

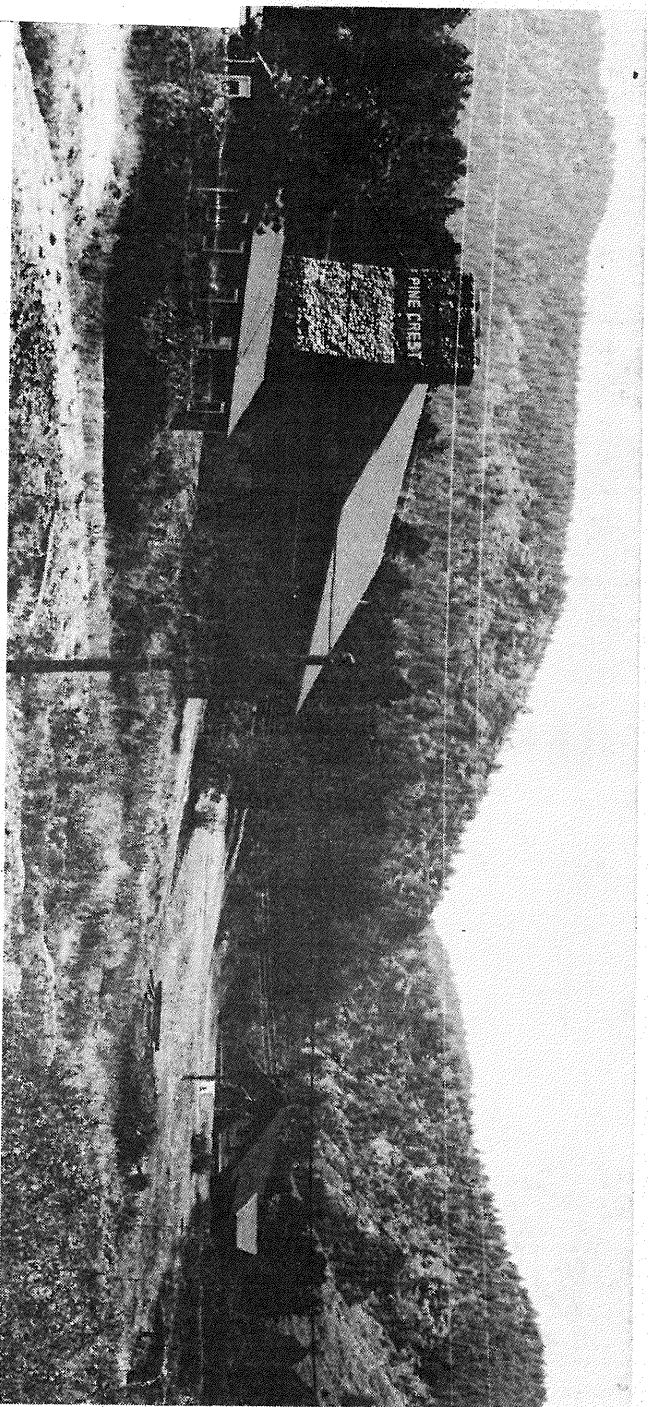
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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

WANTED- For Murder!

By Barbara Lucas

"This know also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come." This speaks of the time in which we live. In Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the central reason for all the trouble, distress, and crime in our world today... FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES. It is this fact, and this alone that will cause one fellow creature to hurt another, to take what is not rightfully his, or destroy something belonging to another. It is hardly safe for a person to be in his own home anymore.

Statistics show that every five minutes, somewhere in the U. S., a crime is committed. Among the top-ranking crimes in our nation are THEFT and MURDER. In every Department of Law, we can find posters, desiring to know the whereabouts of various killers; and asking anyone who has any information concerning this criminal to notify the Police Department at once.

The Headquarters of the Spir-

itual Law Department looks much like those here in the U.S. Within its corridors, we will find many posted there for robbery and WANTED—FOR MURDER. God, the Chief Commander is seeking out those who are murdering His Church. But unlike the frail, human Law Departments that are sometimes incapable of finding their man, the Law Department of Heaven knows every transgressor or offender—what they have done—what they are still doing—and where they are. The Word of God tells us, "For the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3). "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13).

Because God is a merciful Commander and Chief, He lets many go on for a long time unpunished, even though we are guilty and deserve punishment.

He is not willing that any should perish, so is longsuffering to mankind, hoping that all will come to repentance. On the other hand, the law enforcements of our land capture the guilty one and punish him as soon as they can, if possible. It is due to this difference that many will take advantage of the mercy of God and continue to violate His Law, while they will obey the laws of the land for fear that they will get caught. Eccl. 8: 11 tells us, "Because the sentence against evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of man is fully set in them to do evil."

The Church of God, Christ, and His Word are being murdered in many different ways today. We will endeavor to put up for your attention a few WANTED posters that would be somewhat like the ones that would appear in the courts of heaven at the Headquarters of Law and Order.

WANTED FOR MURDER—THE CHRISTIAN IN NAME ONLY. The Law of God specifically declares, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain!" This means much more than using profanity. When we put on the name of Christ by calling ourselves Christians, it means we also put on His life and character. We will live as Christ did; a Holy life, separate from the world. We will have love for all mankind, and our greatest desire will be as His—"I come to do Thy Will, O God." Too many have taken

the name of Christ and still live in sin. The pleasure of the world and all its follies are too much to give up; so these try to have both. They testify one life and live another. Thus they kill the influence of real Christians and the Standard of Christ. The world looks at such and says, "If that's Christianity—I live just as good. What need have I of Christ?" These are stumbling blocks to the cause of Christ. God is calling today for young men and women with a true heart that will not be ashamed of the Saviour, nor the life He lived; those who will purpose in their heart that they will not defile themselves with the things of the world, but will truly say in their hearts, by word and deed, "I came to do THY WILL, O God!" Have you taken the name of Christ in vain?

WANTED FOR CHURCH MURDER—THOSE WHO ROB GOD OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. The only way God provided and ordained for the upkeep of the Church, the carrying of the Gospel, and the livelihood of His True Workers was through tithes and offerings. We kill the church when we rob God. We find churches today in a financial strain, others in need of pastors, still others where workers go unpaid, and souls dying in sin, longing for someone to bring them the message of deliverance. These are all the result of unfaithfulness to God in our tithing and offerings. "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Mal.

3:9). It is only the love of money or covetousness that will cause us to rob God and put our own interests first. It is well to remember that the only money that will bring real dividends is that invested in Eternity. If for some reason we can't go and spread the Gospel, our greatest work for God may be giving of our means to send others that the work of God and the Kingdom of our Christ may prosper.

WANTED FOR MURDER—THOSE WHO HATE, BACKBITE, OR OFFEND THEIR BROTHER. THE PREJUDICED AND GRUDGE HOLDERS.

"If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, He is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:15 and 4:20). It is a bad thing when those who claim to be Christ's possess anything but a loving spirit one for another. Gossiping, backbiting, and tale bearing should not be practiced by Christians. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor! As God's Church, we are ONE BODY; and members one of another. As we often experience in the physical body, when one member hurts, the whole body suffers because of it, so it is with the spiritual body. We are members of the same body and when we hurt or cause injury to another, we too will suffer because we are part of that body. When we tear down another

member, we are also lowering our own standing. As one body, we should have the same care one for another. The members of our physical body do not intentionally hurt any other member; so it should be with those who call themselves the Body of Christ. With the love of God in our hearts we should be able to walk in perfect harmony with each other and the Lord. How can two walk together except they be agreed?

