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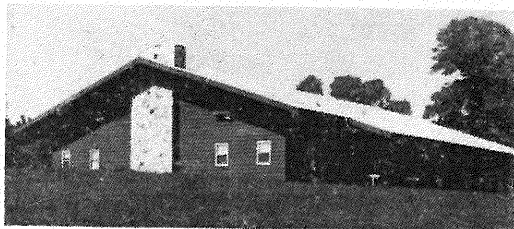
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# Campus Pitfalls

## - BEWARE!

By Rod Wegermann

Going to college or to a university may be the most faith-shaking experience that you have ever had. If you have not been saved by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ and gained real faith, there is little hope for you getting through college without being drained of all that is vital to Christian living—faith, driving devotion, and love. Taste and know that the Lord is real. College is important. Go to college; but be prepared by putting on Christ before you go.

To know just what you will face in college I would like to expose you to many of the faith-diluting sources and tools of professors. Basically, the college approach to mastering life itself is through the mind. The mind becomes, to the collegiate, the all-enlightening guide which will never fail.

I believe at this point it would be well to mention the two basic levels of human existence. One is the flesh; the other is the spirit. Paul in Romans mentions

that our desire is foremostly upon one or the other. What is important to understand here is that both the spirit and the human, fleshly existence are subdivided. In the realm of the flesh is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—the lower division or level; and the intellect or mind—the higher division or level. On the college campus the carnal lusts of fornication, covetousness, greed and others are abundant. But a zealous profes-

sor or student of intellectualism believes that by following the mind or the intellect, you can be elevated from the carnal lusts (though I doubt they would explain this using the term "carnal lusts.")

The intellect, or mind, then, becomes the method of finding the goal of intellectualism—truth. On many college buildings you may find the scriptural quote, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." To the intellectual or scholar, truth is the goal of life and the method of obtaining truth is by the mind. Christians are to seek after truth also, which is knowing and following Christ and God. The way to know and find God is first of all through Christ; and second by the Word (the Bible). To know God is more rewarding than just satisfaction, which is the scholar's reward of finding truth. It will yield eternal life!

The most basic tool of the intellectual is a term with which you are probably not acquainted—empiricism. This idea states that basically we can find truth through the sense organs; that is, we can determine truth by seeing, smelling, tasting, feeling, and hearing it. A logical development of this is that since we mostly experience (see, smell, taste, and hear) material things, truth must be bound up in the material things. Material things are those things produced either by nature, such as trees; or by man, such as cars, houses and the like. It is

not difficult to see why Karl Marx, using the materialistic approach to truth, believed that if man shared and had in abundance material things, man could live in a state of peace and bliss with one another.

Christ made the secondary importance of material things when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things (material things of life) shall be added unto you. . . . Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

We are all well acquainted with what evolution is essentially. It is a product of an intellectual tool closely related to empiricism—the scientific method. The scientific method, defined in its crudest form, is a method of finding truth by progressing from an idea of believed truth (hypothesis) to an idea of proved truth (law) by experimenting and observing. It is used widely in science and in the social sciences (geography, sociology, political science, anthropology, and economics).

Let us go back to evolution which was a product of the scientific method. There are many things in evolution which are really troubling. Carbon-dating seems to reinforce the idea that the earth is millions of years old. The levels of life from the simple, one-cell organism to man are closely related, indicating perhaps that man developed from the simplest unit of life.

Maybe you can think of other troubling ideas which are a result of evolution.

There is an expression which says to fight fire with fire. To do that here would seem most logical. I could give you explanations which might be viewed as scientific which would counter the statements above that trouble us as Bible believers. I am not going to explain my views. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways. . . . For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your

a child accepts as true what his parents tell him.

We know truth and have faith only when we have JESUS and follow the Bible. We can discuss and argue against evolution all we want to with someone else, but that other individual will only be able to accept the creation of Genesis as real when Christ comes in to put faith in his heart. Believe it or not, however, the scientist, despite the scientific method, must use faith to believe that what science seems to prove true actually did occur—such as the evolution of the earth and man.

#### Skepticism, with agnosticism, stares at a student relentlessly in certain courses . . .

thoughts. . . . I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the WISE and PRUDENT, and hast revealed them unto babes. . . . All scripture is given by the inspiration of God. . . ." (Isaiah 55:8 and 9, Matthew 1:25, and 2 Timothy 3:16).

The point is that the Bible is revealed truth that is logical and scientific but cannot be analyzed or tested in the laboratory because its truths are not found in physical things. Intellectual ability is not the basis for discovering Bible truth. Rather, the basis is in being children to the degree that we can trust what God says just as quickly and unquestioningly as

Another tool of the intellect is "a priori" logic. Crudely, this means a method of finding truth by using rules of reason which have nothing to do with experience. You probably won't come in contact with this unless you take history, philosophy, or religion. Philosophers in the ancient and medieval periods were interested in whether there was a God, what His nature was, whether man had a soul, and this type of thing. There are things which our sense organs cannot explain, because we do not normally come into contact with God, nor our soul, through our sense organs. We normally do not see, hear, feel, taste, or smell God. By using rules of

logic you can supposedly answer these questions.

The problem here is that philosophers come up with different answers than the Bible by their techniques. It is interesting to note an exception, an English philosopher of logic, who was baptized with the Holy Spirit in the past few years—Dr. Prince. He stated something to the effect that the Bible follows precisely the rules of logic. Of course! God hates confusion for He is the author of order, logic, and the laws of science.

Now I must, to make this article complete, talk about an attitude and a belief which accompanies zealous intellects. Using the tools of empiricism, the scientific method, and a priori logic (which are useful and beneficial tools when you are not dealing with religion) demands skepticism; and often produces in the religious realm, agnosticism. Skepticism is a questioning, critical attitude, and agnosticism is the belief of one who questions whether or not God really exists. It is good to question and to be critical. Ideas, facts, statistics, and other things we see or hear should be thought over carefully for accuracy and application. We should also question religious ideas and doctrines we read of, or hear, from sources other than the Bible, going straight to the Bible to check whether or not they are true. But we cannot and must not, for our spiritual health's sake, question the Bible. We

must accept the Bible as inspired. Otherwise, we can believe and do what we want for we then have absolutely no standard, no guide, no answers to the problems of life and the salvation of man.

Skepticism, with agnosticism, stares at a student, relentlessly in certain courses. Avoid taking religion in any college other than Midwest Bible College, or at a college where you know the instructors are spiritual. The de-spiritualized, agnostic instructors of religion will pump you full of questions and doubts as a determined goal of their teaching. They may ridicule God and curse in the classroom so much that you really will have to pray much to avoid being dragged down into the pits of emptiness and despair. Usually a student has a choice of six hours of religion or philosophy. Choose the latter, by all means.

Humanities and history may be rough in ancient civilizations. Don't fall for arguments that Israel got its laws from a source other than God. One other civilization had laws like Israel, so instructors tend to explain that Israel's religious and secular laws were borrowed. Fortunately, the flood can now through archeology be proved to have at least existed in the Near East so the flood cannot be ridiculed.

It is important that you take literature; but grit your teeth and pray much that the small degree of trash and smut you will be required to read will be

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counteracted by the Lord. Psychology is important also—but watch out. Psychology has arguments to explain the transformation Christ makes at salvation and baptism. If you have been saved, you know it is a powerful, miraculous transformation. If you want to read of miraculous transformations of salvation, read David Wilkinson's *The Cross and the Switchblade*. To be changed from a dope addict to a Christian, from using dope to not using dope, is miraculous. To be saved as a dope addict, and not experience

the withdrawal that agonizes an addict for some thirty days, is miraculous.

