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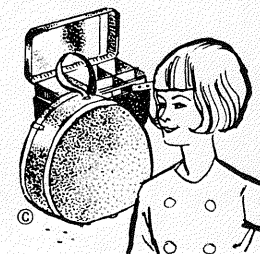
A child on his tiptoes trying to blow out the sun is to be pitied less than the theologian who pitches his fallibility against God's infallibility.

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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

Living With a Stranger



by Dorothy Best Rains

Greg hadn't been so nervous since he had to play a piano recital when he was ten years old. He paced around the sparsely furnished room, darting glances at himself in the mirror. He wanted to look his best. Making a good first impression was plenty important.

In a few minutes, the door would open. In would walk a fellow near Greg's own age. A stranger. For the next nine months they would live in close proximity. This stranger would be Greg's roommate.

Perhaps you, like Greg, will soon share a small college dormitory room with a stranger. Like Greg, you too are eager to make a good first impression. Here are some tips for making that relationship a satisfactory, rewarding one.

If you arrive in the room ahead of your roommate, you have "squatter's rights" to the bed with the best mat-desk nearest the window and the handiest closet. You'll do well not to exercise these rights, however. Some unsuccessful roommate friendships have been ruined right at this point. It's a good rule to remember in any relationship that we rarely win people to ourselves by being selfish.

When you meet for the first time it's a big moment for both of you. Be your warmest, most out-going self. Give your roommate a hand with the baggage, greeting your roommate's family cordially.

Part of the fun of getting acquainted with anyone is finding out about his background and comparing it with your own. A feeling of unity is established to discover that your roommate has two kid brothers at home, too, that both your fathers are in business for themselves and that both of you like math and dislike English.

One word of caution about this interchange of information, though. Save something for tomorrow—or next week—or next month. In your eagerness to become well acquainted don't simply "spill" over with everything you've ever felt or thought or done. A mark of maturity is learning NOT to divulge family skeletons or private information which belongs inside the family circle. Later you may discover that this new-found friend confides in *everyone* both his own secrets—and yours.

During those first days you'll want to arrange a workable share-the-work-schedule. Dusting, sweeping, wastebasket emptying, and window washing

will pile up in the busy schedule of college unless you have a definite plan. Be sure you do your share—and a little more. Live up to your part of the agreement. If your roommate is not a Christian and you wish to be a testimony to him, you'll want to be extra careful at this point.

Nancy came from a disciplined, orderly household. She hung up her clothes promptly. She dusted and dry-mopped her room at home every morning with the same regularity she employed in brushing her teeth. At college she roomed with Marybeth.

Marybeth's family had been very active in an evangelical church. They considered all other activities more important than housecleaning. Casual, relaxed living gave them more time for doing Christian work. Unfortunately, Marybeth's testimony was spoiled for Nancy. Even the sight of her roommate on her knees having her morning devotions infuriated Nancy. For the dust curls under the bed, and yesterday's wearing apparel on the chair were a sign of shocking untidiness to Nancy.

If at home you left your bed unmade some mornings, and if your mother had to hang up your clothes, mend your ways quickly. You're in college now. Neatness and good housekeeping habits count.

Families differ in other ways, too. In some homes, doors are slammed, voices are raised, and no one ever says "Excuse me," "Please," or "Thank you." Certainly they love each other. They just don't practice politeness within the family circle. Unfortunately, when a young person from this type of home goes to college, he may jar his roommate without even being aware of it.

Learn to be considerate of the person with whom you live. Don't type, play the radio, or eat an apple if your roommate is napping. Do you prefer to study late at night and sleep late next morning? College isn't scheduled that way. Better adhere to conventional hours.

Allow your roommate some privacy, too. Do *some* of your studying in the library. Don't read her mail, use her hand lotion or borrow her clothes. Maybe you and your sister sort of owned everything together. Well, your roommate isn't your sister.

Also remember that you're only rooming with this person—you aren't marrying him. Married couples frequently spend all their spare time in each other's company. They plan how to spend money together. They plan leisure time activities, rarely including others.

College offers an open door to all kinds of friendships. Don't limit yourself to nurturing one friendship to the exclusion of all others. Certainly you and your roommate should share some "fun times" together. But include others, too. Invite the kids who room across the hall to come over for a "feed." When the allowance permits, take the kids next door to the drug store for a malt.

Spend some leisure hours in the company of others without your roommate. Be as loyal to him (or her) though, as you would if you *were* related. Maybe your roommate has faults. Serious faults. Others have noticed. "How can you STAND Betsy's baby-talk!" a group of girls demanded of Betsy's roommate. "It's nauseating!"

Betsy's roommate concurred in—
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Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

Do you approve of wearing wigs?

ANSWER:

I know of no argument that strikes me as being valid against them. Some improvements shown in the use of them has me thinking that it can't be all bad!

QUESTION:

Do you approve of playing pool in a home? If so, it should be all right to play in a pool hall, and if that is acceptable, it would be hard to say anything against playing poker in a gambling establishment.

ANSWER:

I've run into your kind of reasoning before. It finds its success in two ways; first by categorizing it with behavior well outside the boundaries of acceptance, and secondly, by graduating it from possible innocence to atrocious repulsion. Let me state frankly that it is dishonest and unworthy of a Christian.

Do you think it is all right to kill a fly inside your neighbor's house? If so, if your neighbor's dog becomes a pest, can you kill him? Since a dog is man's best friend, can you kill your neighbor's friend if he should

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



happen to be human? This is the kind of reasoning you are using. If you say I can't compare the killing of a fly to the murder of a human, I contend that you cannot compare playing pool in a home to playing poker in a gambling establishment.

I say all this to let you know that unless you can approach this matter more reasonably, I'll have no comment to offer.

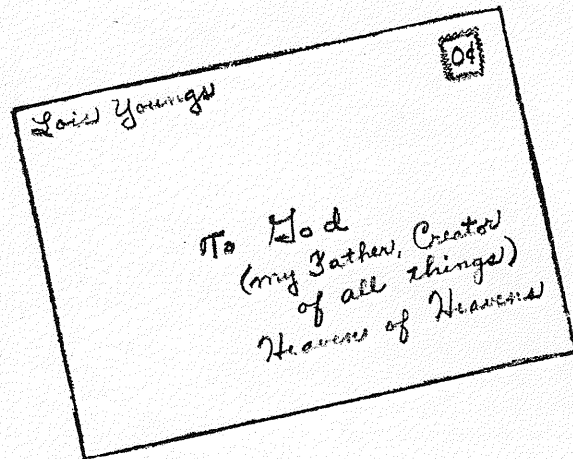
QUESTION:

I would like to know what is wrong with exchanging gifts, cards, or having children participate in Christmas plays at Christmas time, even though we do not believe in celebrating Christmas.

ANSWER:

It appears to me that you answered your own question. If you don't believe in celebrating Christmas, then you ought to live up to that belief by not celebrating! I suspect that you find yourself in a position of wanting someone who shares your theological viewpoint to give you endorsement to make the compromises mentioned in your question, freeing you from having to stand by your decision by yourself. I cannot give this endorsement.

Thanks, God



Dear God,

I just want to tell You how much You mean to me. I really have not taken the time to thank You like I should, after all You have given me—more than I could ask for. You gave Your Son to die on this earth, just so I, and many other sinners, could have salvation. This is the greatest gift anyone could ever have. And not only that, all You ask me is to obey Your laws for a few years here on earth, which You help me to do. And that is all the payment You ask for entrance into Your kingdom, which lasts forever.—And people say You aren't a great God!!

