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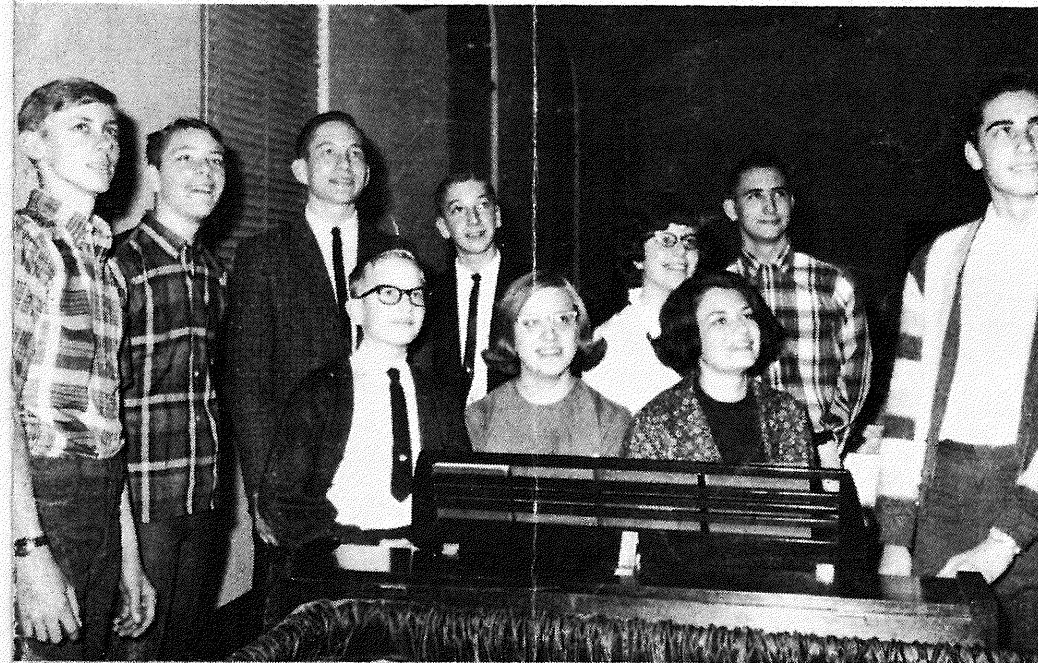
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A group of Stanberry FYCers gathered around the organ in the chapel.

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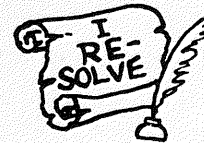
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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

From the January, 1960, issue of AIM, we select this editorial—as timely in 1967 as it was in 1960!

A Time For BEGINNING

By Donna D. Faubion



A new year is a time of beginning. For some of us, it is a time of beginning again to keep resolutions which we broke last year and the year before. That is a good beginning, for after all, if they are worth trying to keep once, they are worthy of another effort on our part. The same can be said

about the beginning of a new day, especially concerning our Father's business, which should be the most important thing in the daily life of each of us.

It is a good idea to take inventory to see what credits we have to carry on over into the new day or the new year and to help in making plans. In considering such, do you keep this thought foremost in your mind? "Only one life—'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last"? Nothing else will matter at the end of time which God gives us here in this life.

How much of 1967 will you give to God? Will it be the few hours a week spent at church? Or could you credit yourself with a few hours a day of actual service for Him? You have time for other things, but how about the most important thing in any life, the work of God? These are worth our consideration at inventory time.

Doing something for the people around you is one way of doing something for God and in turn, bringing joy into your life. J. S. Kendall wrote, "It is not what our life is in wealth, culture and attainment, but what our life is in service to others that is the test of greatness."

It takes a good deal of courage to face a new year, but more important is the amount of faith required. To be worthy servants, we should not allow our minds to be cluttered with anxious fears and

worry. It appears that the happiest people are those who live one day at a time. Yesterday is gone and regrets are as detrimental as worries to a happy Christian life. Tomorrow is still in the hands of God. Let us leave it there, for no one else is better able to take care of it. Too many times, it is apparent that we want to take over God's share of our partnership with Him. He does not expect us to do that, for it is better for us if we just tend to our part of the business in every respect. We are workers together with Him, especially in saving souls and helping others to become His servants. Our work does not need to be spectacular to bring joy to our lives.

To follow in the steps of Christ, we will be about our Father's business at all times. It should be foremost in our minds, as it was in His. His first recorded words in the Bible express as much in His answer to His anxious parents: "I must be about My Father's business." It should be as imperative to us that His work be put first in our lives.

Every minute of 1967 should be spent in time acceptable to God and made to count in some way as profitable in His service.

In Matthew 25, we find these thoughts from one of the sermons of Christ: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" and the blessed words which we hope to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



"Freddie, if you don't stop banging on that drum, I'll go out of my mind," declared mother, her nerves frayed at the end of a hectic day. "Go play quietly till supper time, young man," she ordered as the booming and banging obediently subsided. "I've had just about enough of your noise for one day!"

A welcome knock on the front door saved Freddie from further scolding and he ran willingly to see who could be there.

"Sammie!" he exclaimed joyously. "Come on in—you too, Aunt Ellen. Come see my new drum, Sammie," then added after an anxious glance in the direction of his mother, "we'd best take it up to my room. It won't be quite so loud there."

Freddie's mother, however, was busy welcoming her husband's younger sister and the boys picked up the drum and made good their escape.

"Ellen," greeted Betsy, "it's such a pleasure to see you. But tell me, how do you find time to get out? It seems as if I am shackled to this house 24 hours a

One of Those Days

By Dorothy Nimchuk

day with no escape in sight." A mighty sigh gave further vent to her feelings.

"Well," smiled Ellen, "I dropped off John and Sandra for their music lessons. Mary Jo is babysitting this afternoon—it's hard to believe she's old enough. Andrew is working late at the office and won't be home till seven. So Sammie and I sneaked off to the flower show—we're on our way to the zoo now and thought Freddie might want to go along."

"My, how I envy you," another sigh escaped Betsy. "Whenever do you find time to keep your house in such spotless order? This must be 'just one of those days' for I've slaved since early morning and nothing done. The milkman forgot to leave enough milk and I had to run to the store for more. Then baby upset his porridge all over the floor and I had to mop. Why Freddie's father bought him that drum, I'll never be able to figure out..."

Betsy's voice droned on and on till Ellen interrupted. "Bet-

sy, Betsy," she gently chided, smiling sympathetically, "you have had quite a day, I can see. Now you just lean back in that rocker and relax. I'm going to put the kettle on." As Betsy started to protest, she added, "Yes, I am. I hear baby waking. I'll take care of him, too." Too tired and upset to resist further, Betsy settled back in the comfort of her favorite chair and smiled.

"You're too good to me, Ellen," she conceded, "too good to everyone. You mother the whole neighborhood and still find time to keep up with your own work."

Baby was soon cooing contentedly in the playpen and Ellen and Betsy were chatting over a cup of tea. "I must confess," said Ellen, "that there is a secret to my success. I have help, you see, with each day as it comes. It's simply a matter of tithing..."

"Now wait a minute," interrupted Betsy. "Peter and I tithe every payday ever since we accepted Christ and joined the

church. How can you say it's a matter of tithing?"

Ellen smiled. "Of course you do, Dear, and I'm proud of you both. But I'm not really talking about money now. Remember how you told me recently that since you started paying tithes, the other nine-tenths go farther?" she inquired.

