

Have You Been Paying Attention??

In case you haven't—or even if you have—you're invited to sit in on a session of our "Question Box"!!

Question: Is "AIM for Goals" a general term—or does it refer to something specific?

Answer: "Aim for Goals" refers to a specific program which the National FYC initiated for the purpose of gaining 250 new subscriptions this year through the cooperative efforts of local FYC's.

Question: What type of plan has been formulated in this effort?

Answer: This promotion is divided into three phases, one for each third of the year.

Question: How many phases have been completed and what are the requirements of each phase?

Answer: Two phases have been completed:
Phase I encourages each local FYC group to see that each youth in their church is an AIM subscriber.
Phase II encourages each local group to give to or solicit from other young people in their area at least *ten* new subscriptions to AIM.

Question: Have worthwhile results been reached thus far in this program?

Answer: Oh yes! Several groups have rallied to an enthusiastic effort. —BUT, 100% cooperation is needed.

Question: Is it too late to complete these first two phases?

Answer: No. We divided this year into thirds for a more organized effort in each phase; but no strict deadlines are set. Our sole objective is to reach (and even surpass) our goal of 250 new subscriptions.

Question: What are we supposed to be doing now in Phase III?

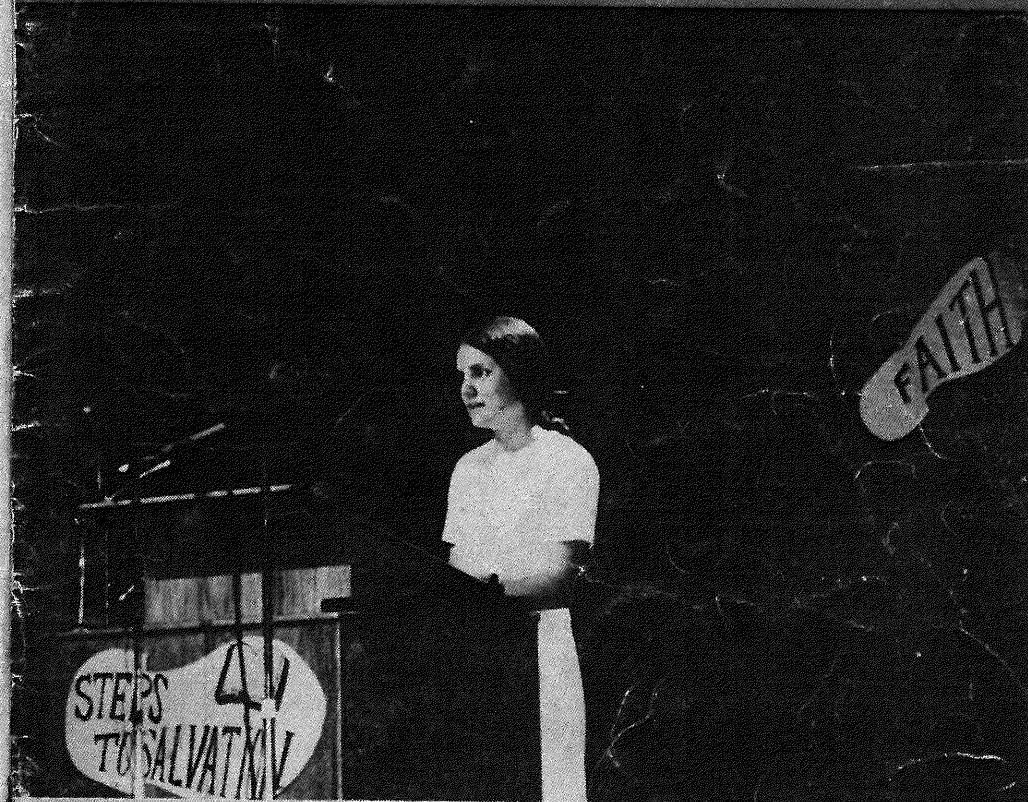
Answer: Each local FYC is asked to join with the Bible Advocate Press in the fall subscription campaign with specific, planned efforts to boost AIM subscriptions. Watch for forthcoming suggestions from your National FYC office.

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Cover picture: During the youth rally, "Steps to Salvation," Pat Jones, from the Hammondville, Alabama, FYC group, is singing, "It's in Your Hands."

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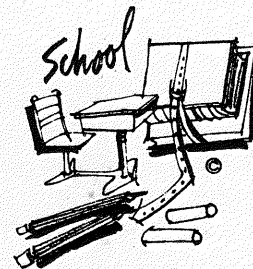
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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL



Back to School

by Clyde W. Buxton



NO WORDS ARE spoken more joyously than when a student exclaims, "School is out!" The very thought of laying textbooks aside and forgetting assignments and tests for three or four months enralls him. One who has been in the classroom for nine months is due a change of pace; he should have a vacation from the school routine. Nonetheless, a vacation cannot last forever, for one must return to learning, to mental development, to preparation for life. He must return to school to be educated.

The reasons for training are myriad. Someone has said, "Everyone should learn all he can and should can all he learns." A sage by the name of Addison stated: "I consider a human soul without education like marble in the quarry, which shows none of its inherent beauties till the skill of the polisher fetches out the colors, makes the surface shine, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot and vein that runs through the body of it." The road from the first grade to the twelfth may get rocky, rough and winding; the going may become slow, but still this road must be traveled. To take a side road anywhere along the way is a wrong turn of the worst kind. There is never a shortcut to a full life.

Nor should one terminate his studies upon receiving a high school diploma, but he should diligently strive to attain a college degree. Some high school seniors plead that they just cannot use four more years of their lives in training. "Why, I would be twenty-one by the time I received a degree," one may reason. And this is true! However, the question is, How old will he be four years from now, whether or not he goes on to college? Now I did not take modern math, but according to my ancient mode of calculating, he will still be twenty-one—and I had rather be twenty-one with a college diploma, than without one!

A student may not stand at the head of his class, but he ought to be studious. Winston Churchill facetiously spoke of his school days when he wrote in *Roving Commission: My Early Life*, "By being so long in the lowest form I gained an immense advantage over the clever boys... I got into my bones the essential structure of the ordinary British sentence—which is a noble thing. Naturally I am biased in favor of boys learning English; and then I would let the clever ones learn Latin as an honor, and Greek as a treat." Churchill did learn English well, and he left numerous books as a monument to his studiousness.

It is difficult to imagine a good Christian being a poor student; for like oil and water, those two concepts just do not

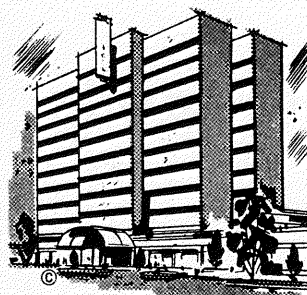
mix. One owes it to his Christian testimony to be thorough and conscientious. Most students are not brains, so-called; for there are not many geniuses. Students who make good grades are those who have good study habits and constantly forge ahead, seeking out new truths. Mel Larson makes the ten following suggestions for being a good Christian student in his book, *For Teen-agers Only*: (1) "Set Yourself a Schedule." (2) "Make Some Solid Friends." (3) "Keep Yourself Healthy." (4) "Do Your Home Work." (5) "Get Into at Least Two Extracurricular Activities." (6) "Make the Most of Your Dates." (Make them constructive) (7) "Take Part in Your Class Activities." (8) "Plan Now for Tomorrow." (Missionary work? Take languages. Science? Hit the math subjects hard...) (9) "Keep Up With Your Church Activities." (10) "Remember Christ in All You Do."

The high school and college student can be a dynamic force for Christ on campus. In the midst of profanity, vulgarity, and even denials of God's existence, the dedicated Christian will be a glowing light for God with words fitly spoken and with a life consistently lived. Unsaved students, bobbing in the sea of sin, desperately need the lifeline of Christian hope—they must not be failed. The cross of Christ, lifted up on campus through tracts, personal witnessing and godly living, will make the erring ones cogni-

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From the Wall of Ten Towers

By Harvey Lee Earl



loved ones, and who enjoy that liberty denied to the imprisoned, are really blessed. Behind the wall of ten towers we usually go unheeded, however loud our cries for surcease from the pressures that could engender bitterness and cynicism.

