thing which more than any other commends this picture is the statement that his mouth, though large, was "generally firmly closed."

—Sunshine

Found Treasure

Dorothy Nimchuk

Adventure

"Well, boys and girls," Miss Daily smiled brightly at her Youth Class, "how many chapters have you read this week in your Bibles?"

Howard smiled in return and said, "Five."

"Two."

"Three."

Love

"Why, uh, none, I guess," answered one rosy-cheeked girl. "I always get lots of homework from school, then I have to help my mother and, and..." Her voice trailed off into nothingness.

The smile faded on the teacher's face. How could she ever get them interested in regular Bible reading? She was greatly concerned about the matter. "Have any of you read any other type of book this past week?" she inquired. Hands went up all over the room.

Ship-Wreck

"I read a whole book on dressmaking."

"My dad has a 'Do-It-Yourself' book that I think is simply swell. I stayed up till 12:00 o'clock reading it last night."

"I started a novel during study hall one day and simply couldn't put it down. I even read parts of it during English class when the teacher wasn't looking."

True Life Story

"Say, I read the keenest book this week—all about some guy who ran away to sea at the age of fourteen. He certainly had a lot of adventures!" Howard's eyes shone with enthusiasm as he went into detail about the book.

"I read an exciting account of a man running away from God. He went to sea, was tossed overboard, and was swallowed by a great fish. Repenting of his disobedience, the man was thrown out onto the dry ground after three days and night," said Miss Daily. "He then got up and went to Nineveh as he was supposed to have done in the first place."

Poetry

"Gee, that sounds really neat!" exclaimed Frank. "I did not know the Bible had stories like that!"

Miss Daily was quick to catch this thread of interest and to play upon it. "It has many different and interesting stories. What type of story do you like, Mary?" she inquired of another pupil.

"I like love stories," answered Mary.

"Fine!" said Miss Daily. "You read the book of Ruth this week and report to us next Sabbath about it. Amelia, you can report on the book of Esther, okay?"

Bob said he liked adventure stories and the teacher referred him to the book of the Acts of the Apostles. "Study the life of Saul, whose name was later changed to Paul."

"Oh, I know about him," interrupted Patty. "Daddy says he was shipwrecked about three times, and also beaten, stoned and left for dead."

"What strong faith he must have had in order to stand trials like that!" added Steve.

"Well, the Bible's not for me, I guess. I like studying stuff like genealogy and..." began Bill.

"Wait," Miss Daily stopped him, "The Bible is for you too. Read the fifth and tenth chapters of the book of Genesis for a beginning and you'll get lots of genealogy. I'm sure you will find other references also which will interest you."

"For those of you who enjoy history, read the first few books

in the Old Testament. Genesis gives a most absorbing report of the children of Israel up to the time of their bondage in Egypt. The Exodus tells us of their journey out of Egypt and into the promised land.

"Dennis, you are always reading poetry. Try the Psalms. The Proverbs contain many interesting words of admonition for all of us," continued Miss Daily.

"Who would ever have thought you could find such a variety of things in the Bible. Why, it's just like a library!" Bob exclaimed.

"You're right, Bob, a library of 66 books; 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. Many of the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others have been fulfilled already. We should study them to know what prophecies remain to be completed prior to Christ's coming," explained the teacher.

"Matthew, Mark, Luke and John introduce us to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. There we read the accounts of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. What a wonderful plan of salvation to redeem us from this sinful world to the earth made new. There we will reign with Christ."

The pastor had quietly entered the room a short time before and now, for the first time, he spoke. "It seems as if you have all been going on a treasure hunt. In your searching, don't forget the story of creation. In your science classes at school you will likely be taught

the theory of evolution; therefore, it is doubly important that you know the truth about this world's beginnings. If we have the truth of God's Word in our hearts, we will readily recognize error when it is presented to us."

"Now I know what our memory verse means," piped up Jim. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works' (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

For anything you want to know, you can find an answer in the Bible."

"That's true, Jim. If you read God's Holy Word and let the Holy Spirit lead in your life, you will live for Christ and be examples to those around you," agreed the pastor.

There was a buzz of excited conversation among the youngsters as they left the room after class. Jim's words fairly well summed up the opinion of all the boys and girls: "I'm going to turn explorer, and discover the Word of God for myself!"

Sometimes in school we see a note being passed from one boy or girl to another, and the one who reads the note giggles and sometimes his face turns red, then he winks at the one who handed him the note, and passes it on to another in his crowd.

You don't have to think twice what kind of joke or story is written on that paper. What do you do, teen-agers? That is, what do you do if you have the Lord Jesus Christ living in your heart, and you want to please Him in all that you do? Do you make yourself unavailable so that the note won't reach you? Likely, if you are really born again and love the Lord with all your heart, the crowd reading the note will see to it that the note never reaches you. Most of the time unsaved young people don't want the Christian young people to know that they are unsaved. They want to act like Christians, and have the good name of being a Christian, but really they are hypocrites. If they offered the dirty story to the saved young people to read they would be giving themselves away as hypocrites. Usually that kind of crowd doesn't want that one who testifies by his life and word that he belongs to the Lord, to read the note.

This brings us to the conclusion, do the young people in high school know that you are a Christian? Do you go along with the crowd, or are you known as one who reads his Bible and stays away from the dances?—Gospel Herald

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1, 2).

Dare to be Different!

Terril D. Littrell

Man is a social creature craving friendship, fellowship, and companionship. No one wants to find himself a Robinson Crusoe living on a desert island. For that reason one seeks to regulate his attitude and conduct in such a way as to win the approval of his peers. The important questions become, "What will they think? What will their reactions be? How will they treat me because of what I do or what I believe?"

Seeking answers to these questions—answers that will assure the coveted response, many young people, regardless of their age, act contrary to their ethical standards and beliefs. If this procedure is followed for a period of time, they will tend to lose their ability for making personal decisions. Caught in a situation where they cannot turn to group opinion, they find themselves without adequate re-

sources for making an intelligent choice. They have been caught, like flies, in the web of conformity, and cannot free themselves.

A "pattern" or "mold" suggests likeness. When people see alike, think alike, and act alike, as the result of social pressure, we call it CONFORMITY. We do not need to look far to discover the pressures that seek to squeeze us into the world's mold. This world tends to transform people into its own image.

