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"Go forward—cost what it may.
 We have no armor on our backs."

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Cover photo: Dennie Morse, FYC leader at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, leads a Sabbath afternoon youth rally, "The Fountain of Youth." Shown in the background is the attendance banner won by the Ft. Smith group at an Oklahoma State Youth Rally.

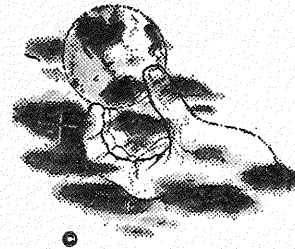
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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

Creation

by Sandy Werley



In the beginning
God created earth—wholesome, clean and free.
Seeing that His work was good
God created man and gave him dominion over all He had created.
God presented him with a beautiful, luxurious garden, biblically known as the Garden of Eden.
It met every need of man; only one thing was he denied
—to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Selfishly, man was not satisfied and he ate thereof.
But God being a gracious God had mercy upon him and placed him out of the garden to till the ground.
And God gave him a destination to work for.
If he could only follow a few simple laws which God made for his own benefit...
He could someday enter into God's kingdom and have everlasting life.



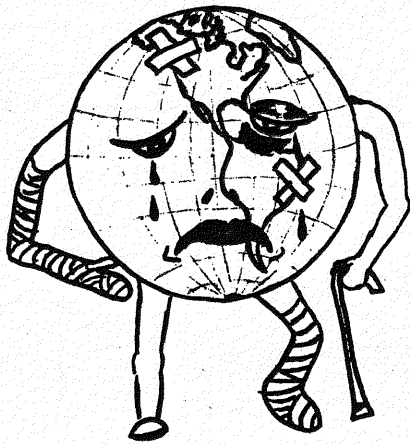
Through the vast number of passing years man in all his supreme intelligence has idiotically tried to surpass God's perfect creation.
In his ignorant devilment to improve God's perfect creation he also has become a creator.
With his creative intelligence he has created war material with which to kill his own brother.



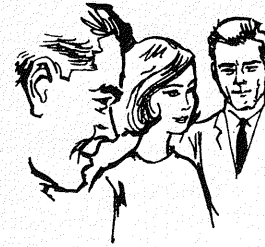
Through the centuries he seems to have obtained a laziness and strives to possess what he considers luxuries. To help meet this need he has created the cigarette which in turn creates cancer within his body, making him face death before his time. Another one of his so-called luxurious creations is alcohol which intoxicates his body. Man could not wait for the perfect, one-way road into God's kingdom. Instead he created drugs to send him on *supposedly* temporary trips where he experiences horror, fear, and panic.

These trips are not always temporary, however. They often leave his mind corrupted in a threatening world . . .
 . . . a world of fear, hate and panic
 where he'll do anything to get a little dope,
 letting it have dominion over him.

Upon everything else he has created air and water pollution which not only threatens his life but also threatens wild life and vegetation. God through grace, love and kindness created and presented man earth—wholesome, clean and free—
 with a glorious destination of life eternal
 in a beautiful kingdom where nothing is to be desired.



Man in his selfish, ignorant, stupidic determination created battlefields in his children's playgrounds, cemeteries in his own backyard, terror, hate, fear, and panic—with his destination being a corrupted, polluted world.



Vessels Fit for Use

Max M. Morrow

WITH SO MUCH BEAUTY AND PURITY AROUND us even in this corrupted decade, scores of the youth of the 70's seem bent on choosing the ugly and impure. It is not so much that they want to do it; it is rather that the trend has been set by their progenitors and they are steadily sinking while floundering madly to rise. The real hindrance is that Satan keeps youthful eyes blinded so they view things with blurred vision.

It is not this way with all youth, of course. In fact, it is not this way with MANY youth. The problem is that the few—or even the *many*—who cannot be stereotyped as “floundering madly,” as “choosing the ugly and impure,” are the ones who are least heard. They are the ones who are least dynamic, least publicized in this corrupted decade. In reality they are the ones who *ought* to be in the limelight. They have every reason to be heard, to make an impact on society. They are the ones who have preserved their future potential by investing

their present ability. They are the ones who are making sure their usefulness is not marred by ill-chosen values and habits.

THE 1970'S ARE FRANTICALLY CALLING FOR A PURE YOUNGER GENERATION—YOUR generation. They are demanding the redemption of beauty, purity, decency—redemption from the evil clutches of a demagog concept that says ugliness is beautiful, corruption is pure, shame is decency. The 70's are calling for Christian youth to face the issues and meet them with love and purity and decency—the beautiful attributes of the greatest Man who ever walked among men. And you can be a part of this army of youth being called.

The body of Christ is a great “spiritual house,” made up of “lively stones” (1 Peter 2:5). It is made up of young people, older people—people who have given serious thought to preparing themselves for a proper place in this great house. “But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth;

and some to honour, and some to dishonour" (2 Timothy 2:20). The worth of the vessel is in direct proportion to its composition; but the honor accorded the vessel is relative to its usefulness—"some to honour and some to dishonour."

THE "GREAT HOUSE" OF THE CHURCH OF GOD NEEDS VESSELS OF GOLD AND SILVER, vessels of rare, precious, durable character that reflect the virtues of Christ in born-again lives. This calls for soul searching, for ridding out the "dross" that defiles. This calls for a Spirit-infilling experience. But beyond this, the "great house" of the Church of God needs vessels of honor, vessels that are willingly available, vessels that are perpetually in use by the Master. This calls for dedication, for self-sacrifice. This calls for total surrender to the will of God.

Great men *are* being born today. Great women *are* emerging into leading roles. The days of greatness are *not* gone. If they are, then the Source of greatness is gone, too, and the hecklers are right in saying, "God is dead." But God is very much alive—alive in the hearts of the few, rather the MANY, who are not "floundering madly," who are not "choosing the ugly and impure." He vibrates from the countenance of the youths who desire to be "...vessels unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:21).

When the character of the

"divine nature" is taken on (1 Peter 1:4), when the willing surrender of oneself as "a living sacrifice" has been made (Romans 12:1), then the young person has attained a status of a vessel of twofold greatness. As such he is in a position—yes, in a CONDITION—equal to the need of the day, a need that can be met only by a pure younger generation, *made pure* by the indwelling Spirit of God.

SOME OF THIS CHOSEN CLASS OF YOUTHS are finding it a real blessing to study the curriculum of the Biblical Foundations course at Midwest Bible College. They are finding it an assistance in fitting themselves for the Master's use. They are finding it a definite safeguard against being spoiled "...through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world..." (Colossians 2:8). They are finding the spiritual stamina to resist the isms and schisms, the half-truths, the "perverted gospel" being broadcast today.

It's not as easy as "A-B-C" to see beauty and purity in this decade of vice and sham and crime, but they are here! They are here because God is here. They are here because young people are here—young people who are viewing society's needs through eyes that have been opened by the love of God. And they are waiting to be transmitted through youthful lives, lives that are "vessels" in God's great house, "...sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

Across the Seas

by John Lemley

One year ago this month we were praising God for His help during the '60's. His blessings in 1970 have even exceeded our hopes. Truly the hand of God is moving over the face of the earth calling many out of Babylon, setting His mark upon them so they will not be touched by the plagues.