Yet in taking stock of my own previous short-comings, I found an inner answer which I feel might be beneficial to any young reader who is troubled. The best way out of adversity, is to accept it calmly, bravely, and try to learn from the slings and arrows of actual living.

Let us look at the useful statement made by David, a man who had known great adversity in his life. He said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes" (Psalm 119:71). Certainly we can say that adversity is not a stranger to most people, but it may bring out the best in ourselves and in others whom we know suffer the slings and arrows of what Shakespeare called Dame Fortune.

Adversity therefore, if rightly understood, can purge out

Readers of this fine magazine for young people have possibly read that I have been imprisoned for over nine years. Although I often think about being restored to my place in society, there is a blot and a blur of years filled with impressions I consider worthy of passing along.

In the first place, while prisons are essentially destructive, there is much time to think and in following the current trend of the times, I often dwell on young people who have inherited a rather wobbly world of doubts, of anxieties and other worrisome matters. However, those among you who have

the dross, dissolve the barriers of selfishness, and promote in God's people courage, soberness and that greatest of all things, living Hope.

It is permissible for me to quote again, in this way: "What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are not nearly as important as what lies WITHIN us." I don't recall the author or source, but it seems to me

to be a very important message, and especially to one in prison, where there is so little to sustain the spirit of goodness that all thinking persons would nourish.

May each reader of these few words take heart: when adversity strikes, accept it calmly, face it bravely, and try with all your heart to learn from whatever the situation.

God's Great Love to Me

By Carol Coulson

In this great big world of ours there is much wisdom and power with men. In my short experience in life, I have found that there is even One that is greater than these—the Lord God is the greatest of all.

I can testify that God does love me and has loved me throughout my life. One experience with my God was at the age of eleven. The doctors said that I had an acute attack of rheumatic fever. I was quickly taken to the hospital and upon arrival was given my first shot for this illness. In the next two days several tests were taken and I received more shots.

After all this, there was no change in my condition. So three of our ministers came and laid hands on me and prayed for me. Someone in that room

had faith, because the next day when the doctors came to check me they could not find anything wrong as my God had healed me. The doctors, still in doubt, ran more tests and continued with the shots—23 shots to be exact—all in the one week in the hospital. After coming up with negative results the doctors said that I might as well go home, for God had truly healed me.

At the time of my illness, I hadn't thought much about God; but four years later at the age of fifteen, I repented of my sins, accepted my Lord and was baptized. In this God truly "did a wonderful thing for me one glorious happy day; God did a wonderful thing for me when He took all my sins away!"

Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

As I send this question, the time for the opening of colleges and universities is quickly approaching. I doubt you can answer this question in time, but it might be helpful for future reference. This boy I have been going with and I attend the same university which is more than a day's drive from here. We would like to ride together in a car, but it will mean that we will be on the road overnight. Do you consider that this is proper?

ANSWER:

While I recognize that times change and many stuffy taboos are falling by the wayside, I must respond to your question by saying that I do not consider it proper for two young people who have been going together but are unmarried to take a two day's trip together in a car without any other passengers. You would be well advised to make other plans, either to get other passengers or to take the trip separately. What you gain in convenience here is hardly worth what you might lose otherwise.

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



QUESTION:

A short time ago a Youth Team came to our church to present a program, and I was really impressed with the quartet. One of the members caught my eye, in particular, and I'm wondering if you could help me get in touch with him so that I could get to know him better. He can really sing!

ANSWER:

I probably could, but I won't since this kind of activity is not in keeping with the purposes of the column. However, since it is his singing that impressed you, I would advise that you buy one of the quartet's records which can be had by writing to the Youth Department, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. A donation of \$4.00 will get you back in touch with the music.

If you have a problem, you are encouraged to write to: Aim, Box 158, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. Questions requesting a personal answer through the mail are honored, as well as those for print.

QUESTION:

I would like to have you comment on a problem that you have surely seen before. It happens all too often in our youth activities, including summer camps, outings, etc., that there are always two or three boisterous people whose behavior is uncomfortable and makes it look bad for the rest of us. We never have as much fun as we might because they can't control themselves. Because they always get into trouble, the rest of us lose liberties, and while they act like they are having more fun than anyone, they are really ruining everything for most of us. Is there any answer to this kind of problem?

ANSWER:

If there is an answer I would like to see or hear it. You describe people who are more of a problem to themselves than they are to you. Until their inner conflicts can be worked out, they will continue to involve others.

Most of these people are inner weaklings. They don't have the strength to respond to the discipline of those around them, so they try to make up for it by trying overly hard to impress others with their "courage" by ignoring rules and authority. They are sure that no one likes them, and so they constantly behave in such a way that their mis-

The most Christian thing anyone can do is strictly to mind his own business in regard to the private affairs of other folks. Nosey people just don't realize that their morbid curiosity about other human beings' behavior screams to enlightened minds about them, that these "snoopy" individuals are always "missing the bus" in their own pattern of living.

—Dr. Galen Star Ross

deed will prove their point.

The most effective cure lies with the group itself. Most of these boisterous youth delude themselves into thinking that the group appreciates their behavior, that it is only those in authority that disapprove. They conclude, that everyone feels like they do, that supervisors and counselors are only there to keep everyone from having a good time. So, they try to show their courage and gain acceptance by exposing their leaders.

Too often the groups are too hesitant to show their disapproval of the misdeeds of the unbehaved. If those who really appreciate orderly activities would make it real clear that they agree with the leaders, and that they do not appreciate the rowdiness, it would do much to curb this unpleasantness.

Young people who want to see camps and other activities run smoothly should get together and discuss amongst themselves how they can help to keep order and to support the leadership. They should determine how they can approach the boisterous young people themselves, assuring them that they are welcome and accepted without having to pull all of the silly shenanigans that only make things worse for everyone. If some of the overactive can be given positions or assignments of responsibility, it often helps.

Teen Guidelines

Forbidden Love

By Dorothy Best Rains



LINDA LOVED CHIP deeply. She knew he loved her too. But did this love bring her the natural joy which accompanies love? Did it give her satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment? Linda's love for Chip did none of those things. Instead it brought a sense of guilt, of secret shame. For Chip had been to reform school twice. His friends were older, rough fellows. Linda's parents forbade her seeing him. Even her girlfriends said she was *crazy* to fool around with him.

Love under a cloud is a difficult thing to deal with. Linda couldn't understand her attraction for Chip, and she was so ashamed of disobeying her parents that she couldn't talk about her problem to the adults who might have helped her.

Sometimes you may think yourself in love with someone with whom you should not be. If this happens to you, ask yourself honestly these direct, pertinent questions.

First, is this really love, or is it simply a youthful crush? During his sophomore year in high school, Jim considered the girls his age pretty silly. They

wore hair in exaggerated high fashion, and giggled over everything. In contrast, his American literature teacher, Miss Thompson, was a wonderful person to know. She read poetry to the class with her lovely low-pitched voice, and she opened to them new areas of thinking. Jim read more books that year than he had in all the former years put together.

Sometimes he stayed after school just to talk to Miss Thompson, and he found himself thinking about her nearly all the time. Jim wondered if this could be love. The follow-

ing summer while he worked as a box boy in the supermarket, Jim discovered a girl his own age who liked to read, too. She reminded him a lot of Miss Thompson.

His friendship for the teacher lasted during college years and into his later life. Sometimes he went to see her and frequently expressed his gratitude to her for introducing him to the pleasure of good reading.

What Jim experienced for Miss Thompson was one of the normal stages of development in the pattern of love. Young adolescents may love first an older adult of their own sex, then a contemporary of their own sex, then an older adult of the opposite sex before they are ready to love a contemporary of the opposite sex.

