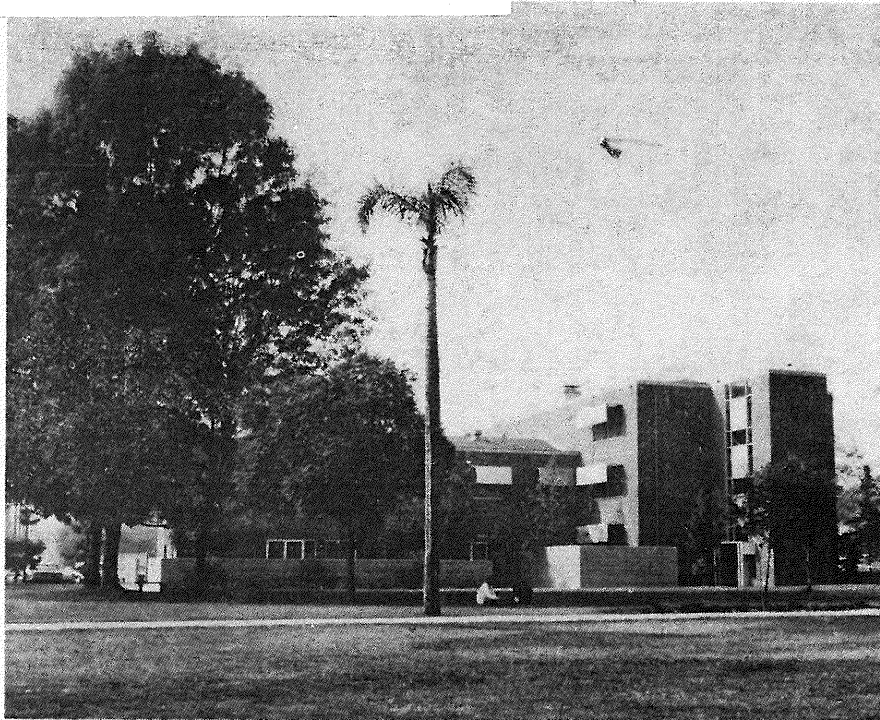


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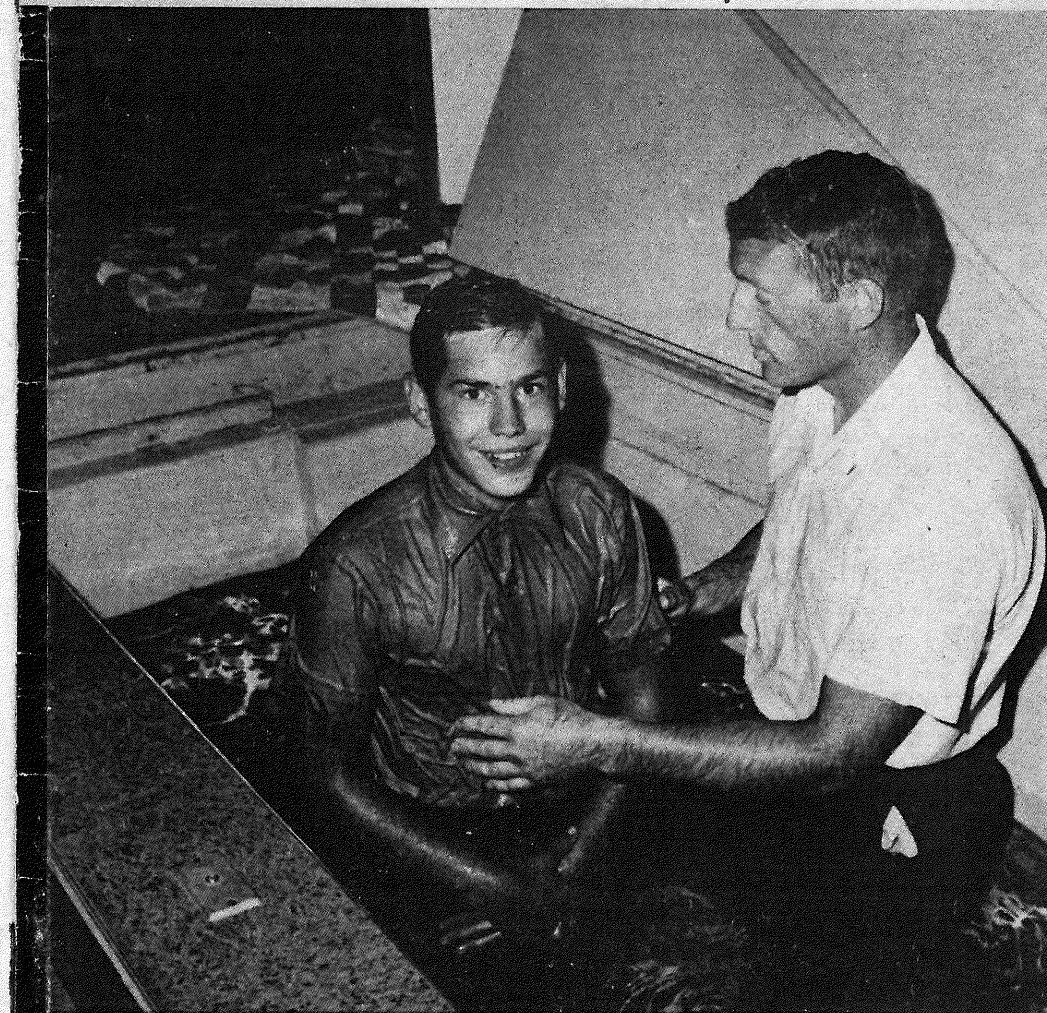


