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"Make use of time if thou valuest eternity."

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E a r l y D e c i s i o n s

by Walter Isenhour

Many years ago a revival was being conducted in a college by a powerful evangelist. A fine young man was converted in the revival and set forth to follow Christ. He had a roommate who refused to seek Christ for the forgiveness of his sins, saying that he intended to amount to something in life; that he would be heard of in later years. He wilfully left Christ out of heart, soul and life, telling his converted classmate that all he would amount to would be to make a backwoods preacher.

Time passed and their college days were ended. The converted youth felt a Divine call to serve as a missionary in a foreign land. He became a powerful soul-winner. He lived a great, honorable, godly, useful life—a sublime life. Many years went by and he returned to his native country, honored, appreciated and highly respected.

In thinking about his old college roommate and classmate, he decided to look him up, or see if he could find him. He made inquiry after inquiry about him, hunted and searched to see if he could locate him, but no one seemed to know anything about his whereabouts. He seemed to have just faded into obscurity—he who had said he would amount to something in life and would be heard of.

Leaving Christ out of one's life in childhood, or in the youthful years of life, is serious business. No doubt this is the cause of millions of people dwindling into obscurity, or failing to accomplish anything good, great and worthwhile in future years. Jesus said, in speaking of life's necessities, and perhaps including one's callings and professions: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

No one ever goes wrong by heeding the commandments of our Lord, and going forth as His follower, His servant, His sincere worshiper, yielding himself unreservedly unto His blessed, wonderful will. Our Lord never leads wrong—never uses one just to make a failure of him. Rather all that makes for eternal success is found in the will of God. Praise His holy name forever. He may lead in lowly paths, but they are honorable. He may place one, seemingly, in a small place, but it can be a glorious place. He may start one at the foot of the hill, but He will lead him upward and heavenward. He may choose a hard place, or a hard field, for someone to serve in, but it will become a fruitful field.

I have known those who turned Christ away in early life, and as the years passed by, they just eked out an existence. Some of them were well able to make good and great men, and capable of filling places of vital importance, and making their mark in the world, but they failed to make it. They had the talent with which to do it, but they buried it, or neglected to cultivate it. The devil will squander all that is given him, make it to fail, and wreck, eventually, all who yield their lives, time and talents to him.

In thinking back across the years I well remember a boy who was reared on the farm, and who was likewise a sawmill worker. He was just a poor, hard-working, country lad. However, in early life he gave himself to God. He started teaching school when he was quite a young man, but felt the call to the ministry, and became a blessed, noble minister of the Gospel. He preached for a num-

ber of years, then God called him from labor to reward. He revealed to his country noble manhood, honorable and successful as a minister, leaving his mark to live after him.

Anything is honorable if God is in it. Whatever God calls one to do, or to work at, if he gives his time and talent unto such a calling, putting God first, it is always worthwhile. Manual labor is honorable when God is in it. Teaching, preaching, singing, or filling places of necessities, or whatever the calling may be, when God is in it, and He is honored and obeyed, is honorable.

I would advise our young people to make early decisions as to what they aim to do in life—what they aim to follow as a profession, first taking Christ as Lord and Saviour, Master and Guide. Too many of our youth flounder about, drifting from pillar to post, never getting settled down to anything, or in any place, that is good, great and worthwhile.

Let me advise you, dear youth, and appeal to all that is within you that may be reasonable, commendable, and of the highest, noblest principle, take Christ into your life and let Him anchor you, or settle you, for a life of honor, trust, worthwhile accomplishments, and then you will not live in vain. Don't be an idler. Don't settle down to be a failure. Live for something worthy of your time, talent, and your best efforts. Life is too short, too sacred and precious, to be spent in sin and wickedness. No one can afford it. God's Kingdom is too sweet, wonderful and glorious to be missed. Hell is too awful to enter into at the end of a misspent life. Let your life abound in the work of the Lord, which is never, NEVER in vain. Amen.

"Nobody is going to tell me what to do!"

This is a common expression, and an even more common attitude, today. Maybe you have never said it, but the chances are there have been times when you have felt like it.

Why is it so difficult to take orders? Why does everyone want to be his own boss? Why does it bother us when we are told what to do?

It is because we are born rebels. God could say to one of us today as easily as He said to Ezekiel, "Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house" (Ezek. 12:2). We read of rebellion in the schools, rebellion in the prisons, rebellion in the government, rebellion in the streets, rebellion in the homes, and even rebellion in the churches.

Not that there is anything wrong with rebellion in itself. If Abraham Lincoln had not rebelled we might still have slavery. If Martin Luther had not been a rebel we might still be under the domination of Rome.

But too much rebellion is of the variety described in Ezekiel: people deliberately refuse to see and to hear the truth. Most of this rebellion is against things that bind our carnal desires, things that hamper our "freedom"—at least, things that seem

Submission is Rebellion

to us to hamper our freedom. That people are not always right in their judgment of what hampers their freedom is proved by many examples.

Take drinking for instance. Many non-Christian parents today are trying frantically to prevent, or at least to control, their teenagers' drinking. But the young people rebel, and one night one of them drinks a little too much before driving home. The next day we see those familiar, gory headlines again. Needless to say, such young folks are mistaken about what real freedom is.

Many adults are no better. Prohibition was called, while it was in effect, "an affront to our freedom." Freedom? Every year alcoholism clamps its fearsome shackles on thousands of men and women. "Bondage" is the word, not freedom. The mistake of many rebels is that, while they think they are getting freedom through their rebellion, they are actually selling themselves into bondage.

This can be true among Christian young people also. The confines of a Christian life as laid down by godly parents and ministers often seem narrow and binding—so they rebel.

By Don Sylvester in
ALLIANCE WEEKLY

YOUTH for Christ

by Bertie B. Freeman

I am very enthusiastic about Youth for Christ: I am even more enthusiastic about Christ in Youth. It is a combination that works for the glory of God. Youth won for Christ, Christ in Youth witnessing to others.

There is an attitude of genuine concern for the youth of our nation made manifest in many churches, societies and civic organizations. It is a concern that youth receive the spiritual teachings that mold the character of the individual; mold their concept of morals and values of good citizenship.

I AM in favor of any spiritual training given to youth. There is a sad lack of morality among the youth of today, as well as among the adult population. A decay in morals means a degenerate society. No nation can hope to survive when they have reached a state of moral degeneracy such as existed in Sodom and Gomorrah where every thought was evil. Or the unwholesome immoral attitude of the inhabitants of the earth before the flood where "every imagination of the thoughts of his (man's) heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5).

I do not favor a negative attitude of preaching to young people. The "Thou Shalt Nots" have a proper place in the spiritual welfare of any Christian either young or adult; but we need a positive Gospel, a positive attitude, a positive life in Jesus Christ.

This is the thought of Christ In Youth. The positive power for overcoming, the positive power for witnessing to others of the joy of salvation and the effect it can have in every relationship involving people, at work, at school, in the home and in the Church.

I DOUBT that we are aware of how much our religious life is made up of phrases; how much we call Christian experience in a dialect of the Church or its ministers, with little behind it of what we really know and feel. We hear the same old cliches and expressions, which contain a world of good advice, but we need something we can feel and know of a certainty that it is for us as individuals.

However, Paul uses a gloriously descriptive phrase in Col. 1:27, last part of the verse: "Christ in you, the

OR

Christ in YOUTH

hope of glory." This is the thought of Christ in Youth. Youth with its manifold temptations of life; the uncertainties of our times; the frustrations that beset the teenager trying to experience the pleasures of life without the knowledge or realization that some of these pleasures are reserved not for mere sensual pleasure of youth, but for the unfoldment of love between couples whom God has joined together in marriage.