"Yes," answered Betsy. "God has really blessed us. But I don't get your point."

"I'm talking about tithing our time, Betsy," Ellen looked Betsy squarely in the eye and asked, "When was the last time you had family and individual worship?"

Betsy's eyes dropped from Ellen's steady gaze and she began to make excuses. "You see, it's this way. It's so seldom we are able to get together at once that it's difficult to have worship. Peter works so late that Freddie is often in bed when he comes home. I usually squeeze a few extra winks of sleep in the morning and Peter gets himself off to work. I've been simply exhausted of late. When I do get up, I must rush and get Freddie off to school and by that time the baby is demanding attention. I've been trying to do some sewing but with baby cutting teeth, I'm not succeeding very well."

"I'm going to ask you to promise me something, Betsy," Ellen's eyes were serious and intent. "Promise me that you'll get up early in the morning; take at least fifteen or twenty minutes with your Bible and your Lord; then fix breakfast

and sit down and eat with Peter—he hasn't looked the happiest lately; after that go about your daily chores. Take time somewhere during the day to phone someone who is lonely or to do a good deed in some other way. Make a point of family worship. That's my secret!" she finished with a smile.

"But you said you had help," puzzled Betsy. "What help?"

"In your quiet time early in the morning, ask the Lord for strength for just this one day. Claim His promises. He will give you the ability to meet every situation throughout the day calmly and to make right decisions. He is the source of my help," finished Ellen.

"I'll try," said Betsy humbly, "I know I've been neglecting my prayer life. I just can't seem to fit it into the day."

"Give Him your time first and He will make the rest of the time go further," assured her sister-in-law. "Now I must run or we'll never get to the zoo before it closes. Freddie, Sammie, get your jackets and come on," she called. A minor stampede was heard on the stairs as the boys raced down them.

The house seemed unnaturally quiet after their noisy exit. Betsy began to fix supper. "I'll put some potatoes in the oven to bake," she mused, "then perhaps I can get at that sewing for a while—or maybe I should read my Bible first."

Several evenings later, Ellen was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from Betsy. Betsy's voice came excitedly over the

wire. "Bless you, Ellen. How did you know just what I needed? My first day I tithed my time, everything went so well that I tried it again the following day... and the next. Oh, I still have problems, emergencies arise, but I have new strength to meet them." Ellen smiled happily as Betsy went on and on. "...I've finished my sewing. Now I'm working on a quilt for Mrs. Parsons who is bedfast.

Thursday afternoon I've invited some of the ladies to help with the quilting. Will you come? I've found the most delicious new recipe to try for lunch following..."

"Of course," answered Ellen, mentally noting a previous engagement which she would gladly cancel. "I'll be there."

"I've got to hang up now, said Betsy. "Peter's home early and it's time for worship."

Detroit Youth Week

A series of activities for Youth Week under the direction of the local pastor and his wife, was held in Detroit, Michigan. This was in progress for four nights, November 9th through the 13th. Each night that passed, the services increased in attendance and in interest.

The first night (Wednesday) an open discussion on "Creation versus Evolution," proved to be very interesting. One of the members upheld Darwin's Theory, that man evolved from the Ape family. The rest of the congregation looked up verses in the Bible to contradict Darwin's theory. It was later said by the one upholding this theory, that it was very hard to bring out points on something she didn't believe in. Everyone went away happy in the fact that they had proved that God indeed is the Creator of man, as Genesis 1:27 tells us He made man in His own image.

On Thursday night a banquet was held in the home of Elder and Mrs. Marvin Keim. The tables were decorated with leaves and candles. A delicious meal was served, after which followed the worship service. Under one of the decorated leaves at each table, each member found their part for the service.

Friday night the young people again gathered back at the church. Slides were shown on the life of Christ. The young people took part by reading verses in the Bible that went along with the story.

Sabbath the young people took charge of the worship service. We were happy to have Elder Calvin Burrell as our guest speaker. His sermon entitled "Decisions" was directed to the young people. Sabbath afternoon, the young people went to several homes for the aged to sing to the shut-ins, also to give readings,

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A Fearful Thought

By Edith Miner

At this day and age, fear seems to be one of the most weighing thoughts on the minds of men. Everywhere, men are in fear and are hiding from, I suppose, fear itself. In fact, it almost makes a person scared to be afraid.

You may wonder, as I, what is everyone afraid of, other than fear itself. I think one of the things which makes men tremble the most is the thought of death. This means an end to all their dreams, hopes, and plans.

For the average run of men, they have nothing, as far as they can see, to look forward to after their lifetime has ended. Most people you talk to today naturally just take it for granted that they will die of *old, old* age. At least, that seems to be the sincere hope and desire of the human race.

For the most part, we all have a *little* common sense in thinking on this subject. In fact, it is my guess that people are afraid of how their death will be administered, rather than of death itself.

Since death seems to be the most prevailing thought in a mind where fear dwells—there

has got to be a reason, whether good or bad.

Men who have the fear of God in their hearts need not to fear Russian bombs, outer space invasions, or even murderers lurking around corners. Lacking this one vital thing, the wrong kind of fear prevails.

You wonder—is there a right kind of fear? There most certainly is. As I mentioned before—the fear of God. I am convinced that this is by all means wise even as Job said, “And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding” (Job 28:28).

God is able not only to destroy us by the death of our earthly bodies—but to destroy our last drop of hope. We can be left lifeless forever. The trouble is, most folks in the world today don't realize this! They have not understood the essence of the one real fear which should concern us. They just take it for granted that when their time has elapsed—it's all over. Looking at it from this point of view, it is no great wonder people guard their own shadows, fearing that

shade may overtake them. This all is such a pointless and hopeless war on something which, like most causes of war, is needless and unnecessary. Even the leaders of our nations are endeavoring to “create” a “peaceful” means of settling disputes.

If war is recognized to be so

needless because of its sorrowful destruction, then why can't we open our eyes to downfalls which are found closer to home?

We must open our eyes to all our foolish fears and close our minds to them, letting the fear of God monopolize our minds and hearts.

Ten Commandments of Church Etiquette

A pastor of the Lutheran Church in America has proposed “Ten Commandments for Church Etiquette.”

Written in rhyme by the Rev. Arthur James Laughlin, Jr., the commandments were listed in the North Carolina Lutheran as:

1. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the Amen refuse to wait.
2. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain when speaks the organ its refrain.
3. And when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt join in, not look about.
4. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more to share the pew with thee.
5. Forget not thou the off'ring plate, nor let the usher stand and wait.
6. Thou shalt not make the pew a place to vainly decorate thy face.
7. Thou shalt the Sabbath not misuse, nor come to church to take thy snooze.
8. Thou shalt give heed to worship well, and not in thine own business dwell.
9. 'Tis well in church thy friend to meet. But let thy ardor be discreet.
10. Be friendly at the church's door, so shall the stronger love God more.

Could it happen here?

If so, will we have the needed strength?

Already the "God is dead" theory is amazingly popular!

Read this—and search your heart.