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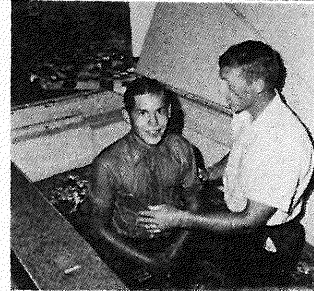
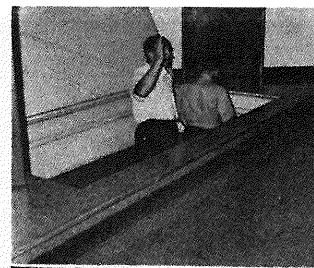
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Hope E. Dais, Editor

Unless you do a little thinking, and planning and praying tonight, you will not be any better tomorrow than you were today.—SIR ORACLE

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A young man witnesses for His Lord... Raymond Wallace invited a friend, Lynn Taylor, to come to church. Through this invitation and the preaching of God's Word, Lynn found Jesus Christ and the truth of God's Church. Lynn came from a troubled, problem-filled life to find "joy unspeakable" in such wonderful "saving knowledge." This sequence of pictures shows Lynn as he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church of God (Seventh Day).

## Joy in Heaven!

## Joy in Your Heart!

By Nathan Lawson

The search is on! Youth everywhere around this world are looking for something that our societies have failed to offer them!

The Joy and Contentment of knowing what life is all about has been missing. What is life? Where are we going? What is going to happen in the next few years? What if I should die today?

These and other basic questions about life haunt the human race. The majority of people through the ages of time have failed to find a real soul-satisfying answer. These are questions that reach into the very mind, heart, and soul of our youth.

Yes, youth everywhere are looking for the "inner peace" an-

swers. Sadly they look too often in the wrong direction.

The Bible says, "all we like sheep have gone astray." Here is the reason for WORLD PROBLEMS. Here is the reason for War, Hatred, Crime, Immorality, Riots, and the thousands of other problems that face our sick societies in this world.

There is only one answer! FIND GOD! Find Him to be real in your life. "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." Yes! A personal, soul-satisfying relationship with the Saviour of this world.

#### ALL HAVE SINNED

You are a sinner, you have no joy and peace within—until you have found Jesus Christ to be real in your life. "In him is life." It is described as being an "abundant" life now and Eternal Life in the fast-approaching Kingdom of God.

#### ACQUAINT THYSELF

Let me introduce to you the One Who stands ready to receive you with joy. His arms are opened. He is ready to grant

you joy and peace. He has said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him..." (Rev. 3: 20). You have not yet begun to "really live" until you "really know" Him. I introduce you to Jesus, the Son of God, the Joy of this world. Let Him live in you.

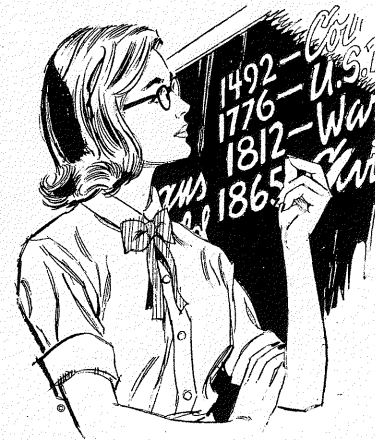
#### THERE IS JOY IN HEAVEN

When you find Him, there is joy in Heaven. When just one youth finds the right answer, the "joy bells" begin to ring up yonder where our God lives. Read Luke 15 for your devotion tonight. Notice the joy expressed each time one who has gone astray finds his way home. Joy shall be in heaven! There is joy in the presence of angels! The Father rejoices!

We receive into our life joy that is unspeakable and full of glory (I Peter 1:8, 9). Don't neglect to look the right way! Look for joy and peace, but look to Christ. You will then receive this joy and peace in your heart. You will then, and only then, know what living and dying is all about.