Go to college if you have the ability and the desire. There is a danger to Christians, but also a great reward. The reward far outweighs the danger if we have put on Christ. Have a Christian friend or parents to talk and pray with you when you need help. Above all, draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Use your college education to witness to those who, though having a college education, lack Christ.

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#### HOW TO MISS THE STING AND GET THE HONEY

An experience I shall never forget was an opportunity I had in the Orient to watch natives take honey from a bee hive without being stung. They are almost unprotected by their dress, yet they are rarely stung.

Why? Well, the explanation they give is this:

"We are passive, deliberate in our movement. We make no effort to fight and protect ourselves, nor do we attempt to drive the swarm away."

Thus, when a bee settles on one of them, it attempts to sting him no more than it would a plank of wood.

That wasn't the way it happened to me when I used to help my grandfather as a boy. Nervous, restless, and combative, I soon had a swarm of bees after me—all the way to the house and through the screen door! And I got stung!

Our troubles in life swarm around us like bees. Let us fret and fume, and we shall feel the sting and miss the honey; let us live in quiet and in confidence, and we shall taste the sweetness and escape the harm!

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

(A. Purnell Bailey)

# "Live Clean"

By Walter Isenhour

If I could speak two words to the youth of our land today I would say, "Live clean."

This would mean more than to say, "Get an education," although it is very important for our young people to be educated, especially educated in the right way.

It would mean far more than to say, "Get rich." We realize that thousands of people are seeking riches, but riches don't make life happy, successful, noble and sublime. Riches *can* be a snare to the life and soul, keeping people out of the kingdom and pulling them down to hell.

It would mean more than to say, "Marry well," though this is vitally important. Multitudes wreck themselves through marriage, when they leave God out.

It would mean more than to say, "Become popular," although this is what many, many of our youth seek after. Popularity never saves a soul, and within itself, has never made one really great and truly successful. To be popular too often means that one has to turn to the world and please evil, ungodly, sinful people in order to have their approval and praise. The evil world doesn't offer worthwhile popularity.

Clean living should be the desire of every young person as they prepare themselves for life's future. To leave this out eventually means failure and defeat. To put this into practice means final success and victory.

In Psalm 119:9 we have this question: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" This is a very vital question for our young men to consider. It can likewise be applied to our young girls. All need to live clean lives. We realize this is God's will; to live otherwise means that one is unclean mentally, as

well as morally and spiritually.

In the same verse of this Psalm the question is answered: "By taking heed thereto according to thy word." God's holy Word reveals just how to live right, and when put into practice it means clean living—which is the Christian way of life.

One must have help apart from himself. He, within himself, is unable to meet and cope with the unclean powers of sin and the wickedness of this world. One might live morally clean, in a large measure, apart

from the power of God, but never spiritually clean. In the first place one must be born again, born from above, to have the strength and power to live clean and go the upward way through life. His heart, mind, soul and spirit must be cleansed through the blood of Christ, and continually kept cleansed, if he lives as God would have him live.

The only way for our youth, and all people, is by way of the cross. No one can leave Christ out of his life and be mentally, morally and spiritually clean. Christ's influence in one's life, along with the Holy Ghost to comfort, lead and guide, is the only way that makes for clean, successful and victorious living. Even at that, we realize it takes much prayer, earnest and honest thought, high aims and noble purposes to live right. One must make the Bible his direction Book onward and upward. He must feed upon its sacred truths, heed its commandments, stand upon its promises and hold true when he is sorely tempted, tested and tried by the devil and his demon spirits.

Although we are in a fallen, sinful and wicked world, our youth have the clean way of life before them. God is no respecter of persons, and if He enabled the young Joseph to live clean and godly, also the young Timothy, and his godly mother and grandmother; He can enable our young boys and girls of today to live clean lives. Wherever there is failure on the part of the youth to live uprightly, walk up-

rightly, be clean in mind, heart, soul and spirit, it is not God's fault—it is the fault of the youth. Of course there will be mistakes, but these are easily corrected and overcome when one sees them and turns away from them. There will be many temptations to evil, but God's grace is sufficient to overcome them when one depends fully upon it. It is not a sin to anyone to be tempted by evil; the sin comes in when he yields to the temptation.

Youth, let the world know where you stand. You may be criticized, fought, and opposed by doing so, but hold steady. You will win out. When your ungodly critics are gone and forgotten, you will still be enjoying life and salvation—pressing on the upward way to God's kingdom and everlasting glory. You will be wielding an influence that will bless your fellows and bless the world when you are gone. Hallelujah!

Let the waves and storms of life surge around you, but stay on the old Ship of Zion as she plows through the waves to land you safely in the port and haven of rest. Let the devil's rodents nibble at your feet and seek to reach your soul, but realize that you are a child of a King—the King of Glory—and that He will never leave nor forsake you as long as you obey Him, stay on board the Ship of Salvation, and trust your heavenly Captain.

Glory be to God—the God who enabled old Job to say: "He

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# Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions  
answered by  
Ray L. Straub



## QUESTION:

*The church (ministers) seem to have definite ideas on what is right and wrong. Why don't they preach on it more? Is it because there is so little agreement amongst the ministers? Why are you so reluctant to take a definite stand in this column?*

## ANSWER:

Most questions I receive are concerned with the question of what is permissible and which activities should be shunned. Yours is the most "loaded."

It is my opinion that the ministers preach on these matters quite a lot. Some dwell on them more than others, but a large segment of any minister's audience will learn rather rapidly over a short period of time where their pastor stands.

Each minister has his own approach on how to deal with these issues. In my opinion, more can be gained through dialogue with young people; that is, in a type of meeting where direct questions can be asked and answered. In this way, specific reasons can be given for specific attitudes.

Any lack of preaching on this sub-

ject would not be due to disagreement amongst ministers. In fact, disagreement tends to cause more expression, not less.

The nature of standards is such that there will always be some disagreement concerning them. Lack of uniform thinking was always manifest during the Apostle Paul's ministry. Standards change from time to time and from place to place. It would be a terribly static church that did not have some varying viewpoints concerning its standards. The amount of disagreement cannot be considered nearly vast enough to be serious. Few churches experience more harmony amongst the ministers than ours, particularly in view of the freedom they have in the Church to express themselves on these matters.

It is because standards relate to the communities in which we live that I do not give specific recommenda-

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tions in this column. What is permissible in one area can easily be offensive in another. An inquirer needs to discuss specific taboos with their pastor or minister nearest them. If you move into our community it will not be long before you have some idea where I stand.

## QUESTION:

*What is a good argument against evolution?*

## ANSWER:

1. It is not logical to believe that the cosmos came out of chaos. Any masterpiece in planning and organization results from intelligence. It takes a precise amount of measuring, beating, and baking to make a good cake. It takes precise chords to compose good music, and it takes a correct alignment of words to write a good thesis or book. Understanding this, how can one believe that anything as beautifully organized as this universe came about through accident?

2. There is no known explanation for beginnings. The mind can only go so far until its incapacities leave it dangling. Experiencing this, it leaves us with only one believable explanation—way back God existed "in the beginning." I admit, readily, that this is no proof that God exists. However, *believing* He existed in the beginning, it is logical that He created the earth and set the universe in motion.

