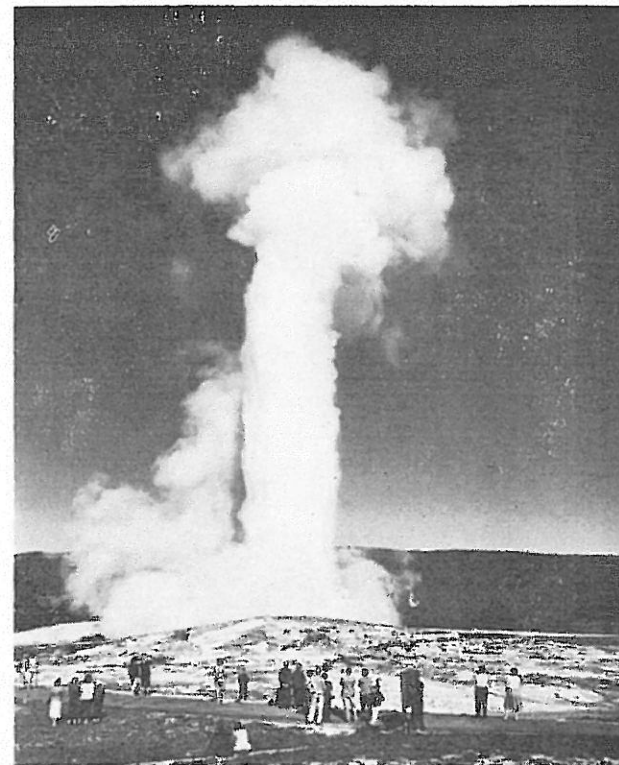


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Caroline's Caper

By Jessie Truman

THE telephones were busy in the Bear Creek community that rainy Monday afternoon as they were every second Monday in the month. It was the regular meeting of the local 4-H club and the young folks were arranging rides for some of the outlying members.

At the Simmons home a difficulty had arisen. Grandmother was ill and Mother wouldn't be able to go with the young folks. Caroline had been taking driver's lessons and was doing very well, so Mother and Dad consented to let her drive the family car and take her two brothers and sister to the meeting. She would also stop for Jeannie on the way.

Caroline and Jeannie were the same age, and Nancy, who lived two miles past the school where the 4-H meetings were held, made the third of the trio who were special friends. Ordinarily the Simmons family planned to take Nancy to the meeting. But because of the rain, Mother didn't want Caroline to drive the extra two miles that wound around the lake to Nancy's house. It would be dark before they would be coming home and that road was narrow as well as winding.

"Remember, Caroline," said Mother as the four filed out the door, "You're not to go after Nancy tonight. I'd worry about you if I thought

you were driving on that road in the rain."

"All right, Mother," Caroline promised, but disappointment showed on her face. Nancy probably wouldn't be at the meeting as there were no other members who lived near her.

Jeannie had been watching for them. When they stopped for her she came on the run. "You're going after Nancy, aren't you, Caroline?" she asked as soon as they were on their way again.

"No, Mother doesn't want me to," Caroline replied.

"Oh, come on, Caroline. You know she expects you."

"Yeah, Caroline, let's go and get her. You can drive that old road easy."

"Yeah, let's do it. We won't tell."

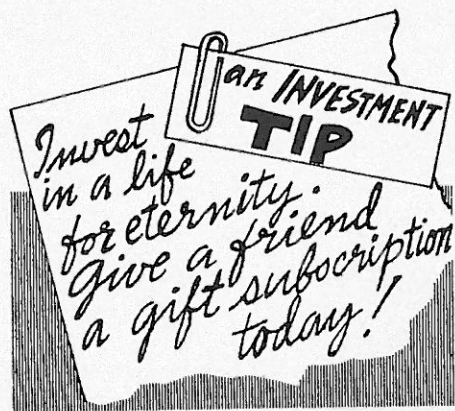
And so they all put pressure on Caroline to go down the forbidden road. Caroline weakened, but she couldn't dismiss a feeling of guilt as

she drove past the school house and started toward Nancy's house. She leaned forward a little as she looked past her sister at Jeannie. "Our mothers will punish us when they find out."

Suddenly it was as if an unseen power had wrenched the wheel from her hand and spun it to the right. Fear seized her mind as the car went out of control. The sound of squealing tires and breaking glass filled their ears, and then silence. The car had turned over in the ditch. Jimmy, the youngest, was crying. Caroline could not be sure if he was hurt or just frightened, but at least he was alive. One by one they answered as she spoke to them.

They struggled out of the wrecked car and stood huddled at the side of the road. Making quick survey, Caroline discovered that Jeannie had a nasty cut on her face. The sight of the blood made her sick. Mike only had a scratch so she sent him back to the last house they had passed to phone home and to get help.

The wait seemed endless. Remorse set in as she tried to comfort the children. If only she had obeyed Mother this wouldn't have happened.



Jeannie was saying, "It's all my fault. I coaxed you to go." But it was small comfort when she thought how disappointed her parents would be. She had risked all their lives and the car was a total wreck. How would Dad be able to buy another one? Would he be very angry? What would her friends think when they found out? Wishing wouldn't turn the events back. She had disobeyed and now she would have to face the consequences. And she was frightened—very frightened.

Finally her parents arrived with Jeannie's mother and father. Their concern was obvious as they hurried out of the car. "Are you hurt? How did it happen?" And of course the inevitable question that had to be asked. "Why?" Jeannie wept as she explained to them that she had urged Caroline to go. She hoped Mr. Simmons wouldn't punish Caroline too severely.

A few days later Caroline stood before the judge in his chambers. She heard him revoke her driving permit for two months. She knew she deserved this, but she was afraid he might also fine her father for letting her take the car. Her voice sounded strange in her own ears as she asked "What are you going to do to my father?"

"Young lady," growled the judge, "I'm not in the habit of punishing parents when their children disobey."

The wrecked car was towed home to stand behind the garage as an effective reminder of a stern lesson.

"It is better to obey than to sacrifice."

Each time the Simmons children looked at it they breathed a prayer of thanksgiving that they had been granted another chance.

Keeping Spiritually Fit

by R. C. Moldenhauer

There is a great task for the Christian in this day and age—keeping spiritually fit. I wish that every child of God could realize that being saved and becoming a Christian does not end the individual duties to be performed. Being baptized by immersion and keeping all the commandments of God does not end his duties either.

What must we do to be spiritually fit? A holy life must be lived daily whereby we can grow in grace. When we are first saved, we are babes in Christ (1 Cor. 3:1).

Notice 1 Peter 2:1, 2: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

TRANSFORMED—BY THE
"RENEWING"

Since we are new creatures and babes in Christ when we are first saved, it is necessary that we become strong enough to withstand the evil round about us. If we neglect the spiritual development, we can not re-

main Christians.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but ye be transformed by the *renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

As we study the Bible, we learn that it is the Spirit-filled life which really is successful in living for Christ. In Ephesians 5:18 we are told to be filled with the Spirit. This is not merely a suggestion, but a command. Let us remember that it may be one thing to have the Spirit, but quite another experience to be *filled* with the Spirit.

