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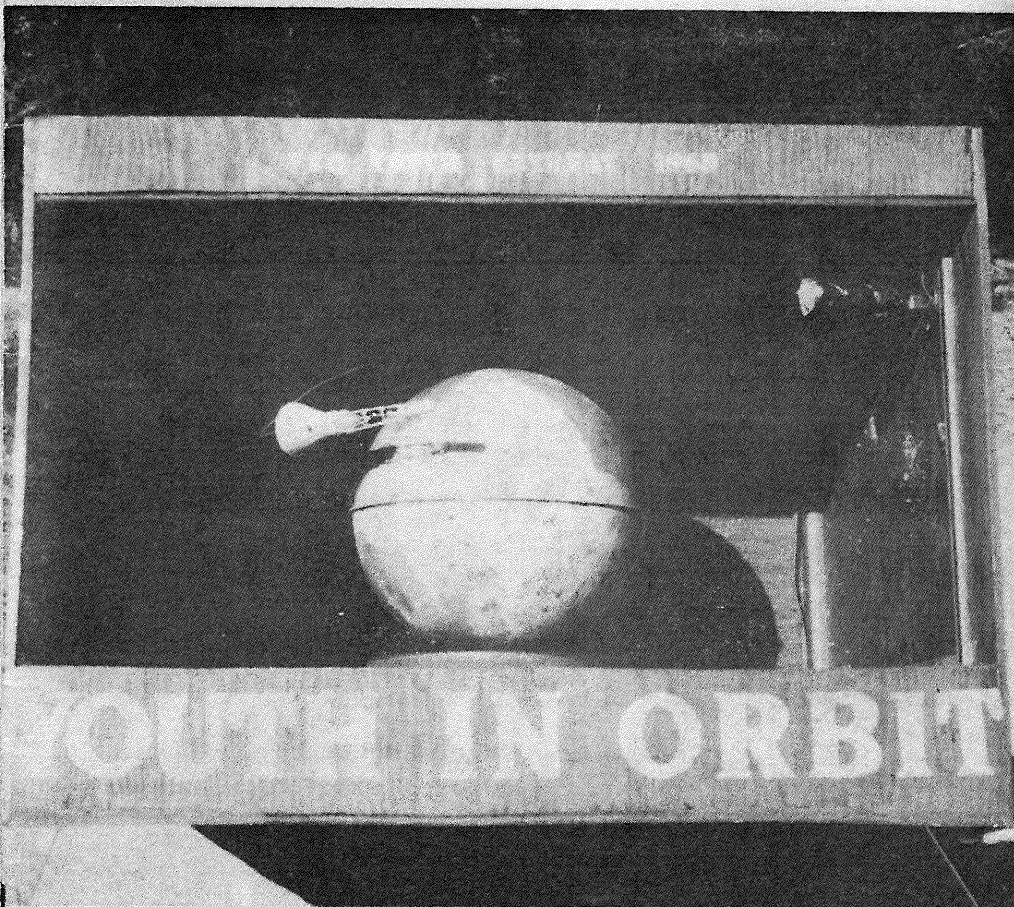
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It is impossible to govern the world without God. He must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligation.

G. WASHINGTON

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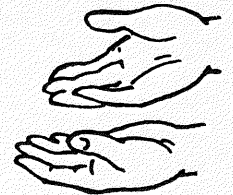
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"What Do You Have in Your

Hand?"

By Gail Rincker



From the midst of a burning bush God called out to Moses, saying, "Moses, Moses," and Moses answered, "Here am I." God, having seen the affliction and heard the cry of His people who were in Egypt, came down to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and to lead them to a large, bountiful land flowing with milk and honey.

When God told Moses He had chosen him to go to Pharaoh and bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt, Moses asked, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" God assured Moses, "Certainly I will be with thee." But Moses questioned God further, "Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? God told Moses exactly what he should say to the children of Israel, and He assured Moses they would believe and follow him. God also told Moses that He would cause Pharaoh to let His people go by doing many wondrous things. Moses was still doubtful and hesitant so he told God, "Behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee."

At this point God asked Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" And Moses answered, "A rod." God told Moses to cast the rod on the ground, and when he did, the rod became a snake. God then told Moses to pick up the snake by the tail and when he did, the snake became a rod again. God told

Moses to use this as a sign to show the children of Israel he had been sent to them by Him. After God showed Moses two other miraculous signs to perform, Moses began doubting his own abilities and said, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." God asked Moses, "Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?" God finally commanded Moses, "Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say."

The remainder of this story is familiar to all of us. Moses followed God's instructions and led the children of Israel in their exodus from Egypt and on to an eventful 40-year journey through the wilderness.

Throughout the pages of the Bible are recorded many other inspiring accounts of how God used men and women in great ways to achieve His goals. Today God still calls His children to do special work for Him, but it seems that many of His children do not hear or answer their Father's call.

HOW DO YOU ANSWER WHEN GOD CALLS YOU? God may not call out to you from the midst of a burning bush like He did to Moses, but God will speak to your heart, and His voice will be just as audible to you as it was to Moses. When God calls you, what is your answer? Do

you say as the humble man Moses did, "Here am I"—or do you ignore God's call and pretend He has not spoken to you? Do you try to hide from God?

Just as God needed Moses to deliver His people from their bondage in the land of Egypt, God has something He needs you to do. Whether the task God has chosen for you to do is great or small, it is nonetheless very important, for only you can do it. After you have surrendered your life to God and have dedicated yourself to His work, He will speak to your heart and tell you what He wants you to do. Do you ever question the Lord like Moses did by saying, "Lord, who am I that I should do this job? You know I am not very qualified to do this so could You get someone else to do it?" Or do you undertake whatever the Lord gives you to do knowing that He will certainly be with you?

WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND? God used something as common as the shepherd's stick in Moses' hand to perform a miracle. God will also use whatever you have in your hands in a great way. Just as Moses doubted his own abilities, you may think that you are untalented and unable to contribute anything worthwhile to the work of the Lord. God will use whatever He has given you—your time, your money, a profession, any special talent or ability, or even just your hands—for His work, if you are willing to give

back to Him what He has given to you.

Jesus *will* return to this earth one day very soon, and all of us should work for the Lord with all our might until that day. Not only must we keep our own lives prepared for Christ's second coming, but we *must* also be constantly warning others to ready their lives for Christ's return, and we must win souls for the Lord while there is yet time.

ALL AROUND YOU there are people living and dying without Christ. What are you—a child of God and part of God's church—doing to help these people? You know that Christ will come very, very soon. Can you afford even one idle minute? Is there something you are just "holding in your hand" and not using in the Lord's work? Have you given your life to God?—He can do so much more with it than you can.

The Marks of True Christians

by Paul W. Linville

True Christians carry four marks which set them apart from the rest of the people of the world. The first mark of true Christians is that they have accepted Jesus Christ as their own Lord and Saviour. They have been born again or have been converted. They have turned from the old life of sin and have started a new life of loving and serving God.

The second mark of true Christians is that, having started to serve God, they are obedient to Him. To be obedient to God means that the true Christian will be in subjection to God's Laws—the Ten Commandments. True Christians must keep the Commandments of God; because to transgress the commandments or the Law of God is sin (1 John 3:3).