3. There is neither agreement nor proof supporting the evolution of the species. No valid proof exists that there has ever been a change from one species to another. Changes have come about only within the species.

4. The best argument against evolu-

tion is to get to know the Creator personally.

## QUESTION:

*How old should persons be before they begin kissing?*

## ANSWER:

Most of us have kissed someone or other almost all of our lives! Seriously, though, I understand that this involves boy-girl relationships, and it is a good question. The value of any item is determined somewhat by its supply. This is particularly true in the matter of gems, antiques, stamps, coins, etc. No one gets too concerned about an item that can be picked up anywhere at any time. Kissing is something like this. For it to have value, to be meaningful, it should be used sparingly.

Dating should be getting somewhat serious before there is much of this kissing business. It should be an expression of affection for a partner, not a mere conquest to boast about to others.

Kissing can be dangerous exercise. It should be restricted to those people and occasions that will keep it from going farther, if those indulging are unmarried.

How old should a person be? Actually age does not dictate the appropriate use of a kiss. It would seem that anyone younger than late high school age is rushing things. The questioner sounds anxious. I hope he is not. There is no value gained in having a great experience and reputation as a kisser!

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**When a person gets salvation, He will say, "Who am I?" instead of "Look who I am!"**

# No Sermons, Please!



By Morton Green

Tom Knudson waited as his redheaded friend, Wayne Stuart, tossed some books into his locker, slammed the metal door, and twirled the combination dial. "Let's go kid," said Wayne. The two tall boys with crewcuts threaded through the crowded hall and out the front door of Maple High School. The snappy air of early December stirred Tom's blood and inspired a playful swing that Wayne neatly dodged. "Going to the game tonight?" Wayne asked, his battered notebook swinging at his side.

"Are you kidding, guy?" said Tom. "The first basketball game of the season! Think I'd miss it?"

Wayne gave Tom a sideways glance. "Just asking. I thought maybe now that you're—whad'ya call it?—'saved,' you wouldn't be interested in sports any more."

"Oh, no!" Tom groaned half-jokingly. But the remark hurt a little, as Tom realized his best friend still didn't understand

Tom's decision at camp last summer.

"Bronc's taking the guys to the game in his hot rod," Wayne said. "Can you come by my house at seven?"

"Sure thing," Tom replied. From beneath his lashes, Tom studied Wayne's flat-cheeked profile. They'd been buddies since sixth grade—together in everything. That was why Tom

was so eager for Wayne to share the joy of his new faith.

"Why so quiet, spaceman?" Wayne spoke up, peeling a piece of dead bark from a tree they passed.

"I was wondering if you'd read what I gave you the other day."

"You mean that salvation stuff?"

"No, 'Tisn't important. You'll get over this religion kick before long."

"I wish I could convince you, Wayne—this isn't just a fad with me!" Tom insisted. "And it is important! It's the best thing that ever—"

"Whoa!" Wayne held up his hands. "No sermons, please!"

"But look, guy—" Tom pleaded.

"Can it!" Wayne ordered sharply. "You've been yakking my ear off ever since you returned from camp. And I'm getting sick of it! I don't see where being saved has gotten you anywhere. What's the point?"

Tom started to explain, but sighed deeply instead. What was the use? He didn't know what to say, and when he said it, Wayne just got mad. "Never mind," Tom mumbled in despair.

The basketball game was a rousing opener as Maple High won on two free throws. The victory set off some rocketing emotions. "Wow! What a game!" exclaimed Bronc, gunning his motor and spurring his car away from the curb. Tom, Wayne, and the others—Al, Jerry, and

Clyde—all assented with a deafening cheer.

These were guys Tom and Wayne had palled with since last year, their first in Maple High. They were okay, but Tom guessed they'd be tougher on a Christian than Wayne was. "My throat's dry as a bone," yelled Al. "Man, those bleachers were screaming tonight!"

Suddenly Tom realized they were heading out of town. "Hey, Bronc, where're you going? This isn't the way to Wayne's house."

"Well," drawled Bronc mysteriously, "I thought we'd quench Al's thirst with a light tonic of some sort."

"Hey, you don't mean the Hi Hat?" Jerry whistled excitedly.

"Well, I'm not looking for the three bears," was Bronc's quick reply.

"Got a bottle, Bronc?" Wayne asked. Bronc patted his jacket pocket and winked slowly.

"Man-o-man!" said Clyde. "The Hi Hat, I've heard the kids talk about that place."

Tom had heard similar talk about the tavern where they looked the other way if teens wanted to add something potent to the soft drink they ordered. There was some fuss last year when a carload of teenagers had cracked up after leaving the Hi Hat, and the sixteen-year-old driver couldn't pass a sobriety test. "I take it you guys are for the idea?" Bronc said.

There were shouts of "Sure!" and "Yeah, man!" Tom's tongue felt glued to the roof of his

mouth. It seemed only a couple of seconds later when Bronc's hot rod pulled into the parking lot of the tavern. Car doors opened, and Bronc urged, "C'mon, men!" Reluctantly Tom found himself jostled along into the tavern with his chums. The boys followed Bronc to one of the tables and sat down. It was a drab, uninviting place. Several men sat on stools before the high bar.

Tom's brain was in a turmoil. What was he doing in a joint like this? *But I couldn't just walk out on the guys!* he argued with himself. *What would I say?* He wished he were a stronger Christian—not afraid of being laughed at.

In a few minutes the waiter brought the soft drinks they'd called for. You're a great one, a little voice prodded Tom. First you talk a big faith to Wayne, then you stop talking, next you stop believing. . . .

Tom squirmed, and realized Wayne was watching him. He couldn't meet Wayne's gaze; instead he looked around for a place to dump the Coke Bronc was now spiking for him.

"Cheers, men!" said Bronc, lifting his drink. Tom saw Wayne hesitate. Of course, Wayne didn't go for drinking any more than Tom did, but under pressure, with the other guys drinking. . . . Wayne picked up his drink, sipped it, made a face. "Whew!"

Bronc laughed. "I just flavored it a bit, man! This must be your first drink. Here, take a

bigger swig. You'll get used to it."

As he saw Wayne grimace and then start to drink again, Tom realized he had a responsibility not only to himself, but to his buddy.

Bronc noticed Tom's silence and untouched drink. "Whatsa matter with you, Tommy-boy? C'mon, have a swig. You don't want us to think you're going goody-goody on us?"

Suddenly mindful he was not alone—the Lord was with him—Tom jumped up. "Call it goody-goody if you will. The Lord has made me better than I used to be—that's for sure. I used to know wrong and still do it—like recognizing poison and still drinking it. Something like you guys. Now I'm a Christian, and the Lord is helping me do what's right!"

For a moment the boys gaped. Then Bronc slapped his thigh and let out a hoot that made the bartender look up sharply. "Oh, that's the craziest! You're a real bomber, you are, Tommy-boy. Where's your halo?" he jeered.

Tom felt his face get hot. People were looking his way. Following Bronc's lead, Al, Jerry, and Clyde gave Tom the razz. "Okay, fellows," Tom said, staring at them. "I'll go."

Bronc sneered. "Well, I hope you enjoy the three-mile walk back to town."

Tom's heart was heavy as he stepped out into the cool night. He wished Wayne had left the Hi Hat with him, but it was

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# Editorial

People scattered over the entire nation waited with anxious concern because a 19-year-old bride was being held at gunpoint by a former, jealous suitor. Why the concern—by people who were not even remotely acquainted with her? —Because a human heart reaches out to another who is miserable, afraid, and alone; particularly when one's very life is in danger.