Second, ask yourself if this is really love or rebellion. Maureen began going with Anthony, a boy whose nationality and religious background were very different from hers. In deep concern, her parents objected. But she persisted, insisting that she loved Anthony and that love could bridge the gap. Life at home became a continual debate ending often in tears and bitter words.

Then Maureen's younger sister became seriously ill with spinal meningitis. The parents naturally devoted all their attention to securing treatment for the child who was ill. When Maureen realized her parents weren't opposing her anymore, suddenly the tremendous attrac-

tion for Anthony dissolved itself. It wasn't *love* but rebellion. Teen-age revolt often shows itself in clinging to someone of whom one's parents have expressed disapproval. Tread carefully; even marriage has resulted because youngsters wanted to get away from parents' domination. These marriages are rarely happy ones.

Third, is the person you love inaccessible? *Sometimes* young people who are really afraid of love and marriage, fasten their affections on a love which is impossible.

Dick had five dates with Mary Jane when he learned that her parents were leaving California to move back to their former home in Pennsylvania. Dismayed, he confessed to Mary Jane that she was the first girl he'd seriously liked, and he couldn't stand having her move away.

He promised to be true to her, and she returned the promise. For the next three years they wrote each other every day. The summer after Dick's freshman year in college he tried to save enough money to go back to Pennsylvania. Unfortunately he couldn't save for that and his sophomore year in college too. Finally, he faced the fact that the relationship was a dead-end street. He couldn't live on letters all through college. It isn't normal to continue to love someone whom you'll very likely never see again.

When Dick asked Candace for a date, his father expressed the relief the whole family felt.

"We'd about decided you were *afraid* of girls so you carried on a big romance with a girl three thousand miles away!" Love-by-long-distance isn't exactly *forbidden* love, but neither is it healthy. People change over a period of months. Dick and Mary Jane would have discovered that three years apart is too long. Too much separation forms its own kind of cloud.

Sometimes, too, Satan pursues a fine teen-ager and gets a good foothold to cause confusion and sin. Consider any married person as completely inaccessible.

Karen frequently was called to babysit for the Greshams. Mrs. Gresham was nervous and irritable. But her husband was kindness itself. When he drove Karen home after she had been babysitting with the Greshams' two little girls, Karen found she could talk to him—*really* talk. Before long, Karen began refusing dates in the hope that she'd be called to babysit at the Gresham's. The friendship with Mr. Gresham became more important than any in her life.

Troubled, she sought the help of a Christian psychiatrist. Under his guidance she saw both the futility and danger of such a relationship. Wisely, she did her babysitting in other homes. She decided not to expose herself to temptation again. If you should ever find yourself considering *this* kind of love under a cloud, read and memorize 1 Corinthians 1:13. Pray earnestly and flee as though your life depended on it. It may!

Love is such a wonderful emotion. It gives a sort of magic glow to all of life. It should be enjoyed freely when it comes, reaping the sanction of family and friends. True love, blessed of God, will develop depths of understanding and creativeness. You'll be a finer, richer person in all your other relationships when real love comes.

In your eagerness to enter into this experience, do not settle along the way for love under a cloud. Do not give to a forbidden relationship those sacred treasures you should save for the one you'll marry.

—Selected from *Teen Time*

A CHRISTIAN WALK

by Paythe Piper

A walk with Christ

Is very right and proper, I would say,
So why don't we start our walk with Him today?
If we seek peace, with Him we'll find it.
If we seek love, What greater love can be
Than the love Christ gave
When He laid down His life
For you and me?

CANADIAN DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP

The Canadian District Youth Camp, held August 11-15, turned into one of a provincial nature as all the campers were from Saskatchewan. The camp was held at beautiful Candle Lake, some 80 miles west and north from Nipawin.

Twenty-five campers and four staff members were in attendance. The church tent was brought into use as a meeting place, and five cabins were rented for sleeping accommodations.

Separate morning classes were held for Juniors (age 8-11) wherein we discussed God's armour, piece by piece, as described in Ephesians 6: 14-17. The Senior class held doctrinal discussions at this time.



Campers and four of the staff in front of the tent. Brother Nimchuk taught a class of the older campers in the tent each morning. Some interesting discussions took place at the sessions. Morning worship and evening services were held in the tent daily.

Youth Camp

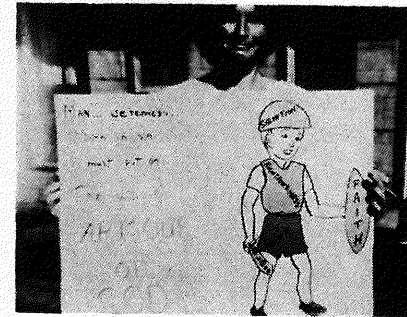
Canada--

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A well-filled question box was emptied one evening as each inquiry was given due consideration.

All the campers looked forward to recreation time when swimming in the often white-capped waters of the lake was the order of the day.

It was felt that the camp was a very successful effort and nearly all participants are looking forward to camp time again next year.



Dorothy Nimchuk holding poster used in her class. Looking closely you will detect that it depicts the armor of Christians.

DISTRICT NO. THREE YOUTH CAMP

Camp Pa He Tsi became a flurry of activity by about mid-afternoon of June 15th, as campers arrived in the Ozarks region of Missouri.

In keeping with the tradition of prior years, among the last to arrive was the group from Colorado, logging some 750 miles in an old school bus appropriately dubbed "Old Yella." As "Old Yella" yielded her load of energetic young people, complete with bed-rolls and luggage, our camp began to take on some semblance of completeness.

It wasn't until the next day that a

carload from Wisconsin discharged its tired crew. It was on this day that things began in earnest. It was then when golden moments began, when everyone sat down under the trees and on logs to share together the Word of God. It was then that the crafts and ball games and fireside services got under way.

The camp had many highlights. One was when the youth team arrived bringing their bright songs of inspiration and Bible truth. All the campers were truly inspired by the participation of the youth team in the camp program. Especially exciting was the ball game in which the camp defeated the youth team in a close and challenging conflict. A second highlight was when the whole camp embarked on a boat ride around the Ozarks, taking in some of the Missouri beauties and hearing a narration concerning some of the old historic spots.

The greatest highlight of all, however, was the baptism of nine campers into the watery grave, and their choice to walk in newness of life. Those who actually made their decisions for the Lord amounted to nearly twenty, many of them returning home to be baptized there.

When the week was over, it was very, very hard to realize that the time was gone so soon. With heavy hearts at the prospect of saying goodbye to camp friends, many boarded their vehicles to head back to their churches and their families to serve the Lord with redoubled effort.

Even yet the kids talk about their experiences! May it continue to have a lasting influence in their lives.

LEFTOVERS . . .

From Oregon Youth Camp

What's the one sure way to ruin a ball game, a dip in the pool, or a youth camp in general? Just let it rain, right? Wrong!!

Through a week of almost solid rain, the youth attending the 1969 Oregon Youth Camp enjoyed what many felt was the best camp yet. (It's rumored that even the counselors had fun!)

Every year, some of what I feel have got to be the most talented, thoughtful, and easy-to-get-along-with kids, gather at beautiful Silver Creek Falls to fellowship and exchange ideas. Spiritual blessings fell like the rain as Harvey Fischer, Nathan Lawson, Glenn Tilley, and Ray Benight headed up an all-star cast of teachers and counselors, while Will McGill directed one of the best organized camps I've attended.

The key word is interested! Whether in sports, spiritual matters, or a personal problem you just had to get off your chest, there was always someone who was willing to listen; to take a personal interest in you!

The planning for what is promising to be the best camp yet has already started. I hope it is true in all districts as it is in ours. The youth of the church are starting to really move. Be a part of it! Come to Oregon Youth Camp in '70! I guarantee you'll make friends. There are over 150 campers and counselors who want to meet you!