Youth camps have been held in Poland, Jamaica, and Trinidad. England and the Philippines both had special youth services as a part of their camp meetings. In India the young people are the primary ones responsible for taking the Church of God message throughout their poverty-stricken land.

Everywhere we see youth praying for deeper reliance upon God, more knowledge of His truth, and more power to spread it effectively. Letters are increasingly crying out that old differences be discarded and the love of Christ mold us together—that the body of Christ be completely whole with none of its parts working in discord with the body.

Such events are inspiring; yet, considering the times, it is still far too little. We need more fervency in our prayers, more volunteers in His service, more dedication among His children. Let's each resolve now to complete this year with greater zeal,



Youth camp
in Poland

a greater vision, and greater dedication than ever before. Let's pray that this year will be one the Church of God shall never forget.

We have received a report on the last quarter of the FYC work in Northeast India, as follows:

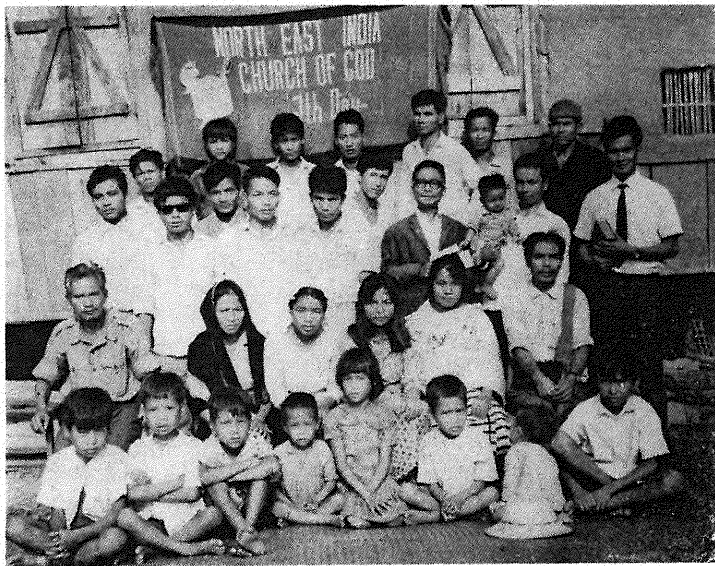
"Our first FYC Committee was held on the 6th of September. Of the nineteen members who attended we elected a chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Our first aim is to establish an FYC school.

"Two weeks later we met again at Lower Lamka, Zo-

veng. Four elders were there leading in evangelistic meetings. So we were happy to use them for valuable suggestions and advice.

"Our newly-established FYC is constantly needing your leadership. Here we have many workable persons who are wanting to translate your tracts into our local languages and to run a printing press. We are eagerly awaiting for information from you. We are also preparing a booklet on what the Church of God believes, and hope you can help us on this too.

"May our merciful Father



FYCERS IN NORTHEAST INDIA

First: Paukhanthang, Simeon, Lianzangam, Paotungung, Chinbanieng, Khup-lienmung, David K. Valalhrui, Thangsuonpao.

Second: Elder Vumzakhup, Miss Niangboi, Miss Chingkhodo, Miss Ning-zuching, Miss Nemzaniang, Elder Zang.

Third: Zamkhodin, Faugkhongam, Elder Kamthang, Elder Kilsak, S. K. Stephen, T. Daniel, Elder Thaukamlora, Paul J. Israel, Jehosaphat C. Israel.

Last: Lunkhozang Thangkhansuan, Lienkhuakhup Israel, Hauzik, Vumchinthang, Elder Kamzalong.



TWO YOUTH LEADERS IN INDIA

bless you with unsearchable wisdom and riches to feed His people all over the world. Sending our love and best wishes, we remain . . .

*Yours in the Lord's Vineyard,
Jhosaphat Ginzamung Israel"*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Sunday—Brother Leroy Williams from Jamaica asks that

we remember him in prayer that he become spiritually stronger and a more powerful witness.

Monday—Asmund Knutson and his family from Norway request that we pray for them as they search the scriptures for the truth.

Tuesday—The entire work in Trinidad where Satan is trying hard to cause dissension and ungodly competition.

Wednesday—Please pray earnestly for our brethren in Nigeria. They have many needs: physical, spiritual and material.

Thursday—The young people in Poland who need God's help as they uphold the truth.

Friday — The young people forming an evangelistic team in Northeast India. They have weeks of dangerous traveling as they witness from village to village.

A PHILOSOPHY

by Mrs. Oden Jordal

When things aren't going well, arrange

To think about these things:
Am I the one who ought to change?
Is it I who brings the stings?

Is everything that's not just right
Caused by some other soul?
Does someone else turn day to night
By lack of self-control?

There's sunshine back of every cloud

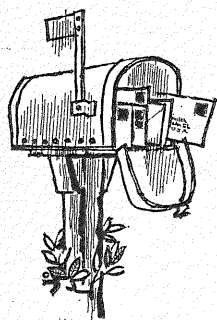
It often has been said,
So if unhappiness is loud,
Its blackness can be shed.

If only each of us could have
An understanding mind;
To coat each minor wound with
salve,
What happiness we'd find!

We know that every mortal being
Is different from all others;
Although their faults we can't help
seeing,

Let's treat them all as brothers.

—Sunshine



Dear Teenager

Dear Teenager,

Are you thinking of marriage? Marriage to the wonderful girl or man of your dreams? Even though it is in the distant future for some, it is something all teenagers think about, I am sure.

What will you be bringing to your marriage partner? Are you living as you expect him or her to live? No one should expect more from marriage than they can give. Boys: You have no right to seduce a girl someone else may fall in love with and marry. Girls: You have no right to "give in" to the immoral demands of a boy and then expect your marriage partner to bring you a clean love.

When you commit fornication you are also a THIEF. You steal what rightly belongs to someone else. When a boy or a girl commits fornication they cannot bring to marriage what should be expected by the other partner. Would you want someone to commit fornication with the one you will someday marry? Of course not! You want your marriage partner to belong to YOU and you alone! Then can you think it is all right for you to steal what belongs to someone else? Even if another is WILLING to commit an immoral act with you, you are still stealing from the one who will become your marriage partner, as well as from the future marriage partner of the other one involved in the illicit act.

Remember, David said that although he was forgiven for his sin in coveting the one who belonged to another, yet he remembered his sin? It is the same when fornication is committed. The sinner, through repentance, is forgiven, but the memory is still there. If you cheat before marriage there will be a cloud on that marriage. The few minutes of "pleasure" experienced by a fornicator can become a cloud of unhappiness that may obscure the blue, sunny sky of a good marriage. Some day you may have a teenage son or daughter of your own. Can you tell them to live as you did before you were a parent?

Your knowledge has increased immensely in the last ten years, hasn't it? Don't make the mistake of thinking that the older generation has learned nothing in the same decade, as well as in decades before. Your parents, grandparents, older brothers and sisters and other relatives and friends have been through the temptations you are facing or will face in the future. When they give advice, they only want to help you learn how to resist what they KNOW will bring you unhappiness.