The third mark of true Christians is that, having accepted Christ as their Saviour and started keeping God's Commandments, they will want to work to win others to Christ. They will want others also to enjoy the happiness of Christian living and have a place in the Kingdom of Christ at His second coming.

The fourth mark which true Christians carry is the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. This fruit is the fruit that *only* the Holy Spirit of God can produce. This fruit which is spoken of in Galatians 5:22, 23, is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

How is your Christian life? Do you bear all four of the marks of a true Christian? If not, now is the time to correct your error and enjoy the fulness of true Christian living.

Teach Him Gently, World



The following classic reportedly was written by Abraham Lincoln when his young son Tad began school. It reflects the feelings of parents when their sons and daughters venture out of the family world for the first time. It is here reprinted through the courtesy of Mr. Ray Page, Illinois State Superintendent of Schools:

World, take my son by the hand—he starts to school today.

It's going to be strange and new to him for awhile and I wish you would sort of treat him gently. You see, up to now, he's been king of the roost. He's been the boss of the backyard.

I have always been around to repair his wounds and I've always been handy to soothe his feelings.

But now . . . things are going to be different. This morning he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand, and start on a great adventure that probably will include wars and tragedy and sorrow.

To live in this world will require faith and love and courage. So, world, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

Teach him—but gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just—that all men are not true. Teach him that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every crooked politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend.

Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.

Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men, but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidders, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears on a howling mob—and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right.

Teach him gently, World, but don't coddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

This is a big order, World, but see what you can do.

He's such a nice little fellow . . .

—Sunshine

Tell

Me,

Please

QUESTION:

I was recently asked why our church doesn't believe in going to movies and dancing. After explaining that movies were bad because of the violence and sex they show, I was told that it is good to know about these things, and that we could learn about them by seeing movies. How can I answer this? Also, is there anything wrong with dancing nowadays, since there are many dances where there is practically no contact?

ANSWER:

The argument you were given for going to movies is a weak one. What good is there in learning about the kind of violence and sex portrayed on the movie screens? Is anyone better off after seeing someone assaulted, robbed or murdered?

Our physical health depends upon the food we eat. In order to remain strong and healthy we eat good food, so that our digestive system can easily turn it into energy. Our minds absorb information in the same way that our stomachs receive food. If we pour a lot of garbage into our minds, our mental health, as well as our

Youth Questions

answered by
Ray L. Straub



attitudes, will soon become weaker instead of better.

Contrary to the belief of some, we do not become spiritually strong by exposure to sin. To the contrary, we fight the devil best when we resist him, instead of allowing him to tease us.

Concerning the no-contact dances, I recognize that some of our previous arguments against the contact type of dances will not be effective when we try to expose the new types. My personal objection to the non-contact dancing is that it is ridiculous. All of these swivel-hipped, flop-jointed dances tend to represent a release of inhibition. One may possibly get used to watching them and be unaware of the barbaric nature of the base gyrations. That doesn't make them less repulsive.

Aside from whether or not participation in dancing is Christian, I consider that they are in extremely poor taste. They make an otherwise fine-looking young person act like he needs to learn something from a gorilla!

The contact dances are potentially dangerous because of the explosive possibility involved in persons approaching or of adult age, putting

arms around one of the opposite sex—pressing themselves against each other while stepping to the beat of music. I concede that it may not adversely affect all, but the activity is geared to produce more difficulty than good. No one needs it, and it is best left alone.

QUESTION:

Is it wrong for a Christian to pluck her eyebrows?

ANSWER:

I know of no moral implications in plucking eyebrows. This is probably a matter of taste. Once a young lady has grown to the age where she is concerned about her appearance, she has the right to be neat and appear well-manicured. If the plucking of a few stray hairs, or some slight shaping will improve the neat look, I would tend to approve it.

Personally, I consider that eyebrows look best when they look neat but unaltered. This may not mean the shape has not been altered, but that the change effected is not an *obvious* one.

At this point I should mention a Bible verse that may come to the attention of some in this regard. It is Deuteronomy 14:1, "Ye are the children of the Lord your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead." In response to this verse I can only advise that we all do what it says—not to make a baldness between our eyes FOR THE DEAD. What this might have to do with cleaning up or slightly shaping the eyebrows in order to make one look neater, I wouldn't know.

Are You

a

True

Christian ?

by Sandra Moldenhauer

Are you a Christian? I have been asked this question many times even though I am still very young. I am wondering just how many people could say, "I am a true Christian."

What does being a *true* Christian mean? The Bible has the answer. In St. John 15:5, Christians are compared to fruit-bearing branches: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Being a true Christian is more than just saying so. In Christ, we are producing fruit and letting our light shine so others can see Christ in us.

Does being a weekly pew filler and doing nothing more, make one a fruit-bearing Christian? Is being in church every Sabbath just a regular routine or do you look forward to the Sabbath day as a spiritual renewal?

Do you, during the week, take part in all the worldly school activities or do you "abstain from the appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22)? If we are in Christ, we will not bear evil fruit.

I have discussed my religious beliefs with some of my school friends and while talking to a friend one day, I was asked what I do for fun activities. My friend thought I must have a very dull life and days must just "drag" by. I told her that my days are never long enough. I belong to an active church youth group and our young people never seem to get caught up on all our plans for activities. We have fun times and also worship and work times. Every Friday night I go to our church young people's meeting. (To most young people Friday night is the time to go to dances, shows, etc. Being at such activities, and especially on Friday night, would not be bearing the fruit Jesus spoke of in John 15:5.) On Sabbath morning I go to church and in the afternoon we usually have some activity such as passing out tracts, singing at a nurs-

ing home, etc. We always find time to have some activity on Saturday night or Sunday.

Being busy for the Lord helps to keep us from wanting to do evil. There are temptations, but when you pray and ask God to guide, you can overcome evils. Part of being a true Christian is overcoming these trials and temptations that we meet.

Our friends will soon know whether we are Christians or not. A true Christian is witnessing and working for the Lord, producing good fruit.

GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Some three hundred years ago, a statesman who had some responsibility for world affairs could not sleep at night. His wakeful servant saw the lighted candle in his master's bedroom. Knocking softly, he entered and found the man pacing the floor. When the disturbed servant asked what he could do, the statesman shook his head, as he paced back and forth.

"It is the terrific problems of the world that keep me awake. You can do nothing about them."

"Sir," the humble servant asked, "who watched over the world before you came into it?"

"Why, God, of course."

"And, sir, will God watch over the world after you have gone from it?"

"Certainly," the statesman answered.

"Then, sir, why don't you let Him watch over it just long enough for you to get a good night's sleep?"

The statesman went to bed and slept.

Family Financing

Making a Budget

Lloyd C. Clark

INCOME, OUTGO. DEBIT AND CREDIT. Every home knows this language. Young couples will soon learn to speak it. They will learn by experience or will seek counsel if they are wise. In the total picture, one's budget is a very simple operation. It rests on one simple fact, "One cannot spend what he does not have." The home operates on what it receives through its income—the product of its labors. These are the figures on the Debit side of the Cash Book.

The husband is the one source of the income account. The family expense account, with all future projection, is stacked against the income account of the husband. When the outgo is more than the income, one will soon be ready for bankruptcy. No home can spend more than it makes. You cannot use what you don't have.