—Loren Stacey

Great! Terrific! Fabulous! Words can hardly describe my experiences as a camper this summer at Oregon Youth Camp. God was very wonderful to us.

Although it rained almost continually for five days and six nights, the spirits of the campers were not dampened in the least bit. It would seem to me that limiting the activities almost completely to the indoors would greatly reduce the effectiveness of camp, but this wasn't the case. The young people came to camp anticipating a blessing and they were not about to let anything stand in the way of their receiving one.

As I recall the first Oregon Youth Camp, which was back in the year of 1960, it really thrills my heart to see that in nine short years the number of campers has more than doubled. God has truly blessed our camp abundantly

Youth camps have always been a great blessing to me. Meeting new friends, the fine Christian fellowship, and drawing closer to our Heavenly Father, are my reasons for attending camp. The Lord willing, I hope I'll be privileged to be among those attending youth camp next summer.

—Bob Dais

CHARACTER

**It isn't the tranquil and placid seas
That bring out the sailor's skill;
It's the winds and waves that pound
his ship
And toss it about at will.**

**It isn't when life itself is calm
And skies are serene and blue;
It's the storms you meet without
defeat
That bring out the best in you.**

**Life's storms are really a test of skill,
And surely we'll find someday
That the honest test brought out the
best
And cast all fear away.**

—E. Jay Ritter in **Sunshine**

The Boy --and the Man

by Mike Weir

The cool, clear water of the Sea of Galilee lapped gently at John's feet as he stared over the broad expanse of water; and as is a usual occurrence with a young man of sixteen, his mind was not with his body. In reality, he was standing on the shore of Galilee, but his mind in reverie carried him to faraway places brimming with adventure. He was in just such a state of mind when a figure stepped up behind him.

"John, watch out!!"

On hearing the scream, John instinctively cast himself to the ground, and as luck would have it, the ground happened to be a foot underneath the water.

John slowly rose, dripping wet, and turned to face a figure bent over him in convulsing laughter.

John gritted his teeth, "Galio! I might have known it would be you. Do you not have better things to do than picking on people and causing trouble?"

Galio was known as the town

bully, so this was no new experience for him. He was getting full enjoyment out of seeing John stand there dripping wet. He paused in his reveling and sneered at John, "What is the matter? Did you not need a bath?"

John made a move toward him but was halted by Galio's upraised hand.

"Hold it, John! Remember now, your father is a leading man in the synagogue of Capernaum; and if you were to hit me... Oh my! How it would reflect upon him!" Galio, it was clear, was mocking John and trying to cause trouble.

John's face was flushed, not from anger, but from shame. "I'm sorry, Galio. Please forgive me for allowing my temper to get the best of me. I'm sorry I acted so foolishly."

"What do you mean?" Galio gasped in bewilderment. "Don't you remember; I'm the one who scared you and caused you to get wet. The law of Moses says

to return eye for eye and tooth for tooth. Are you not going to fight?"

John smiled, "I guess the natural thing for me to do would be to strike back, but would that help? I have a cousin from Nazareth who has taught me that we should not repay evil with evil, but to repay evil with good. He says that God wants us to love all men."

Galio grinned, "Boy! Wait until I tell the other boys. Imagine! I made you look like a fool and you didn't fight back. Why do you not avenge? Are you a coward?" Galio tried to laugh, but he felt strangely exposed to John's warm smile. He had to suppress a sudden feeling of envy and admiration for John's stand. All of a sudden it seemed that his own action was foolish and John's was noble. He was confused and wanted to run away.

This time it was Galio who was shaken from his thoughts. "Galio, why don't you come to my house tomorrow to meet my cousin? He is coming from Nazareth to stay with me for a short time. I'm sure you would like him. He will tell you of things which will help you understand why I acted as I did."

A sudden flush crept over Galio's face, and he struggled to maintain his arrogant countenance. "You must be kidding, John! You know my reputation in the town, and you know the effect this would have on my friends if they were to find out. Why, I would be made a joke

in the city. I am sorry. I had better go now."

He turned and had walked only a few steps before stopping. Without turning, he spoke, and his voice wavered with emotion, "John... I... I will come and see your cousin tomorrow."

The next day John and his cousin were talking in the garden when Galio appeared through the gate.

"Hello, Galio! I am glad you came. This is my cousin from Nazareth."

Galio had already built an image of John's cousin in his mind, and he had almost expected an older man with a handful of books. This person was a young man, no older than himself. He felt relieved and yet disappointed. "How could this young man," he thought, "know any more about people than I do?" He vowed to himself that he was not going to budge; but instead, he was going to make a mockery of this young man.

As the day progressed, however, Galio was to become entranced by the beautiful words of John's young cousin. He gradually yielded his sour disposition to a feeling of rapt admiration and awe. "Your cousin is wonderful, John. He speaks with authority."

The three boys talked late into the night and all the next day until John's cousin returned to Nazareth. When Galio finally left that day, his mind was brimming with the exciting new teachings of this marvelous

young man. He was determined to exercise these lessons in his daily life... and that is just what he did.

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It had been many years since John's cousin had gone home, and Galio had become a changed person. He had put into practice the teachings he had heard. Now, when Galio's name was spoken, it was in regard only to his kindness and love for humanity. He had come to be a respected person in his community.

In keeping with the Jewish custom, at the time of the feast in Jerusalem, Galio made arrangements and departed for that city.

When Galio drew near to the city, he noticed a mob of people moving toward a place called Golgotha, and three men were carrying crosses. As the crowd drew nearer, Galio's heart turned to stone as he looked at one of the men... it was John's cousin. His mind was temporarily numbed by the scene before him. Doubts should have crossed his mind as to the character of this man, whom he had once known and trusted; but for some reason, he was certain of his impeccability. His momentary shock was replaced by an overwhelming desire to fall in front of the soldiers and plead for the nails to be driven into his hands and to have the pain imputed to himself instead of this man. He realized the uselessness of such a venture

and so hastened to follow the crowd to the top of the hill where the three men were being crucified. Galio was stunned at the spectacle and his eyes were filled with tears. Someone tapped him on the shoulder. It was an old man.

"Did you hear what he called himself?" The old man's voice was strained and distant, and his gaze was intently fixed on the center cross. "He said he was Jesus, King of the Jews. Did you know the man?"

"No," Galio said, "I did not know the man, but I knew the boy, and I am sure I would have loved the man."

PET PEEVE

by Jessie Truman

There is a thing
Annoys me much!
Folks clippin' nails
When they's in chu'ch.

The sermon has me
All alert.
A snip behind me
Makes me jerk.

And when I get
All settled back.
Another clipper
Goes snap, snap.

I wonder what
The preacher thinks.
And if his morale
Somewhat sinks.

To see his flock
A clippin' nails,
When of his words
They should avail.

Wisconsin Midweek

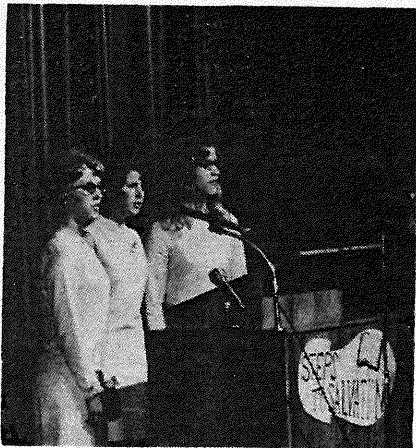
1969 YOUTH CONFERENCE

Huron, South Dakota

On Friday night, July 11, one hundred and thirty-three young people gathered for a short devotional in the youth building of the Huron, South Dakota, State Fairgrounds, initiating the largest youth conference ever held in the Church of God. More young people attended this *first* weekend than had ever before been present for even the last weekend of conference.

The first Sabbath of the Huron Conference saw the youth attendance climb from 133 to 175. Then the attendance held constant throughout the week until Thursday at which time it made a sharp increase. On the evening of Thursday, July 17, 225 young people attended a banquet and special service.

