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I'm just a wheel. A steering wheel. And you're my captain. Behind me you're the lord and master of a miracle. You can make me take the young ones to school. You can turn me down the sunny road toward town. You can go in minutes to places hours away.

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*To think we are able is almost to be so; to determine upon attainment is frequently attainment itself; earnest resolution has often seemed to have about it almost a sav-
or of omnipotence.*

—S. SMILES

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Resolution to Revolution

By Joy Meader

IT will soon be 1968! A new year to start new projects, to try new ideas, and to make New Year's resolutions. The majority of people will make various New Year's resolutions from trying to quit smoking to determining to save more money during 1968. Most New Year's resolutions will never materialize and by far the majority are even forgotten within a few weeks after they have been made. What a better place this world would be to live in if every Christian (or those who claim the name Christian) would make just "one" New Year's resolution:

"In the year of 1968 I,, resolve to stop gossiping, slandering, and backbiting against my neighbors, my friends, and my enemies. I resolve to keep my lips sealed unless what I have to say will

benefit or uplift the person whom I'm talking about. Even if what I know or have heard is the *truth*, I resolve to keep my lips sealed, even to my best girlfriend (or boy friend, family, etc.) concerning what one has told me in confidence. Furthermore, I resolve to seek and bring out the best in people and show others the true character of Christ through me."

"Wait just a minute! That's some resolution! No person could begin to keep such a resolution!"

Yes, this is true, no man could keep a resolution like this one. Only a Christian with the divine help of God could keep this resolution. But we can find many scriptures in the Word of God which will back up such a resolution. I have not found that gossip is not to be found anywhere in the church. On the contrary, if something happens

it is soon heard in every church all over—sometimes faster than it takes a letter. We can justify ourselves here on earth by telling ourselves that it's only human nature to gossip, to let our tongues slip a bit once in a while; that everybody talks about someone. If we are going to justify this one "little" sin of gossip, then we might as well try justifying all other sins, for one sin is as bad as any other sin, according to James.

We have all read Proverbs 26:20-22:

"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer the strife ceaseth. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man (or woman) to kindle strife. The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."

We Christians read these verses, shake our heads and say, "How true this is! If only people wouldn't gossip so much!" Then we go about our everyday affairs and:

"Say, Mary, have you heard what happened to poor, sweet Jane. . . ? It really wasn't her fault, but. . ."

"I never take part in gossip—I wouldn't think of it—but the other day Mr. Smith came right up to me and started telling me what actually did happen to the Jones family. All I could

do was stand there and listen. Since you are my closest friend, I'll just tell you. Of course you'll never say a word. . ."

"...and it was this way. . . Oh, my! I forgot I was supposed to keep that a secret, but I know you will never tell."

In Proverbs 11:13 it reads:

"A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter."

Also in Proverbs 11:9 it tells us that:

"An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor. . ."

And in Proverbs 16:27 it reads:

"An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire."

This verse doesn't just say talebearer, or hypocrite, but an ungodly man. Woe! to any of us if we have been guilty of telling secrets, destroying our neighbor by our mouth, or digging up evil to hurt someone.

Proverbs 20:19 warns us to meddle not with the talebearer:

"He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

Proverbs 22:10 tells us to cast out the scorner:

"Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease."

In James 3:5, 6 we find:

"Even so the tongue is a little

member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body."

Verse 8: "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

Verse 14: "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth."

Verse 16: "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Verse 18: "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

How can we make peace by telling things about our neighbors?

Once again in Proverbs 17:9 we read:

"He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends."

We never know the harm we may cause by repeating a certain matter, even though it is the truth.

But when someone wrongs you or me, our attitude should be as found in Proverbs 24:29:

"Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his works."

At all times, according to Philippians 1:27:

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

How can gossiping and backbiting about one another become the gospel of Christ??? It can't!

In Ephesians 4:29-31 we find this instruction:

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God. . . Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

We can no longer go on and on justifying ourselves about this matter of gossip. For the question is asked in Psalm 15:3:

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"

The answer is found in verse two.

"He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart."

But verse three goes on to say: "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour."

If we are going to someday dwell in God's holy hill we can

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Well, this is the place, and it looks like I'm right on time—the sign says service begins at 7:00 p.m. Barney asked me to come visit his church sometime. I don't know too much about church and such things, but I need something to do tonight. I might just as well go in.

Say, where is everyone? Where is Barney?

Someone is coming; who is that? Oh, I'm very glad to meet you, Pastor Smith. Hmmmmmm, what's he doing? It's rather late to be turning on the air-conditioning isn't it? But I'm surely glad he did.

That sign outside certainly said seven o'clock, and it is now 7:15 p.m. Ah, here comes someone else—no, that isn't Barney. Where is Barney?

They're finally going to begin. Oh, no! the pianist isn't here yet. Well, they're going to pray anyway!

The pianist made it, and how beautifully the choir sings; but why are some of the choir members standing and some sitting? Aren't they all worshipping God? What a beautiful song!

"What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole..."

How's that? Oh, the time—it's 7:40. Oh, I did want to hear the rest of that song, but it's over now. Perhaps I could ask Barney what it means, but where is Barney?

The preacher seems to be a reasonable fellow and talks intelligently. What is he saying? "For God so loved the world that He gave..."

Ouch! My corn! That's quite all right. Where was that young lady going in such a hurry?

Oh yes, the preacher; what is he saying? If those two ladies in front of me would stop talking about that sale at Miller's, I might possibly make out what he is saying.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." I do believe that includes *me!*

Ow! Not again. Well, that's all right, young lady.

But, Preacher, I'm not such a bad fellow. "And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Does that mean me, too? Say, lady, don't they have a place here to take your crying baby? Why, even the theatre has a nursery.

Look out, here comes the toe-tromper again, and this time she's taking a friend.

The preacher says for us all to stand with heads bowed for the altar call, whatever that is. "Come all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Yes, I have been troubled lately, and I do realize that I'm a sinner. I believe I'll go up and—Oh, yes sir, I'll let you pass. Now where do you suppose he's going? Out the door. But he seemed to be listening so intently and saying "amen" so loudly, but now when heads are bowed, out he goes.

Wow, My poor feet! Here comes that girl again. What did you say? Why, it's nine o'clock, ma'am. Why doesn't that lady take her baby to the nursery? Oh, no nursery. Please, can't you wait until tomorrow to buy those new hats? Whew, it's too hot in here! And by the way, where is Barney?

Am I glad to be out of there! Well, Barney, I came; but where were you?

—Lighted Pathway

A RESOLUTION TO A REVOLUTION

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not be backbiters. God has told us He will cut off those who slander their neighbor (Psalm 101:5). And in Romans 1:30-32 it tells us that backbiters who know the judgment of God and still commit such things are worthy of death. Can God be any plainer than this, my friend?