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*Some statistically minded individual, reflecting on the increased complications of our present-day living, has pointed out that an average man today has 484 wants, as against 72 a century ago. Of these, 94 can be classified as necessities. When wants were fewer there were only 16 necessities. One hundred years ago, according to the statistics, there were but 200 different articles being offered for sale. Today the total is far above 32,000. (This was observed in 1957. With the rapid materialistic progress we see these days, one wonders how much this figure has increased in the last 14 years.)*



# Our Modern Frontier

By Jessie Truman

**H**ow often have you thrilled as you read accounts of the bravery, daring and endurance of those early settlers and pioneers whom we proudly claim as ancestors? Some of us may even wish we could have lived back then when our survival would have challenged our best efforts. However, we have as harsh a frontier challenging us as the pioneers had in the sixteenth century.

The early colonists first left England and moved to Holland. They were dissatisfied with the church of England. They left their homes to find a land where they could worship as they believed right. Holland took them in, but soon their young people were taking on the customs of the Dutch people. So the colonists (they called themselves Separatists) decided to sail to that new, undeveloped land across the ocean. There they could have complete freedom of worship and govern themselves.

Once established in America, the pioneers slowly pushed back the frontier. It took about three hundred years to settle the continent. Then Alaska was acclaimed to be the last frontier. Now we're told that space

and the planets are a new frontier to be conquered.

We have also another frontier challenging us today. It's that dark and intriguing forest of ideas. Dangers lurk there just as surely as they did in the literal forests of old. We have to be on guard at all times if we are to survive the attacks of evil forces against our salvation.

An idea can take almost any shape, and it will approach you in a most appealing way. Most of us like to learn new things—and we should. But before we accept a new idea we must examine it carefully. Is it logical? Is it good? Is it true? Is it in harmony with God's Word? How can we tell?

Not all new ideas are good or true. Therefore we must test

each one just as a chemist tests substances in his test tubes. How? By applying the scriptures to it. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

We must be armed with knowledge and truth. This is why we begin teaching our children at an early age. You can never have too much truth, but one lie (if you accept it as truth) can cost too much. In 1 Kings 13 there is a story of a man of God who believed just one lie and it cost him his life before the day passed. While we may not be so severely punished so quickly, yet in the day of judgment a lie will be just as deadly. So we must study, study, study. "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Our forefathers built stockades to protect their settlements from the enemies. In times of grave danger they all gathered inside the stockade, and fought side by side. We have a stockade, too. It's our church. There we find shelter and support against our common enemies. We each have a responsibility to help keep the stockade in good repair. Even inside the stockade there was another real danger. It was that of being betrayed by one of their own people. If there was a traitor among

them, he'd leave the gate unlatched so the enemy could get inside. Then innocent people lost their lives. Jesus warned in Matthew 24:24, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

It might seem to some that it would be best to always live inside the stockade. But the pioneers found they had to brave some dangers in order to settle the land and till the soil. Sometimes they had to face dangers alone. So do we. We can't cut ourselves off from everyone except our church brethren. The Lord never intended that we should. He instructs us to "Let your light so shine before men..." Jesus prayed His Father to keep His people from the evil, but not to take them out of the world.

Like the early settlers, we need a vision of a better life. They were willing to face untold hardships and sufferings to have the freedom they counted so precious. So must we. If our final goal is salvation and eternal life in God's kingdom, then we must stand firmly for truth in this life. Jesus said "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." That is *real* freedom. A half-truth is half lie. Make no mistake about this. No one will get half-way into the kingdom.

Satan can tell you a lot of truth just to catch you unawares so he can tell you a lie.

In these last days knowledge is greatly increased, just as God said it would be. We're being barraged constantly with new ideas, and they're aimed at every phase of our lives. We're pressured to buy detergents that pollute the land and water. We are told to buy all sorts of goodies in the food lines that are really harmful. We're offered a "trip" to get away from reality by the use of damaging devil drugs. Now there's an outbreak of occults and false religions to

draw in unsuspecting and uneducated victims as a whirlpool draws in anything within its reach, then destroys it in its downward pull.

Oh, yes, today's frontiers are real. They're as challenging and fraught with dangers as they were when the Separatists first came to this continent. Now, as then, only the strong and the protected ones will survive. If you'd be among the survivors, it's essential that you *learn* truth, *love* truth, and *live* truth.

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## Reflection

By Carolyn Clements

*Sometimes man needs to walk alone in God's creation—away from people, buildings, bustle. At last I had found an hour, a place to "steal away." Walking along a dirt road that led—I don't know where—through hilly woods, I was drawn to a pool on my right. I don't know why it fascinated me... so still.*

*Various kinds and sizes of dull copper oak leaves floated on the dark surface—dead. Pieces of decayed tree trunks cluttered the water. Across the water scroggly grass had grown up and entangled itself with many of the leaves, choking them. How depressing!... And then suddenly I saw beyond the black water and debris strong oak branches standing tall, reaching up into the bright glory of an autumn sky! I couldn't believe I had looked so long without seeing! And in the cold, stagnant waters of my mind I began to see beyond the tangled debris of decaying dreams and dead hopes that had cluttered the vision of my soul. With the same incredible thrill I saw the whole picture: my being reaching strongly out of the dismal waters through the seemingly insolvable problems of my life to the overwhelming glory of a Greater Power.*

*Then I knew I could make it... through the reflection of His enlightening love! "Be still and know that I am God (i.e. the Almighty)."*

# Dear Teenager

Dear Teenager,

You are struggling to assume your place in an adult world. You want to remake society. What do you have to offer that will be an improvement? Are you wanting change just for the sake of change—or have you compared the different beliefs and ways of life and chosen the best? If you cannot offer something better, have you the right to criticize? Or are you merely playing “follow the leader”?