Our scripture text tells us: "Be not CONFORMED to this world." In our day and time nearly everyone is a conformist—a copyist, victimized by the herd instinct. How refreshing it is to see Christian young people who are DIFFERENT!

Christ has called us to the daring adventure of being DIFFERENT, and making Him the pattern of our lives.

You as a young person can

be one of the most highly respected in your community, school, or church group simply by "living your religion." Many times your associates will not agree with you, or you with them. But they will respect and honor you because of your courage to live according to the high standards of your Christian beliefs. You can prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good.

That plan may not conform to the world's view. But remember that part of that plan is your total surrender to God's will. Those things which interfere with obedience to Christ and the practice of Holy Living must be let go.

A sincere Christian will differ in both belief and action, because inner commitment makes a difference in outer behavior.

The human personality is so constructed that things cannot work out right while we practice the wrong.

We must dare to be different! And genuine Christians are different . . .

IN APPEARANCE—There is a modesty which marks God's people. They do not frantically rush the latest styles, fads, whims. Theirs is a wholesome, winsome simplicity.

IN SPEECH—They shun the shady group, the cheap, chaffy chitchat.

ON DATES—Young people of principle would rather make a scene and even walk home

than to yield their bodies to sin. They know that toying with temptation heaps up trouble for all their terrifying tomorrows.

AT WORK—Truly born again people give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. They steal neither time, money, nor tools.

AT SCHOOL—Students will discipline themselves in a consecrated learning—never cheating—always diligent.

BY WITNESSING—A Christian can't keep salvation a secret. They can't be indifferent while those about them are practicing immorality, and slipping deeper into sin! They gladly share the good news of how Christ can save, deliver, transform, and make anew those who will trust Him as their personal Saviour.

BY LISTENING TO ADVICE—The true Christian knows that he learns to be a Christian by being Christian. He listens to Christian advice and accepts instruction. We are more retarded than we think if we refuse to listen to advice, or if we spurn instruction. Rather than a "know already" attitude, it is considered a sign of intelligence when one listens humbly to advice with a receptive mood. The Christian seeks advice concerning Christlike action, and yearns to know the experiences of others.

Today, ask Christ to give you the courage, the faith, and the firmness of spirit, to live like Him in today's world—

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

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By Dan Camero

Your BIG Day

I believe that in the life of every teenager, there is a big day! I am sure that you have heard the expression, "It's going to be the biggest day of my life!" Maybe you have heard this from your own friends, when referring to their first big date, graduation, or perhaps marriage.

But let us remember that every day we live is a big day. Don't make the mistake of thinking that there has to be a big crisis or a gigantic challenge for a day to be labeled BIG. The biggest day in your life is TODAY, because the decisions that you make today will affect what you do tomorrow. TODAY is the DAY OF SALVATION! (2 Cor. 6:2). Today is the day that Christ waits to forgive you of your sins, to take you by the hand and lead you down the narrow path of righteousness. Won't you accept Him today?

Don't waste your time putting a red circle around the big days that are coming. Every single day God gives us is important; because doing your best for His glory in the ordinary days of everyday life will eventually lead to that big day—a HOME in HIS KINGDOM!

Yes! What you are becoming today is what you are going to be! Every day is a big day in the life of a Christian teenager.

OVERCOMERS

I know that it is hard to live a Christian life as a teenager, and I know it is hard to resist the many temptations that we have to face. It is even harder when one tries to do this by HIS OWN POWER. But when we surrender to Christ, HE will give us the power to be overcomers of the temptations and sins of this world.

In 1 John 5:4, 5 the Scriptures say, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (verse 4).

"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (verse 5).

Young people, I am sure that you believe that Jesus is the Son of God. If you will yield to Him, He will fill you with this POWER to be an overcomer. And as it said in these verses, we shall have POWER to overcome the WHOLE WORLD!

Everything that is evil in this world, and everything that will hinder us from entering into the Kingdom of God may be overcome by this POWER which He will give us.

BE A WITNESS

When we accept Christ as our personal Saviour, and want

The Ideal Life

By Carolyn Clements

There are many conceptions of what an ideal life would be like, I'm certain, because not every individual reasons and dreams like every other; but there is only one ideal life that can please God, and that is a life patterned after Christ's. Such is the ultimate goal of every true Christian. Our lives must be witnesses of our faith and examples of love to the people of our civilization if we wish to stand in the favorable light of our Master's judgment.

True Christians are striving to make certain qualities that Christ had, characteristics of their own lives. Among these qualities we find faith, hope, kindness, courage, compassion, unselfishness, honesty, obedience, understanding, gentleness, and above all—love. Christians

should also be clean and neat, polite, temperate, and cheerful in trying to attain this goal.

But it is not easy to live such a life from day to day. In fact, it is impossible unless we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within our hearts and minds; and through that source only can we gain the strength and perseverance needed to live a life patterned after our Saviour's. So, to live a truly ideal life we must have the Holy Spirit in our heart, and we must ask ourselves these questions before we act: Would Christ have done this? Would Christ have said what I am thinking of saying? Am I thinking as Christ would think?

I wonder—what would Christ have done?

to do His will, there will be a CHANGE UNPARALLELED to anything in our lives. And this change will CONQUER the prevailing problems in all teenage situations. Then you and I can be an effective witness for our Lord. It is truly a challenge to be a good WITNESS.

When I was in high school, I didn't witness as I should. I was embarrassed and afraid of what others might think. Many of us have been in this situation at one time or another. But, teenager, when Christ fills us with this POWER, and this CHANGE takes place in our lives, we shall "WITNESS UNASHAMED" and our TRIUMPH WILL BE UNQUESTIONABLE!

Salvation to Me

By Gary Smith, age 13
St. Joseph, Missouri

Salvation to me is believing in Jesus Christ and getting to the kingdom. Today men are always worrying about where their next meal will come from, or if they will have a bed to sleep in. If we will just believe in Jesus Christ and find salvation, God will take care of us. We won't have to worry over clothes, food, or a place to sleep. Luke 12:31 says, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Most people wonder how they can get salvation. All they have to do is pray to God and diligently seek Him. Many think that salvation is given only to special people, but 2 Peter 1:11 says, "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

To have salvation you must fear the Lord. Psalm 85:9 says, "Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land."

Since Jesus was made perfect; in Hebrews 5:9 it says that "he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

To find salvation a person must believe in his heart and confess his sins to God. Romans 10:10 says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

So you see, salvation is to first seek for the kingdom, as it says in Luke. Then we must fear the Lord as it says in Psalms and finally as is mentioned in Romans, we must believe with our hearts and confess our sins unto God.