In Paul's time he was afraid of the conditions he would find in the church when he would come there:

"For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, . . . lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults" (2 Corinthians 12:20).

When Christ shall return the second time, will He find the church full of gossiping, backbiting, and evil speaking?

Psalm 34:13 reads: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

Proverbs 15:4 tells us that: "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life."

Proverbs 21:23 adds: "Who-so keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

And Psalm 141:3 reads: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

These verses all speak for themselves.

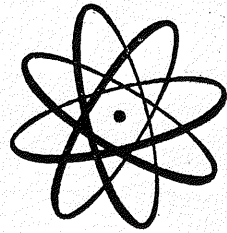
Now to explain the odd title of this article. I believe if all true Christians would make this New Year's resolution, it would therefore lead to a revolution in the church. One definition of the word revolution is: a complete change. Surely we need a complete change on this matter of gossip before the second coming of Christ.

It is my sincere prayer that we (I) will be able to keep this resolution not only during 1968, but until the end of time.

WHERE Is Barney?

By Denzell Teague

DIVINE DESIGN



Let God's Word Speak

By Elden Fischer

The first message sent over the telegraph wire in 1844 was "What hath God wrought?" I wonder what Morse would say today if he saw the rate at which Daniel 12:4 is being fulfilled ("... and knowledge shall be increased"). Libraries cannot keep up with the explosion of knowledge, so fantastic new methods are coming into use where many volumes of library books can be placed on microfilm that occupies less space than a match box. Today the "God is Dead" movement tries to say, *What hath man wrought?*

Today the idea of science and the Bible harmonizing is rapidly becoming unpopular. Our modern science loves to assume many theories of evolution as facts based on a frightfully small

amount of evidence. To teach evolution by inference and wishful theories is a shame and disgrace to a Christian nation. True science and the Bible do not disagree but a study of science will establish firmly a faith in a God that formed this earth with a plan and a purpose. I have personally heard a great, modern evolutionist from England tell of his modern study of evolution and heard nothing that contradicts the sacred scriptures. I have studied geology under a great geology teacher in New York and after hearing of the "evidence" of the early history of the North American Continent, my faith in what the Bible teaches was strengthened for a lack of faith to believe in the geologist's theories.

Being a Christian geologist does not mean one seeks to find oil on church property. There are no Christian laws of science. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork" (Psalm 19: 1). Even before science discovered its "laws of nature" the sun, moon, and planets were already following their precise pattern as planned by God. In my future discussions of astronomy, geology, botany, and evolution, we will try to put into words a few ideas that speak for a Creator rather than chance; and that survival of the fittest could not explain life as we know it today. The more man learns



about the DNA molecule and biochemistry, the less one can believe that *chance* could bring about a wonderful machine like the human body.

That science and religion are not friends can be understood through history. When Galileo first advocated that the earth moved around the sun he was thrown in a dungeon and royally mistreated by the Catholic Church. At 70 years of age he had to swear on the Bible that he was advocating a false theory about the earth moving

around the sun to get out of the dungeon. When William Harvey of England first taught that the blood circulated in our body he was excommunicated from his church. Even grade school students today can observe blood circulation in a frog leg.

Atheists claim that primitive man invented the idea of God to explain what they could not understand. When man could not understand thunder and lightning he said it was a god and thought that eclipses were of a divine cause. As knowledge increases, that kind of a god would get smaller and smaller but our God gets greater and greater. When man found the cell, he thought he had found the basic unit of living matter; but since then man has found atoms, then protons, and now many smaller units within the proton. As we look at an insect, a protozoan, a seed, a flower, or a leaf under the microscope, one must stand in awe and respect to a greater Creator who made the blueprint and put them together—then gave them life. Try to count the stars on a clear night; or better yet, use a telescope and you will be astounded at the complexity of our universe.

Both science and the Bible solve problems—but not the same problems. Science gave us nitroglycerin and gunpowder, but only faith in God can give us real peace. Science can make a missile but only God can heal a broken heart. Science makes giant streetsweepers but only God can clean a guilty conscience.

First century gospel agrees with 20th Century science. Lord Kelvin after whom the Kelvin scale thermometer was named said, "If you think strongly enough you will be

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Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

I've seen several comments giving ideas on how to get a date, but I haven't read much about how to get out of one. One hardly has to be popular before this problem comes up. It seems that the least desirable dates cause the most hard feelings when refused. How can a person get out of a date gracefully?

ANSWER:

By "getting out of a date" I presume you mean refusing one rather than backing out on one already made.

It is unlikely that a date can be refused without causing a certain amount of difficulty somewhere. It actually takes a lot of nerve to ask for a date, and when it is refused disappointment is keen. It injures the ego, and when that happens, often other members of the family reflect a little disappointment—in cases, some hard feelings.

Nonetheless, I see little reason why anyone should accept a date that has little appeal. While some may not intend it that way, the fact that you are asked implies that you have a choice to accept or refuse. There is

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



nothing immoral about using that right.

Be mindful that a refusal is a bit hard to accept, so be as kind as you can without any display of pity. Give the impression that the person asking could get a date elsewhere if he chose. This would protect his ego—a need that is ever present when a request for a date is denied.

QUESTION:

Why are some members and ministers of the Church so easily upset when a Youth questions some of the doctrines of the Church. Does it mean that a person is an atheist or an infidel if he doubts or questions some of the doctrines and policies of the Church?

ANSWER:

I wish your question reflected the attitude of members and ministers of the past, not the present, but

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apparently this is not the case. No, you are not atheistic nor unfaithful for questioning church doctrine or policy. To the contrary, a sincere inquiry will strengthen the Church.

A youth who has an intelligent, probing mind will approach the Church's teachings with the same analytical curiosity that he does other interests. This is a compliment to the Church.

If our doctrines are truthful, they can adequately produce satisfactory answers. If our policies represent good thinking, they will be understood and accepted. If they are met with reservations, a re-examination may likely produce more effective procedures. The Church must always remain obligated to answer honest inquiry from her youth. If she cannot, she may be floundering in less than a generation.

At the same time the questioning youth has a sizeable obligation. He must be sure that his questions represent honest inquiry, rather than reflect rebellion. Often questions are a timid way of showing resentment. When the questioner is incorrectly motivated, he does little more than show a lack of personal depth.

An examination that is less than honorable can only bring injury. Inquiries that are sincere will strengthen both the Church and the curious. Whenever you need clarifications, get them. If you have difficulty doing so, write to me. I will do my best to see that you receive some answers.

QUESTION:

Why does the Church prohibit the use of tobacco by its membership? Instead of becoming more open-minded about it, we seem to be getting more strict. I know some people that use

tobacco who are more "Christian" than some good church members who do not.