All about us every day are people who are not only miserable and feeling quite alone with today's problems, but their *eternal life* is in danger.

Somehow, though, it is hard for us to parallel the urgency of this situation with that mentioned above. Are we concerned? We tell ourselves we are; yet it is so easy to put off this concern and action, it seems, where someone's salvation and eternal life is concerned. There always seems to be a tomorrow—a more opportune time—a better opening to introduce the subject of Christ and what He can mean in a life.

Why is this such a difficult task? Why is it that we are always wanting to do better in witnessing—and yet we put it off? The likelihood that our attempts at witnessing will be unappreciated, possibly even resented, and very possibly rejected, tends to discourage us.

Perhaps it will help to parallel this with another modern-day warning that is being rejected by thousands—the warning against smoking. In spite of the avalanche of undeniable evidence concerning the dangers of smoking, which is hurled at the public in general, we find that multitudes of people continue to smoke. Others—thinking, willful, conscientious people, heed the warning, and give up smoking with unthwarted determination.

Perhaps this can help us to understand the human race. There will always be those who will accept truth, and those who will reject and ignore the plain facts, regardless how overwhelming is the evidence. We can't let this dampen our enthusiasm or endeavor to promote truth, and to bring the joy of salvation to those who will accept it.

What can you and I do to better spread the good news of the gospel in a personal way? Each of us can only answer this individually; but for each of us, it is important to recognize that before we can have either the ability or the genuine desire to witness for Christ, we must have Him truly in our own hearts. What's more, we must fellowship daily with Him, both in prayer and in reading His Word.

You are concerned, you say? You are only as concerned as your actions show.



Brother Lloyd Clark has spent much effort, on his own time and initiative, we understand, to help rehabilitate boys in prison. He has a genuine concern and interest in this endeavor. We find very interesting these excerpts which he has shared with us on several occasions, giving us better insight into the thoughts and feelings of those who sometimes may automatically be dubbed "All Bad."

# I CONFESS

(Brief excerpts from and comments based on three letters to the writer from a twenty-five-year-old convict.)

by L. C. Clark

*"I have done many things in my life for which I am very much ashamed. I have stolen from my parents; I have hurt people I loved; I lowered myself to the lowest among whom I live today. I can never forget my past. I must learn to live with the memory of it."*

This is the voice of a young man, twenty-five years old, talking to you from a small cell within the walls of a State Penitentiary. At 18 he had his youth, his friends, and a home like the young people who read this. He had finished his high school and had some personal plans for the future; but inside, something happened. He can tell you about it.

*"You see, I had little love as a child. My home was one to be endured rather than enjoyed. I was an adopted boy. I sensed that my father thought he got a bad deal. I believe he resented the adoption. Mother was proud of me when she could dress me up and show me off. When we were alone she assumed a different composure. Thus, before I grew out of my nickers, I was a mis-*

*fit. My home was responsible for so many complexes. . . ."*

Should I not pause and let you re-evaluate what you have read? It sounds logical and true, does it not? More, it seems to make us think about ourselves. But hear a little more of another letter.

*"I feel inhibitions result from social influences . . . from 'selfdeceptions.' Many people are emotionally victimized by precepts that are ingrained during childhood. Many influences are heaped upon us before we are capable of understanding them. Nevertheless, it is necessary that we be 'held' responsible, for the sake of law and order."*

Can you see how he thinks? He knows his past . . . he is not covering nor does he rebel because of his punishment. He wants to tell you more.

*"At 16 I was IT. I was good looking (and he still is), I had some money, resentments that I did not understand nor could control; I found no one who did understand and it seemed that no one cared. So I showed off. At 17, I was owner of the world, and of all who joined me. At 18, after graduation from high school, I took to the road that led nowhere. Now I am waiting for the day when the sun will shine again. When that day comes—and soon, I hope, I must try my best to contribute something decent to this life. By doing something to help someone else, maybe I can relieve the guilt for all the wrong done. A transition has come about in me in the past year I cannot explain. I will answer why my books were not balanced. They never balanced because I was unbalanced."*

It takes only casual thinking to understand this confession. Prison has brought this arrogant young man to his knees. From rebellion, he now longs to serve; clearing the dust of confusion through the long hours of waiting. Secluded in the silence of the forgotten world of people, he sees clearly the way he has come; he wants to rule off this ledger and start a new one.

I am sure Tom's confession is not yet finished. I know that his dreams for the future are just beginning to take shape. He is not quite as hard as most prisoners about the church and the Christian way, but he is far from acceptance of Christ as the One Who can remove the guilt and balance the books and set up a new capital account.

(We need others to enter this forgotten mission field to help redeem lonely, heartsick men from out of the night.)



" . . . and for



Through His infinite love, God created us and this whole universe. God shares with each of His created beings His gift of love—the desire to love and to be loved.

To love is to accept and appreciate others; to share our happiness with them. It is our ability to see beauty and loveliness in our surroundings, and to smile.

To be loved—the love of my family and friends, and the love of my heavenly Friend who is with me even when I'm otherwise alone.

It is for this gift of love that I am most thankful.

Delores O. Fischer

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The world today is faced with more sin and shame than ever before. As many say today, "It is a modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah." Many people in the world today cannot find satisfaction in their everyday life. So to answer their needs they

try drinking, smoking, etc. . . .

As Christians in this world today we have only one hope. That is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Christ in our lives we would have nothing to look forward to. We would not have any type of satisfaction in our lives. Therefore we would have to turn to what the world turns to.

My heart sings with joy to think that Christ died for you and me. For this I am thankful.

—Denis Burrell

God has been so good to me of one thing for which I am especially given a gift and, although I do not know above all else. That is: Jesus Christ.

God sent His only Son to die for me in eternity. Christ loved me enough that I might have my sins forgiven. He loved the people that have ever lived. For He loved my parents and a school like Springfield.

For all these things I am

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## *and this I am thankful"*



"Are there any prayer requests?" asked the minister.

"I have a prayer of thanks," answered one of the congregation.

Has this ever happened in your church? It should; we should always thank God for His many blessings. Here at Spring Vale, it is nothing out of the ordinary for several to have a prayer of thanks, because we have so very, very much to be thankful for. BUT have you ever thanked God for a disappointment you have had, or a trial you had to endure? It is through our troubles, tribulations and trials that God is able to prove us, as He tells us in Psalm 66:10. He wants to see

me that it's very hard to think especially thankful. But I have been don't deserve it, I appreciate it exist in my heart.

for me that I might live—now and enough to be hung on the cross that He did this for you and for all this reason I have true Christian Spring Vale Academy to attend. truly thankful.

—Janice Carlin

if we really love Him enough to endure to the end, so that we might be saved. I am glad that God gives me troubles every now and then, so that I may grow in Him, and become a stronger Christian; yes, "for these trials I am thankful."

—Dixie Walton

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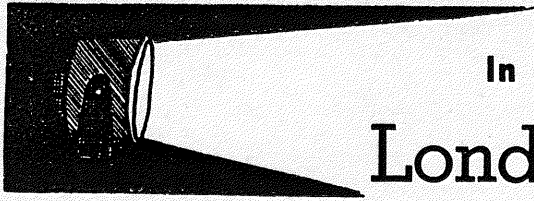
How the Lord can put up with such an undeserving person as I is of great astonishment to me. Every day I fail Him in some way, big or small; every day He forgives me and lets me start anew.