WANTED FOR MURDER—THE IDLE CHURCH MEMBER. Among the church are those who feel that spreading the Gospel is "the minister's job." These will participate in and contribute only as much in church services as they do outside the church. That is very little, if anything. They are always looking to the other fellow to do the work, yet desire to reap all the benefits. Among this group of "DON'T DO'S," we find most of the grumbling and complaining done. If your services are not all you feel they should be—maybe a little cold or you feel they are rather dead—don't look to the next person. The problem may be YOU. When members are dead spiritually, the services cannot be alive. Just remember that no one can fill your place—but YOU. Stir up the gift that is in you! Let God have His way. If we all get on fire for God, and use what He has given us, there is no reason for the church to die.

WANTED FOR MURDER—THOSE

WHO FALL AWAY FROM THE TRUTH AND CRUCIFY CHRIST. We are told in the Bible that before the return of Christ there will be a falling away among the Church. See 2 Thess. 2:3. Paul tells in Heb. 6:4-6 of this condition. He said if we are once enlightened, taste of the heavenly gift, and are made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and taste of the Good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, and then turn away, there is no repentance for us because we have crucified (murdered) not the church, BUT CHRIST, the Son of God, afresh, and put Him to an open shame. This should be a real concern to each one who has come to know the Truth, and the Lord as Saviour. It is important that we never turn our hearts against the things we know are right once we are enlightened to them. It is better not to have known than to have known and turned back to sin. Let us be careful that we do not grieve the Holy Spirit or crucify our Saviour again.

These are just a few ways in which professed Christians have become murderers. One thing is sure: There is coming a time when each one will stand facing his record and come face to face with the Chief Commander to give an account of the things done in this life. His angels will assist Him. Can we plead innocent, or will we be guilty? Let us search our hearts and lives to see that we are not guilty of Spiritual Murder. We must keep our record clear and live

Holy, if we want to be friends with those of the Department of Law and Order in Heaven.

LIVING WITH YOURSELF

You're always living with yourself,
No matter where you go;
You're always living with yourself—
I'm telling what is so.
If in your heart there's sin and strife,
Or any ugly traits,
Then that's the company you keep,
For you and self are mate.

You're always living with yourself,
No matter what you say;
You're always living with yourself
Each moment, night and day;
Then if you're godly, kind and good,
And loving in your soul,
It's pleasant living with yourself
While going to your goal.

You're always living with yourself,
So what is self to you?
You're always living with yourself,
No matter what you do;
Then what are you to self, dear one,
And those with whom you dwell?
Are you well pleased with what you
are

If you the truth would tell?

—Walter E. Isenhour

We are not here to play, to dream,
to drift—
We have hard work to do and loads
to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it, 'tis
God's gift.
Be strong, it matters not how deep
entrenched the wrong.
How hard the battle goes, the day
how long,
Faint not, fight on!
Tomorrow comes the song.
—Author Unknown

LUCK SOUP

"A pound of pluck is
worth a ton of luck."

By Cecyl Fischer

Did you ever look at the tall handsome basketball star who has his pick of the girls and think, "Boy, there's a lucky guy." Or maybe it's the girl in your graduating class who is receiving a four-year scholarship. Some people just seem to have all the luck, don't they?

There's a children's story called "Nail Soup," about an old tramp who had traveled around the world and was on his way

back when he came upon an old lady who lived by herself in the woods. When he asked for food and a place to sleep, she allowed that she had none and that she hadn't eaten all day herself. When the tramp saw her cabin he knew that she wasn't as poor as she pretended, so he suggested that since they were both hungry he should teach her how to make nail soup. He dropped a nail into a pot of boiling water and when it had boiled some he commented that it was too bad they didn't have a little oatmeal and a potato or two to make it extra special, but of course they would have to do without it.

The old lady was so fascinated with the whole idea that she decided that she might be able to find a few potatoes and a little meal somewhere, and she did. Soon the tramp suggested that some barley and a piece of meat would make it just like the soup he ate with the king and queen in his travels. Well, of course the old lady found some. Before long they had a delicious brew simmering in the pot and the old lady was beside herself. "Imagine, all from a little nail!"

The tramp pointed out that of course when the king and queen ate this soup they had a fine tablecloth and the best wine. The old lady decided that if the king and queen had such, they might as well, too, and before long she and the tramp sat down to a delicious spread. When the tramp left she thanked him warmly for teaching her such a valuable thing and he called

back, "Oh, it's very simple indeed; just remember to always add something good to it."

Luck soup is made in much the same way. Like the nail, a little luck won't hurt anything, but neither will it help a great deal. The Roman historian, Sallust, remarked that "every man is the architect of his own fortune." And the wise Sophocles noted that "chance never helps those who do not help themselves." These are men who had learned the secret of always "adding something good," as the tramp said. Perhaps this accounts for their fame—they knew what success was made of—that it wasn't made of luck.

Most of us use luck as a table to hide under. We don't get better grades because we aren't lucky. We don't have many friends or much money because we aren't lucky. We don't get the good jobs or the good opportunities because we aren't lucky. Good luck is a lazy man's estimate of a worker's success. Don't fall into the trap. It's a loser's paradise.

Even salvation takes some effort on our part. How can we expect to be moved to repentance when we fill our lives with many things and leave no time for worship or introspection? True, it happened to Paul, but Paul was a CHOSEN vessel. Matthew 20:16 says that "many be called, but FEW CHOSEN." There is a promise that those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled, but a hungry man doesn't wait for

food to fall on him. He goes looking for it. "Seek and ye shall find."

We may not be able to achieve all that we would like for ourselves, but we can find great satisfaction in doing our best. Are you sure you would be more popular if you were blessed with a more attractive face? Look around you. For every well-liked person who is naturally handsome or lovely you will find one who is merely neat, clean and attractive. For every valedictorian who learns easily, you'll find a valedictorian who burned the midnight oil. For every born leader there's a leader who started a little awkwardly and kept working at it.

How about starting your own little potluck soup instead of walking around envying others? What you put into your "soup" depends on the area in which you wish to be successful. Don't try to be a carbon copy of the next guy. He didn't start out with the same ingredients as you did. You can't make chicken soup with a piece of beef.

Like any soup, luck soup requires a long slow simmer. It won't happen overnight. "Fortunes made in no time are like shirts made in no time; it's ten to one if they hang long together." Luck soup will take some good ingredients, and a good deal of stirring and patience, and it's a good idea to taste once in a while to see how the flavor is improving. You're sure to find it's better than humble pie.

In this column each month, we hope to share ideas with you to encourage you in your work and witness for God...

My Father's Business

By Calvin Burrell

Have you ever known or heard of a bored Christian—one who didn't have anything to do? I doubt it! When one becomes a *real* Christian, then he faces the biggest challenge of his lifetime—that of Christian service.

A real Christian is Christ-like, and Jesus Christ was never bored! Our Saviour found a full, joyful life in working for His Heavenly Father, and He intended us to know that abundant life also.

This month we want to consider one important way that FYCers can be of service to their God, and to their church. This first avenue of service we think of involves our local church activities. We need to be very willing to contribute our best to each activity of the local congregation. These efforts might be divided into three major categories:

ATTENDANCE: Have you always made an honest effort to attend all services? The Bible plainly admonishes us not to forsake our assembling as Christians. No activity of the world could possibly be as important. Make it a habit to always be there at every worship time, every youth meeting.