The present generation of youth claims to have a **NEW MORALITY**. What is **NEW** about the age-old immorality of sexual lasciviousness? Just because immorality is called “the new morality” does not mean God accepts man’s evaluation. Because man has decided he does not have to obey God’s law does not mean God has cancelled it.

God created man a free moral agent. He says in Ecclesiastes 11:9: “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.” You can **CHOOSE** the way you want to live. God will not force anyone to live a clean, decent life. It has to be an individual choice.

Your wish is to make an impact on society. Why not, instead of devoting all your time to pursuit of pleasure and working for material things, dedicate a percentage of your time to telling others about God? God is being pushed out of the lives of those needing Him most. Are you strong enough to present these facts to your peers, or do you need a crutch like the majority of teenagers today? Can you stand alone and represent all that is good in life, or do you need to hide in the mob? Are drink, drugs and sex your goals in life? Is the filth of the gutter of immorality more appealing to you than the clean, pure air of liberty in Christ?

If the present trend of world affairs continues, you have only a few years in which to prove you are a responsible adult. What are you going to do with those years? **YOU** have the chance to walk the way the majority of unhappy adults in this world have missed. Are you strong enough to walk it? It isn’t easy to leave the crowd. If you have a friend or friends to make the

choice with you, you are indeed blessed. But if you must stand alone and need help, there are many followers of Christ willing to help with prayer. Prayer **DOES** change things!

You know what wonderful results are attained by Alcoholics Anonymous, **BECAUSE SOMEONE CARES!** Why not start a Teenager’s or Youth Anonymous? If no one needs help in your area, surely there is at least one young person you know that would be helped by a letter of encouragement. **HELP THEM!** Don’t lead or push them deeper into sin. You **ARE** your brother’s keeper.

Aloha,

Ruth Scherle

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## Convenience or Christianity?

A story is told of a young sailor who called his parents from San Diego after the war. He said he was bringing his buddy home with him to stay. “You see, mom,” he said, “my friend is pretty badly broken up. He was severely wounded and has only one leg, one arm, and one eye.” After a little reflection, the mother said, “Of course, son, he can stay with us **A LITTLE WHILE.**” But her voice carried the note that they would not like to be burdened for long with a handicapped fellow.

Two days later the parents received a telegram from the general’s office saying that their son had leaped to his death from a hotel window. When the parents received his body for burial, it had only one arm, one leg, and one eye!

The memory of that conversation will linger with that moth-

er as long as she lives. She will think thousands of times, “Oh, **WHY** didn’t I speak more carefully? If only I could recall those hateful words, “**A LITTLE WHILE.**” But it is too late now . . . all her wishes and prayers will not bring back her son.

Dear readers, how many souls have been lost by our failure to love as a Christian should? Many times we are afraid of being inconvenienced so we don’t take time to show our love. We say we love, but actions speak much louder than words! Many people are destined to die the eternal death, simply because we will not inconvenience ourselves enough to teach the truth to them and show we really love their lost souls. Let’s love our neighbors and show that our religion is not of convenience, but of **REAL CHRISTIANITY!**

—Author Unknown

That our motto for 1971 is an appropriate one seems evident from the common burden which we consistently note in letters from young people. The following excerpt from a letter to our national FYC chairman (undoubtedly written before the motto was even announced) illustrates this well:

...I know about your concern for the youth to be witnesses... Recently this has become pretty important to me also. Over this past year it has been growing down inside. This is why I wrote the enclosed article....



## What Kind of Fruit Are You ?

by John Marrs

*"For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit"* (Luke 6:43, 44).

Jesus has put a challenge before us, but many of us have neglected to face it. That challenge is, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations... to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."<sup>1</sup>

Our church has not experienced the amount of growth we would like to see. We cannot be satisfied with a turnover from the last generation plus a small percentage more. This is not God's will, because Christ tells me, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit..."<sup>2</sup> What might the size and outreach of our church be today if everyone, or even some of us, brought forth "MUCH fruit"?

Is it possible that we are ashamed of God and His gospel—and of our Christianity? Paul was not ashamed of Christ's gospel; he knew that it was his power of salvation.<sup>3</sup> If we are ashamed of (or deny) Christ now, He will deny us before God,<sup>4</sup> which really doesn't say much for our salvation, does it?