We cannot begin to comprehend His great love for us. No love on earth between any two individuals can compare to His Holy Grace and Wonderful Love for us.

It is because of this love, that He can forgive me and have mercy on me, even to the answering of my prayers.

For this I am thankful.

—Rosie Kolmer



## In the Spotlight

# London F.Y.C.

Reported by E. I. Hendricks

*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."*

It is my privilege to furnish you with this information of the founding of the F.Y.C. in the Church of God, London, England.



E. I. HENDRICKS

Two years ago, as a result of a revival in which many young people surrendered their lives to the Lord, the F.Y.C. was organized with eight members. Electing my wife, Eileen, as their advisor, they immediately formulated plans for the advancement of the group. Within weeks it became apparent that the Lord was leading in the lives of these youngsters. Their activities within the Church brought great joy and rejoicing to all of us. However, bringing joy and rejoicing to the brethren within the Church wasn't all they had in mind.

With their brand new experience in Christ, their primary goal was to reach out to the young people of the community. They wanted to share their experience with their friends and tell them that real living and lasting security begins with Jesus Christ. It may be that you would like to say "praise the Lord" at this point because the group has now increased to 16. Presently there is an F.Y.C. meeting conducted every Thursday evening in which many of the young people of the community participate.

The F.Y.C. in London also conducts a visitation program among the elderly people of the locality, especially those suffering from loneliness, and from deficiency. They see this as an opportunity to give a certain degree of comfort to the elderly. Their limited knowledge in welfare work is their disadvantage; however, they are learning as they go.

The F.Y.C. operates outside London as there are three other groups located in different parts of the country that look to the London Church for some support. The London FYCers travel at certain times and render programs in the afternoon to these groups.

I am really pleased to say that the F.Y.C. has furnished the London

Church with a beautiful electric organ and other musical instruments.

These youngsters have indeed made a fine start, but there is still so much to learn. However, Elder Dale Lawson, President of the F.Y.C. in the U. S. A., is now corresponding with the group and I am convinced he will be able to offer new ideas. (However, I reserve the right to introduce hay rides and weiner roasts there in London.)

I feel it is safe to say that with the F.Y.C. operating in the Church of God in England, the future is very bright.

*United States F.Y.C. to the London F.Y.C.*

*Greetings in Christ, our soon-coming King. We are happy for this report about the F. Y. C. in London and we trust it will encourage all of us to work harder. We are happy for the association and correspondence that has been started with all of you. I was happy to receive a letter from one of you there in London.*

*The F.Y.C. here at Stanberry, Missouri, took your pastor on a hay ride and weiner roast which he thoroughly enjoyed. (Of course, he says that he reserves the right to tell you about it, so I won't.)*

*If any of you would like to correspond with FYCers here in the U.S.A. just send us your name and address.*

*Please pray for our work here and we will be praying for you. Our prayer is that you will continue in the way that you have started and win many for the "kingdom of God."*

*Christian love,  
Dale Lawson  
F.Y.C. Chairman, U.S.A.*

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### "IN THE MORNING SOW THY SEED!"

Years ago, in the city of Toronto, Canada, a young man passed a street meeting. He heard only one verse from the Bible: "Son, give Me thine heart." At the time, the verse apparently went in one ear and out the other. More than fifty years later, the verse, which had lain dormant in his heart, became accusingly and convictingly alive! Then he fell on his knees, crying

to God for His mercy and forgiveness!

Let us be alert and aggressive in obeying the command, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccl. 11:6).

Even the weakest and unworthiest ones may sow the Seed, remembering that the life lies, not in the sower, but in the seed!

—Gospel Herald

# Bits and Pieces

## "Prayer"

Compiled by  
Barbara Lucas

*When it's hardest to pray, we ought  
to pray the hardest.*

\* \* \*

### PRAYER

There's a Holy, high vocation,  
Needing workers everywhere;  
'Tis the highest form of service,  
'Tis the ministry of prayer.

No one need stand idly longing  
For a place in which to share  
Active service for the Saviour,  
There is always room for prayer.

\* \* \*

**Kneeling in prayer keeps you in  
good standing.**

\* \* \*

We fall by rising against God;  
we rise by falling before Him.

\* \* \*

Here's the prayer of a child: "And,  
dear God, I hope you'll also take  
good care of yourself. If anything  
should happen to you, we'd be in an  
awful fix."

\* \* \*

### DO YOU KNOW . . . . ?

**You cannot say the Lord's Prayer  
and even once say "I,"  
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer,**



and even once say "MY,"  
Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer  
and not pray for another,  
For when you ask for daily bread,  
you must include your brother!  
For others are included in each and  
every plea;  
From the beginning to the end of it,  
It does not once say "ME!"

\* \* \*

*It is good for us to keep some  
account of our prayers that we may  
not unsay them in our practice.*

\* \* \*

Some folks are like the little boy  
who, when asked by his pastor if  
he prayed every day, replied, "No,  
not every day. Some days I don't  
want anything."

You will go no farther in walking  
with God than you go on your knees.

\* \* \*

**Psa. 55:17    Luke 18:1    Phil. 4:6**

\* \* \*

You cannot stumble if you are on  
your knees.

\* \* \*

The secret of prayer is prayer in  
secret.

\* \* \*

**IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO  
PRAY; YOU ARE BUSIER THAN  
YOU OUGHT TO BE.**

\* \* \*

*A child once prayed, "O Lord,  
make the bad people good, and the  
good people nice."*

\* \* \*

**Why not change the pattern of  
your prayers now and then? Wake  
up some morning and ask, "Dear  
Lord, is there anything I can do  
for you today?"—Presbyterian Life**

\* \* \*

### THE SECRET

*I met God in the morning  
When the day was at its best,  
And His presence came like sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.  
All day long the Presence lingered,  
All day long He stayed with me  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
Over a very troubled sea.  
Other ships were blown and battered,  
Other ships were sore distressed;  
But the winds that seemed to drive  
them*

*Brought to us a peace and rest.  
Then I thought of other mornings  
With a keen remorse of mind  
When I, too, had loosed the moorings  
With God's presence left behind.  
So I think I know the secret—  
Learned from many a troubled way;  
You must seek God in the morning  
If you want Him through the day.*

Author Unknown

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A coed concluded her prayers with  
a modest plea: "I'm not asking for  
myself, but please send my mother  
a son-in-law."

\* \* \*

**Life gets scorched and lumpy  
when we forget to stir it up with  
prayer.**

\* \* \*

Prayer moves the arm that moves  
the world.—**G. D. Watson**

\* \* \*

### STRANGE ANSWERS . . .

He was a Christian and he prayed.  
He asked for strength that he might  
do greater things, but was given  
infirmity that he might do better  
things.

He asked for riches that he might  
be happy. He was given poverty  
that he might be wise. He asked for  
power that he might have praise of  
men, but was given weakness that  
he might feel his need of God. He  
asked for all things that he might en-  
joy life; he received life that he  
might enjoy all things.

He had received nothing that he  
asked for, but that which was need-  
ful was given.