All Christians have the Spirit, for it is written, "... Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). However, as we grow daily in knowledge and
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A

by
Donald
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World Full of Books

An editor should, among other things, stand back now and then and put current events into the perspective of history for his readers. For that matter, every thoughtful person makes an attempt to "see things whole." Perhaps the principal observation that any of us can make in such a moment of perspective seeking is that God would have a few words with the human race, and that humans rarely take time to listen to what He has to say.

WHAT GOD SAYS

Since the expiration of days primeval when God and man walked in daily communion, God has been trying to get through to men. He offered a covenant of mercy to Adam and to

Cain; He provided a covenant of grace to Noah, and of faith to Abraham. The Decalogue ("Ten Words") summarized a minimum communication of God's covenant of Law for His chosen nation. "After God had of old spoken to our fathers at various times and in many ways by means of the prophets, He has at the end of these days spoken to us in His Son" (Hebrews 1:1, 2—Berkeley).

The last of those prophets was John the Baptist, called "The voice . . ." and finally God said what men needed to hear in "the Word," who "was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth" (John 1:1, 14). That is, Jesus Christ, in concrete form, was everything that God wanted and needed to say to

the human race. If covenants of mercy, grace, faith, and law were in any measure abstract, you could not charge that Jesus Christ was an abstraction. He was exhibit-A, and you cannot ignore such an exhibit. You must test it by every available means; you must make some decision about its validity. If that exhibit is trustworthy, then you are caught; you must listen to everything it has to say. God's exhibit-A in the world is a speaking, witnessing person whom He calls "the Word."

WHAT SATAN SAYS

There is, of course, more than one voice speaking in the world and in human history. Satan is described in

Scripture as "the prince of the power of the air," and when one considers the whispering, gossiping, lying, and other kinds of air pollution that engulf the planet it is easy to believe that the bulk of talking done in the world has nothing to do with God's Word or the enunciation of His words. Yet when you try to pin down what the message of Satan is—what books should be censored, for example—it is not easy. There are many expressions of devilish ideas in print, but there is no clear statement of "Satan's Word." Coward that he is, he works by insinuation and by deception, but he has never had the courage to state his doctrines. "Oh that . . . mine adversary had written a book," cried ancient Job, as he searched for some-

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thing concrete to throw at Satan. But Satan has said nothing in living or written word. Only God has spoken in a Son and in a Book.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

"I don't know what I think on the subject; I will have to write about it for awhile before I know," said James

S. Sims of Austin Peay College to his president who asked what he thought about a current social problem. Most of us talk off the tops of our heads, so to speak, but when we write, our own words talk back to us. The talking back causes us to revise and re-write, and from the dialogue with ourselves we compose statements behind which we are prepared to stand.

DO YOU

By Lynn Garner

Do you steal? I can imagine your reaction to this question, but—Do you?

"Of course not!" you indignantly exclaim, for if there is one thing most of us are assured of in our own minds, it is—that regardless of whichever, or how many of the Commandments we may have broken, the Eighth Commandment is not among them.

"Are you really sure you do not break the Eighth Commandment?" your persistent questioner may ask.

Quickly you may run through the list of ways in which you know you are not guilty, "I

don't give bad checks; I don't embezzle; I do not make, nor peddle counterfeit money; I don't swindle; I don't rob banks; I don't borrow things without permission; I don't break into houses; I don't hold anyone up. . . ."

When the list of things that you don't do is exhausted, you may look at your questioner with a relieved twinkle in your eye and say, "I don't do any of these things; so you see—I know I don't steal!"

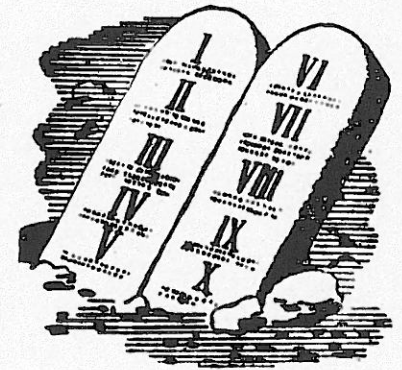
Yes, the list of ways in which we do not break the Eighth Commandment is quite impressive; but the list of less obvious

Evangelicals today are confronted with issues which demand that they say something—in writing. The closing verse of the Gospel of John includes the conjecture that perhaps "the world itself could not contain the books that should be written" if all of the doings of Jesus were to be captured and put into print. There is a very real sense in which these books are

still to be written, as the living Word—Jesus Christ—is applied to the changing needs of every generation. Every letter, tract, editorial, or book written that in any way touches upon the relevance of Christ to our times adds to the accumulating and numberless stack of communications which should fill the world.

What are you writing?

STEAL?



ways in which this Commandment may be broken is also impressive. Let us ask ourselves if we do any of the following:

1. Receive a favor from another in exchange for a promise that we later fail to keep.
2. Cheat at any game.
3. Cheat in schoolwork, accepting a grade we have not earned.
4. Borrow tools, or any items from a neighbor and fail to return them until compelled to do so.
5. Let people lend money to us in our necessity and make little effort to repay, telling ourselves we

are unable to repay although we have money for luxuries.

6. Accept favors without being willing to repay favors with some small act of appreciation.
7. If a clerk, by mistake, returns too much change, do we keep it for our good fortune?
8. Use the Sabbath, God's special day, for our pleasure instead of to God's glory?

If you, or I, are guilty of any of these acts, we should start changing some of our attitudes. We are guilty of breaking the Eighth Commandment. . . . We do steal!

My

Problem

Youth Questions
answered by
Ray L. Straub



PROBLEM:

I've just become a Christian. In our church it is customary for those in charge of a church service to call on anyone who has been baptized to lead in an oral prayer. I've never given an oral prayer, and I fear that I couldn't if I were called upon to do so. What can I do to either overcome my fear, or to let it tactfully be known that I prefer not to pray orally in church?

ANSWER:

Thank you for your question because it offers opportunity to make comments on a vital part of our church worship. I hope you will consider carefully the viewpoints I'll endeavor to set forth concerning it.

Your problem actually offers me encouragement. It is good to hear of a church that is so developed spiritually that its leaders fearlessly call on any lay member for an oral prayer. Many churches are not nearly so blessed! They have but a handful of men who are capable, or who will agree to lead in an oral prayer. You will want to do your utmost to see to it that in your church the leaders

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will continue to freely call on any professing child of God to pray to his Father in heaven.

It would be unwise indeed to suggest ways in which you might make known your reluctance to offer an oral prayer. You do not, in fact, want this to be known. As a newly born son of God, you see the need for prayer—not only for those given by others, but by yourself as well.

Your problem, then, concerns ways in which you can overcome the fear of praying orally in public. This can be done without nearly as much difficulty as one might imagine.

A wise man once suggested that when one is afraid, he is stupid. This harsh observation has much truth in it. If fear strikes when one is called to lead in prayer, the mind tends to go blank, and it is terribly difficult to think; the vocal chords tighten, the heart beats faster—all adding to extreme discomfort. As a result, we do not sound like ourselves at all, and

the words come out in funny order. So, fear is quite an enemy. It can be decreased measurably by trying very hard to resist it. Knowledge, good reasoning, and experience help to overcome fright.