Another thing—You gave me something that helps me along the road of life, encourages me when the road gets rough, and helps me to love You more. Besides, it's the greatest Book that's ever been written. I feel very fortunate to own a book inspired by the God of the great Universe.

And, by the way, about the Universe, as much as I know and have seen of it, it's just great! The stars at night are about the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. When I read facts about Your great Universe, it just thrills me.

And, most of all, I thank You for loving me. When I look at myself, I see something that sometimes I don't even like myself. It doesn't seem like I'm worthy to have the Creator of all things to love and keep me.

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Teen Guidelines

The Choice of a Profession

By Glen Tilley

In the past months you have read articles in this section of AIM magazine on such important subjects as Dating, Military Service, How to Pray, How to Pay Tithe, How to Dress, and other subjects vital to our everyday life. It is impossible to pull out one segment of our daily life and say this is most important. Every decision we make is correlated with our every other action to create the life we lead. It is fair to say, however, that the choice of a profession is the most important in one respect: that is, that the greatest amount of our entire lives is devoted to this occupational pursuit. Many other important decisions may only have to be made and carried out once in a lifetime, but our occupation demands daily consideration.

Opportunities abound in this rapid age in which we live. Ev-

ery newspaper has a long list of job opportunities, guaranteeing high salary, position, and financial success. It is not an easy decision to make. In fact, it may not be possible to make this decision in one step. Perhaps we will work up to our life's profession by trial and error.

I would like to think that many of you have chosen to work toward full-time employment in the spreading of Christ's gospel. If so, certainly there can be no profession any more rewarding than this. This subject will be expanded in a later article in this magazine.

In choosing a profession, as in every other decision you make, do not leave God out. Remember these words from Psalms "...a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday.... So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom...and establish

thou the work of our hands" (Psalm 90:4, 12, 17).

You will soon find that in the business world honesty is not always considered a virtue. Men covet, lie, cheat and steal, to become successful and accepted in a society which measures a man's worth by his possessions. The only answer to the corruption in the business world today is to turn back to the Bible and again put our trust and belief in a God of judgment. There is no higher office or position in this world than the office of President of the United States. No law requires them to take oath of office on a Bible. Yet they choose to do so. President Lincoln used a Bible opened to Proverbs 21 where it says, "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes... but the Lord pondereth the heart. A high look... a proud heart... is sin." President Eisenhower pledged himself on a Bible opened to 2 Chronicles which says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

Regardless of your choice of profession, preparation is important. Preparation today means education. This does not always mean formal education such as a college degree, although this is very desirable. Education means devoting your time and energy to developing personal skills so that you can

be a productive employee and capable of operating your business. This can be a long, tedious process requiring much patience and hard work. It is during this preparation period that so many fail. They settle for a profession far below their mental or physical capabilities just because they are too lazy to give of themselves enough to do their very best.

The decision to settle for something less than we are capable of attaining will reflect also in other areas of our lives. Remember—it is impossible to neglect one segment of our lives without this affecting our general attitude. For example: How can you be a leader in your community or in laymen's activities at your church if you choose to give less than your best to your profession? Do not be content only to be a good employee where you work, determine to be the best. The influence of a key employee, or successful business man, can be widespread. You must be willing to go the extra mile, to put forth the extra effort—and then shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

I have spoken only in general about the choice of a profession. The requirements of all vocations are the same. Success demands the best of everything we have to offer. All of us have our personal preference regarding how we want to spend our working day. Some like to work inside an office, others outside,

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Pacific Pines Youth Camp 1969

By Victor Youngs

God was there!—all over the green hillside—among the majestic pines. He was in the gentle whisper of the breeze that moved the graceful ferns beneath. God was there!—within each rustic, wooden structure—one mile above the valley below. His presence surrounded each heart bidding an entrance. God was there—at our third Youth Camp at Pacific Pines!

As camp opened, some were apprehensive as to what this year's camp would be like. We had had good experiences in the other years we had been here. Would God continue His blessing this year, too?

Then—as heavily-laden autos, grinding in low gears, began to appear and young people with eager, smiling faces began piling out—I thought of the song, "They come from the east and west—to worship the King—to dine as His guest—how blessed these pilgrims are!" And how blessed these young people looked to me!—some just approaching their teens—others who would soon become adults.

Our two new counselors (from the Stockton-Sacramento area) arrived with a carload of campers. The National Youth Team arrived, as did the cooks. They came from near and far, counselors and campers, until by 5:00 that evening the girls' dorm was full and the boys' dorm was about half full. There were 52 young people registered.

After unpacking and supper was over, the evening service got under

way and the rules of the camp were read. Elder Nathan Lawson took charge of the service and the Youth Team presented their program. The hills rang with the beautiful singing of the "Challengers" Team. All enjoyed the wonderful program and God's presence was felt.

The next afternoon the Youth Team and the rest of the campers engaged in a game of baseball to vie for a trophy, and the Challengers, living up to their name, won it.

That evening God seemed to come down in the camp and His glory filled our hearts. There was weeping as youth and staff members alike were being blessed. Several gave their hearts to the Lord that night, and there was much rejoicing.

That same evening the Youth Team left. The empty feeling which their absence left in our hearts seemed to cause us to again wonder if the blessings would continue—and we prayed. God's presence continued. His presence was felt in every service. The youth this year seemed to be more

devoted, more serious—and a hunger for God prevailed.

Campers were divided into groups of six or seven for each teacher for the 10:00 a.m. Bible Classes which were conducted in various places over the hillside. The youth responded well to these lessons; teachers and students were enriched together.

On Thursday evening a banquet was prepared, the mode of dress being costumes of different countries of the world. The menu was: La sagne, with tossed green salad, and strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. The staff put on a satire show, "Life in the Girls' Dorm," which caused much laughter.

Besides the early morning general assembly and Bible classes up in the woods, an evangelistic class was conducted at 11:15—a different speaker in charge each day—in which were given many pointers on how to reach people for God. At the same time a Crafts Class was held for the Junior campers. Sisters Pauline Kiger and Ann Meador were in charge. Many beautiful things were made and put on display on the last day.

Another new counselor which we were privileged to have this year was John Lemley, a Midwest Bible College student. I think all the camp enjoyed having John with us. Brother Harvey Fischer contributed much to the camp and we were very grateful to him for coming to make our camp more complete. Each evening God seemed to bestow Elder Nathan Lawson with inspiring messages so that we were all blessed. He was truly a great inspiration to our camp.

Sabbath day seemed to be the climax of the whole week. In the morning, in addition to the junior and

senior classes, a baptismal class was conducted. In the early afternoon there was a talent program in which many youth participated with beautiful renditions in song. The trophy was awarded to a trio from the Los Angeles Church—Larry Marrs, Elaine Smith, and Loren Stacey, who sang, "It's In Your Hands."

Later in the afternoon a baptismal service was held at Lake Gregory in which seven precious youth were buried in the watery grave to "walk in newness of life"—added to the body of Christ! They were: Cindy Baker, Doug Hauser, Artemisa Paredes, Ruth Baca, Debbie Meador, Tim Kester, and Leslie Straub. God's presence came down in a wonderful way as He did in the same place two years ago when all hearts were touched.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the camp this year as youth and staff worked together for each other and for God. It was a good camp, and as young people parted one from another and from staff members, there were tears in many eyes. God truly had been there. It was hard to leave.