A Paraphrase

on the Acts of the Apostles

(Continued)

By Nathan Straub



CHAPTER 2

THE ARRIVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: ACTS 2:1

When the day of Pentecost came they were all fully united in purpose and they were all in one place. Suddenly a sound came from heaven that sounded like a fast, violent wind; and it filled the entire place where they were sitting. They saw, resting on each of them, what looked like cloven tongues of fire. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and started to speak in other languages as the Spirit would inspire them.

At that time in Jerusalem, there were Jews, sincere, honest men from every nation. When news of this became known, a mass of people began to gather. They were confounded because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

This was beyond their understanding and they all marveled, asking, "Look, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each one of us hears in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Cyrene (in Lybia), Rome (both Jews and proselytes), Crete and Arabia; we hear them speak about the wonderful works of God in our own language. They were amazed and were at a loss to understand. They asked, "What could this mean?"

Others said mockingly, "These men are just full of sweet wine."

PETER SPOKE: 2:14

Peter (standing with the Eleven) spoke to them with extra power in his voice, "Men of Judea and visitors here in Jerusalem: listen to me, this you must know: these men are not drunk as you suppose. Notice, it is just nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the Prophet Joel prophesied, 'It will happen in the last days,' says God, 'I will pour my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour my Spirit on my servants, both men and women, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders

in the heaven and signs on the earth; blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun will turn into darkness and the moon into blood. This will come before the great and notable day of the Lord. Be assured that whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

"You men of Israel, let me tell you about Jesus of Nazareth, a man of whom God approved, was right here among you with miracles and wonders and signs. God did these through Him right in your midst, and you know it. Being delivered by a prejudiced counsel, with the foreknowledge of God, you took Him and in your wickedness you crucified and killed Him. God freed Him from the pains of death and raised Him up. It was not possible to contain Him in death.

"David, speaking about Him, said, 'I saw the Lord always in my presence. He is at my right hand. I cannot be shaken. My heart was happy because of this. My tongue was glad. I was entirely at peace because of my hope. You will not abandon me to the grave. Neither will you let your Holy One see corruption. You made the ways of life known to me. With your face you will cause me to be full of joy.'

"Brethren, let me speak to you freely about the patriarch David. He is dead and buried and his tomb remains among us even today. Being a prophet and knowing that God had promised him, with an oath, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would cause One to sit on his throne; he visualized this and spoke earlier of the resurrection of Christ, that is, that He was not abandoned in the grave and his flesh did not suffer decay.

"God resurrected this Jesus. We are all witnesses of that. He is now in a place of honor at the right hand of God.

"We have received the promise of the Father, that is, the Holy Spirit. He has caused this which you see and hear.

"David is not in the heavens, but he himself said, 'The Lord said unto my Master, you sit on my right hand until I have made your enemies to be like a footstool under your feet.'

"Be it known throughout all Israel in certainty that God has made that same Jesus whom you killed, both Lord and Christ."

They were pierced to the heart when they heard that and asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brethren, what should we do?"

Then Peter replied, "Each one of you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children. It is for generations to come, for as many as the Lord our God will call."

Peter testified and exhorted with many more words, and said, "Save yourself from this warped generation."

Then those were baptized who had gladly accepted what he had said. The same day about three thousand souls were added to their number.

(To Be Continued)



SPRING VALE REPORT

Spring Valers are finally settled down, and are back into the daily routine of school work and other activities after our midwinter vacation. The vacation started on December 22; by January 2, most of us began gradually coming in from our various homes. We are very sorry that some of the students were unable to return.

To start the new year off right, we won our first basketball game, 102 to 19, on January 6th. A week later we won our second game. The score then was 47 to 40. We have high hopes of winning the rest of our games!

Sabbath, the 8th, the F.Y.C. listened to several songs from records produced by Church of God members. The purpose of the program was to show the musical talent in the church, and to encourage our young people to let their lights shine for Jesus Christ. That evening we had planned to attend a Vic-

torious Christian Youth meeting in Flint, but the bus and cars were unable to start from the cold. Instead we played basketball in the school gym.

Wednesday for joint worship, Brother Burrell played the record "Don Lonie Speaks to Teens." Many lessons were learned from it concerning morality. Everyone present enjoyed the record.

The Michigan quarterly all-day meeting was held here at S.V.A. on Sabbath, January 15. In the afternoon, the young people had a meeting entitled "Prayer—The Royal Telephone." The many songs and readings during the program brought out this theme. Kathleen Roche, a former Spring Valer, planned the program. Jeff Leach, who is now a senior at S.V.A., was in charge that afternoon.

The F.Y.C. department set up a booth during the day displaying many of the publications and projects. In the evening the senior class sponsored a box social. Prizes were given out for the prettiest and most original boxes. One box was a unique church scene made out of soap. Another was designed as a casket. Some boxes went for as much as \$15.00.

The birthdays of all the students in the first semester and January were celebrated by a special supper on the 16th. The girls in the Junior Miss Club made a special cake for the occasion.

Semester exams began on the 18th and lasted until the 20th. All of us at S.V.A. covet your prayers, that we may learn our lessons well and grow spiritually in the Lord.

—Martha Heavilin

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MIDWEST NEWS

The month of January has rushed by, it seems, as we look back and view its contents.

The students all faced semester tests after the holidays, so we were immediately thrown back into the busy routine of various activities.

The Sabbath of January 8th, an all-day meeting was held in St. Joseph. A youth program was presented in the afternoon, with a creation theme. The day was enjoyed by all.

On Sabbath, the 22nd, four car-

loads of young people went to Clarinda, Iowa, to distribute tracts and to invite the people to services. A new work is being started there, and much work and prayer will bring its reward.

Sunday afternoon, the 23rd, some of the young people went ice skating on a farm pond. A few sore spots resulted, but we had a real good time.

Second semester is in full swing now. We welcome a new student, Archie Lawson, of Oregon, who has joined his two brothers here with a desire to train for greater service in God's ministry. His wife and four children are remaining in Oregon for the present time.

The college students and faculty need your prayers and your support.

—Mark Ling

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

Joseph Fort Newton

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Once a minister, who was also a father, tried to finish his sermon. One interruption after another occurred, until his energies seemed all drained away. Then came another knock at his door. He braced himself, and tried hard to put a smile into his response. "Come in!" The door opened a little, a sunny-faced little girl looked in.