His prayer is answered and he is  
most blessed. —**Selected**

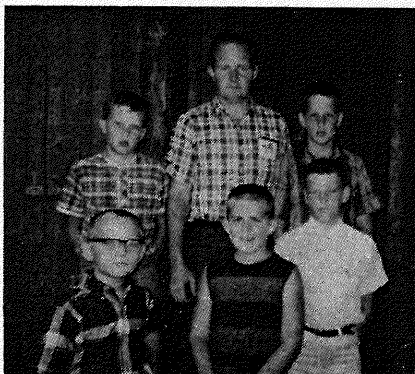
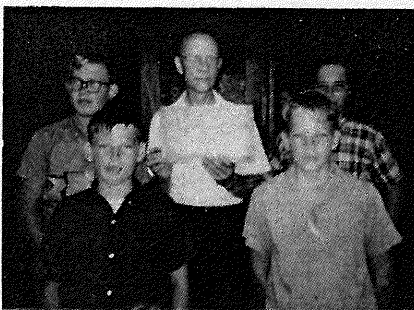
# Oklahoma Youth Camp

The 1967 Oklahoma Youth Camp was held August 21-27 at the climax of summer vacation. The camp was near Ardmore, Oklahoma, on Lake Murray. Some were forced to miss the camp this year because of the late date but for those fortunate ones who were able to attend it is a fond memory.

Highlight of the camp must be the armadillo chases, the excellent meals served family style, the Indian relay race, the music for 'young folk,' the Bible classes, crafts, the stiff competition for the daily honor cabin, and yes, the three boys who gave their lives to Christ.

Why not plan to join us next year and share the fun and blessings of a Christian youth camp?

Allan R. Burlison  
Camp Director



*Pictured with their groups of boys at youth camp are: above, Elder L. L. Christenson; center, Richard Mayhieu; bottom, Charles Burlison.*

# The Acts of the Apostles

## in Paraphrase

(Continued)



By Nathan Straub

### ANANIAS TO CAESAREA 24:1

*Five days later Ananias, the high priest and the elders went down to Caesarea. They took with them, one Tertullus, an orator; who was to prosecute Paul before the governor.*

### TERTULLUS 24:2

*When Tertullus was called, he began his case against Paul, by saying, "We acknowledge, sir, that by your efforts we enjoy great quietness; and that through your governing, many very worthwhile things are done for our nation. We always accept these things everywhere, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.*

*"I must begin to speak to you of our difficulties, or I may cause you to become tired of listening. I ask, please, listen to us with your kindness.*

*"We have found this man Paul, to be a plague to us. He encourages rebellion among all the Jews of the world. He is a ringleader in the sect of the Nazarenes. He began to profane the temple; so we took him and would have given him justice according to our law; but Lysias, the chief captain, came on us, and with a great use of force, took him from us.*

*"Lysias ordered Paul's accusers to come to you. In that way, you can examine him yourself, and know from first-hand knowledge the things of which we accuse him."*

*The other Jews present agreed and verified what had been said.*

### PAUL SPOKE 24:10

*When the governor beckoned for Paul to speak, he said, "I know that you have been the ruler over this nation for many years. So I speak to you in behalf of myself with more confidence.*

*"So that you may understand more clearly, I must say that it was twelve days ago that I went to Jerusalem to worship. The Jews did not find me arguing with any man in the temple. I was not stirring the people into any rebellion in the synagogue or in the city.*

"These people cannot prove the things of which they accuse me. But, I confess to you: the Way these people call, heresy, is the way I worship the God of my fathers. I believe all the things written in the law and in the prophets. I have a hope in God; the same hope which they, these people, have; that there will be a resurrection of the dead, of the righteous and of the unrighteous.

"This is the way I conduct my life: to always live with a conscience free from offences toward God and toward men.

"Now, after an absence of many years, I came to give alms and offerings to my nation. Then some particular Jews from Asia, found me in the temple. I had been purified and I was not with a group or in some conflict. Those Asian Jews ought to have been here and objected to me, if they knew of some offense I committed. Or let these who are here say if they saw me commit offense when I was before them in the council.

"I have done nothing, except perhaps in that I said to the council as I was before them, 'I am called in question before you today because of the matter of the resurrection of the dead.'"

FELIX 24:22

When Felix heard these two arguments, he had a better understanding of the Christian way. So he delayed any action in favor of the Jews, and said, "When Lysias, the chief captain, comes down, I will look into your problem to the fullest degree."

Felix ordered a captain to guard Paul and let him have freedom of movement. The captain was not to forbid any of Paul's friends to come to him to help him to be more comfortable.

After a certain amount of days, Felix came with his wife, Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he talked about faith in Christ.

Paul reasoned to them on matters of righteousness, temperance, and of the judgment to come.

Felix became very nervous and said, "Go your way for now; when I have a more convenient time, I will call for you."

Felix hoped that a bribe would be given to him by Paul to gain his freedom. So Felix sent for Paul more often and talked with him.

After two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix. Felix wanted to please the Jews, so he left Paul in custody.

## CHAPTER 25

FESTUS, TO JERUSALEM 25:1

Three days after Festus came into the province, he went from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

The high priest and the leading Jews spoke to Festus, against Paul. They asked a favor of Festus. They wanted him to act against Paul and have him sent back to Jerusalem (so some could wait in ambush to kill him).

Festus, however, said that Paul should be kept at Caesarea and that he, Festus, would leave shortly to return there. Festus said, "Let those among

you who are able, go with me and accuse this man, We will see if he is actually wicked."

Festus stayed there in Jerusalem more than ten days. Then he returned to Caesarea. The next day as he was sitting on the judgment seat, he ordered Paul to be presented.

When Paul arrived, the Jews that had come from Jerusalem stood all around. They made many bitter complaints against Paul, but the complaints could not be proven.

Paul defended himself, and said, "I have not acted against the law of the Jews, or against the temple or even against Caesar. I have not acted against anything."

TO JERUSALEM 25:9

Festus, however, was trying to please the Jews. He replied to Paul with this question, "Will you go back to Jerusalem and go on trial there before me?"

TO CAESAR 25:10

Paul answered, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat where I ought to be tried. I have done nothing to the Jews and you know that very well.

"If I have been an offender, or have done anything punishable by death, I would not refuse to die. If no one accused me of a crime, no man has the right to surrender me to the Jews. I appeal to Caesar."

After Festus had conferred with his council, he said, "You have appealed to Caesar? Then you will go to Caesar."

AGRIPPA AND BERNICE IN CAESAREA 25:13

After a certain amount of days, Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea in honor of Festus. When Agrippa and Bernice had been in Caesarea for many days, Festus explained Paul's cause to the king: "There is a certain man detained here who was left by Felix. When I went to Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews spoke to me about him. They want to have a judgment against him.

"I said, 'It is not the practice of the Romans to deliver any man to a punishment of death unless the accused has had the opportunity to meet his accusers face to face, and to have the privilege to answer for himself concerning the crime he is accused of committing.'

"So when the Jews came here, I sat on the judgment seat without delay the next day, and ordered the prisoner to be presented.

"The accusers stood to speak against the prisoner; but they did not present any accusations such as I had expected. It was some matter against the prisoner in regard to their own Jewish superstitions; and about one Jesus, which was dead, but whom Paul insisted to be alive.

"Because I had my doubts about the accusations, I asked him if he would go to Jerusalem and be tried there on these matters.

"But when Paul appealed to be detained for a hearing by Augustus, I ordered him to be detained until I am able to send him to Caesar."

Agrippa said to Festus, "I would like to hear the man myself."