1969 PACIFIC PINES CAMP TESTIMONIES

I would like to first of all thank God for the many blessings I received at the 1969 youth camp. It was a real blessing from the start. I really enjoyed the youth team being there for the first two nights. The Lord blessed us so much that I feel like praising Him forever and ever. Almost every night the whole camp was at the altar. The Lord's blessing is really wonderful when we try to get something out of the service.
Rachel Kester

I really got a blessing out of youth camp this year. God's spirit was really there! There was more love for each other than I've felt before. We all felt like praising the Lord with our whole hearts. I just wish it would go on forever, but in the Kingdom it will be so much more blessed because all of God's children will be there.
Valerie Kester

This year's camp was the best camp we have had in California. The first year of camp we really received a blessing one Sabbath afternoon when 21 people were baptized, but this year I seemed to receive even more of a blessing. From the very first service we could tell that God was dealing with us. We didn't think there would be another service like the first one. But each one was better than the last. Everyone seemed to be willing to help.

Just to show how God works: On Sabbath afternoon we had a baptism in which seven people were baptized. One of the seven people had hurt her leg but when she came from being baptized her leg didn't hurt her any more. We also received a blessing from the Youth Team that was there the first two days of camp. We thank God for His wonderful care over us.—Jeff O'Haver

I am very glad I went to camp this year for I learned a very valuable lesson. The Lord showed me what it would be like to be without His love. He showed me that I had been taking my religion and what He had given me for granted. How many of us in the church do this! It was wonderful to see people dedicating their lives to Christ. I

am still thanking God for the blessing everyone received at camp and I am praying that we will not be satisfied with what blessings we have received but that we will continue on seeking a closer walk with Him.
A senior camper

At first I didn't want to go to camp but my parents wanted me to go so I did. At first it was a "dud," but the first campfire service God got to my soul. I got a blessing. At the end of camp, I didn't want to leave.
Abel Zaragoza

I was very glad I could go to youth camp. The young people had a good spirit of cooperation and were blessed for it. I received a greater understanding of the unity and dedication of the church and realized more than before that this life is a preparation for the Kingdom's brotherhood.

Helen St. Clair
(Senior Counselor)

The Lord drew us very close to Him at Pacific Pines Youth Camp this year. I went there expecting a blessing and the Lord didn't disappoint me. God's presence was so very near to all of us—so very real. Who can stand in God's presence without feeling his own inadequacy, without yearning to please Him, without wanting to enter God's Kingdom—to be in His presence forever? I felt all of these things. Then the added blessing of seeing God moving in the hearts of young and old alike—is a tremendous blessing! I am so grateful to have been a part of it all.

Eva Norton, R. N. (Camp Nurse)

International Spotlight

John Lemley, Foreign Correspondent

"So we built the wall (church)... for the people had a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6).

Biafra, Africa: The war in Nigeria took another turn for the worse last June when daytime relief flights into Biafra were suspended. As a result, Biafra's remaining population is now suffering more from starvation than ever before. Therefore, it is of increasing importance that we pray earnestly and without ceasing for all our brethren there. Brother Lael Tikili received a letter from his father a few weeks ago. It stated that everyone in the family was getting along fine. Only Sister Tikili has become quite ill from working too hard caring for the family. He requested that we all pray for her as well as for all our brethren in Biafra.

While members of the Church of God were gathering together at Huron, South Dakota, this past summer, our brethren in other countries were also having annual meetings:

Quezon, Philippines: The FYC in Quezon, Philippines, sent in a report of their Young People's meetings at which 22 were present. Much of the business consisted of planning projects for beginning



FYCers in Quezon, Philippines, are shown outside their meeting place.

the construction of their first church building. Following is an excerpt from the report sent by Sister Phoebe Sausa:

Church building begun

After this meeting we came to action. Now we have accomplished the skeleton of the chapel as the result of our first meeting. We have also acquired a church site with an area of 4400 square meters. When our dream shall become a reality it will give us more power and enable us to more actively spread the Gospel throughout the Philippines. We need more members, but first of all, the church.

FYC holds debates

As it is now, we have not sponsored any social gatherings yet, but it is my pleasure to report that today we have encountered the Church of Christ, through debate, in the public. The topic of debate is entitled "The Laws during Abraham's Time, including the Ten Commandments, are still binding during the Christian Era."

London, England: The Church of God in England held their Third Annual Convocation and were richly blessed, both in numbers (over 400) and in experiences received from God. Seven souls were baptized as a result of the meetings.

Report on FYC Rally

The FYC sponsored a fund-raising rally to raise money for liquidating our debt owed on the church building here in London. We did not reach our goal, but thank God for all that was raised. Many of the people who loaned money to the church are in need of their cash and are requesting an early payment. Please pray that God will provide us with the finances which we so sorely need. All the help which you brethren in America provide, whether in the form of money or prayer, will be highly appreciated and I am sure God will bless you for it.

Hanover, West Germany: The Church of God in Hanover, West Germany, held their first Mission Meeting in Hanover. Over 60 brothers and sisters from different directions of Germany came for the special services. It is truly a blessing for them to have enough of their Mission-Center completed to hold services in.

Report from Elder Strauss

About our first church building, including young people's centre, plans are made and we hope and pray that we can start

this year. Our Mission-Centre will serve both the church and young people. Since we have no place of our own, it is hindering the progress of the work here in Germany. That's why we need this centre so much. We have to ~~pay~~ a lot of rent money for this present meeting place. So we will ~~then be able to put this money into our work.~~ If you help us build this Mission-Centre you also will ~~help~~ the work in Germany. We want a living church and that's why we are building the Centre. Our church and Mission-Centre will be connected with an Old Folks Home. We have purchased the ground for this project and paid for it already.

I hope you and many other brethren can see the vision God has given us here in Europe. Every possible help, financially and in your prayers, will help the Church of God move forward. It is not my burden alone, it is the burden of everyone in the Church of God who has heard the command of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. I am too little to carry out an order like this alone. So please help us, not for my sake, but for the sake of the Church of God.

The burden of our brethren in the Philippines, England, and Germany to have an adequate place of worship for facilitating the dissemination of the Gospel should become the burden of each member of the Church of God. Let's support them in their time of need, as those in Paul's time came to the aid of the poor saints in Jerusalem. Let's unite together in helping them accomplish their goal and the churches will be built, because we had a mind to work.

THANKS, GOD

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God, You're just great. I just hope I can love You enough to keep all of Your commandments, in return for Your great love for me. You've done so much for me. I haven't begun to mention all of what You've given me. I love You more than anything. And what really amazes me—You continue loving me, as Your daughter, even though I'm not what I should be a lot of the time. Thanks lots for everything, God. It's just wonderful to have a Father like You.

Thanks—

Your daughter,
Lois Youngs

P. S. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...."

Have Your Eyes Caught the Vision??

"AIM FOR GOALS" IS NEARING COMPLETION—ONLY THREE MORE months to go!

Did your FYC group complete Phase I of "AIM for Goals"? Phase II? Remember, our goal is 250 new subscriptions by the end of 1969! If the National FYC is to reach its goal, YOU must become involved!

Thus far, approximately 111 new subscriptions have been received, with 139 to go! Special tribute goes to the following FYCs for adding 86 of these new subscriptions to the mailing list for AIM:

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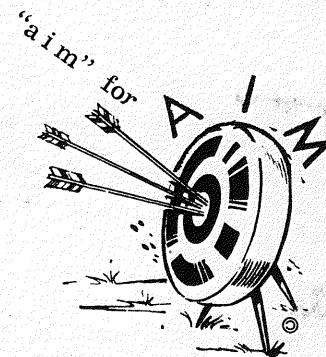
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PHASE II

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- Detroit, Michigan



PHASE III of "AIM for Goals" involves the support of the Bible Advocate Press fall subscription campaign by every FYC group. YOU CAN HELP make this the most successful AIM subscription campaign ever by your willingness to "put your hand to the plow." We want to allow you the opportunity to be original in your own

promotion of PHASE III; however, to provoke your thinking, we would like to offer the following suggestions:

- ... Conduct Christian readership survey for local church
 - .. should be under the direction of pastor or local publications representative
 - .. should cover all three church papers
- ... Solicit subscriptions from the older members of the Church
 - .. AIM is good for ALL ages!
- ... Be responsible for the display of subscription campaign promotional material.