"Daddy, may I come in?" Consent given, she leapt across the room, climbed up into the tired man's lap. "Daddy, I didn't come to ask for a thing. I just want to climb into your lap and hug you, and tell you what a good, kind daddy you are!" So much warmth slipped into his tired heart that it crowded out all the weariness. God is a Father, too, and His heart warms at our giving of thanks.

David A. MacLennan in Revell's Minister Annual
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

With pleasure, we share with you these reports of the young people who have completed the personal merit system—the Evangelette Program.



I found the Evangelette Program to be a real spiritual gain. Prayer each day, good reading material, and a monthly project to help another provided a real blessing. I would like to encourage all teen-agers to try the program, for more time for God is more time for happiness.

—Carol Mann

I am very glad that I entered the Evangelette Program. It has helped me draw nearer to the Lord. Things which before I would put off or forget to do, are now a matter of habit with me—such as reading the AIM and “Harvest Field Messenger.”



I also enjoyed trying to complete each project. If you put your heart into it, you were sure to get a blessing from it. I would especially encourage others to read their Bibles each day, even if they don't find time to do the other requirements in the program. Through the Bible, we see God's perfect plan of salvation, and we learn how to live a Christian life. This is a very worth-while program for *everyone*.—Martha Heavilin

“Evangelette”

EVANGELETTE STANDARDS

Very briefly we are outlining the standards which are a part of the Evangelette Program:

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| Standard I—Read seven Bible chapters a week and pray | 4 points |
| Standard II—Memorize two Bible verses each month | 4 points |
| Standard III—Read AIM and the MESSENGER | 4 points |
| Standard IV—Complete a project a month (specified each month) | 4 points |
| Standard V—Study your Sabbath School Quarterly lesson | 3 points |
| Standard VI—Help financially in the Young People's Work | 3 points |
| Standard VII—Study a gospel tract each month | 3 points |
- Extra points: Bring a visitor to church; Sell a year's subscription to a church paper; Sell Publishing House merchandise.

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An Evangelette Booklet is yours on request. This interesting booklet lists in much greater detail than above just what each standard involves, and what it means to you. Included in the booklet are coupons to submit each month with your personal report of your activity. Write to: Calvin Burrell, Spring Vale Academy, Owosso, Michigan, so you can embark on the Evangelette Program this year and gain the blessings testified of on these pages.

Being in the Evangelette program this year has proved to be helpful, as well as enjoyable. I know it has brought me into closer contact with the Lord, and I find it a wonderful feeling to know that in some way I am doing something pleasing to my Father in Heaven. Reading my Bible and praying, especially help me to relax and leave all the daily problems with the Lord knowing He will take care of them.



This year I plan to keep up to date on the Minuteman, and 2T4G programs. It really doesn't take an awfully lot of time, and the time it does take can never be counted for anything but gain. I do wish all young people, and adults, too, would accept the challenges offered and do their best to reach the goals. I know they would gain a blessing!—Carolyn Clements

The Evangelette Program has helped me to better understand the Bible, and it has given to me the realization of what work needs to be done for God and the Church to better spread the gospel.



This program makes me think of Matthew 6:19-21, where Christ is telling us to lay up treasures in heaven because where our treasures are, is where our heart is.

Through this program I pray that many will receive a vision of a greater work that they can do for God through the facilities of the Church.—Kenneth Durham.

2T₄G - Take Time for God

By Vivian Hall

The ox knows his owner, the colt his mother, the sheep their shepherd—all supposedly dumb animals—yet they know from whom food and care comes to them. They work for their master and come at his call, but what about the sinful nation Isaiah found? He observed they didn't know their God nor consider His ways and His concern for them. Had it not been for God's great mercy, He would have destroyed all trace of His people from this earth.

Have you ever seen a deserted farm? As the months go by, the swiftness of deterioration is appalling. First it is just empty, then windows become broken, doors hang from hinges, shingles come loose and fall, a corner of the roof is broken off and weeds and brush grow up around the place. You know from its appearance that not only has time taken its toll, but vandals have added their touch in destroying something that once meant a great deal to someone. A shame, you say, but there isn't anything you can do. Isaiah 1:7 makes me think of a scene of my childhood—"Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." When I was a little girl we used to drive the miles to grandmother's house on a Sunday, and on our way to Grandmother's we passed a modest little country church. Even as a child it made me feel glad to see the cars of the worshipers parked around under the trees, and always one horse and buggy.

As the years went by the number of cars became less and less in number—but always the horse and buggy—and it made me sad to see the interest in church dropping off. The building itself became run down and finally only one or two cars and the horse and buggy stood in the church yard. Then came the Sunday we passed the little church and no one was there. It wasn't long until it met the fate of the abandoned farm house. Vandals seemed to take an even greater delight in destroying a church. I felt so bad every time we passed the church yard. It wasn't my church, but even to me as a child it was a symbol.

Years later, when I was married and with a home of my own, I chanced to pass the country church of my childhood. Yes, it was still there. Someone had taken pity or perhaps had received a new outlook on life, and repairs had been made and paint had been added along with some remodeling. Once more it was the attractive little country church, and several cars stood under the trees again. It made me a bit sad not to find the horse and

Is There a Vacancy?

May It Be Restored!

buggy in the church yard. Time had taken another toll, no doubt, but how glad I was to see an interest in God revived in that community.

Isaiah saw a nation that continued its sacrifices—a duty worship of God. Yes, they continued their sacrifices and the burning of incense, but God saw their hearts and knew it was only form, a duty, an obligation learned from their fathers, but it meant nothing to them. They proved to God with the lives they led that it meant nothing to them. They didn't serve God with their hearts and certainly He wasn't going to bless them nor accept the offerings that were only ritual. In Isaiah 1:11 we read what God thought of their lives, "*To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*"

Isaiah was saddened by the conditions he found among God's people. It was his desire to warn the people of their ways and try to get them to change from their lives of sin and rebuild their lives, with God included. It is the same with us—if we stray from the narrow path of righteousness, our lives become just as vacant and meaningless as the abandoned farm or church, void of any meaning or purpose—just a shell. We must have God in our lives to give us meaning and a real purpose. Our very appearance is so much improved as we are "remodeled" by the entrance of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May God bless you as you read these passages for this month, and may He instill within your heart the desire to be the kind of person He wants you to be.

