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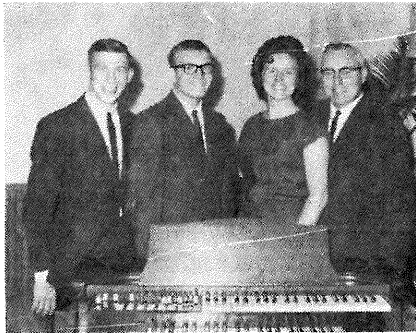
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*False notions of liberty are strangely common. People talk of it as if it meant the liberty of doing whatever one likes—whereas the only liberty that a man, worthy of the name of men, ought to ask for, is, to have all restrictions, inward and outward, removed that prevent his doing what he ought.*

—F. W. ROBERTSON

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## Are You a

# JUDAS?

By Barbara Lucas



We find recorded in the Holy Scriptures the story of a man who walked close to Jesus in life as His own disciple, yet yielded his heart to the Wicked One to betray his Lord and Master. In Matthew 26:14-16, we find Judas making his deal with the chief priests. When negotiations were completed, Judas had consented to betray the Lord for thirty pieces of silver.

If asked the question, "What do you think of Judas and what he did?" I wonder what our reply would be. It would be easy to sit in stern judgment against him for his actions; but let's turn the spotlight on ourselves for a while and see just how bad a man Judas really was when compared with many of us. How much is the Saviour worth to you? How do you present Him before the world? Would you sell Him for thirty pieces of silver? Are you a Judas?

When asked the first question,

I am sure that many would answer, "The Lord is worth everything to me. I love Him!" But our words mean very little if our lives speak differently. Jesus said, "If ye love me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS" (John 14:15). The world is full of people who would pat themselves on the back like the Pharisee did and say, "Lord, I'm glad I'm not like Judas Iscariot. Money does not mean that much to me. I pay my tithes. I go to church regularly. I fast and pray, and I'm a good neighbor. What more could you ask for than this?" Judas no doubt did all these things, but they alone could not save him. The only one was the ONE he sold and rejected—Jesus Christ.

Are you a Judas? Are you content in life to feel that because you pay your tithes and offerings, attend church regularly, pray, and are a good neighbor, that you are no Judas? Friends, many who make such claims are selling the Lord for less than Judas did. At what price have you prized Him?

Have you accepted or rejected Him? What does the Saviour mean to you? It is time that we examine ourselves, our very lives through God's Word to see how we stand.

My Brother, is the Saviour worth only thirty cents to you? Then why do you sell your Lord for that package of cigarettes, pipe, cigar, or a chew of tobacco? You say you can't get along without it; it has become such a habit, so you sold the Saviour! It means more to you! In Job 20:12-17 and Deut. 29:18-20, we are warned not to use the poisonous weed and the punishment that will come upon those who disobey this command of the Lord. In 1 Corinthians 3:17 we are told; "He that defileth the temple of God, him will God destroy; for the temple of God is Holy which temple YE ARE." Are you a Judas?

My sister, how much does the Lord mean to you? So—you sold the Saviour for the fashions and trends of the world! You just couldn't live different from the world to please the Lord. The influence of your worldly friends and relatives meant more to you. You just couldn't stand to be criticized by the world for your plainness and distinction from them; so you decided to blend in with them. The powder and paint look too good to leave alone. The half nude dresses, you thought, looked so appealing to the eye. And your wardrobe just wouldn't be complete with-

out your sparkling jewelry! The shorts seemed so much cooler than a modest house dress. It meant so much to you to be accepted by the world that you sold the Saviour.

In Titus 2:14 Paul tells us that God is looking for a peculiar people, zealous of good works. In 1 Tim. 2:9, 10 we find these words: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (that which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Pet. 3:1-5 also gives us instruction on this point. Christ calls for young men and young women today who will have the courage to come out from the world and be separate even in their choice of wearing apparel. The Apostle Peter tells us that the world will think it strange that we are not like them, if we live to please God (1 Pet. 4:4). Are you a Judas? Have you sold the Saviour for the fashions and trends of the world?

Young lady, does the Lord mean so little to you that you would give Him away for one night out with a worldly dating friend? With continual dating out in the world, you soon grow very fond of a worldly boy, his flashy car, his easy going way, and the pleasures he delights in. You vow to be his one and only and give your Saviour away for

## Judas sold the Lord, but have you given Him away? Do your words and actions disown Him?

a companion of the world. The Word of God tells us that those who love the Lord, be it male or female, should not be unequally yoked to unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14-17). We should not even be partakers with the unfruitful works of darkness (sin) (Eph. 5:7-12). Are you a Judas?

How much IS the Lord worth to you? He means a lot, does He? Then why sell Him so cheap to the world? That obscene literature that you just couldn't resist reading only cost you from thirty to fifty cents. Your jokebooks, comics, romance stories, etc., were the things that so occupied your mind and spirit that God's sweet Word was left out, so you sold the Saviour. The Bible tells us, "All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). The Apostle John stated before this that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. The Word also tells us, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; and behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Has this change been made in your life, or are you a Judas?

Young man, you say you'd

never be a Judas—But what's that in your hand? A can of beer, huh? How much did it cost? And where were you last night? Oh, to a show. How about the night before? To a dance, aye? You say that the twist and the pony are such good exercise as you throw and wiggle yourself around to the Beatles and Rolling Stones, etc. So you sold the Saviour for the fun and vain pleasures of the world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may know what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." We are also told to redeem our time because the days are evil. If we are living a full, rich life in Christ and doing all we can to upbuild His kingdom here on earth, we will find much joy in living for God that these vain pleasures can never give. No man can serve two masters. We cannot love God and the world. Are you a Judas?

Hey, what was that you said when your plans didn't work out just right and someone got on your nerves? Now, now was that nice? And what was that whopper that you told that the crowd laughed so hard over? And what was that you said while quarreling with your neighbor? And then you talk about what a bad man Judas was? Judas sold the Lord, but you have given Him

away! Your words and actions disown Him! The Bible tells us that if we are in Christ even our conversation is different than what it once was. "Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice" (Eph. 4:31). We are also told to put off all filthiness, foolish talking, and jesting that is not convenient, but we should continually be in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving. We are also told not to practice profanity nor take God's name in vain. Are you a Judas?

As we look about us today we see so much sin and betrayal of our Saviour that we have no

right to point a finger at Judas. Many today are selling their Saviour for much less than He did, while some give Him away. When strong drinks, and such things as the use of tobacco, eating unclean foods, worldly pleasures, indecent literature, jokes, evil speaking, lying, fashions, dishonesty, and other things of the world are in our lives, we cannot please God. Today Christ calls for young men and young women who will cast down the things of the world and pick up His cross and follow Him. Have you accepted this challenge? How is the Lord presented in your life? DO YOU REFLECT HIM; or—reject—HIM? Are you a Judas?