Only the strong can live as Christ teaches. The weak are gleefully claimed by Satan, and slyly told they are hurting no one by doing as they please—that it is no one's business! It isn't?? Your wife or husband has a right to expect a clean, decent marriage partner; and your children have a right to a morally clean parent.

Christ shed His blood for you. If you sin, and REALLY REPENT, there is forgiveness, but your sin will always be in your memory.

God created you for His pleasure. Do you GIVE Him pleasure by your life and obedience, or are you searching for fleeting moments of gratification of EGO? Are you worshiping SELF just as pagans worship idols? If you are a teenager you are responsible for your own thoughts and acts. Your parents may have made mistakes in your training, but you can no longer use them as a crutch to excuse your behavior. God gave you a brain and will-power and instructions for living a GOOD life: USE THEM!

Lovingly,
Ruth Scherle

GOOD HEART CLEANING

Bettie Payne Welles

*I found a selfish little cloak, worn thin at all the seams;
I found some folded memories, a hoard of tarnished dreams.
Among them were some tattered quarrels, and chips that spoiled my sleeve;
A few black embers smoldered still, that died one winter's eve.
I found a box of rusty thoughts I thought I'd thrown away,
A number of unfinished tasks begun one youthful May;
Some good intentions cast aside lay snugly in a chest,
And countless bits of this and that which I remembered best.
I found my heart an attic room with clutter past all meaning,
When April brough her bright spring days to do my good heart cleaning.
I carted heaps of rubbish out, hung good things in the sun,
And while I shined a Golden Rule I had a lot of fun!*

—PROGRESSIVE FARMER

Youth Doctrine Corner

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



WORLDLINESS

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 3

... The Scriptures condemn worldliness, which includes "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." Therefore Christians should not patronize such places as movie theaters, pool halls, taverns, dance halls and night clubs. They should not take part in any form of social or ballet dancing. They should avoid the excessive use of jewelry.

General Exhortations Against Worldliness

- ... Love not the world (I John 2:15-17)
- ... Avoid friendship with the world (James 4:4).
- ... Avoid being of the world (John 17:14-16).
- ... Be not conformed to the world (Rom. 12:2).

Some Specific Exhortations Against Worldliness

... Involvement with lust of the flesh blocks entrance to God's Kingdom (Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 13:13, 14).

... Movies and attendance to movie theaters (Rom. 1:29-31; Eph. 5:6-12; I Thess. 5:22).

Taking pleasure in depictions of sinful activities is wrong. It causes the carnal side of man to develop and kills opportunity for spirituality. An unbelievable percentage of movies are unfit for Christians to view.

... Dancing and attendance at dances

Scriptural admonitions to dance and examples of dancing relate to a worship and praising of God in most cases (II Samuel 6:12-15; Exodus 15:19-21; Psalm 149:2-4; Eccl. 3:4; Luke 15:25).

Today's dancing position and movements are not conducive to Christian living. Public dance places are places of gross evil and bad reputation.

... Drinking and attendance at taverns, pool halls, etc. (I Thess. 5:22; Prov. 20:1; Prov. 23:29-33; Gal. 5:21 and I Cor. 5:11 and 13).

Though there are examples of Bible men drinking and becoming drunken, the Bible condemns drinking and drunkenness.

... Use of excessive jewelry (I Peter 3:1-4; I Tim. 2:9, 10).

The Bible commands modesty in dress and gives special attention to jewelry.

FROM MBC BIBLE DOCTRINES CLASS

Worldliness

by Sandy Moldenhauer,
Spring Vale Academy student



We can look around us today and no matter where we happen to be—at home reading a newspaper or watching T.V.; in the heart of a small or large city; in an airport; EVERYWHERE—we see a corrupt and sinful world. What constitutes this world? People. And WORLDLINESS is created by the people.

Sometime during our life we come to realize that the earth consists of two types of people: the good and the bad. In both cases there are extremes, and Christians fall under the "good" category; yet somewhere between the "good" and "bad" is found a condition called WORLDLINESS.

What constitutes worldliness?

"Why" the question may be asked, "do young people have to be told time after time what is acceptable to do?"

For some the answer would be because they actually CAN'T DETERMINE between what is and isn't acceptable. Others may constantly need to be reminded. The majority, whether they realize it or not, want to see which things of the world they can participate in, and still just barely classify as Christians.

"And be not conformed to this world: But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind:..." (Romans 12:2). Conform is defined as: bringing into harmony, to be similar or identical; to adapt oneself to

prevailing standards or customs (*Webster*).

When transformed, you change your condition, nature and character. Paul here is plainly telling us that we must not be similar to the world (or worldly).

How do our social standards fit into worldliness? First of all let's consider a subject which is hardly debated anymore (because the truth is so apparent), but is very pertinent to young people.

Dancing

Why is dancing condemned? If you have been involved in dancing, you know yourself that the people

participating are the "reveling, drinking, adulterous" crowd—NOT the praying crowd, the soul-winning crowd.

ALWAYS the "wrong" kind of crowd hangs around dances, especially modern dances. Not only does drinking go along with the dancing crowd, but now drugs are being introduced at dances. That's where those in the "tough" bunch get "turned on."

The type of dance done alone should be enough to show the Christian that he should not participate. The modern dances break down modesty. They break down stability with the opposite sex. All that shaking, stepping, sliding, holding, squeezing, bring about *lust*, which is the most significant reason that dancing is included in worldliness.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, . . . is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:16). The lust of flesh and the lust of the eye is all connected very strongly with the dance.

"I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way" (Psalm 101:2). Now tell me, do you think that conducting oneself in a way which excites lust (which is *sin*) could be considered a wise or perfect way before God? Don't kid yourself! What happens when lust is excited? It brings about fornication, adultery, murder, which causes homes to be wrecked and lives to be ruined. All of these workings of the flesh God hates!

"I will set no wicked thing before my eyes" (Psalm 101:3)—which brings us to the next topic:

Movies

Once we, as individuals, decide that Christ is to be our Master and

Guide, we must commit our lives to Christ and live according to the morals He has set for us. We must be prepared, if need be, to sacrifice some of our favorite pleasures (look what Christ sacrificed for us—His life!).

Let's approach the matter of movies by analyzing the majority of movies. What do they portray? Sex themes, nudity, love making, profanity and violence are the order of the day. This is not exaggerated!! Even children's movies portray these things. Why is this allowed?

"Your druggist and grocer are required by law to put the right labels on what they sell. Despite the censorship of movies, the movie and film industry is under no such constraint." (*Movies and the Conscientious Christian* by Paul Rees).

The movie industry is trying hard to play on the baser emotions of man. A real problem is that sin is being glorified, giving people the idea that this way of living leads to happiness! We know from experience—our own and countless others—that TRUE happiness and personal peace of mind come only from a right relationship with God!

The question is often posed: "I select my movies carefully. What's wrong with that?" The answer would have to be: "PLENTY!!" Why? You are still patronizing the theater that shows the sex, crime, and murder movies. Besides, how many people are really, truly selective?