Be there, be happy about it, and be on time!

PARTICIPATION: What do you do to make your church services and activities more inspiring and interesting? Many times an attitude of "let George do it" creeps in here, but the sincere Christian will always be available to do his share, and more. Don't make flimsy excuses; don't claim that you can't do it; don't be reluctant!

Prove your love to the Lord by being willing and available whenever you're asked to participate in His service!

RESPONSIBILITY: Did you know that in most local churches, there are many more jobs that should be done than there are people willing to accept the responsibility of those jobs? What about the planning of next month's youth rally? Who will assist the pastor with printing the church bulletin? There are church offices to be filled, homes that

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Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

What about this changing attitude toward sex among the unmarried people? It is noticeable in many countries besides our own, with some religious leaders even saying it is okay. There is a much freer attitude about it in the colleges and high schools. In many ways, the logic that is presented makes sense. What is your attitude? Are you more liberal, too, or are you still stuffy about it? Don't you think a person is better off when he enters marriage having had some sexual experience?

ANSWER:

While there is increasing talk about the freer use of sex among all types of people, married or not, there is also much argument concerning whether or not it is mostly talk. I would guess that with the increased amount of attention this subject is getting, curiosity becomes more aroused which could certainly provoke more liberal attitudes toward sexual practices and bring about a relaxation of principles.

Talk does nothing to change what is basically moral or immoral. If sex outside of marriage was ever immoral,

Youth Questions

answered by
Ray L. Straub



it still is. Whether your attitude or mine gets more liberal, it does nothing whatever to change God's attitude about it.

At the risk of sounding super pious, or "goody-goody" I will suggest some Scriptural texts for your consideration. Look them up and think about them if you really want a good answer to your question. They are 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 and 18; also, 1 Corinthians 10:6-8, with particular attention given to verse 8. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 simply instructs: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

If your neighbor has a much better lawn mower than you do, there is a certain sense of logic involved in your simply going over and taking this newer, better machine for your own use. It is a terribly limited kind of reasoning, but it is there. It does not make the act of stealing moral.

In the very same sense, someone's ability, be he religious or not, to inject a little selfish logic into an immoral practice does not purify that misdeed!

No, I certainly do not think that a person is better off entering marriage with some sexual experience! I'm con-

vinced that the opposite is true. There are plenty of people around who have become involved before marriage who stand ready to affirm my viewpoint. Sexual experience prior to marriage is almost always a hindering factor because it was wrongly motivated which resulted in adopting selfish and brash technique. Sex is properly the fulfillment of an expression of love. Before this love is present, the act is misused, later requiring that basic attitudes and techniques be unlearned and replaced by correct ones. This is most difficult and troublesome.

There is no better way to enter a harmonious sexual adjustment than for both partners to enter marriage unexperienced. They can then learn properly and together. While it may not be impossible to make a good adjustment at marriage, if one or both partners are experienced, you can count on the truth that it is much more difficult, and certainly a decided disadvantage.

We might as well recognize it—all this talk about free love is a part of the pattern of rebellion that becomes more and more characteristic of our age. The truism that the real values of any society are found in its ability to exercise obedience is sadly ignored. The more we rebel, the more miserable we become. A university near my home is offering a class in how to protest. It is actually instruction in how to secure and guarantee misery.

If you, or any other youth, want anything out of life that is worthwhile and fulfilling, learn how to recognize and deal with rebellion. Fight it by practicing obedience and helping others to learn the same. This advice undoubtedly sounds stuffy now, but it is a vehicle that will take you a mighty fine distance to places worth seeing!

By the way, it took courage to ask your questions. I appreciate it! I hope this answer helps.

"MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

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need to be visited, odd jobs around the church building that may need doing. Nearly every youth group is crying for someone who will fill the position of group leader or sponsor, and move with Christian enthusiasm toward the group goal. There are so many positions of responsibility, so few people willing to fill them, but so many people willing to let someone else do it. Let me suggest that every church member approach the pastor with a question of this nature:

"What can I do to help out in our local church program?"

FYCer's, how do you measure up in attendance, participation, and responsibility? Accept the challenge of Christian service in your local church, and lead a fuller, more abundant, more satisfied life!

Is Your LIFE a Channel of Blessing?

By Margie McGill

The sun came streaming through the kitchen window of Kathy's apartment making everything alive and wondrous. It was the first day for months that one could actually see the sunrise show off its glorious color. The gloomy days of winter were momentarily resting as if to preserve some hope that winter's drear would soon be over for the brightness and gaiety of spring to appear.

"Oh, what a beautiful morning! I think I will enjoy this rare day of brightness and take a walk for I have nothing that has to be done today..." and Kathy went to get her sweater.

The crisp clean air gave her a sensation of freshness in her life. Everything was so beautiful as she walked through the city park. As Kathy went

on, she saw a breath-taking view of the sun glistening on the waterfalls. The sight was so beautiful! Surely there must be a supreme being of some sort to have made such a magnificent view. What was she thinking!? Of course there wasn't any supreme being! She had proven that fact to herself long ago.

If there was a God, why hadn't He helped her family when her father was convicted of misappropriating funds? After wasting three years of his life in prison, evidence had come up that he was innocent. Why did God ever let him serve three years of his life for something that he never did? "Yes," she thought, "and those so-called holy Christians... what did they do when our family needed extra friendship? Did they come and visit us everyday and bring what cheer they possibly could? That's a laugh if I ever heard one! We went to church every Sabbath for the sixteen years of my life and my parents went to the same church before I was born. One would have thought that we would have had some true friends who would have stuck by us under any circumstances. If we did, they were sure on vacation then."

Kathy walked on, her mind filled with all the hate she felt for all the so-called faithful church members. She could remember how hurt she was when she would walk down a street and one of the "righteous ones" would see her. Before her father was convicted of the crime, they would have stopped to chat for a few moments—but now it seemed like they didn't even see her. Her best friend, Janet, seemed to be the one who could look away the fastest!

Kathy's mother still insisted upon her going to church. She said that one doesn't attend church because of the people, but to worship God. "If they ever had trouble with the aisles clogging up before, because of people chatting on their way out—we stopped all of that problem," Kathy thought. "They acted as if they were on their last few feet of an important race." Kathy was sure they were all re-

lieved to get past them without having to shake their sinful hands!

Suddenly Kathy became aware of singing nearby. How had she ever wandered down to a church, much less one of her own denomination?! Kathy glanced at her watch to see in astonishment that it was already 10:00 a.m. The congregation was singing one of her old favorite hymns, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." The congregation singing the words with all their heart drew her like a magnet inside the church. "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, Since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I had sought, Since Jesus came into my heart!" Kathy began to think as she went and sat in one of the church pews... her life had not been very happy the last few years since she left the church and God... maybe—NO, God couldn't have anything to do with her heart being at peace... Could He?