## The Easy Way

*The automobilist had stopped another car to ask directions, but when they had been given, the inquirer hesitated. "But if we take that road," he said, "we'll miss that view of the falls, won't we?"*

*"Oh, you want to take the Falls Road?" the other motorist exclaimed. "That road's very hilly, poor and rough. It's a little longer, around through Oakleigh, but the road's as smooth as a floor."*

*"I don't suppose there's much to see at Oakleigh?"*

*"Oh, no, nothing special. But the roads are fine. You'd make a mistake going over the hills for the sake of a little scenery. If you go by the Falls Road you'll work your way. It's easier by Oakleigh."*

*The easiest way is frequently not the best way. The difficult road often gives us an outlook which more than makes up for the extra energy expended. Most of the men whose names the world holds in loving remembrance would never have been heard of, if they had shrunk from the difficult road.—SPEAKES LIBRARY*



*We are happy to share with you here the Salutatorian address which was given by Faith Ling, one of our New Auburn, Wisconsin FYCers. Congratulations, Faith, and may you continue to witness for our Master.*

# Salutatory

By Faith Ling

Graduating seniors, students, faculty, school board members, parents, and friends:

I would like to tell you a symbolic account of a high school graduate being questioned by an older man. He first asked the graduate his plans following graduation. The young man replied that he was going to further his education. The older expressed his definite approval. "And what then?" he asked. The graduate's response revealed the ambition to get himself a good paying job which he could enjoy. Once again the observer nodded approval, and asked, "What then?" Chuckling a little, the graduate answered, "Well, I suppose I'll find myself married. And that, of course, involves starting a home and raising children."

"Fine," the elder commented. "And what then?" The graduate sighed and attempted a conclusion by saying that he would retire, enjoy his grandchildren, and someday, of course, die. The inquirer, a minister, repeated the same question—"And what then?"

This graduate, as well as these here tonight, either has or has not planned for the most important part of his future.

Most of us have plans immediately following high school graduation. Approximately one-third of the class will go on to college or vocational school. Some will go to teachers' college to begin definite experiences which you teachers have. These particular students will more fully realize the efforts taken by the teachers here at New Auburn to make useful citizens out of cooperative and rebellious students alike. Perhaps one of our graduates will find himself or herself an administrator. He'll do well to be anywhere near as promising as Mr. Peterson. If someday one of us finds himself both principal and teacher, I wish him ability such as

Mr. Raykovich has. I think his many lectures have benefited the students as much as the subjects he teaches.

A few graduates plan to serve our country through the U.S. Navy and such like. Others will start jobs such as farming and business, which don't require the college diploma.

According to statistics, 90% of us will marry. Forty-five percent will marry within the next 5 years. Marriage introduces the responsibilities of raising children. The average family has a child about a year after marriage. I doubt that any of us has thought much about the education our children will receive. So I hope that when the time comes, we will have created a genuine interest in PTA and other school activities. Then, too, our children need something more than school education to lean on. For many highly educated people have turned out to be criminals. Children need to know why they were created and how to live in a world such as this. It will be our duty to see that they learn true values. The church plays a big part in this training. Children tend to follow the example shown by parents. This is why we should heed the popular slogan: "Don't send your children to church, take them."

Eventually will come our turn for retirement. During this time we may be enjoying grandchildren, traveling in the United States or abroad, or just relaxing at home. But however we spend the remainder of our lives, we will reminisce some of the thrills and some of the spills of our earlier life. There will be the regrets of wrong decisions and the hopes that our children and grandchildren will not make the same mistakes. I sincerely hope that we can all have a sense of satisfaction in knowing that more often than not, our decisions were successful in bringing happiness.

What I have to say next may sound like a sermon, but I have a concern for every person in this auditorium including myself. Some will be blessed with a long life, some will not. We do not know which of these will be the case in our life. But, as the graduate in my beginning illustration, we all must someday face death and what follows it. This life, which is *nothing* in comparison to eternity, has been given to us for a purpose. We have to make a choice as to whom we will serve, our Maker, or His traitor, the devil. We cannot serve both; it won't work.

In making this choice we consider which would make us the most happy. We all have had a taste of sin. What happiness or satisfaction comes from hating one another? Now think of someone you love and who loves you. Tell me, what will make a person happier than to know that he is loved? *Sin* does not know love. Also, in making this decision, we will want to determine which way of life is the easiest. Many who do not know the Christian way

say that it is too *hard* to live right. There is the slogan, "Experience is the best teacher." Many people who have experienced the sinful way of life but decided to practice Christianity say that many of their problems disappeared and that the problems they now have are so much easier to deal with. Our lives can be made wonderful if we would only seek the help of the One Who cares the most for us.

If we, the graduating class of 1965, will start out our future with this eternal goal in mind, we will never have to fear the question; "What then?"

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## Have Faith

By Denis Burrell, Oklahoma FYC'er



**FAITH:** Faith means we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see. It is out of this interpretation of faith that Christian mysticism developed. To the apostle Paul, faith had still a deeper signification. It implied nothing less than the complete surrender of the soul to

Christ as its Redeemer and its living Lord. And to this great idea of faith the evangelical interpretation of Christianity owes its genius inspiration.

● The Bible often speaks about having faith toward **CHRIST** and **GOD**. This we should all have. If we didn't have faith in God we could not believe in God.

● We should also have faith in the Holy **BIBLE**; that's why God had it made. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." This shows the importance of faith.

● We also must have faith to get through sorrows. In Romans 14:1 it says, "Him that is weak in faith receive ye but not to doubtful disputations."

Also in Luke 22:32 it says, "But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." That was Jesus talking. He said that "thy faith fail not." You should always have faith in your friends. **YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE UNWAVERING FAITH IN GOD AND JESUS.**

# My

# Problem

Youth Questions  
answered by  
Ray L. Straub



## Is . . .

### PROBLEM:

*I guess I'm kind of a night owl. At home I am told that nice boys and girls don't stay out until "all hours" of the night. Frankly, I can't see what the time of night has to do with being nice as long as we behave. The time of night that I'm expected to be in seems early to me, and I would like to know what is so awful about being out late. When do you think a respectable teen-ager ought to be in at night?*

### ANSWER:

It is difficult to know what you or your parents consider to be late. For some young people there is no such hour. For some parents, it becomes late soon after sundown. Both of these viewpoints are extremes, and I do not know where the viewpoints of your family lie between these extremes.

Your question which requests my

opinion about what time of night a teen-age person should be required to be back home is also hard to answer. There are numerous situations which could affect this, such as the type of activity in which one is engaged, the distance from home that must be traveled, the individuals in the company, the ages of the people involved, with their willingness to accept responsibilities, etc.

There are several important considerations involved in this rather difficult question about how late you should be permitted to be out at night. Let's consider some.

I note in your question that you may have reservations about the value of the statement that "nice boys and girls don't stay out until all hours of the night." This actually bears a certain truth which deserves your attention.

One might ask, "Just what does a nice young lady and gentleman do

for some hours after most activities for the evening have ceased? What nice deeds are performed then?"

You see, at night there are a great many questionable activities that go on which would not be done during the daytime. Temptations to go astray quite normally become stronger as the hour grows later.