"Christ in you." Can this really solve the perplexing problems of youth? At the risk of being condemned for using slang, I would like to use the trite phrase—"You bet it can!"

THIS IS an age when youth cannot hope to live happy, useful, fulfilling lives without a power greater than they possess. It goes without saying that this certainly applies to adults as well as youth.

Does it sound unbelievable that there is an instant power available for youth to use in being an overcomer, in being a witness for good to all those whom they meet? Absolutely! It is Christ in you—or you may want to add two letters and affirm "Christ in You-th!"

Christ can and will provide the power necessary for living a Spirit-filled life and you will be living the most enjoyable, enriching life you can possibly envision.

RECENTLY I HEARD a youth of seventeen testifying of God's saving power delivering him from the habit of drugs, drink, tobacco and every immoral act. He said at one time he got "high" on drugs, now he is "high" by living in the Spirit. The word "high" may sound vulgar to some, but it is indeed a good descriptive word for living in God's Spirit and power. This young man witnesses to other lost youth about the power of the Gospel unto salvation helping them to become useful citizens morally and spiritually.

The first step to instant power is the acceptance of salvation by faith. Let your heart receive Jesus as your personal Saviour. But there is more for Youth! There is the power of the Holy Spirit to guide, direct and deliver. This is the second step to "instant power."

Salvation by faith, it is the gift of God. The Holy Spirit by faith, it is also the gift of God (John 15:26).

Youth needs Christ. Christ wants Youth to come unto Him and receive the free gifts He has to offer. He wants to empower them for service.

Sometimes we hear so much about the negative side of the works of the Holy Spirit that we are afraid to ask God for help for fear we will receive a stone instead of bread. If you have Christ in your heart you already have the Holy Spirit, all you need to do is to accept and manifest His power.

LET YOUR MOTTO be "Christ

in Youth, the hope of glory!" Youth wants more than nominal Christian living. They want something vital, something intense, something that stirs their hearts, and withstands the world and its temptations. They are hungering for a power to lift them out of the commonplace and fill them with the power to witness for the glory of God and the salvation of lost souls.

This power is available today, at this very moment, if you will accept everything that Jesus has for you and become a channel for His Holy Spirit.

Flowers of the

Air

By Jessie Truman



With the coming of spring also came the joy of watching for and picking the first flowers. But have you ever picked a bouquet of flowers of the air? Probably not, for they are butterflies and true harbingers of summer. And what beauties they are, so colorful and delicate.

The life-cycle of a butterfly is very interesting and mysterious. It starts with the tiny egg which the mother deposits on a branch. Soon it hatches into a tiny worm which grows into a caterpillar. The caterpillar has an enormous appetite and

gorges itself on plant leaves. It grows so fast that its body gets too big for its skin. The skin splits down the back and the caterpillar crawls out in a new skin and begins to gorge itself all over again. It is a very destructive little creature, often killing the plant whereon it feeds.

When the right time comes and this stage of its growth is completed it sheds its skin. Then it weaves a wisp of silk around itself and fastens it securely to a branch. Now the caterpillar appears to die. This is called the chrysalis or pupa

stage, or a period of "living death." The caterpillar lies motionless inside its case, but a miracle is taking place.

The hour arrives for the tiny life to come forth. The chrysalis case is slowly forced apart from the inside and a trembling, feeble creature emerges. Now it has wings and they are doubled and bent, with minute scales all standing upright. Suddenly a rush of blood from the body sweeps through the wings. They straighten out and become strong. The scales settle down smoothly in place. The color we see on these fragile wings is not pigment as we might suppose. Instead, it is the effect of light, reflected by the scales as if they were miniature diamonds.

Now the butterfly is mature. It no longer has a ravenous appetite but feeds on nectar from flowers with a tongue especially adapted for just this purpose. In its search for food it also performs a service by pollinating the flowers.

The Christian life-cycle is similar to the butterfly. Before he becomes a Christian his time and energy is often used in trying to satisfy self. But he is not satisfied. Then the time comes for a change. A miracle takes place in the heart and he dies to self.

When the Christian comes forth, he is indeed a new creature. The old appetite is gone and he feeds on the nectar of God's Word. With new wings he can fly above the obstructions that blocked his path in the old life. His work becomes a service to others and the beauty now seen is a reflection of light and love from above. As the butterfly adds beauty to the garden, so the Christian adds beauty to his Father's world.

Both are flowers of the air. "He hath made everything beautiful in His time..." (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

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NEW COURAGE

Ray Griffith

Sometimes I get discouraged with
This busy lonely life,
Where men are always living by
The rules of greed and strife.
'Tis then I leave the city streets
To roam some country lane,
Where breezes blowing soft and
cool

Refresh my weary brain.
I watch the evening sun go down;
Another day is gone;
And as the darkness settles down,
I know I'm not alone.
For 'way up in the blue of night
I see the stars appear,
And in my longing, searching heart
I lose all trace of fear.
For now I see that God above
Still knows my every care,
And that He now is bending low
To hear my faintest prayer.
'Tis here I get my courage for
The dreary path I trod;
Here alone with all my thoughts
With nature and with God.

—Selected

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SURPLUS WORDS

If all the words we've ever said
Were heaped into one great big pile,
And then we had to go to work
And sort out ones that are worth
while—
All others to be tossed aside—
I wonder, when the job is done,
If we might find the rubbish pile
Would be by far the larger one.

W. Taylor Cooper

PERHAPS Walt Disney's portrayal of the kind, loving man who suddenly "sprouts horns" when he gets behind the wheel of his car has more truth than fiction in it.

If Christians have a weakness, it becomes apparent when they get behind a steering wheel. Why is it that a normal, rational person sometimes turns into some kind of a "monster" when he gets into a car? Perhaps it is the time element that makes a driver short-tempered and rude. Perhaps driving makes one rather tense. This may reflect in his otherwise normal behavior patterns. In any case, many people seem to lose perspective, manners, common courtesy, and Christian standards of conduct when they get into the driver's seat.

Traffic experts tell us that a large percentage of accidents are caused by the failure to yield the right-of-way. Failure to yield the right-of-way is probably accidental at times, but in many cases it is just a matter of one person taking advantage of another and wanting to get ahead of the other person. This is definitely not the Christian way. All of us have had the experience of sitting at the traffic light and having the approaching car make a left turn in front of us. Now ordinarily it would take just a matter of a few seconds for

The Christian



the approaching car to give us the right-of-way, but he is evidently in such a hurry that this would be unthinkable.

Most of us have also had the experience of waiting for the traffic light and, as soon as it changes, if we do not move instantly, we hear a series of horn blowing. It has been said that the only time sound travels faster than light is when the horn behind you sounds before the light changes to green. Again only a matter of a few seconds, but someone is so rude that he cannot wait a few seconds.

We all have probably been guilty

This article was selected and submitted with the request that it be printed in both the "Bible Advocate" and "Aim." Considering its unquestionable value to young people as well as adults, we feel it is worthwhile duplicating in our publications.

Driver

of giving the approaching car the "bright" if he does not dim his lights. Yet, let us stop and think. Do we really believe that anyone would purposely shine his bright lights in your eyes? Of course not! He has probably just forgotten to dim his lights. After all, that is a human being driving the other car. But that does not enter our minds! The only thing that seems to enter our minds is, "Well, I'll show him a thing or two"; or, "I'll see how he likes my bright lights," as we push the dimmer switch triumphantly.

There is also the fellow that follows us with his bright lights. This

is terribly annoying, and that is why most states have laws against it. Nevertheless, when the car passes us, we usually give him "a taste of his own medicine."