I PROMOTE THE FACT that a home must build its future on the husband's income. If the wife works, her money can be saved, can be used to buy some "need" for cash, or to purchase



some "want." A credit system built on two incomes for more than an extended period of six months can run aground. Sooner or later children will bless the home and remove the wife from the labor market. A credit structure resting on both incomes will collapse. No woman can be a homemaker, a wife, a mother and a breadwinner all in one. To set up such a credit system and then have her removed means trouble.

To operate a good budget system requires the close cooperation of both husband and wife. The budget is established on his income, but both must operate it. All plans, present and future, must be based on the husband's ability to make the pay-

ments from his "take-home pay," that is, his net salary or what is left after all government taxes and other deductions are removed. The day the check comes, the two will set about to balance the budget. What is left after the budget is satisfied can be deposited to some projected need or set into a saving's plan. Whatever else happens, the budget must be met or somebody will be short on a due date.

THE SALARIED WORKER AND THE HOURLY MAN will know his income. Seasonal employees, some farmers and owners of small businesses, have other problems. But all can approximate to some extent what his income will be this month or this season.

With an income, known or estimated, the budget-conscious family will know where to put its money when it does come, and will not go beyond the amount they expect to receive. A few months of budget effort will give the family a workable knowledge for a useful budget program. It will take courage and much planning to begin—and *more* so if there are financial troubles to solve when they begin the plan. One faces the variable factors in any budget or family money system. There are the normal miscellaneous expenses which should be considered in the making of the budget. However, these can be solved by slight adjustment. Then there are the deep, unfore-

seen emergencies which can wreck the structure of a home for years without proper preparations or reserve funds. There are men who can operate a multi-million-dollar business, but are bankrupt at the home level. It takes work to operate a home at a profit. It is believed by many that a sound budget system is the answer to the home profit system. This has been proven many times in the redemption of insolvent families.

WHAT IS A BUDGET? It is a plan which tells you where 100% of your income goes. The budget plan my office works with carries some twelve major divisions. When one can go 100% on a budget, no matter what his income may be, he will not lose. Knowing what one gets, he then will fit himself and his plan of living to that budget.

The Christian home budget will begin with God. 10% is taken first and set apart. Perhaps the family will take another per cent to cover their gifts to the church; another small per cent for gifts for others as for weddings, birthdays, etc. Then he considers carefully regular costs, such as rent, food, etc. The total income is thus broken down into basic amounts. This money is set aside and when the bills are due, the money will be there. This is when one discovers whether expenses and income agree. If not, then something must "give!" Often a family will get into financial difficulty before they know what is

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Teen Guidelines

Youth "Robbed" of Life

By Ken Knoll

Untold MILLIONS leave themselves wide open to the possibility of being robbed!

Robbed of what?—(Robbed of allowing their bodies to grow and mature and live a long, healthy life, because the habitual use of tobacco and drugs drains that life from them.) Many people who use tobacco and drugs die prematurely because the effects cause the body to break down and allow sickness and disease to enter.

Why do drugs and tobacco appeal so much to man today? What benefits are found in using them? Satan makes them so appealing to youth today by causing young people to think that it is a mark of maturity to be able to inhale smoke and blow it around. One is a real "swinger" if he is man enough to take a trip on LSD or some other narcotic which takes him temporarily from reality into a state of "bliss." The world's appeal is for man to be recognized as a man by the standards which society deems as being popular and "the thing to do." One should remember that no matter what the appeal may be (SIN IS NO MARK OF A MATURE PERSON.) The easy thing to do is to follow the crowd but (IT TAKES A MAN TO STAND FOR THE BIBLE AND ITS TEACHINGS.)

What does the Bible say about these things? Does it say anything about drugs and tobacco?

If one looks for a verse which states, "Thou shalt not touch tobacco and drugs," he will not find it. In fact, there is not one single reference in which the Bible specifically mentions them. But there are verses which support total abstinence from these harmful things. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17 says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in

you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Also, 1 Corinthians 6:19 and 20 says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." There are many things included here which pertain to living a clean life and glorifying God. These verses warn against unclean practices which defile the body. Therefore, thoughts presented therein may be applied directly to our subject! (What better example of unclean practices is there than tobacco and drugs?)

II medical reports



The latest medical reports released by the United States Public Health Service reveal that cigarette smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer in men and is the primary cause of other respiratory diseases. Also it has been recently proven that smoking leads to coronary heart disease.

Heart disease is the greatest killer in the United States and the smoking of cigarettes contributes to this fact. Millions of people let lung cancer and heart disease ruin their lives because tobacco defiled their bodies!

The results of abusive drugs on the lives of those who use them are evident. Those who suffer from drug abuse are people who have been af-

ected by the habitual use of drugs. The amazing thing is that (drugs can become abusive after only one use because drugs can be "mind warpers.") They cause people to think differently than they would if they never had taken them. Once the mind has been warped, it is very hard, and sometimes impossible, to restore it to normal.

This "mind warping" is illustrated in the cases of many who have been "hooked" by drugs. A young mother who took a trip on LSD killed her infant baby by taking a broken bottle and cutting out his heart. While "gone" on her trip, she took her baby's life because (she saw everything out of focus.) There are many such cases which show the harmful effects; but the worst perhaps is in children born to parents under the influence of certain drugs. With drugs like LSD, it is probable that offspring born to such parents will be born deformed and maimed for life.

statistics
Young people, how can we possibly allow these effects to enter our lives and destroy us? WE CANNOT! WE MUST NOT! Yet it is reported by a California doctor that 40 to 50 per cent of the students at some Los Angeles high schools have taken LSD. Think of it! Almost 50 per cent of an entire student body trading a moment's "thrill" for a possible lifetime of inescapable suffering!

Let's look at it logically for just a minute. If God is the Creator of this world, and if He made us, doesn't it seem that He knows what is best for us? It is my contention that He does. So when He speaks through the Bible, we can take it as His Word to guide us. God knew what effects tobacco and drugs would have on our

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I'm trying to do Evangelette. It has made me realize how little I am doing to get closer to God. I have a hard time trying to fulfill the goals of Evangelette. This should be just a small step in our

spiritual lives. It sets up good guidelines for which we can grow spiritually. I recommend Evangelette for those who don't already have a plan to get closer to God.

Please pray for me, that I might grow more in the Lord.

Christie Norton



"Behold, God is my Salvation. I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; he also is become my Salvation."

When I think of how good God is to us and how

He has given us salvation from sin and how unlimited His love is, I realize how little we deserve His love. And yet it seems that we do so little for Him. Evangelette has helped me to do more for God.

Sometimes our lives seem to be taken up with pleasing ourselves and satisfying the flesh. We need to give more of our time to God and to others. Evangelette helps us to live more for others.

Evangelette has helped me to do

more for the Lord and to be a better worker for Him. I pray that I will keep close to God and keep watching and working till He comes.

Lois Youngs

EVANGELLETTTE

It is inspiring to learn how the spiritual lives of these young people have been enriched through the "Evangelette" Program. We hope this will encourage many of you to write to our Evangelette director for an Evangelette booklet which will help you get started. Write to: Calvin Burrell, Spring Vale Academy, Cwosso, Michigan 48867.

Some standards which are included in this program are: Read seven Bible chapters a week; Memorize two Bible verses each month; Read AIM and MESSENGER; Complete a specified project each month; Study your Sabbath School lesson; Help financially in the Young People's Work; Study a gospel tract each month. For extra points: Bring a visitor to church; Sell a year's subscription to a church paper; Sell Publishing House merchandise.