Date	Chapter
Feb. 15	Isaiah 1
Feb. 16	Isaiah 2
Feb. 17	Isaiah 3
Feb. 18	Isaiah 4
Feb. 19	Isaiah 5
Feb. 20	Isaiah 6
Feb. 21	Isaiah 7
Feb. 22	Isaiah 8
Feb. 23	Isaiah 9
Feb. 24	Isaiah 10
Feb. 25	Isaiah 11
Feb. 26	Isaiah 12
Feb. 27	Isaiah 13
Feb. 28	Isaiah 14
Mar. 1	Isaiah 15
Mar. 2	Isaiah 16
Mar. 3	Isaiah 17
Mar. 4	Isaiah 18
Mar. 5	Isaiah 19
Mar. 6	Isaiah 20
Mar. 7	Isaiah 21
Mar. 8	Isaiah 22
Mar. 9	Isaiah 23
Mar. 10	Isaiah 24
Mar. 11	Isaiah 25
Mar. 12	Isaiah 26
Mar. 13	Isaiah 27
Mar. 14	Isaiah 28

QUESTION:

I have been dating a girl whose parents resent our seeing each other just because of my religion. I am a member of the Church of God, the same as you. This girl is interested in me and my beliefs, but her parents give both of us a bad time because of her interest. We have to meet secretly. We discuss our religion a lot, and our relationship is respectable. Do you think we should give in to her parents and break it off?

ANSWER:

You have a *real* problem here. Any advice I have to give would be offered on the basis of your ages and maturity. If religion is in fact the real cause for parental objection, the parents should feel the obligation to consider the value of your beliefs with their daughter and you. While they are shoving this responsibility aside, I tend to think the young lady would still have the right to conscientiously investigate your beliefs. Personally, I do not consider it a parent's right to close a daughter's mind against her will in this matter of investigating a religion, if this daughter is capable of making her own decision responsibly. She has a right to pursue truth and to choose her own religion. She has, in fact, that God-given responsibility.

Under the circumstances, you would do well to safeguard against getting too emotionally involved with each other. The

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



Tell Me, Please

day is coming when she has to choose between you and her parents due to this religious conflict. This practically assures some grief in itself. It is much easier to investigate a religion, even though under a parent's scorn, than it is to forsake a home to accept strange belief. Be as helpful as you can, but brace yourselves emotionally.

These situations can be most complicated! See your pastor on this matter and invite his guidance. If this is not practical, write to me personally, and I'll try to offer what help I can.

QUESTION:

I would like to invite my date to our church, but it would be most embarrassing! Our services are run so poorly, and such unpredictable things happen that he would either be shocked or

amused, or both. Is there anything that can be done about this?

ANSWER:

I hope there is. If you have not already done so, discuss this matter with your parents. There may be some good reason why the services are being carried on as they are.

If you cannot get enough satisfaction from your parents, talk to your pastor or the officer in charge of arranging and conducting your church services. Don't go intending to protest, but approach them with the desire to seek their help.

Often there is good reason for the use of certain procedures in church. You should know them.

When your friend accepts the invitation to attend church with you, go over the order of service with him beforehand, giving explanations as to why the various activities are a part of your worship. He will find the services more interesting and meaningful.

You may even have suggestions to offer your pastor on how the services may be improved. Often leaders are unaware of certain faults that show up in the course of a church service. He will welcome your concern, and you may be quite surprised to see your good ideas readily adopted.

QUESTION:

Why do so many people complain about the church and her

ministers? I hear so much of it, and it is discouraging.

ANSWER:

I really cannot tell you why people complain as they do. It may be because the very high ideals and standards that the church and ministers forward cause feelings of guilt. People with these feelings of guilt are relieved to find mistakes in those whom they blame for causing this guilt. It is easy to complain, but it is terribly difficult to overcome the temptation to do so.

Ministers are generally accustomed to hearing complaints without having ill feelings arise. Many of these complaints are offered sincerely. At times they bring useful suggestions, and at other times they merely reflect a lack of information that would otherwise enable them to understand. Pertinent explanations often offer much insight and understanding.

Others feel that after the minister has his say-so, they should have theirs. I agree with them and am willing to listen to good reasoning.

The best cure for complainers is to have someone around who is cheerful. Few people intend to hurt anyone through their complaining. Give them the benefit of any doubts about them you may have and let the warmth of your forgiving and cheerful attitudes melt their frost.

1965 Accomplishments

By Dale Lawson

We have completed another year in the Merit Program and it was good to notice all the fine things that the local groups accomplished this past year. It should be our prayer that 1966 will be even a better year. There is a way that you can prevent the Merit Program from becoming old and tiresome—and just a matter of form. Give of your best for the Master; put your heart into the things that you do; make this year (1966) a year for youth at your church. I am sure that in this way you can look forward to another enthusiastic year in the Merit Program.

All the reports have not come in yet. For this reason we have to wait before we will be able to announce the winner of the Lighthouse Award. As soon as all of the reports are in, we will announce the winner. Why don't you begin now with an effort to have the F.Y.C. Lighthouse Award at your church at the end of 1966? Put some real effort into the bonus page of the merit program report. You need to start now!

To help you in keeping a record of your activities for the merit report, I suggest that you have your local F.Y.C. secretary keep a note of the things that you do. Mark in a note pad or notebook all the meetings at the time that they occur. Also record the projects and other items that will be helpful as you later fill out the report blanks.

May God give all of you special blessings as you work for Him in 1966.