God has given several FYCs a vision in "AIM for Goals" as shown by their completion of Phases I and II. If your FYC has not met the requirements for completion of these first two phases, please do not think it is too late! You may complete Phases I and II right along with Phase III. LET GOD GIVE YOU THAT VISION!

Meet Your Committeemen

Jewell Linville first became involved with youth work several years ago when she served as foreign correspondent. In the past year she has become well known to young people throughout the country for her diligent efforts as national FYC secretary. She is also directly involved with young people in her capacity as teacher at Midwest Bible College. She has at one time commented thus: "If a woman can have a calling, mine is youth work." As the mother of two small children and wife of a ministerial student, her duties in youth work certainly require extreme effort and devotion on her part.

I DARE YOU . . .



"Henry Woods, you get out of this office, right now, and come back tonight with more orders than you have ever sold in any one day in your whole life!"

Henry was mortified at the words of his employer, Mr. Danforth, as spoken in reply to Henry's announcement of resignation. His eyes flashed. He turned and walked out of the office.

That night, Henry came back with a glow of victory, having made the best record of his life! (I DARE YOU, Wm. A. Danforth, p. 2).

What is it about a challenge—a "dare"—that causes one to "do the impossible"? Is it that the task was never really impossible at all? Or perhaps the human urge to excel is enhanced with a

"dare" which causes one to be able to achieve the impossible?

Whatever the case, it is a natural trait in all of us, young and old, but it does seem more outstanding in young people. Is that bad? No! Not when it is directed toward service to God. Just imagine where our Church might be today if everyone had accepted the "dare" with the same determination as Henry Woods. And consider the remarkable progress it has made because of the "daring" few who did!

Young people, it is time that we, as an internationally unified FYC group, accept the dare to "do the impossible" in service to our local FYC organizations, our local churches, our international FYC organization, and the Church of God at large! It is time that young people realize that they CAN perform a real service even while still in teenage years.

Too many times, young people neglect to do their share in the work of the Lord because they feel they lack the experience needed, the time it would require, or perhaps they feel they have no opportunity.

NO EXPERIENCE?? David had no experience when, as a lad, God directed him to perform a mission that was to save David's people from destruction at the hands of Goliath and the Philistines. David "dared" to step out on faith—Are you as brave today?

NO TIME?? Did you ever stop to figure out how many minutes it would take to witness to a friend of the love of God? —To invite someone to church? —To lend a helping hand to someone in need? Christ took the time from His busy and important task of preaching the gospel to die on the cross so that we might have this blessed privilege. —Even the thought makes this excuse appear rather meaningless, doesn't it?

NO OPPORTUNITY?? How wrong we are! Why, opportunities are *leaping* at us every minute of every day! We need only make ourselves aware of them and be watchful servants with a plentiful supply of "oil" in our lamps!

We would do well to lend an ear to the words of Paul as he admonished his young friend and co-worker, Timothy . . . "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee . . ." (2 Timothy 1:6).

You carry the name "Faithful Youth CHALLENGER." Are you willing to accept the challenge? Are you willing to face the "dare"? It is the "daring" Christian that God wants in His kingdom—It is the "daring" Christian that God will use in His service!

FYCer, I challenge you to accept the dare! I dare you to BEAT YOUR BEST! I "dare" you . . .

... to WITNESS to someone *today*—and every day!

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Team stops to "2T4G" in Canadian Rockies

Youth Missions Tour in Retrospect

By Dale Lawson

On May 28 seven young men started on a mission that would take them nearly twenty thousand miles over the U.S.A. and into two foreign countries, in behalf of young people and the Young People's Department of God's Church. On August 27, the last meeting of the tour was held in Denver, Colorado.

There just aren't enough words to describe the joy the team had in serving God and the Church in this way. Day after day, meeting after meeting, God was with us in a tremendous way. For all of us fellows, the highlights of the tour were conversions of both young and old people to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Time after time we saw individuals turn from their old ways of life to find

the new life in Christ and service to Him.

Of course, there are many other events and places that will always be remembered by the members of the team. We extend a hearty "thank you" to so many FYC groups that planned outstanding and refreshing recreational activities for the team. We really enjoyed every minute of

those times. These refreshing moments gave new energy for the days that were ahead. That's how much they meant to the group. However, the softball game at the Missouri Youth Camp is one activity the team hopes to forget. From the very beginning of the tour the Youth Team organized a softball team called the "Challengers." The cover of this AIM shows the team in uniform at the Missouri Youth Camp where they lost to Delvin O'Banion and his Lake of the Ozarks Hillbillies by a score of 8 to 7. Of course, it seems only fair to point out that the Challengers always fielded a team of just six players. The season record for the Challengers was 5 wins and 2 losses.

The team continually marvelled at the scenic beauty from state to state. God's majesty was everywhere to behold. Many spots stand out as being especially beautiful and the Canadian Rocky Mountains are right at the top of the list. The Spirit of God

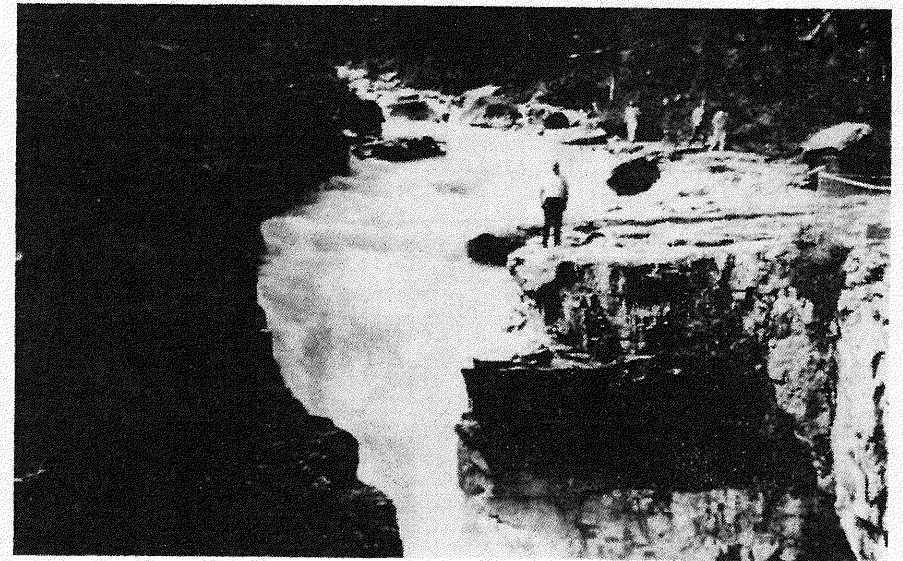
wasn't just in the meetings but it also seemed to speak from every mountain, tree, stream and lake. It was revealed in the many different kinds of wild life we saw as we traveled over the nation's highways. **GOD WAS AND IS EVERYWHERE!**

It is impossible to evaluate all the benefits of the tour because there are so many things that cannot be measured. However, there are many obvious benefits which we wish to note.