Practically every grown person, regardless of the degree of his education or public speaking talents, has the ability to orally request the fulfillment of his needs. If he needs a friend to help him on some work project, he has the ability to go to that friend and explain his desires clearly enough that this friend can make his response. The same holds true in the voicing of an opinion, or the expression of gratitude. The language may not be grammatically perfect, but it is understandable.

Anyone who can express himself to another person can learn to do so to God. The more simple the language, the easier and more expressive the prayer will be. It has always been difficult for me to understand how quick some people are to express themselves in a church business meeting, but feel that they are not able to give an oral prayer. There is some irregularity in this with rather serious spiritual implications, I'm sure!

Try not to be concerned with impressions you make upon others when you pray. After your name is called, remember that you are about to converse with God. Tell Him what is on your heart as simply as possible. Don't worry about how well your prayer is worded or how it will sound to others. Take care not to originate a "prayer voice," but speak as you would to a friend for whom you have deep respect. Be sincere and direct. It is not necessary to tell God any Bible history, explain where He lives, or

to teach Him any Bible doctrine. The prayer need not be long, nor need it be short. Just pray as best you can, then quit.

For awhile the prayers will sound awkward and may be short. There is nothing wrong with this. Should anyone laugh or smirk at awkwardness in prayer, it does nothing but reveal his shallowness and lack of discipline. God certainly does not hold awkwardness against us. Rather, the most feebly worded prayer receives as much attention at God's throne as does the most eloquent and poetic prayer—if not more! After having prayed often in public for most of my life, some prayers leave my tongue with almost incoherent awkwardness. I don't feel badly about it. The awkwardness is no reflection on the sincerity.

If there is a possibility that you will be called upon for oral prayer, welcome it. Simply imagine yourself talking to God (which is the actual case), and then proceed to do so the best you can. Rest assured that the words are not uselessly spoken. In a short time (after the very first prayer, in fact) you will be relieved to know that subsequent prayers are much easier to give. You will have the satisfying experience of growing stronger in Christ. Further, you will be upholding your church's fine standard of feeling free to call on any member for oral prayer.

Please do not hesitate to counsel with your pastor on this matter if you need more reassurance. Your willingness to consider this practically guarantees your victory over present fears. I hope that by the time you read this you will already have lead in oral prayer several times and can give personal testimony to the value of such an excellent practice!

Young People

By Walter Isehour

Perhaps there is no time in one's life when it means more to have moral courage than in the days and years of youth. Thinking of what the word moral means in different respects I turned to Webster's Dictionary and this is his definition: "Pertaining to morality or morals; conformed to right; subject to, or influenced by, the moral law; virtuous; practically sufficient; serving to teach a moral; inner meaning; the lesson or truth taught by, or derived from, a fable; likeness or counterpart; moral philosophy or ethics; conduct of life; behavior."

This is quite a lengthy definition of the word moral, but it is a very important word, and should hold a very prominent place in one's life. To be highly moral is perhaps the next thing to being deeply spiritual. However, it is possible to be highly moral without being spiritual; but it is not possible to be spiritual without being moral. Both should have the leading place in the life of every man. To be deeply spiritual, one must have great moral courage. The enemy of one's life sorely and tremendously tempts people along

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moral lines. If he can break down one's morals he has access more easily to the soul, or the inner spiritual life.

One must continually guard his morals if he would keep his spirituality. Even if one is not spiritual he should cherish his clean morals as a pearl of priceless value, and then seek to reach the higher realm of spirituality.

To most of us the meaning of morals is that of clean living, having a good name and character, virtuous, honest, truthful, a high state of manhood and womanhood, splendid conduct and good behavior.

It means more to have moral courage than we can express fully in words. Just here is where the enemy of youth tries so severely to come in and gain the victory that may mean the wreck and ruin, defeat and damnation of the life across the years of his future. Of course the youth always needs Divine leadership and protection as he meets the onslaughts of the enemy. To fail here may mean ever afterwards a blighted mind, soul, spirit and life.

It indeed takes great moral courage to withstand the temptations of the devil at all times in life, but more particularly in the days of youth when one's life is in the formation and molding period. We are conscious that to fail here may mean to fail in future years; but

to succeed here may mean to succeed in future years. Oh, the importance of being a moral soldier here in the days of youth, and going forth to life's best, highest and holiest!

The morally courageous youth shall have to go against the downward trend of the world. There will be those about him who drift with the tide; who fall for the things the devil tempts them with; who are morally unclean! who fall a prey to bad and ruinous habits; who may even laugh at those who will not take in with them; who will tell the moral and spiritual here that he is missing the most enjoyable things in life; who are out to gratify their fleshly appetites and passions, and who may strive very hard to pull him into the tide that is taking them downstream and hellward.

Indeed it takes moral courage and heroism to stand against the attacks, temptations, onslaughts, wiles and power of the devil; but it can be done. God's grace is sufficient. While the devil is powerful, God is All-Powerful. God wants heroes, not cowards. However, He can take a cowardly youth who will yield himself fully to Him and make a moral and spiritual hero out of him. Likewise He can take a youth who is fully consecrated to Him and make a burning and shining light of him for the world to look upon, maybe with wonderment.

Dear youth, you don't have to yield to defeatism. Blot this out of your vocabulary. If sometimes you have to stand alone to stand right—STAND. If you fully trust God remember that He is there. Put your faith in Him at all times and under all circumstances.

Let me advise you to breathe an earnest prayer in the ever-hearing ears of God. He will sustain you in spite of all the devil can heap upon you, and in spite of the forces he brings to bear against you in opposition to your godliness and bravery.

Behold the moral cowards that live in defeat about you. See what bad habits, bad company, idleness, aimlessness, and living without a great and sublime purpose is doing for them. See

how they are drifting with the tide that is carrying them to wreck and ruin in health, in morals, in mentality, and that is robbing them of heavenly blessings and heaven itself. Let this be an incentive to you to be different. Let this spur you onward to higher heights and deeper depths in godliness and holiness, and help to make and keep you a moral and spiritual hero.

Yes, be courageous. Scale the heights and ascend to the peaks of noble manhood and womanhood, usefulness, success, and to the honor and glory of God. It's your privilege, therefore use it and save yourself of a million regrets, and let God bring to you an eternity of blessedness and rejoicing.

JUST LIKE SHEEP

By Marilyn Cook, age 13

Christ wants some people to go on long missions. Some He wants to stand still. Like sheep, if they have a good pasture with plenty of grass, they don't need to go to another pasture to find more grass. It is the ones who are out of grass in their pasture who need to go.

I have gone to 19 schools and moved 29 times. It is fun to see the things God has made which you can't see in the city. We have lived in Arizona, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Texas, and Nebraska. We've seen things we don't see here in Iowa, such as cactus, mountains, and sand you can't keep out of the house.

Mother doubled a sheet and put it up to the door. But the sand would not stay out. So she had to sweep it out. This sand reminds me of our lives. We put up a guard to keep sin out but it keeps sifting through so we have to read our Bible and study and do as the Bible says to get the sin out of our lives.