SILVER AWARDS

CALIFORNIA

Pomona
1965—350 merit pts.
28 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 378

MICHIGAN

S.V.A.
1965—365 merit pts.
118 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 483

MISSOURI

St. Joseph
1965—450 merit pts.
39 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 489

OKLAHOMA

Claremore
1965—350 merit pts.
85 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 435

OREGON

Harrisburg
1965—415 merit pts.
25 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 440

TEXAS

San Antonio
1965—350 merit pts.
29 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 379

in the Merit Program

Conroe
1965—425 merit pts.
26 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 451

WASHINGTON

Tacoma
1965—480 merit pts.
42 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 522

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GOLD AWARDS

MISSOURI

Stanberry
1965—500 merit pts.
103 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 603

OKLAHOMA

Fairview
1965—500 merit pts.
53 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 553

SOUTH DAKOTA

Eureka
1965—500 merit pts.
59 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 559

WISCONSIN

New Auburn
1965—500 merit pts.
198 bonus pts.
Lighthouse award
pts. 698

MERIT SYSTEM "STANDARDS"

In the interest of those of you who may have not yet become acquainted with just what the Merit System involves, we list here very briefly its standards:

- I. Organization (according to FYC constitution) 25 points
- II. Registration (for record in National FYC Office)—10 points
- III. Rallies or Y. P. Meetings—10 points
- IV. Projects—10 points
- V. Social—10 each
- VI. Business Meetings (5 points per quarter)
- VII. Quarterly Reports (5 points per quarter)
- VIII. National Support—15% of FYC income (10 points per quarter)
- IX. Support of a Foreign Worker—20 points annually
- X. AIM in all homes—25 points

Bonus Points are earned by:

- Subscriptions solicited to church papers
- Extra projects
- Report in by 15th of month.
- Persons completing Evangelette Program
- Persons who memorize Minuteman verses (2 during month)

The Lighthouse Award is given to the one local FYC which earns the greatest number of total points, and is determined greatly by the number of bonus points earned. Any number of FYC's are eligible to earn the Silver Award (350 points) or the Gold Award (500 points).

Let us point out again that this is a very brief outline of the Merit Program. For much more detailed information, and prepared report forms, write to our new Merit Director, Nathan Lawson, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri.

Minuteman Program

"Only Believe"

By Verna McCoy

Last month we learned verses that showed us our urgent need of a Saviour.

Now we need to learn how Jesus Christ can become our personal Saviour.

A prime requisite in the plan of salvation is that we must *believe* that there IS a God. To believe in someone that we've never seen demands positive faith (Heb. 11:1).

Regardless of what atheists might say, all nature is a marvelous witness that there is a God (Psa. 19:1). As a farmer explained to an unbelieving intellectual, there are many things in God's creation too wonderful to comprehend, yet very real, and we accept them. For example, there is a black cow, eating green grass which will cause her to give white milk, from which is made yellow butter.

As we think of our Saviour, we can reflect on the wonderful words of the Apostle Peter who said of Him, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

We can make a very personal acquaintance as He reveals Himself to us through the Scriptures (Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:15). This necessitates, of course, that we believe the Bible to be divinely inspired, and not just a great literary work.

In manifesting our faith, it is very important that we do so completely. When we pray for something according to His will, we must believe that our prayer will be answered. Vision the thing as it should be, completely fulfilled, then thank God for sending it. Oh! What wonders could be wrought in our lives if we only had the faith as a grain of mustard seed!

Passive faith accepts the word as true—

But never moves.

Mark 9:23

Mark 11:24

John 20:31

Acts 16:31

Gal. 3:22

Heb. 10:22

Heb. 10:39

Heb. 11:6

*Active faith begins the work to do,
And thereby proves.*

*Passive faith says, "I believe it; every word of God is true.
Well I know He hath not spoken what He cannot, will not, do.
He hath bidden me, 'Go forward!' but a closed-up way I see."
Active faith says, "I believe it! and the promise now I take,
Knowing well, as I receive it, God, each promise, real will make.
So I step into the waters, finding there an open way;
Onward press, the land possessing; nothing can my progress stay.
Yea, I rise at His commanding, walk straightway, and joyfully:
This, my hand, so sadly shriveled, as I reach, restored shall be,
What beyond His faithful promise, would I wish or do I need?
Looking not for 'signs or wonders,' I'll no contradiction heed.
Well I know that 'God is able,' and full willing all to do:
I believe that every promise, at this moment can come true."*

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God in His infinite love is ready and waiting to become our heavenly Father. Believe in Christ's power to save; His love and blood can transform the vilest sinner.

With complete confidence, nothing wavering as James says (James 1:6), cast all your cares upon Him. Only believe, knowing all things are possible when we believe.

By learning these eight verses, you will become aware of the first step to salvation. If you already are experiencing the joys of Christian living, we trust these verses will provide a stimulating refresher course and enable you to witness better and show others how to find Christ. As a minuteman for the Master, you need to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you . . ." (1 Peter 3:15).

NO WAY TO CHRIST

A young man was deeply convicted of sin and his need of the Saviour. "Can you tell me the way to Christ?" he asked a minister. "I want to find Him!" The minister replied: "No." Astonished, the young man said: "Pardon me, sir, but I thought you were a minister." The minister replied: "There is no way to Christ. Christ is 'the way!' He is not far off. He is here with us! You are a sincere seeker and He is saying to you: 'Thy sins be forgiven thee!'"

"THAT'S ENOUGH!"

A pastor in Norfolk, Virginia, phoned the editor of religious news for a paper and gave him the topic for his Sunday morning's sermon: "The Lord Is My Shepherd." The editor asked: "Is that all?" The pastor replied: "That's enough." The editor, thinking that the words were a part of his subject, announced the pastor's topic as follows: "The Lord Is My Shepherd. That's Enough!" To know the Lord as our protector is enough to allay all fear and assuage all our sorrows.

Editorial

Following are a few excerpts from an editorial profile of Abraham Lincoln, printed five days before his nomination in 1860:

In his personal habits Mr. Lincoln is as simple as a child... He never drinks intoxicating liquors of any sort, not even a glass of wine. He is not addicted to tobacco in any of its shapes. He never uses profane language...

He is particularly cautious about incurring pecuniary obligations for any purpose whatever. We presume he owes no man a dollar... The rage for the sudden acquisition of wealth never took hold of him... While others have dreamed of gold, he has been in pursuit of knowledge.

In all his dealings he has the reputation of being generous but exact, and, above all, religiously honest. He would be a bold man who would say that Abraham Lincoln ever wronged anyone out of a cent, or ever spent a dollar that he had not honestly earned.

He is a regular attendant upon religious worship...

He is a scrupulous teller of the truth... no man ever charged that in a professional capacity, or as a citizen dealing with his neighbors, he would depart from Scriptures.

At home he lives like a gentleman of modest means and simple tastes... the idol of his family, and for his honesty, ability, and patriotism, the admiration of his countrymen.

Could you claim reputation as admirable as this? Have you made the mistake of thinking that to be a scrupulous teller of the truth, you must sacrifice popularity and honor? It gained for President Lincoln respect that hasn't been forgotten.

Are you making the mistake of thinking that perhaps in this social world you must take an occasional drink, and a "puff" in order to be considered "in" with the crowd? Don't kid yourself. Many of your associates will have an inner respect for your scruples that they will never make known—but it will get you somewhere when the matter of reputation and dependability arises.