The spiritual aspect of the youth conference was especially thrilling.



A former Spring Vale trio is seen here contributing their number to the youth rally, "Steps to Salvation." Members of the trio are: Betsy Schlenker, Jan Towery, and Debbie Schlenker.

General Conference and Camp Meeting FYC Activities

Praise God for this spiritual success. Several young people gave their lives to Jesus Christ and made known their desire for baptism. Others expressed a feeling of God's call into full-time service in His church.

The spiritual level of the Conference was indicated by the young people's excellent participation in the youth services. Every service throughout each morning was well attended. Even the 7:15 a.m. devotional service averaged well over one hundred for each morning throughout the week. The other services averaged about 150 in attendance. Since the youth program was not set up on a "district competition" basis as has been done in previous years, this made these excellent attendance records especially significant.

Several young people stated that their favorite functions of the conference were the morning doctrinal workshops, and the evening devotional service. Letters of appreciation have been received for these features.

Recreational Thrills

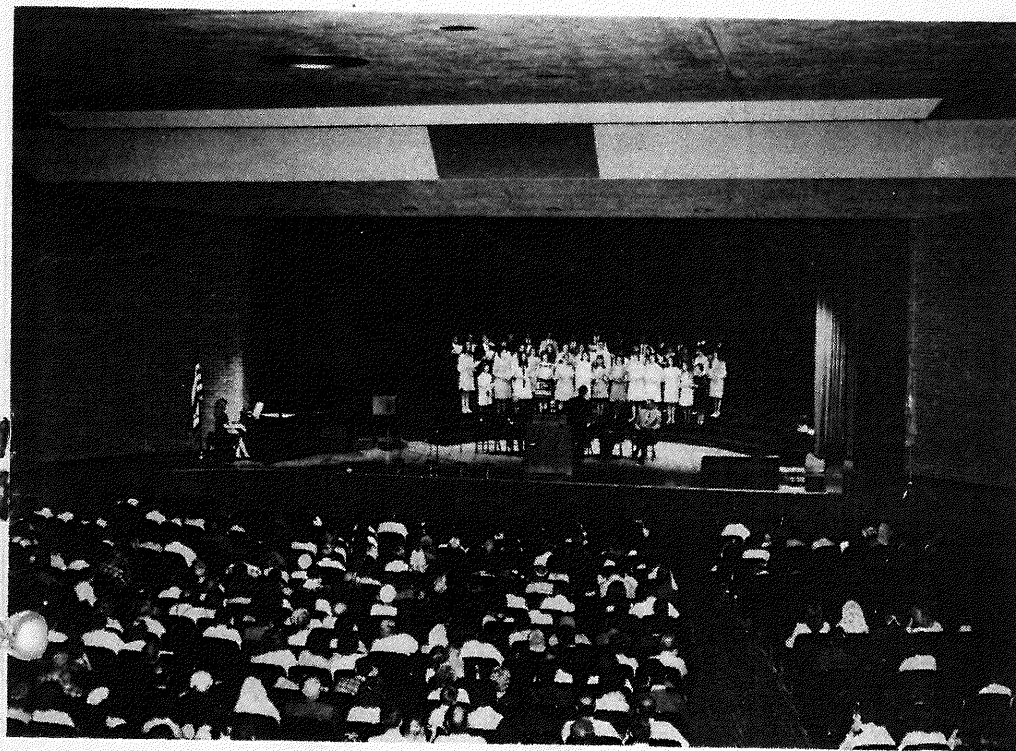
Our recreational program during the week centered around lively soft-

ball games each day. The young people thrilled to exciting catches, long

FYC Business

The very important business of revision of the national and local FYC constitutions was accomplished by the national FYC at the Youth Conference. New committeemen for the National FYC committee were elected as recommendations to be appointed by the Executive Board. The new committee consists of two new members: Bob Dais of California, and Elder Melvin Sweet of Alabama; and two former members, Brother Ken-

An impressive scene at this year's General Conference was the choir rendering their inspiring numbers under the direction of Brother Gene Price. The beautifully lighted stage added to the grandeur of the occasion.



neth Knoll of Texas, and Elder Dale Lawson of Missouri.

Reports were given concerning the National FYC work and progress. An outstanding promotion of the National FYC magazine, AIM, was given by Hope Dais, AIM editor, and Jewell Linville, national FYC secretary-treasurer.

Special Features

A banquet sponsored by the Young People's Department and held at the Plainsmen Restaurant banquet room, will long be remembered. Guests of honor were Elder Robert Coulter, chairman of the General Conference, and his wife; Elder Nelson Caswell, member of the Executive Board and overseer of District 3, and his wife; Sister Hope Dais, editor of AIM magazine, and her husband; Sister Jewell Linville, national FYC sec.-treas. and her husband; the members of the Sacred Melodies Trio and their husbands, and the members of the National and Leadership Committees for the national FYC. Elder Nelson Caswell was guest speaker, and featured singers were the Sacred Melodies Trio and the Challengers Quartet.

"Steps to Salvation" was the theme of an inspiring rally sponsored for the entire General Conference on the last Sabbath afternoon of Conference. Those steps were portrayed in song with Elder Calvin Burrell, member of the National FYC Committee, doing the commentary between each package of songs.

Each afternoon one couldn't help but observe a stream of visitors flowing toward the concessions stand sponsored by the national FYC. The stand served not only as a little haven from the heat and thirst, but was

also profitable to the department in a financial way.

An attractive "Booth for Youth" graced the area near the door of the main conference room for General Conference. Information about the youth work, AIM subscriptions, FYC sweaters, long-play albums, program materials, and booklets were found at the booth.

It seems appropriate to mention again the record-breaking attendance for the youth programs of General Conference. One cannot help but praise God for sending so many youth to the meeting. This is just one of the indications of God's tremendous blessings to His Church.

Looking Ahead

Already we are looking ahead to General Conference and the youth programs for 1971. It is not too early to begin making plans to be there. God is blessing His church and you may receive tremendous blessings as you involve yourself with His church and its programs.

Praise God for the YOUTH OF THE CHURCH.

ADMITTING MISTAKES

**How often when we blunder,
and are filled with guilty
shame,**

**Do we invent excuses, and
attempt to shift the blame!**

**But when we make mistakes, I
find it's sensible and wise
To honestly admit them, and
omit the alibis.**

—Mary Hamlett Goodman

Meet Your Committeemen

Daniel Camero was born and reared in Saginaw, Michigan, where he was active in the Young People's organization. He graduated from Midwest Bible College in 1967, then moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was assistant pastor for the St. Paul and the New Auburn, Wisconsin, churches. He is presently pastor of the Alfred, North Dakota, church and sponsor of the Young People's group there.



You Christian teenagers are here today because somebody dared—someone was daring enough to act, to stand for that in which he believed, and to act convincingly enough so that we might take a second look at this thing called RELIGION!

It is a shame that too many young people in the world today are not like their forefathers who came to this country, because these were a people seeking FREEDOM OF RELIGION, not FREEDOM FROM RELIGION, like so many people are doing today. These were men and women of faith and they believed that the God they sought to worship would be with them and give them victory over hardships.

They dared the unknown for the privilege of being the kind of Christian they thought they should be. And today you can dare to be a living temple for the glory of God because you will be strong and courageous and because you will have a purpose in this life!!

I want to mention at this point that where there is a hesitancy to stand up courageously for his belief, the teenager is not all to blame! The example setters, parents, or adults, have done their part to train and prepare the teenagers to stand alone. Somehow it seems today that too many of our Christian brethren have lost their sense of daring, their nobleness of spirit, their vital concept of purpose.

But does the average Christian today DARE to stand up for what he knows is right and just? Does he dare to support his belief or his church?

Too many parents encourage their children to participate in school functions that are worldly and do not encourage them enough to take the responsibility of being a true WITNESS, a worthy son or daughter of our Heavenly Father.