None of these acts are Christian in character at all. Christ taught humility, kindness, patience, and love. Yet, it seems as though we forget those words when we are driving. Is our time so valuable that we can not possibly wait a few seconds for another driver? So much of our driving involves the ego. I want *my* way. You're wasting *my* time. It should have been *my* turn.

We have all had the experience of trying to get into heavy traffic and could not because of the congestion. Every once in a while, some kind person will let you pull out in front of him. He may have to slow down or, in some way, go out of his way to do it, but do we really appreciate it? Would other people appreciate it, too, if we would do the same thing? This is true Christian driving; thinking of the other person before ourselves.

I suppose that many Christians do not act like Christians when they get behind the wheel because they think that other people cannot see them; and therefore they can get away with a lot. Christianity is not based on what others think of us or what others see of us. Christianity has always been a faith between God and man. Christians' final authority is God. Surely the car does not keep God from knowing what we do.

On the other hand, when we drive to please God, more than likely we will please men. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

—Restitution Herald

Shining Out

MY DAD once told me of two men, about the same in their social status and desire to rise to the top, who were riding the commuter train into New York.

As they rode, each diligently read the stock reports and the latest business and world news. As the train came to a halt, the two hurriedly left it and rushed for the exit. Each one was in a hurry to get to the office as quickly as possible, not only to get to his work but to perhaps impress his employer at his punctuality and great desire to work, in hope of advance.

As they bounded up the stairs, one man took the lead, with his longer stride, and rushed around the corner, only to meet many people who were rushing just as he was. As he dodged past the crowds of people he bumped into a little Negro boy who was selling trinkets, knocking him down and scattering his wares. As the man caught himself, he cursed the little boy and sped on, muttering. "They ought to keep those kids off the streets."

The second man saw the entire incident. As he approached the boy, he bent down and helped him, picking up his wares and arranging them on his tray. After giving the boy a little pat, he turned to hurry on his way—but as he left he felt a tugging on his sleeve. Turning around and facing the boy, he saw a big tear fall down the little cheek and the eyes look up with wonder and adoration as the little boy asked, "Is you Jesus?"

How much of Jesus is seen in us? The worth of Christ in our

lives is seen in the way He shines out of our lives.

—Beverly Baxter in Christian Herald, via the Christian Reader

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WHAT SATAN WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE

Satan would have you believe that there is no God, but if you must believe there is, then that He is a weak God.

Satan would have you believe that God does not love, is not merciful, and shows no grace. Satan would have you believe evil of grace. Satan would have you believe that there is no hell, but if you believe there is, then, that there is lustful pleasure there without limit.

Satan also would have you believe that there is no heaven, so then there could be no hope. Satan would have you believe that there is no Saviour and that indeed there is no need for one. Satan will do all in his power to turn a man from Christ.

Young man, young woman, and teen-agers, Satan would have you believe that virginity and chastity are to be ashamed of. Satan would have all men believe this. Satan is the author of sin and of doubts, to a great extent. Oh, how the brethren in Christ have doubts of one another. Satan is that great adversary. Oh how glad I am that there is an all powerful God, and a Saviour good and great. Watch for His coming. Watch for thine enemy, Satan. He can appear as an angel of light and his ministers as ministers of righteousness. Watch and pray.

—William A. Frasher, Chester, Pa.

—Youth's Living Ideals

THE WORKER

By Dan Camero

It was a dark, cold, and gloomy day as Jerry walked out on the streets of Chicago. Jerry had just recently come over from Puerto Rico. He was a stranger to this world. He knew no one, but he knew he was in a tough part of the world. Chicago, where the streets were said to be filled with young men, women, boys and girls looking for trouble and hungry for excitement. The nights were filled with danger in the air and with trouble everywhere.

AS JERRY WALKED DOWN THE street he saw many faces looking at him from behind broken windows and torn shades. The neighborhood was poor and in bad need of repair. But this was like heaven to Jerry. Jerry was living in luxury compared to where he had lived. As Jerry reached the end of the block, he saw a little malt shop on the corner with the letters T. J's. As Jerry stood outside, he could hear the low rumble of Chicago's music mixed with laughter. When he opened the door and looked inside, T. J's suddenly became as quiet as a tomb—all eyes were turned and fixed on Jerry. Looking around the room, Jerry saw the faces of poverty, of hunger, and eyes filled with bewilderment; yet they lived by the law of survival of the fittest. They knew that Jerry was the kid that had just moved in and as was the custom of the "Stello" gang of that part of the block, they would make it a point to find out how tough the kid was. So up to Jerry stepped a kid known to the other

boys as Corky. "What's your name kid?" asked Corky.

Jerry answered in his quiet, soft, gentle voice.

"Where you from, kid?" asked Corky.

Jerry told him he was from Puerto Rico.

Just as they finished talking, Corky let loose with a crushing "right" that sent Jerry to the floor. Jerry got up and Corky again came in. As Jerry moved slightly to the right Corky missed his mark. Then catching Corky with his "right," Jerry sent him sprawling across the floor. As Corky was coming up, Jerry's powerful "left" finished him. As Corky fell, there was suddenly a stillness in the place. Jerry ran his hand through his hair, turned, and walked out.

Corky was a native Chicagoan who didn't like Puerto Ricans, but Jerry made him think differently.

Meanwhile, standing outside the little malt shop were two men, one about 23 years old while the other

was quite a bit older. Arriving too late to stop the fight, they saw Jerry walk down the street to about the middle of the block and turn into one of the old battered apartment houses.

Mr. Streeter was the social worker for that district and he was showing his new helper, 23-year-old Bob Hill, the tough spots of his district.

"It's about time we gave you some responsibility, Bob," said Mr. Streeter. "I want you to find out who that boy was and see what you can do with the rest of these guys."

BOB WAS NO STRANGER TO THIS PART of Chicago. He was born and reared just a few blocks down the street. This would be the first time in five years that Bob would be back in his old stomping grounds.

As Bob walked into the little malt shop, Mr. Molachek shouted, "Bob, Bob, is it really you?"

"Yes, Mr. Molachek, it's me. You're still the same old Molachek."

"Yes, I don't change any, maybe little older, but don't change any."

"Hey, Corky, look who's here!"

As Corky walked over kind of cocky like, Bob sized him up as being the new leader of the gang. "This is Bob Hill," said Mr. Molachek.

"Well, well, if it isn't religious Hill! I heard you got religion while you were in prison."

"That's right; you heard right. I heard you're the new war lord, Corky."

"Yea, so don't come around here with that religious stuff."

"Look, don't give me any trouble, Corky."

"Yea, well, I'm warning you, Bob, stay out of my way!"

By this time all the boys in the

place were around Bob and Corky.

"He's not so tough, Bob, a Puerto Rican just came in here and mopped the floor with him."

"Shut up, Pinky," said Corky with anger in his eyes. With that he pushed Pinky out of the way and he stormed out.

THE BOYS STILL LOOKED UP TO BOB as their leader. After talking to the boys awhile, Bob went out to look for a place to start a recreation center for them. While talking to the boys, Bob learned that the most important thing they wanted was jackets alike. They wanted the best looking jackets of all the gangs around.

Bob found a place on 54th street. It was an old abandoned warehouse. He talked to the boys and they agreed to go over and clean it up. Later they painted it inside and out. It really looked nice in the midst of all the shabby two-story apartment houses.

The recreational equipment finally arrived and was installed. The boys were really having a good time, some even bringing their girls to their recreation center.

In spite of repeated attempts, Bob was still unsuccessful in getting Jerry to come. He had made friends with the rest of the boys, but he kept avoiding Bob. None of the other boys were able to get Jerry to come to the center either.