I am very thankful for the program I have taken with Evangelette. It has helped me to draw closer to the Lord. At the start I had difficulty remembering to read a chapter a night, but now it's

hard for me to stop reading so I can get some sleep.

To you who want to draw closer to God, and I believe everyone should, I urge you to follow this program of Evangelette.

Sharon Norton



I thank God for the Evangelette Program and the opportunities it gives us to serve God more. Before I started, it was sort of a challenge to do these things; but now it is something I look forward to.

It gives me more courage to face the trials and temptations of this world. I pray that I can serve God better and live for Him always.

Valerie Kester



I would like to take time to thank and praise God for what He has done for me in the past year.

At times God has been really close to me, and really blessed me.

I think the Evangelette Program has helped me to make it a habit to study and read the Bible. It has also helped me to do more things for others. Most of all, it has helped me to seek and pray to God for His help in everything I do. I'm already starting the Evangelette Program for 1969, and I hope many other people are, too.

In closing, I would like to say that I am determined that next year at this time I will be able to say I have done even more for God.

Jeff O'Haver

God's Great LOVE to Mankind

By Gerald Pedersen

1 JOHN 4:16 SAYS, "... GOD IS LOVE..." God has not only told us in His Holy Word that He is love, but He has demonstrated it to mankind many times and in many different ways. He loved man before man ever loved Him. In fact, God loved even the sinner so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for those who transgress against Him.

MANY PEOPLE ASK THE QUESTION—if God loves His people so much, then why do they have to go through so many hard times? I believe that people are often "taken to task" by God because of His love and desire to have them back into the fold. Revelation 3:19 says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent." It was because of God's great love that He often punished the

children of Israel for their disobedience. As a father who corrects his child with a spanking, God also "spansks" those whom He loves that they might do what is right before Him.

GOD HAS GIVEN A PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE to those who love and obey Him. His Word is fast and sure; therefore, man needs to accept His love while the door of mercy is still open. God could have let mankind die the first death due to sin, and called it the end. But He loved the world so much that He made a way of escape that one could be fit for eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

MAN CANNOT MEASURE THE LOVE OF GOD, but he can accept His love and walk in His ways. God's promise then awaits those who follow Him.

Meet Your Committeemen

Martha Ling has been very active in the work of local FYC groups wherever she has lived. We are grateful for her work in the New Auburn, Wisconsin, and Owosso, Michigan, FYC's. She served as chairman of the Michigan State FYC in 1967.

Martha attended Spring Vale Academy for two years, graduating in 1967. She then spent one year at Marion College, an accredited Bible College at Marion, Indiana. Presently she is taking some classes at M.B.C. and hopes to continue her education as an elementary major. Her husband, Mark Ling, is a senior at Midwest Bible College.



I am very thankful to be able to help the youth work of our church, even in a small way. Christ has done so much for me in my life that I could hardly refuse an opportunity to serve Him.

One verse that has been a great inspiration to me is Matthew 10:39. Whenever one feels he does not have enough time for himself, or that too many church duties are being pushed on him while others are going free, he should think of these words of Jesus, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loveth his life for my sake shall find it." We can never do too much for God.

The only way we can find ourselves is by losing ourselves in His work. Only when our complete lives are working fulltime for Him can we be happy. Miss Ferneau, a teacher at SVA, used to say working for Jesus was her vocation—teaching was her avocation. We are each called to work full-time for Jesus, no matter what may be our way of earning a living.

It is my prayer that I may live up to God's expectations. I want to do my best in each task He gives me, realizing that I am nothing—Christ is everything.

I can never thank enough those who were youth leaders when I was young, for what their guidance meant to me. We are still in our formative years as "teens," and being guided in the right direction is, in many cases, the difference between eternal life or eternal death. I hope I can, in turn, help others in this same way.

Please pray always for those involved with the youth work, that the Lord's work may go on.

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Christians ripen under the Son-shine.

TEXAS WINTER RETREAT

by Kenneth Lawson

Located north of Houston, Texas, in the tall pine forest is Peach Creek Camp. The Youth Retreat held there December 27-31, will long be remembered by everyone that attended.

Many things will be remembered: softball games that wore us out, exciting volley ball games, thrilling football games, enjoyable indoor games, and very, very good food. But above all these things, the beautiful, inspiring fireside services will be in our minds and hearts long after all else is forgotten.

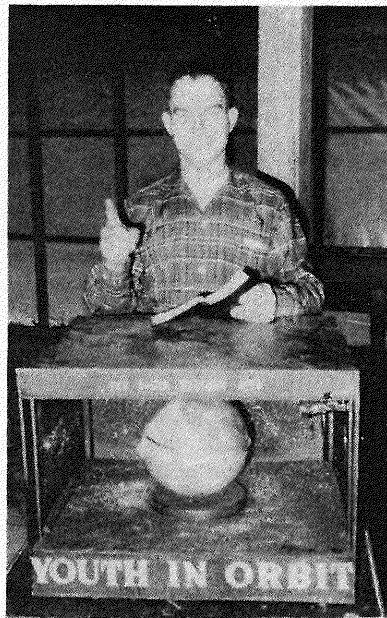
It is hard to describe in words such wonderful services. But if you can picture in your mind an entire camp on their knees, out under an open sky, praying to God, then you know how wonderful this aspect of camp was. Some young people prayed with tears, for sins forgiven; some were seeking healing; and everyone had burdens for friends who do not know Jesus. Each fireside service was better than the one before, and the last night was tremendous. God's presence was really felt. After Elder Caswell spoke, he began a chorus. The chorus was barely begun, when the entire camp as a unit moved forward around the fire to seek God—some coming for the first time to talk to God. The Spirit was very real! —And all our hearts were fully refreshed. We were all renewed with a greater desire to live and serve God.

Many gave testimonies, and the last service continued until 11 p.m. One young man, Mike Vlad, had such a tremendous experience with God, that he requested to be baptized, and

"It Was So Wonderful . . ."

felt very strongly that he couldn't wait even until morning. We honored his request, and that baptism is one we will long remember. It was cold, and the river was cold, but how *happy* we were as we gathered beside the river in the moonlight, and felt

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Guest Speaker for the retreat, Elder Nelson Caswell, shown standing behind the camp display built by Charles Cox. It had a revolving globe with a rocket ship moving in the opposite direction. We used it as a pulpit. It is also pictured on the cover.

MINNESOTA WINTER RETREAT

by Rosemary Weir

Every Christian young person and chaperone at the Minnesota Winter Retreat came to Lake Beauty Bible Camp looking forward to having a good time in our Lord, Jesus Christ—and because of God's unmerited favor in blessing us with the presence of His Holy Spirit, we each left feeling so much closer to God and stronger in His faith and love.

Each morning we started the day with a hearty breakfast. (All the meals were very delicious, home-cooked meals.) Then we spent the morning in classes. In our first class Brothers Mike Weir and Daniel Camero, and Elder Delvin O'Banion taught some of our church doctrines. Many of the newcomers enjoyed this class, as they learned of our beliefs. Sister Ione Weir and Gladys Christenson of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, taught the second class where we learned the facts on LSD, liquor, smoking and V. D. The young people's favorite class was the Discussion Class where all the problems they had were discussed. A question box was open at all times for their questions. All adults were removed from the classrooms, so that the young people could be alone to discuss their problems with other young people. Some subjects discussed were: dating outside the church; going steady; social drink-

ing; make-up; length of hair for boys and girls; skirt length; sex; and the generation gap. Everyone voiced their ideas, and all learned from what others had to say.