Stand back and take a second look at the qualities which are really worth striving for—worth holding onto. These qualities which characterized this great president are simple standards which are God-approved. They will be a part of your life as a follower of Christ. As a recent speaker to a group of young people admonished: "If you're going to be a Christian, be a good one. Be a GOOD ONE!"

Second in a new series on "Home Building"—

Happy Home Building

By Dale Lawson



Real devotion to God and honest worship of Him can bring to your home a happiness that goes beyond any pleasant words that we might find to describe it. The ultimate for your Christian witness and your service to God as a family can best be found in working faithfully and joyfully in your church.

In this time in which we live it seems very easy to get so busy that we have almost no time for going to church. When we consider "Happy Home Building," we should note that regular church attendance and loyalty to the Church is a very important item. You, as young people making plans for the future concerning marriage, families, and homes, ought never to leave God out of those plans. He is the "same yesterday, and today, and forever." He wants your devotion and obedience as a family even as He desired the same from families all through the ages.

I know that when you go to church and there give God your loyal devotion, worship, and adoration together, your home will be enriched for that experience. This will bring to your home such blessings as God's love and guidance for your family and even greater consideration for each other. It should be mentioned also that without Divine guidance, you have to face every problem, every trial, and every heartache alone.

Every family surely needs God and the Church. There you can gain strength for every trial that you face together. There you can find spiritual direction for life and happiness. There you can find friends who will truly be friends. There you can find a lasting relationship with a "friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Last month our topic for this feature was "Praying Together"; I want to mention to you here, that the Church is a place where you can learn the deep meaning of prayer.

Thus far we have noted several blessings that your family can receive from church, but we have yet to mention one of the greatest blessings that

can be yours because of the Church. The greatest blessing will come to you when you grasp the fact that you can do something for your church. Sometimes we think only in terms of what the Church can do for us and our families, and we fail to realize that to receive God's greatest blessings, we as families need to do something for the church. If you want to see a strong and moving Church of God—build a happy home with the help of the Church. Nothing will make a stronger church than young couples (families) who with the guidance of the Holy Spirit will give their best for the Church of God. Remember that Jesus Christ purchased the Church with His own blood. For that price surely we as young people need to give our best to His Church. This will indeed help you to build a happy home.

I am sure if you put your heart into the Church and God's service, you will always be able to say along with David, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." What a wonderful thing it is to see a family happily worshipping God together. Start now and don't stop, for you can be assured this will bring

Northern States Youth Bible Camp will be held at Gospel Ranch, Goodland, Minnesota, June 19-26, 1966.

\$15 per camper, \$2 down with registration. For information write to Vernon Patchen, Rt. 3, Box 40, New Auburn, Wisc., 54757. (Camp Director)

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— The Oregon Youth Camp will be held at Silver Creek Falls State Park, Silverton, Oregon. The date is June 22—June 28.

eternity's values in view.

Sometimes, although not too frequently, one hears some statements concerning the Church and regular attendance or even attendance at all. It may be, "When I get on my own or have my own family, you won't see me around here." It should be pointed out that we ought not to look at quitting church as lightly as quitting school. In quitting school, it is true that you are throwing away very valuable education, but in dropping out of church you are likely to throw away all eternity plus a great measure of happiness for this present life.

For the greatest fulfillment in this life and for eternal values for your family, build your home (family) centered around the Church. You will never regret it when you realize the fullest of God's blessing. Don't delay in beginning faithful church attendance and consecrated service to God as a family—walking with God together. If you put God first, you can't go wrong.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."—Hebrews 10:25.

Foreign Correspondence

By Jewell Linville

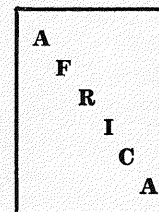
"A LOOK INTO THE PAST"

With 1966 only 1½ months old, we felt a review of the foreign correspondence work for 1965 would be in order.

"NEW IDEAS FOR 1966 WELCOMED . . ."

Perhaps through such a review, new ideas and suggestions for 1966 may develop. If any of our readers do have any ideas or suggestions as to a means of accomplishing more in the foreign work for 1966, these will be more than welcomed. We are anxious to see the work progress at an even greater rate than in 1965; we know that the best way to obtain such a goal is through united efforts.

"REPORT ON AFRICA IN 1965 . . ."



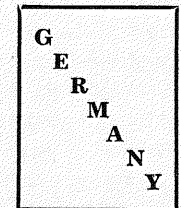
During 1965, we corresponded with a number of countries, the most active of which was Africa. Our contact with Africa was primarily with the Aba and Ahoada Districts through Brother John E. Orie of Aba, Nigeria, and Young Ben I. Tikili of Aba, Nigeria. Brother Tikili and Brother Orie are Leader and Assistant Leader of the Nigerian FYC, respectively.

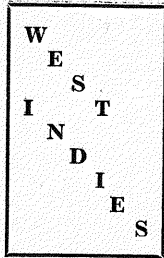
In 1965, we also had correspondence with approximately six other individuals located in Africa, most of whose letters you have seen in AIM from time to time.

Our U.S.A. FYC had several African projects and activities including gift subscriptions to AIM; the mailing of tracts, FYC Yearbooks, and other FYC materials. Also, monthly support was sent to Brother John Orie for use in his labors for the Lord. Another important project that was near completion in 1965 was that of purchasing a typewriter for the Nigerian Church Office (*Watch for a report on its completion to be published in AIM very soon!*)

"GERMANY WORKS TOWARD PROGRESS . . ."

Correspondence with Germany is carried on with Brother Helmut Strauss who is fervently working toward increased membership in the Church there. At present, there is no established FYC, but as the Church progresses there, we are hoping to see the birth of one.



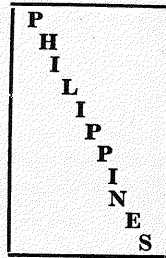


"NEW FYC ESTABLISHED IN 1965 ..."

It is with genuine pleasure that we report that the youth work in the West Indies saw great progress in 1965. This included the establishment of an organized FYC. Elder Hubert Weekes has worked fervently with the youth, resulting in a very active group as has been indicated in his various letters passed on to you through AIM reports.

"NEW CONTACT MADE IN 1965 ..."