Jesus sees us as the salt of the earth. He tells us that if we do not salt anything, we are flavorless and will be thrown out to be walked on by the people of this world.<sup>5</sup>

How can we hide our lights as Christians if we really have a

fire going? Be bold, "that they (your friends and the world) may see your good works."<sup>6</sup> Our Church will grow if we will only listen to Christ.

Jesus was not a procrastinator. He condemned procrastination concerning witnessing when He said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest, behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."<sup>7</sup> He is saying that to us now, as He has said it for two thousand years. Are we finally going to listen?

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. . . ." (James 1:22).

<sup>1</sup>Matt 28:19, 20

<sup>4</sup>Matt. 10:32, 33

<sup>6</sup>Matt. 5:16

<sup>2</sup>John 15:5

<sup>5</sup>Matt. 5:13-16

<sup>7</sup>John 4:35

<sup>3</sup>Rom. 1:16

## Youth Doctrine Corner

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



### THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 32

. . . **At the second advent of Christ the righteous dead will be awakened from their sleep of death and brought forth from the graves to receive immortality. After the 1,000-year reign of Christ, the wicked dead will be resurrected to be judged and punished.**

Righteous To Be Awakened From Sleep of Death

. . . **At the coming of Christ** (1 Cor. 15:22, 23 and 1 Thess. 4:13-17).

. . . **To immortality** (1 Cor. 15:51-53).

. . . **To reign with Christ** (Rev. 5:10 and Rev. 20:6).

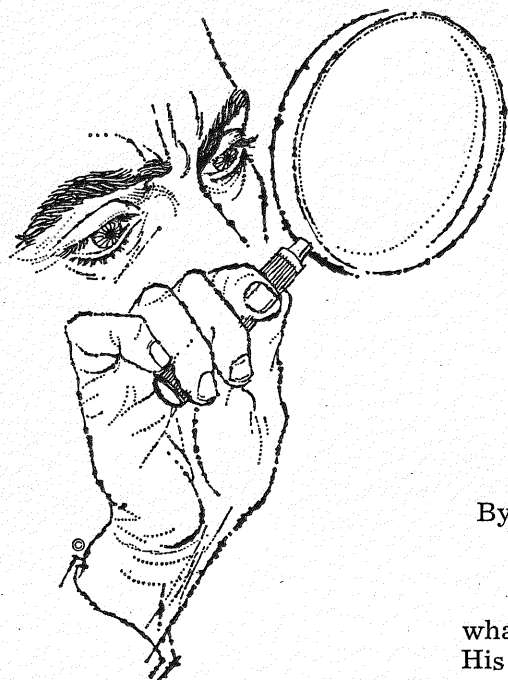
Wicked To Be Awakened From Sleep of Death

. . . **After the reign of Christ** (Rev. 20:5, 13).

. . . **To judgment** (Rev. 20:11-15).

. . . **To be destroyed in the "lake of fire"** (Rev. 20:15).

FROM MBC BIBLE DOCTRINES CLASS



## *Not Anything We Can See or Touch*

By Pam Baker, SVA student

what He can do, and how great His powers are today.

In my life—many times—I've asked God for something important that I felt I really needed. I had faith that God could do it, but I didn't extend my faith in the Lord to the point that I really *knew* He would answer my prayers. Our lack of faith today, I believe, is a major reason for the barrier between God and man.

With all the evolutionary theories and ideas of creation today, it could become hard to teach the truth of God's existence and creation. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). This is the Bible definition of faith. It is not anything we can see or touch. We must walk by faith. No one has seen God at any time and yet Christians today

More and more man depends solely upon himself and his own way of thinking, instead of putting trust in God.

Our high level of education and scientific techniques enable man to know, to do, or to become pretty much what he pleases. He feels he can get along without God, therefore faith is not needed. Faith is a thing that is thought about or put into practice very little. It is natural for us to believe only in the things we have seen and are sure of; yet the Bible says, "Blessed is he who hath not seen, yet believeth."

Many people feel they can just slide through life and will be worthy of "The Reward" if they simply believe in God. We must have faith in what God is,

believe and have faith in God and His existence.

We see God's creation and read about how He made every living creature. We notice the stars, sun, moon, and heavens as being part of God's creation, and our faith in God is real. The Bible tells us how He made all things, and we believe that He is omnipotent.

How many of us really have faith that God can heal, that He can save us from our sins, or that He will send Christ back

to earth someday soon? Without this kind of faith, we can not please our Heavenly Father. To display our faith in God to our friends and especially to God, we must submit our lives *completely* to Him and trust Him with our most precious treasures.

God tells us in His Holy Word that our life on earth is but a vapor, and we should be working for a place in the "Eternal Home of God."

Will your faith and trust in God draw you nearer "Home"?

This is an excerpt from a letter recently received at the Bible Advocate Press.