ANSWER:

The Church prohibits the use of tobacco by its members because it is harmful to the body. The Church took this position long before the fact was as openly declared and publicized as it is today.

Further, the Church does not consider it healthy for a person to be enslaved by a habit that is detrimental to good health and threatens cleanliness. Our bodies should be kept clean and under control for holy use. The tobacco habit strays from this intention.

The Church is becoming strict in this respect, but no more than she ought to. Take care not to confuse open-mindedness with permissiveness. A person who is overly permissive is weak, not open-minded.

There are many good people who use tobacco, as there are good people who have never repented and accepted Christ as their Saviour. The goodness of men by man's standards and Christianity are not the same.

You do not know who is a good Christian and who is not. God has reserved this kind of judgment for Himself, and He has not delegated it to you or me or anyone else. Your evaluation of another man's Christianity supports no logical argument for permission to use tobacco.

**If you cannot have everything,
make the best of everything
you have.**

A great purpose leads to great achievement.

TRUST

in

God

The telephone rang. Mom walked over and picked up the receiver. My brother, Robert, was calling. He told Mom that my sister, Ruth, had been hit by the airplane propeller and had a concussion, a broken jaw and had lost her left hand.

It was a terrible shock. I burst out crying and Mom nearly had a nervous break-down. My heart felt like it was being squeezed to pieces.

I went into the living room, lay down on the sofa and cried for quite a while. The day was really dull and Mom and I wandered around trying to keep ourselves busy and trying not to cry. But time after time I couldn't hold my emotions in and I'd break out crying.

That night I fell on my knees, poured out my heart to God and wept at His feet. I found that my heart was filled with peace and it was such a glorious feeling that in the following days I began to pray more often.

Now I know what faith is. There was nothing we could do for Ruth except pray. She was in God's hands. Through prayer we just had to trust God to save Ruth. That is faith.

Through faith my heart was drawn closer to God's. I sincerely hope and pray I'll never wander from Him.

Sharon Ling

I don't remember the accident Saturday evening, July 22.

I don't even remember leaving the plane.

The last thing I remember is flying over Devil's Lake. My brother, Robert, was piloting the plane and we were headed for the National Church of God General Conference, in Colorado. It was dusk. I looked out the window and saw many different-colored lights below. Everything looked so small and reliant upon a higher power that my emotions were stirred and I couldn't take my eyes away.

That's the last thing I remember about the flight.

The next thing I remember is awakening in the operating room. I realized I was lying down. I looked at the many doctors standing around me and wondered what I was doing there. I felt no pain. My eyes focused on the last doctor—realizing that not one of them had smiled. He looked at me with sad eyes. I remember he had blonde hair. Then after about 15 seconds I became unconscious again.

I regained consciousness Tuesday afternoon when I was being taken in an ambulance plane to St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn. I looked up at the nurse and the I.V. bottle she was holding high in her hand. I started to turn over on my left side. The nurse quickly pressed on my right shoulder and said, "Don't roll over!" So I laid back.

During the days that followed I was very tired. I slept. When I talked to a nurse, I called her "Teacher." Quite a few days passed before I realized what I was saying.

My brother Benjamin and his wife Joanne brought Mom to see me the next Saturday, July 29. I asked Mom what happened. She said I had been hit by the plane's propeller. Robert had stayed at the hospital with me in Devil's Lake until I was flown back to Rochester. Then he had gone on to Colorado and that's all she knew.

Mom and Joanne couldn't even look at me without crying. I felt no pain. I felt terrible when they started to leave. I didn't want to be alone again.

When the Colorado conference was over Robert came back and stayed in Rochester several days to be with me. While he was there he told me what had happened.

We had just landed at Devil's Lake. Robert was checking the engine and asked me if I would go ask a man where he should park the plane for the night. He didn't mean for me to get out until he had cut the engine. But I got out right away.

Even in the daytime you can't see a propeller going around. All you can see is a circle of moving air. At night the only way you'll know it is near, is by an increasing air current hitting you. I didn't walk far enough to get around the propeller. They assume I was holding onto my scarf with my left hand. The end of the propeller, about half an inch wide hit me. The engine was killed. Robert heard a thud and rushed out to see if what he dreaded had really happened.

His heart sickened. I was lying on the ground, blood flowing from where the propeller had hit my head, neck and chest. It had struck one-quarter-inch from my jugular vein. What was left of my left hand was lying on the ground a short distance from me.

Other people heard the thud and rushed to help. The ambulance was called. Robert knelt beside me and tried to staunch the flow of blood. He began praying. Someone else was holding my arm.

The doctors were surprised I wasn't already dead and even though they expected me to die at any time they started stitching the wounds. They gave me nine pints of blood.

When the doctors found that I was still alive after about two hours, they said if I lived 36 hours more, I'd probably recover. Under God's hands, I did.

When they saw that I was recovering they had me flown to Rochester for additional surgery. I was in St. Mary's Hospital for over nine weeks. I got pretty homesick and missed everybody.

Because the propeller had gone into my brain tissue I have a hard time thinking of words to explain what I mean.

The doctors are going to cover my scar, connect the facial nerve so I can move the left side of my face

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The Give and Take of Marriage

By Gladys McCoy

The following poem reveals how important love is in each marriage.

WHERE THERE IS LOVE

Where there is love the heart is light,
Where there is love the day is bright,
Where there is love there is a song
To help when things are going wrong,
Where there is love there is a smile
To make all things seem more worthwhile,
Where there is love there's quiet peace,
A tranquil place where turmoils cease—
Love changes darkness into light
And makes the heart take "wingless flight"—
Oh, blest are they who walk in love,
They also walk with God above—
And when you walk with God each day
And kneel together when you pray,
Your marriage will be truly blest
And God will be your daily "Guest"—
And love that once seemed yours alone,
God gently blends into His Own.

—Written by Helen Steiner Rice

How many of us find ourselves taking for granted this rare and precious gift of love that God has supplied in our companion?

Many times we are too preoccupied with the daily tasks to realize the worth of the knowledge that someone loves us.

Have you known the feeling of "unloading" on one who you know will understand and share the burden of the day—secure in the knowledge that he or she is standing beside you, regardless of the pressures of the outside world? It really helps, doesn't it? It means a lot!

Are we there ready to listen and help and understand when we are needed? In these busy, hectic, hurried days, there is so little time left for sharing another's burdens. Do we meet our husbands at the door with all the problems of our day, not realizing that perhaps his day hasn't been much smoother either, or vice versa? This is something we are probably all guilty of doing at one time or another. It is very difficult to put ourselves in the other fellow's shoes. We are by nature very self-centered individuals. I think the blessings we would receive by being good listeners would surprise us. Who doesn't want to see the pride and lovelight shining in his partner's eyes? This may be only a very small part of sharing in our marriage, but I feel its significance is often overlooked. When one is tuned out too often, communication just ceases. Then the troubles begin.