They went on through the services much as Kathy remembered when she was a regular church member at her old church. She was beginning to enjoy the services, but her heart was in a state of real confusion. The preacher was speaking about people who put so much faith in another person. "When that person fails in some point of his life, then we give up everything, including God. The devil has succeeded in another of his plans. The devil works very mysteriously at times winning people over to him. We should guard against losing all of our faith because of someone else being caught in the devil's snares for a time. We cannot expect to have eternal life if we let such little things rob us of our faith in God. John 6:45 states, 'Verily, verily,

I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.' Also if when Christ was on the cross, He asked God to forgive the people because they didn't know what they were doing, we should surely be able to forgive people in this day and age who do something to cause us to become discouraged. God will not forgive us for our sins if we do not forgive others. Mark 12:25, 26 states, 'And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.'

Kathy was wondering why she had let that congregation drive her away from God. Why should she risk losing the chance of being in God's kingdom just because the devil had the upper hand over these people. Instead she should be praying for the congregation that they may see the light. And was it possible that some of what seemed to be snobbishness on the part of others was a reaction to her own unknowing attitude of withdrawal, caused by her fear of no longer being accepted?

After the closing song, to her pleasure, many people of the church came and introduced themselves to her and welcomed her to come back next week. Kathy told them that she would love to but she had something more important to do at her home church next week. She thanked the pastor from the bottom of her heart for such an inspiring message.

Both of Kathy's parents had tried to persuade her not to give up living for God just because of others. Now she realized how narrowminded she had been. If her father could for-

give, then why couldn't she?

Kathy found a letter waiting for her when she reached her apartment. It was from Janet, her one-time friend who had seemingly deserted her. Janet's letter was full of warmth and humility. She was bubbling over with talk of the young people's group and all of their activities and she told how they had had a series of special services recently and several of the young people had reconsecrated their lives. Everyone was full of zeal to get an active program going again and bring in lots of new young people.

"We were talking about you the other night," she wrote, "...about how much we miss having you around. I can hardly remember when I last saw you in church. I guess it was back before your Dad had that trouble. I guess it's partly my fault you stopped coming. I should have realized you needed encouragement then. Some of us were discussing it the other day and we realized we really let you down. We'd like to have you come back and give us another chance. At least don't give up on God just because we failed."

A deep longing was stirring within Kathy as she read on.

"Christianity that is not expressed is not really Christianity—for Christianity is more than a belief, more than an experience. It is LIFE itself; *it is a way of life*, and has to be expressed! From now on we want our Christianity to *show*, not for the sake of show, but so that others will know that it is real. No words of testimony can ever do as much to persuade others that Christians have 'something' within, as the acts of Christian living can do!"

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Charity

... doth not behave

itself unseemly

By Miriam Lake

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things..." (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

Charity is a wonderful thing when seen in a person who really lives it. 1 Corinthians the 13th chapter has other illustrations of Charity. If you don't remember them all, it would be well for you to refresh your memory. Read it again, and also meditate on it.

Christians get tagged with many unfair labels because of their beliefs; at times one label that has been given Christians is not an unjust one. Too often Christians are tagged as the most ill-mannered people, the most inconsiderate, the biggest back-biters, the biggest gossips, and the sloppiest dressers. Why is this when the Scriptures say, "Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid"?

Also Matthew 5:14 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

The following is a poem that I found in a friend's book. I want to share it with you:

Life is not made up of great sacrifices and duties,
But, of little things; in which smiles
And kindness and small obligations,
Given habitually, are what win and
Preserve the heart and secure comfort.

Humphry Davy

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"Evangelette"



Being in the "Evangelette Program" this year has helped me learn to spend my time much more wisely. I feel that the standards in this program are one of the best ways for

anyone to be a witness and an example for others to follow. Just as Jesus was our example, we, too, can be examples to other youth. Although this program may seem too much of a challenge for you, I feel that anyone who accepts this challenge will get closer to being accepted by Christ in the Judgment.

What better activity can we, as teenagers, spend our time in than one that will better not only our lives, but also the lives of those around us. I feel that the "Evangelette Program" is such a program. And I encourage anyone who wants God to really bless them to accept the challenge that this program offers.

Tom O'Haver
Upland, California

I know that another year with the Evangelette program has made an improvement in my life. It wasn't just going through the motions of each standard that has made the difference, but it was the closer contact with God that each standard brought. I have discovered that doing more than is required brings even greater blessings, especially if I spent more time in prayer. I sincerely wish that every young person would participate in the program not to gain a certificate at the end of a year but to learn to know the Master better.

Carolyn Clements
Spring Vale Academy

I received a great spiritual blessing by being in the Evangelette program this last year. Taking part in the Evangelette program has brought me closer to God. Reading the Bible and praying every day



After reading the testimonies of these five young people about their experiences in the Evangelette Program, we hope you will send for your Evangelette Booklet which gives you the information needed to start on this rewarding program. For your free booklet, write to: Evangelette, Spring Vale Academy, Rt. 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

along with the other standards in the Evangelette are now a matter of habit with me, where they used to be just put off. Just reading the Bible can enrich our lives and bring us in closer contact with God and in doing a project each month we get a chance to help others, which is truly a great blessing.

I feel that doing these simple things is the least that we can do for our Heavenly Father Who has so richly blessed us and I wish that every young person would be an "Evangelette." I know that they would receive a blessing from it.

Lois Youngs
Ontario, Calif.



Even though I was a Christian before the Evangelette Program was started, it has meant a great deal to me.

First of all I appreciate the idea of projects. It's so interesting to do something each month to help your own self and others. To me it helps me meet the challenge that God gives me to help others.

I'm not saying this to boast, but from my heart I want this to encourage young people, of all ages,

to join this program. First of all to obey and please God. Second, to help and encourage others to live a Christian life. Third, of course, it's very pleasing to earn enough points for the fine Evangelette Certificate.

Karen Yerby
Tujunga, California

I earned the Evangelette Award. I felt it was a worthwhile program and I intend to keep it up for another year.



Besides enjoying doing it, I feel it is teaching me to discipline myself in that I have to put aside a certain amount of time for God each day.

Besides the other good I get from doing the program, if I can get the *habit* of daily Bible reading and prayer, it will be worth the time and effort I put into it.

Kevin Weir
New Auburn, Wisc.

One of the tragedies of our day is that we've succeeded in splitting the atom before acquiring the wisdom to unite humanity.—*War Cry*

Winter Wonderland Retreat

The cover picture on this month's AIM portrays the warm atmosphere of fellowship that was enjoyed by the 38 campers who gathered at Lake Beauty Covenant Bible Camp a few weeks ago.

This camp is a fairly new place and comfortable facilities were provided. The girls slept above the kitchen or in cabins. The boys slept in a partitioned compartment between the chapel and dining hall (humorously called "the cage"). The proprietors of the camp fixed and served the meals, which was a very agreeable set-up for all.

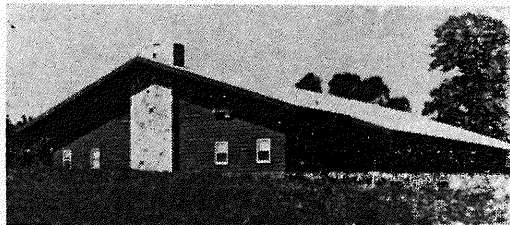
Enjoyed immensely by all were the morning lectures on prophecy conducted by Elder Noah Camero. Such discussions bring us right up to date—even touching at times on such current topics as flying saucers. Elder Camero's lectures on the "Battle of Armageddon" were really special. As

one listener described it, "he had the kids on the edge of their seats." These lectures stimulated a barrage of questions from the young people and lively discussions followed.