Foremost on the list, of course, would be the many conversions. Praise God for each one who gave his all to the Master, being willing to leave the world behind and serve Him.

We cannot help but think of several newly-organized FYC groups. It is our prayer that they will grow and be a blessing to both their local church and the Church at large.

New strength was given to some newly-established churches; and their



The team enjoys the beautiful Marble Gorge in the Canadian Rockies.

young FYC groups seemed to come alive with enthusiasm.

Older FYC groups were given new vision that reaches beyond the goals of the past. Every FYC can, and we believe will, be more instrumental in the spreading of the gospel and in reaching teenagers.

Enthusiasm for National FYC work, cooperation, and unity seems to be at an all-time high. Our opportunities are greater than they have ever been before.

Enrollment in National FYC programs has sky rocketed, especially in the 2T4G program, and enthusiasm for AIM magazine seems almost without bounds.

Many individuals were strengthened in their faith and have found new confidence in the Church and its work.

Several students received encouragement that caused them to go to our church schools.

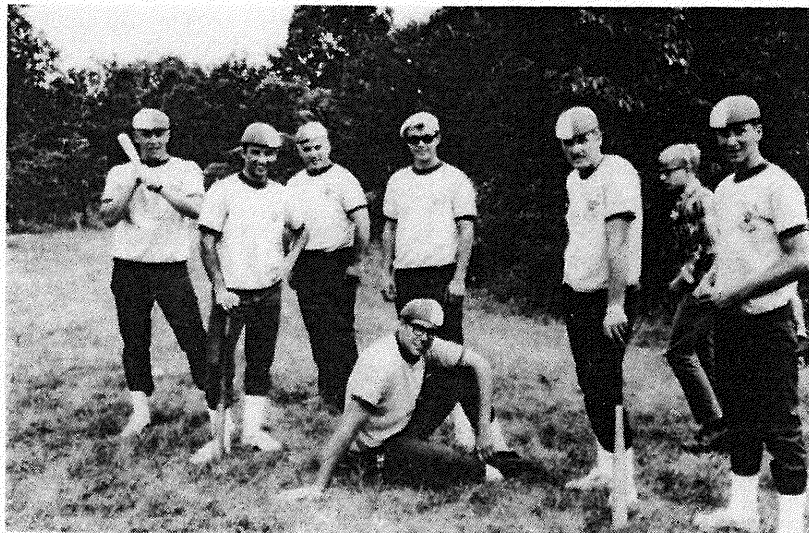
The tour covered churches from

the east coast to the west coast, and from the heart of Canada into Mexico. It was truly a great privilege to visit the church at Hammondville, Alabama, the churches in Canada, and the churches in Juarez, Mexico. The reason these churches are mentioned specifically is that additional effort had to be made for us to visit them. In each case God sent "showers of blessings" and the effort put forth was well worthwhile.

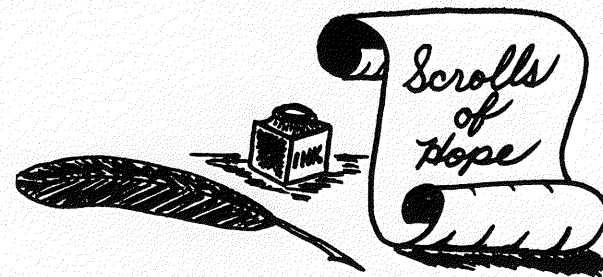
Even though the team members were eager to return home it was difficult to break up the team when we left Denver. The summer of working for Christ in such a special way had bound the team into a unit. A wonderful Christian fellowship and a deep zeal for the work of God had become our way of life as we worked together.

Again we want to thank every church, every FYC and all the wonderful Christian friends who were so

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"The Challengers" are pictured here during their game at the Ozarks Youth Camp.



A SILVER ANTENNA?

Among the more recent status symbols is the silver mobile antenna on top of an automobile which indicates there is a telephone inside. The waiting list for car telephones is so long that people are now pleading with the phone company to just sell them the silver mobile telephone antenna for the top of their car, even though a telephone for the inside will not be available for some time.

Certainly a candid example of a status symbol!

Probably not one person reading this has once considered purchasing a silver mobile antenna, but it serves to point out a facet of human behavior which we must guard against—that of putting too much emphasis on what others see. There is the danger even of judging our own worth and character by what we know others can see. This is not a true test.

Any thinking person recognizes that if an impressive status symbol is falsely representing one, it will sooner or later be evident. Regardless how large and flashy is the silver antenna, it is of absolutely no value unless the telephone is present. Similarly, regardless how pious our outward show may be, "God looketh upon the heart."

The important consideration is that we not be *controlled* by status seeking. Conformity is perhaps one of the hardest forces for people to resist. To be swept along with the crowd, regardless of the wisdom and practicality in a certain thing, is so easy. It is pertinent for us to ask ourselves which concerns us most—to be out of step with the practices of the worldly people around us—or to be out of step with God's standards upheld by our Christian friends. Consider carefully. Examine your own feelings and attitudes well. Make very sure that you are "not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Even in church activities we may do well to be cautious lest we

give more consideration to our status with *people* than to our status with *God*. Our church going itself *can* become a status symbol—with our church-going friends. That you are there each week, dressed your best, on time, dependable—that's fine. —All very commendable. Your "symbol" is in tip-top shape. Make very sure that it is your real status—not just a "tinkling 'symbol.'" "

We will do well to pray and

meditate and stay close to God, lest someone peep below that silver antenna and find that there is really nothing there after all!

What we think most about is constantly weaving itself into the fabric of our career, becoming a part of ourselves, increasing the power of our mental magnet to attract those things which we most ardently desire.

—O. S. Marden

MEET YOUR COMMITTEEMEN (Continued from page 17)

- ... to INVITE an outsider to attend church with you next Sabbath!
- ... to COMPLETE 2T4G, Evangelette, and Minuteman for just *one* quarter—one quarter's participation will bring so many blessings that you won't "dare" stop!
- ... to SHARE your testimony of God's love with someone today!
- ... To VOLUNTEER your services at your next FYC business meeting to fill a need as indicated by your FYC Chairman!
- ... to STEP OUT for Christ as you have never before!
- ... to "BE STILL AND KNOW" God's will and God's way for your life!
- ... to ACCEPT joyfully God's will and leading always!
- ... to EVALUATE your service to God each night until you can rightly say:

"Each morning sees some task begun,
Each evening sees its close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

Longfellow, "The Village Blacksmith"

The "dares" could go on and on—endlessly! But all categories can be easily summed up in the challenge for you to be *Christlike* in your every *thought, word, and deed* so that your testimony might always be that with God's help . . . "What I've done, I've willed; and what I've willed, I'll DO!" (Melville)

Time Out for God



St. Joseph FYCers

enjoy a weekend retreat

at the country home of

Elder and Sister Ca-

mero.

By Joy Miller

The St. Joseph F.Y.C. was privileged to have a retreat September 6th and 7th held at our pastor Elder and Sister Noah Camero's home. The young people, which consisted of seven girls and eleven boys, met in the church basement after the morning worship service, Sabbath, September 6th, and had a sack lunch. Afterwards we loaded up in two cars and a pickup and headed for Camero's. That afternoon we sang choruses and had several Bible quizzes, which was very inspiring and interesting. God blessed us with "showers of blessings," both spiritually and literally. It rained, thundered, and the wind blew fearfully. But the weather didn't dampen our spirits or fun. We had a sunset worship in the house, and then we

played group games. Our planned wiener roast ended up in the house, but that didn't spoil anyone's appetite.