I believe God wants us to be aware of the little things in our marriage, as well as in all phases of our lives. It's the shared smile, the gentle pat, the knowing wink, the compliment paid, the little courtesies (that we would show to a stranger) that build a bond of love such as this poem describes.

Then God can truly bless our marriages and be the third partner we all need so desperately. Even in the very best-matched couples, there is need of God's love and help and direction. Too often two strong opinions meet in a deadlock. Neither partner will humble himself or herself enough to try to seek a solution. The next place we find this couple is in the divorce court. Had God been asked to intervene, the outcome could have been so different.

We really can't afford to be without this daily "Guest," can we? We can only know real happiness as we make our partners happy. This understanding and patience and gentleness comes directly from God. May each of us seek more help from above so that our marriages can be truly blest.

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service Eccl. 12:1
Example Be 1 Tim. 4:12
Acknowledge God ALWAYS

Prov. 3:6
Rejoice in your Lord Phil. 4:4
If we follow these scriptures, we
are bound to have a very Happy
New Year.

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Your New Year's resolution with-
out Christ will turn into a New Year's
lie.

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The path into the New Year is a
glow with opportunity to work for
Christ—just remember the doors of
opportunity are marked "push."
God will never fail us He will not
forsake:
His eternal covenant He will never
break.

Resting on His promise, what have
we to fear?
God is all-sufficient for the coming
year!

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"GO FORWARD!"

**With steadfast heart and true
Go forward on your way;
God give you strength to do
The duties of each day.
Daily may this thought
Your heart with courage fill,
"I CAN, BECAUSE I OUGHT,
AND BY GOD'S HELP—I
WILL!"**

A.R.G.

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*The biggest room in the world is
the room for improvement.*

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*Write it on your heart that every
day is the best day of the year.*
—R. W. Emerson

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*If you didn't do so good last
year, why cry over spilt milk
—it's already four-fifths water.*

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The greatest thing in this
world is not so much where we
stand, as in what direction we
are moving.—*Oliver W. Holmes*

MY NEW YEAR PRAYER

I want the new year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer, and praise
Some little things to do for Thee,
For Thou hast done great things for me.

Some other souls I want to bring
To Thee, my Saviour and my King.
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
For thou canst all my wants supply.

In Jesus' name my prayer I raise,
Whose guiding hand has blessed my days.
And may I, Lord, in godly fear
Serve thee through this coming year.

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A NEW YEAR

Time is a treasure; How shall we use it?
We can make useful, or we can abuse it!
Only the Giver can make our hearts wise,
Teaching us daily the New Year to prize.

Time is a treasure, so view it, my soul!
Keep all its spending 'neath watchful control;
Employ each moment in God's holy fear,
And He will ensure you a Happy New Year.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

What shall I wish thee? Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime? Pleasures and mirth?
Flowers on the pathway, skies ever clear?
Would this ensure you a happy new year?

What shall I wish thee? what can be found
Bringing thee sunshine all the year round?
Where is the treasure, Lasting and Dear,
That will ensure thee a happy new year?

Faith that increaseth, walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;
Love that is perfect, casting out fear;
These will ensure you a happy new year.

Peace in the Saviour, rest at His feet;
The smile of His countenance—radiant and sweet
Joy in His presence! Christ ever near!
This will ensure you a happy new year!

—*Frances Ridley Havergal*

Not your responsibility, but
your response to God's ability
is what counts.

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Good resolutions are like ba-
bies crying in church: They
should be carried out immedi-
ately!—*Chas. Sheldon*

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If your pet ambition doesn't
mean a "hard row to hoe," it
may not have a future worth
digging for.

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You'd be surprised at the
heights that can be gained by
simply staying on the level.

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A GOOD MOTTO

**If a task is once begun
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all!**



ABOVE: Jan Towery, Betsy and Debbie Schlenker presenting a special number for Rally.

SPOTLIGHT

Owosso FYC



ABOVE: Owosso FYC officers: Assistant Leader—Denis Burrell, Leader—Jerry Camero, Secretary—Paul Wilson, Assistant Secretary—Carrie Pace.

RIGHT: Denis Burrell, Ken Moldenhauer, Janice Carlin, Jerry Camero, Ken Merriam, Bill Stack, rendering an instrumental number at State Wide Rally.



LEFT: Denis Burrell and Mike Vlad present messages for National Youth Week.

The F.Y.C. of the Owosso Church of God has united its efforts with Spring Vale Academy to produce an active program for the young people in both the church and the school. The membership consists chiefly of the Spring Vale students, but the weekly meetings are attended by several young people above and below high school age.

To open the school year our pastor, Elder Patchen, planned a spiritual emphasis effort, with ministers on the school staff bringing a message each

night and winding the week up with an all-church banquet for which Elder Noah Camero and the San Pablo trio provided the program.

In the month of October, we observed Youth Emphasis Week. Our theme for the week was "Ye Are My Witnesses." Sabbath morning two of our students, Mike Vlad and Denis Burrell, brought the message. Another feature of this week's meetings was a series of soul-winning classes, under the direction of Coye D. Simms, of Detroit, Michigan. In these

meetings we were taught that all true Christians are soul-winners, and instructed as to how we could go about winning the lost to Jesus Christ.

Our November monthly rally was centered around the theme "The King's Highway." The officers of the F.Y.C. planned and prepared the program with road signs and highway billboards to bring out some helpful applications to our journey on God's highway.

These meetings have had their part in challenging all of us to service for

our Master. Once a month we provide the opportunity for some special service. At this time, in place of our regular F.Y.C. meeting, we split up into three different groups. Two of these groups go to different Old Folks' homes or hospitals to sing and bring God's Word to them. The young people also take time to talk with these shut-ins and encourage their hearts. This proves to be a blessing both to the patients in these homes and to those of us who render this service.

COVER PICTURE:



FIRST ROW: Marilyn Heavilin, Carrie Pace, Linda Mann, Debbie Schlenker, Cyndy Wilson, Paula Wilson, Mark Vlad, Patty Padilla, Larry Zaragoza, Marietta Heavilin, Vivian Vaughn, Mike Vlad, Bernice Padilla, Jan Towery; SECOND ROW: Brian Kaeseman, Carol Durham, Betty Carlin, Jeane Rosenberger, Jacque Towery, Ken Moldenhauer, Vona Shapitka, Susie Stucker, Lloyd Guerra, Carl Pedersen, Raymond Gibson; THIRD ROW: Preston Kester, Mary Hutton, Paul Carlin, Betty Schlenker, Shirley Stack, Rita Fischer, Ruth Merrill, Carolyn Clements, Steve Forbes, Robert Hendershott, Jerry Camero, Kevin Weir; FOURTH ROW: Sue Taylor, Judy Haffner, Bob Lippincott, Janice Carlin, John Towery, Bob Dais, Ken Merriam, Danny McLeMore, David Brunson, Denis Burrell, Dixie Walton, Ken Riggs, Bill Stack, Arnold W. rley

The third group of FYCers remains at the school to write letters to individuals whom they know or have been assigned to write to, who are sick, shut-in, or in need of encouragement in the faith of our Lord. This, we feel, is an important part of our F.Y.C. program.