Each evening we enjoyed the fire in the fireplaces in the chapel where we all met for our times of fellowship together. Especially remembered is a talk given by Elder Dale Lawson on "Hypocrisy." We were clearly and impressively reminded how vain and useless is the good "front" we put on if there is really something less on the inside. Another very valuable lesson brought to us by Elder Dale was his talk on "Marriage." This talk also dealt with moral standards, and with the material and worldly things which young people may almost unknowingly set up as gods.

On Sabbath afternoon we all enjoyed a panel discussion—"Hindrances to God's Will."

Lake Beauty
Covenant
Bible
Camp



Our entire gathering was characterized by lots of special singing, an inspiration to all. We were privileged to have some special singing groups there: the South Dakota Trio—Carolyn and Jim Fischer and Vickie Moldenhauer; also the Troubadour Trio from St. Paul, Minnesota—Noah and Dan Camero and Gilbert Sanchez; Mary and Vern Patchen from Spring Vale Academy were present with their good musical help.

Another highlight of our time together was the chalk drawings by Israel Bravo. As evening speakers talked to us, Israel drew some very impressive scenes. These will be long-remembered, carrying with them the valuable lessons they illustrate.

Winter recreation was, of course, enjoyed by all. Besides the ice skating which is seen in the picture here, the boys played football in the snow. One day they played football on ice skates, using a tin can as a football. Ping-Pong was enjoyed as an indoor activity.

Some of the other adult personnel not already mentioned here were Elders George Tolbert, Delvin O'Banion and Paul Heavilin.

On the last night, in appreciation to the caretakers, the boys even moved back all the chairs, and swept and tidied up the place.

This winter retreat was enjoyed by all and everyone seemed to express the hope that they can return again next year.



Ice skating was enjoyed by the young people at recreation time.

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Turn to front cover picture for a fireplace scene which was a familiar setting each evening.

Editorial

I have found it interesting to tune in occasionally on some of the radio talk phone-shows which are becoming increasingly popular. One finds himself in touch with opinions of all kinds—from all kinds of people—often very frankly expressed.

One thing impresses me—the fact that we do not necessarily live in a world where no one is thinking for himself; not *everyone* is being swept along with the crowd in conformity. As a matter of fact, it seems to become more and more common to hear of those who do not conform. Let me hasten to say here that nonconformity in itself is not necessarily a virtue. (This is illustrated in many current news stories.) It is interesting to observe the unique and unusual viewpoints which some will “go out on a limb” to embrace.

My reaction is a twinge of remorse that you or I—who have God-given truths and promises and prophecies, sure and steadfast—might ever have taken a back seat, and failed to express these certain truths and principles with even as much confidence as some who are simply advancing theories.

Young folks, don't let this dread of being peculiar get you down. Some people are willing to ruin their reputation for some “far-out” view they have, because they really want to get their views across. By standing firm you are *building* your reputation—and that for a wonderful cause and for a certain reward. This is not to say you'll be lauded by *everyone* around you if you think for yourself, and set up real, God-approved principles for yourself. But you *do* gain respect, and you lay a foundation for winning someone else to your way, if the kind of “peculiarity” you have is a genuine, thinking, sensible, God-founded “peculiarity.” Anyone can be like everybody else.

As we think for ourselves and establish a firm structure of principles and beliefs, we are learning to deal effectively with the ideas and theories advanced by others. Here we realize keenly the importance of keeping in touch with God through His Word and through personal prayer.

Young people, and particularly college students, will more and more meet up with those who, with complete self-confidence and with eloquent language, will explain away the very foundation of our faith. We must not be swayed by such “wise” and “well-meaning” persons. They may be very sincere about the agnostic views they express, but human sincerity does not overrule God-given principles. Always keep in mind the gem in 1 Corinthians 1:27: “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”

From Across the Seas

Reported by Phyllis Hayford, Foreign Correspondent

We introduce you to a new Midwest Bible College student, Lael Tikili, from Aba, East Nigeria, Africa. He is the son of Elder B. I. Tikili, overseer of Nigeria. Lael comes from a family of five brothers and three sisters.

While in Africa, Lael was headmaster of the Church of God elementary school in Aba with 338 students, and eight other teachers under him. The students ranged in age from 6 to 13 years. Lael tells us that in the elementary grades from first to third, the government supplies their schooling free. From fourth grade to sixth grade, the parents pay the fees. Here difficulties arise in the school, because most of the children aren't members of the Church of God; consequently, when they get to higher classes (fee paying) they withdraw to a school of their own denomination. The inability to provide sufficient school materials is a handicap. Some of the subjects Lael taught were English, Religion, Arithmetic, History, Elementary Science, Hygiene, Geography, Physical Education, Crafts, Music, Vernacular languages, and Agriculture.

The Church of God members live

Lael
Tikili,
Aba,
East
Nigeria,
Africa



on farms. They clear the bush with the cutlass, burn the bushes, then use the hoe to dig and plant. Some of the foods they grow are “yams of sometimes three feet long.” Their main food is cassava (a root plant). They also have a smaller type yam called the coco yam. They grow maize, peppers, tomatoes, vegetables and ground nuts (our peanuts). The oil palms are also a main source of food from which they obtain oil and kernels.

Some of the meats they eat are beef, deer, antelope, mutton, chicken, and turkey.

The sports they play are soccer

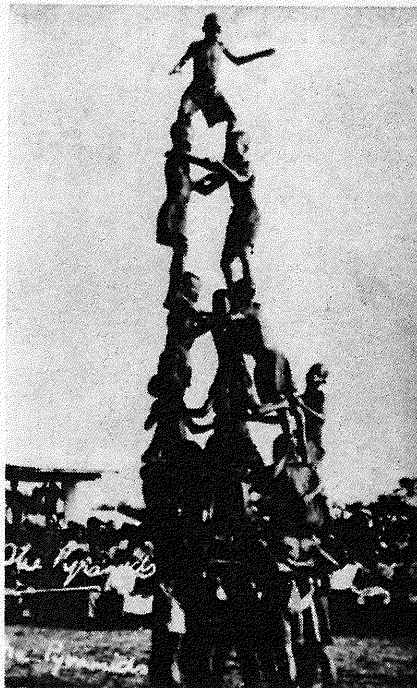
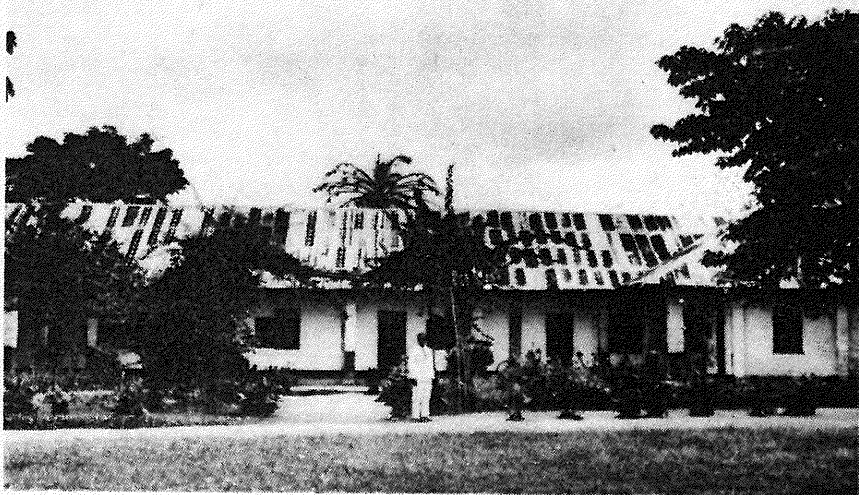
(football—and it is quite different from ours), volley ball, netball (basketball), and tennis. Lael says his father is quite active in sports and manual labor at 73 years of age. Lael thinks he might be getting a little rusty since he arrived at Midwest, because at home he would run a mile each morning, except on the Sabbath.