It was soon time for bed, so the boys, along with our sponsor Brother Melvin Miller, retired to the barn, and the girls retired upstairs to sleep on the floor.

Early Sunday morning, some of the boys got up before breakfast and went fishing. After breakfast, we had a morning worship service held in the barn because it was still cold and damp outside the building. During the worship service, the sun came out, which allowed us to play some outdoor games until dinner time.

After a delicious dinner, we went to a nearby farm and rode
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David Wilkerson is the founder and head of Teen Challenge, an organization devoted to helping troubled youth. He is the author of several best-sellers, including "The Cross and The Switchblade."

Open Letter to Teenagers

by David Wilkerson

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG REBELS!! You do your thing and I'll do mine. And what is my thing? I like to preach the Word. There is a wild, fantastic something in me that wants to come out. I've got a message all pent up inside and I'm going to let it out—line by line so that it can go down easy.

Here goes!

You say, "Destroy the American system because it has not abolished unemployment and war." Then you must blow up the hospitals because they have not abolished cancer.

You want to make revolution. Then find out what for.

The establishment is supposed to be against the poor. Yet poverty in America is on the decline.

In 1900, about 90 per cent of our population was poor. In 1920, 50 per cent. In 1930, 34 per cent. In 1968, only 15 per cent. The job is far from finished, but don't say someone is not trying.

Now who has failed? You have.

You fail because you no longer want to think. You fail by using violence to shut down schools. You fail by denying freedom while you cry freedom for all.

You slander and abuse anyone who disagrees with you.

You steal, loot administration buildings, and defy all authority.

You try to whitewash your ignorance with idealism. You call your hysteria insight.

You say, "The American people demand. . . ." Then you add only what you want. This is intellectual sloppiness.

You want to "wreck the system."

It took centuries of pain and suffering to devise democracy. A system that protects squares like me against rebels like you! That protects innocents against fascists. A system that still protects every minority from tyranny.

A system that at least tries to solve human problems. A system that still seeks to make change without violence. A system that abhors

bloodshed. A system that refuses to suppress free speech.

A system that allows reckless attacks against itself. That allows mass demonstration to be nationally televised. And you want to smash it.

And what would you give us in its place? Heroes such as Marx, Mao and Che. Leaders who demand power, while jailing students, writers, scientists, and teachers, banishing them to labor or death—only because of their opinions.

Tanks and armies rolling over borders—to "liberate."

You plan to give us "nonviolent coordinating committees," who engage in gunfire and violence.

You would dig out of the grave a nineteenth-century ideology, Marxism.

You would give us assertions and deny us facts. Passion as a substitute for knowledge. Slogans for solutions. Idealism with not an ounce of brains behind it.

No, thank you, my rioting student friends. Whatever its imperfections—give me democracy.

I despise poverty more than you—but I am free to give.

I despise pompous politicians—but not one has my back against the wall.

The smug affluent bug me, too. But God help us if we didn't have their taxes to feed the poor.

Sure, I know there is a credibility gap. But it beats having to swallow a dogma enforced by terror.

Under democracy I am a free man. Free to worship God—even to the point of fanaticism. Free to stand on any street corner in America and preach any gospel, under the protection of a flag and a constitution.

Free to travel—to any point on the globe. Free to vote against inferior products through dollar power, and against dishonest politicians with a ballot.

Rebels so far have done little more than soften the system.

They have blown kids' minds, frightened the conforming classes, questioned the legitimacy of everything, and carved up capitalism without the foggiest idea of where to go.

It is more a revolution of jargon, slogans, and polysyllables than of substantial ideas.

Radicals and militants are now addicted to the capitalist telephone. They accept invitations to speak and the money pours in. They become capitalists. They are "defanged" by the dollar. For one thousand dollars they will curse "capitalism."

Why is everything happening now—and together? A surplus of causes seems to exist. People are desiring to maintain a sense of their own importance. Trying to find values in a superorganized world of bigness. A vacuum of impersonality. A sense of powerlessness.

There's fear that man no longer has influence over decisions affecting his life. Loving, honesty, caring have become "corny."

"Make love, not war" is no longer lofty idealism. It is merely a sex slogan.

Self-justifying intellectualism has been exposed as hypocrisy. It has become popular to excoriate America in four-letter words.

People are sensing something new happening in their lives.

They can't touch it or see it. It has to do with sexual freedom, the kids, riots and assassinations. These things seem to be related somehow, but no one can find the links. They are underground connections.

Even space is shrinking in size. Good taste is now bad style. Adjustment is now called conformity. Self-indulgence has become freedom. Welfare has become slavery. Leisure has turned into loneliness.

Religion has become "neuroticism." Goodness is equated with weakness. Honesty with stupidity.

Revolution may never work in America. To be a revolutionary is to love your life enough to change it. There are not enough of you left, in love with God and life and fellowman.

I don't mind your doing your thing. But you cannot do it at my expense. The only dignity you can give to doubt is to wrap it in silence. There is no bravery in preaching revolution without purpose and overthrow without follow-up.

Could it be that you're really not doing your thing at all—but that your thing is doing you?

Before you start "doing your thing," better get fenced in with love.

God's love!

TIME OUT FOR GOD

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horses. This was *really* enjoyed by the young people. The afternoon soon slipped away and we returned to the Camero's where some of us went swimming just before supper.

After supper, it was time to pick up and head back to St. Joseph. The time had gone by much too fast, but we were all tired after the busy day.

We were all thankful for the enjoyable weekend of being in the country with God and those of like faith. Praise God that we can still take time out for Him!

YOUTH MISSIONS TOUR

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hospitable toward us. We thank God continually for all that He did for us while we were on tour. There is not room to list all those blessings.

We want you to pray that God will bless the youth of our church everywhere, the Young People's Department and leaders, the parents of the young people and the leaders of our church. God is blessing His Church! Let's move forward with it!

Be looking forward to next month's AIM for a "facts and figures" report on the tour: "The Tour In A Nutshell."

Youth Doctrine Corner

*"Ye shall know the truth
and the truth shall make
you free" (John 8:32).*



LAW OF CLEAN AND UNCLEAN

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 18

. . . **"God's people are to use for food only those animals, birds, and fishes which are given by Him for that purpose, as distinguished from those designated in the Bible as unclean for human use."**

Clean and Unclean Law in Effect Before Moses' Time

. . . **Example of animals in ark** (Gen. 7:2, 3, 8).

. . . **Example of Patriarchs**

The Bible records only clean food being eaten (Gen. 18:7; 27:3, 9; etc.).

Clean and Unclean Law's Purpose

. . . **Relates to Holy Living** (Lev. 11:45-47).

Clean and Unclean Law Taught in New Scriptures

. . . **Peter's example** (Acts 10:9-15).

Peter could have eaten clean animals from sheet.

God never cleansed unclean, just common.

Message relates to people, not meats.

. . . **Paul's teaching is related to meat offered to idols** (1 Cor. 8:13).

Principle concerning offense applies.

Clean and Unclean Law Binding for Today

. . . **Unclean birds inhabit destroyed Mystery Babylon** (Rev. 18:2).

. . . **Punishment awaiting those who eat unclean meats** (Isa. 66:15-17).

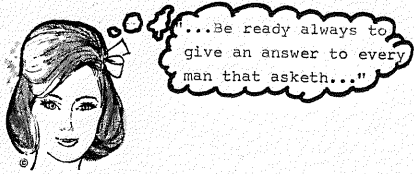
No Text Nullifies Law of Clean and Unclean

. . . **For explanations write to AIM, Box 158, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.**

MBC BIBLE DOCTRINES CLASS

I know not why God gave me bounteous store,
While others, worthy, beg around my door.
I know not why I should have more than they,
Unless He meant that I should give a part away.