LIFE or DEATH

By Margie McGill

The marching sound of the army woke Pam with heartfelt fear. Would they find her? Would she be turned over to those blood-thirsty Christian-haters to be put in front of the firing squad? They were stopping . . . her heart missed a beat . . . but slowly—it seemed an eternity—they started on their way again. She laid very still so as to not wake her six-month-old baby. God had watched over her and the children once again. Chrystal was so weak since Pam couldn't get the proper food for her. It was impossible for Pam to get food at a grocery store because when they paid for the food at the counter they were forced to say, "God is dead; there is and never was any Jesus Christ." If they didn't say this, they were immediately turned over to the police force. Pam loved God and she knew God wasn't dead—that there always was, still is, and always will be a living God with a Son called Jesus Who died on the cross for everyone. She could not disobey God just for the things of this world.

Pam glanced over to Mike, her oth-

er child, who was three years old. He was also very weak from lack of the proper food. Right above him was a calendar. Pam reflected that just a few years ago at this time many people would have been making New Year's Resolutions to live a better Christian life. But she won-

dered how many were making resolutions to live a better Christian life now, in 1975. Beside the calendar was a picture of a family. It must have been a family reunion of some type. Family reunions weren't possible any longer since the families were scattered all over the universe—not knowing where the others were. Pam would give so much to know where her parents were. She constantly prayed that they wouldn't have to go through the suffering like so many Christians were having to do. Pam wished that it could be back in the good times. She remembered so well how carefree and happy she was in 1970 when she was married to a young minister. It was so wonderful for her to believe in God and teach others about Him without any worry as to what would be the outcome.

But ever since the Anti-Christian government took over a mere six months ago, no one was allowed to speak of God, except to deny His existence. They told everyone to no longer teach about God or Christ or they would immediately be put to death. How were Pam and her husband to stop worshiping God when that was their main purpose of life? Steve wouldn't listen to them; he went on preaching to the people, although there were very few who would listen since they feared that they would be killed. They continued having church in the basement of an old building, unknown to the leaders of the government. One terrible day during the services the armies invaded the basement and captured all of them. The deacon of the church, Pam's brother-in-law, was the one who had told the leaders where they were. He was given a great position

of authority for doing this great deed of betrayal.

They were forced to walk the few blocks to the jail cell, with the soldiers cracking their whips behind them. One thing that stayed in Pam's mind was the face of an elderly man who fell from the blow of the whip. They all tried to carry him but they forced them on, leaving him in the street. How could human beings be so cruel?

When they got to the jail cell, the main leader told them if they would deny God that they would have their lives saved. They would only have to be a slave in a prison camp. Since Steve was the preacher and the leader of their group he was forced to tell his decision then. The rest were to wait until the next morning to give their answer of life or death.

They put Pam's husband face first in front of the firing squad. They made Mike, who was then 2½ years old watch. Pam was holding the baby, then only one month old. All Steve had to do to save his life was to say three short words—"God is Dead." Pam prayed to God to give him the strength not to deny Him, even if it meant death. They asked him to state his answer. He hesitated, looking at Mike and Pam as if saying, "Good-By." Then he said very loudly so that all could hear, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him He also will deny us: God is alive and I love Him." His eyes were still on Pam when the rifles were shot and he fell to the ground, dead. Mike was clutching at her knees crying hysterically at the sight he had just seen. Steve's brother then turned around putting down his rifle, the rifle that had killed his brother—her husband.

During the night, the town caught

on fire while they were all prisoners in the jail cell. The fire kept getting closer to the cells but the leaders wouldn't let them out. Finally the jail was on fire, Pam could hear the screaming of men, women, and children who were being burned to death in the main section. At that time the wall beside Pam caved in, freeing her and the children to run away. She ran and ran, carrying both children. Her energy was giving way. Pam felt that she couldn't take another step but she had to keep going while it was still dark, for she would surely be found during the daylight hours.

The next thing Pam knew she was awakening in a strange place, in a state of confusion, trying to remember what had happened to her. Then, remembering, she tried to forget. Her children were safe with her. She learned that the owner of the house had found them out on the road early that morning and had brought them to safety.

As soon as Pam was well enough to be on her way again she left the home, knowing that if her brother-in-law ever saw them near this town they would be killed.

Pam traveled on, going from one place to another—trying to find a place of safety. She was about to give up when she found a very old friend. Momentarily she forgot about the terrible life she was living. Her friend was kind enough to keep Pam in her home. Here she was now in her friend's home.

Mike was waking up, so she got up to take care of him. Just as she was giving him a bath the door of the house was forced open and some members of the army entered. They grabbed Pam and her children and

took them to the jail. Pam's brother-in-law had recognized her little boy one day when he had passed by. Again he explained to her that she would be set free if she would deny God. Otherwise they would all be killed. Pam's son, Mike, studied his uncle's face, then Pam's. He understood. He remembered the time before when he had seen those guns, the time when his father was killed. He just stood rigidly with his brown eyes gazing into Pam's.

What was a mother to do? If it were just Pam, she could have decided easily, but her children... then she remembered a Bible verse, "Blessed are ye, when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake, Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Pam looked at the children once more, begging them to understand what she was about to do. Then she said with much more strength than she ever thought she could possibly have, "I love God Who is alive and Who will always be living." Then her sister, whom she had not seen for over six months came and grabbed her baby out of Pam's arms and threw her in the air for the men to shoot and kill. Pam cringed. Mike didn't even move; his eyes glanced back to Pam's without even a whimper. Pam's brother-in-law asked her again, "Do you still say God is living, if He will allow this to be done to your children?"

Pam answered, "Yes, God is living, and may He have mercy on those who say He is dead for they will surely need it." At this time Mike was put in front of the firing
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**A Teen-Age Girl
Talks Straight
To the Boys**

From a Teen Girl to "Christian"(?) Boys

I guess I like to date about as well as the average high school girl. I'll admit I've done my share of flipping over crew cuts, football shoulders, and manly smiles. I'll be frank with you. I like boys. What girl doesn't?

But I don't care if I never go out with some so-called Christian fellows I've been dating! I'm not the only one who feels this way. Many of my Christian girl friends are as fed up as I am.

I know there are many Christian fellows who treat their dates with respect and consideration. I have a real appreciation for them. I am writing, instead, to those fellows who profess to be Christians, but who treat their companions as though they weren't.

We girls are tired of having our weekend dates break speed records getting away after church in order to park on some lonely country road. We're tired of listening to a glowing testimony at 8 p.m. and then fighting off the same guy at 9:30. It seems that if we aren't interested in the new "national pastime," we're automatic citizens of "Squareville."

"A Christian ought to date only Christians," we're told at home, and at church. I know that's a good idea. The first requirement of a Christian girl for a husband is that he know the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Dating a Christian is supposed to be on a higher level. He will not take you to worldly places, and he won't tempt you to drink or smoke.

I don't enjoy such places, and I don't drink or smoke either, so I appreciate it when a fellow has the same convictions that I have. But you fellows should know that drinking and smoking and going to worldly places aren't the only sinful activities. It's time you turn a strong beam of light on your date life and begin to act like Christian gentlemen when you're alone with a girl, as well as when you are with people.

You say you want to park with your girl because you like her so much? If you really thought as much of your girl as you say you do, you wouldn't think of parking with her. (For evil purposes.) You wouldn't want to do anything to hurt her. You'd want to protect her from the shame she will feel after heavy necking, and the low reputation she's likely to suffer in the gossip of others.

Doesn't that mean anything to you? Do you give any thought to the way talk can blast a girl's reputation? It doesn't have to be much talk, and it doesn't take much time for it to do its worst. There doesn't even

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Guardian Angel

By Jane Franke

It was a beautiful afternoon and there was a hustle and bustle on the campus of Florence Nightengale School of Nursing; it was time for classes to dismiss and student nurses to be on duty again.