Isn't it interesting how we can find so many things in our lives to use as parables?

Outmoded Ignorance

IGNORANCE is out of date. Life is dynamic and demanding, and rightly so. Our scientific and social climate insists on a knowledgeable awareness and sensitivity to the pace and needs of living a day-at-a-time effectively. We have come from "around the world in eighty days" to around the world in less than 120 minutes. No longer can we be oblivious to the feelings, the culture, the needs of any people anywhere. There is much that we must know, and we must know it now.

This is possible, and the prospect is exciting when viewed properly. The most effective means for acquiring information and knowledge is in reading good books. Far too many Christians have adopted the attitude that reading is not an essential discipline of life. As a matter of fact, more good books are available today than ever before, but the art and joy of reading is known by comparatively few. It is estimated that one-half of the homes in America have fewer than fifty books

and three-quarters have fewer than one hundred books.

Our hearts and our dollars have gone out to people across the world as they have valiantly struggled against illiteracy and ignorance. We consider life tragic for the "poor illiterate people of the world" who have never learned to read but the net result is the same for those of us who know how to read and don't.

It's somewhat awesome to realize that most of us live at only about ten percent of our capacity. In other words God has given us the ability to be

Happy is he who has laid up in his youth, and held fast in all fortune, a genuine and passionate love for reading.—RUFUS CHOATE

ninety percent more effective than we are. This accounts for that "something" within each of us that strives for personal achievement... and unless satisfying progress is made, we become frustrated and at odds with life. We continually strain

for knowledge and an understanding of ourselves and our world. Books are the means that make this possible. Reading is a creative art that enables us to "live life at the center of the page and not on the margins"—to represent Christ in a dynamic fashion. Reading is one of the greatest talents God has given us. Why is this so?

First, what we read affects what we think. The science of psychology has made us aware of the fact that in addition to our conscious thought processes, we also have a subconscious mind. This is our data receiving and processing station. It does not think or create for itself, and yet it tends to govern our behavior more than our conscious mind. Our subconscious mind registers eternally every thought that passes through our consciousness. It may be likened to an electronic data computer that accumulates every bit of data that is fed into it and then feeds it back on demand.

This simply means that as we read we are feeding information into our subconscious minds that is never lost.

The knowledge that "what we read affects what we think" is particularly frightening when we see children feeding their subconscious minds with comics, with our young people bloating their minds with sex-satiated slicks, and adults passively absorbing trivia. Remember, words have energy, and energy produces action.

Second, what we read deter-

mines what we are. One clever writer tells us that through the medium of good books we are enabled to converse with the wise and great of all ages. "Books are boats loaded with a cargo of ideas." All that mankind has ever thought or accomplished is preserved in the pages of books; therefore, the person who acquires the habit of intelligent reading invariably gets more out of life."

Third, we become like what we read. "We are made or marred by the company we keep—whether that company consists of men or books." An exposure to the great cultural and spiritual masterpieces of literature inevitably shapes our thoughts and actions to their likeness.

One of the primary responsibilities of Christians today is to communicate the gospel. To do this they need insight, knowledge, and awareness. Books are tools that will open up these new worlds for effective and fruitful living.

What we read (or do not read) has direct effect on what we think, what we are, what we will become. Christian books and magazines can be a ladder leading up—out of the rut of indifference to a peak of spiritual perception and concern. A reading schedule of only fifteen minutes a day will make it possible for one to complete twenty-five books a year—proven antidote for "outmoded ignorance."

—*Floyd W. Thatcher, President,
Cowman Publishing Company*

Tricky Boys



What is the reason we hear so many boys saying "Honor bright!" to each other when they are making trades or promises? Is it because boys cannot trust one another, and are obliged to put in an extra proof that they mean to fulfill their obligations?

A few days ago I heard one boy saying to another: "You had better look out for Fred Wilson; he's a tricky boy."

Inquiring into the matter, I found that "tricky," in Fred Wilson's case, meant getting the best of a bargain in trades, by representing things to be better than they really were; making certain promises that he never fulfilled and did not expect to fulfill when he made them. He was a boy who was not reliable, and upon whom

nobody could depend. Yet Fred was a fine talker. The boys said he could get around anybody if he tried to. Some boys who thought themselves quite clever had been "taken in" by him.

Now, boys, do you know what kind of a man Fred Wilson will make? Unless he changes very much, he will be a dishonest, unjust, unreliable businessman. There are too many such men in the world already. What we need is true, square, honest dealers in business everywhere. The boys who are growing up to take positions of trust and responsibility in life should begin now to be straight in all their transactions with each other. Don't represent what you have to offer in trade as being better than it really is.

A number of years ago there was a boy whom I knew, who used to "swap" chickens and rabbits with other boys. He made it a point to get the best of the bargain always, if not by fair means, by unfair ones. He generally made these bargains with boys younger than himself. When he got older,

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by Willard W. Wiebe

HE was just a farmer. Thirty years is a long time for a man to live in one place, but he liked that farm. It was as much a part of him as the way he combed his hair or tied his shoes. A man doesn't change much after giving the best years of his life to farming.

He would always like the smell of hay. He would always like the feel of grain running through his fingers. The seasons of the year—seed-time and harvest, summer and winter—were the very rhythm of life for him. He would never be any different. Someday he might have to leave the farm, but the farm could never leave him.

He was a Christian.

He believed in the Lord. His life was anchored in spiritual values. His Christian experience was real and sacred. He accepted God's salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved the church and gave of himself freely in time and talent. He wasn't the kind to do a lot of talking, but he was as dependable as the sun. He was the church treasurer.

One rainy day early in spring,

he picked up his church paper and read these words:

Suppose someone were to offer me \$1,000 for every soul I might try to win to Christ. Would I endeavor to lead any more souls to Christ than I am doing now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate to do or shrink from doing now, in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love for God or for souls? How feeble then my love for God! perhaps this explains why I am not a soul winner.

This started him thinking. He went out to his work that afternoon with this seed planted in his heart. He was a generous man, but he also knew money values. He knew what he would do if someone offered him \$1,000 for every soul he tried to win to Christ. All excuses would be brushed aside. Somehow he would overcome his timidity. There would be no doubt about it. He would become an ardent sower of the Word if \$1,000 would be his for every endeavor he made to win men to the Lord.

† WEEKS went by. The seed



"Suppose someone were to offer me \$1,000 for every soul I might try to win to Christ..."

sprouted. It crept into his prayers. He thought of people.

There was a neighbor to the north who never went to church. He wasn't a bad sort of man at all.

There was a bachelor farmer living alone just around the hill. He lived in open rebellion against God and man.

There were also weekly contacts with professional men, salesmen and chance acquaintances. Oh, there had been times in the past when the subject of Christianity had come up in their conversation, but he had never talked to a man with the intention of leading him to faith in Christ. He had never even had the desire to do this. And now these people appeared in his prayers.

The question wouldn't leave him. Would he seek to present Christ to someone if he were offered \$1,000 for every time he tried? Would he do for money what he would not do for God? This thought haunted him. He wanted to be honest with himself.

But he was puzzled. How does a man go about it? What would he do first? What if he were

laughed at? Suppose there were questions too hard for him to answer?