—Ruth Smeltzer



MINUTEMAN

by Lillian Jarwin

Looking around us we notice each person has different characteristics and traits which set each one apart from another. Very carefully God created each one of us to look differently and to act differently than anyone else. Just as the fingerprints of each individual differ, so also does our personal make-up; even twins are not exactly alike.

This is the way it is with our talents, too! God made us so that we like to do different things, and those are usually the things in which we excel. Let's read Psalm 100:3. "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

We have undoubtedly heard many sermons on the subject of TALENTS as recorded in Matthew 25. Though we have our own interpretation, the problem remains: What is a talent? How do we get one?

Whatever we learn to do well, we think of as a talent from God. Any accomplished artist takes many hours of dedicated work and much physical and monetary sacrifice.

Have you ever sat in an audience when someone was playing a musical instrument or singing with great virtuosity? There is a stillness and awe at such a talent. You sit in your seat and are afraid to clear your throats because it would destroy the mood and grandeur of the occasion. Or you walk through an art gallery and see magnificent paintings. Again you are in awe. The pic-

tures are so life-like you expect them to breath. The seascape is so real you can almost smell the salt air.

We marvel at this and class these artisans as very talented people. We sigh to ourselves, "I can't carry a tune in a bucket, and even with a ruler I can't keep my lines straight." So we hastily resign to our fate saying, "I have no talents. God must not have seen fit to give me any."

We all have talents in common which are given to us in abundance. 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." This explains it. We can all have charity or love. God has given this greatest of talents to all in full measure. This is the talent we dare not bury.

There are many ways we can exercise this talent of love. Our smiling friendliness is one way. Giving of ourselves to help our church in any capacity possible is another. Greeting visitors with sincere happiness and hospitality. Each of us should make it our duty to develop these talents in our own unique way.

We can make anything we do an "act of love" and this is the greatest gift God can give us—a whole BUSHEL OF TALENTS.

LIVING WITH A STRANGER

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wardly. But she didn't say so. Instead she remarked, "She's a real swell girl in lots of ways, kids. She typed my term paper and wouldn't take a cent for it."

It's the small, shallow person who broadcasts her roommate's faults.

Success in sharing a room with a stranger is the best possible preparation for the experience which usually comes next in life—sharing a home with the person you marry. Unfortunately, the converse is also true. Those who cannot adjust to a roommate and who must constantly change rooming partners frequently fail to make a successful, happy marriage.

An educator speaking before a group of college students in a chapel service surprised them by saying "Col-

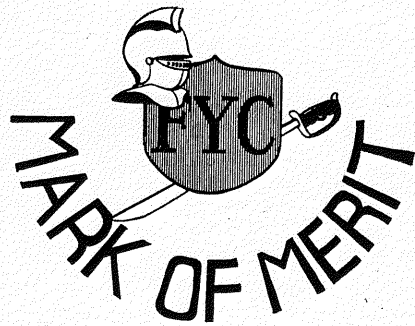
lege is *not* (as often stated) preparation for life. College *is* life. You are constantly becoming what you are. As you get older, you just get more like yourself."

Wise words. Ponder them. If you've failed to establish fruitful friendships in high school, determine to succeed as you embark upon this precarious adventure in living with a stranger!

—*Youth's Living Ideals*

WHO'S DELINQUENT?

A student in Sociology who was making a study of juvenile delinquency, telephoned 12 homes about 9 p.m. to ask parents if they knew where their children were. Five of the calls were answered by children who had no idea where their parents were.



by Nathan Lawson

1970! Just two short months away! Time marches on while many of us sit still. When time is wasted, it is gone forever. Those who waste days and years now will someday regret them the rest of their lives.

We are now in the last quarter of the 1969 Mark of Merit year. How much enthusiasm does your FYC have to still work for Christ?

We young people in the Church of God need to wake up and get busy. The "day will soon be at hand." That Jesus is soon coming is no hoax. This event will soon be a reality. How have we served our returning Master?

PROJECT OF THE MONTH—November

Study Time. Have your pastor or one of your leaders in the church conduct a special class for youth. This could be once a week or once every two weeks until the subject is completely covered. If this proves interesting and beneficial, the class could be continued and

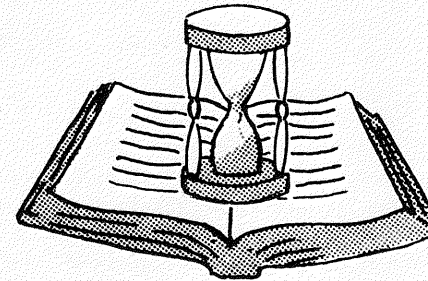
other Doctrines covered. To begin with, we want you to know why we keep the Sabbath, how to defend it, and how to tell others about it. We want you to be able to take your Bible and show someone why we believe the Sabbath should be kept. We hope that every FYC Group will complete this project. These Study Classes can be counted as extra Y. P. Meetings for bonus points as well as your *Project of the Month*.

REMEMBER—January 1970 starts a new year. Let's have every FYC in the Mark of Merit program next year. Plan ahead now! Write to the National FYC office for information.

NEXT MONTH in "AIM." There will be a full report of first, second, and third quarter Mark of Merit reports. Watch for this report.

Be silent when your words would hurt. Be patient when your neighbor's curt. Be deaf when gossip and scandal flow. Be thoughtful for another's woe. Be prompt when stern duty calls and be courageous when misfortune falls.

2T₄G- Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

A WISE REQUEST

"And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore.

"And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt" (1 Kings 4:29, 30).

The story of Solomon's dream at Gibeon is well-known. God promised him whatever he would request. Most of us, I'm afraid, would jump at a chance like this to ask for power, fame, riches, a new car, a new wardrobe, or other selfish things. But, though Solomon showed already unusual wisdom, even in making his choice, his request was for *more* wisdom—not material things. He asked for an understanding heart to rule his people. God heard him, and gave him not only his wisdom, but also the riches.

Because of this we now have the books of Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes—three books from which we can learn much about our daily Christian life.

As we read these books, let's try to apply this God-given wisdom to our lives.

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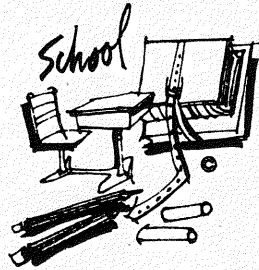
MIDWEST NEWS

During the month of September approximately 7.2 million young people enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities. We praise God for the 22 dedicated Christian young people who enrolled at Midwest for the 1969-1970 school year. Of these 22 students, 14 are young men training for God's ministry while five students are pursuing the Biblical Foundations Course and three young women are part-time Bible students.

This year's college faculty includes Elders Stanley J. Kauer, Max Morrow, and Dale Lawson and Sister Jewell Linville. For the last seven years Elder Kauer has been director of Midwest; however, this year he has assumed the role of full-time teacher and Elder Morrow has taken over the directorship of the college. Elder Morrow has been a part of Midwest twice before, the first time as a student and then later as an instructor. It is good to have Elder Morrow back again in the capacity of instructor and director.

Larry Hadden from Colorado, John Lemley from California, and Mark Ling from Wisconsin are the three senior ministerial students who will graduate in May, the Lord willing. These three directed ministry students are employed by the Stanberry Church in the absence of a full-time pastor. They assume pastoral duties such as delivering the sermons at the Friday evening services, making pastoral calls each day, and assisting Elder Dale Lawson, who is the pastoral director, with the many duties of a local church pastor.