After dinner, everyone went their own way, doing whatever they desired. We were lucky to have a snowmobile, which was used constantly each afternoon. Some of the braver boys went out to play football in the -30°F. weather. During this recreation time, many newcomers studied the Bible with counselors and friends. Many young people took advantage of this free time to work on their posters for the Poster Contest, or they worked on the Waist Contest. In this contest, each contestant made an estimate of the total inches of everyone's waist who was at the Retreat. Kevin Weir and Preston Kester won first prize on their posters, while Bill Casselman took first place in the Waist Contest after a drawing to break a tie for first place.

After the evening meal, we gathered around the fireplace for the evening service. Here, at the end of each day, we relaxed and listened to the Word of God. Of all three nights, the last seemed to mean the most. The Holy Spirit moved among us, and many were stirred to give their lives to our wonderful Lord. He's so kind and forgiving. PRAISE HIS NAME!

Something different was scheduled after each evening service. Among these events was a panel discussion on "Heaven Above or Heaven on Earth," a special singspiration and skits.

Each night before the lights were turned out, the girls' dorm and the boys' dorm were each quiet as the young people held their devotions. It was during this time that everyone

felt God's Spirit near and each gave testimony of how God had helped them, blessed them, and encouraged them.

Following the last evening service, many gathered in little groups praising the Lord. It seemed as though they didn't want to go back to their homes and schools—they had felt God's presence here, and they didn't want to leave it.

The success of this Retreat is due to only one thing—and that is the LOVE OF GOD! One of the vessels that He used, however, is Sister Evelyn Casselman, who was the organizer of the Retreat. We thank the Lord for using her, and praise His Holy Name for His love and understanding.

STAFF MEMBERS

Jule Weir—recreation
Ione Weir—teacher & counselor
Mike Weir—teacher
Rosie Weir—music
Daniel Camero—counselor & teacher
Joyce Camero—counselor
Gladys Christenson—teacher & counselor
Evelyn Casselman—supervisor
Elder O'Banion—counselor, teacher, and preacher

TEXAS WINTER RETREAT

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God near as Mike was baptized! Mike will be going to Midwest Bible College the second semester to begin ministerial training.

There was a wonderful spirit among all the campers, and I think I can best describe how close we felt to one another by quoting our guest

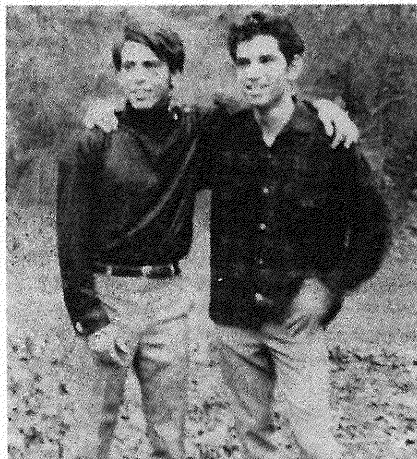
speaker, Elder Nelson Caswell. He said, "This is the first time I have been with a group of people I didn't know, and just felt like hugging every one of them."

We felt close to each other, because for the entire duration of camp, we were all very close to God.

Jerry Moldenhauer, from Stanberry, Missouri, said in a testimony after the last service, "I'm so happy! I've never been so happy before. I just can't describe it, but it is so wonderful!"

Others testified of joy they had received, some told of experiences of being able to come to camp at seemingly impossible odds. They testified how God had opened the way.

The theme for our retreat was "YOUTH IN ORBIT." Sound odd? It isn't at all! We are not speaking of an orbit around some planet, nor around the moon, nor of the orbit of living many have chosen; but we are



Abraham Martinez (left) and Xavier Garcia from Monterrey, Mexico. Their first camp ever.



A majestic bridge spanned Peach Creek, adding to the beauty of the camp. The bridge and river were in the middle of camp.

speaking of a spiritual orbit around Jesus Christ.

Elder Caswell brought us inspiring messages all related to the theme, and we are so thankful that he and his wife, Wilma, and their children could come from Denver to be with us.

There were nine states and three countries represented at the retreat. We were thrilled that Abraham Martinez from Monterrey, Mexico, could be with us. He was truly an inspiration to everyone, and his testimony was one that touched our hearts. Abraham is training to be a doctor and has 5 years of training behind him. He has 3 years of medical school left. Abraham had a wonderful experience with God and we trust he will remember the camp and the blessings we all felt.

Many churches were represented but the San Antonio Spanish church had the largest number of youth present. Nineteen FYCers traveled almost 250 miles to be at the retreat. Their presence was a blessing to the camp.

Spring Vale Academy was represented by several students. Their songs and testimonies were pleasant to hear. John Kelso, SVA school board member, gave a very inspiring talk at an afternoon devotion. May God continue to bless Spring Vale Academy.

Midwest Bible College was represented by Kenneth Knoll. He gave us an encouraging report of progress, and showed to us the necessity of the school and the great work it is doing for the Church of God. Ken also acted as director of our recreation and helped in much of the activity of the camp.

Our staff worked hard and prayed hard for the success of this camp. But we owe God all the glory for every blessing we felt. The staff consisted of:

Directors . . . Mary Jean Wilson
Kenneth Lawson

Devotions . . . Mike Vlad

Music . . . Lorraine Faubion

Advertising . . . Roxie Groce

Recreation . . . Ken Knoll

Cooks . . . Virginia Brann

Freda Robinson

Guest Speaker . . .

Elder Nelson Caswell

Others helped in a great way. They were: Wilma Caswell, Sandra Lawson, Charles Cox, James Reneau and Leona Reneau; and of course, each of the campers.

Five awards were given to those we felt were outstanding campers. It was, as always, a hard task to pick from 84 campers who cooperated so well, five who seemed to do a little more. After much thought, two girls and three boys were chosen. They were: Rebecca Bernal, Pat Stephens, Roger Crisp, Ronnie Smith, and Ab-



Ken Knoll, representing MBC and acting as Recreation Director.

raham Martinez. We are thankful for their helpfulness and inspiration to the camp.

At an afternoon devotion, a discussion was held with all the boys, pertaining to obtaining the Conscientious Objector status. The Bible was used to fully explain our position on this important doctrine. After discussing many scriptures, regular applications for the 1-0 status were given out. A full discussion then followed concerning the proper way to fill out the forms, and assistance was given to those who were ready for this to be filled out. This ought to become a regular part of every youth camp, as we have more and more boys who are being drafted because of failure on the part of someone to inform them concerning the Bible stand, and their rights.

Many other activities were enjoyed: a wiener roast on the beach, a treasure hunt, a fireworks display, a semi-banquet, and a special rice dish at breakfast eaten with chopsticks.

We remember all these things and more, and we look forward to another retreat with more blessings from our heavenly Father.

If your FYC has never experienced a retreat, organize one! You will never be sorry. If you need help, write to Elder Dale Lawson, your National FYC chairman. He will gladly give you help to get your first retreat started.