Having just finished a real tough test, Jane and Sue were especially happy as they strolled to their rooms for a few moments relaxation before going on duty. Jane was

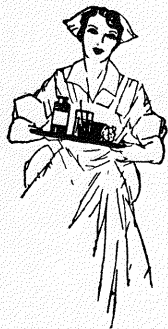
to sit with an extremely ill patient, one whom the doctor didn't expect to live much longer. But Jane figured where there is life, there is hope. With the dreaded test in the past, even this critical patient seemed like an easier task.

As Jane arrived on her floor of duty she found the doctor waiting for her. He told her that she was to spend her time on duty just sitting by Mr. Brown because he needed some extra-special attention. "Take his blood pressure every fifteen minutes. If his blood pressure ever comes above 50, he is to receive one-half dose of the drug indicated on his chart; this is to help bring his blood pressure up some more."

When the time came to give the drug, Jane went out to mix up the medication. Meeting her friend in the medication room, they immediately started making plans to celebrate, since their big test was over. Busily talking, Jane paid too little attention to what she was doing, and as a result, she mixed up a complete dose of the medication instead of the prescribed half-dose.

As she went in to give the medication to Mr. Brown, her girlfriend, Sue, went with her, as she would need help in turning Mr. Brown. He was too weak to turn by himself.

As Jane was injecting the medication, she suddenly turned as white as a sheet with the sudden remembrance that the doctor had prescribed only a half-dose, cautioning that his body was so



weak that an overdose *could* result in death. Jane gasped in relief as she saw that half of the dose was still remaining in the syringe.

Jane whirled and ran out to the hall to get some fresh air; Sue was right behind her. Jane said a quick prayer of thanksgiving, for she felt definitely that her guardian angel had spared her from this awful mistake.

Sue faltered, "Boy, are you ever

lucky!"

Jane's answer was in a soft, firm voice, "I don't really call it luck, Sue. I'm just glad that I have the Lord on my side. Too easily, we can get to feeling pretty self-sufficient; probably those times can be our most careless times, too. With a real jolt, this has reminded me that without Him I can do nothing. He gets all the credit."

FROM A TEEN GIRL TO "CHRISTIAN" (?) BOYS (from page 13)

have to be much truth in it.

One of my best friends was a victim of a tale like that. The "wrong" people saw her, and the word went around fast: "Sue is an easy mark." And nothing she could say or do would stop the smirks and looks.

Sue walked home from school with me a couple of nights ago. "I've never been so humiliated," she choked.

And what about the guy? He's a Christian fellow who does a lot of talking about going into "full-time service." People hardly mention his name in connection with the gossip.

Even if there isn't any loose talk, something happens to a girl who makes a practice of petting—something unclean and degrading. She doesn't feel that she's a nice person afterward.

Love is something tender and beautiful to me. It probably means more to most girls than anything else in the world. Love, a home, and a family of her own—those are the things a girl my age considers the highest goals in life. And we're deeply concerned about being pure and clean for our future husbands.

—Brethren Missionary Herald,
via Christian Victory

HE DOES A LITTLE MORE

When we have an objective firmly fixed in mind, and we have a substantial confidence in ourselves, great things are likely to happen. That is how men become champions.

The average runner sprints until the breath in him is gone,
But the champion has a goal in mind that makes him carry on.
For rest the average runner begs when limp his muscles grow,
But the champion runs on leaden legs, his spirit makes them go.
The average man's complacent when he's done his best to score,
But the champion does his best, and then he does a little more.

—Elder Sterling W. Sill in *The Instructor*.

His Power

By Martha Heavilin

CHRIST'S MINISTRY HERE ON EARTH was filled with miracles and other manifestations of His power; yet He remained poor and meek. He did not boast of His ability. Being the Son of God, everything was possible to our Saviour. Since He loved everyone on earth, Christ went about doing deeds of kindness for them. To us they are miracles, but to Jesus they must have been simple tasks—after helping His Father create this world.

THE FIRST AND SECOND MIRACLES OF CHRIST show two different types of miracles He performed. The changing of the water to wine at the wedding feast in Cana shows that Christ had power over the elements of the earth. On two other occasions He controlled the elements when He calmed the stormy sea and when He walked on the water to the disciples' boat. They obeyed His will, and He mastered them. Jesus was and still is the Master of the universe.

Jesus had power to supply the needs of His followers. Several times He fed the multitudes that followed Him to listen to His teachings. Another time He supplied the money for His disciples to pay taxes to Caesar.

JESUS ALSO HAS POWER TO HEAL THE SICK. The second miracle Christ performed during His ministry was of this type. He healed the nobleman's son *without* even seeing, touching, or speaking to him! In the very instant He told the father his son lived, the boy became well again. Not only could He heal the sick, but He raised the dead. Who but the Son of God could have such control over life and death? The only way a *person* could perform such a feat would be as the power of Christ dwells within him. Even then, it would be God, and not the person, who performed the miracle. God alone has power over life and death.

Evidently, when healing people, a certain vital strength flowed from His body into theirs, for when the woman with the

issue of blood touched just the hem of Christ's garment. He could feel virtue flowing from Him—and she was healed immediately.

THE DEVILS RECOGNIZED CHRIST'S SUPERIORITY OVER THEM, even though He was in a fleshly, mortal form. He could command them to leave a person, and they had to obey. Although powerful, they did not have half as much power as Christ, and were forced to obey His commands.

JESUS IS ALSO THE MASTER OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. He can tell what people are like, what they are thinking, and what they have been doing—by reading their hearts and minds. He told the woman at the well exactly what her past life had been like. When Philip brought Nathanael to see the Christ, Jesus told him what he was like and where he had just been. Do these things sometimes surprise us, as they did Nathanael? Why should they? We should not limit the power of God by thinking things are impossible, just

because they are impossible for us to do.

Our Saviour knew while here exactly what was going to happen to Him at the end of His life on earth. He spoke of this often to His disciples, but they did not understand. They were unable to see into the future as He could. Only the prophets who were close to God were given the knowledge of things to happen in the future.

THE GREATEST POWER CHRIST OBTAINED—the one that means the most to Christians—is His power to not only heal us physically, but to forgive our sins. Many times He did both at the same time. This was one of the greatest things the Pharisees objected to, because they felt He was putting Himself on almost the same level as God. (And He was—since He is God's all-powerful and only begotten Son). This feeling helped to pave the way to Christ's death on the cross, bringing salvation to anyone who will believe on His name, and will believe His wonderful works to us—both now and while He was on this earth.

In the embittered rock bottom valley through which our grim day is trying to pick its way, where we can hear the shrieks of despair all about us in the darkness, we put our trust once more in Him who is fighting for the life of Everyman. He will never give us up, nor rest until the "last enemy" is destroyed, but intends to walk invisibly beside us until our hearts, too, burn within us along the way, until this old earth is at last permeated with the warmth of His radiance and all its flickering lamps at last aglow with the incandescent splendor of His Son.

David A. Redding from
The Parables He Told
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

Things You Ought to Know

Dear AIM readers,

These are things you ought to know. You ought to know that time is running on. Consider how long the world is created—and all the events—and how things are moving. See that time is running on!

What are we going to do? Are we to follow the time and run? Though we may run with the time, today and tomorrow are not one. Nobody knows what will happen tomorrow. Now is our opportunity to do the work of God which has been explained to us from the Bible through the prophecies. Now is opportunity for us to carry the Word of God around the world.