The one-year Biblical Foundations course offered this year for the first time brings the following five stu-



dents to Midwest: Judy Haffner from Oregon, Lucy Marrs, Tom O'Haver, Iva Pruitt, and Cheryl Youngs all from California. The Biblical Foundations Course is a special one-year course of study designed for both men and women. The high school graduate who plans to continue his education in a secular college or anyone who wants a better understanding of the Bible and desires to be of greater service in the Church is encouraged to come to Midwest for the Biblical Foundations Course.

Besides their regular studies, the college students are busy participating in the local church and college activities. The Stanberry Church choir is composed almost entirely of college students. The students actively participate in the local church program, and their time and talent adds much to the furtherance of the Lord's work here.

We thank God for Midwest Bible College where there is no campus unrest, no student rebellion, no striking teachers, and no racial discrimination. We thank God for Midwest where there are young people with high moral standards and a desire for an education which includes the things of the Lord. We thank God for Midwest where young men are dedicating themselves to a lifetime of service in the ministry and where young women are preparing themselves for

a greater service in the Church and in spreading the Gospel truth. We thank God for Midwest Bible College and pray for His richest blessings throughout the coming school year.

—Gail Rincker

SPRING VALE NEWS

Sixty-one young people from various sections of the United States and Canada are now attending classes at Spring Vale Academy. Fifty-seven of them live in the dorms. Four are day students, living with parents but attending classes at SVA. This is our largest enrollment, and is causing some very crowded conditions in our present school buildings.

The new school building is almost ready for occupation. We hope to be in it by the time you read this: We are very thankful to our Father for the progress on this new facility.

Four men from Washington, D. C., Brothers Robert Parrish, Pelton Jones, Charles Jones, and a friend of theirs, Ted Allen, came to campus, and completed the plumbing in the new building, donating all of their work time to the school. May God bless these men for their goodness to us.

Brother George Ross and Art Cummings spent several Sundays installing the classroom and office doors. We appreciate their donation of time and labor to us also.

Another rich blessing to us is a donation of \$3,000 from the Alvin Bentley Foundation of Owosso. These funds are to be used to complete the classroom part of the building. The excess is to be applied to the floor for the gymnasium.

We are also thankful for teachers who are willing and dedicated. Our staff this year consists of Brother Elden Fischer, Principal and teacher;

Elder Calvin Burrell, Assistant Principal and teacher; Elder Roy Keim, Business manager, work supervisor and teacher; Brother Paul Heavilin, teacher; Brother Gerald Carlson, teacher; Sister Barbara Burrell, girls' dean; Aunt Susie, cook and nurse, and Brother Ron Grubis, boys' dean and teacher. This is the first year for Brother Grubis, and we are very thankful for him and his willingness to come and help.

Elder Melvin Sweet, his wife Marybelle, his daughter, Tami, and Brother Joe Blalock, came to visit us the first week of school. Elder Sweet spoke to us several nights in special evangelistic services. We appreciate his messages and God's blessings during these services. Saturday night we enjoyed a campfire service. God again spoke to our hearts. A Welcome Banquet was held Sunday evening of that weekend. Brother Sweet spoke again, this time recalling some of his experiences during his three years here at SVA. May God bless him as he labors for Him in Alabama.

We have been enjoying the usual fall sports here at SVA. We were fortunate enough to arrange some softball games with Owosso churches. These games were played under the lights at Bennett Field in Owosso. We did not win them all, but we enjoyed the fellowship, and got some very good ideas on how to improve our own ballfield.

Sabbaths find us busy in God's service. Staff members make it possible for some SVA young people to visit and sing at other Michigan churches quite often. Many young people also take part in rest home singing.

Pray for us that, while we are here learning, we may also be of service to God. —SVA Journalism Class

Sweaters

Order FYC sweaters from the National FYC office. You may have your choice of pin-striped blue, gold, or green in large, medium or small. Join with many other FYCers and wear an FYC sweater for your local church activities.

Long Play Album

Many of you have already received your Challengers' long-play album but we want to bring to your attention that a record would make a nice gift for your friends. It is even possible for you to use them to witness for the Lord and His Church. Order your albums from the National FYC Office, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

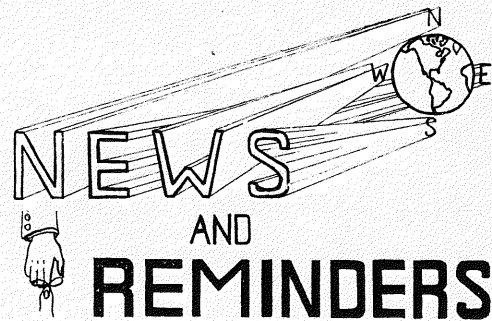
Merit Awards—At Last

The National FYC office has finally located the silver seals for the Silver Merit Awards. All FYC groups deserving awards from the last two years will be receiving them very soon.

Conroe FYC Advertising

The Conroe FYC has ordered 50 FYC decals. Apparently they intend to let the city of Conroe know they are Faithful Youth Challengers. I would like to share the last paragraph of a letter that the FYC Office received from Conroe. It says: "Thank you very much for the chance to display to our friends and neighbors how proud we are to be Faithful Youth Challengers."

Some of you other FYC groups



may want to become involved in the project of having all the church families have an FYC decal on their cars. Order your decals from the National FYC Office, Stanberry, Mo. 64489.

New FYC Groups Organized

Watch next month's AIM MAGAZINE for a grand announcement about all the new FYC groups that have been organized this summer. Just in case we do not have all of them on our records, we would like for any FYC group that has organized within the last six months to send a note to the National FYC Office immediately. A nice picture of your FYC group would be greatly appreciated.

AIM for Goals

The AIM FOR GOALS program needs your help. Please notice the report on page 15 concerning the AIM FOR GOALS campaign.

It is always the minorities that hold the key of progress; it is always through those who are unafraid to be different that advance comes to human society.

—Raymond Blaine Fosdick

Happy Home Building . .

A Wife's Soft Answer

"We were married thirty-seven years," said Mr. Gardiner Andrews, "and in all that time my wife never gave me a cross word. But I shall never forget the time I chided her. We had been married about two years. I found a button off my shirt, and threw it across the room.

"Sew on a button.' I said, in a brutal voice. She was a good Christian woman, and was preparing for church meeting; but she got a button and sewed it on."

"And what did she say?" asked a little bristling woman, with snapping eyes.

"She said, 'Forgive me, husband, I had a great deal to do yesterday and forgot it; but it shall not happen again.'"

"Oh," said the man, fixing his eyes on the picture of his dear wife, "her gentle words almost broke my heart. I could have gone down on my knees to ask her forgiveness. She made a different man of me, and the world has been a different place since she died."

There was silence as he finished speaking, interrupted by a general clearing of throats, and a confused sniffing, as if we all had bad colds. And the little woman's snapping eyes looked suspiciously dim.

—How To Be Happy

TEEN GUIDELINES

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some prefer the city, others rural areas, some like to travel, to fly or maybe sail the seas. There are opportunities in all. Whatever your choice, remember to choose a vocation that will not demand a compromise of Christian principles. Billy Graham has recommended the following formula for testing a proposition. He asks four questions:

1. Is the attitude or action to

the glory of God?

2. Can I ask God's blessing on it?

3. Is it a stumbling block to myself or others?

4. Does it contribute to a healthy, moral atmosphere?

If our vocational choice does not stand up to this formula I think a change in jobs is in order.

"Except the Lord build the house," said the Psalmist, "they labor in vain that build it."