DISAPPOINTMENT

She was a charming creature, with curls of raven's hue, and a form like that of Venus, and eyes of gentian blue. Her smile was like a sunbeam upon her sweet, young face; her feet were small yet sturdy, and she moved with ease and grace!

Her laugh was filled with music, her voice was soft—and yet, her beauty quickly vanished when she lit a cigarette! —Crystal Shoemaker

TRUST IN GOD

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again if they can, and try to increase the hearing in my left ear if possible. The doctors expected me to be deaf in my left ear. But I can hear 50% perfect, thanks to God's grace.

I am grateful that God saw fit to save my life, and my heart aches to find the work He has in store for me. I pray that my spirit will never wander from Him, but that my soul may forever remain in His keeping.

I appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness of all you people who helped to enlighten my spirit. I thank you very much for your prayers.

I would appreciate it if you would pray for my brother, Robert, too. He was deeply hurt.

Marveling at the greatness of my God,

Ruth Ling

Editorial

“What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”

In this amazing age of wonders—so-called manmade—we often marvel at progress. Computers do amazing things—calculating facts and data that a single human mind couldn't begin to handle. Manmade rockets streak into the sky, accomplishing feats that not long ago were thought impossible.

Recently, a great experiment was attempted in the field of medicine when the heart of a girl was transplanted in the chest of a man. We marvel at the strides that have been made in medicine—and we feel grateful for the dedication of doctors who sacrifice much for the good of humanity. We can yet hope that such a heart transplant can successfully save the life of a person. At the same time, the death of Louis Washkansky was once again a reminder to us that, regardless of men's greatest efforts to preserve a life organically, if God does not see fit to provide the breath, man is helpless. He has done all he can.

Days after the tragedy at Mount Pleasant, West Virginia, postcards could still be purchased in nearby stores, showing the picture of a silver-colored bridge and the caption, “a shining example of man's engineering ingenuity. . . .” And so it was! . . . But the recent pictures of death and destruction that occurred there were a striking reminder of man's insufficiency—his littleness—his total dependence upon an all-powerful God. While man accomplishes great and successful feats, he sometimes fails. God never fails.

If you, as a young person, have sometimes been so impressed with the wisdom and ingenuity of men around you—professors, or whoever they may be—that you are sometimes tempted to live your life without depending upon God, take a second look.

As you enter this new calendar year, enter it with God as your partner, and only this in mind: “By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life” (Proverbs 22:4).

From time to time we plan to share with you the personal experiences of ones who have found the precious truths taught by the Church of God (7th day).

“... Truth

Shall

Make

You

Free”

By Larry Hadden

When I was sent to Alaska while in the Air Force, I had to stay in Anchorage almost two months waiting for my position to be opened on St. Lawrence Island. During that time I heard H. W. Armstrong's program, "The World Tomorrow," on the radio. It stirred up my interest because of the different approach he had. I listened to it every time I could, and after being sent to the Island I started taking his correspondence course. When I got sent back stateside I started taking his magazine, and became a sincere follower of his.

One of the biggest doctrinal studies I made was on the Sabbath question (which eventually led me to this church) and also all the other doctrines different from the Baptist and other Protestant churches. This led to many hours of deep meditation and thought and paved the way for my own "reformation."

After my discharge I went back home to Colorado where I found work on a sugar beet farm. There I met a young man from this church. With both of us being very religious,

we naturally talked about our churches and beliefs. When I said that I was somewhat of an Armstrong fan, he told me of Mr. Armstrong's breakaway from this church. Then I had opportunity to read some of our tracts. As a first step toward my stand for the truth, I stopped working at the farm on the Sabbath. Of course, this didn't set well at all with my Sunday background, but once the truth got root, it was in me to stay.

Circumstances then took my wife and me to a different part of Colorado to live, and I forgot about my encounter with the Sabbath and the other truths I'd learned. But then we moved to Moab, Utah, where I had a much better job, *with Friday and Saturday as my days off*. After a while this was impressed on my mind, and I did some serious thinking. After much prayer I was shown that Saturday, the Sabbath of the Lord, is indeed *the* day to keep holy. So I vowed to the Lord that I'd keep the Sabbath instead of the Sunday, if it be His will, no matter what the cost. Later on I had to pay that vow, but by His grace I was able to do so.

Well, it was His will that I start keeping the Sabbath again, and my family and I had to move back to Grand Junction, Colorado, to live with my folks. The Lord had worked things out this way so that I might be able to attend our church in that city. So having found a new, glorious church home, I had to break away from the Baptist church. This was no small task. But after the breakaway I was re-awakened to the fact that while I was in the Baptist church I had dedicated my life to full-time Christian service.

After losing three jobs in three months I figured that the Lord was trying to tell me something; and after much prayer and fasting, difficulties were overcome and the way to Mid-

west Bible College was provided. We came back to Missouri in April of '66, and I immediately found a job and apartment thanks to God. In September '66 I entered school in preparation for a ministry which I am very eagerly awaiting.

The truths that I've learned are ever so precious and powerful dispelling ignorance and pagan traditions dressed up in modern "Christian" clothes. I'm so very thankful that God has seen fit to call me into the best and highest of His wondrous grace and truth. I'll be eternally grateful to Mr. Phil Wishart for introducing me to this church, its truths, and the dear brothers and sisters in Christ who compose it. I'm also grateful to the Baptist Church in which I grew up and came to know God. I have many fond memories of it, but I wouldn't go back to it for the whole world.—Gold is *much* more precious than silver. And I know somewhat of how Moses felt when he chose Israel over Egypt; also the blessings of the wise choice made.

In conclusion, I'd like to testify to the truth of Jesus' words, that "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." And when one seeks a filling of God's righteousness, . . . "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Matt. 5:6 and John 8:32). Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

"For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26).

Here are seven "oughts" to Salvation: God thought it—Grace brought it—Christ bought it—Satan fought it—Paul sought it—I caught it!



Lois Youngs

After another year in the Evangelette program, I can look back and say I'm really glad I'm an Evangelette. Even though I know I haven't done nearly as much for the Lord as I should have, "Evangelette" has helped me to draw closer to God.

At first, it was a real challenge to complete the seven standards. Now that a custom has been established, it can be made a greater challenge by doing a little extra.