† ONE day his pastor pulled up along the roadside where he was working in the field. After a bit of light talk, he shared his concern with his pastor. They talked for an hour, and after supper he drove into town to get some books his pastor had promised him.

The light burned late in his den that night. He was so impressed with some of his reading that he copied a few paragraphs on cards and kept them on his desk. He read them often.

One he copied was this: If there were only one real Christian in the world and he required a whole year to win another to Christ, and these two took another year to win two more; if these four required another twelve months to win four more; if the work continued at this rate, in only thirty-five years our task of winning the world would be completed. Of course, we can convert no one, for that is the work of the Holy Spirit, but everyone should have the opportunity to hear the gospel and to accept Christ in our generation.

"... One day when I was feeling low and having trouble in the field, my neighbor spoke to me. I don't remember anything he said but I remember he cared."

The logic of it all became irresistible. The little seed-thought that had been planted weeks ago had taken root and was now a "tree" of such proportions that it could not be moved. Questions that he had at first no longer puzzled him. The more he read and prayed, the more sure he became of one thing: Method and technique are of far less significance than we sometimes think. Inner motive is the important thing. We should start with the condition of the heart.

† THE early days of summer promised a good harvest. Long hours and days spent on the tractor were showing now in clean rows.

One day he was working in the north field. As he came to the fence, he noticed that his neighbor had stopped to fix his cultivator. He stopped and shut off his tractor.

There were the usual greetings and small talk about the weather. Then the neighbor heard him say, "We certainly have much for which to be thankful! Our country, our homes, our health, and our farms... When you stop to think of it, God has been good to us."

For a moment the neighbor looked surprised. "Yes," he said slowly, "I suppose that's true."

"You know," the farmer went on, "I've been thinking, that if we believe God has given us these things, He must be interested in us. He must have concern for us. And if God is interested in man, then He must have a reason for being interested. I believe God loves man, don't you?"

There was no response from across the fence. The neighbor was quiet. He put his wrench back into the tool box. Sighing, he sat down on the drawbar.

"You and I are different," he said. "We've known each other for a long time. You live as though you've found life's secret. You act as though you had confidence in the future." He paused. Then, in a quieter voice, he said, "Frankly, I live in fear."

It seemed almost as though a dam had broken. Words began to flow as the pressure of years was released.

"You talk about God's love for man. I think I'd agree, but the difference between you and me is that you've experienced this love and I haven't. Outwardly, we're no different. I'm as good a man as you are. But somehow life is based on different principles for us."

He paused again, as though expecting a reply but not really wanting one. Then he spoke

slowly and with sudden earnestness.

"I've been wondering if I'm too old to start going to church. I've been thinking about your church. What would your people say if I came?"



† It had been a good harvest. The people sang the opening hymn with feeling. The church was decorated in the rich colors of fall and over the chancel were the words of their Harvest Festival theme: "For God So Loved the World." It was a festive time. The harvest offering would be for two special causes: missions and the building fund for the new, larger church. There was also to be a baptism that morning.

The pastor spoke. "Dear friends, we've looked forward to this baptismal service. But before the service, we would like our brother and sister to give their testimonies."

Slowly the elderly couple rose to their feet. Their faces shone with the light of heaven and their eyes were brimming with joy.

First she spoke. Her words were a simple and warm expression of faith in Christ and experience of the pardon of sin. Then he spoke.

"Early this spring, I was troubled. I knew my life was empty. And one day, when I was feeling low and having trouble in the field, my neighbor spoke to me. I don't remember anything

he said but I remember he cared. That was the beginning. Today I am so happy to say I have experienced the love of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. I know I'm not worthy, but I dedicate what's left of my life to Him!"
† THAT evening as the church treasurer counted the harvest thank offering, he came upon a check and stopped. For a long while, he sat with bowed head and closed eyes.

It was a check from the new member—for \$1,000!

—Moody Monthly

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LIFE IN DEBATE

by Cecyl Caswell Fischer

If I were asked to name off hand
The three main events of my life.
"My birth, my conversion, my death,"

I'd say;
But what of the toil and the strife?
Oh, toil is a drop in the bucket,
my friend,
And strife is one star in the sky;
And sickness—one leaf on the tree
of life
For the best things will come by
and by.

So what, if I toil from morning
till night?
So what, if my flesh is not whole?
Disease may destroy this flesh, 'tis true
But sin can destroy the soul.

Though in death I'll be closer to God
than now
Praise God, death is not my goal.
Lord, do what you will with this
filthy flesh
But give me a healthy soul.

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he managed somehow to keep himself in pocket money, which his family, having a hard time to make ends meet, could not furnish him with. He had a "knack," they said, of keeping himself in money. Small pieces of money were often missed in the household, and sometimes at the neighbors', and often he managed to get the pennies away from the small boys at school. Nobody seemed to suspect him of getting it dishonestly, although he was known as a "tricky boy" among his schoolmates. When he became

a man he was given a position of trust and responsibility. He handled a great deal of money, and no one suspected him of being dishonest in any way. But the time came when it was found that he had been stealing thousands of dollars from his employers.

He was sent to the state prison, and just before he went he confessed his crime, and said: "I was always dishonest; when I was a boy, I did not seem to have any true sense of honor. If I had only begun then to be straight and square in my dealings, I should not be a convict in state prison today.—*Unknown*

WE MUST PLAY OUR PART

One night, in New York City, a friend and I attended a concert of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, with Nathan Milstein as the violin soloist of the evening.

The music of the great orchestra was beautiful beyond description, and Milstein's interpretation was flawless. I shall never forget it.

As I sat and listened to this great artist, I realized that all of the beauty of his artistry did not lie within him alone. It lay in the orchestra that gave background to his melodies.

As I watched the orchestra, I let my eyes fall on the one man who seemed to have little to do. The violins played furiously. The flutes and French horns and kettle drums were all busy. But this one man sat quietly reading his music. And finally, as the music grew softer, he arose and gave the triangle a touch with his tiny steel hammer. How much that one note added! Many were the measures of rest that this musician counted when others were playing. His was not a showy part. When the bows were taken, few would applaud the man who struck the triangle. Yet, he was as important as any other player.

*You and I may not be the artist who receives the acclaim of the crowds. Our names may never be printed on the programs. But God requires us to play our parts—as small as they may be. For we are as important in His sight as the one who receives the applause and adulation.—H. Rosenberger in *Sunshine**

"Mr. Burrell, what's the answer to this problem?" "How do you do this?" "Mr. Dais, how did you say that word again?" "Mr. Wegermann, I forgot to write down our assignment for today's homework." These perhaps are typical of the remarks you would hear around the Spring Vale campus now that classes have begun.

This school year has started as a real blessing. All of the staff were on campus by September 2 with the intention of working and planning for the school year. Much time was devoted to preparation, and consequently one can see the good results already. The spirit is high, the student participation and cooperation is good and the enrollment is somewhat higher.