It doesn't take much daring to *forget* what we believe in, and it doesn't take much daring to follow the pattern of those around us, so let us continue steadfast in those things which we have learned that we may always please our Heavenly Father!

I got in the way

By Bramwell Tripp

We have to talk. It is our way of expressing ourselves, of communicating with others. But like many necessary and good things, talking can be carried to extremes. It is possible to talk too much, to say more than we ought to say. The tongue moves with greater ease the longer it runs because as it runs it bears less weight of thought.

A small scene in Luke's Gospel illustrates this truth. Perhaps, as so often happens, the picture will serve as a mirror in which we will see ourselves reflected. In the scene, a man approached Jesus and said, "Lord, I will follow Thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."

He started with the right word; he called Jesus "Lord." At a time when others were calling Him a teacher, a rabbi, even a tool of the devil, this man gave Jesus His proper title. Je-

sus was, and is, Lord.

While acknowledging that calling Jesus "Lord" is the correct form of address, we ought to recognize that Jesus was not satisfied with words, even the right ones. Responding to sentimental allusions to Himself and His mother, Jesus said, "Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." To the wordy, He gave this warning: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven." True it is, however, that "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord," and the man who addressed Jesus on this occasion started with the right word. He called Him "Lord."

He continued with the right intention; He said, "I will follow Thee." Intention, or purpose, is important. This man planned to follow Jesus. He knew that to follow Jesus involved movement. Jesus is moving; we who intend to follow must move with Him. This is an on-going process involving the whole man: body, mind and spirit.

Everyone needs a great cause—a

great idea to engage the imagination, a great objective to call forth our best efforts, a great love to which we can surrender passionately. This would-be disciple had found the Greatest Cause, the Highest Ideal.

Unfortunately, while he started with the right word, and continued with the right intention, he ended with the wrong priority. After calling Jesus "Lord," and declaring his good intentions, he went on to say, "but let me first go . . . home." There it is: *me first!* "I" got in the way.

Jesus made it plain that such a man is not a worthy disciple. Jesus requires primary loyalty, complete allegiance, absolute dedication. Some may think Jesus' pronouncement on this occasion too harsh. Should not a prospective disciple be allowed to say good-by to his family? The few words into which this incident is packed allows for no descriptive details. If we knew all the circumstances, we would undoubtedly see the appropriateness of Jesus' action. This incident, and the two which precede it, are told for one purpose: to impress us with the supreme importance of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom which demands first place in my affections and yours. Too often we fail to surrender self. The "I" gets in the way.

The poet, Shelley, had a dream in which he saw himself thwarted time and again by a masked figure. He was working at an engaging task, and the mysterious stranger snatched it from him. He came into great wealth, and the same scoundrel in the mask stole it away. Shelley was about to be married to a beautiful girl, and the interloper suddenly appeared and stopped the ceremony. Frustrated and angry, feeling that he must end the

meddling once and for all he leaped at the intruder and tore the mask from his face, only to recoil in horror when he saw that the man who had deprived him of work and wealth and love was himself.

"I" got in the way. How often the story is the same. We say the right words, entertain worthy intentions, but self and selfishness thwart the fulfillment of the best. When our relationship with Jesus is involved, there can be but one Master: Christ. Don't let "I" get in the way.

—*The War Cry*

BACK TO SCHOOL

(Continued from page 4)

zant of the living, vibrant Saviour, and will attract some to Him.

Therefore, as the student returns to the classroom this month, his purpose for being there will be twofold. First, he will go back to further his training: learning more about persons, places, and things. Even in this, his ultimate goal will be to serve Christ. I overheard a twelve-year-old praying his prayer: "Lord, help me to be a good student now, so that I may grow up to be a well-trained worker for you." The other reason for returning to school this fall should be to let Christ's light shine forth, to let others know by one's attitude and testimony that he is following the Lord. A youth who is a good student and a good Christian is a mighty important and rare person these days.

—*The Lighted Pathway*

Youth Doctrine Corner

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



CHURCH FINANCING

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 17

... **"The Bible plan for financing the church's work of preaching the gospel is for its members to pay tithes and give offerings. The tithe is one-tenth of the increase and should be paid as a part of the Christian obligation. Offerings are separate from tithes and are also expected from God's people as another part of their Christian duty and are to be given freely and liberally as they are prospered of Him."**

Tithing Was in Effect Before the Law of Moses Was Given

- ... **Abraham's example** (Gen. 14:20).
- ... **Jacob's promise** (Gen. 28:22).
- ... **Origin of tithing before Moses or Levi** (Heb. 8:9, 10).

Tithing Principle is Taught in the New Scriptures

- ... **Statement of principle for both old and new dispensations** (1 Cor. 9:9-14).
- ... **Tithing taught as in force for today** (Heb. 7:2-10).

Tithing Is a Part of God's Eternal Law

- ... **To not tithe—violation of the eighth commandment** (Mal. 3:8-10). (Exod. 20:15).

Change from Tithing Principle is not Made in the Bible

- ... **No scriptural nullification of tithing.**

Giving of Offerings is a Biblical Principle for our Day

- ... **Offerings to be given freely and cheerfully** (2 Cor. 9:6, 7).

The simple life costs so little and pays off so much that liberated folks who have learned how to live are astonished at those who still believe that keeping up with the Joneses is the secret of all happiness.

—Dr. Galen Star Ross

Denver Youth Retreat

Weekend with God

The Denver Weekend Retreat began August 8 when 25 young people gathered at the church before sundown and departed for the mountains for a weekend with God.

Upon arrival, the ensuing moments might be dubbed the "Bed Rush of '69." Everyone scurried to find a bed; but a few of the less fortunate found themselves abandoned to a sleeping bag on the floor.

Later, having settled down for a cup of hot chocolate, we sang choruses and felt God's presence among us. It was so peaceful to sing praises to His name high in the mountains where God seems just a little nearer.

For Sabbath preaching service, we were honored to have our assistant pastor, Elder Ronald Sanders, speak to us. On Sabbath afternoon, we all went up to the "Top of the World" park, where Brother John Sell helped us feel closer to God as he talked about His creation while using samples of nature to illustrate his point. Some walked around among the beautiful trees to talk things over with God.

After our tiring walk in the mountains, we all welcomed the opportunity to go back to the cabins for a short rest. There followed another welcome opportunity—that of enjoying a pizza supper prepared by Sister Wilma Caswell.

Evening devotions were enjoyed around a beautiful fireplace. Choruses were sung, testimonies were shared, and again we felt God's presence.

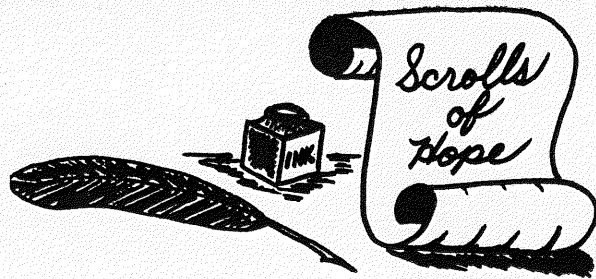
In a submissive attitude, we gathered in a circle for prayer, then closed with a chorus.

Sunday morning was our last service and we were honored by the presence of Elder Caswell whose message touched the heart of all of us as he talked about the physical and spiritual applications of water.

As always when a group of lively young people gather together, our weekend was not without some moments of exciting fun. We might mention that beautiful moment when, just when we needed her most, our president got stuck in her sleeping bag. Then there was Saturday night just as everyone was getting in the mood for sleep, when suddenly—BOOM!—a bed in an upstairs bedroom had given way. Needless to say, it was some time before the excitement died down and the mood for sleep again took over. One could hardly leave out those last exciting moments just before we left for home when a water-fight erupted. Even if you were a mere bystander, it was pretty difficult to stay out of the action!