I have asked many teenagers how many of them had *honestly* only seen Biblical or Walt Disney comedies and they *all* have admitted to seeing at least one "dirty" movie.

I was talking to a NON-CHRIS-

TIAN young man on the subject of movies and I remember distinctly one comment he made:

"Man, I go for the 'so-called' Biblical movies. They have the good sex scenes."

Isn't it sad?? This shows how IMPOSSIBLE it is to be selective because not one movie in thousands can be acceptable for Christians to see.

Some people think the Bible doesn't speak against movies. But let's notice: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness: full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding . . . Who knowing the judgment of God, that they that commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, *but have pleasure in them that do them*" (Romans 1:29-32).

Can you, when watching a movie, detect any of the above included in the movie? One can hardly find a movie that doesn't show these characteristics for others to indulge and take pleasure in. There are many more scriptures, but this verse especially attracted me: "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Ephesians 5:12). Yet Christians feast upon such things?!!

"Self respect begins with a clean mind." We can't expect to live close to God with hidden garbage in our minds.

"In viewing what movies are, their purpose, and what they hold, Christian logic says, *Avoid movie theater attendance.*" The Bible commands it!!

When speaking of movies, the question of T.V. has often been brought up. To answer the question, whether or not to watch T.V., I would like to use a quote, "Let's examine some issues closely: the same hate, crime and murder that is wrong for you to commit personally, is wrong for you to watch and enjoy on the T.V. screen. The same unnatural and immoral sexual behavior that is sinful when shown in the movie theater downtown is just as sinful for your entertainment when portrayed on a T.V. screen in your living room. . . . The Bible states it simply and flatly: "Abhor (hate) that which is evil" (Calvin Burrell in *Teen Guidelines*, AIM, August 1968).

Can We Modify Worldliness?

Is there a tendency for more worldliness to creep into the church? From what I can literally SEE, my answer would have to be yes!! Due to the fact that a good portion of young people make up the congregation, I feel that the church standards are getting more liberal. Why? Maybe it's because some individuals feel in order to keep teenagers within the church they need to lower the standards. This shouldn't be!

Perhaps another reason is because many practices of teenagers themselves cause worldliness to gradually creep into the church. How? Take the girls, for instance. Why all the make-up and short dresses? Being a girl myself, I can understand. Before I really, *really* cared about serving God, I just didn't want to give up EVERYTHING that I had done before. I figured if I could modify worldliness (worldly things), I would be all right. But in studying into

God's wonderful and holy Word I find He tells us to "keep thyself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

Make-up originated in the world, and is usually associated with the world. When I see make-up on girls, I can only feel pity for them knowing if they truly knew God they would "keep themselves pure" (1 Timothy 5:22). And that "whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God" (James 4:4).

Morals

Anyone who faces the facts and observes what is happening should be ready to demand a return to decency.

"In May of 1919 during World War I, allied forces in Dusseldorf, Germany, captured a copy of 'Communist Rules for Revolution.' Among the many points to weaken the country is the following: 'Corrupt the young by getting them away from religious thinking; get them interested in sex, make them superficial and thereby destroy their ruggedness.'" (*Self Respect Begins with a Clean Mind*)

And corrupt the young they did! The Communists' "sound advice" not only corrupted the young and old

alike but our "great society" has become a sick society. The world's richest society suddenly is finding almost everything going wrong. Never has so much well-being come to so many Americans as now. More and more color T.V. sets and swimming pools... are becoming symbols of 'good life.' Yet never... have values seemed to be crumbling as they are today." (Billy Graham in *Sick Society*)

As morals and values are crumbling, we as Christians need great grace to "deny self" to "take up the cross," and to "die daily." As we walk with Christ and live a Christian life, we are gently and persistently urged to "put off the old man" and to "put on the new man."

It is very hard to know where to draw the line on worldliness. We need to pray earnestly, thinking NOT what we can hope to get away with. Then after prayer, fasting and searching, have faith that we will be guided into an understanding of Christian virtues through the Holy Spirit.

"Behold 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" (II Corinthians 3:18).

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Check with your local pastor or district overseer for other youth camps held in your area.



Courtesy

by Helen Smith

It seems to be a sad fact today that practicing everyday courtesy has become a lost art among many Christian people. Most people have a limited reserve for special occasions and toward some dignitaries; but not a few snarl within their households, and take real delight in being rude to the tradespeople.

All this we might suppose would belong to the people of the world, but many of them know the intrinsic value of courtesy and use it. Courtesy is an attribute anyone can acquire. Surely with the Christian it should be spontaneous and toward all people.

It was important enough when the Bible was being written to state that Julius, a centurion in charge of prisoners, entertained Paul courteously. Also when Paul and the other prisoners were shipwrecked by the island of Melita, inhabited by barbarous people with a chief named Publius, it is recorded that Publius lodged them three days courteously. Peter tells the

Christians to whom he was talking plainly, to "be pitiful, be courteous."

After telling them to be courteous (1 Pet. 3:8), Peter continues in the next verse to entreat them not to indulge in railing for railing, but to refrain their tongues from evil. There is a great tendency today to tell people off, not to let anyone step on one's toes. The Christian who is really busy about his Father's business will not waste time worrying about his own toes, neither will he deliberately or unnecessarily step on those of his fellow men.

We believe that the Christian is engaged in the greatest business in the world. Surely he needs to show consideration for his fellow men in all dealings. I am certain the courtesy to which Peter exhorts us is not a superfluous politeness or a mere formality. It is much more than "please" and "thank you." True courtesy seems to be a very close kin to love, and Paul says that love suffers long and is kind.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE
IDENTIFY "BEST TIMES"**

In this fast-moving, pleasure-seeking world, most young people would find it hard to believe that a person's best times are in the Lord—doing His will. However, this is what the Ft. Smith, Arkansas young people report they have proven to themselves and to others. "When we are doing those things that are right in the sight of God," they told us, "He can, and does, make them more fun than any worldly pleasure."



Small group of FYCers as they enter a home for Sabbath P.M. singing and visiting.

**TIME SET FOR REGULAR
YOUTH BUSINESS MEETINGS**

The second Tuesday night of each month is the time the Ft. Smith FYC group has set aside for regular business meetings. At these meetings, activities are planned for one month ahead.



**"CHALLENGERS" RECORD
DONATED**

The Faithful Youth Challengers group at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, presented an album, "The Challengers," to the local radio station. The album features a Church of God quartet who toured the United States in the summer of 1969.

1971 OFFICERS

Officers for the Ft. Smith FYC group are: Dennie Morse, Leader; Steven Woods, Assistant Leader; and Linda Esteban, Secretary - Treasurer. Sponsors are Elder Calvin Burrell and Peggy Harris.

SPOTLIGHT

"TAKE-OVER" BY YOUTH

It was no surprise to the congregation at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, when they found the young people taking charge of the preliminaries and special music on the third Friday night of this month. It happens on the third Friday night of every month! It is Youth Night; and even the sermon is directed to the youth.