Spring Vale's staff includes the following: Mr. Roy L. Keim, Principal, B.S. in Education and Religion; Miss Bea Ferneau, Teacher, B.S. in Education with more than 30 years of experience; Mr. Rodney Wegermann, Teacher, B.S. in Education; Mr. Calvin Burrell, Teacher and Boys' Dean, B.A.; Mr. Gary Dais, Teacher and assistant Boys' Dean, B.S. in Education; and Miss Susie DeWind, Dean of Girls and Cook.

The student enrollment stands at 24. They include ten seniors: Cheryl Ash from Wyoming, Michigan, Gerald Boor from Detroit, Michigan, Mary Camero from Swartz Creek, Michigan, Mary Caswell from Canton, New York, Ralph Durham from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Darlene Moldenhauer from Stanberry, Missouri, Kathleen Roche from Freeland,

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Spring Vale Academy

A Spotlight for Our "Teeners"

Michigan, Ruby Vaughn from Leighton, Iowa, Ted Williams from Adrian, Michigan, and Barbara Mann from Camden, Michigan; six juniors: Kenneth Durham from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Gerald Moldenhauer from Stanberry, Missouri, Larry Moldenhauer from Stanberry, Missouri, Caroline Starks from Ravenna, Michigan, Robert Summers from Fairacres, New Mexico, and Carol Mann from Camden, Michigan; six sophomores: Abram Camero from Swartz Creek, Michigan, Delora Gjesdal from Devils Lake, North Dakota, Diann Ledford from Greenfield, Indiana, Edith Miner from Sweet Home, Oregon, Joanne Nienhuis from Lawton, North Dakota, and Arlene Turner from Owosso, Michigan; and two freshmen: Steven Durham from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Vivian Vaughn from Leighton, Iowa.

Spring Vale has room for more students—especially boys. The boys' dorm is a very nice building with good
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The Editor's Page

EDITORIAL

Probably you haven't given much time or thought to having appreciation for the salt you consume daily unless you have recently tasted a saltless bowl of oatmeal or a saltless hamburger.

I was struck with this thought some time ago when I heard in the news that in some country salt was so scarce for a temporary time that if you could buy any at all, it cost \$2.00 a pound. Here we pay 14¢ for 1 5/8 pounds. So why should we concern our minds with its importance? And so it is with many of our daily assets, we don't really appreciate how much they mean to us until they are gone.

Will this be true of our religious freedom, too? Does it have to be taken away from us before we will really appreciate it? Is it true of our Bible? Will it have to be taken away from us before we can really appreciate it? Such circumstances seem very remote to us because we have never encountered anything like this. Yet, it is no dream in other places. One man coming from behind the Iron Curtain reported that he was offered a cow in exchange for his Russian Bible. Another time he was offered an entire month's wages for it. This is because Bibles can hardly get past censors into Russia.

What blessed freedom God is allowing us with the abundance of Bibles we can have in our home. Are you really enjoying yours? Are you allowing for Bible reading in your day at a time when you can really appreciate and meditate on His Word? Don't cheat yourself by giving only the last few tired minutes of your day when you can't wait to fall into bed, but you feel you *should* read the Bible first. You can't really learn to appreciate and grasp the beauty and blessing of His Word in these weary hours. Make it your business—your duty—to plan better than this. Exercise your freedom to the fullest.

Pause to thank God each time you enter His sanctuary that you are given this privilege to so freely assemble with His children to worship, to fellowship, and to strengthen one another in Him.

Let's not wait until the "salt has lost its savour" to enjoy and appreciate God's wonderful spiritual food.

Grow More In '64

How's Your VQ?

By Cecyl Fischer

Do you know that the person who checks out your groceries at the corner market may have a higher IQ than some college professors, lawyers or doctors? The man who polishes the floors in your community high school may have a higher IQ than the principal. So you think, "Hum, maybe there's hope for me yet." That's exactly what you should think. There is. With an average or less than average IQ, a person with drive and dedication can accomplish things worthy of a genius and conversely a person with above average IQ, if he lacks drive and ambition, can be little more than a deadweight to society. In short, it's not what you have that counts, it's what you do with it.

This was exactly what Christ was trying to teach us with the parable of the talents when he said, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath" (Matt. 25:29).

This is also the principle of physical fitness. That which is used develops and that which is not used wastes away. If you are one who has said, "Oh, memorization just doesn't come easy to me," then this is for you. That is why I am asking, not "How is your 'MQ' (memory quotient), but "How is your VQ (verse quotient)?" You may have an average or less-than-average ability to memorize, but by use you can develop it to a point you wouldn't have believed. Now then, never mind your MQ, what's your "VQ?" Test it below.

Complete the following and give the location:

1. "But let patience have her perfect work..."
2. "He that believeth on him is not condemned..."

Give the location of the following verses:

3. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him, but I will maintain mine own ways before him."
4. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."
5. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

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Heart to Heart...

You Don't Have To Be a Geyser

To Be Faithful

By Elden Fischer

As we traveled from the west coast toward the east this summer we had a chance to swing through our nation's oldest national park in Wyoming. It is fascinating to see so many hot springs and geysers. It is interesting how God has kept the water in these pools hot summer and winter since the world began, as much as we can determine. The most famous of the geysers is as popular as Yellowstone Park itself. Old Faithful gets its name from being regular and dependable in its eruptions. It has lived up to its reputation by erupting with 10,000 gallons of 200 degree water on the average of every 65 minutes since 1870. Many tourists would be very disappointed if after traveling hundreds of miles, they found Old Faithful to be unfaithful.

It is significant that Old Faithful is not the largest, nor the most unusual, nor the most picturesque geyser in Yellowstone Park. The quality which named it is the quality which famed it—its faithfulness. This alone is what makes it popular.

Our world today is in need of "Old Faithfuls" in all walks of life, but our deep concern is for the faithfuls we need in the Faithful Youth

Challengers. Without the faithfuls our FYC could dwindle to the "Y" of the Church of God and even that would slowly diminish. Are you dependable, trustworthy, dedicated, reliable, loyal, and steadfast? Are you firm in your adherence and true in your allegiance to the high ideals that separate an FYC group from other civic youth groups? These are the "Old Faithfuls."

The faithful are those who take time for daily private devotions and find time, prepare and give service to the Lord, in spite of a busy schedule. They are the number who are in their places when the church service begins and show up when there is work to be done in cleaning up the church. They are the ones who plan ahead and do their best in everything instead of just getting by on last minute preparations. "The "Faithfuls" are not the ones who need reminding about giving the Lord His rightful tithe, and resent being asked. They are the ones you can count on when there are special needs, too.

The "Faithfuls" are the leaders who know no discouragements, who do their best in spite of all odds. They sacrifice self for the good of those

they serve and not for the personal gratification of their own ideas. The "Faithfuls" are the parents and friends who attend all young people's programs, regardless of weather or other personal desires, thus encouraging the FYCers and showing an active interest in the development of their talents. The "Faithfuls" are the sponsors who always make every effort to understand young people and are responsible for communication between young people and the adults of the church. A "faithful" is on duty, not just once a month or once a week, but daily.