Parents are aware of the fact that during very late hours, businesses have shut down, most medias of recreation and entertainment have closed; that it is unlikely that you do chores between midnight and sunrise, or that you walk around innocently enjoying the muted sounds of the night. It is easy for parents to become uneasy—and you should be thankful for that!

At night one cannot see very far, due to the darkness. You would do well to remember that this is also true symbolically. There is a tendency to commit deeds that rob untold pleasant hours and comfort from our futures. Foolish acts are done because folks are unable to see ahead to the danger that lures. The wise person learns that darkness can be an enemy of good. In the natural and spiritual sense, nighttime is of advantage to the enemy who creeps up on us during the darkness. Do not dismiss these statements as "old folk" talk, or a mere poor attempt at poetry.

It is to be recognized that there are occasions when you will be attend-

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ing worth-while functions that are some distance away with those whom your parents know. It is presumed that you will be in late. On the other hand, it is reasonable for your parents to estimate a time when your activities for the evening should be ended and expect you in reasonably soon afterwards—quite soon when with someone your parents do not know well, and perhaps not quite as early when you are with someone in whose good discipline your parents have ample confidence.

There is another important consideration on this subject; that of your own health. While it may not seem important to you now, it is quite necessary for any youth to get sufficient rest. Normally, young people need more sleep than do their parents. Without it, it is impossible to be alert during studies or at work. This robs a person of his efficiency. When he does poorly, it is difficult for him to be encouraged about the future. Many attitudes most important to your future happiness and well-being are formed during high school years and those shortly following. Drowsiness and fatigue scratch ugly scars into otherwise bright futures. Many people rest so little at night that they are not awake enough during the day to enjoy it! What a sad predicament to fall into.

Perhaps it cannot be expected that you will always agree with your parents concerning a reasonable time of night to be home. But, I hope that all parents and their sons and daughters recognize that as long as they live together under the same roof, the parents may reasonably expect obedience on this matter. You may dis-

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# Born Again

"Buried alive! Did you say buried alive?" exclaimed Marilyn. She gazed at the pastor in disbelief. Little did she think when she requested an appointment for counseling that the minister would tell her she was buried alive. What indeed could he mean?

Marilyn Stockton, an 18-year-old senior at Clarkston High, lived with her mother in an old-fashioned residential part of town. Her father had died when she was three years old but had a substantial amount of insurance which assured Marilyn and her mother a good living. Elsie Stockton and her daughter both attended church and Sabbath school every week and Marilyn was active in the Young People's group.

When about 12 years old, Marilyn had gone forward at the altar when the invitation was given and had indicated a desire to be baptized and join the church. Her best friend, Carol Adams, had gone forward at

the same time; as if by common consent they had walked together down the long aisle.

Shortly afterward a baptismal service was held and Marilyn was lowered down into the watery grave which was to indicate a dying to self and rising to walk in newness of life. She didn't feel any different after the service but hated to say anything about it as her mother was so happy she had taken this step in her Christian experience.

Life went on the same as before for Marilyn. She attended school, did little or nothing about the house, and spent much of her spare time with Carol. One day she stopped at Carol's to get her to go swimming.

"Oh, but I can't today, Marilyn," explained Carol. "Mother and I are going to the Muir Rest Home and visit old Mrs. Styler. Mother reads to her from the Bible—she is partially blind, you know—and then I sign for her. Want to come

# Or Buried Alive?

By Dorothy Nimchuk

along? Mrs. Styler really appreciates our visits and I just couldn't let her down."

"Oh," murmured Marilyn, "uh, no, Carol, I guess I'll go on to the pool myself. Some of the kids from the school said they were going and I promised to meet them there." And with that flimsy excuse, she hurried away to enjoy the lovely day. It was too nice to be all shut up in that stuffy old rest home. What did Carol see in going there anyhow? She certainly had been different lately. What was the matter with her?

As the years passed Marilyn continued in her selfish pursuit of pleasure while her friend seemed to spend more and more of her time in service to others. On one of the now rare occasions that the two former close friends were together, the two girls were relaxing in the swing on the Stockton's large front porch.

"Just another two months and

we'll be graduating. Have you decided what you are going to do with your life?" asked Carol. "Do?" asked Marilyn. "Well, I haven't really given it much thought. I'll be busy all summer what with the tennis matches and the swimming meets to enter. Then perhaps I'll spend the winter with my aunt in New York. I'd like to see some of those Broadway places you always hear about. What have you decided on, Carol?"

"Well, my plans for this summer include being counselor at the church camp for the Juniors. Come fall I'm going to Midwest and study to be a missionary. I'd like to go to the Philippines or Africa where there are so many who have never heard the message of the Gospel." Carol's face was aglow as she went on to describe her plans for her life of service. Marilyn thought she was a little silly to waste her whole life in some far-off corner of the world.

The following Sabbath the

minister rose for his address and used for his text Matthew 24:14. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Afterwards Marilyn somehow couldn't get the pastor's words out of her mind. Witnesses! When had she ever witnessed to anyone of the love of God? Sure, she had been baptized but whenever she had a chance to tell someone of the Gospel, the words just would not come. Why, most of her friends would surely laugh at her if she ever mentioned anything along such a line. Her Young People's activities were maintained mostly to please her mother and because it was the seeming thing to do. She didn't want to be out of place at church; however, at the same time she certainly didn't want her friends to think of her as a square!

Marilyn spent a restless night, tossing and turning on her bed. When sleep finally came, she dreamed she was standing before a great white throne, and One was saying to her, "Depart from me, I never knew you." "But I've been baptized and go to church every week. I take part in many church activities; where have I failed?" The answer came, "You have been selfish, not caring for my little ones. Your own interests have always come first in your life. There has never been much room for me; consequently, you

have been rejected of my Father."

Marilyn woke with a start! She was shivering although the night was warm and humid. She could not shake off the dream nor the feeling of dread and despair which accompanied it. She determined to go see the minister at the earliest possible moment and have a talk with him. Perhaps he could help her.

"Well, Marilyn, that was quite a dream you just related! Tell me, you do believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, don't you?"

"Oh, of course I do. I've been taught that since I was just a small girl and have never doubted it for one moment," exclaimed Pastor Crane's visitor.

"Fine. Now, have you truly repented of your sins—being sorry to the point of wanting to change?" he questioned.

"Sins? Well, I really can't see that I have any. Oh, maybe a few little ones that don't amount to much; but then hasn't everyone? I've been baptized, if that's what you're getting at!"

Elder Crane opened his Bible to 1 John 1:8 and read the following words: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." He looked up at her and said, "Mankind is born into sin. Look at Romans 3:23; 'For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' In our human, carnal natures we cannot hope to please God nor have a place in His kingdom. It's fine that you have been baptized;

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:*

*old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

however, baptism is merely a symbol or outward sign which God requires of us to show the change that has taken place within our lives when we are converted. First of all, you must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Have faith in God. Read Hebrews 11:1; 'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' However, faith alone is not sufficient for the scriptures tell us in James 2:19; 'Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble.'

"The second step toward God is repentance. Luke 13:5 (last part) tells us, '... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.' Repentance means being sorry for past sins and to change the mind in respect to sin, to God, and to self.