Bob had been to Jerry's home several times, but he was never home. At least that's what his mother said, but Bob knew better. Bob was hoping his boys would go to the youth rally which was coming up soon and he wanted Jerry to go, too.

ONE NIGHT AS BOB WAS GOING TO check on his boys, he happened to go by Jerry's house. Deciding to drop

in to see if he was home, Bob walked down the hall and found the door to Jerry's room open. He saw Jerry in the kitchen getting something to eat.

"Hi, Jerry," said Bob. Jerry turned and looked surprised.

"What do you want?" asked Jerry.

"I just want to talk to you," said Bob. And as Bob looked around the room he saw a Bible on a little table by a lamp.

"About God," said Bob.

"I don't believe in God," said Jerry.

"Well," said Bob, "There is something that seems to help people who do. And I believe that same thing will help you if you will let it."

"How can I let it if I don't even believe in it?" he asked.

"Bob said, 'Suppose we try telling the truth about your situation, and the way you feel about it.'"

"How would you do that?" asked Jerry.

Bob suggested that they kneel down out of reverence toward the power of the unknown. Jerry got down on his knees, half laughing at himself, and said, "Oh God, if there be a God, send me help now, because I need it."

It was a good, honest, selfish prayer. Climbing back into his chair, he said, somewhat smirkingly, "I don't feel any different."

"That's because you weren't expecting to," said Bob. "It's not so much what you do, but it's how you feel about doing it."

Jerry didn't say a word, just hung his head. Bob ventured, "Jerry, would you go with the boys to the youth rally?"

Looking up, Jerry said, "Leave me alone, will you?"

Bob turned and walked out. The

next night all the boys attended the youth rally, all wearing their jackets, including Bob.

SEVERAL OF THE BOYS GAVE their hearts to Christ that night, for which Bob was extremely happy. It was later that night that Bob and the boys were all back at the center sharing each other's happiness when all of a sudden, to everyone's surprise, in walked Jerry. He had also been to the youth rally. He didn't accept Christ, but he was deeply moved. Jerry wanted to talk to Bob some more about God.

Just then Pinky suddenly came running in and told Bob that there were some guys outside from 63rd street who were led by Corky. They were looking for trouble.

As Bob started out the door to talk to them, the rest of the boys joined in and followed behind him. All of a sudden, without any warning, a scuffle broke out—then the cry of police sirens were heard in the distance as the scuffle broke up. But Bob was hurt. As the social worker lay helpless on the ground, Jerry picked him up in his arms and carried him inside. Then Jerry realized that this social worker was hurt because of him and other boys like him.

HE COULD SO PLAINLY SEE NOW how the violence that he was a part of was making this world an evil place. Now he could so vividly envision the tender, loving Saviour Who gave His all to change all this—that each of us might be lifted from the evil around us and find sweet peace in "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, pure, . . . lovely, . . . of good report. . . ."

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Earth-

and a Star



by Isabel Gray

Disappointment and disillusionment in people is one of our worst, if not the worst, experiences in life. It is worse than death, itself, in fact, for we have not only lost the person, but we have lost the ideal, also. But, we must remember we are not the only ones in the world who are or have been disappointed. There are the "laughter and tears, wherever we

go—sorrow and sighs, each one must know." And "broken vows and disappointments, thickly sprinkled all the way. . . ."

It may be we have *expected* too much of *people*. We are all, more or less, "hero worshipers," at heart. We set people on a pedestal. Not that we shouldn't see the *best* in them. But, we should not *expect* too much of them. For they are "just people," after all. And the most we can expect is *confidence* in our real friends, and when we have that we can overlook their faults and frailties, for they will have them, and we love them just the same, even if they do.

But, to *lose confidence*, is something we cannot recover—*only in Him*. "The night has a thousand eyes, and the day but one. But the light of the whole world dies when day is done. . . . *And the light of the whole life dies, when love is done.*" But God can restore and revive the heart and life so stunned and "killed" to others, so that you will look at them through *His* eyes, seeing their possibilities in Him, and though not depending on them or their fickleness in nature, you can depend on Him and His ability to change and recreate the nature in them.

"Fix your eyes upon Jesus,
Look oft in *His* wonderful face,
And the things (and people) of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of *His* glory and grace!"

Our dear friend, Lolita, whose ideals and life inspired this message, reminds us how she, too, in her early schooldays, was one of the "hero worshipers" we are recalling. "Many were the disillusionments that came my way," she remembers. "I was always startled to see the *earthly* in those ideals,"

*"Disappointment—His appointment,
Change one letter, then I see
That disappointment in people,
Draws me closer, Lord, to Thee!
I must not lower my standard,
Because someone disappoints—
But still set it ever higher,
T'ward the goal that He appoints.*

she relates. "Many a cherished friendship has been marred by disillusionment. My ideals shattered into bits! And, all the time the Lord was doing His best to get my eyes fixed *on Him!* How encouraged I have been when the Spirit reminded me of that old proverb I learned in those early school days! *'Hitch your wagon to a star!'*" "Little did I realize then how deeply this, and some other famous quotations we memorized, would be stamped upon the inner recesses of my heart!" our friend continues. "And, when the Spirit awakened me with the words from this quotation, He whispered, *'Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth'* (Col. 3:2). And, as I pondered over it, He whispered again: *'Keep your eyes on the star!'* That star is *Jesus*, our One great Example, and Redeemer! The One foretold, to deliver His people Israel—and all in Him!

"Sometimes the enemy says, 'Your goals and ideals are too high!' But ever the Spirit encourages with the admonition—*'Hitch your wagon to a star!'* His guiding light shines brighter with the passing years! Never should we be satisfied with the earthy! But always searching for glimpses of *Him* in others, yet keeping our eyes on the *Star!* For, 'as the things of earth grow dim, more Heaven we can see—as we spend less time with others, we have more time for thee.'"

"Disappointment—*His* appointment,"
Lord, may I Thy plan not mar—
But, "with open face beholding,"
E'er reflect Thy guiding Star!

"There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17). "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed

into the same Image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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TO THOSE WHO SMILE

by Cecyl Fischer

*My heart goes out to those who smile.
This life is only for a while;
These daily trials are not to last,
They'll seem as naught when this
life's past.*

*Meanwhile, why should we stew and
fuss*

*When God has great things planned
for us?*

*What do we know of honest trial?
Why, we have every cause to smile!*

*Though life's not all cherries—or
peaches and cream*

*We have no right to fret and steam,
For soon we'll reach that promised
isle*

*And so, THREE CHEERS TO
THOSE WHO SMILE!*

* * *

TO LOVE AND BE LOVED

Eva C. Downing

*TO LOVE AND BE LOVED
IS HALF OF LIFE,
TO CHEERFULLY GIVE
AND GRATEFULLY RECEIVE
IS TRULY, I BELIEVE,
A SECRET CODE
THAT, WHEN USED,
WILL ENABLE US
TO WARD OFF STRIFE
AND TRAVEL PATHS
THAT WILL LEAD
TO THE ROAD
OF HAPPINESS.*

—Selected

YOUTH WEEK

by Virginia Heavilin

Theme—"GREATER TREASURES THROUGH CHRIST"

Wednesday—Bible Study on Willingness

Thursday—Banquet

Friday—Evangelistic Service

Sabbath—Services by Youth and Guest Speakers

Sunday—Retreat and Singpiration—Testimony Service

Wishing to counteract the pull of worldly entertainment for our young people, the F.Y.C. leaders have introduced a new project which other church groups have used very effectively.

We cannot measure the value of a full church program for our young people. The aim of the youth program in the church should be to concentrate the attention of our young people upon the service for the Lord. The spiritual life is not a familiar experience in the life of a young person, so they need frequent booster stations.