When King Nebuchadnezzar dedicated his 90 foot golden image, the three Hebrew children were expected to bow down and worship it. In Daniel 3:18 is recorded the extent of their faithfulness to our God. They told the king their God could deliver them from the king's hand, "but if not, be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods..." It is a

pity to name the little things that turn people against Christ today. Some will turn away from the Lord if they can make more money selling beer or driving unChristianlike bargains.

Young people, help your local FYC in every way possible. Be willing to do your part and do it humbly to give glory to God. If you are on a program, don't let anything keep you away from doing the part that others have left up to you. No one can take your place on the program. You need to stand behind the church and your pastor in developing the church of tomorrow. It is character building to be faithful to your FYC and church, but above all, it is required to be faithful to God. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

Let's thank God for our "Old Faithfuls." May their tribe increase and cause our church to grow and shine out to attract others as Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone Park attracts others.

GROW MORE IN '64

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6. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Quote the following verses:

7. Romans 12:2

8. Matthew 7:8

9. Proverbs 12:2

10. 2 Timothy 2:22

And here are some verses to memorize in the coming month:

2 Timothy 2:12

Psalm 111:10

Psalm 119:9

Isaiah 1:18

John 1:9

Revelation 3:20

1 John 5:4

1 Corinthians 1:18

Foreign Correspondence Activities



Foreign Correspondent, Jewell Linville, Reports . . .

Following is a letter received from Pastor N. I. Dimkpah of Ahoada, Nigeria, Africa, in which he gives a variety of news from their FYC:

Dear Sister Linville and family:

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I have to thank you very immensely for your letter of July 2, 1964, which was received some time ago. Pardon for the delay in replying you in time.

On the 8th July, 1964, there was a large gathering comprising the YPO and FYC Ogba-Ahoada at Oboburu the monthly meeting. After scriptural reading by Mr. Jacob Daniel from the 1st John 2:1 to end, prayer was offered by Mr. Sunday Woko asking the Lord to guide us because of the precarious time in which we are. At the end of that the Secretary (Assistant) read the previous minutes which was found correct and adopted. Roll was called and dues given by those present.

We discussed about the finishing parsonage which is meant for the white folks' (Missionaries) stay when they arrive in Nigeria. We also discussed that the two white Missionaries coming to direct and organize the work make longer stay—that this part of the country needs them. There are facilities for expansion—Gospel Message. Time was appointed to go to Ubimini District for open air preaching. Tracts were distributed. The meeting came to a close by an Hymn "Take the Name of Jesus With You" after which there was a grand march out around the large town Oboburu. On the 14th of August saw me and 26 active members of the YPO at Ubimini Township a distance of 48 miles from here for the Gospel Message. The attendance was poor owing fartherness and lack of vehicles (bicycles).

Three ladies did the preparation of food for Saturday 15. We were indoor on the 1st day of our arrival at the place Ubimini and on the following day, being Sabbath, by quarter to 7 o'clock in the morning. All of us went out of the house where we stayed, singing and praising God in Christian choruses around the part of the town—many people

gathered at a spot where we halted. Many points of the Church of God Doctrines touched and emphasized—The Lord's Day was stressed the more because the District has not heard much about the real Day of Worship.

The area is owned by the RCM and the Jehovah Witness. We have great opportunities for the propagation of the Gospel. We have raised souls here for the soon coming Kingdom. At present one Mr. Frank Omeore is their leader. He was a teacher under the C.M.S. but resigned his appointment from the Agency some time ago in the year.

We covet your prayers. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor N. I. Dimkpah"

SPRING VALE ACADEMY—

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living quarters. We could easily accommodate six or seven more boys. Remember our goal is forty students before school is out this next spring.

Mr. Burrell is organizing our FYC so that SVA will give keen competition to any local FYC group. Other activities have been planned and organized for the benefit of wholesome recreation and enjoyment. Above all, the students are excited about the new Honors Club program.

In the girls' dorm Sister Caswell and Miss DeWind have been papering, painting and fixing floors for better living quarters. Many others have added to the work here and have helped in many ways. We do thank all those that constantly help out in the different ways.

Students that are interested in Spring Vale Academy should write immediately. We would like to see more join our Christian fellowship at S.V.A.—Roy L. Keim

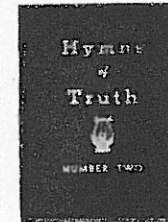
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"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for."

Loving words will cost us little,
As along through life we go,
Let us, then, make others happy—
If you love them, tell them so.

—E. Rexford

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KEEPING SPIRITUALLY FIT

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grace, we receive more of the Holy Spirit.

ASK AND SEEK . . .

But it is our duty to ask and seek for it. Jesus says in Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Acts 2:39 assures us, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

When I think of spirit-filled Christians, I am reminded of

Paul, Philip, Stephen, and many other Bible characters. These men obeyed the Lord's instructions and therefore were very successful in their Christian attainments.

A CHALLENGE

This surely is a challenge to us in this day. In Acts 3:19 we read, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Are we free from all sin and ready to receive the refreshing (Holy Spirit) from the Lord? Thus, we will be strengthened and spiritually able to overcome all temptations.

YOU MUST TRUST

Oswald J. Smith

Are you among the thousands who believe,
But who have never trusted Christ the Lord?
Who know about Him, and defend Him, too,
And yet who do not take Him at His Word?

You always have believed, but are you His?
Have you received Him as your Saviour, true?
When was the time, the place? Can you, my friend,
Say boldly, "He who saved you saved me too?"

You may not know the hour, but can you say,
"The work is done; He lives within my heart;
I first believed and then I ventured all,
And gave myself to Him, no more to part."

Oh, friend, receive, receive this Saviour true,
Take Jesus now, oh make Him yours today;
You may believe, but you must trust Him, too,
For He Himself is God's appointed Way.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD

2T₄G Program

By Noah Camero

STORIES OF INTEREST AWAITING YOU . . .

Of whom was it said that there was no king like him before or after that turned to the Lord with all his soul? Who was that wicked queen who slew the royal seed so as to reign herself? On what occasion did the clock work backward? Details of these and other interesting stories are awaiting you in the book of 2 Kings.

Now that school is here again, with homework and all, you may find it difficult to continue your daily reading; however, let me urge you to continue to make and take time for God.

It is possible that next year this program will not appear. So we have but a few months in which to continue reading under this program. By this time, if you have been faithful in your reading, you will have read nearly the entire Bible.

However, it is not possible to remember everything we read. So we must review and reread. From now on we will commence a short reading review. And perhaps as a climax you might write me about your favorite chapter so that a list of favorite chapters could be compiled.

Habits are hard to break. Let's get the good habit of daily Bible reading.

Suggested Readings.

Date	Chapters		
		October 24	18
		October 25	19
		October 26	20
		October 27	21
		October 28	22
		October 29	23
		October 30	24
		October 31	25
		DEUTERONOMY	
		November 1	28
		November 2	29
October 15	9		
October 16	10		
October 17	11		
October 18	12		
October 19	13		
October 20	14		
October 21	15		
October 22	16		
October 23	17		

Date	Chapters	November 8	Joshua 1
November 3	30	November 9	Joshua 24
November 4	31	November 10	Nehemiah 1
November 5	32	November 11	Nehemiah 2
November 6	33	November 12	Esther 9
November 7	34	November 13	Job 1
		November 14	Job 42

FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

ST. JOSEPH BEGINS ACTIVITIES

With a beautiful banquet on Wednesday evening, September 23, the St. Joseph, Missouri young people began their National Youth Week activities. The theme was "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth." A short program of special music and readings was concluded with a few timely thoughts by Elder Max Morrow. A delicious chicken dinner was served.