Lael says, *“My first impression of the United States is the organized traffic controlled by electric lights instead of police.”*

Other things that impressed him were magnificent buildings, beautiful cities, and the snow which looks beautiful but very cold.

“My first impression of Midwest Bible College—It strikes me as an ideal place for training God’s servants. The curriculum is quite comprehensive and the staff, conscientious. We all enjoy true Christian fellowship.”

Pictured below is the Church of God elementary school in Aba, Nigeria, East Africa. Shown standing in front of the building is Brother Lael’s father, Elder B. I. Tikili.



This pyramid of children was formed by young students at the school where Brother Lael Tikili was headmaster.

**Ku-Soon Paul Hong
Seoul, Korea**

Ku-Soon Paul Hong comes to us from Seoul, Korea. Ku-Soon means “pure person.” Hong is his family name. We call him Paul, which is his Christian name.

Paul was the assistant professor in a Biblical College in Seoul with approximately 165 students. Some of the subjects Paul taught are Summary of the Bible (Old and New Testament), Old Bible History, Greek language, English, Pastoral Work, Church History, and Homiletics.

Paul’s family consists of his mother, a married brother, Elder Yong Sun Hong, one married sister (a Bible worker), two nieces and one nephew. Paul told us that a family of five can live on fifty dollars a month.

Their FYC has 15 members. The church has 75 members in all. They also hold many revival meetings. Their services are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00; at 7:30 p.m. they have a hymn-singing worship; a Wednesday night prayer meeting; a Sunday morning service; a Friday night service from 7:30 or 8:00 to 9:00; and every morning, worship from 5:00 to 6:00 in the church. The pastor preaches on different chapters in the Bible.

Paul has written a tract on “God Exists Today” for unbelievers.

“One of the serious problems we have in Korea are the many robbers.”

Some of Paul’s customs are:

Show respect to your elders; bow when you meet them.



Also bow to people of your own age; shake hands, but not with girls.

The three kinds of greetings are:

1. In the morning—My regards to you if something happened during the night.
2. When you see someone first, you say;
“An Nyung Ship Ni Ga Cho Um Paip Get Sop Ni Ta.”
(How do you do?)
3. To the young people:
“Chal It Ni?”
(How are you these days?)

“My first impression of Midwest is that it is a silent place and calm, and no one smokes like other colleges I’ve attended that profess Christianity.”

“My impression of the United States is the beautiful scenery; the smooth, concrete roads, unlike the hilly ones back home. The many foods like bananas, oranges—and, Oh!—so many foods!; and the electric lights.” (Paul says they use candles.)

The Acts of the Apostles

in Paraphrase

(Continued)

By Nathan Straub



In last month's installment of the apostles' acts, Paul, Silas, and Barnabas were staying in Antioch for a time, preaching and teaching the word of the Lord. This month we read interesting accounts of their continuing travels.

Some days later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us make another trip and see our brethren in all the cities in which we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are."

Barnabas was determined to take John Mark with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take John Mark. He had left them when they were in Pamphylia and did not continue with them in their work. This disagreement between them was so keen that they separated from each other. So Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus.

Paul chose Silas and after the brethren had commended them to the grace of God, they left. Paul went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

CHAPTER 16

PAUL AND TIMOTHY 16:1

Paul came to Derbe and Lystra. There was there a particular disciple named Timothy, who was the son of a certain Christian Jewess, but his father was a Greek. Timothy had a good reputation with the brethren which were at Lystra and Iconium.

Paul wanted Timothy to travel with him, so he took Timothy and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that area, and the Jews all knew that Timothy's father was a Greek.

As Paul and his company went through various cities, they gave the disciples the decrees that were ordained by the apostles and elders that were at Jerusalem, for their own records. This caused the churches to be encouraged in the faith, and the churches grew in number daily.

TO TROAS 16:6

When the company had gone throughout the areas of Phrygia and Galatia; and since the Holy Spirit had forbidden them to preach the word in Asia; they came to Mysia and decided to go on to Bithynia; but the Spirit would

not permit them. As they passed through Mysia they arrived at Troas.

During the night a vision appeared to Paul: A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded earnestly to Paul, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

After Paul had seen the vision, our company assumed that the Lord had certainly called us to go and preach the gospel to Macedonia. Immediately we prepared to go to Macedonia.

TO PHILIPPI 16:11

Upon leaving Troas, we sailed a direct course to Samothrace. The next day we came to Neapolis. From there we went to Philippi, which is the main city in that part of Macedonia, to visit the Jewish colony. We stayed in that city for several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city to the riverside. This was a place of prayer. We sat down and talked to the women who had gathered there.

A particular woman from the city of Thyatira, who was a merchant selling purple, and who worshiped God, listened to us. Her name was Lydia. The Lord opened her heart and she accepted and obeyed Paul's message. She and her household were baptized. Then she said to us, "If you have decided that I am faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay there." In this way, she obligated us to go with her.

Later as we were going to prayer, a certain girl who had a spirit of divination, met us. With her powers she had brought great wealth to her masters.

This same girl followed Paul and the others of us and shouted, "These men are servants of the most high God. They show us the way of salvation." She did this for many days.

This wearied Paul, so he turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her." Within the hour the spirit came out.

When the girl's masters saw that the hope for this source of income was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and took them to the market place, to the authorities. Paul and Silas were brought before the magistrate. The girl's masters said, "These men, who are Jews, make a great deal of trouble for our city. They teach customs that we as Romans are not allowed to accept or observe."

The crowd stood united against the apostles. The magistrate tore off the apostles' clothes and ordered them to be beaten.

After the guards had laid many stripes on the apostles, they threw them into the inner prison and put their feet in stocks.

At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God. The other prisoners heard them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so great that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Immediately, all the doors were opened. The bands were loose on everyone. The jailer awoke from sleep and when he saw that the prison doors were open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped. He drew his sword and would have killed himself, but Paul shouted, "We are all here. Do not harm yourself."

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Make a

MARK OF MERIT

By Nathan Lawson

Why work for a Mark of Merit? Many young people may ask this question. Of what value is it? I want to mention to each of you young people that the National FYC is not interested in just giving out awards. The main purpose of our program is to help our young people accomplish some worthwhile things during the short time that they are youth. The awards give us a goal to reach. We pray that these goals will inspire us to greater service for Christ.

AWARD WINNERS FOR 1966

Awards will be mailed out to the winners soon. Groups who earned 500 points will receive a Gold Award. Those who earned from 350 to 499 points will receive a Silver Award. If your FYC did not win an Award in 1966, start working toward a Mark of Merit for the present year. Following is a list of the winning FYC groups.

Gold Mark of Merit Winners

- Denver, Colorado
- Eureka, South Dakota
- Harrisburg, Oregon
- New Auburn, Wisconsin
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Stanberry, Missouri
- Tacoma, Washington
- Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Silver Mark of Merit Winners

- Houston, Texas
- Lodi, California
- Ontario, California
- Fairview, Oklahoma
- Midway, Oklahoma
- Bloomington, California
- Claremore, Oklahoma

LIGHT HOUSE AWARD WINNER—for 1966—New Auburn, Wis.