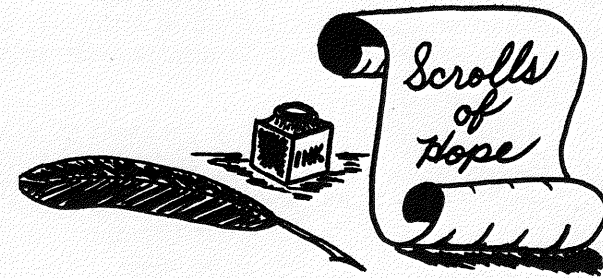
YOUTH "ROBBED" OF LIFE

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lives so He inspired men to write the Holy Scriptures that warn us against such defiling of our bodies. If we follow its advice and its principles, then we will be clean and free from the dreadful and horrible effects of these sinful habits.

It is such a simple matter for one to see the way that drugs and tobacco break down the mind and body, causing such torturous suffering as lung cancer, deterioration of the mind, heart disease, and numerous other malfunctions of the mind and body! If one desires such momentary "thrills," he needs to bear in mind the inevitable results of PAIN, PREMATURE DEATH, and ETERNAL DAMNATION!

Will you join the ranks of such "thrill seekers"? Or will you stand firm with those of pure mind and body who are seeking a thrill beyond that which could be imagined by natural man—that eternal thrill and delight of a life without any pain or unhappiness—a life which can only be found in our perpetual reign with Christ Jesus, our Lord!



"Youth in Orbit," as illustrated on our cover photo, was the theme of the Texas Youth Winter Retreat.

The theme referred to our spiritual orbit around Jesus Christ.

"Youth in Orbit"—the phrase seems conducive to some interesting parallels.

Quite frequently, it seemed, in the recent Apollo 8 flight, we heard the expression, A.O.S.—acquisition of signal. Apparently A.O.S. was important before each subsequent phase of Apollo 8 could be continued.

It was necessary that the Apollo 8 crew be able to gain contact with the ground crew at Houston. Without this contact, the whole space event would have been a failure.

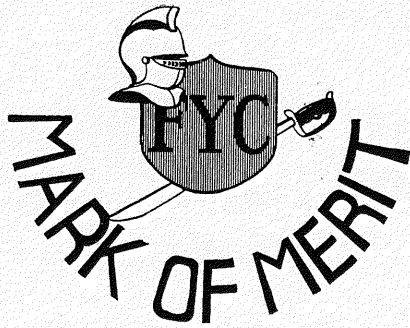
Another expression heard was "carrier waves." It appears that the carrier waves are the means by which a message could be carried from the ground to the spacecraft or vice versa.

We, as God's "ground crew" must be well aware of the importance of the A.O.S. from our Father. If the A.O.S. seems to be foggy, perhaps we need to check our own "equipment" and conduct to see what is interfering with the carrier waves from God to us. We can be sure the flaw is in our own operation—not in God's.

Could our failure to gain A.O.S. be in our failure to read His Word each day? Could it be in our failure to have a quiet time with Him when He can speak to our hearts? Could it be in our lack of daily prayer—or even in our poor choice of the *time* when we do these things?

Further, we might check our tolerance meter to determine how much we try to be understanding about the feelings and failures of others. We might check our patience meter, to determine whether our patience holds out in private—and at home—as well as in public. We might also check our ego meters. Are we humble enough to work for God?

Surely if we are to be in spiritual orbit around Jesus Christ, our lives must be drawn to Him, and must show forth those traits which are Christlike.



by Nathan Lawson

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

We have some important announcements to make concerning Award Winners for the 1968 Mark of Merit year. Following is a list of FYC groups that had an active year in this program and were Award Winners.

TOP HONORS—ELMIRA, OREGON FYC

FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS OF THE YEAR—1968. For the second year in succession this active group of FYCers has become the "FYC of the Year" in the Church of God (7th Day). We send our congratulations to ELMIRA. They receive this HONOR for winning a Gold Award (500 points) plus accumulating 1071 Bonus Points for a grand total of 1571 points. Elmira will be featured in one of the following issues of the AIM.

Three other groups had a fine year and were almost winners of the Top Honor. They were: Ontario, California, with 1343 total points; Eureka, South Dakota, with 1316; and San Antonio, Texas, with 1181.

May God bless them for their fine activities throughout the past year.

GOLD AWARD WINNERS—with 500 points.

Elmira, Ore.
San Antonio, Tex. (English)
Eureka, S. D.
Ontario, Calif.
Lodi, Calif.

Sacramento, Calif.
Tacoma, Wash.
Tahlequah, Okla.
New Auburn, Wisc.

SILVER AWARD WINNERS—with 350-499 points.

Stockton, Calif.
Fort Smith, Ark.
Kansas City, Mo.

Midway, Okla.
Bloomington, Calif.
Spring Vale Academy

Several other groups entered the Mark of Merit Program. Although they did not earn enough points for an award, I feel that they deserve some credit. Several of these groups would have earned an award if they had only sent in all of their reports. The following list of names completes the total number of FYC Groups that entered this program: Marion, Iowa; St. Joseph, Mo.; Stanberry, Mo.; Marion, Ore.; Tulsa, Okla.; Detroit, Mich.; Alfred, N. D.; Wichita, Kans.; Oklahoma City, Okla.

We hope that your FYC is planning to enter and really work through this program for the year 1969. The Mark of Merit Year begins January 1. We hope that you have already started with an active program for this year. The activities involved in this program should be carried on by every FYC in our Church. Jesus is soon coming to reward those who are faithful workers for Him.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you did not enter the Mark of Merit program in 1968 and would like to do so in 1969, please write to me and request that a report blank be sent to your group at the end of the first quarter. If your group reported in 1968 or if you have already made this request, it is not necessary to do so again. Write to: Nathan Lawson, 841 S. Washington, Lodi, Calif. 95240.

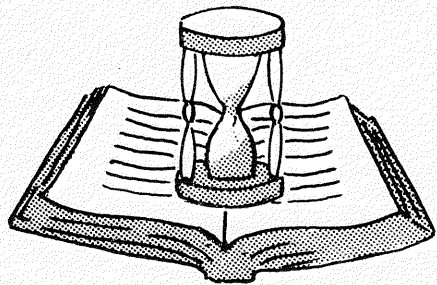
PROJECT OF THE MONTH—For March

RECREATION SOCIAL—Plan a special social for your group. Rent a gym and play some indoor games, or, if you would prefer, have some kind of outside activity. Make this a special night. Set aside a short period of time for devotions. Sing choruses, have someone read a scripture and give a short talk, then offer prayer. Maybe some testimonies would be appropriate for the occasion. After recreation, serve refreshments. Enjoy a day or evening together.

NEW SPANISH ALBUM NOW AVAILABLE

Elder and Sister Padilla announce that they have a new Spanish album for sale. Order direct from Elder Trinidad Padilla, P. O. Box 667, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

2T₄G- Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

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Mar. 3	2 Chron. 30
Mar. 4	2 Chron. 31
Mar. 5	2 Chron. 32
Mar. 6	2 Chron. 33
Mar. 7	2 Chron. 34
Mar. 8	2 Chron. 35
Mar. 9	2 Chron. 36
Mar. 10	Ezra 1
Mar. 11	Ezra 2
Mar. 12	Ezra 3
Mar. 13	Ezra 4
Mar. 14	Ezra 5

Quite often we think of the books of Chronicles as being very dull and uninteresting. But if we read them looking for little bits of inspiration, we can see how the deeds of these people were written for our learning and example.