Among the other standards in Evangelette, completing projects is, for me, most rewarding. It is, indeed, a great blessing to do something to help someone else, even if it is a little difficult at times.

All in all, Evangelette is a good way to "... grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Lois Youngs
Ontario FYC



Tom O'Haver

I have received many blessings since starting the Evangelette program two years ago. But the most important ones come from helping others. When I first started being an Evangelette it was hard to think of a project to do each month. Most of the ones I did do, didn't help others in any direct way. But during this last year I have visited people in the hospital, helped witness to others with music and songs, and had discussions and Bible studies with other young people of different beliefs from my own. All of these have been for the benefit of others, but in the process of doing them I also received a blessing myself.

It seems that during this last year God has opened up new opportunities for me to serve Him. I believe that continuing to be an Evangelette for another year will bring even more opportunities before me to help both the Lord and my fellow man and receive a blessing by doing so.

Tom O'Haver
Upland, California

E V A N G E L E T T E S

Our Evangelette program is for personal spiritual achievement. It includes the Minuteman, 2T4G, as well as other standards. For your Evangelette booklet, write to: Calvin Burrell, Rt. 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.



Mark Vlad

After completing the Evangelette program I can sincerely say that it has helped me gain the spiritual strength and faith that I need in my everyday, 24-hour struggle against sin. Often, when I am depressed or discouraged, I turn to my Bible and prayer. These two things, the Evangelette program has taught me, and from these come the answer that man alone cannot give.

Teenager, I challenge *YOU* to start and complete the Evangelette Program, for from it and sincere effort, come blessings beyond compare with any earthly treasure.

Mark Vlad
Spring Vale Academy



Karen Yerby

Sometimes a person has to be reminded of God several times before they partake in a certain task He has laid out for them. This is sometimes caused by the thought of what other people may say. One should not let this come between them and God, for this would be hindering our Christian growth.

There are also many people who say they love their neighbor, but do things contrary to this in their actions. This causes them to become stumbling blocks instead of stepping stones, causing others to backslide. An example of this is attending church faithfully, but not having the full, outgoing love of Christ flowing from their lives. We must share God's love with others. One can learn to do this by taking part in the Evangelette Program.

Karen Yerby
Sanland, California

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EVANGELETTES (Continued)



Carolyn Clements

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Through the Evangelette program good Christian habits such as Bible reading and studying and prayer are established, and these practices result in contact with the Lord and spiritual growth.

I have heard that some do not participate in this program or practice its recommendations because they cannot afford to give up the time that it requires, yet they cannot possibly afford not to and lose the real meaning of being a Christian and receiving the blessing with which the Father rewards those who diligently seek Him.

There is so much to learn, so much to experience, and so much power available to us that we must start with something basic like this program and continue to seek more and more of God. I am especially thankful for this program, because it helped me to establish daily Bible reading. Now a day would seem empty without communicating with the Lord, and the day's activities would go wrong, I'm sure.

Try it, and see if your life doesn't do a little changing!

Carolyn Clements
Spring Vale Academy

Make a Mark of Merit

By Nathan Lawson

A new year is here—1968. The calendar rapidly flashes by. We have seen 1960—62—64—1965, 1966, 1967, and now—1968. We swing into the new year at the speed of a Space Race, a Race for Atomic Power, Raging wars around the World, and Cities torn by Riots and Demonstrations. 1968 will soon flash by and it will be 1969—1971—19??—19??—.

THEN—THE END OF THIS PRESENT AGE!!!

**THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST—IN PERSON!!!
THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD BECOME THE
KINGDOMS OF CHRIST!!!**

CHRIST RULES WITH THE SAINTS FOR 1,000 YEARS—ON THE EARTH!!!

CHRIST DESTROYS SIN, SICKNESS, SORROW—DEATH!!!

THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD ARRIVES—THE HOLY CITY!!!

ARE YOU READY FOR THESE GLORIOUS EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE?????

1968 also begins a new Mark of Merit Year. Is your Local FYC working, right now—1968, for this same Christ—WHO WILL SOON ARRIVE FROM HEAVEN?

You still have time to organize your group according to the FYC manual, register your members, ages 13-25, with the National FYC, and enter the Mark of Merit program for 1968. This program offers you a plan of activities for the entire year—a plan that will keep your entire FYC group actively working for Jesus Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE, when this whole earth is shocked by the **GREAT APPEARANCE OF CHRIST**, we want **YOU** to be **WORKING, PRAYING, WATCHING, AND WAITING** for your Saviour.

Have your group join the Mark of Merit program and become active for Christ.

Write for information today. Nathan Lawson, 841 S. Washington, Lodi, Calif. 95240.

"AIM magazine Survey." Make a survey of all the FYC members in your group to see if they have a subscription to the "Aim" for the coming year. If there are some who don't you may give them gift subscriptions or see that they subscribe to this Magazine. I hope all of you read "Aim." It will help you to be a real Christian until the Jesus Christ returns.

4th Quarter Reports for 1967

They should be filled out and sent in by the time you are reading this report.

AN OUTSTANDING BOOK FOR EVERY BRIDE-TO-BE (and for every bride of one to fifty years)

LETTERS TO KAREN on Keeping Love in Marriage was written to an engaged daughter by Charlie W. Shedd, a man of 25 years' experience as a minister and counselor. Every wife should read this book.

Order this book from the Bible Advocate Press, Stanberry, Missouri 64489, for just \$3.00.

2T₄G - Take Time for God

By Kathleen Roche

The book of Revelation is the only prophetic book in the New Testament. Its main theme is, "I come quickly." As we read of the beast with seven heads, the vision of God's throne, and the book with seven seals, we come to realize the meaning of Paul's writings to the church at Corinth.

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Our understanding of these passages is indeed limited. Even in trying to imagine the second coming of Christ and the holy city descending from God out of heaven, our minds are full of questions concerning the exact sequences and just how it will all come about.

While it is good to study these visions and perhaps establish some theory on the order of events, be careful lest you neglect the most important aspect—are you ready for the day when the glass will be made clear and all mysteries will be revealed?

It has been said, "Do not worry about whether or not the sun will rise; be prepared to enjoy it." So it is with the great judgment day. God will take care of the details. Our chief concern, as expressed in an old favorite hymn, should be,

"Is my name written there, on the page white and fair?"

In the book of Thy kingdom, is my name written there?"