New Auburn, Wisconsin, is the "FYC of the year" in the Church of God (7th Day). Their group was very active throughout the year. They will be featured in a future issue of this magazine. Following is a list of the leading FYC's as they finished in the Bonus Point Program.

New Auburn, Wisconsin	500 plus 185	685 Total Points
Oklahoma City, Okla.	500 plus 181	681 Total Points
Eureka, S. D.	500 plus 169	669 Total Points
Tahlequah, Oklahoma	500 plus 141	641 Total Points
Harrisburg, Oregon	500 plus 128	628 Total Points

I would like to commend all these groups for the fine program they carried on for their young people. Oklahoma City came especially close to winning this award only four points behind New Auburn. May God bless all these groups for their fine efforts.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT BLANKS FOR 1967

The report blanks for the first quarter will be sent out to all local FYC's soon. We hope that you are planning now to enter this program. We do not want to be a burden to you, but we want it to be a real CHALLENGE in Christian Service. Make your group active for Christ this year.

MARCH PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Point someone to "Steps to Salvation." We want each member of your FYC to take at least one of these tracts and give it to someone who is not a Christian. Don't just throw it on a doorstep, or hand it to someone without a word. Walk up to someone and ask them if they are a Christian. If they are not, tell them that you would like for them to read this tract and that you hope they will think

seriously about accepting Christ as their Saviour.

IS IT WORTHWHILE TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE?

If you will just stop for a moment and look about you at all the evil in this world, surely you will cast your vote with the True Christian. There is not one thing in this life for which it is worth giving up Eternity with Christ Jesus. Pray that our young people will be real Christians.

Trials and tribulations are gold mines from which may be taken some of life's richest prizes. So, to begin with, instead of praying, "Lord, when am I going to get out of this?" it is better to pray, "Lord, what am I going to get out of this?"

Charles L. Allen in
PRAYER CHANGES THINGS
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

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Take Time for God



By Vivian Hall

I am sure our speaker at a recent Sabbath school will not mind my enlarging upon his remarks to us concerning our defense and offence in life.

Perhaps you as young people have seen a basketball game or a football game played by your classmates, or perhaps you have taken part in the game yourself. If so, you will know there is a *defense*—those who guard against the other side's making a score, and an *offense*—the players who invade the opponent's territory in an effort to score for the home team. Such players have their assignments given to them, and do their best to carry out the details of their assignments. How the game turns out depends solely on how well each player does his job, and his cooperation (or lack of it) with his teammates.

Did you know we also have a defensive and offensive position to play in our game of life? How well our score adds up at the end of our lives depends solely on us and how well we play the game. We play the defensive whenever we are tempted by sin and if we can prevent the Devil from making a score we have added an accomplishment in our favor. It is much easier the next time we are tempted, to throw the Devil for a loss. It gives us much en-

Date	Chapter
Mar. 15	Jer. 50
Mar. 16	Jer. 51
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Mar. 18	Ezek. 1
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Mar. 20	Ezek. 3
Mar. 21	Ezek. 4
Mar. 22	Ezek. 5
Mar. 23	Ezek. 6
Mar. 24	Ezek. 7
Mar. 25	Ezek. 8
Mar. 26	Ezek. 9
Mar. 27	Ezek. 10
Mar. 28	Ezek. 11
Mar. 29	Ezek. 12
Mar. 30	Ezek. 13
Mar. 31	Ezek. 14
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Apr. 12	Ezek. 26
Apr. 13	Ezek. 27
Apr. 14	Ezek. 28

couragement and zeal for scoring a point for our side. If we can help win a soul to Christ surely our offense has been good.

We have the very best Coach there is—God. The Rule book is the best ever written—the Bible. How can we possibly fail to win the game of Life if we play the game according to the Rules and follow faithfully the instructions of our Coach? In a game of football or basketball, we sometimes hear the loss of a game as having been caused by the coach. Maybe he had the very best and most capable of players, but he gave the wrong instructions; gave them the wrong play to carry out, and so the game was lost. This need not be our situation if we listen with rapt attention to our Instructions given to us by a Coach who has never made a mistake in calling the plays.

What a wonderful feeling indeed, to know you are a member of the winning team! How wonderful to know that no matter how rough this game is; no matter what ruse your opponent may put into use to cause your downfall; no matter how dark the future seems, you will come out the winner as long as you play the Rules of God's team. Have you volunteered for His team yet? If you haven't, isn't it about time you did? Another wonderful thing about this great team is that it isn't limited to eleven players or to five players but to "whosoever will."

Bill Glass and I secured permission to give our testimonies at the state penitentiary in Columbia and I'll never forget standing up before those men and telling them of the gospel.

One boy among the prisoners asked us a question which has haunted me ever since: "Why is it that I hear of Jesus Christ *here* and for the first time in my life?"

Bobby Richardson in **THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY**
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

By Verna McCoy

GEM No. 3 -- HAPPINESS!!

Happiness is a friendly smile.
To brighten life's sometimes dreary
mile.

Happiness is a lift in your car to some-
one
Who otherwise would be from church
too far.

Happiness is the coke shop by-passed
Save that money 'til the foreign mis-
sions plate is passed.

Happiness is encouragement by phone
To someone who might be feeling quite
alone.

So with this crude attempt at rhyme
You can see the real meaning of hap-
piness summarized within the
following lines:

Happiness is a golden deed
Sincerely done for someone in need.

Being kind to others, hoping for noth-
ing in return, reaps great dividends
in soul-satisfaction.

It is self-centeredness that causes so
much unhappiness. Doing for others
is the same as doing for Christ. When
we are busy doing for others, we don't
have time to become self-centered.

The kindness you bestow does not
have to be monumental to be greatly
appreciated.

And because you—a youth—care
enough to open the car door and assist
dear elderly Sister Smith up the church

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

Psalm 16:11

Psalm 100:2

Psalm 126:3

Psalm 97:11

Psalm 146:5

Proverbs 3:13

Ephesians 4:32

James 5:11

steps, or go down to the grocery
store for the carless Jacobs, or
offer to baby-sit without pay
sometimes, or take some home-
made cookies over to the new
neighbors (and countless other
good deeds), folks will know
that truly there can be genu-
inely good Christian teenagers in
every generation.

With Christ dwelling in the
heart, all the exuberance of
youth can be a channel of bless-
ing for happy Christian service
and joyful worship.

Happiness cannot be secured
by amassing this world's gold,
nor if we mined a rare and
precious earthly gem. Many a
famous businessman, wealthy
lawyer, or glamour-stricken
Hollywood star will attest to
the sad fact that worldly fame
and fortune often only bring
the misfortune of unhappiness
and discontent.

In the song "I've Discovered
the Way of Gladness," Floyd W.
Hawkins says:

"I've discovered the way of glad-
ness.

I've discovered the way of joy.
I've discovered relief from sad-
ness

'Tis a happiness without alloy.
I've discovered the fount of
blessing.

I've discovered the Living Word.
'Twas the greatest of all dis-
coveries.

When I found Jesus, my Lord.

As with the other gems we've
been seeking in this Minuteman
treasure hunt, this one too can
be found by studying the "Liv-
ing Word."