"Conversion follows next. In Matthew 18:3 we are told: 'Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.' Again in Acts 3:19: 'Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.' Conversion is turning from sin, a complete turning toward God. 'Therefore

if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.'

"I'm beginning to see that there is a lot more to this matter mused Marilyn. "Then, after conversion the next step must be baptism."

"That's right, see what we find here in Mark 16:15, 16: 'And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.' You know, Marilyn, I believe I can diagnose your trouble. It seems to me that you have been buried alive."

"Buried alive?! Please explain, Elder Crane," exclaimed Marilyn. "I don't know what you mean."

Elder Crane smiled and continued, "When a person becomes baptized he is buried; he dies to sin. Then he must rise to walk in newness of life—a life directed by the Holy Spirit; a life of selflessness, of service to God and others. You were buried in baptism but failed to rise in your new life. Consequently, you have been buried alive, so to speak, still in sin because you have not experienced the new birth. That is



why you are not able to witness to others. How can you tell them of something you have not actually experienced yourself? We must be born of the water and of the Spirit. Then we are as little babes and must grow in our spiritual lives. You cannot remain in one place without growth else you will become dead and return to sin. Read

1 Peter 2:2; 'As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.'

As they talked Marilyn began to realize her lost condition and after having prayer together, she arose and said, 'Thanks so much, Elder Crane. I can't thank you enough. I have shown me today. Now I

know why Carol has been so different since the time we were both baptized. She rose to newness of life and I was buried alive, as you say. With the help of God and His indwelling Spirit I intend to go all the way with Him and live the born-again life. I want a place in God's kingdom and also want to help others to get there. Please keep

praying for me. It won't always be easy, I know."

"The Devil is always endeavoring to ensnare Christians and to lead them away from God. I certainly shall keep praying for you," said the pastor. As Marilyn was going out the door she turned and smiled, "I've been buried too long. Now I want to live—for HIM!"

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# What Is Democracy?

By Lorraine Faubion



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What is democracy? Democracy is that intangible something, as common as blueberry pie, and yet as elusive as snow. With it we constantly complain, without it we dare not say a word. Democracy is that certain something sought after by all men, yet least cherished by those who possess it. We in America are blessed with democracy, yet how many of us have ever asked ourselves, "What is democracy?"

Democracy is love; love of fellowman, love of country, love of good and right, love of nature and love of God.

Democracy is equality; equality of rights, equality which gives all men equal opportunity, equality which makes it possible for a poor boy to become president along with the wealthy and equality which lets all men hold their heads high.

Democracy is freedom; freedom to worship, freedom to talk

and write, freedom to go as you please and do as you wish and freedom to promote your own welfare. Democracy is the freedom to take a vacation, raise a garden, read a book, play tennis or watch a child at play. Democracy is the freedom that gives each one of us choice, our choice of work, religion, friends or even the flavor of ice cream.

Democracy is simple; in general terms it means merely "government by the consent of the governed," and yet the true

meaning of democracy is hard to grasp. Democracy is imperfect, yet its very name means perfection.

But to me, democracy goes deeper than being love, or equality or freedom. It is the privilege I have of worshiping God and attending the church of my choice. Democracy is laughter, and elections and county fairs. It is baseball and apple pie and things we appreciate yet take for granted. To me democracy is America, America—my home.



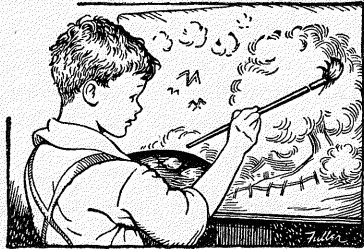
Lorraine, daughter of our former editor, Donna Faubion, has accepted a position as head of the drama department of Sam Houston High School in Houston, Texas.

After practice teaching for eight weeks in this high school, which expects to become Houston's largest in three years, Lorraine was asked to return next year, taking over all drama classes and activities as well as teaching three sections of English.

Lorraine will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in August, at the end of her summer classes.

## It's Unknown What a Boy Can Make

It's unknown what a boy can make—  
 Give him a chance and see;  
 He may become a mighty man  
 To save our liberty;  
 A man with principles sublime  
 That ev'ry nation needs;  
 A man who helps his country much  
 By great and noble deeds.



It's unknown what boy can make—  
 So treat him kind and good;  
 And tell him he can be the best  
 In all the neighborhood;  
 That he can make the honor roll  
 By keeping well each rule  
 That makes him noble in the home  
 And honorable in school.

It's unknown what a boy can make  
 If he will learn to pray  
 And find the gems and pearls of life  
 That lie along the way;  
 Who wants a character and name  
 That's better far than gold,  
 And whose desire it is to be  
 Forever in God's fold.



It's unknown what a boy can make—  
 Then lead him in the right;  
 He may become a man whose life  
 Will be a burning light;  
 A man to educate our youth  
 And help to make them great;  
 A man who loves our God and truth  
 And will not yield to hate.

It's unknown what a boy can make  
 Who doesn't steal and lie;  
 Who studies well and keeps his mind  
 On something clean and high;  
 Who doesn't idle time away  
 At something mean and low,  
 But seeks and finds in early life  
 The way that he should go.

It's unknown what a boy can make—  
 Perhaps a preacher grand,  
 Who'll win the precious souls of men  
 For Christ throughout the land;  
 Who'll scatter sunshine and good will  
 By serving God above,  
 And maybe bless a million homes  
 Through Christian grace and love.

## It's Unknown What a Girl Can Make

It's unknown what a girl can make—  
 There's pent up in her mind;  
 Yes, in her heart and in her soul  
 Great traits that she should find;  
 And faculties that no one knows,  
 Perhaps of mighty worth,  
 Which if released to God and man  
 Could richly bless the earth.



It's unknown what a girl can make  
 If in her days of youth,  
 She seeks and finds the Lord of light  
 And builds upon His truth,  
 And has His grace to keep her pure,  
 His love to keep her sweet,  
 And shuns the tempter's many snares  
 And all that would defeat.

It's unknown what a girl can make—  
 Perhaps some queenly bride,  
 Who could adorn her husband's home  
 And thus become his pride;  
 Whose virtue might become a gem  
 That riches cannot buy;  
 Whose character and noble name  
 Could lift his manhood high.



It's unknown what a girl can make  
 In countryside or town,  
 Who may become in future days  
 A woman of renown;  
 Whose life and work may bless the  
 earth  
 And last across the years  
 To save ten thousand hearts and souls  
 Remorse and bitter tears.

It's unknown what a girl can make—  
 Perhaps a mother true,  
 Whose godly life could bless her home  
 And help her country, too;  
 Or she could be a noble nurse  
 To wait upon the ill,  
 And help them through her love and  
 prayers  
 Into the Father's will.



It's unknown what a girl can make—  
 Encourage her to climb;  
 She may become a teacher great  
 And rise to heights sublime;  
 Or she may help the business world  
 In some important place,  
 Or bring a host of precious souls  
 To God and saving grace.