Festus replied, "You will hear him tomorrow." (Continued next month)



By Vivian Hall

## Procrastination

Procrastination—a big word with a lot included in its meaning. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines it as "putting off from day to day" and I find that definition surely applies to me this month. Of course anyone who has writings published in a periodical such as our "AIM" must meet a deadline. This must be true in order for the printers to get all the various publications out on time. After one has sent in one article, he thinks he has lots of time before another is due, so he won't be in any hurry to get this next one done—lots of time. The days go swiftly by and suddenly one realizes the article must be sent in "no later than tomorrow" if it meets the deadline. Very well, we shall be sure to finish the work tomorrow. But tomorrow arrives and an unforeseen emergency with it that must be taken care of immediately. That day slips by and again something comes with the morrow that keeps one from his intended task. Before one realizes it a week has gone by and with each passing day a new chore to be done that keeps one from his small service for God.

If you will pardon my use of myself as an example, I wish to bring to mind a question. Are we putting our daily Bible reading aside with the idea—

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# Take Time for God



Date	Chapter
Nov. 15	1 Thess. 1
Nov. 16	1 Thess. 2
Nov. 17	1 Thess. 3
Nov. 18	1 Thess. 4
Nov. 19	1 Thess. 5
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Nov. 23	1 Tim. 1
Nov. 24	1 Tim. 2
Nov. 25	1 Tim. 3
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Dec. 5	Titus 3
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Dec. 8	Heb. 2
Dec. 9	Heb. 3
Dec. 10	Heb. 4
Dec. 11	Heb. 5
Dec. 12	Heb. 6
Dec. 13	Heb. 7
Dec. 14	Heb. 8

*I'll read two or three times as many chapters tomorrow to make up for my lack today?* Suppose you are not a Christian, but you are beginning to read your Bible each day and you are becoming aware of its Truths. Suppose you would have been convinced with your reading this day and would have dedicated your life to God, but something came up momentarily that kept you from your Bible and thus from receiving salvation this day. Tomorrow you may be struck with an auto and killed as you cross the street. Such things do happen, you know. Thus you lose forever your chance of salvation because you die before you become fully convinced of your Bible, you have put off forever the chance of your salvation. Perhaps you think this is an extreme case—a one in a million chance, but what assures you YOU will not be that "one in a million"?

My point is this, young people, please do not put off until tomorrow or from day to day, but do it NOW—today. Your Bible reading is important whether you are a Christian or one just beginning to glimpse the promises of God and taste of His Word. The more one learns of Him the more one wants to know. Do not procrastinate but do it today: and may God bless you as you read.

### NO SERMONS, PLEASE!

*(Continued from page 14)*

gratifying to see him pour his spiked Coke out the window behind him while the rest gazed at Tom. The December night air had never felt better to Tom—fresh and invigorating to a fellow who felt warm and clean inside. Must be because he'd preached a good sermon—and lived it!

### LIVE CLEAN

*(Continued from page 9)*

knoweth the way I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). "Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty" (Job 4:10). This should appeal to every youth, for there is excellency, glory and beauty in clean, godly, upright living.

By Verna McCoy

CHRIST, THE ROCK—  
OUR GREATEST TREASURE

You know the parable and the song about the foolish man who built his house upon the sand and how the rains came down and the floods came up and the house on the sand fell flat. But the wise man built his house upon the rock and the rains came down and the floods came up and the house on the rock stood firm.

How firm a foundation is Jesus Christ! Let's build our lives on Jesus Christ, the solid Rock, following God's blueprints for a well-constructed habitation wherein the Spirit of God may dwell.

To build according to the specifications in the divine Architect's blueprints means to build our lives in accordance with His Will. It is His will that Christ be the Chief Corner Stone; that we dig deep and lay our foundation firmly upon the Rock, Jesus Christ; and that we be rooted and grounded in *love*.

With such sound construction we can have peace of mind, knowing that the storms of life cannot shake us.

How thankful we are that out of the abundance of God's goodness we have sought precious stones with which to build.

"Rooted and built up in him and established in the *faith*, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col. 2:7).

We need to reinforce and insulate with stones of *truth*, *wisdom* and *prayer*.

Truly, Christ the Rock is our great-

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Matthew 7:24

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1 Corinthians 10:4

Ephesians 2:22

Ephesians 3:17

Colossians 2:7

1 Peter 2:5

est treasure, because in Him are hid all these other precious treasures.

We are very thankful we can hide in the cleft of the rock to be warmed by His love and o'ershadowed from some impending danger of fear, discouragement, or temptation.

We give thanks also for this same Jesus who is an anchor steadfast and sure while the billows roll.

All our hopes, desires, and aspirations are flung on Christ, the solid rock. Any other ambition would be as sinking sand. Our highest goal should be to attain eternal life. When He shall come with trumpet sound, may we then in Him be found.

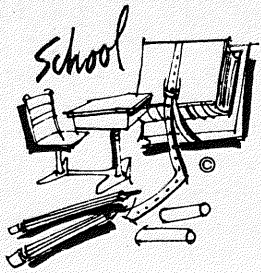
The Rock of Gibraltar is the symbol for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Jesus Christ is *our* Assurance, our "Blessed Assurance." For this we should give praises all the day long.

On Christ, the rock, we should build;  
To no other God should we yield.  
Our foundation will forever stay  
If built on the "Rock" every day.  
One cannot shift from rock to sand  
And hope to be able to withstand  
The trials and problems that come our way  
Without our "Rock" as our true stay.  
So, hold on to this Rock that is firm and true  
Secure in the knowledge of His love for you.  
He remains the same yesterday and today  
And promises to be with us always.  
This leaves no room for doubt and fear  
When we depend on our "Rock," so dear.  
Let us build on the "Rock" so that we can live  
Eternally with Him when His reward He gives  
To those who have endured unto the end  
And built on this "Rock," Christ Jesus, Our Friend.

—By Jean Raver

RULE OF SPEECH

Once a Quaker, calm and poised after a volley of bitter abuse, was asked how he conquered his patience. He replied: "Friend, I will tell thee. I was naturally as hot and violent as thou art. Yet, when I observed that men in passion always speak loud, I thought if I could control my voice, I should repress my passion. I have therefore made it a rule never to let my voice rise above a certain key. By careful observance of this rule I have, by the blessing of God, mastered my tongue."



# School Reports

## SPRING VALE ACADEMY

At Spring Vale Academy the year began with a real fine banquet the first weekend of school. The banquet was held smorgasbord style. The Trio San Pablo traveled to Spring Vale for the occasion. As well as the special music by the Trio, the young people enjoyed Elder Camero's messages on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, and Saturday evening. Many of the adults of the area enjoyed these meetings, too.

On two separate occasions, the bus and a couple of other vehicles made the trip to Flint to attend Victorious Christian Youth monthly meetings. We saw four different films, one entitled "One Came Back"—the story of the Japanese pilot who led the Pearl Harbor attack and was later converted to Christianity. Another film "Triumph at Tokyo," gave testimonies of Christian athletes in the last Olympics. We have a good bus this year and the students surely tried out the acoustics in the bus, singing choruses on the trip to and from Flint.

Some of the activities along the recreational line have been: renting a gymnasium one Saturday evening; skit night for the new students and teachers; seeing Art Cummings' slides of their trip north to Alaska last

summer; and our annual harvest hike on October 7. On this hike, the students and most of the staff walked down to the sugar shanty by moonlight and flashlight for singing and testimonies around a campfire. The singing was followed by roasting hot dogs and drinking hot chocolate.