Opportunity to yield a good fruit in the Church of God.—Opportunity of proving good plans in the Church of God.

And let us not lose the time without preparing to enter into the kingdom of God. Do you not consider what was said by David in Psalm 89:47, 48?

“Remember how short my time is; wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?”

We ought to pray God in good occasion to prove that we do deal with the Bible.

Any duty that you are doing in the Church of God you must be willing to do with the hope that you may gain the kingdom of God, which is coming. Don't be appraised in the work of God. Be sharp and smart in our Lord's work, because time is running on.

Brother Peter John Ejukwu, a servant of Jesus Christ called to be an apostle. I have this opportunity to write this instruction to all the AIM readers.



P. J. Ejukwu
Local Chairman
Idu Osobile FYC
Africa

Consider Job 14:1, 2: “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.”

So time is running on. Fail not to go and meet regularly. Fail not for daily Bible reading. Fail not for making our Lord's mind to be sweet always by singing a song or by duty, or by making a good plan for the church. Because time is running on.

Consider what is said by Christ in John 7:6, 7. Then Jesus said unto them, “My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.” Time is running on. Don't follow the conversion of your girlfriend and forget your duty in God's office—or in the church—because time is running on. If you have never been baptized, be ready today to be baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—to let the spirit of our Lord be near you, because you don't know your time. You are God's handiwork, and He can do with you whatever He likes, or call you at any time He may like, because He knows your time.—But you don't know the time. Consider Ecclesiastes 9:12:

“For man also knoweth not his time; as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.”

Don't you know that Timothy was a little child, but Paul praised him for his good action? So beware for your stepwalking. Don't be a drunken in the church—or smoking cigarettes to damage your body; nor a man of lies; nor evil eyes. Therefore, dear Aim readers, while we are in our Lord Jesus Christ, let us clean ourselves from evil action, and pray our Lord in good occasion. Because now is God's opportunity to save His people from evil death. Consider 2 Cor. 6:2. He said:

“...I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of
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OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

Jewell Linville writes:

“I thank the Lord for the opportunity to have been in charge of the foreign correspondence for these past years. It has been a real joy.”

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“I am happy to accept the position of F.Y.C. Foreign Correspondent. With God's help I will do my best in this interesting work.”

F.Y.C. Foreign Youth Correspondent
Miss Phyllis Hayford



salvation have I succored thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Boys and girls, be ready now. Think of your soul—where you may live. You may live with God by joys. Or you may be destroyed with Satan by brimstone. Some persons live as though they have not a soul in their life. They don't like to read a Bible to receive our Lord's instruction. They don't like to pray to our Lord God to save them from their sins.

So, from today, pray God to guide your soul. Let not one day pass without praying your Almighty Father to deliver your soul from dangers. Lose not your time for anything's sake, because your time may be shot. Our death is near. Consider Matthew 24:22:

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

So therefore, trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. He will deliver you and your family in the day of Judgment.

And I still "beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (Ephesians 4: 1-7).

Grace be unto all of Aim readers and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ is my prayer. Amen.

Greetings to all FYCers, those that had opportunity to share their money for doing the work of God in America. May God bless them all.

Detroit Youth Week

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and have prayer. Saturday night found everyone back again at the church for a film entitled "The Master's Face." The film was very touching and many young people, as well as older ones, responded to the altar call, either to rededicate their lives, or to give their hearts to God.

Sunday afternoon everyone drove to Port Huron to the home of Brother and Sister Dale Willhelm. Many were eager to get there as a hayride was planned. After the hayride everyone went back to the house for

a lunch. A worship service followed, which concluded the special youth activities.

Everyone reports they thought this was a lot of enjoyment and it gave the young people a chance to be together more than just on Sabbath. Many were drawn closer to the Lord and determined in their hearts to be more Christ-like.

A special thank-you from everyone in Detroit goes to Elder and Mrs. Marvin Keim for their endless efforts in making these youth activities a success.

Clara Brown, Detroit

Editorial

Well aware of the possible dangers he would face on that pioneer orbital trip several years ago, John Glenn was familiar with the meticulous details which had been checked and rechecked. Tremendous mechanism and technical know-how were involved here to insure the safety of his voyage. Even so, John Glenn realistically faced the fact that failure was no impossibility. But the space journey was a successful, history-making one, and he emerged from his space capsule victorious.

How ironic that he met his doom some few years later in his own bathtub at home. The slightest precaution, not even comparable to the space-flight preparation, would have prevented this fall and injury, which landed him in the hospital and brought his current political campaign to a screeching halt. But who worries about his own bathtub?

This is quite typical of life. And, we might add, most especially of the Christian life.

It is not likely that we will be overcome by some *obvious* sin like thievery or murder—nor even by gross deviation from the standards commonly accepted in our church.

What, then, could be our downfall? Perhaps we are not well enough acquainted with the cunning ways of the Deceiver. He is very clever. He attempts to creep in where we are not guarded—he seeks to cause our downfall with something *within us* which we do not recognize as harmful. What sort of thing might this be?

It could be some little jealousy, perhaps, which causes us to have a certain dislike for something in that other person—when in reality the fault lies within us.

—Some little unforgiven incident perhaps. You or I may tell myself it is forgiven; yet we allow the "memory to linger on." Do we perhaps even indulge in the luxury of relating it to another? It is important that we be very careful what thoughts our minds dwell upon. Thinking incessantly about some unpleasant incident can blow it up out of all proportions until we ourselves are sincerely convinced of the significance of a thing, with exaggerated overtones.

The simple love for being always right—pride personified—this puts a barrier between you and real consecration. Every human has the need to be noticed and recognized; thus, each individual must analyze his own actions and recognize whether he is saying, "Most of all, *I* must be important."

Without honest insight into our real reasons for doing, saying, and feeling certain things, we unknowingly stand an easy victim for separation from the great heart of our wonderful Heavenly Father. True fellowship with Him will reveal to us these hidden obstacles which may be lurking "in our own bathtub."

Living Within Your Means

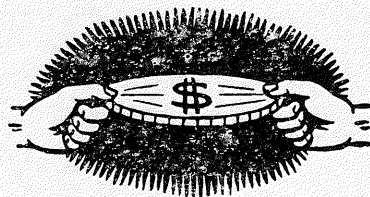
By Dale Lawson

"Just sign on the dotted line and it is yours." This common phrase is heard often in this time when it is so easy to buy. More often than not as you enter large department stores, a lady will approach you with questions similar to these: "Do you have a Mack's Easy Payment Plan Credit Card?" "Would you like to join our Easy Payment Plan?" And then again at the counter as you make a purchase you may hear: "May I add this to your charge account?" In almost any town of size, one may find a used car lot with eye-catching signs saying: "No money down, no payments for sixty days."

This is just a sample of what we face in our buying world today. It is not surprising that this directly affects the happiness of our homes, and certainly can slow down the building of happy and lasting homes. I am quite sure that we would be surprised if we knew to what extent this over-spending and over-buying causes friction and trouble within many homes—oft-times even the break-up of what could have been happiness.

It may be well to point out that it is easier than one may think to reach a point financially that causes stress on the entire family. We cannot always afford those things that at first glance seem to be well within our means. Sometimes, after buying and buying some more, one suddenly realizes that his entire income cannot be budgeted out in payments on the "easy payment plan." Little will be left for food, utilities, recreation, and other necessities when this occurs. We should never try to keep up with the Joneses at the risk of our family's real happiness. Neither should any member of the family take the family deeply in debt to satisfy a selfish

Happy Home Building



whim for something they may have wanted which is not really important.