—Walter E. Isenhour

# Danger Signals

Whether your datebook is full or not, you will still agree with me that dating is here to stay. Dating is more than a social pastime for teen-agers: it's an important part of your life. Your dates today are helping to prepare you for adult responsibilities tomorrow, like courtship, marriage, and parenthood. You may not realize it, but every fellow or girl you date is helping you decide what kind of mate you want for the rest of your life!

Or, maybe you've quit "playing the field" and, like many-teenagers, you're going steady. "Going steady" means different things to different young people, I've discovered, so I can't give a blunt "yes" or "no" answer to that oft-repeated question, "Is it wrong to go steady?" But whether your dates are with that same terrific guy or gal every week, or whether you "take 'em or leave 'em," you've got to watch out for the danger signals on your dates.

Dating is delightful (and sometimes delirious!), because God made it that way. *But it's*

*also dangerous!* If you're a normal, red-blooded teen-ager, you have certain physical drives down inside that can make you or break you, depending on how you handle the controls. I'm talking, of course, about sex, which, whether we admit it or not, is pretty well the cause of such wonderful things as love and marriage. Love has its spiritual side, too, ("Love is of God," says the Bible) but your interest in the opposite sex right now is primarily due to certain changes going on in your body, changes that are getting you ready for adulthood. That's why I say that *dating can be dangerous*, because this period of transition is also a time of *temptation*, and too many fellows and girls have run through the red lights instead of putting on the brakes. The results are sin, shame, and a future pretty well wrecked. Nearly half of the unwed mothers in the United States are teen-agers, and the number of girls graduating from our high schools "in absentia" is on the increase.

Before I list these danger sig-

# on Your Date

By Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, President of Youth for Christ International

nals, let's be clear on this: the fellow is just as much to blame as the girl, *and maybe more*. I know it "takes two to tango," but one of the two has to start the music, and nine times out of ten it's the fellow. These danger signals apply to guys as well as gals, and any self-respecting fellow ought to know when to put on the brakes to avoid a life-smashing collision with sin. A girl is so made that she responds quickly to sexual stimuli (like heavy petting) and the boy who deliberately leads her in that direction is asking for trouble. Pay attention to these danger signals and you'll not get detoured into sin.

1. "I'll permit it." This is the first red light to watch out for, because *love is never permitted, it's always given*. Even if you do permit a good-night kiss, and it's okay with Mom and Dad and your conscience, you still can't afford to give things away cheap that God meant to be precious and satisfying. Any date who requires you to lower your personal standards and "per-

mit" selfish gratification ought to be erased from your little black book. Kisses are not permitted, they're given; and the kind of physical affection that belongs to marriage is never "permitted" beforehand. Real love is a two-way street with both of you happily going in the same direction. Any other arrangement leads to a moral smash-up.

2. "We can always stop when we please." The teen-ager who says this just doesn't understand his own physical make-up! The sex drives in your body are different from the other drives, like hunger and thirst, because sex affects every part of your personality, and once the wheels start turning, it gets harder and harder to put on the brakes. Your mind may scream "Stop!" but once your body gets aroused, it's not easy to quit. The only safe policy is this: *never get started at all*. Playing with sex is always a down-hill proposition, and the longer you do it, the faster things move until only

a collision can stop you—and then it's too late.

3. "I'm glad nobody's around!" It's a pretty safe rule that teen-agers should do nothing on their dates that they wouldn't do if Mom and Dad were with them. Perhaps your parents wouldn't hit the ceiling if you indulged in a good-night kiss and some hand-holding, but beyond that—well, you know the answer. If during a date it suddenly hits you, "Boy, I'm glad nobody's around!" then you've had a danger signal and it's time to stop. You can fill your parent's heart with pride by what you do, or you can break their hearts, too. If you and your date start thinking up excuses to get alone, then beware. It's a danger signal! And don't forget that you'll never find a spot where God can't sit in on your date and watch what you're doing!

4. "What about tomorrow?" If you find yourself worrying about the consequences tomorrow, then there's something wrong. Real love can be shared over and over again, and it gets more wonderful all the time. Real love doesn't worry about tomorrow. But the teen-ager who plays with sin is always asking the question, "What's going to happen?" The girl who permits a few moments of pleasure today is only auctioning off tomorrow's happiness at the lowest possible price. Many a teen-ager is wearing the devil's

price tag: "Slightly soiled, greatly reduced in price." It's the old mistake of sacrificing the permanent on the altar of the immediate. So, if you catch yourself asking, "Will I be sorry for this tomorrow?" you've seen a danger signal and you'd better do something about it. Chances are you're degrading and debasing this wonderful thing called sex, and you can't play with fire without getting burned.

How can teen-agers today escape this kind of sin, when sex is exploited on TV, in books and magazines, and almost everywhere they go? How can you keep clean when the very atmosphere around is polluted? The Bible gives a three-fold secret of victory:

*Observation:* "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14:38) is what Jesus commands. Keep your eyes open, and when you see temptation around the corner, make tracks! "Flee youthful lusts!" Paul warned young Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:22.

*Amputation:* "And if thy hand offend thee (cause you to stumble), cut it off!" says Jesus in Mark 9:43. What He means is, be drastic when you deal with sin. If some friend, some favorite magazine or occupation, causes you to fall into sin, then cut it out of your life immediately. If you don't kill sin, it will kill you. This may mean saying

"no" to certain dates, or refusing to go to certain places; but it's the only way to keep clean.

*Dedication:* "For to me to live is Christ." I firmly believe that no teen-ager can get through his teen years unscathed without the power of Jesus Christ in his life. Christ will give you victory over temptation and your life will have a new thrill when He's in control. It isn't enough to make resolutions or have good intentions: you need a power within you to keep you clean. Give your heart and life to Christ today and that power is yours. Spend time daily in the Word of God and you'll find new strength and victory. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

So, teen-ager, when you're on that next date, don't just look at the stars in the sky or even the stars in your date's eyes. Keep your eyes open for these danger signals. You'll have a lot more fun today—and you'll be glad you did tomorrow.

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#### QUESTION:

(Continued from page 11)

agree, but you may not disobey—not if you consider yourself a person of good behavior.

Even though these problems cause struggles, be patient. I can practically guarantee that in a short time you will appreciate the opportunity to

be in early, and you will wonder why you had such a yen to stay out late at night.

Feel free to talk with your pastor about this matter. He will understand your circumstances. He knows your immediate situation better than I do, and he will give you answers that will be more reasonable and satisfying to all concerned.

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#### SCHEDULE OF YOUTH TOUR

##### July

- 10—Okla. Youth Camp
- 11—Ft. Smith, Ark.
- 12—Conroe-Houston, Tex.
- 13—San Antonio, Tex.
- 14—Okla. City, Okla.
- 15—Claremore, Okla.
- 16—St. Joseph, Mo.
- 17—Kansas City, Mo.
- 17, p.m.—Stanberry, Mo.
- 18—Denver, Colo.
- 20—Calgary, Alta.
- 21—Mission City, B.C.
- 22—Tacoma, Wash.
- 23—Portland, Ore.
- 24—Marion, Ore.
- 24, p.m.—Harrisburg Ore.
- 25—Elmira, Ore.
- 26—Nampa, Idaho
- 27—Sacramento, Calif.
- 28—Lodi-Stockton, Calif.
- 29—Visalia-Fresno, Calif.
- 30—Pomona, Calif.
- 31—Bloomington, Calif.