"YOUTH RALLY" DAY

Stop in and visit the congregation at 3908 Waldron Road, Ft. Smith, Arkansas the first Sabbath of any month and you will find yourself enjoying Youth Rally day.

A theme is chosen and the FYC presents the entire program at the 11:00 a.m. service.

"FOREIGNERS" GET THE PRIZE

For the last few years, the Ft. Smith FYC has been accepted as an equal with the Oklahoma local youth groups in their state organization.

At the last Oklahoma Quarterly meeting, the Ft. Smith FYCers won the attendance banner by having the best representation of young people at the meeting.

Ft. Smith FYCers are shown in front of their local church building.

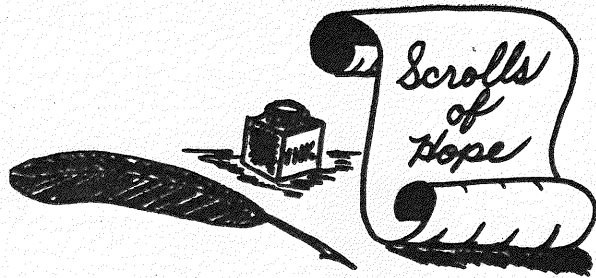


**TOO BUSY FOR LOVE-INS,
DEMONSTRATIONS, OR ROCK
FESTIVALS**

Aside from having no interest in the activities suggested above which many young people are pursuing today for the so-called "thrills" involved, this group of Faithful Youth Challengers from Ft. Smith, Arkansas tell us they are too busy and satisfied to even consider looking elsewhere for "thrills."

Some of the projects they mentioned are:

- Rest home singing
- Visitation of shut-ins
- Sponsoring weekend youth retreats
- Sponsoring a Youth Revival
- Donating \$25 to the local community outreach—Banner of Truth
- Donation of "The Challengers" album to local radio station
- Raising funds by sale of peanut brittle
- Sending AIM subscription to all local FYC homes



A few of those who man the newsrooms in the nation's radio and television stations spent several anxious minutes recently when the dreaded emergency message came over the teletype wires: "THIS IS AN EMERGENCY ACTION NOTIFICATION DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT, NORMAL BROADCASTING WILL CEASE IMMEDIATELY. . . ."

The various reactions of the different staffers is most interesting. Some immediately stopped broadcasting. Some stayed on the air double-checking the message. Some failed to heed the warning at all. Others failed even to notice the alert in the first place. Although the message was an error, occurring when someone fed the wrong prepunched tape into the wire service lines, the incident served to point out that the emergency notification set-up is not as efficient as authorities had hoped.

The probability of a national disaster seems very real; yet many found it hard to accept the message that was right before their eyes. They waited for further confirmation. Others noted a discrepancy in the code word and therefore did not accept the authenticity of the message. Then there was the other extreme—those who not only went off the air as indicated by the teletype message; but did not resume broadcasting even after the first and second "cancel" messages, simply because the code word was missing the first time and the wrong code word was used on the second "cancel" message.

We note similar variations in reactions to the gospel message which we are trying to communicate. These reactions are sometimes disheartening. However, we must not falter in our attempt to communicate Christ and His truths. In no uncertain terms we can assure our friends that our marvelous Redeemer will return to this earth one of these days.

Some grasp the message eagerly, and mildly indict us for having been too quiet for too long about the beauty and wonder of the truth we believe.

Others are skeptical. In the words of the Scriptures their observation is: "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:4).

Others note discrepancies in the lives and the teachings of those who *profess* Christianity. Sometimes these are just *excuses*. Other times these are

justified excuses. When one sees professed Christians following traditions and laws of man, while disregarding those given us by our Master, it is not surprising that they turn a deaf ear to the gospel message itself. Thinking people are not impressed or alerted by inconsistency. It is for this reason that we find the only true way of following Christ is to follow His teachings, fundamental though it may seem, narrow-minded though it may seem.

The Saviour Whose impeccable character causes us to await with as-

surance His promised return to earth is also a Saviour whose impeccable example we can follow. Thus no discrepancy can be pointed out in the "code word" as we endeavor to convey the saving gospel message.

May we ever be ready for that tremendous, authenticated message, not from the teletype, but from the sound of the trumpet which will announce His coming. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

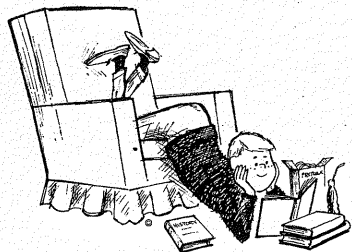
MISUNDERSTOOD

by Anne McCollum Boyles

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surrounded each other's lives—
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives—
Often we would find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We would love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we would love the sinner,
All the while we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We would judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

Ah, we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not among the evil
All the golden grains of good—
Oh, we'd love each other better
If we only understood.



Book Review Corner

by Marilyn Current

I'M NOT MAD AT GOD

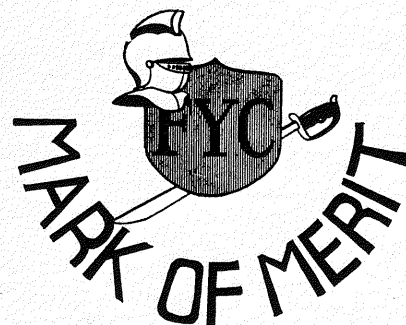
by David Wilkerson; Bethany Fellowship; 89 pp.; \$1.95

To those of you who have read *The Cross and The Switchblade*, this book will have special meaning since it was written by the same man—David Wilkerson, the founder of *Teen Challenge*. In his work with young people, he has helped them overcome spiritual, physical and emotional obstacles in their lives; and several of his other books deal with this subject.

"I'm Not Mad at God," however, reveals David Wilkerson's own inner conflicts and struggles—and how God has helped him gain victory. He writes very straight-forward, hitting the "nail on the head." It is written in the form of a devotional. Taking different experiences in life and relating them to portions of scripture, he tells in page or paragraph length how God revealed to him new insights into that passage—how it relates to our present problems and can make us overcomers.

David knows young people. He writes for them and to them. He simply does not write in a traditional, hard-to-understand, religious form. What he says strikes hard right at young people our age, and at the same time is significant and acceptable to older folks. As described on the fly leaf of the jacket cover, this short book is "reverence with its sleeves rolled up."

Some of the more eye-catching topics are "UFO's," "The Christian's Credit Card," "Voodoo and the Dollar," "God is Not Dead—Just Hiding!" and "In Case of Flood." You may want to read a different topic each day, along with your daily devotions, or all at once, in one sitting. (It's only 89 short pages.)



By Nathan Lawson

By the time you read this report, you will have received your Report Blanks for the first quarter of 1971. They have been mailed to representatives of every youth group in the United States. We are praying that all will become active in the Mark of Merit Program. We are looking forward to a good year with our youth groups accomplishing much for our God.

MAIL YOUR REPORTS

Be sure and get your report to me promptly. It is important that we have them on time so we can report them in the AIM. They should have reached my office (841 S. Washington St., Lodi, Calif. 95240) by the 15th of April. If yours has not been mailed, do so now.