*"IF I COULD ONLY FIND SOME WAY TO TELL . . ."*

*"My name is ..... I just turned thirty, and I am an inmate of a prison. "Why?" I keep asking myself.*

*"Not long ago I was a fairly happy man, married to a lovely girl. I had two darling baby girls, a good job and a nice home. What really happened to change all of it?"*

*"I have had plenty of time to think about it. I have heard people say for years, drinking doesn't lead to drugs and pills don't lead to weed, and weed doesn't lead to harder drugs. Well, I am not a very smart man, but look at me and see how I started.*

*"It began with sipping beer while I was in my early teens, then whiskey in my early twenties, drugs in my late twenties, and crime and prison by the time of my thirtieth birthday, including the loss of my wife, girls and home.*

*"If I could only find some way to tell some youngster what it all leads to, where it ends, and what it is really like when you lose your freedom! If there was only some way some young boy or girl would listen to someone who really knows and has been there!"*

*"Could you please give me your advice on how I may accomplish this?"*

*Thank You . . .*

# Meet Your Committeemen

*Pat Jones, a 17-year-old FYC'er at the Hammondville, Alabama, church, is a senior at Fort Payne High School. Pat served as secretary-treasurer of their local F.Y.C. for two years. Presently she serves as assistant secretary-treasurer. Her musical talent is a blessing to those with whom she comes in contact as she uses this talent to praise her Master.*



With only a few months left until graduation, I find myself faced with a problem that many young people are confronted with: What am I going to do with my life? Should I go to college, business school; should I be a teacher, secretary, nurse—or what??

In grammar school, first high school years, and until just this last year I had planned to be a teacher. However, lately I have begun to wonder if I am really “cut out” to teach. A great many questions have been going through my mind, one of which is: “Could God best use me in that profession, or does He have something else planned for me?”

So many people have ruined their lives by leaving God out of their plans. If only they could realize how much happier and rewarding their lives would be if they let God have His way. Many times money, social standing, and other worldly pleasures influence one's career plans to the extent that God is completely left out. This should *not* be the case; it should be God's Will first! If this could be the case in every young person's (and adult's) life, how much happier they would be! “. . . Blessed are all they that put their trust in him” (Psalm 2:12). If one is not suited to the profession he enters, or if it is against God's Will for him, no matter how much money or prestige is gained—that individual will not be happy.

Only if you are really interested in and dedicated to your profession can you truly feel the joy of fulfillment. God will not guide you wrong—remember, He knows you much better than you know yourself!

Even though God might not call us to preach, teach, or do missionary work—we are still important. One might be a businessman, housewife, or a factory worker and still be instrumental in leading

some lost soul to Christ. Your example and witness might reach someone who would otherwise never hear the truth. The only solution is to pray, read the Bible, and trust God to direct you in everything. “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye” (Psalm 32:8). Because God *does* have a plan for our lives—we can either accept it and enjoy a life of blessings, or we can go our own way and encounter heartaches.

**PRAY!** Pray for *all* young people who are facing this decision—whether right now or some time in the future; and “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

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## Washington Had Young Ideas

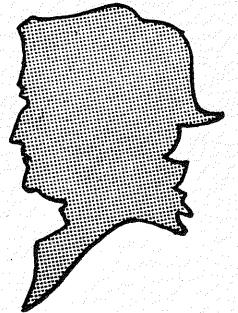
George Washington had already made quite a name for himself around the Virginia countryside by the time he had outgrown his teens. It was during his teen-aged years that he first revealed that talent for leadership that was to be so important for this new country.

There is nothing new to be told of the Washington story, of course, but it is well to recall some of the things he did as we approach the 239th anniversary of Washington's birthday. . . .

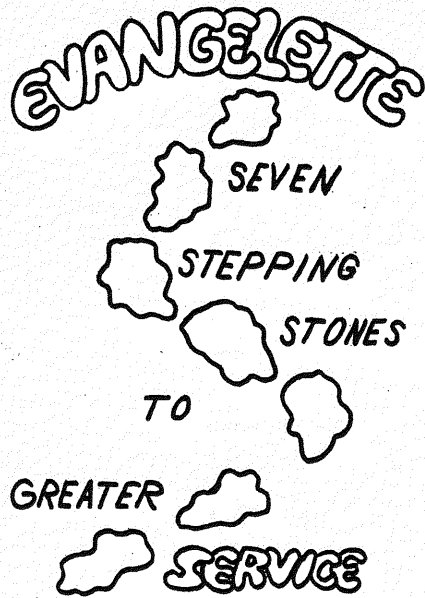
. . . At eighteen George Washington was the champion “long leaper” of the Virginia colony, as the sport of broad jumping was then known. At that age he could ride well and could outshoot most of his friends and neighbors—two accomplishments that went hand in hand with the pioneering of a new land.