##### August

- 2—Fairview, Okla.
- 3—St. Louis, Mo.
- 4—Marion, Iowa

## NO TIME

By Arthur R. Baer

No time to eat?

Who so rebuilds within himself the strength  
That's sapped by toil and heat the whole day's length,  
And yet not eat?

No time to sleep?

Who can go throughout the day and night  
Alert and eager for the fray and fight,  
And yet not sleep?

No time to work?

Who develops strength of limb and soul  
That trials and toil of life exact no toll  
And yet not work?

"A foolish way!"

No time to work or sleep and eat, you say.  
For thus we stem our ebbing strength for each  
Recurring day.

Thrice foolish thee, I say,

Who seeks to grow within and find the way  
And hold it true though tempted day by day,  
And yet not pray.

—Selected

## TYPEWRITER PROJECT



The project for the purchase of the typewriter for the Ahoada office is progressing. However, we are still in need of funds to support the project. The cost looks as if it is going to be more than we expected, so all donations for this will be deeply appreciated.

Talk to your local FYC Groups and see if they would like to help sponsor this worth-while project. Then write the results to the Foreign Missions Department; your Youth Department Chairman, Brother Fischer; or myself at 903 East Boone, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464.

**WE HOPE TO SEE THIS PROJECT COMPLETED VERY SOON!  
WILL YOU HELP??**

—Jewell Linville

# 2T<sub>4</sub>G - Take Time For God

## Priscilla, Wife of Aquila

By Jessie Truman

In these particular writings of Paul, we find he makes mention of several women. He salutes them and sends greetings in his letters. Evidently they are dedicated women of God and zealous in the Lord's work. I notice one woman in particular: Priscilla, the wife of Aquila.

Priscilla and her husband were Jews who lived in Rome. When Claudius ruled Rome he commanded all the Jews to get out. Aquila and Priscilla moved to Corinth. It was there that Paul first met them. He stayed with them for a time and the men labored together at tentmaking.

It was probably two years later that Paul sailed to Syria. Priscilla and her husband went with him as far as Ephesus. After Paul departed, a highly educated Jew came to Ephesus and spoke boldly in the synagogue. He was preaching the baptism of John but Priscilla and Aquila took him into their home and taught him "the way of God more perfectly." From that time on he preached that Jesus was Christ.

Later, Paul made it known that Priscilla and Aquila had risked their lives for his sake. This probably took place in Rome, although he doesn't tell where or how it happened. When he knew his life would soon be over he wrote to Timothy to come to him in Rome. Even in so urgent a message he again makes mention of his loyal friends.

What a godly woman Priscilla must have been. Her home was open to strangers. She helped teach the Word of God. They even held church in their home. Her loyalty to the Lord's work went as far as risking her life for its cause. Isn't she a fine example of a Christian wife?

Date	Chapter
July 15	Rom. 15
July 16	Rom. 16
July 17	1 Cor. 1
July 18	1 Cor. 2
July 19	1 Cor. 3
July 20	1 Cor. 4
July 21	1 Cor. 5
July 22	1 Cor. 6
July 23	1 Cor. 7
July 24	1 Cor. 8
July 25	1 Cor. 9
July 29	1 Cor. 13
July 27	1 Cor. 11
July 28	1 Cor. 12
July 29	1 Cor. 13
July 30	1 Cor. 14
July 31	1 Cor. 15
Aug. 1	2 Cor. 1
Aug. 2	2 Cor. 2
Aug. 3	2 Cor. 3
Aug. 4	2 Cor. 4
Aug. 5	2 Cor. 5
Aug. 6	2 Cor. 6
Aug. 7	2 Cor. 7
Aug. 8	2 Cor. 8
Aug. 9	2 Cor. 9
Aug. 10	2 Cor. 10
Aug. 11	2 Cor. 11
Aug. 12	2 Cor. 12
Aug. 13	2 Cor. 13
Aug. 14	2 Cor. 14

How astonishing is this gospel? The maker of worlds put wee, two-legged creatures on a tiny planet of a second-rate sun, put in those wee creatures souls, set these souls free, and then began gently to knock at the doors of their hearts begging them to open and let Him come in and do them greater good! Every second He sustains their lives, sees to the very center—yet cannot enter the inner soul until we open the door.

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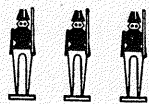
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Gossip was utterly distasteful to Mrs. Hannah More, the English authoress. Whenever a visitor or a friend brought up any gossip, Mrs. More would say, "Come, we will go and ask if this is true."

The tale-bearer was always so taken aback that she would beg to be excused. But the determined Mrs. More insisted on escorting the tale-bearer to the one about whom the story had been told, to verify its truth or falsity.

It is said that no one ever repeated the offense of tale-bearing in Hannah More's presence.—Sunshine



# M

## MINUTEMAN

### Semester Quiz—Test Yourself

Give the correct reference:

1. Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them.
2. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.
3. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.
4. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Write out the following verses:

5. Psalm 119:11
6. Psalm 51:10
7. 1 Cor. 3:16
8. 1 Cor. 13:13

Complete and give reference:

9. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...
10. Righteousness exalteth a nation.

# INUTEMEN

By Cecyl Fischer

## DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Did you make a score to be proud of this semester or were you "weighed in the balances and found wanting?" It's quite possible that the quality of your diligence as a "Minuteman" mirrors the quality of your diligence as a Christian. Remember Jesus said, "If ye are faithful in a few things I will make you ruler over many things."

Measuring up is no accident. It takes study, prayer and perseverance. People have been known to hang a kindergarten painting or a board of shingles and nails among art collections and their lack of authenticity was never detected, but when Jesus comes to claim His own, no imitation will make the grade. Jesus will see beneath the fine veneer.

Study is important, because with it comes a knowledge of God. Prayer is important so that we may understand the Word. ("Faith cometh by hearing.") And because "faith without works is dead," we also need perseverance.

The final thing we will need in order to measure up will be patience. "Wherefore... let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). Only those who follow the rules will cross the finish line. God accepts no imitations.

Verses for this month:

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| Isaiah 1:18   | Ecclesiastes 12:1  |
| 1 Thess. 4:16 | Ecclesiastes 12:13 |
| Matt. 26:41   | Proverbs 16:25     |
| James 4:7     | Philippians 4:13   |

# The Shadow Overhead

By Don Lawson

Now you look on your newborn baby,  
A little bundle of love  
So pure and clean and sweet  
And harmless as a dove.

You are so happy now as you stand  
By the side of its little bed;  
Then you think about the shadow  
That is hanging o'er its head.

You look into each other's eyes,  
See the fear and dread,  
And you clasp your hands together  
And kneel by the baby's bed.