ONE MORE WINNER

We want to add Kansas City, Missouri as a Gold Award winner in this program. They also had a total of 446 Bonus Points. Congratulations to Kansas City! This makes a total of 16 Gold Award Winners and 10 Silver Award Winners for 1970.

THE GREAT AWARD

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

May we all work toward this GREAT AWARD—A home in God's Kingdom.

Teen Guidelines

Building a Stronger Church

By Dale Lawson

"I wish the Church of God could have more of an impact in our community.

Our Church needs to have a greater impact in the entire world!

How can we have greater programs, more outstanding campaigns and more rapid growth?"

This is the burden on the hearts of many of you young people of the Church of God. I know because I have heard you express this burden over and over again. The Church is making some tremendous advances in Her work. For this we are thankful—and encouraged. However, the surface is just being scratched and I share your burden as expressed in the opening statement of this TEEN GUIDELINES article.

Have you given any thought to what would happen to the outreach of the Church if She

had the enthusiastic support of all the members for Her programs?

Have you thought about what would happen in National FYC work if all FYCers would dedicate themselves to making their local FYC active and spiritual? Recently I have been extremely impressed with the magnitude of influence each of us individually can exert as compared to the commitment and involvement we are usually willing to assume.

You CAN have a profound effect on the success of the Church in all Her work.

REASONS FOR DESIRING A STRONGER CHURCH

Before we deal with ways that we, the YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, can help in the building of a stronger Church, we need to examine again our reason for desiring such a Church. The reason is not so that we may compare ourselves with large denominations. It is not so that we may brag about "what our church has done." Neither is it so that we may have finer buildings, programs, etc.

Our reason for wanting the Church to be stronger and larger is: that we may reach more people for the KINGDOM OF GOD, and a larger and stronger Church made up of dedicated members of the Body of Christ would greatly increase our outreach. Compassion must be the fire that keeps our desires burning.

The Church is the Bride of Jesus Christ! She is that organ instituted by God through which you can better lift up Jesus Christ. She is that union of believers for a greater proclamation of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH IS YOU!!

LOVE IS THE KEY

First of all, LOVE is necessary. It is important that you love the Church of God. You should love and live up to Her standards and doctrines because they have sound Biblical basis. Love will cause you to build Her up for the honor and glory of

God. Remember: your Saviour loved the Church enough to give Himself for Her.

INVOLVEMENT

Secondly, you can strengthen the Church by participating in (supporting) the programs. Become involved! Many times good programs could be made into *outstanding* programs simply by YOUR wholehearted participation. Outstanding programs strengthen the outreach of your local church.

Don't be a bystander—a sideler—a critic. And don't be a one-day-a-week enthusiast. Be constantly on the lookout for ideas which will help your youth group to present more outstanding programs. The enthusiasm which you yourself exert can influence the enthusiasm of others. Today we are surrounded with bright colors, new approaches, eye-catching publicity in all the areas of commercialism. As Christians in this modern environment, it is ours to search for ways to draw people's interest to the greatest product available—the never-failing love of God.

Growth in the Church calls for sacrifice on your part. You must be willing at times to give up some of your own plans for the sake of Jesus Christ and the salvation of those around you. If secular activities constantly or even often shove aside the program of the Church, you should recognize a definite danger signal concerning your spiritual life.

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This present year and especially this coming summer you will have tremendous opportunity to "lift up Christ" by strengthening the Church. Will you be at General Conference and Camp Meeting? An outstanding youth program is being planned for that meeting but that program can only be made successful by your attendance. Don't let Satan place barriers in the way that will cause you to not be able to attend.

WORK! SAVE! TRUST! BE AT LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 6-14.

Is there a youth camp in your area this coming summer? Be there and add to the success of the camp and your Church in reaching out to others and in preparing ourselves to reach out in our personal evangelism.

Is your FYC in the **MARK OF MERIT PROGRAM**? That program is one that will strengthen your local FYC, your local church—and by that, the Church throughout the world.

PARTICIPATE! Project yourself into the Church program and find greater service to God.

SPIRITUAL YOUTH

Finally, the strength and growth of the Church depends on the **SPIRITUAL DEPTH OF HER PEOPLE**. Your greatest avenue for helping the Church to lift up Jesus Christ to more people in more places is to **BE A SPIRITUALLY - MINDED FYCER**. Daily seek to draw

closer to God. Love Him with all your heart, soul, and mind and then your involvement will make a **GREATER AND STRONGER CHURCH**.

COURTESY

(Continued from page 17)

Just the other day a boy was sent to deliver a piece of repaired machinery to a man who had been waiting for it several days. It is true the man had been greatly inconvenienced by the delay, but there had been problems in the shop where it was repaired. The delivery boy returned to work ready to give up his job because of the reception he had received from the client. The boy no doubt will encounter many instances like that as he continues working, but it is regrettable that such an impression was gathered from one who goes to church most regularly and expresses much concern over the souls of his fellow men. —Selected

CAN YOU READ AND WRITE IN SPANISH?

If you can write in Spanish, you are someone we need to help us in the correspondence with Spanish-speaking young people who would like to have American FYC pen-pals. Here is your chance to help in the world-wide FYC work.

If you are willing to help us, please write to AIM or to:

Daniel Davila
1611-A N. Hayes
Springfield, Missouri 65803

Your Roving Reporter

at SVA

I'm a magazine reporter—the type that's called a roving reporter. I write human interest stories for a monthly magazine.

Every day on my way to work I drive past a place called Spring Vale Academy. One morning I was concentrating on what to use for my next story. As I passed Spring Vale, it hit me! I knew that Spring Vale is a Christian high school sponsored by the Church of God (7th Day). But what I didn't know (and what most people don't know) was what the daily life of the students is like—their activities, etc. So I decided to write a story about it. At intervals during the next month, I visited Spring Vale to find out what goes on there.

On my first visit on February 4, I found 14 students and 2 staff members were missing. The Honors Club had taken a 500-mile trip to Marion, Iowa. While there, they stayed in the homes of the local church members, who really made them feel at home. They also visited a sanitation laboratory and the nearby German settlement called the Amana Colonies. After the students returned, I discovered that there were *still* some missing. One of the cars had broken down on the return trip, so five sen-

ior girls and their chaperon, Dixie Walton, had to spend a night in a motel, while the car was being repaired. They didn't mind, though; they enjoyed the extra day of vacation!

I happened to drop by SVA again the evening of the 8th. Nearly all of the students were gathered in the auditorium, being entertained by a film called



At 6:30 a.m. the rising bells ring and Spring Valers climb out and prepare for the short outdoor walk to the dining hall and a hearty breakfast.



At Spring Vale, students are privileged to study not only the usual curriculum offered in high school, such as Government, English, Typing, etc.; but also Bible courses which strengthen their faith and increase their knowledge in spiritual things.

"The Mouse That Roared." The student who sat next to me (and shared his popcorn with me) told me that the junior class had sponsored this film as a fund-raising project.

As I mingled with the students afterward, a senior informed me that the juniors aren't the *only* ones who work hard at raising money. The seniors have been making fresh doughnuts to sell in the dorms.