Having enjoyed these two days of Christian fellowship and fun, we all left for home feeling a little closer to God. The Denver FYC group is so thankful to God for allowing us to spend the weekend with Him—in a beautiful setting which told us God couldn't be anything but *real*. We hope you may discover God as we did.

The Denver FYC



A SUCCESS—BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY SUCCESSFUL

Recently two young men in Greensboro, North Carolina, had a contest to see who could drink the most wine. One of the two drank three quarts of wine and won the contest . . . but lost his life.

His motive was to win the contest; and we cannot deny that he was successful in accomplishing this. —But is he a success?

In referring to a young man's or young lady's vocation and position in life, the word successful is often used—"Oh, yes, their son is a real successful businessman." The question remains—"Just *how* is he successful?" If his is a false standard of success, though the end results are not as instantaneous as with the wine-drinking winner, the consequences of his "success" are just as real.

Mark 8:36 puts it this way, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" We can easily conclude, then, that in shaping our lives for the future, the decisions we make must be made with more far-reaching consideration than just what would make us the most successful socially, materially and financially. Without the precious treasure of Christ's love, which brings salvation to the soul, we are "indeed of all men most miserable."

We may find ourselves desiring to attain some particular goal. It is ours to ask the question, "Is it God's version of success, or this world's version?" Attaining a satisfying degree of success in this world is a healthy goal for each of us. However, only as that success is gauged and regulated and planned with eternity's values in view, can it be correctly evaluated.

Obviously, the true value of success depends upon the nature of that success. A girl may be successful in becoming popular at school; but if that popularity costs her a compromise in purity, she is totally unsuccessful.

A girl may be successful, in the eyes of others, in landing that "dreamboat" for a husband; but if the marriage is not built on love,

she has been unsuccessful.

A boy may be successful in becoming a star athlete; but if, in order to gain that success, it was necessary to compromise God's Sabbath plan, is he truly successful?

Young people find themselves reaching for success in scholastic grades, in extra-curricular activities, in civic activities. In all of these comparatively short-range attempts at success, God must be a partner.

Just as these smaller endeavors need to be weighed for the resulting consequences, so also we must look ahead to the consequences of the more lasting decisions and patterns which our lives take.

As one looks ahead to college—and/or further—to the choice of employment of some kind, the tendency may be to measure success in terms of the money and social prestige attained. However, in order to be a real success, a proper balance must be considered. If our lives are truly yielded to Him, we will find ourselves including Him and His work very vitally in the most important plans we make—the place to live, the type of work to do, the sort of environment in which to place ourselves. These decisions must not be made in an attitude which includes our religious life as an incidental. Rather, the opportunity for effective living and effective service for our Master should be foremost in our consideration as we pattern our lives.

I wish you success—and I mean successful success—the kind upon which God will smile.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

WHAT I WOULD DO IF 21 AGAIN

by Ruth Smeltzer

Ten things I would do if I were 21 again, and had the perspective I now have:

1. I would speak so distinctly that there would be no danger of my being misunderstood.

2. I would be extremely careful not to appear to notice physical defects in others.

3. I would not be a borrower of small things. One can so easily forget to return them.

4. I would "remember my Creator in the days of my youth." That would bring present pleasure and eternal happiness.

5. I would cultivate the ability to tell the exact truth.

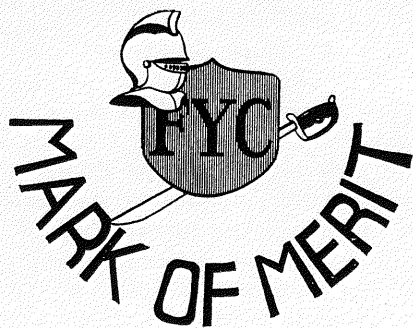
6. I would be careful about making promises, but when I did, I would keep them to the letter.

7. I would use one hour a day for concentrated reading or study, even though it might not all be done at the same time.

8. In taking directions from my employer, I would be sure of understanding them. I would ask to be allowed to repeat them orally if they were intricate, so there would be no chance for a mistake.

9. I would not grieve over lost opportunities, but would try to create new ones. I would do more than I was paid for. If I had intentionally or unintentionally offended anyone, I would ask for forgiveness, however hard it might be.

10. I would take success humbly, and failure bravely. Sel.



by Nathan Lawson

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD." These words, ringing out from God's Word through the ages of time, are more than a warning—much more. They are your privilege, young people. These words challenge you to live a life that will be worthy of God's Eternal Kingdom. Jesus is coming again—this is a fact that cannot be denied. Let us count it among our blessings that we have been asked to "prepare to meet our God."

This can only be accomplished in a dedicated life of service to God. We want all our youth groups around the world to have such dedication. This is why the Mark of Merit program was established. We want your FYC Group to have guidance into real service for God.

Following is a list of Mark of Merit participants through the 2nd Quarter, 1969. Is your group listed among those who are working for Christ through this National FYC Program?

FYC Group	Mark of Merit Pts.	Bonus Points
Hammondville, Ala.	310	344
Sacramento, Calif.	330	311
Stockton, Calif.	310	237
Lodi, Calif.	330	32
Ontario, Calif.	285	336
Bloomington, Calif.	320	432
Los Angeles, Calif. (Sp.)	245	
Eureka, S. D.	330	365
San Antonio, Tex. (Sp.)	305	125
San Antonio, Tex. (Eng.)	330	388
Elmira, Ore.	320	288
Wichita, Kans.	330	138
New Auburn, Wisc.	320	249
Kansas City, Mo.	320	119
Alfred, N. D.	330	206

Fort Smith, Ark.	275	31
Marion, Oregon	330	126
Tahlequah, Okla.	320	175

Following is a list of FYC groups that sent in good 1st quarter reports, but failed to send in their report for the 2nd Quarter. These reports will still be accepted if sent in soon.

Claremore, Okla.	145	91
Houston, Texas	105	
Tacoma, Washington	160	
Oklahoma City, Okla.	140	35
Midway, Okla.	195	43
Denver, Colo.	180	10

As young people, we do not need to wait until tomorrow to be a part of God's Church. We need to be a real working part of it today. Every young person that has ever been introduced to God's Church, needs to, himself, be a real active part of this Church today. You can do that by becoming active in your local FYC. Help your group to be a part of the Mark of Merit Program.

If your group is not involved in this program in 1969, plan to be active in 1970. Start planning and working now. Write to the National FYC office for information.

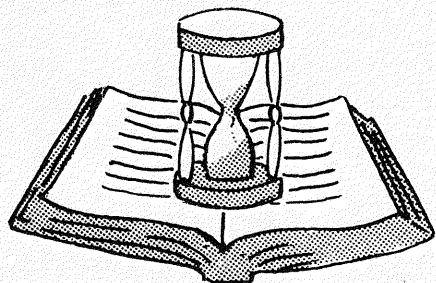
PROJECT OF THE MONTH—October

Place a FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS emblem sticker on every car that is owned by members of your local church. These should be placed inside and on the back window of the car. You must get permission of the owner first. These stickers are available from the National FYC office for 25¢ each. Write to Dale Lawson, National FYC, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. These little stickers could do much in advertising our church. We hope that every FYC group will complete this project in October.

THE STORY goes that one week Henry Ward Beecher had to be absent from Plymouth church, and his brother preached for him. The auditorium was crowded, but when it was evident that the eloquent Henry Ward Beecher was not going to appear, many started to leave.

The brother of the great man was not disturbed. Calling for silence, he said, "All who came this morning to worship Henry Ward Beecher may leave now. The rest will remain to worship God." No one left after that.