Oh, Father above we thank you  
For the little one here in this bed,  
But we know there is a shadow  
Hanging o'er its head.

We will clothe and we will feed it  
And try to teach it what is true,  
But in removing the shadow  
We'll need a helping hand from you.

Oh how the days they come and go  
And how that baby seems to grow;  
You kneel every day and every night  
And ask God to help you raise it  
right.

The baby begins to run and play  
And still you know you need to pray  
One evening when you sit down to  
break bread  
The baby gently bows its head.

And then when you are bowing there  
You hear it say, "Could I say the  
prayer?"  
Your heart grows lighter, that is true  
But still there is so much to do.

After baby has been fed  
You tuck it in its little bed  
Still the shadow is hanging  
O'er its head.

Oh, how the days they seem to run;  
The baby's schooling has begun.  
It's slipping from your sheltering  
arms

Your baby now is facing harm.

You are praying now both day and  
night

"Lord, help me guide his feet aright,"  
As you take, not send, to Sabbath  
school

That he may learn the Golden Rule.

You tell him now of God's great  
love,

How Jesus came down from above  
And shed His blood on Calvary  
That he from sin might be made free.

You teach the little things you  
should

To help him be both kind and good,  
How satan starts with little things  
To fill one's life all full of sin—

That when life's sinful bubble bursts  
That life has fallen beneath the  
curse;

And when that life does rise again,  
Eternal death will be the end.

You try to keep him from taking  
part

In all of satan's tricks.  
Sometimes you talk—  
Sometimes you use sticks.

At evening when the Bible's read  
And all your prayers have been said,  
You tuck him safely  
Into his bed.

You sit down then to rest a spell,  
Thinking everything is well  
When up pops the curly head again,  
"Tell me about Daniel in the lions'  
den."

You once again the story tell;  
Then from the room you start to  
creep  
Then, "Help me say a prayer," you  
hear,  
"Before I go to sleep."

You kneel there by his little bed  
And after the little prayer is said  
You look into each other's eyes and  
say,  
"Thank God our baby wants to learn  
to pray."

Your heart is glad;  
Your teaching has begun to pay.  
But still you know from what the  
Bible said  
That a shadow still hangs o'er your  
baby's head.

Your heart will always hold a fear  
Until you see that shadow disappear.  
The days they swiftly come and go;  
Your little one is growing so.

Now all at once you grasp the truth—  
Your baby has become a youth,  
And, oh, your heart within you  
groans—  
Your child will soon be on his own.

One big decision he must make  
Or else your heart will break.  
Day after day you kneel and pray,  
"Don't let my dear child go astray."

And from your eyes the tears do  
start,  
"Oh, Father, have I failed my part?"  
You go to church each Sabbath day  
To worship God and sing and pray.

On Sabbath as you are sitting there  
You see your child rise from his  
chair.  
Go to the altar and kneel to pray  
"Oh, Lord, today—please take my  
sins away."

Though before there were sighs and  
groans,  
Now from your heart there rolls  
a stone  
And you're so happy; I wonder why  
'Tis then you always break down  
and cry?

As from church  
You are going down the road,

Your heart is light  
It's lost its load.

You stand there on the river brink  
And watch your child so gently sink  
Beneath the healing coneanst tide  
That flowed out from the Saviour's  
side

You feel you are  
The happiest one on earth;  
You are watching your child  
Go through his second birth.

At evening after the Bible has been  
read  
And all your thanks to God have  
been said  
Your child is peacefully sleeping in  
his bed—  
The shadow is gone from o'er his  
head.

Oh, how fast the time has flown—  
Your child is going on his own

You are ironing now and packing  
clothes  
You often stop to wipe eyes and nose.  
Still you're not sad for all the while  
Your face, it wears a happy smile.

You are kneeling down in prayer  
once more  
Then your child is going through  
the door.  
You watch until he passes thro the  
gate  
He is going now to claim his mate.

You glance around the room and  
groan;  
The house is empty, you feel alone.

You look into each other's eyes  
And clasp your hands and kneel in  
prayer  
With balding head and graying hair.  
Then rising from your knees you  
say,  
"It's sad, but we wouldn't want it  
any other way."

Train up a child in the way he  
should go:  
And when he is old, he will not de-  
part from it.

Proverbs 22:6

# The Editor's Page

## ARE YOU DIGGING DITCHES?

*I saw a man digging a ditch and I walked over to him and said, "What are you doing?"*

*He replied, "Digging a ditch."*

*I walked over to another man who was also digging and asked, "What are you doing?"*

*He answered: "Building a cathedral."*

It has been said that Jesus has no hands but our hands. How does this thought strike you? Certainly with each individual it will be taken with varying degrees of acceptance.

However, in the area of individual accomplishment and individual influence which each of us effects, it most certainly applies. Jesus can perform through us only what we ourselves will permit—only in the degree of effort and the degree of yielding that we allow.

I am reminded here of a commentator who recently quoted the famed violin maker, Stradivari, as having said, "If my hands slack, I rob God because God cannot make Stradivarius violins without Stradivari!" I agree with Paul Harvey's comment that at first this statement sounds egotistical, but the more one thinks on it, the greater meaning it contains.

Do our hands slack? Are we too often taking comfort and assurance from the accomplishments for the Kingdom that we see made by others, yet failing to seek as we should for what more we, individually, might do for Him?

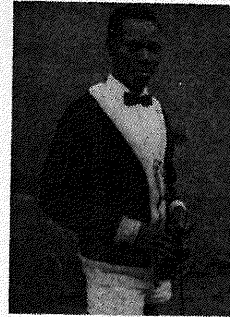
A striking line in a gospel song we sometimes hear asks, "What if every friend He had were just like me?" Doesn't this call for some real self-examination each time we hear it? Then what do we do about it?

May we not make the mistake of thinking what our hands do must be an outstanding talent. The important thing is that "whatsoever we do is as unto the Lord," and is the best we can offer.

The "ditches we dig" can be great or mediocre, depending on our own attitude and dedication. You—as a student, a clerk, a secretary, an accountant, a carpenter, can be just another worker or you can be outstanding because your character as a child of God is outstanding, and because you develop your opportunities for witness.

Are you just digging holes? Or are you building cathedrals?

## News From Nigeria



Reported by our  
foreign correspondent,  
Jewell Linville

### LEADER FOR NIGERIAN FYC . . .

"For your information, I was appointed assistant leader in our Nigerian FYC while Brother Tikili was appointed leader. I think you might have heard about it before now.

### MISSIONARIES VISIT BLESSING TO ALL . . .

"The visit of Elder Straub and Butrick is really a blessing to this area of the Church of God in Nigeria. Since then, I have struggled to form seven local FYC Groups in seven local churches. We usually have both business and youth rally meetings every last week in the month and every second week in the following month respectively. Last time we numbered to 74 in Y.P. Meeting at Idu-Osobile despite a heavy downfall of rain. Full reports will be sent after."

### BROTHER D. N. BROWN SENDS US THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ACTIVITIES . . .

"To all the brethren scattered abroad, Greetings in Jesus name. I am happy to send in a report of the works done in Ekpeye Ahoada—Nigeria.