"By the way," this senior invited, "the senior girls have challenged the J.V. basketball team to a game. We'd like to have you come."

Naturally, I couldn't resist the invitation. It was a hilarious game. When the girls saw that they were going to be soundly beaten, they recruited the star varsity team player, David Brunson, for their side. He donned a wig and played hard, but even his best efforts couldn't make up for his female teammates.

I had never met so many young people who talked as if they really enjoyed church services. Curious to find out why, I visited the revival services held by Elder W. H. Olson of Wash-



Joint worship is held on Wednesday evenings. Shown here is worship in the lounge of the girls' dorm.

ington, D. C., February 12-14. The warmth of the services, the inspiring messages, and the response to the message told me why everyone enjoyed attending church so much.

Many times when I stopped in to find out what was going on, I found the annual staff hard at work creating a yearbook of memories.

Other times I noticed many of the girls were missing. I was informed that each week they attend a swimming class at the local Y.W.C.A.

The basketball game that would decide whether the S.V.A. Flames were champions of their league was coming up! For a week prior to the game, school spirit was at a high. Signs plastered the halls and a pep rally was held.

I wouldn't have missed the game for anything! It was close all the way. The Flames didn't win, but they tried.

I wrote my story about Spring Vale, but more important, I made many new friends and found a unique school where all activities are centered around serving Christ. D.M.L.

Are you in high school?

Have you thought about attending



GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT

... BEFORE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

Spring Vale Academy, Route 5, Owosso, Mich. 48867

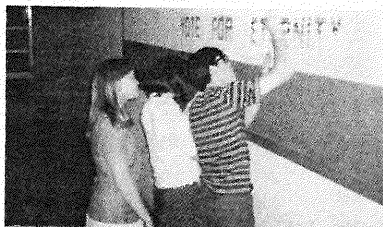
"To Be Used of God," as expressed in a song that has become familiar to us, seems to express the sentiments of many Church of God young people. Perhaps this is a 20th century version of young Isaiah's, "Here am I; send me."

This urgent need to work for God is felt not just by those called into the ministry; many young people long to become better qualified spiritually to spread the gospel in whatever occupation they choose.

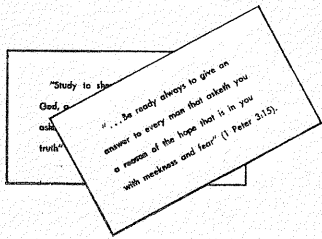
The Biblical Foundations course at Midwest Bible College is geared specifically for this purpose. In a one-year course, one can become more knowledgeable in Bible truths, better equipped to cast off the fiery darts of agnosticism in this modern world, and better equipped to witness to others of Jesus and His Truths.

Plan to join us this coming September.

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE, P. O. BOX 86, STANBERRY, MO.



FYCers at SVA prepare for a Sabbath afternoon Youth Rally.



MINUTEMAN

(Verse Memorization Program)

By Michael D. Vlad

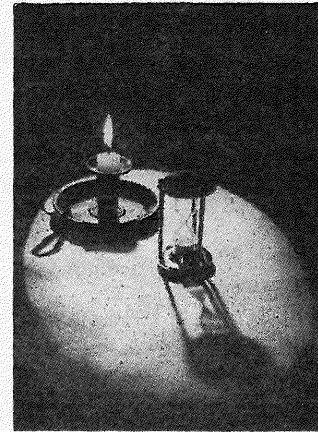
Ecclesiastes 12:1
Jeremiah 29:13
Psalms 34:4
Psalms 50:15
Job 14:15
Psalms 61:1, 2
Psalms 121:1, 2
Psalms 125:2

Have you ever been so busy that you actually forget something that is really important? Sometimes we become so involved with what we are doing that the more important things easily slip by without our really knowing it. Believe it or not, it is really easy to become so busy that we can actually forget about Christ. Don't think so? Think a minute. Can you remember when Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem for the feast? After the feast was over they prepared to return home, gathering belongings,

bidding their relatives 'good-by' and taking care of their business. When they left the city they eventually realized that Jesus wasn't with them. When they started looking for Him they found they had forgotten Christ in Jerusalem. They were so busy that they forgot Christ.

We actually can forget about Christ too! Not purposely but accidentally. When we become so busy that we don't have the time for God, we can forget all about Him. We need to think about God every day that we live. It's not enough to read about God and Christ and the marvelous things that They do; but we need to make Them a part of our lives. If there were ever a time when we can't afford to forget God, it's now.

Don't forget to take time for God because God doesn't forget to take time for you.



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Take Time for God

by Martha Ling

Apr. 15. Rev. 5. Consider: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power..." (vs. 21). But, are we worthy of becoming kings and priests? (vs. 10). **Pray** that you may be counted worthy to be one of His.

Apr. 16. Rev. 6. Consider: Will you be counted with those hiding in the mountains, or will you be able to stand before the King? **Pray** for understanding and wisdom as you read these chapters.

Apr. 17. Rev. 7. Consider: How wonderful it will be when we shall have no more sorrow or tribulation (vs. 16, 17). **Pray** for someone in particular whom you would like to see saved.

Apr. 18. Rev. 8 Consider: These trumpets are likely symbolic and indicate terrible judgment upon those who are not surrendered to the will of God. **Pray** that we may have the strength to stand in the face of any trials.

Apr. 19. Rev. 9. Consider: How is it that by the end of all these plagues there were still some peo-

ple who were stubborn, and would not repent? **Pray** that we would surrender completely to Christ, and not hold on to certain lusts, etc.

Apr. 20. Rev. 10. Consider: The apparent beauty of the seventh angel and also the instructions given to John concerning the book. **Pray** that when given something to do for God, we will fulfill it faithfully as John did.

Apr. 21. Rev. 11. Consider: The two witnesses and their work. Who do you feel they are? **Pray** for understanding.

Apr. 22. Rev. 12. Consider: Who are the remnant of the woman's seed? **Pray** that you will be a part of the woman (church).

Apr. 23. Rev. 13. Consider: The power that God permitted the beasts to have—even to perform miracles. **Pray** that we shall be able to escape the power of the beast in the days of its power.

Apr. 24. Rev. 14. Consider: How wonderful it will be to witness the last details before Christ's return.

Pray for His soon coming.

- Apr. 25. Rev. 15.** Consider: "... God, who liveth for ever and ever." Isn't it wonderful to serve the One who is everlasting? **Pray** that you shall be in the number of those singing the song of Moses.
- Apr. 26. Rev. 16.** Consider: The plagues—and how wonderful it is to be a child of God. **Pray** that we will be able to distinguish between the miracles of devils and those of God (vs. 14).
- Apr. 27. Rev. 17.** Consider: From the clues given in this chapter, who do you think the mysterious Babylon is? **Pray** in thankfulness to God for causing even evil powers to fulfill His will.
- Apr. 28. Rev. 18.** Consider: How something so evil can be decked in such finery, deceiving the unaware. **Pray** in gratitude to our Heavenly Father for being a just God.
- Apr. 29. Rev. 19.** Consider: How majestic the surroundings at the wedding feast shall be. **Pray** for those who will miss this feast if they continue in their sin.
- Apr. 30. Rev. 20.** Consider: Can you place all the events of the second coming of Christ in chronological order? Try! **Pray** in gratitude to thank God for the triumph of His Son over death.
- May 1. Rev. 21.** Consider: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (vs. 4). **Pray** and praise God for His promises!!
- May 2. Rev. 22.** Consider: "... Sure-

ly I come **quickly**. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (vs. 20). **Pray** for the grace of God.