From our chapters for this month I would like to look at one of these thoughts of inspiration. In 2 Chronicles 27:6, we read of Jotham, one of the kings of Judah. "So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God." The beginning of this same chapter shows how he prepared, or established, his ways. He did many wonderful works for the Lord, but the phrase that caught my attention was the last part of verse 2. "And the people did yet corruptly." It must have been a struggle for Jotham to serve the Lord when his subjects rejected Him. Verse 6 certainly is a wonderful testimony of any person's life, especially with these odds against him.

I wonder how many of us would have the courage to serve Christ in our heart—to say nothing of doing things for Him—if all those around us did not love God. I'm afraid we would be like Ahaz, Jotham's son! "For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the Lord" (2 Chron. 28:19).

It would be much *easier* to go along with the wicked people, than to stand out as being "odd"

or "different." But look what happened to Judah because of this one man's sin—God brought the whole nation low—while God did not do this under Jotham, *even though the people were wicked!*

May the Lord give us strength to be witnesses of His power and majesty as Jotham was, and not a detriment to others' salvation as Ahaz was!

DRAFT AGE BOYS, PLEASE NOTICE!

If you are in the draft age, you should be very careful and know what you want to do. If you are truly a conscientious objector because of your faith in God and the teaching of the church, you should have no trouble getting your proper classification. However, it is your obligation to be informed and to keep your local board properly informed of your stand.

This is not hard—you need only be careful and attend to your business in the matter. Since 1942, I have helped many boys get their classification, and it was always easy where the boys were not careless in getting and giving the proper information, and at the proper time. If you need help please write to me. My address is: E. A. Straub, 322 Concord St., Lodi, California 95240.

Tract, "Can Christians Participate in Carnal Warfare?", now available.

The new tract concerning carnal warfare is a revision of a tract by the same title available earlier. The subtopics discussed are: How Should Christians Treat Their Enemies?; What About Fighting for Defense?; How Should a Christian Deal with Enemies?; What About the Christian in Non-combatant Service?

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"...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh..."

MINUTEMAN

By Jan Pedersen

"GROW IN GRACE . . ."

Last month we discussed how we should resolve to study our Bible more in '69. In doing so, we will also become more grounded in the doctrines of the Lord. We won't be able to understand as fast as a snap of our fingers, but it will take prayer and much perseverance.

Turning on the radio Sunday morning, many times we find ourselves agreeing to the statements of a certain speaker, only to find that the doctrines which he purports are not of the Bible, but are of man. Christ spoke of this in Matthew 15:8, 9: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do

worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Here Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees, but it can readily be applied to our generation.

Matthew 15:8

Matthew 15:9

Ephesians 4:14

Ephesians 4:15

2 Timothy 4:2

2 Timothy 4:3

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Proverbs 30:2

You may say, "How can I become grounded in the Bible doctrines?" As teenagers and young adults, we tend to read the Bible with only a "near-sighted vision." In Hebrews 5, the people were reprimanded for only drinking the milk instead of eating the meat of the Word. As our experience with the Lord grows, we will find we will no longer be satisfied to drink the milk, but we will have a desire to "eat the meat."

A good way to study some of the main

doctrines is to familiarize ourselves with the church doctrines as stated in the tract, "Doctrinal Beliefs of the Church of God (Seventh Day)." With the aid of a concordance, we can look up texts dealing with the subjects. By studying in such a manner (or in another manner that you may prefer), we will understand for ourselves the doctrines of the Bible and the church and will be able to defend them and tell them to others.

Young people, are we drinking the milk of the Word or feasting on the Meat of the Word? Let us do as it says in 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. . . ."

FAMILY FINANCING

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wrong. A budget prevents this, even before it happens. Therefore, every young couple, every Christian family, should consider the financial framework of his future lest in the building thereof he is caught short. A budget will tell you where you

are, how far you can go, where you must stop and just when you will get there. There are few instruments more effective in a sound family financing than a well-prepared budget; and few people are more wise than the family who follows the plan. It would be a real step for a happy future if every homemaker would take a course in consumer credit, budget-making, and family financing.

("Making a Budget" will be continued next month.)

ANY COMPLAINTS?

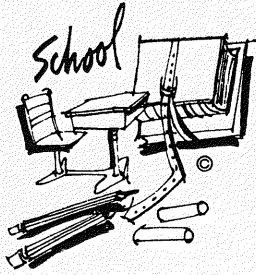
Our forefathers did without sugar until the thirteenth century; without coal fires until the fourteenth century; without buttered bread until the fifteenth century; without potatoes until the sixteenth century; without coffee, tea and soup until the seventeenth century; without pudding until the eighteenth century; without gas, matches and electricity until the nineteenth century; without canned goods until the twentieth century.

Now, what was it we were complaining about?

TRUE RICHES

If I can leave behind me, here and there, a friend or two to say when I am gone, that I had helped to make their pathways fair, had brought them smiles when they were bowed with care, the riches of this world I'll carry on!

If only three or four shall pause to say, when I have passed beyond this earthly sphere, that I brought gladness to them on a day when bitterness was theirs, I'll take away more riches than a billionaire leaves here!



School Notes

M.B.C. REPORTS AGAIN

Midwest Bible College once again welcomes our news readers. Praise the Lord for progress that has been and is being made.

The student council sponsored a Spanish Supper in January with Mrs. Noah Camero as chief cook. This project was to pay off an inherited debt from past years. We are glad that the obligation is now almost paid and the student council can finally set goals for this year.

Midwest began the new year by having a college gathering where all the college students and families enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The meal was followed by a delightful afternoon of recreation.

It was the privilege of the college students to hear Elder Antonio Vega, Overseer of District Nine, Central America, speak to them in their morning chapel on January 16, 1969. Elder Noah Camero interpreted for him. Brother Vega was a great inspiration to the school and church alike during his stay.

Semester exams at Midwest Bible College were from January 20-22. Classes dismissed at noon of January 22 for the semester recess and Second

Semester Registration will be January 29, 1969.

May the Lord bless in the second semester as He has in the first semester. Remember Midwest, the school of the Lord, when you pray.

—Gerald V. Pedersen

SPRING VALE ACADEMY

The second semester of school at Spring Vale Academy began on January 8th. We were all glad to be back, though our vacations were enjoyed immensely and we sometimes wished they would have lasted "just a little bit longer!"

Michigan weather came through again with plenty of ice and snow! The students made the most of it. The hill behind the boys' dorm was utilized for skiing and we all piled on the school bus and headed for a nearby pond to enjoy ice-skating one Sunday afternoon. These "winter-sport" experiences were new to some of the students from states like Texas and California. They soon caught on, however, and were enjoying themselves just as much, if not more, than the "pros."

On December 22nd, some of the students presented a play entitled "Soldiers of the Cross." Due to bad

weather conditions, only students and staff members could attend. We are planning to put it on again during the month of January for the benefit of those who could not attend before.

Basketball season got off to a fast start with the Flames (SVA varsity team) versus the Sparks (SVA junior varsity team) in the first official game on January 11th. We're behind our teams all the way and let them know it. But when the Flames play the

Sparks, it's a difficult decision to know which to cheer for.