The early weeks of the summer found our young people revitalizing their spiritual lives in the youth camps which our church has provided annually. The summer is nearly gone now and our young people are antici-

pating the opening of school. They need a fresh reminder of their need to take Christ with them into the classrooms.

Our government may succeed in ruling out the public use of the Bible in the schools; it may forbid our teachers from offering an opening prayer and speaking of God to the students. But it cannot forbid the student from being a personal witness to his classmates. In fact, because of the present situation in our country, each Christian youth should feel a greater personal responsibility to represent his Lord to his unsaved classmates.

Because the responsibility has been placed upon his shoulders, each boy and girl—each teen-ager needs more consecration and more power from God to be faithful in this enormous task. Each local church must not let its own young people down. We must rally to their help.

This year we are establishing a youth week in September for this purpose. This will not be a full week long this year, but the religious emphasis will be concentrated in four days: September 24-27. Some may prefer to begin the four-day observance on Wednesday or midweek prayer meeting night with a Bible study for young people on the topic for the

week and close it on Sabbath. However, many of us feel it is better for the young people to have their own night—with a banquet as a kick-off on Thursday.

Room decorations, table centerpieces, individual place mats and favors can illustrate the theme of the week. The menu itself might be planned in harmony with the theme. The program of the week should be planned, mimeographed and handed out at the banquet.

Friday, or Sabbath evening, an evangelistic type of meeting with a special speaker can prepare the young people for a Sabbath of real spiritual feasting. On Sabbath morning the Sabbath school lesson can be adapted to the selected week's theme. The morning worship speaker could be the special speaker who brought the Friday evening message. A meal at the church at noon and an afternoon youth rally, with the young people participating can continue with the theme of the week.

If an over-night retreat is to be a part of the week's activities, the Sabbath evening meal, in the form



of a picnic can be the start, in some previously selected spot, where a singspiration-testimony meeting can close the day.

When an over-night retreat is not possible, similar services can still be planned for some out-door area. This would require a return trip to the park or camp-site for the Sunday outing. There should be morning devotions, a Bible class or two, and another out-door meal at noon. Afternoon recreational activities can be planned suitable to the area.

Another evangelistic meeting to close the four-day event would be a climaxing feature for Sunday evening. This would be of special importance where it is not possible to have a retreat on Saturday night. This closing service should again be held in the church sanctuary. If a retreat were held at too great a distance to make possible a return to the church in the evening, another out-door testimony meeting at the supper picnic spot could be of great inspiration—if reverently conducted.

Remind the young people this can be *more than a booster-station for them*. It can be a *missionary project*—a time when they can interest their friends outside the church in spiritual things—and perhaps in their regular weekly F.Y.C. meetings.

Attention! Local FYC Leaders NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK is September 24-27

Make your local plans immediately.

For your mimeographed pamphlet on youth week activities, write to: Elden Fischer, 10601 E. 26th St., Independence, Missouri.

One Day at a Time

Dr. Ralph W. Hamer

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,
With its portion of pain and its burden of care;
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong,
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is so long,
And the heart is not brave and the soul is not strong.
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way;
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so sweet;
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve;
I will not forsake; I never will leave."

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient, we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

The Editor's Page

DO YOU WORSHIP OR OBSERVE?

Have you ever, in church, watched the Emcee sit down, and wondered what he just got through saying? How many times have you snapped back to reality and wondered how much of the sermon you have missed while deep in thought about something far removed from the spiritual food you are in God's house to enjoy? Something is wrong.

Too often, I fear, the real worship attitude which should be ours as we enter the church is missing. We find ourselves entering the church because of habit. We sit down and WAIT TO SEE just what the leader will have to say, just who will come today (and who will stay home), whether we agree with what is said or not, whether "so-and-so" could, in our estimation, likely have had a good excuse for being late, and lastly whether or not we will feel at the conclusion of the service that it was worth our time and effort to have come out.

God must be very displeased with our listless, irresponsible attitude many times as we sit in His congregation to worship with others. Whether or not we gain a blessing, whether or not we really gain God's approval by our attending this worship service, depends upon the attitude of worship that we cultivate within ourselves. You may be a little tired of hearing the familiar expression, "You get out of anything what you put into it," but it is true—so very true—when worshipping God in an assembly with others.

We need to replace within ourselves the attitude, "Oh, I'm tired. I hope I won't be bored. I wonder what "they" will have planned for this meeting," with, "God, I'm thankful I can be here. Help me to gain a blessing out of the service because I know if I seek a blessing, there will be one here for me."

I think it's important! What more cunning weapon could satan have than to engage your mind while in church services with other things? Perhaps not necessarily evil things, but simply things not pertaining to God. We can combat such devices of satan only by determining to be filled with a hunger for more of God's rich blessings for us, consciously possessing our minds with thoughts of spiritual things.

Do you suppose you have ever sung, "All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling," while looking around thinking that Jane must have a new dress because you don't remember seeing it before, and wondering whether horizontal stripes are really the thing for Molly to be wearing?

Do you suppose you have ever sung, "Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest," while thinking mediocre thoughts about mediocre things around you? How COULD we allow ourselves to think of mediocre things

when such beautiful words as these have the potential to lift us into a sublime awareness of God's wonderful love and goodness, serving to strengthen our faith. Yet, how often do you suppose we miss out on real blessings because of our very own sluggishness?

May each of us resolve to go to God's house to WORSHIP—not just to observe! Enter His sanctuary with a prayer on your lips and a determination to keep your mind stayed on Him, and to gain a blessing thereby—AND YOU WILL.

Make a Mark of Merit

MORE SECOND QUARTER REPORTS IN—IS YOURS READY?

Since our last report in Aim we have received six more reports for the second quarter. This makes a total of 12 for this quarter and we hope to yet receive the *second quarter reports from those who haven't reported. Please get these reports in by the end of September. They must be in before the beginning of the next quarter which is October first.*

I appreciate the good reports we received and it's a blessing to see how F.Y.C. groups are working across the land. A fine promotion of the gospel is being made in many places.

The new additions to "Mark of Merit" second quarterly reports are:

Conroe, Texas—1st and 2nd quarter	275
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Moundsville, West Virginia—1st and 2nd quarter	245
Stanberry, Missouri—1st and 2nd quarter	280
Fort Smith, Arkansas—1st and 2nd quarter	265
Nampa, Idaho—1st and 2nd quarter	255

Four groups which sent in reports the 1st quarter have not sent them in for the second quarter. We will be looking for your reports right away.

Report sheets for the 3rd quarter will soon be sent to you. I have appreciated your promptness in returning these reports and I am looking forward to reading the 3rd quarter reports for 1964. The Lord bless you is my prayer.—*Dale Lawson*

Grow More In '64

Little Drops of Water

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the beautiful land . . ."

How would you like to sit down some day and learn 96 verses? Or even some week. Let's see, that would be about thirteen verses a day. Doesn't sound too bad does it—but try it. I think you'll find it rather difficult and I think you would find that the next week you would remember very little of what you had memorized.

We have asked you to learn 96 verses—not in a day, not in a week or even a month, but in a year. That amounts to only about two verses a week. Maybe that doesn't sound like a very big challenge to you. That's all the more reason you should try it. If you can't meet the small challenge how can you expect to meet the large ones?

To learn two verses a week it is best to learn the verses early in the week and repeat them every day or several times each day, rather than wait until late in the week and learn them quickly and then relax. The longer time we spend memorizing these verses and their locations and the more times we repeat them, the longer they will stay with us.