Like Lincoln, the youthful giant of the Illinois and Indiana backwoods country, young Washington was feared by older men in the catch-as-catch-can wrestling of the day. One experience with the robust youth from Mount Vernon was enough for most Virginians.

At nineteen young George was made adjutant general of the Virginia militia in one of the border districts. It was his first real post of distinction in the way of military leadership—almost a quarter of a century before he accepted the command of the Continental Army under the Washington Elm at Cambridge, Massachusetts.







Bible Search  
(Standard III)

# A Multitude of Counselors

by Sheryl Youngs

In embarrassment he stammers, "Uh, uh . . . tell you what, next time I come I'll bring you a tract," and his countenance remains a shade of tomato-red.

It's a shame.

Traumatic-teen-trials overwhelm; close friends counsel—

"Do it this way because . . ."

"I know a better way . . ."

"No, no, they're all wrong—  
you listen to me because I know . . ."

An adolescent is brought to screams within . . .

"Who do I listen to? What do I do?"

What is right . . .?"

It's heart-rending.

Young intellectuals debate—

Great men are quoted.

Facts of philosophy fly.

Scientific knowledge is skillfully  
heaved about.

Agonized reasoning gropes to the  
very depth for the answers.

It's a shame.

"It's a shame" because men sit and violently arrange their wisdom to find solutions. We sit on the chest of "hidden treasures" and wish for someone to put a jewel of wisdom in our hands.

"It's heart-rending" because as darkness falls on our stony path and we

stumble, we reach not for the "lamp that will guide our feet" (Psalm 119: 105), but rather we reach for that momentary security of another stumbler.

"It's a shame" because men turn to us for answers (we who wear the cross so proudly), and we stammer, turn crimson and wish for another cross-wearer to lend us his sword.

"It's heart-rending" because man of dust was NOT filled with breath and left here to grope in darkness until his wounds are fatal, or his hair turns milky.

"It's a shame" because God has given us His Word—and we need not stumble—and we need not walk on an unlighted path.

Again and again texts have been quoted showing how urgent it is that we grow fat on God's Word before those lean years come and all who are weakly shall perish. Enumerable times you've been told how vital it is that God's Word must dwell richly in your life!

The point is YOU KNOW in God's Word are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). You know, but yet you wait for another brother to search and sweat and toil and search and dig and pray and search and find and bring His treasures on a golden platter to you.

THE TIME IS now to rise and search and sweat and toil and search and dig and pray and search and find and hoard those hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge! You will be thrilled.

Woe little Christian! Your confidence in others' findings will be to no avail when your enemy approaches with a sword drawn and you have none (Ephesians 6:17).

"No," I hear you saying, "I've not relied on others." Perhaps then your excuse is more noble—"I don't know how to study the Bible."

Woe little Christian! It "has been written man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 5:4). Or perhaps you're a hobo, hoping to ride God's Church with its wonderful truths into the Kingdom.

Woe little Christian! When you have failed to "GIRD yourself with truth" (Eph. 6:14) and your foe thrusts his sword into that most vulnerable part of flesh, for your wound shall be mortal.

Young people, we've been babies and milk-fed long enough. It's a man's battle and we're fighting for life. THE TIME IS to get with it and dig.

THE TIME IS when God's Word must become our first advisor, the only authority we rise to quote, our first resort for all questions, both in theory and practice for our lives.

Soldier, gird yourself with truth!

Take the sword of the Spirit!

Search the scriptures

OR

Spiritual Suicide?? It's entirely up to you.

# YOUTH WORKERS



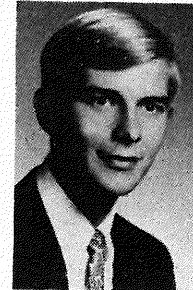
**Sheryl Youngs** has enthusiastically launched into her new position as Evangelette program director and has recently revised the program. If you are not yet familiar with "Evangelette," do write to Sheryl Youngs, Stanberry, Missouri 64489, for more information.



**Martha Ling** is now in her third year as 2T4G director. "Take Time for God" (2T4G) is quite self-explanatory in its name—a daily Bible reading and prayer. Watch for a new format in this program in the coming months.

## FOUR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN

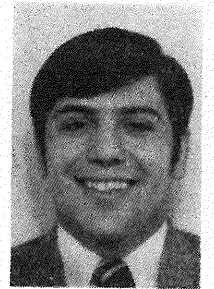
**Elder Dale Lawson** is now serving in his sixth year as chairman of the Young People's Department. Until recently his many hours were donated, sandwiched in among other pressing duties—local pastoring and teaching at Midwest Bible College. Just three months ago Elder Lawson was put on half-time salary by the Young People's Department, but even this does not begin to remunerate him for the many hours of work and planning which go into our young people's work.



**Bob Dais**, Lodi, California, is presently taking a one-year course at Midwest Bible College, after which he plans to continue his college studies in pursuit of a teacher's degree. It is his desire to teach in a Christian school.