- May 3. Psalm 88.** Consider: We should commune with God **day** and **night**. **Pray** that God would hear your supplications.
- May 4. Psalm 86.** Consider: God has promised to answer us (vs. 7). **Pray** that God would help us to realize our need of Him.
- May 5. Luke 11.** Consider: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." **Pray** that God will teach you how to pray (talk) to Him.
- May 6. John 17.** Consider: Christ prayed for others besides Himself. **Pray** that we can be more like Christ.
- May 7. Luke 22.** Consider: How earnest our prayers should be, if Christ even sweat drops like as blood. **Pray** for burning consecration and zeal.
- May 8. Daniel 6.** Consider: If tested for your prayer life, would you remain true to God? **Pray** for total dedication to God in spite of all trials.
- May 9. Daniel 2.** Consider: We can take everything to God in prayer and be assured of an answer (vs. 18). **Pray** that we would have faith that God will perform miracles such as He did for Daniel.
- May 10. I Samuel 1.** Consider: Hannah would not give up on her unanswered prayer. **Pray** that God would give us patience in our supplication.
- May 11. Esther 4.** Consider: Through prayer and fasting God gave Queen Esther the strength to go

before the king. **Pray** for strength to perform our difficult tasks.

- May 12. Psalm 51.** Consider: The humbleness of a prayer of contrition for wrong doing. **Pray** for a clean heart and a right spirit.
- May 13. Matthew 6.** Consider: There is a blessing in secret prayer to God. **Pray** that we will never make a show of our lives.
- May 14. Luke 6.** Consider: Would you spend a whole night in prayer?

Pray for such a burning desire to help others that you would give yourself completely to God.

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This month I rejoice to say that three 2T4Gers have finished their first year! They are: Bertha Black, Esther Castellanos, and Wanda O'Banion. Martha Espinosa has completed three months of her second year, and Michael Kolhoff has finished his first quarter. May God be praised by their works!

Mark of Merit Participation

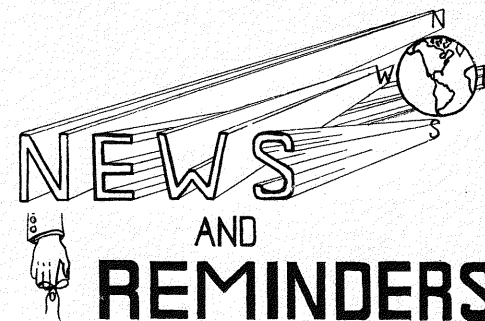
It is time for FYC groups to send in the Mark of Merit reports for the first quarter, 1971. Last year, 1970, participation in the Mark of Merit Program was at an all-time high. Let's make the number of participants even higher this year by having your FYC join Mark of Merit.

Spiritual blessings that can be gained by participation in the program are great. If your FYC has been in the program and has not found it to be of great benefit, examine your program and put more into it.

Mark of Merit can help your FYC win people to Christ.

National Youth Week—May 5-9

The time for your National Youth Week program will soon be here. The Youth Week booklets have been mailed and both your pastor and your FYC Leader should have received them. The Department urges all FYC groups to join in this National Youth Week program.



The theme is this year's motto: "Communicating God's Son in 71." The daily schedule is as follows:

- May 5 (Wednesday) — Banquet (YOUTH COMMUNICATE)
- May 6 (Thursday)—Discussion Hour
- May 7 (Friday)—Dedication of Youth
- May 8 (Sabbath)—Regular Church Service
- Rally
Youth Evangelistic Meeting
- May 9 (Sunday)—Recreation
Fireside Service (Evangelistic Service)

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Youth Camp. Where? Your Area!

Don't miss it!

General Conference Youth Program

All eyes are on La Verne, California, for August 6-14. See back cover of AIM for each of the months from March through July for publicity concerning *General Conference*.

FYC Stationery—Money for Your Local FYC

The Young People's Department has designed some stationery for FYC groups to sell as money-making projects. One type is designed for use by the FYCers, and the other type is designed for sale to the general public.

The stationery is beautifully designed. The stationery for FYCers has the FYC emblem imprinted in the top right-hand corner and a bird on a branch imprinted in the lower left-hand corner. The stationery for public use is the same as the FYC stationery except that an open Bible replaces the FYC emblem, and some of the Scripture texts imprinted at the bottom are different.

The FYC stationery comes in packages with a variety of six colors per package. The stationery for public use comes in three different colors per package and there is a choice of two different sets of colors. Each package contains 30 sheets of stationery and 24 envelopes.

FYC groups may sell the stationery with a 35% profit when packages are sold at the recommended sale price of \$1.00 per package. The stationery will cost FYC groups 65¢ per package. If the orders are for ten packages or more, there will be no postage charge. Payment for orders

must be made to the National FYC within thirty days after the order has been delivered.

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!

FYC Registrations

In our 1970 registration we had 35 FYC groups respond with registrants totaling 507 FYCers. There are 27 groups that have not yet shown any response to our 1971 appeal for mailing registration forms to the National FYC office. The FYCers in those groups cannot receive the benefit of any mailings or free materials because we do not have their names and addresses.

This year we want to have a complete registration so that we may determine which state has the most FYCers. If any of you know of any FYCers who are isolated from a local FYC, please send their names and addresses to the National FYC office.

This is urgent! Please help us get a complete registration of FYCers.

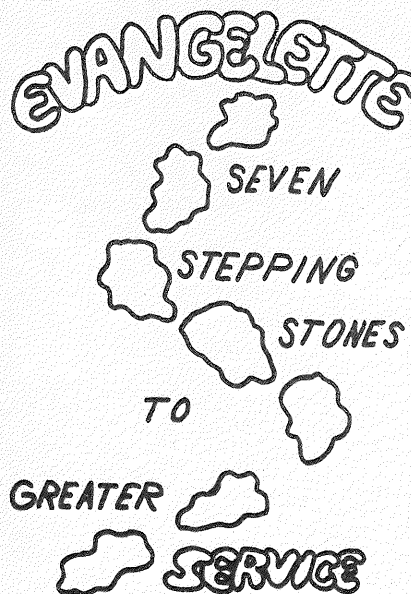
Needed

Teachers and Staff in Christian Education at Midwest Bible College and Spring Vale Academy—for next school year and after.

If you are a teacher, register with the

Christian Education Department
c/o Spring Vale Academy
Rt. 5
Owosso, Michigan 48867

You will not be drafted; we accept enlistees and volunteers.



Evangelettes, Standard IV for April is memorizing and quoting Scripture texts.

Please check page 30 of the *Minuteman* program for suggestions concerning this standard.

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