Two verses a week is really very little. But if you learn two verses a week, that's 104 in a year and in ten years you would learn over 1,000 verses this way. To have 1,000 verses at your fingertips is a desirable thing for a Christian. But I can just hear you—"Ten years! Why by then I'll be—" Let me ask you, how old will you be in ten years if you don't learn the verses?

Resolve to learn these verses. They are the little drops of water that will build in you a mighty ocean of knowledge and faith.

Proverbs 1:8

2 Timothy 2:21

Proverbs 3:5

James 2:10

Psalms 90:12

Matthew 7:8

John 3:18

Isaiah 53:6

PEN PALS

We still have pen pals in Africa that would like to hear from you. Why not write for one now? Send your request to:

Mrs. Jewell Linville, 511½ East McKinney, Neosho, Missouri

2T₄G Program

THE FALLACY AND INCONSISTENCY OF MAN

By Noah Camero

In all histories of human governments one can easily see the fallacy and inconsistency of man. An outstanding example of this is Israel. Israel was once a theocratic nation. A nation truly under God. Yet, the people preferred to be ruled and guided by a blundering human like themselves.

This foolish notion brought Israel nothing but catastrophic results. For how long was Saul in office before he fell into the pitfall common to all human rulers? How long did David have to fight to unify and quell subversion within his own family? And finally, how long was the glory and splendor of Solomon's reign?

Here are the answers: It took Saul but a moment to fall, it took David a lifetime to stand and it took Solomon but an hour to enjoy. Such is the brief resume of all human governments. Histories written in blood—here today, gone tomorrow.

As we study the history of the kings after David, let us be alert to learn this great lesson. Let us ponder the high cost of

national rebellion and corruption. Since there are many great prophecies dealing with this nation, it is important that every Bible student should have a working knowledge of Israel's history. The book of Kings offers an outstanding historical and biographical outline of the kings of the united kingdom as well as the divided kingdom. Let us remember that the time invested in this study is never time lost.

Suggested Readings.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Chapters</i>
	1 KINGS
September 15	1
September 16	2
September 17	3
September 18	4
September 19	5
September 20	6
September 21	7
September 22	8
September 23	9
September 24	10
September 25	11
September 26	12
September 27	13
September 28	14
September 29	15
September 30	16
October 1	17

October 2	18	October 8	2
October 3	19	October 9	3
October 4	20	October 10	4
October 5	21	October 11	5
October 6	22	October 12	6
	2 KINGS	October 13	7
October 7	1	October 14	8

Be a Friend

by Naomi Burrell

Young people, do you realize there are young people on the other side of the world that want your friendship? Of course you have friends in your own community, county, and state, but wouldn't it be fun to have one on the other side of the world? These young people overseas are yearning for a friend in America. They are busy with their lives, like you, but give them a chance to share a small part of their lives with you and you with them.

Missionaries aren't the only people who share their friendship with young people on the other side of the world. Young people just like you can be a missionary. All you have to do is write a simple letter. It may seem like a job, when you sit down to do this, but when a letter comes from the other side of the world, then you'll know it was worth your time. It is just as thrilling for them to receive your letter as for you to receive theirs. The spiritual blessing is even more important!

I would like to share part of a letter I received from A. O. Eke, Ahoada, Nigeria, West Africa.

"Your years has come to my knowledge in accordance to your statements. And I thank the Almighty Father to have brought the young ones of your type to receive the gospel message like this. May you follow me to 1 Cor. 1:10. (Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.) That would be my advice to you all.

The church in this town seems to be very large. And we have many young ones of your type. I have your letter to many of them. The F.Y.C. here have shared their greetings to you and all. . . ."

Young people, there is someone waiting on the other side of the world to be your friend. Don't wait another day to share your friendship with him!

Teen-Age Triumph

By Neal Neitzel

"Something has to be done about these wild, destructive kids!" I recently muttered. The cause for my concern was the damage done the previous night to a nearby park pavilion.

"They shouldn't be allowed to drive cars," grumbled a neighboring friend the next afternoon. We were talking about the new rash of teen-age vandalism when a souped-up sedan crammed with noisy reckless kids went whizzing down the street.

A day later we had something else to complain about—the local S.P.C.A. (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) was being abandoned for lack of community support.

"What's going to happen to all those mutts and mongrels that the humane society has been looking after all these years?" I asked.

My neighbor shrugged: "Too bad. Not that I blame the people who've been running the kennel for quitting. You can't expect them to keep on losing money on the operation year after year."

Talking about the problem was all we did. It was all other adults living in our town did, too.

But a group of high school students did more than talk. They approached the middle-aged couple who operated the animal shelter. They offered to help care for and exercise with the homeless pets at the kennel.

They went further. They decided to stage a public "dog show." They went around from house to house and from store to store selling tickets. The show was put on at the local park pavilion, the same one other teen-agers had wrecked not long ago. Those hard-working kids cleaned and repainted the park building. They had a sell out for their "dog show" and made enough money to keep the animal shelter operating for a long time to come.

I think it is worth mentioning when a group of teen-agers can make the kind of headlines our local paper gave their triumph. And I know my neighbor and I were wrong to condemn and criticize today's youth as a group. After this, we won't let the rash and wrongful behavior of a few unthinking rebels take anything away from the good to be found within the majority of our young people.

—Lighted Pathway

Ahoada, Africa, FYC Leader Reports—



camp meeting ● projects ● pen pals
● business meetings . . .

Brother John E. Orie, Leader of the Ahoada FYC, sent us an excellent report on the work in Africa, with snapshots to supplement. The two letters that follow very clearly depict the zeal and enthusiasm of our foreign brethren in carrying out the commission given to all of us.

"Dear Sister Linville:

In fact it is really a pity to delay your letter of 27th January, 1964. Though the delayance was due to the following reasons. Firstly, as I was waiting to enclose with our group picture taken during the Camp meeting. Secondly, as I was waiting for the inauguration of our first rally in the year, which was duely held last February ending due to much responsibilities confronting various members of the FYC. I hope you will forgive by seeing the photograph. I have also enclosed with a particular picture of mine, the Leader of the group.

To start with, the Campmeeting held at Ahoada on the second week of January was very solemn. This group played an important role in order to challenge other youths. Moreover their leader, John E. Orie, was selected to be the songleader. The camp assisted by two others from Aba and Ekpeye Districts respectively. In short, everyone received a sufficient blessing. After the Campmeeting, another meeting of FYC personalities were held as we are trying to constitute a National FYC in Nigeria, and I was elected acting General Secretary while Elder I. Okpuiji was elected acting Chairman. After tabling many matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Well, let's return home to our local FYC news.

When our first rally was held this year, the following were elected officers for the year. Vote of confidence were passed on the Chairman and his Vice; that is, Jonah Nwobodo (Chairman), Peter Ejukwu (vice Chairman), John E. Orie (Leader), Jepheth N. Orie (Assistant Leader), Luke Omodo (Secretary), Enoch Sunday (Assistant Secretary), Elinah Acheju (Financial Secretary), Dinah Wokocha (Assistant Financial Secretary), Evelyn Nwobodo (Treasurer), Job Ejukwn (Key Holder).

We are having a total of 25 members, though we had enlisted 14 junior boys whose age are from 11-9 years, just to train them up in serviceable way for the Lord's Service because the Scripture says that we should train a child in the way he should (go) for when he is old he should not

depart from it. I shall send their names for registration next time.

Here are some of our activities. This group of FYC played host to Mr. L. E. Tikili, a headmaster newly transferred to our Church of God Mission School in our town. They helped to carry his loads for a distance of 3½ miles trekking the distance to the School Compound. We scrubbed the Church floor, cleaned the glass door and windows, washed the benches and the table clothes, during our clean-up program. In other program we cut grass around our village, and everyone admired the work done in the Mission and in the village as a whole.