Being in a financial "pickle" can cause family stress and turmoil in numerous ways. This can lead to serious family problems, which should surely be avoided.

First, just the worry over the monthly bills and lack of finances to meet them leaves little rest for the mind in which to enjoy happiness and companionship. Grouchiness and harshness can be the results of continued tension over the situation. Items that you thought you just must have can become less and less important as the days go by. This is not an exaggeration—and we must remember that this is the very situation in many young homes across the land.

The second factor that may bring tons of strain on the happiness of the home is an expanded work effort to meet the financial need of the family. The husband may work long hours, then try for six days a week, and sometimes look for a second job. Family life is completely disrupted and the little time that the husband is home, he is cross and tired.

To add to the dilemma, the wife may go to work, despite having small children, and then the short times that the family is together, both the husband and wife are cross and tired.

Often the family will be too tired to go to church on Sabbath—and along with physical

strength and cheerfulness, spiritual strength and cheerfulness dwindle. At this point, the very foundation of the home can be jeopardized. This is not an exaggeration; a quick look around should give ample and fair example of this situation.

The third point deals with one's own conscience and the knowledge of right and wrong. It can easily happen that after paying all the bills one suddenly finds that God's tithes have been spent also. Immediately one can say, "I will pay it back next check." The intentions are good but sometimes intentions aren't enough—and soon the tithes pile up until one cannot even think about it without feeling guilty. Surprisingly, this will definitely affect the family's desire to serve God. Another aspect of this matter is that the family fails to receive the great blessing promised in the Bible concerning tithing, and that blessing alone may have the very way of relief from the financial burden.

Another conscience-pricking will come to one that eases into a little Sabbath work because of the chance to make a little more to help pay the bills. It may be just an hour on Friday evening or a Sabbath afternoon each month but it will be very difficult to live with it at least until the conscience heals some from the pricking. At this point, more than just the happiness of the family is at stake.

This is just another aspect of happiness in the home. Please
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The Acts of the Apostles

in Paraphrase

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By Nathan Straub



In December's AIM we read of Paul's eloquent dissertation in the synagogue. The Gentiles asked that Paul preach this message to them on the next Sabbath.

The next Sabbath nearly the whole city gathered to hear the word of God.

When the Jews saw the great crowds, they were full of envy and spoke against the things that had been said by Paul. The Jews contradicted and mocked.

Paul and Barnabas became very bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you; but it is evident that you refuse it. You judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life. Now we turn to the Gentiles. This is what the Lord commanded to us, 'I have appointed you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you will take the message of salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

When the Gentiles heard that, they were happy. They glorified the word of the Lord. All those who were chosen for eternal life, believed. The word of God was made public through the whole area.

The Jews provoked the sincere and honorable women and the leading men of the city. They all made trouble for Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their area.

TO ICONIUM 13:51

Paul and Barnabas shook the dust off their feet as a witness against Antioch, and came to Iconium.

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 14

AT ICONIUM 14:1

When Paul and Barnabas were in Iconium, they went together into the Jewish synagogue. They spoke so convincingly that great groups of Jews and Greeks believed the gospel.

The Jews that did not believe, however, excited the Gentiles and persuaded them to cause more trouble for the brethren.

Even though this happened, the missionaries stayed in Iconium and spoke boldly by the power of the Lord. The Lord verified the missionaries' message by giving them power to perform evidences and miracles.

The apostles' audience was split. Some were loyal to the Jews, some were loyal to the apostles. The Gentiles and the Jews, with their leaders, developed a plot to abuse and stone the apostles.

TO LYSTRA 14:6

When the apostles became aware of the plot, they fled to Lystra and Derbe (in Lycaonia), and the surrounding area.

The apostles preached the gospel in Lycaonia.

At Lystra a particular man sat with crippled feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. This man had heard Paul speak. When Paul studied the man, he perceived that he had enough faith to be healed. So Paul said, with a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet."

The man jumped up and walked.

When the people saw what Paul had done, they shouted, in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the shape of men."

They called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercury, because he was the spokesman.

The priest of Jupiter (there was a statue of Jupiter at the city gate) brought oxen and wreaths of flowers; and with the people, prepared to make a sacrifice at the gates.

When the apostles, Paul and Barnabas, heard of the sacrifice, they tore their clothing and ran to the crowd of people, shouting, "Sirs, why do you do these things? We are mere men, just like you. To you, we preach that you should reject these useless gods and accept the living God; the One Who made heaven, earth, the sea and everything there is in them."

"In earlier times God allowed each nation to do things their own way. Even though that is true, He did not leave Himself without a witness. He did good things. He gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons. These fill us with food and happiness."

By saying these things, the apostles just barely prevented the people from making a sacrifice to them.

Certain Jews came to Antioch and Iconium to Lystra and won the people to their way of thinking. They all stoned Paul and threw him out of the city, thinking he was dead.

When the apostles were standing around Paul, he got up and went back into the city.

AT DERBE 14:20b

The next day Paul and Barnabas left to go to Derbe. After they had preached the gospel and taught many people they left.

OTHER VISITS 14:21b

The apostles went back to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. In these places the apostles confirmed the souls of the disciples; and advised them to continue

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By Nathan Lawson

Make a MARK OF MERIT

As you are reading this article, we are trusting that your FYC group has launched out into a plan of activities for 1967 that will help your group be active for Christ and win the Golden Mark of Merit Award this year. If you work, perhaps your group might become the "FYC of the Year" in the Church of God, and be featured in the "AIM" with pictures and a special write-up at the end of the year. This is something to work for, especially since it means that we will be accomplishing worthwhile things for Jesus Christ.

Remember to complete your reports for the past year and mail them back as soon as possible. We want to carry a full report of the 1966 Mark of Merit year in the "AIM" as soon as all the reports are in. Awards will be sent out as soon as the reports are in and are evaluated.

The Light House award winner for 1966 will be announced as soon as we receive all the reports. This Award is given to the FYC that earns the most total points. (Mark of Merit points and Bonus points combined.) The winner of this Award will be featured in a future issue of this paper.

Throughout the coming year we want to feature a special project each month for our local youth to accomplish. Your group may use this project for the Mark of Merit program if you wish. Other projects will also be accepted.

JANUARY—Project of the Month

Visiting Shut-ins—Get a list of shut-ins from your pastor and plan a time when the young people will visit them and cheer them up. You may sing some choruses, read a scripture, and have prayer in the home before you leave. I think that elderly folks especially enjoy such a visit when they do not have the privilege of attending church very often. If you don't have a list of such people, you might visit a rest home, and leave some literature and get acquainted with some elderly folks who would enjoy being visited.

DON'T GIVE UP

Last year many groups started good and then gave up before the year

was over. Many could have earned an award if they had finished the year in this program. I hope that this year we will start right and then finish the program. To finish is important in this program. It is even more important in our Christian life that we finish the course

we have started to run. This means we cannot slack off until Jesus Himself returns to this earth. So, DON'T GIVE UP, let's each one continue working for Christ. Someday Jesus will come, and then we will receive our reward of ETERNAL LIFE if we have been faithful in this life.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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in the faith. They said that we disciples can only enter into the kingdom of God by getting through all discouragements.