When Jesus visited Mary and Martha, Martha was cumbered about much serving and troubled about many things. But Jesus said one thing was needful; and Mary had chosen that good part. Seek God's guidance in your reading that you, like Mary, will gain that which is needful. And as you imagine the wonderful rewards of which you read, consider the promise,

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Date	Chapter	Jan. 30	Rev. 21	Our formula, 2T4G, Take
Jan. 15	Rev. 6	Jan. 31	Rev. 22	Time For God, offers you a
Jan. 16	Rev. 7	Feb. 1	Gen. 1	feeling of "togetherness" as
Jan. 17	Rev. 8	Feb. 2	Gen. 2	you read daily the same chap-
Jan. 18	Rev. 9	Feb. 3	Gen. 3	ter that many other young peo-
Jan. 19	Rev. 10	Feb. 4	Gen. 4	ple are reading. However, it
Jan. 20	Rev. 11	Feb. 5	Gen. 5	is not imperative that you
Jan. 21	Rev. 12	Feb. 6	Gen. 6	read the particular chapter
Jan. 22	Rev. 13	Feb. 7	Gen. 7	recommended here. In order to
Jan. 23	Rev. 14	Feb. 8	Gen. 8	complete a year in 2T4G, you
Jan. 24	Rev. 15	Feb. 9	Gen. 9	need only read at least one
Jan. 25	Rev. 16	Feb. 10	Gen. 10	chapter each day, missing not
Jan. 26	Rev. 17	Feb. 11	Gen. 11	even once. Write to Dale Law-
Jan. 27	Rev. 18	Feb. 12	Gen. 12	son, Stanberry, Mo. 64489 to ob-
Jan. 28	Rev. 19	Feb. 13	Gen. 13	tain a special 2T4G chart for
Jan. 29	Rev. 20	Feb. 14	Gen. 14	your personal record.

DIVINE DESIGN

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forced by science to believe in God. Pure science is one of Christianity's strongest allies.

Science changes but the Christian religion does not. It happens that a student honors a teacher of science by proving his teacher in error. The chemist, Arrhenius, received the Nobel prize for his electrolytic theory of dissociation; the same prize was given later to Debye for sowing the inadequacy of Arrhenius' scheme.

God has made us a marvelous machine. Our heart generates enough energy in one day to lift six fully loaded Greyhound scenicruiser buses one inch off the ground. Our heart beats 40,000,000 times a year. We often forget to think of the heart or its designer until our miraculous little pump fails to work perfectly. On the job for one year it pumps enough blood to fill pint bottles that would

stretch from Cleveland to New York City.

The Bible has for many centuries declared a fact that science didn't understand in George Washington's time. In Leviticus 17:11 we read, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." If George Washington's doctor had known the truth of this verse he would not have drained blood from the father of this country three times. If Washington had not been so low on blood he might have recovered from his illness in 1799, just 168 years ago.

God's divine design is reaffirmed each time a seed sprouts or a newborn baby cries. If we let God's Word speak to us it will testify that God is not dead "nor doth he sleep."

Next Month: The Heaven's Declare.

He that resolves to mend here-
after resolves not to mend now!

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In trying times—don't stop trying!

MINUTEMAN

"The Christian's Hope"

By Carol Millican

Why should a Christian be the happiest person alive? Why should a Christian's enthusiasm and approach to life set him apart in any crowd? Since a Christian must be ever mindful of a series of "Thou Shalt Not's" and deny himself many so-called pleasures, how can he be expected to have any attitude other than self-persecution? It is true that God loved us enough to give His Son that we might be saved from sin—this is half the Christian's reason to be happy—but saved for what? What is God's great plan for us? What are YOU working for?

Often it seems that we become so involved with daily responsibilities with meeting deadlines and appointments, with attaining short-range goals, that the vision of our ultimate goal in life, the comprehension of our real purpose in living, becomes rather vague.

This month's Minuteman verses are the first in a series that will serve as reminders to us of what God has in store for us and what we must do in order to become co-owners of the Kingdom of Heaven. Although we cannot hope to present in this series all these verses that have to do with God's promises to His people, the verses for this month give the promises in summary. Although you may have heard these verses before, read them over and over until they become a part of you; memorize them so that they will be written indelibly on your mind and you will be ready "to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

You will note that your first verse for

REVELATION 3:21

GENESIS 26:4

HEBREWS 11:8, 10

GALATIANS 3:29

ROMANS 8:17

DANIEL 7:27

REVELATION 22:3

memorization, Revelation 3:21, begins "To him that OVERCOMETH..." Since we know that God has something waiting for us, that surpasses human comprehension, we would surely want to meet His qualification—that we lead an overcoming life. In the next article in this series we will see that being an overcomer also has its rewards in this life; in subsequent articles we will consider verses that show some of the traits of character that God expects us to develop in order to qualify as heirs to His kingdom.

Minuteman is one of the programs you are encouraged to participate in as a Faithful Youth Challenger. In this program, you are encouraged to learn eight verses each month. If you aren't already a "minuteman" for the Lord, being ready always to give an answer for the hope that is within you, start now. Join us, won't you? Each quarter you will be quizzed to see how thoroughly you know your verses.

The Acts of the Apostles in Paraphrase

(Continued)



By Nathan Straub

IN THE CARE OF JULIUS 27:1

When it was decided that we (Paul and his friends) should sail to Italy, the authorities delivered Paul and some other prisoners into the care of a man named Julius, a captain of Augustus' troops.

We boarded a ship from Adramyttium. We started to sail, intending to sail by the shores of Asia. We had with us Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica.

AT SIDON 27:3

The next day we landed at Sidon. Julius was very kind to Paul and gave him freedom to go to his friends and to give himself a rest.

TO MYRA 27:4

We left there and sailed by Cyprus with a wind blowing against us. After

we had sailed over the seas of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at Myra, a city in Lycia.

At Myra the captain located an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy, so he put us on that ship. Then we sailed slowly for many days. The wind was such that we were hardly able to reach Cnidus. We sailed by Salomone and then south of Crete. We were just able to pass the extreme end of Crete. We were able to come to a place called, "The fair havens." That was near the city of Lasea.

Much time had been lost and sailing at this time was dangerous. The time of the fast had already passed.

So Paul advised, "Sirs, I am made to conclude that if we sail now it will result in hardship and damage, not only to the cargo and the ship; but even our lives will be endangered."

TO PHENICE? 27:11

However the captain relied more on what the operator and the ship owner said than on what Paul said. Besides that, the haven was not suitable for wintering. More persons advised sailing on, hoping that by some means they would reach Phenice; where they could spend the winter. Phenice is a haven on Crete. It has a southwest, northwest pattern.

When the south wind blew softly, the sailors thought they had gotten what they wanted, so they began to sail and sailed near the shores of Crete.

Before long a tremendous east wind began to blow very threateningly. The ship was caught. It could not withstand the wind, so we let it be driven. We sailed south of an island called Claudia. We had a great deal of difficulty dealing with the ship's attendant boat. After hoisting the boat we used the equipment and undergirded the ship. Then we were afraid of getting into the quicksands, so we lowered the sails and were driven by the winds.