2T₄G - Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

MY BIBLE AND I

Sept. 15	Psa. 115
Sept. 16	Psa. 116
Sept. 17	Psa. 117
Sept. 18	Psa. 118
Sept. 19	Psa. 119
Sept. 20	Psa. 120
Sept. 21	Psa. 121
Sept. 22	Psa. 122
Sept. 23	Psa. 123
Sept. 24	Psa. 124
Sept. 25	Psa. 125
Sept. 26	Psa. 126
Sept. 27	Psa. 127
Sept. 28	Psa. 128
Sept. 29	Psa. 129
Sept. 30	Psa. 130
Oct. 1	Psa. 131
Oct. 2	Psa. 132
Oct. 3	Psa. 133
Oct. 4	Psa. 134
Oct. 5	Psa. 135
Oct. 6	Psa. 136
Oct. 7	Psa. 137
Oct. 8	Psa. 138
Oct. 9	Psa. 139
Oct. 10	Psa. 140
Oct. 11	Psa. 141
Oct. 12	Psa. 142
Oct. 13	Psa. 143
Oct. 14	Psa. 144

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh!
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm!
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary and death e'en was nigh!
But all through the darkness of mist or, wrong,
I found there a solace, a prayer, and a song.

So now who will part us, my Bible and I?
Shall isms or schisms or "new lights" who try?
Shall shadow or substance or stone for good bread
Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Oh, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

—Selected

The words of God's Holy Book certainly do grow dearer to us each day as we read and study it. If the Bible were ever taken from us, or if our sight were to grow dim in years to come, the comfort and peace found within the sacred covers would still rest on our hearts. If we have hidden His Word in our hearts and minds, it will be indestructible. That is why it is so important to read and learn from the Word while we may.

The psalmist so aptly described our love for the Bible in Psalm 119. "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart" (vs. 103-105, 111).

"THANK GOD I HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN!"

A Testimony by Gary Leroy Short, age 15

I was baptized on April 16, 1969, for the remission of my sins, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was a glorious moment of truth and confession of my sins as I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

My life before I was converted was a very unhappy one. I have lived in several homes since both my parents are dead. I realize now that the reason things didn't work out for me in these homes is mainly because of my extreme temper (which I possibly inherited).

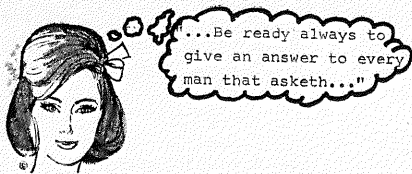
When I turned to Christ for forgiveness of my sins, I asked Him to take away my temper and make me an easy person to get along with.

I remember the scripture which says: "... If any man be in CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). The "old me" passed away in the watery grave when I was buried with Christ in baptism. I am a new person now, and am learning more every day how to control my temper, and to not get mad and say ugly things to those who love me the most and are trying to help me.

I have been BORN AGAIN! Just as Jesus said to Nicodemus: "... Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

So many people consider baptism as a routine, instead of the link which unites man with God, but with me it meant an eternal union with Christ. I once was lost but now I am found. The Lord has saved me and given me a good home with Pastor and Mrs. Terril D. Littrell. I just hope that they will let me stay with them forever, because they are so good.

It is hard for me to understand about the teachings of the Church of God. I have been raised to believe many things differently. Pray for me.



MINUTEMAN

By Jan Pedersen

Here it is September already and for most of us, school has already started. This means applying ourselves to the most important part of school—our studies.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

Ecclesiastes 5:1

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Acts 28:27

John 4:14

2 Samuel 22:3

James 1:27

Romans 5:18

In our rush and flurry of getting ready for school each morning, oftentimes the most important assignment is neglected—the assignment of having our personal devotions.

Of course, our devotions should not be a “have to” but because of our love for the Lord, we should do it voluntarily. The Lord must not be neglected. He is a helpful source of strength. He can help us understand our homework and, most of all, He will make our day much brighter.

While we are meditating with the Lord, let's not forget the memory verse cards. Just a minute or two each morning will help us learn the verses and be Minutemen for the Lord.

QUIZ

Define love as spoken of in 2 John 6. Quote the whole verse. Quote the verses that describe the judgment and second coming of Christ. 2 Peter 2:10; Hebrews 9:28; John 12:48; John 5:28, 29. How does Peter speak of the origin of the scriptures? 2 Peter 1:20, 21. Define an anti-Christ. 2 John 7.

Complete the following verses and give the text:

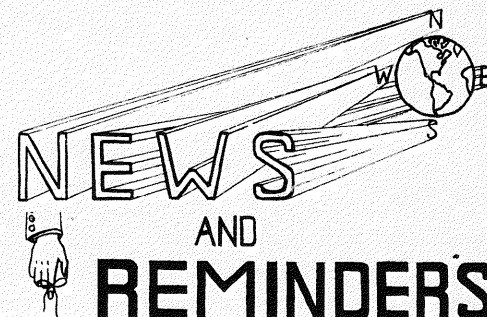
1. “Nevertheless, we according to his promise...”
2. “My Spirit shall not always...”
3. “Let not sin...”
4. “Neither yield your members...”
5. “He that committeth sin...”
6. “Whosoever is born of God...”
7. “For it is impossible for those...”
8. “And have tasted...”
9. “If they shall fall away...”
10. “Whosoever transgresseth...”

National FYC Mail

All mail intended for the National FYC Office should now be sent to Elder Dale Lawson, 316 North Willow, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. The summer address is no longer in effect.

Aim for Goals

From all appearances, AIM FOR GOALS, 1969, will be very successful in its efforts to increase the circulation of AIM magazine. However, if we are going to be sure of reaching our goal of 250 new AIM subscriptions, we still need your help. Every FYC group should have already completed phases I and II in AIM FOR GOALS. If you have not completed these phases, you should still do so. Plan now to become involved in phase III by joining with the Bible Advocate Press in its fall subscription campaign. If all FYC groups complete all phases of the AIM FOR GOALS program, we will



witness a great new work in the gospel through AIM.

Phase I—Encourage each FYC member in your local group to be an AIM subscriber.

Phase II—Give to or solicit from other young people in your area at least *ten* new subscriptions to AIM.

Phase III—Join with the Bible Advocate Press in the fall subscription campaign.

Special Opportunity

Is your FYC group having trouble finding ten young people outside the

local FYC group to whom they can send AIM? If so, we would like to offer you the opportunity to complete Phase II in AIM FOR GOALS. Send to the National FYC Office for a list of names of young people who want to receive AIM but are unable to do so. Your FYC may sponsor some of these young people in completion of the AIM FOR GOALS program.

A Job Well Done

Thanks to the Eureka FYC on its promotional work for the youth program at General Conference. The success of your effort can readily be seen when we notice the large record-breaking group of youth who attended conference.

Commendation to the Hammondville and Pomona FYC Groups

The Hammondville (Ala.) FYC said they were going to sponsor all their FYC members to General Conference—and they did! However, they are not the only FYC to assume this project. The Pomona (Calif.) FYC made a special effort and most of their FYCers were at Conference. Congratulations for a fine job on a fine project. See you all in "71"!!

We would also like to commend the Pomona FYC for presenting an interesting and inspiring play after one of the evening services. Thanks again.

New National FYC Committee

The young people at General Conference elected the recommendations for the new National FYC Committee—and all their recommendations were

appointed to the committee. The committee is as follows: Dale Lawson, Chairman; Melvin Sweet, Ken Knoll, and Bob Dais, committeemen.

Congratulations to the new committeemen. May God guide you in every thought and deed for the promotion of His gospel through the Young People's Department.

Appreciation

We extend a note of appreciation to the committeemen, Calvin Burrell and Glen Tilley, who will not be serving another term. Thanks for your excellent work and God bless you in your work for Him.

Sweater Alert

The supply of FYC sweaters in the small and medium sizes is running low—so if you still want a sweater in these sizes, you should order quickly. Send to National FYC, 316 N. Willow, Stanberry, Mo. 64489.

Youth Missions Tour

The 1969 Youth Missions Tour has been completed. Look for a full report in next month's AIM. Remember to pray for the Young People's Department.

IF I WOULD WIN

If I would win life's battle over the cycle of years,
I must try to overcome all underlying fears,
And face today with confidence, and bear my burdens well,
And give of self to others, for with others I must dwell.

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