The apostles ordained elders in every church. They prayed and fasted. They gave the believers into the Lord's care; because they believed on Him.

After the apostles had gone through all parts of Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. After they preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

RETURN TO ANTIOCH 14:26

The apostles sailed from Attalia to Antioch. This is the Antioch in which they were chosen to have the grace of God so they could do the work which they had done.

When the apostles arrived at Antioch, they called a meeting of the church. They told the church about everything that God had done with them. They told of how God made a way for the Gentiles to have the faith. The apostles stayed there with the disciples for a long time.

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"FORGIVE US AS WE FORGIVE"

Maskepetoon was a powerful Indian chief. He engaged in savage warfare with his enemies. One night he heard a missionary speak on the dying Lord's prayer for his enemies, "Father, forgive them." The next day Maskepetoon saw the Indian who murdered his son! Coming face to face with him, Maskepetoon, with admirable control of himself, said in a tremulous voice, "You have murdered my son. You deserve to die. You have done me and my tribe the greatest injury that is possible for a man to do. You have broken my heart and destroyed him who was to have succeeded me. But for what I heard from the missionary at the campfire last night, I would now bury this tomahawk in your heart! The missionary told us that if we want God, the great Spirit, to forgive us, we must forgive our enemies!" With deep emotion, he continued, "As I hope the great Spirit will forgive me, I forgive you!" Then, pulling his war bonnet over his face, Maskepetoon bowed down over his horse's neck and gave way to his agony in tears!—D. M. Panton.

SPRING VALE ACADEMY

Every year of school seems to go faster than the one before. Here it is almost time for our mid-winter vacation, and it seems like school only began yesterday.

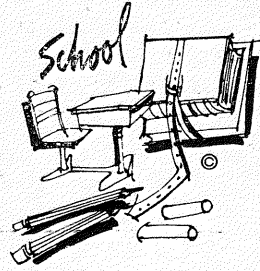
After Thanksgiving, the students once more dug into their school work with a little more vigor after their vacation. Even the five seniors who took a three-hour SAT test soon afterwards, did not complain.

We are glad to report that progress is being continually made on the buildings here. Thanks to Elder Patchen's diligent work, the Junior Sabbath school can now meet in the basement of the girls' dorm. This gives the older classes more room in the school, and gives the children the opportunity of having their own Sabbath school exercises, directed specifically to their needs.

S. V. A. has had quite a few "fun times," also, this month. A shadow box social, sponsored by the Junior Miss Club, kept the boys' wits sharpened, trying to distinguish which weird shapes were which girl. Afterward Elder Sweet showed slides of the bad snow storm in South Dakota last year.

Two basketball teams have been organized this year. Each team has had several practices, and have played their first games, winning them!

Although Spring Vale has had its gay moments, it has also had serious moments wherein God has poured out His abundant blessings upon the campus. We have been privileged to view two films recently. "The Master's Face" and "Silent Witness." Both had a powerful message to all of the



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importance not only of our own salvation, but also of witnessing to others before it is too late.

The revival meetings held at the Owosso Church by Elder Olson from December 11-14 have set us to thinking and to desiring a closer walk with our Lord. We are very thankful Elder Olson could come to minister unto us.

After finishing a series of youth meetings on our name "Faithful Youth Challengers," the young people spent one Sabbath afternoon trying to live up to our name. Most of the young people went to rest homes, singing to and encouraging those who live there. Those who remained at school, wrote letters of encouragement and "sunshine" (as we call them) to shut-ins or other discouraged people. Everyone had a blessed time and we hope and pray God will give the people contacted cheer and comfort.

The students now are looking forward to the mid-winter vacation. Most of the students will make it home this year, and many will be able to

attend the Youth Retreat in Minnesota. We hope and pray that the Lord will be with us over the vacation and bring us back together safely.

We are praying that the future of S.V.A. will be a bright one. God has answered many prayers already that will help the future of Spring Vale. The Lord made it possible for us to acquire a new Ditto machine, and funds are coming in for a new floor buffer. These are just a few of the needs of S.V.A. that we have faith God can provide. A brochure has been sent out to all the members of the church describing in more detail what our plans are for the future. We pray that God will lay the burden of Christian education upon our members, that they may give liberally for God's cause in all phases of His work.—*Martha Heavilin*

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

December was an eventful month for the students at MBC.

The Youth Missions Tour team traveled to Denver, Colorado, the weekend of December 10th, and put on a weekend of services for the people there.

Elder Dale Lawson is leader of the team, and brings the messages from the Bible. Jerry Pedersen, Mark Ling, Kenneth Knoll and Darlene Moldenhauer combine their efforts to make the work of the team a real success.

On December 16th, Sabbath evening, the team put on a wonderful program for the local Stanberry church. The Spirit of God was felt as messages in song touched our hearts. Elder Lawson's message held

real meaning for all of us, and filled us with even a greater desire to serve God.

Picture snapping began in earnest this month for the college Annual which the student body will have printed. The Midwest Challenge is an Annual which we hope will represent the college in such a way that many young men will feel the need to come and learn and study how to serve God more efficiently.

The college student body purchased a polaroid camera to help make the Annual even better. Photography editor Ken Knoll is quite busy taking pictures of various activities and classes.

We want to mention that we still have room for your ad. You can advertise your local church, F.Y.C. group, or your own business in our annual for an offering of your own choosing. We would appreciate your ad and your support to make this Annual a real blessing and a success.

December 19-21 were days filled with pre-vacation tests, and then the winter vacation began on December 22. School will start again on January 3rd. Several of the students traveled home to be with their parents for a few days, to relax and get ready to study again when school opens.

On January 9, we have a basketball game scheduled with the Stanberry High School faculty. This activity is being looked forward to with much anticipation and much practice.

We expect to have several new students starting the Second Semester next month. Two will be coming from Michigan, and two from overseas.

We ask that you pray for us as we study and serve our Lord and Master.—*Ken Lawson.*

A Real Treasure Hunt

"If at first you do not succeed, try, try again." If you didn't get all the verses for 1966 learned, don't give up. All those you did learn represent an accomplishment and will serve you well.

Now! Minutemen, Alert! Without fretting over last year's failures, let's forget those things which are behind, draw our Swords, and press toward a new goal in Bible verse memorization.

As we begin a new Minuteman Program for 1967 it is my desire "That he would grant you according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16).

As we seek for a deeper, richer, stronger life in Christ Jesus, we will have to study His Word more diligently.

"As a field, however fertile, cannot be fruitful without cultivation, neither can a mind without learning."—*Cicero*

Our sourcebook is the divinely inspired Word of God. The Bible is infallible in teaching and contains the complete will and revelation of God to man.

A big percentage of you readers are very busy in school and know what it is to study hard, to flip through the cards in the card catalog, then hunt some more in the stacks for a certain book, or to search and re-search for a

M I N U T E M A N P R O G R A M

John 5:39

2 Timothy 2:15

2 Timothy 3:15

2 Timothy 3:16

2 Timothy 3:17

Psalms 19:7

Colossians 1:10

James 1:5

By

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Our Minuteman Program for scripture memorization is as successful for you as you make it. Each month as soon as "Aim" reaches you type or write the verses on separate cards, placing the scripture where it is found on the back of the card. Keep these cards handy; and form specific study habits. Quizzes will appear here periodically.

given assignment. You then can well appreciate and understand the phrase in Eccl. 12:12 "...and much study is a weariness of the flesh."