1965 also saw new contact made. This was with the Philippines. Miss Warlita Lim, a university student, has been sent FYC materials and a gift subscription to AIM. We are looking for the birth of a new FYC there in the near future. We thank the Lord for the new contact.



"PEN PAL ACTIVITY ON THE INCREASE IN 1965 ..."

The pen pal activity for 1965 showed progress over 1964; we have record of approximately 19 new pen pal relationships established. We are sure there are many others about which we have not been informed. This is certainly a wonderful way to encourage the foreign youth and establish a closer Christian relationship with the youth of other countries.

If you do not have a pen pal at present, I encourage you to obtain the name of one now and see how richly rewarding it can be.

"THANKS TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT ..."

In giving a summary of 1965, we want to extend our thanks to the Foreign Missions Department for its kind cooperation and assistance in making our Foreign FYC Program more effective.

WATCH FOR A PHOTOGRAPHIC SUMMARY REPORT IN FORTHCOMING ISSUE OF AIM!

Automobile headlights show only a little of the road at a time—a few hundred feet in front. But this is sufficient to lead safely to the desired destination. Likewise the Word of God is a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path" (Psalm 119:105). It doesn't reveal every situation that lies ahead, but it gives light in the present one. Because of God's promises we can be sure it will guide us safely to our eternal destination.

news and reminders

F.Y.C. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The national committee for the Youth Department met in Stanberry, Missouri, on January 1-2, 1966. Committee members, Calvin Burrell from S.V.A., Elder Vernon Patchen from New Auburn, Wisconsin, and Elder Dale Lawson from St. Joseph, Missouri, attended the meeting. Brother Elden Fischer, who is attending school at Oregon State University, was not able to be at the meeting as originally planned.

Many aspects of the youth work were discussed and definite action was taken to help the work grow, and to provide more for the youth of the Church of God. We ask that you pray much for the youth of our Church and for the department. We are making plans for a real forward step in the youth work. Soon we hope to be able to make some definite announcements about these plans.

"YOUTH TOUR" LP RECORD

This is another reminder for you concerning the "Youth Tour" record. We plan to sell them as quickly as possible so you should order yours now. The record comes in an attractive album cover with the F.Y.C. emblem on the front. On the back cover is a picture of the youth team that traveled in the western part of the U.S.A. and Canada. The price

of the record is \$3.98; all profit will go into the Lord's work by way of the Youth Department programs. Order from the publishing house.

YOUTH LIBRARIES TO BE ENCOURAGED

The Youth Department plans to encourage you as local F.Y.C. groups to develop libraries in your churches which will contain a good variety of reading material. Material is being made available that will give you ideas for the development of your library. Begin making plans for your library and watch for an announcement in AIM that the guideline material is available.

F.Y.C. CHAIRMAN HAS CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Elder Dale Lawson, chairman of the Youth Department, has a change of address because he is moving closer to the church where he pastors. His new address will be 2016 Highly, St. Joseph, Missouri.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

By the next AIM we hope to have received letters of acceptance from all those who have been requested to serve on the Leadership Committee. This year we want to make area assignments to each of the committee members so they will be of real serv-

ice to the youth in their areas. The committee will consist of 16 members scattered over the U.S.A.

2T4G FOLDERS READY

The folders for the 2T4G program are ready for your use. If you aren't already in the 2T4G program, we encourage you to order your folder now. Find Christian growth in the Take Time For God program.

SUPPORT THE NATIONAL PROGRAM

The Youth Department is making plans for helping youth in every way possible. With God's blessings we intend to give real promotion to the present programs, and also launch out to new and challenging areas of youth work. Some of these "launches" are still in the planning stage. However, it should be mentioned that finances for these programs will be needed, so we urge you to *support the National Program with 15%* of your group's income. We, as young people in our areas need to promote the gospel in a greater way. You can become quite productive financially, and we urge you to do so. You will be able to do more for Christ in your church and your area. There are many ways that you can build finances for use in spreading the gospel of Christ.

We ought to also think seriously about good uses for money that we earn, trying to reach out to others in a greater way. Write to the F.Y.C. office if you need ideas that will help you be a financial asset to your local church and in the spreading of God's Truth. Talk to the member of the Leadership Committee in your area

and I am sure that he will help you. May God bless you as you work for Him.

EVANGELLETTE PROGRAM CONTINUES

The FYC in 1966 will continue to sponsor a program for your spiritual growth and benefit. Last year only a small percentage of FYCers felt the need of such a program. If you would like to take advantage of this terrific offer, write for your free booklet to: Calvin A. Burrell, Spring Vale Academy, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

"SPECIAL BLESSINGS" ARRIVED

We regret that we are so late in announcing the arrival of little Paula Dawn Linville, daughter of our faithful foreign correspondent, Jewell Linville. Paula was born on October 29, and according to their announcement is "guaranteed to cause insomnia regularly." Congratulations to Wilton and Jewell Linville on this, their first child!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lamb of Bancroft, Wisconsin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Mae, to Elder Marvin R. Keim, son of Mr. Albert Keim and the late Mrs. Lydia Keim of Acme, Alberta, Canada. Miss Lamb is a resident of Greenfield, Indiana, and an employee of the U. S. Government in Indianapolis, Indiana. Elder Keim is a graduate of Midwest Bible College, and at present, pastor of the Detroit Church of God (7th Day). The wedding will take place on April 10, in Greenfield, Indiana.

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. *Delores Fischer at the Organ*
8. *Elder and Mrs. John Kiesz Sing and Play*
9. *Fairview, Okla., FYC Sings*
10. *MBC Spring Concert, 1965*
11. *Faubion Family*
12. *Conroe, Texas, Special Music*
13. *Spring Vale Sings*
14. *New Auburn Male Quartet*
15. *Eureka FYC Sings*
16. *Eureka Girls' Trio*
17. *Elder Christenson Tells Bible Stories*
18. *Former Nienhuis Sisters' Trio*
19. *Midway, Okla., Ladies' Trio*
20. *Butrick Family*

SLIDES

Missouri-Oklahoma Youth Camp
Michigan Youth Camp
Midwest Bible College
Scenes from the Life of Christ
Church of God church buildings

ALSO AVAILABLE ARE . . .

Filmstrips of 22 hymns with words of hymn on illustrated background.

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

Hymns of Cross Filmstrip and Program.

Borrow these materials from the Audio-visual Library, Publishing House, Stanberry, Mo. Send only 25¢ for the use of each item for postage and handling.