Our National Youth Week was a great blessing to students and staff as we emphasized, "Put Go in the Gospel by Witnessing." Mike Vlad and Denis Burrell gave the talks for Sabbath services. A good special speaker directed three soul-winning classes. How urgently this is needed in the Church of God and we hope this need will long remain impressed on our hearts.

A new feature of our Youth Programs this year is a very special Rally once a month. This is in addition to the other two Sabbath afternoon programs each month; and one Sabbath for Rest Home singing. We have 3 groups going three separate places.

Judging from the way the girls have been knitting, one would guess we will have a long, hard winter. Their prediction may be coming true, as the ground is covered with snow this morning. We are praying, however, that the Lord will send us good weather in the next month. We want Brother Joe Shapitka and his brick

laying to get a fair chance to put a Girls' Dorm on our dorm foundation. Keep reading your church papers to better visualize the dorm's going up, while Spring Vale is reaching maturity—age 20.

## MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

We are thankful to God for the beginning in September of another school year here at M.B.C. where ministers are being trained to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and where Christian young people come to better equip themselves to be good witnesses for their Master. Many times already, we have felt the great presence of God in our midst and we look forward to a year that will be a blessing to all of us and to the Church at large.

We presently have nine men in the mens' dormitory. There are Ken Brunson and Ivan Burrell from Oklahoma (both former students at S. V.A.); Kenneth Knoll, Mike Weir, and Mark Ling, all juniors, are here from New Auburn, Wisconsin; Jerry Pedersen, another junior, comes to us from Toledo, Ohio. John Lemley, a sophomore, but here at M.B.C. for his first year is from Sacramento, California, where he attended Sacramento State College. There are two foreign students at M.B.C. this year—Elder Lael Tikili from Nigeria, Africa, back for his second year; and Elder E. I. Hendricks who is the pastor of the Church of God in London. He is here for special training for one year and so plans to return home at the end of this school year.

There are four women living in the women's dormitory which is a large house that has been rented by the college. It is located just one-half

block from the school and is quite convenient for the women students. Two of the women, Phyllis Hayford of Petersburg, Michigan, and Jan Nienhuis of Lawton, North Dakota, live in the dorm and commute to Northwest Missouri State College at Maryville for teacher's training. Joyce Walter of Perry, Ohio, and Rosie Kolmer of New Auburn, Wisconsin, both attend M.B.C. full-time. Violet Knoll is attending M.B.C. for her second year and lives with one of the elderly sisters in the Church here.

Married students this year are: Ron Sanders of Kansas City, Missouri; Larry Hadden of Grand Junction, Colorado; Jim Henderson of Joplin, Missouri, and Nick Nimchuk of Hazel Dell, Saskatchewan.

Other married students are expected for the second semester. Three part-time students in addition to our 16 full-time students make a total of 19 students. We are praying that the Lord will send more workers in the harvest.

The faculty this year consists of Elders Kauer and Lawson, and Mrs. Evelyn Petersen, as full-time instructors; and Doctor Carlin and Elder Moldenhauer as part-time instructors.

College activities started this fall with a welcome party for the new students at the home of Brother and Sister Carlin. The students sang choruses around a camp fire and then enjoyed an evening of recreation. A carload of students went to St. Louis as a part of Directed Ministry and there they took an active part in the Sabbath program.

In October, three carloads of students and faculty traveled to La Cygne, Kansas, and ministered to a group of Church of God folks who are meeting

for Sabbath school in a school house. The ones from the college received great blessings and we trust those folks did in La Cygne.

The college has participated in the many activities of the FYC of the Stanberry Church. Besides their activities in spreading the gospel, there have been activities such as fun nights at the gym, hay ride, wiener roast, and socials with house games.

—D. Lawson

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### WINTER WONDERLAND YOUTH CAMP

Another winter youth retreat will be held at Lake Beauty, Long Prairie, Minnesota, December 26, 27, and 28,

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## Appeal to Local FYC Groups

You probably already noticed that we are in the middle of our Fall Subscription Campaign. We think it worth your while to get behind the campaign and give it your best. We think this because we know that AIM magazine has been a blessing to many young people.

Elder Patchen has often said, "Aim is the best little magazine in the world," and we surely agree. Be a blessing to others; send them AIM magazine.

Two standards in our National Merit Program deal with AIM. One awards 25 points toward the Merit Award, if all your FYCers are getting AIM. The other (a bonus point standard) awards three points toward the Lighthouse Award, for each gift subscription from your local group to someone who is not an FYCer.

Has your group given any gift subscriptions or solicited any subscriptions? If you haven't, now is the time to start. Help spread rays of sunshine to your friends in the area.

LET'S MAKE THIS THE GREATEST CAMPAIGN WE HAVE EVER HAD! LET'S SPREAD GOOD READING.

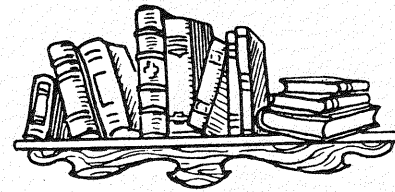
—Dale Lawson, National FYC Chairman

1967. This is for young people grade nine through age 25.

Come, join your hearts together with love through the blessed treatment of the Holy Spirit. Allow the power of God to manifest its love to each of us and refresh ourselves completely.

A well-rounded program has been planned. We will be taking part in: Christian Challenge; Prophecy; Recreation; Red River of Life movie; and others.

Plan to attend these three days of your winter break in a distinctive Christian atmosphere. Send your request for registration blanks to: Evelyn Casselman, 3704 Midland Ave., White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110. Registration fee is \$2.00.



## Outstanding Book

Reviewed by Jessie Truman

LETTERS TO KAREN on Keeping Love in Marriage by Charlie W. Shedd; Abingdon Press; 159 pp.; \$3.00.

"Daddy," said Karen Shedd, following her engagement, "I'd like you to tell me how I can keep him loving me forever." This unusual request led to the writing of the letters which comprise the chapters of this book.

Charlie W. Shedd was better equipped than most fathers to tackle such an assignment. As a minister and counselor for more than 25 years, he was able to draw on his wealth of experience to point out the pitfalls that are hazardous to marriages.

*Letters to Karen* is written with delightful good humor and delicate intimacy. With equal ease the author deals with housekeeping, money, communication, sex, meeting adversity and setting rules for a good clean

fight. The answer to the divorce problem, he says, is to make marriage what it should be. "And what it should be is a sacred triune relationship between the Lord and you and your husband forever and ever."

I recommend this book, without reservation, to every bride-to-be, and every bride of one to fifty years who desires to put her marriage on solid footing.

Charlie W. Shedd is minister of the Memorial Drive Presbyterian church in Houston, Texas. He writes regularly for secular and religious publications and is author of six books.

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### EXCHANGE OF WILLS

*I want my heart so cleared of self  
That my dear Lord can come  
And set up His own furnishings,  
And make my heart His home.*

*And since I know what this requires,  
Each morning, while it's still,  
I slip into that secret room  
And leave with Him my will.*

*He always takes it graciously,  
Presenting me with His,  
I'm ready then to meet the day,  
And any task there is.*

*And this is how my Lord controls  
My interest and my ills,  
Because we meet at break of day  
For an exchange of wills.*

Miss Sharon Churchwell, of Denver, Colorado, has recorded her song, "God Isn't Dead," a 45 rpm record.

Anyone wishing to obtain this record should send \$1.00, plus 15¢ postage, to: Miss Sharon Churchwell, 2326 King St., Denver, Colorado 80211.