In fact, Sister, the children are trying. Only I am thinking if they will not withdraw as many of them have finished their primary courses and are facing the problem of unemployment. As our Mission cannot provide some means to absorb them, and no plan for same. However, your prayers and aid are earnestly needed. Twelve members from our group had received a letter from Naomi Burrell, FYC Chairlady of Fairview, Oklahoma, acquainting them of their members for pals.

I shall have plenty to write you as from next month. How is your work in progress? I wish you God's guidance till when I write next.

J. E. Orie"

More Recent Report

The following letter is a more recent report of Ahoada's activities as reported by Brother Orie. It will be of particular interest because it reports on their business meeting.



First row left to right: Meacy Ezeukwu, Enoch Sunday, Mbadwe Ucheju, Mary Samuel, Marther Eke, Philisia Khanimea, Rosatine Benjamin, Beatrice Adiola, Comfort Thomas, and Elinah Ucheju (Financial Secretary). Second row from left to right: John E. Orie, Jonah Nwobodo, Jepheth N. Orie, and Peter Ejukwn.

Third row from left to right: Dinah Wokocha, Beatrice Orukwowa, Michael Ewo, Clement James, John Godpower, Luke Omodo, Israel Krammer, Joshua Eke, and Job Ejukwn. Members absent were Evelyn Nwobodo and Andrew Patrick.

"Dear Sister Linville:

Kindly accept greetings. Thank you for the Manual and Constitution sent. We are making a great use of them.

Our news: The FYC in Idu-Osobile met in the last week of June to hold their business meeting. The meeting which was opened by 7:30 p.m. (Nigerian Time) was addressed by J. E. Orie, our Business Leader, after which P. T. Ejukau offered the opening prayer. Many matters of vital importance were discussed, among them were the method to use in order to facilitate our evangelical campaign in our area and beyond. This they concluded to buy some film which they

will show to the people wherever they go in order to attract their attention, and each and every member have to give some offering in order to buy one. Before anything be gone, the Constitution and Manual were discussed in detail, of which every member vote in favor or support of it, as we want to adopt the same method used by our brethren of identical faith overseas.

They have also resolved an outing this will include visiting the elderly, the sick, etc. They had also resolved to have a Bible Class, where the teenagers will be taught the doctrine of the Church of God and other Bible lessons. And arrangements had been made with our Local Church Authority for a Young People's Servicing on the Third Sabbath of each month.

We are asking if it will be possible for us to join the Mark of Merit Program or is it only for Churches that way.

Before the meeting came to a close at 11 p.m. in the night, the following officers were elected for the next six months: Chairman, Peter Ejukwu; Vice Chairman, Jonah Nwobodo; Business Leader, Brother John E. Orie; Secretary-Treasurer, Job Ejukwu; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Enoch Sunday; Choir Leader, Joshua Eke; Assistant Choir Leader, Jepheth Orie. All these officers will act on their respective posts as from July ending when another business meeting will be held.

May God be with us all. Amen.
J. E. Orie"

These reports from Brother Orie certainly indicate a willingness to do anything they can to help in the Lord's work there. May we, here in America, have the same desires for

the work of God's Church. As a result, may we aid the progress of the work both here and in our foreign lands.

Let us remember these dear people in our prayers daily and in so doing, let us not forget to remember our missionary team that is being sent to our foreign countries that they may accomplish much in our foreign fields.

—Jewell Linville

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"Charity is a loan to God. If you like the security, make the loan."—Young

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"JUST SUPPOSE"

By Alma Belden

Just suppose our Lord should come today

From above us up in Heaven,
And we had no time to pray
Or to ask our sins forgiven.

Would you be ready if He should come

Before another dawn?
Jesus says be watchful;
The time is almost gone.

Just suppose there were no time
To kneel again and pray.
Could you say, "I'm ready, Jesus;
I said my prayers today??"

We must never fail to watch, He said.

We know not when He shall come
To gather loved ones to the fold
For their last journey home.

Let us look toward our Saviour
Ever faithful—watch and pray.
For just suppose we weren't ready
And our Lord should come today!

Majoring in Minors

by Cecyl Fischer

I STOOD on the banks of the American River earlier this summer at the site of the gold discovery that started the stampede west in 1848. As I stood watching the restless waters I remembered the many tales I had heard of the gold rush and the old west, when thousands had flocked to these very hills at the mere possibility of finding gold. As the tales go, many left their home and occupations at a minute's notice to search for treasures in gold, taking up the cry, "California or bust." Suddenly my thoughts were interrupted when a little boy nearby looked up at his father and said, "Daddy, are there any fish in here?" I couldn't help smiling to myself. Here was a boy, standing where gold had been discovered, and thinking only of fish.

When one enters college to work toward a degree he must make a decision what his major course of study will be. Today's colleges stress the "well-rounded education." Educators feel that besides those subjects pertaining to their vocation professional men and women should have at least a conversational knowl-

edge of a variety of other subjects. A geologist, for instance, should learn perhaps a little math, a little history, maybe a language or two besides his major subjects. Thus educators have in their curricula both required and elective courses. This is a good system, but never have I known any individual to earn a degree by taking electives only. A person must have a major; in a sense—a goal. If he takes a "hodge-podge" of courses with no major in mind he may go to school for years and years and never earn a degree.

In life also we each must decide what our major will be. What is your goal? What is really most important to you? Is it money, is it notoriety, is it friends, is it God—or is it maybe yourself? Too many of us go through life never deciding what kind of person we want to become; thus we become virtually nothing but a blurred copy. With the preacher, we are pious; with society we are sophisticated; with an educator we are educated; with a gossip, we are a gossip. We become like the chameleon, changing colors as we change surroundings. Teenagers especially tend to do this and how it limits their influence. The sooner we decide what

we wish to be, the sooner we will become a useful individual, not a follower, but a leader.

To be an individual—dependable, predictable, sure of our goals, is so important. These are the people who stand out—in business, in club work, in the church, even at home. Can a person furnish and decorate a room successfully without first deciding what his color scheme will be and what style of furniture he wants? Perhaps a friend has a French provincial sofa in burnt orange that he likes, so he buys one like it. Another friend has an ultramodern butterfly chair in lavender, so he buys one like it. A third friend has some lovely rose-colored drapes, so he matches them. It's obvious what the outcome will be. Not only will his colors be outrageous, but the furniture will not be proportional nor will it fit well in the room, except by accident. The buyer has two choices—live with it or replace some of it and lose money in doing so. Indecision is a great spender, a great hindrance to progress. Had the decorator made a poor decision on a room scheme, he would have done better than making no decision at all.

Young people, decide what your major is in life. This doesn't mean you can have no other interest, no hobbies. These are your electives. But your electives must harmonize with your major goal. There is no reason you must be grouchy because someone else is or vulgar because someone else is. Be an individual.

The most important decision a person must make is between sin and the Saviour. If you choose sin then you will have many other decisions to

make but if you choose the Saviour many of your decisions will be made already.

Don't go on thinking, "Well, I'd like to serve Christ but then I think I'd enjoy smoking too." No college would ever say, "Oh well, let's give him a degree. True, he didn't decide on a major, but he went to school so many years." Neither will God reward indecision.

But maybe this is too tough for you. Avoid the decision. Play around. Enjoy yourself and don't think about what's really important. You may catch lots of fish, but you'll never gain that crown of gold.

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Though language forms the
preacher,
'Tis good works makes the man.
—Eliza Cook

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THE WORKER

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"And fellows like Bob are spending their days trying to get the message across to 'rock-heads' like me," Jerry thought. Right then and there Jerry's decision was made. He vowed that he would do all in his power to make the social worker's dream come true.