On Thursday evening the St. Joseph church held a Bible study on Willingness conducted by their pastor, Brother Dale Lawson.

Friday evening was an Evangelistic service with Brother Dale Lawson bringing the message of the evening.

STANBERRY BEGINS ACTIVITIES

Beginning their National Youth Week on Friday evening the Stanberry youth had a Bible study, "Peter, an Example of Willingness," with Kenneth Lawson in charge of the service.

JOINT STANBERRY-ST. JOE ACTIVITIES

In each church the Sabbath morning services were under the direction of the youth. Then a pot luck dinner was served at noon.

In the afternoon the St. Joe church joined Stanberry for a Youth Rally—"Greater Riches Thru Christ." Many good specials were presented with an excellent talk by Brother Elden Fischer, National Youth Chairman.

On Saturday evening an Evangelistic service was held at the Stanberry Church. Elder Max Morrow presented the message. Everyone truly received a blessing.

A BREAKFAST—PICNIC—FIRESIDE SERVICE

The Sunday activities started at 8:00 a.m. for the St. Joe youth. A breakfast was prepared and consumed by the young people in the church basement.

Around noon the Stanberry youth joined the St. Joe youth at a beautiful park in St. Joseph where they had lunch. Then softball, football, and

hand ball was enjoyed by all.

That evening we drove up to a wooded area where we built a fire and had a weiner roast. After singing choruses, several told "why I know there is a God." After some good thoughts by Dale Lawson, the dismissal prayer was given by Nathan Lawson.

We all left sore and tired, but all were healthier both physically and spiritually.—*Ken Lawson*

They Took Time

With great pleasure we announce the presentation of a second 2T4G award. This one goes to Martha Heavilin of Bloomer, Wisconsin. She completed a year of daily prayer and Bible reading in July. Our congratulations to you, Martha.



*Martha Heavilin,
member of the
New Auburn,
Wisconsin FYC*



*Mary Helen Burrell,
member of
the Fairview,
Oklahoma FYC*

The only other award that has been presented in this program so far went to Mary Helen Burrell of

Fairview, Oklahoma. Only these two girls realize the full benefits of this program. Only they know the significance of this award.

New Tract Available

The FYC Department has a supply of a tract in the form of a check on the "Bank of Riches in Christ Jesus." The check reads, "Pay to the order of Bearer on Demand, all your needs according to His riches in glory," and it is signed, Christ Jesus. On the back is a paragraph on personal salvation. These are excellent for enclosing in friendly letters. They are available on request.

FYC Committee Meets

On Friday, August 28, and on Saturday night, August 29, three members of the national FYC Committee met in St. Paul and New Auburn, respectively, to discuss plans for the coming year and the 1965 General Conference Camp Meeting. Among things considered was the idea of a tour by one or two FYC representatives next summer to promote the FYC programs and help local groups. Plans were also made for new features in the 1965 AIM. The committee's purpose is to serve you. Send us your ideas and comments.

What Does it Mean?

In the past two AIMs we have asked for your sentiments on printing a yearbook of pictures of youth camps, local FYC events, etc. We have received little response. Does this mean you aren't interested? This yearbook seems to us like an interesting idea, but we don't wish to force it on you. If you like the idea, please let us

hear from you. If you don't like it your vote has already been cast.

Meet Don Lonie!

The FYC audio-visual library has purchased a new record entitled, "Don Lonie Talks to Teenagers." This record gives teenagers some excellent advice in a very humorous way. It takes 20-25 minutes to play both sides. This may be checked out free of charge by Y.P. groups.

Help!

Yes, you! We are trying to expand our Audio-Visual library. We want tapes of your local talent or of outstanding Rallies presented by your group. This would make an excellent project for your group. The tape may be as long or as short as you like. Just tape your numbers or readings and send us a list of the numbers in order, telling by whom they are presented. We like good quality tapes, so do your best.

Suggestions, Please

As you remember, our motto during 1963 was "Year for Youth." This year it is "Grow More in '64." Now how about putting on your thinking caps and coming up with a good timely motto for 1965? The sooner the better. It's later than you think.

What Do You Like?

Are there particular features which you especially enjoyed during this year in AIM? Do you have suggestions for a new column or feature which might be added with the start of another year? Is there a feature or features you would like to see dropped? Changes may be made with the January issue which starts a new

volume. Your suggestions, comments, preferences are very welcome. Let us hear from you. We want this to be your paper.

A New Challenge

The Bloomington FYC have just reorganized. With a new zeal they are embarking on the Merit System with many others. We are glad to see these Faithful Youth Challengers accept a new challenge. May you be a blessing!

New Arrival

They're here at last!—the FYC pins we have been waiting for since June. We have already filled the orders we have on hand. We have a few extras if you would like one and have not ordered. The price is \$2.15 to you as announced. We hope these pins will give you an opening to invite others to meet with you.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE

1. Noah
2. Ham
3. Martha
4. Anna
5. Adam
6. Magi
7. Ishmael (Gen. 16:11).
8. Leviticus
9. Solomon
10. Naboth
11. Husks
12. Samson
13. Nathan (2 Sam. 12:7)
14. Nebo (Deut. 34:1-6)
15. Onesimus (Phile. 1:10)
16. Siloam (John 9:7)
17. Manna
18. Abel
19. Laban (Gen. 29)
20. Nebuchadnezzar

A BIBLE CHAIN PUZZLE

Chester Shuler

This is not a difficult quiz for anyone reasonably well acquainted with the Bible. But you will observe that the last letter of the first answer is the first letter of the second, and so on. Thus you can check on the correctness of your answers as you go. Now let's see how fast you can go!

1. The ark was built by a preacher named
2. This preacher-carpenter had a son named
3. Mary, a friend of Jesus who lived at Bethany, had a sister named
4. The baby Jesus was blessed by a prophetess named
5. The man who first tended the garden of Eden was named
6. The wise men who came to see the Baby Jesus are sometimes called
7. Hagar had a son named
8. The third book of the Bible is called
9. A very wise king of Israel was called
10. Wicked Queen Jezebel tricked this man out of his vineyard
11. The prodigal son had a job feeding swine on
12. A man whose strength was in his long hair was
13. King David was rebuked by a grave prophet named
14. Moses died on a mountain called
15. The Book of Philemon mentions a runaway slave called
16. The Gospels mention a famous pool at which Jesus performed a miracle and its name is
17. While in the wilderness, the Israelites ate
18. Cain had a brother named
19. Jacob's father-in-law was a man named
20. Daniel once interpreted dreams for a king of Babylon called

—Selected

The answers to this puzzle are found on page 34.

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These people need help, and you are in a position to give that help. Of course, it is always important to remember that example speaks much louder than instruction. Your own home ought to be "saturated with Christian books and journals," as the forthcoming article puts it.

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