"We first give thanks to our heav-

### BROTHER JOHN ORIE EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR U.S.A. FYC SPONSORSHIP . . .

"I am really grateful to hear from you that I have been selected to be sponsored by some groups of the FYC in the U.S. I thanked God since the news came to my hearing. I have promised to do all I can for the promotion of FYC in this part of Nigeria, through the help of God. May God help us to work vigorously in His vineyard.

### THANKFUL FOR AIM . . .

"I am very grateful again to hear of the renewal of my AIM subscription. Last time I received three copies of AIMS and ADVOCATES respectively which I am trying to cover from end to end. In fact, the magazines are such a type that one should not lose in lifetime, if at all. . . . Still happy to hear that some members of the U.S. FYC had given gift subscriptions of AIM to our Nigerian FYC.

### BROTHER TIKILI LEADER AND BROTHER ORIE ASSISTANT



enly Father, and the brethren everywhere for their prayers and their efforts toward the work of God.

"We are having open air meetings and monthly house to house missions regularly; souls have been won to the Doctrine of Christ.

"28 March, 1965, we attended air preaching at Ihuowo. We have met with many denominations who are contrary to the Holy Scripture, we turned them to shame.

"17 April, 1965, the FYCers gathered for a great monthly meeting at Idoke, the new converted village. The meeting lasted the whole day for important matters. Now our plans are to labor as much as possible in our District, and others through the summer months. We are looking forward to many good meetings. By the will of God, our open air meetings and monthly house to house missions have brought great success.

### NEED

Tracts are needed for the open air meetings, etc. Prayer requests for Nigerian Church and ministers.

Good wishes to co-workers and acquaintances in Christ."

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### CANDID COMMENT

What have you heard today? Did you hear a bird sing? Did you hear a baby coo? Did you hear the voices of your loved ones and friends? Did you hear beautiful music? Did you hear the murmur of the wind in the tree tops? Or, perhaps, what you heard was ugly gossip, an explosion, a sob, a screech, or vulgar language. To what did you listen?

### LESSONS FROM LIFE

By Harleigh M. Rosenberger

#### SO EASY TO CRITICIZE

Some years ago I learned a lesson the hard way. A fine-looking young man stood before a large banquet to speak, and gave an excellent address. One thing bothered me—he did not stand straight. He hunched over, dropping one shoulder. After the speech I felt impelled to tell him I enjoyed his address, but that he could be a much more effective speaker if he would learn to stand straight. He replied that his neck had been broken and that he could stand no straighter. Then I realized anew how easy it is to criticize, how easy to find fault, how little we know of other's problems!

Much criticism, I am certain, stems from our desire to prove ourselves superior. Possibly, deep down, we feel inferior to another. Perhaps we are insecure in our own lives. And so, in order to pull ourselves higher in our own estimation, we criticize another and attempt to pull him down. Those who are most critical often are very unhappy folk inside, and have little of a positive nature to contribute to life. How can they be otherwise when they search for the mistakes of the world—rather than for the best in people? An old Indian once said, "Do not criticize your neighbor until you have walked three days in his moccasins."

—Sunshine

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A Bible stored in the mind is worth a dozen stored in the bottom of one's trunk.

# FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

### Youth Emphasis Sabbath

The Sabbath of June 12 was Youth Emphasis Sabbath and was definitely a turning point. As yet it has not been possible to evaluate response to this special day. If this offering was taken in your church do your part in seeing that it is properly labeled and forwarded to the General Conference Secretary-Treasurer. The New Auburn, Wisconsin, Church took up an offering of \$200.35. This is 1/5 of our goal. May God bless the New Auburn people and the rest of you that took up this offering to make the next step in youth work possible.

### Youth Tour has Begun

By the time you read this item the Youth Missions Team will have made stops in New Auburn, St. Paul, Alfred and Eureka. The team will be starting on the main part of the tour immediately after the Oklahoma Youth Camp. The team members feel the responsibility of helping young people in every way. Will you pray for the tour in progress (July 10-Aug. 4) that God would supply the team with the strength and wisdom to accomplish the Lord's will? "Without Him I Can Do Nothing" will be the theme song of the Team. If you are within 100 miles of a stop you should try your best to be there.

### Youth Missions Team Handbills

The Youth Missions Team has handbills to advertise the program the team will present in your area. They have been sent in a package to all pastors who will be host to the team. We have a number of extras so if your area needs more handbills write today. All you will use are free. The handbills include printed pictures of the team. This same team will also be at camp meeting.

### Youth Missions Tour Support

A young lady in Oklahoma sent in \$25 for the Youth Missions Tour and the "Happy Hustlers" Women's Club of the Conroe, Texas, Church of God sent in ——. The note enclosed said, "We were all in favor of helping this Youth Missions Tour. We too feel that the youth work is very much needed. We are looking forward to seeing the team."

### Denver Camp Meeting

Your next AIM will carry more details, but here's an introduction. Early at camp meeting we want to show the film, "In His Steps." We will use this as our camp theme. On the first Sabbath evening we will be the guests to a special activity sponsored by the Denver FYC. We are working on our own meeting place

for camp meeting that will be better than what we have had previously. Sister Heavilin will be there with her chalk drawings. We will have a music ensemble and will feature a variety of good talent that is already prepared or preparing. We are looking for a bus to rent for the week for trips. We are planning a half-hour singspiration every night before the evening service. We will have an Olympic theme for recreation.

In spite of the five youth camps and other camp meetings we are expecting 100 young people. Plan to be with these Christian Young People. We are hoping to offer a leadership class for local officers. We also plan to offer soul winning classes. We will plan to function as one group with your desires in mind. The music alone will be worth your coming to camp meeting.

### Departmental Booklet

The booklet that was sent to ministers, summarizing departmental activities, is available to anyone. We will mail these to you free if you request them. Write today for these and other items to the FYC, % the Publishing House in Stanberry, Missouri.

### Summer Decline

The correspondence to the FYC drops drastically and young people's group activities are often drastically reduced during the summer. Actually the summer provides for a variety of excellent possibilities not available during the winter months. Take advantage of the summer rather than cancelling out to less beneficial activities.

Start or keep local quizzes going during the summer. We suggest also here using 2T4G chapters.

### Evangelette Suggestions

A. For memory verse suggestions we hope you will take time even during the summer months to study some of the memory verses of the "Minutemen" program.

B. For Bible reading we again suggest you select the chapter from the 2T4G program.

C. The project for this month is to study a brief pamphlet of current church history. Write to the FYC, % the Publishing House for the material to study. Study this in a manner that would make it possible for you to pass a test on this material. A test will be available and I hope all will accept the challenge to know your church program. Try to carry out this program rather than substituting.

D. For the tract for July study "God's Memorial" and for August study "Jesus Is Coming Again," available from the Publishing House. Enclosing a coin would help cover printing and handling.

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### PLAN NOW FOR

## Denver Camp Meeting

August 13—August 20

Very special Youth Activities are planned. Don't miss it.

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