IS YOUR LIFE A CHANNEL OF BLESSING?

(Continued from page 14)

Kathy's heart was full of forgive-
ness as she knelt in prayer asking
God to forgive her for not accepting
His will and for denying Him. She
truly wanted to be accepted back into
His fold. She immediately called her
parents, telling them of her renewal
of faith in God and forgiveness to-
ward the church people.

Kathy went with her family to
her old church the next Sabbath, for
the first time in almost two years.
It was wonderful to see the familiar
faces again and sing the familiar
songs from her same old pew. The
young people were thrilled to see her
back and made sure she knew it.

Although that congregation had
sung the song many times before, it
was like a brand new song to those
teenagers that Sabbath day. They
didn't just mouth the words; they
meant them, as they sang:

"Is your life a channel of blessing?

Is the love of God flowing thro' you?
Are you telling the lost of the Sav-
iour?

Are you ready His service to do?

We cannot be channels of blessing
If our lives are not free from
known sin:

We will barriers be and a hindrance
To those we are trying to win.

Make me a channel of blessing today,
Make me a channel of blessing I
pray;

My life possessing, my service bless-
ing,

Make me a channel of blessing to-
day."

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

The arrival of another foreign student has been heralded since the last report to AIM. Ku Soon Paul Hong from South Korea was met by Elder Kauer at the Kansas City airport on February 6th, bringing our total full-time enrollment to 26. On February 11th the young people of the church hosted a welcome party for the new students. The whole membership of the church was invited and there were many in attendance.

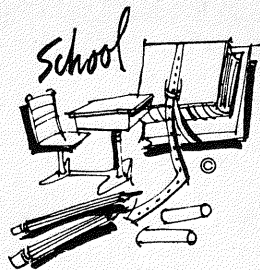
Sabbath morning services on February 18th were blessed with a very unusual quartet: Brother Paul Hong sang a verse in Korean; Brother Lael Tikili sang in his native tongue; Brother Nick Nimchuk in Ukrainian; and Brother Dan Camero in Spanish. They each sang a verse in their respective languages and finished with the first verse of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" together in English. Special emphasis was placed on foreign missions in the service.

Plan now on ordering a copy of the college annual which will be out this spring. It promises to be the best edition yet. You won't want to miss it.

Sweatshirts with the MBC crest have been ordered and received. Many bright colors were chosen. Each shirt is a silent witness to everyone who sees them being worn. The crest was designed last year by one of our students, Israel Bravo.

A special counseling class for student ministers' wives has been instituted on Wednesday nights following choir practice. Elder R. C. Moldenhauer is the instructor. The class has been well attended to date.

Midwest is on the move. It is growing. However, we need the prayers



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and support of each one of you to accomplish our aims. As Midwest grows, so will the Church of God grow—the more ministers in the field, the more members added to the church, the more support given to add more ministers. We need to step out in faith that God will bless our efforts. Pray for us.

—Dorothy Nimchuk

SPRING VALE ACADEMY

A snowstorm broke the usual routine at Spring Vale, when it almost completely snowed the buildings in overnight, January 26 and 27. Although the day before we had nice spring weather with mud all over the ground, Thursday, the 27th, school could not be started until 10 o'clock, when paths were finally broken through most of the drifts. Many of the area schools were closed for at least a week, but S.V.A. was able to continue classes.

The week of January 29 through February 4 was a busy week for Spring Valers. The students spent

many long hours of review for their semester tests, and were very much relieved when they were over. At the Midwinter Banquet, the 2nd, the students were able to find out the identity of their secret pals, who had been doing kind deeds for them for the past two weeks. Two new students, both from Wisconsin, joined us for the rest of the year. Brother Paul Heavilin, with a carload of singing students, went to Wisconsin during the semester break to bring back Judy Bates and Steven Forbes.

To begin the new semester, new officers had to be chosen in several organizations. The new Sabbath school and F.Y.C. officers are already hard at work. The new Junior Miss Club officers were formally installed in a solemn ceremony on the evening of February 19.

A new class, Drivers Training, under the direction of Elder Roy Keim, has been added to the curriculum this semester. The students are grateful to him for sacrificing time to help them.

The senior class earned \$30.00 from the bake sale they held in

Owosso. Soon they will also be sponsoring a box social to help pay their expenses for their class trip this spring.

S. V. A. has enjoyed the fellowship of the visitors we have had this past month. Brother David Kauer, Elder and Sister Moldenhauer, and Jerry, and Sister Kae Carlin came the last week in January. On February 18 and 19, Ken Durham, Mark Ling, and David Ogren visited the school.

The Annual is slowly beginning to near completion. Subscriptions are being sold now for \$2.50 for anyone who would like an annual, although they will not be received until late in May.

Two gospel films have been viewed this past month. "A Better World Begins With You" helped us realize that we have the responsibility of helping others. We also saw the film, "Fast Way Nowhere," which warned us of the effects of following the wrong crowd.

Spring Vale desires your prayers, that we may grow spiritually, and that our needs will be provided.

—Martha Heavilin

HEARTS OF GREATNESS

Hearts that are great beat never loud;

They muffle their music when they come;

They hurry away from the thronging crowd

With bended brows and lips half dumb.

And the world looks on and mutters, "Proud."

But when great hearts have passed away,
Men gather in crowds and kiss their shroud,

And in love they gather around their clay.

Hearts that are great are always lone;

They never can manifest their best.

Their greatest greatness is unknown,

Earth knows a little—God the rest.

—Archbishop Ryan

The jailer called for a light, ran in trembling and fell down in front of Paul and Silas. He brought them out of the prison and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

The apostles said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you and your household will be saved." Then they told them and his entire household about the word of the Lord.

Within the same hour of the night, the jailer washed the apostles' stripe wounds. The jailer and his household were immediately baptized. He brought the apostles to his house and set a meal before them and was happy because he and his household believed in God.

When daytime came, the magistrate sent the officers with the order, "Release those men."

The prison keeper said to Paul, "The magistrates have sent an order to release you. Leave now. Go in peace."

Paul said to the prison officers, "The officers have beaten us openly, even though we are Romans and were not convicted. They have thrown us into prison. Now do they want to put us out privately? We say, no. Have them come themselves and release us."

The officers repeated Paul's statement to the magistrates and they were afraid when they heard that the apostles were Romans.

The magistrates came to the apostles and pleaded with them to leave the city, and then brought them out of prison.

When the apostles left the prison, they went into Lydia's house. After they had seen the brethren and had encouraged them, they left.

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CHARITY...DOETH NOT BEHAVE
ITSELF UNSEEMLY

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Too often the Christian becomes so buried under the weight of self-sacrifice that he or she fails to remember the age-old quality of love for the neighbor, whether he is a Christian or not.

In the following issues of AIM we plan to continue this feature. We want to deal with specific problems of etiquette for the working man or woman who daily comes in contact with people of all classes and types;

some solutions for problems that often arise; the attitude of the office girl towards her superiors; elevator etiquette, etc.—all of which are things that people tend to overlook.

If you have a specific question regarding any particular phase of behaviour, either socially or in mode of dress, or etiquette for a specific occasion, feel free to write. Unless it is of too personal a nature to be put in print, we will discuss your question sometime in a following issue of AIM. Address any questions (or comments) to Miriam Lake, c/o Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Mo.

Spring is just around the corner . . .

Next is summer -- and that means

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