A special rotating "prayer-hour" schedule has been arranged so that part of one class period is spent in prayer each day. The main concern in these prayer-hours is for the financial needs of our new school building. These times of prayer have been a special blessing to all of us. We invite *you* to join us in prayer for Spring Vale's needs.

—Donna Larson

HE DIED FOR ME

By Lester Campbell, teenager

On the cross my Jesus died.

**Crucify Him, Crucify Him is what they cried;
Nailed to the cross with anguish and pain.
Heavy was the burden but wonderful the gain.**

**He hung on the cross six hours or more;
He felt the pain that never was felt before.
It hurt Him so, but never once did He cry
Because for a purpose He was sentenced to die.**

**The reason He hung was for me and for you
To wash our sins away
And make our lives new.**

**So remember that sad and gruesome day.
When treasures on earth you begin to lay
Remember it was for you He died,
For eternal ages to be your Guide.**

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Youth Doctrine Corner

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



TEN COMMANDMENTS

Official Church of God doctrine—Article No. 11

. . . **"The Ten Commandments constitute the eternal basic law of God for the conduct of His people. These commandments were given by God to be observed by His people from the time they were proclaimed; and inasmuch as none of them has been revoked or changed, they are still to be observed in their entirety.**

Reasons the Ten Commandments are binding today:

. . . **The Ten Commandments were in existence and binding before the Law of Moses was given:**

All may be identified (Gen. 4:6-10; Gen. 39:7-9; Exodus 16:20-30).

Observance was required by God (Gen. 26:5; Exod. 16:28).

. . . **The Ten Commandments are different than the Law of Moses:**

Commandments—not grievous (1 John 5:3); Law of Moses—burdensome (Acts 15:5 and 10).

Commandments—holy (Rom. 7:12); Law of Moses—carnal (Heb. 9:9 and 10).

Commandments—all binding (Romans 13:8-10; James 2:10-12); Law of Moses—abolished (Col. 2:14-17).

. . . **The Commandments were existing after the death of Christ when the Law of Moses ended:**

All 10 commandments may be identified (Rom. 13:9; Heb. 4:4 and 9, 10; Eph. 6:1, 2, etc.).

Observance is required by God (James 2:8-12; 1 John 5:3; Deut. 7:9).

. . . **Ten Commandments identify sin:**

Sin is transgression of the law (1 John 3:4; Rom. 4:15).

. . . **Ten Commandments must be obeyed for man to inherit eternal life:**

If thou wilt enter, keep the commandments (Matt. 19:16-21; 1 John 2:2-4; Rev. 14:12; Rev. 22:14).

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New Features in Aim

We would like to call your attention to two new features in AIM Magazine. They are the *Youth Doctrine Corner* and *Meet Your Committeemen*. The purpose of the *Youth Doctrine Corner* is to select outstanding doctrines of the Church of God, many of which are different from other church's doctrines, and from the Bible, show you in a "nutshell" why these doctrines are real "gems" of truth from God's Holy Word. *Meet Your Committeemen* is an effort to introduce you to some of the youth leaders of the Church and also to help you better understand the work of the Leadership Committee. Incidentally, all the members of the new committee have confirmed their appointments and we are now involved in our work for 1969.

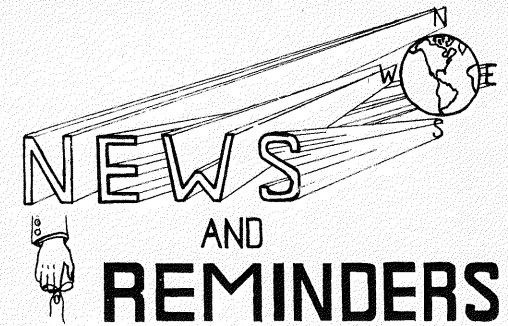
Texas State FYC Meets

The Texas State FYC held a business meeting at the recent youth retreat and elected new officers. They are: President—David Robinson; Assistant—Martha Espinosa; Sec.-Treas.—Jeanne Crisp; Sponsors—John and Elsie Adams (Houston), Kenneth and Sandra Lawson (San Antonio).

May God bless these people as they work and plan activities for the youth in the state of Texas.

National Youth Week

Time for National Youth Week will soon be here. It may be that your FYC's participation in these activities will depend on you. Please try to inspire your fellow FYCers to become



involved in National Youth Week. The dates are February 19-23, 1969.

With attention being given to National F.Y.C. work at this time, this may be an ideal time to take up an offering in support of your National Young People's Department.

Youth Missions Worker

We regret having to announce that we have not been able to support our Foreign Worker, Brother John Orie, for some time. The conflict between Biafra and Nigeria makes it impossible as we are unable to correspond with anyone in Biafra. We have been consulting with the Foreign Missions Chairman concerning what we should do and he has advised us to assume a worthwhile missions project in connection with Foreign Missions Work. At the present time, we are corresponding concerning some very worthwhile projects and we will soon report concerning these. In the meantime we would like to have the FYC groups continue to support the National FYC with your regular missions support for the foreign worker. This will make us better able to support some very fine projects for the Church of God across the seas.

Youth Conference

We want to remind you again that you may enjoy an abundance of youth activities at Huron, South Dakota, July 11-19, 1969.

We urge all young people to attend the General Conference and Camp Meeting. Be looking for further details—but plan your vacation for that time NOW.

Yearbook of Programs

Much material has been gathered for the 1969 yearbook of programs. This month a committee was appointed to organize the material for production. We hope to have the yearbook out soon. If you have any ma-

terial to contribute such as good poetry, programs, skits, etc., please send it to the National F.Y.C. office immediately. The Productions Committee consists of Martha Ling, Jerry Moldenhauer, and Rosie Weir, with Martha being the chairman.

Begin Now!

If your FYC group has not previously participated in the Merit Program, now is the time to get started. Write to Nathan Lawson for any needed information. Be sure and request that he send you a report blank at the end of the first quarter if you are new in the program. (Nathan Lawson, 841 S. Washington, Lodi, California 95240.)

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YOU'RE NOT A COWARD

You're not a coward, let me say,
When from the wrong you turn away,
Although the wicked class you so,
And maybe deal you blow on blow;
Or say you are a simple fool
Because you learn not in their school,
And go not in the way they walk,
Nor walk and talk just like they talk.

You're not a slinking coward, sir,
Although you're called a timid cur,
Because you will not smoke and drink,
Nor think like sinful people think,
Nor go where worldly people go
To ball room floor and picture show,
Nor mingle with the wicked crowd,
And show yourself quite vain and proud.

You're not a coward, honest youth,
When you both act and speak the truth,
And choose a good and noble name,
And take the manly road to fame.
Although the masses pass you by
And speak against you on the sly,
Or say that you're a sissy thing
Tied to your mother's apron string.

But when the crowd that calls you names
Because you do not play their games,
Has passed beyond this earthly shore,
Unknown, unwept for evermore;
Who never blest their land nor state,
Nor helped to make the nation great,
You'll just be coming to the dawn
Of that great age when you'll live on.

It takes a hero brave and strong
To go against the wicked throng,
And do the blessed will of God,
And go the way great men have trod,
Then leave upon the shores of time
The mark that makes your life sublime,
And writes your name on history's page
Along with that of saint and sage.

—Walter E. Isenhour