Also we know that much of the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God (1 Cor. 3:19). This however should not be interpreted to mean that advanced study is condemned. But rather that we should FIRST desire to be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Col. 1:9). "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

Wisdom is better than fine gold and more precious than rubies so, Minutemen, search for it as for hid treasure. "Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:5).

Find the precious "gems" (page 30) in your Bible and then hide them in your heart (Psalm 119:11).

HAPPY HOME BUILDING

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remember that "happy home building" is more than a wedding day, a car, a baby, a new gun, a house, a new living room or bedroom suite, or any other item—but rather that it includes along with comfort and pleasant living, your state of mind. It involves peace and companionship and excludes fighting and being distant. It includes complete service and devotion to the family and their real happiness—and above all, complete devotion and love for and to God.

Nothing must interfere with these.

A moment or a year's material satisfaction will never be worth a lost family, the loss of peace with God and fellow man, nor the grief that may come to many.

Concluding with a portion of scripture, let us note that as Paul was admonishing Christians to be good citizens, he said in Rom. 13:8, "Owe no man any thing..." Paul surely meant that we should pay our debts, meet our obligations, and live happily. To do that, a family must live within its means.

2T₄G Take Time for God



By Vivian Hall

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that he cannot hear" (Isaiah 59:1).

Many times our prayers seem to go unanswered, or we think the answer is slow in coming, or the answer we received didn't seem like the answer we should have gotten. Some people may feel that surely God's power is not so great as it once was or the answers would be more spectacular. They may feel God would surely answer more quickly if His power is as great as in the days of Moses. Our opening verse, and verse two which follows in our chapter reading gives us the reason quite plainly. Our iniquities have separated us from God and our sins have hid His face from us. It isn't God, then, Who has decreased in power and might but it is we who have put a barrier between us with our sins and iniquities. We might say they (our sins) act as a smoke screen between us and God. In modern warfare the smoke screens are used when one side wishes to carry out some changes without being seen by the enemy—or it may aid one side in making a surprise attack in greater number than was expected. It might be a cover for a withdrawal. The element of

surprise is often of benefit to warfare. The enemy is out of contact with the forces because of a smoke screen and we are out of contact with God because sin stands between. No matter how dense our smoke screen (sins) may be, God is able to see through to our hearts and our lives. He is there to help when we need it, or when we will admit we need His help. He isn't there to force Himself on us.

God can quickly dispel our smoke screen (sins) if we but trust Him and ask Him to forgive. If *our* smoke screen is removed entirely we will find the answers to our prayers are not forgotten by God. Indeed He will supply our needs—this doesn't mean our every *want* will be supplied, but our needs will be supplied. If our heart is right with God and no sins between, we will find our fellowship with God is sweeter, more complete and more satisfying than ever before.

The best time to begin living for God is while one is young. It is much easier to keep the smoke screens of sin out of our lives if we begin early to live for Jesus. May God bless each of you as you begin reading 2T4G and continue throughout the year. May you always "Take Time for God."

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GOD'S LIGHT

A beautiful story is told of a little girl whose faith in God may teach us a lesson.

The lamp had just been put out, and the little girl was rather afraid of the dark. But presently she saw the bright moon out of her window, and she asked her mother, "Is the moon God's light?"

"Yes, Ethel," the mother replied. "The moon and the stars are all God's light."

"Will God blow out His light and go to sleep, too?" she asked again.

"No, my child," replied the mother. "God's lights are always burning."

"Well, Mama," said Ethel, "while God's awake, I'm not afraid."

—Exchange

news and reminders . . .

2T4G Is for You

Now is an excellent time for you to join other young people in the 2T4G program of the National F.Y.C. This program will be a real blessing to anyone with determination to be an active participant in it. We offer you this program solely for the purpose of helping you be a better servant of Jesus Christ. We want to help you be sure of YOUR HOME IN GOD'S KINGDOM. Write to National F.Y.C., Stanberry, Missouri, and ask for material and information that will help you to become an active participant in the 2T4G program.

Below are some quotations taken from letters of young people that have found 2T4G to be a blessing that enriched their lives for Christ. From Michigan:

"... Many blessings have been sent my way as a result of this daily prayer and Bible reading, and I hope to be able to continue with it. Please send me some more folders for 2T4G records, both for myself and for other young people in my Sabbath school class who would like to join in the program."

From California:

"Please send me some more 2T4G folders. The 2T4G has been a real blessing in my life. Along with Evangelite and Minute Man, it has brought me closer to God. I think that reading the Bible and praying every

day is one of the things we must do for the Heavenly Father has blessed us so richly."

This P. S. was added. *"It is very true that 'A chapter and prayer a day, keeps the devil away.'"*

From Michigan:

"I am now in the 2T4G program and I want four extra folders. I will really be thankful to receive them."

Youth Week at Tahlequah

"We had our National Youth Week here on September 28-October 2. It was very encouraging to the young people here and since that time we've been having more young people in attendance at our other church services. On September 28, Elder Clyde Maher gave a Bible discussion on Creation or Evolution. On September 29, our lesson was entitled, 'Do You Love the Word of God?' September 30, we were very pleased to have Elder O. T. Whitten for our guest speaker. He emphasized getting true values out of life. Our youth rally on October 1 was a very good program entitled 'Youth in God's World.' The young people conducted the Sabbath services on that day. October 2 was given to recreation and social with a wiener roast being the highlight."

Aim Subscriptions Up

During the past two months we have noted that many new subscrip-

tions to AIM magazine have been received. We are happy to mention this upward trend because we are sure that AIM magazine will carry with it many special blessings to both young and old in those new homes. We hope that every F.Y.C. now will have AIM coming to the home of every FYC'er in their group. We also trust that each FYC will make sure that many gift subscriptions will be given out to young people in their area. Recently a letter was received that contained the following statement: "For some time now, I have been receiving a wonderful magazine in my home called AIM. Please let me know who is sending me this wonderful paper so that I may at least thank them for it." You may never know the blessings that others receive because YOU or your FYC group are willing to send gift subscriptions to friends.

General Conference Camp Meeting

Just another reminder that you should begin now to make plans to attend camp meeting near Denver, Colorado, this coming summer. Great blessings are in store for you and there will be experiences that you just wouldn't want to miss. The camp meeting will be held July 21-29, 1967, 40 miles south of Denver, at the Pine Crest Camp.

LIFE OR DEATH

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squad; his eyes were still on Pam's when he was killed. Pam had one more chance to save her own life. Her answer did not change. She knew

the outcome of her life would not be different from her husband's or her children; they died in this life but they had much greater things to look forward to in the future.

Again she found strength as another verse of scripture flashed through her mind—"... fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." At last, no more pain, no more fear, only sweet rest till Jesus comes. The deafening roar of rifles tore through the damp morning air . . . and there was silence.

THE EASY WAY

So many seek an easy way
On which their feet can stroll,
And hope some bright and happy day
To reach a blessed goal,
And wear a laurel on their brow
Bespeaking great renown,
As men and women to them bow
In countryside and town.

But easy roads which some have trod,
We sadly must confess,
Lead opposite to where our God
Has placed for each success;
Therefore we have to take the road
Where luxury never sleeps,
And make great aims a mighty goal
To help us climb the steeps.

The easy way but leads you down
Where failure makes her grave,
And never up to throne and crown
To mingle with the brave;
Then face the better way of life
And struggle for success,
Though opposition oft is rife
To bring you much distress.

—Walter E. Isenhour