We were being tossed mercilessly by the storm. The next day we lightened the ship. On the third day, with our own hands, we threw the ship's equipment overboard. We were in a mighty storm. When neither the sun nor the stars could be seen for many days, the men were robbed of all hope that we would be saved.

After a long period of eating nothing, Paul stood among the people and said, "Sirs, you should have listened to me and not sailed from Crete to now have to suffer this loss.

"I advise you, have a cheerful attitude. Not one man among you will lose his life; but the ship will be lost. This night an angel of God, to whom I belong and whom I serve, stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must be presented to Caesar. God has given to you everyone who is with you.'

"So I say, sirs, cheer up. I believe God; and events will happen as they were told to me. However, we must be washed up on a certain island."

When the fourteenth night came we were being blown up and down the Adriatic sea. About midnight the crew calculated that we were coming close to some sort of land. The crew sounded and found the depth to be one hundred

twenty feet. When we had drifted further, the crew sounded again and found the depth at ninety feet.

Fearing that we would strike rocks, the crew dropped anchors from the stern and hoped for daylight.

Some sailors tried to leave the ship. When they had lowered the attendant boat, they indicated that they were going to lower the anchors at the front of the ship.

Paul said to the captain and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved."

So the soldiers cut the ropes holding the boat and allowed it to drop to the water.

When it was beginning to become light, Paul urged everyone to eat some food. He said, "This is the fourteenth day that you have watched, worked, and have not taken time to eat. So I ask you please, eat to maintain your strength. Not a hair will be lost from the head of any of you."

After Paul had said that, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of everyone on the ship. When he broke the bread, he began to eat. Everyone became more cheerful and the others also ate some food.

In all there were two hundred seventy six on board the ship. After everyone had eaten enough, the crew lightened the ship by dumping the wheat into the ocean.

When day came land was seen, but was not recognized. The crew sighted a beach with a stream flowing through it and decided to drive the ship into the creek, if possible.

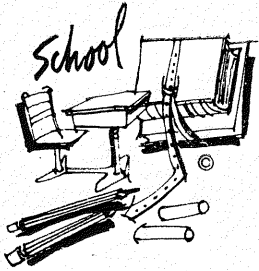
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The crew freed the anchors and dropped them into the sea. They freed the rudder, opened the mainsail for the wind and progressed toward shore. The ship sailed into a place where the two currents collided and the crew grounded the ship. The front of the ship was stuck; it was unmoveable, but the rear was broken by the violence of the waves.

The soldiers' advice was to kill all the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the captain wanted to save Paul, so he deterred the soldiers from doing what they intended. The captain ordered that the ones who could swim should jump into the sea first, and swim to land. The others were to get to shore on boards or on pieces of the ship. Everyone got safely to land and escaped death.

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School Reports

SPRING VALE ACADEMY

"Thankfulness" was the theme given to the Thanksgiving Program put on by the Staff before Thanksgiving vacation. Students were dismissed from their fourth period class and asked to go to the auditorium. What a relief! No classes!—And one gets to enjoy a program besides. Nearly every student left campus. The few that stayed enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Mrs. Heavilin.

"Come on, Team!" will be the cries we hear starting this coming Saturday night. Basketball season is here once again. Spring Vale will have two teams, "the Flames" and "the Sparks." The big question flying around campus is, "Will we be able to keep the trophy?"

The Junior Miss Club sponsored a Shadow Box Social on December 2. The students had an exciting time trying to figure who the weird shadows belonged to. This is just one of the activities they have to raise funds. At the present they are collecting funds for General Campus Improvement. The purpose of the Junior Miss Club is to bring the girls closer together, to help with their problems and to teach them to get along well together.

Progress is being made on the new girls' dorm, the roof is now being constructed. Brother Shapitka keeps the boys busy handling building supplies.

Although we have had interesting

social times we have also had many good worship services where we can draw closer to our Saviour. Revival services are held once each month to promote our Christian principles. Many times guest speakers are present for this. Once each month we enjoy a film concerning Christian living, such as "Bible On the Table." Each Friday evening special emphasis is placed on our thanks to Christ by testimonies and by praise in song, concluding in prayer.

The FYC is also active presenting programs each Sabbath afternoon, with a statewide rally once a month. Singing at Old Folks' Homes and writing to shut-ins make their schedule complete. We sincerely thank God for sending the many blessings upon our school.—B.M.B.

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

During the month of December, extra-curricular activities took a sharp decline at Midwest Bible College. This decline was due to approaching final exams for the first week of January. Students spent much time getting semester projects and assignments finished and at the same time preparing for exams.

There were some activities that are of special interest. A group of young people from the Stanberry Church traveled to Joplin, Missouri, along with Elder R. C. Moldenhauer and

Gerald Pedersen (M.B.C. Ministerial Student). They presented special music and Elder Moldenhauer preached at the 11:00 o'clock service; then Gerry spoke for the afternoon service.

The F.Y.C. at Stanberry conducted its National Youth Week Program in December and the college students took an active part in that program. Special activities that week were a banquet, and Christian Witnessing classes and special services conducted by Elder Noah Camero.

The Church History Class traveled to Conception Junction about 10 miles from Stanberry to take a tour through the Catholic Convent there and to attend one of their vesper services. This class deals with the History of the Catholic and Protestant

churches and the entrance of false doctrines into the church. The tour was interesting and educational.

There are several more students planning to come to M.B.C. the second semester. The Linvilles from Oklahoma have already arrived and others are expected to arrive soon. We thank God for those who are willing to follow the call of the Master and give their lives in service for Him. Every Christian ought to thoroughly examine his mission in life and be willing to follow the call of God to any field of service. We truly need **MINISTERS** and **BIBLE WORKERS** in these closing days. We are praying that God will send workers into the harvest field. You pray with us and believe and surely God will supply this great need.

NEWS . . .

Dr. Edward King, Anglican dean of Capetown, thinks employers who forbid women workers to wear miniskirts are right. "In a business office," he said, "girls who wear minis are **finis**. **Most females look like complete fools in minis**. . . . And it serves them right."

A new survey by the official magazine of Russian atheism, "Naukai Religiya," found that better than one out of every five Soviet citizens is "religious." Findings were: 21 percent say they are religious; religious parents are credited as the main reason for this faith; 81 per cent of believers are women; 34 per cent belong to the working class, the supposed bulwark of Communism. **Only 3 per cent of those calling themselves religious are under 30.**

Georgia governor Lester Maddox proposes: Set aside prayer rooms in public schools for use by students on a voluntary basis. He points out there's a prayer room in the state capitol. Also, prayer services are conducted daily in his office for any state employees who care to attend.

Since 1900, more than 750,000 Americans have died by gunfire in the home—a total far higher than the 530,000 Americans killed in all the wars the United States has ever fought.