Jerry softly, and quietly said another prayer, but this time it was different; this time it was answered. As the ambulance pulled away, Jerry picked up Bob's jacket and put it on; Jerry was now at the helm, and Jerry knew that with the help of God, he would help make the dreams of the worker come true.

FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

ENTHUSIASTIC FYCers AT CENTRAL DISTRICTS CAMP MEETING

On August 14 many FYCers were among those who began to gather at Stanberry, Missouri, from various parts of the country for the Central Districts Camp Meeting. From the first day until the last the young people were "busy as bees." Participation was emphasized and a large number of young people were in every service of the camp meeting.

The day started with youth morning worship at 7:00 a.m. Next they had a Youth Convocation in which timely topics and problems concerning teen agers were discussed. Question and answer periods were held with Elder Ray Straub as Teen Counselor. The young people then attended the morning preaching service in the tent.

After lunch they usually played soft ball and then attended the afternoon preaching service. Choir practice was from 4:30-5:30. Youth Pursuits were scheduled after the evening services. The highlights were a scavenger hunt, watermelon feed, horse show, and song fest.

One afternoon the young people visited a priest training school and Catholic convent located near here which is the largest in the United

States. The young people found this very interesting.

Young people attended from as far west as California, as far north as Canada, as far south as Texas and as far east as New York.

The youth appreciated the presence of Brother Rufus Nwatuwegwu at camp and visited with him often. He participated in several of the youth activities and was a spectator at others.

The camp meeting was a real blessing. You should plan to attend camp meeting at Denver next year.

—Dale Lawson

What is "National Youth Week"?

Youth Week is a week when young people are used in the church program in almost every way. It is a week of special services for young people conducted by those who know young people well. Read the article on page 18. Youth leaders, be sure to write for your booklet on suggestions as noted on page 19. (This year Youth Week will be September 24-27.)

FYC Picture Yearbook

A yearbook of pictures of local FYC groups can be made available if you express an interest in this.

Otherwise, the project will be dropped.

Please appoint one person from each area to be responsible for letting us know the sentiments of your particular group on this matter. Individuals are also encouraged to write in.

Approximately two pages could be given to your group. We hope to include many youth camp pictures. The cost would be about \$3. If you are interested, (1) LET US KNOW, (2) Appoint a reporter from your group and start gathering your material.

Free to Youth Groups

Free handbills are now available to your group if you wish to advertise FAITH FOR OUR TIME in your area. Space is provided on the handbills for the local time and station to be written in before distribution.

Tri-FYC Fellowship in Dakotas

On August 1, the Alfred Church of God was host to the Eureka and Kulm churches in an all-day meeting for the first service under the new pastor, Elder Melvin Sweet. In the afternoon a variety of numbers were presented in two parts, the second of which was the "Harvest Time" program printed in the 1964 FYC Yearbook. Since the program was given just prior to the grain harvest in this area it had a special meaning and was well received. An offering of \$36.94 was taken during this program and was donated by the Alfred FYC to the Foreign Missions Team. The chairman of the national Y. P. Department, Brother Elden Fischer, was present for the day's services.

Rewarded for Good Attendance

For the second time in succession the Marion Church won the revolving plaque for having the most young people present at the Oregon state FYC meeting.

At this meeting a film, "Born to Witness," was shown. There was a good attendance.

FYCers aid Foreign Missions

The Lodi, California, FYCers presented several beautiful numbers in connection with the program presented by the children's Sunshine Choir. After the program they sponsored a pie and ice cream social with funds designated to go to the foreign missions department.

Weekend Retreat

The New Auburn FYC group enjoyed weekend retreat services at the Heavilin cottage on Gull Lake the first week in June. It was a blessed time of fellowship and meditation. An interesting by-product of this was the fish fry they held on the day of their state conference, serving many of the fish they caught during this weekend retreat. The offering received for serving this dinner was used to help with transportation expenses to youth camp.

A Worthy Cause

The Stanberry FYC group, still working toward their \$1,000 goal to help with the expenses of the Foreign Missions team, sold beef weiners after the evening services at the Stanberry camp meeting. Their stand was a popular spot as many gathered for

a refresher and visit before retiring. And all the proceeds for such a worthy cause!

FYCettes Retreat

The Sacramento FYCettes spent the weekend of July 31-August 2 in the beauties of God's great outdoors. Christian fellowship and fun were enjoyed as Sabbath school services, baseball, games, and hiking filled a very busy week end.

Publicizing Faith for Our Time

A recent very worthwhile project promoted by the Eureka, South Dakota, FYC group is that of publicizing Faith for Our Time programs in area newspapers.

Cause for Defeat

by Walter E. Isenhour

The things that spell a man's defeat
Are not so much what he may meet,
Like words that cut and burn and sting
That jealous men and critics fling;
Or stumbling-stones that foes may lay
To cast him down along life's way,
Or opposition to his plans
He never fully understands.

Defeat more often dwells within
When men decide to live in sin;
When they possess a jealous soul,
Or fail to practice self-control;
Or yield to unbelief and doubt,
Thus shutting heaven's blessings out;
When they are out of God's good will,
Then drift in spirit down the hill.

Found! at Sagmount Youth Camp

Many, many things were found in the rooms at Sagmount before the director checked out. Some are large, some small, some old and some obviously brand new. We have them all. If you left anything there that you would like returned, write Elden Fischer.

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If someone classes you with fools and cranks because you pray, read, and believe the Bible, and won't conform to the world, the flesh, and the devil, just tell him that cranks turn machinery and get things done.—Walter Isenhour

Witness with Gospel Tracts

Tracts are not for only door-to-door gospel workers and for ministers to use. Each of us should be acquainted with our tracts, ready to hand them to a friend when conversation leads into a Bible subject. Are you acquainted with the free tracts available?

THE FOLLOWING IS OUR COMPLETE TRACT LIST:

Free Booklets

The New Birth
Steps to Salvation
The Ordinance of Baptism
The Second Coming of Christ
Has Time Been Lost?
Palestine, Jews and Bible Prophecy
The Doctrinal Beliefs of the Church of God (7th Day)
The Ten Commandments
The Time Element in the Crucifixion and Resurrection
The Punishment of the Wicked
Which Day is the Lord's Day?
Wondrous Grace
The 1,000-Year Reign
About Face
Should the Seventh-Day Sabbath Be Observed?
The Change of the Sabbath
The Signs of Our Times
What Christians Should Know About Easter
Christmas Investigated
The Destiny of the Earth... Destroyed or Restored?
Where Did Christ Go After His Ascension?
Scriptural Examination of the 1844 Investigative Judgment Doctrine
Tithes and Offerings
The Bible and Man's Food
If a Man Die—
Does He Still Live?

The Observance of the Lord's Supper
Which Day Is the Lord's Day?
Rich Man and Lazarus

Free Leaflets

Our Modern Crime Wave
Bible Baptism
World History Foretold
The Next World Dictator
Is the Bible True?
Jesus Is Coming Again
The Only Way Out
Keeping Fit Spiritually
Adam's Apple
A Real Love Story
Forty Reasons Why the Seventh-Day Sabbath Should Be Observed
Faith and Repentance
Legal Advice from Heaven
The End of the Law
God's Libel Suit
The Devil on the Spot
The Law of God Versus The Devil's Scrapbook
Religious Surgery
Danger of Counterfeits
God's Memorial
Two Appointments with God You Must Meet
The Resurrection of Christ Not on Sunday
The Return of the Jews
What Must I Do to Be Saved?