**Elder Nathan Lawson**, pastor of the Lodi and Stockton, California churches, directs our Mark of Merit Program. Through this program local FYC groups are encouraged to continue in an active program.



**Mike Vlad** from Detroit, Michigan, is directing the "Minuteman" program for the second year now. Our "Minuteman" program encourages the memorization of at least eight verses each month. Mike is a student at Midwest Bible College.



**Elder Kenneth Knoll** now serves as pastor at Conroe, Texas. He and his wife Mary Jean (who is a member of the Leadership Committee) have been active in young people's activities on both local and national levels.



**Elder Melvin Sweet** pastors the church at Hammondville, Alabama. Before going to Alabama, Elder Sweet served for several years at Spring Vale Academy where he worked closely with young people.



**John Lemley**, our FYC Foreign Correspondent, keeps us in touch with youth in other lands. His reports which appear periodically in AIM magazine serve to draw us closer to our brothers and sisters across the seas. He can also supply you with a foreign pen pal if you will contact him either directly or through the the National FYC Department.



**Dan Davila** is our FYC Coordinator for the correlation of the work between the USA FYCers and the Spanish-speaking FYCers. Besides corresponding with the Spanish FYCers (including those in Mexico), he is also helpful in translating FYC booklets into Spanish so they may benefit from these materials. A thrilling dimension in his capacity as coordinator was experienced when he recently accompanied Elder Dale Lawson to Mexico to help organize the FYC work there.

# If I Were the Devil

by Paul Harvey

If I were the Prince of darkness I would want to engulf the whole world in darkness. I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree. So I would set about, however necessary, to take over the United States.

I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve, "Do as you please." To the young I would whisper, "the Bible is a myth." I would convince them that "man created God," instead of the other way around. I'd whisper that bad is good and good is 'square.'

In the ears of the young people I would whisper that work is degrading, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old I would teach to pray—to say after me, "Our Father which art in Washington." Then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make putrid literature exciting so that anything else would be dull, uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies, and vice versa. I'd infiltrate unions and urge more loafing, less work. Idle hands usually work for me.

I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

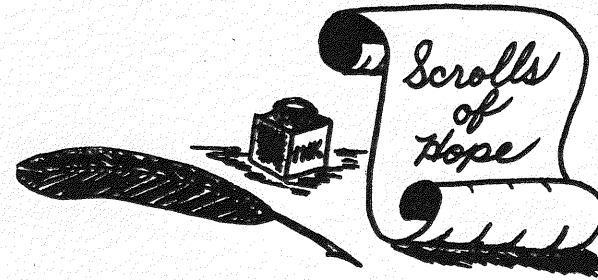
If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine intellects, but neglect to discipline the emotions; let those run wild. I'd designate an atheist to front for me before the highest courts and I'd get preachers to say "She is right."

With flattery and promises of power I would get the Courts to vote against God and in favor of pornography: Thus I would evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouses and the Halls of Congress. Then in His own churches I'd substitute psychology for religion and deify science. That way men would become smart enough to create super-weapons, but not wise enough to control them.

If I were the devil I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted and thus kill the incentive of the ambitious. Then my police state would force everybody back to work. Then I would separate families, putting children in uniform, women in the coal mines and objectors in slave-labor camps. In other words, if I were Satan, I would just keep on doing what Satan is now doing. . . .

—From Paul Harvey's syndicated column in the VP

Editorial



I've thought about it often. I've even thought about talking to you about it before—and now I've found that there's an expression for it—just two words that describe the whole thing very adequately—emotional catharsis. This means that a person can hear a challenge and be moved emotionally but not necessarily to the point of commitment or action.

Are you a victim of emotional catharsis?

You enjoy a good revival, or you have a good panel discussion—or simply a discussion in your own living room, whereupon you feel almost *passionately* moved to "do something." You feel compelled to do more for the cause of Christ. But all too often the motivation ends there. You almost reach the point that you *feel* you have acted simply because your emotions were moved. "Our minds may be expanded in our thinking potential, but until we actually act upon that which we have heard, it is of no real value."\*

How many times have you sat in a revival meeting and determined that from now on it's going to be different: You're going to witness—and serve—and keep your priorities in place?

How many times have you attended camp meeting (or youth camp) and come away solidly convinced that this won't be "just another camp meeting" for your own benefit alone—but that it's going to change your life to the point that you will act—and you will share it with others?

The Bible doesn't use the words "emotional catharsis." But it *does* say, very plainly, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

Another Biblical example which is brought clearly to mind is the "second son" spoken of in Matthew 21:30 who "answered and said, I go, sir: and went not." We certainly find no commendation from the Master concerning one who determined that he *would*—but didn't!

We search for an answer to this dilemma. We long to find greater fulfillment for the many resolutions we make. Wouldn't it be wonderful if at this point I could give you a pat answer—the solution in a nutshell? However, even as you found yourself hoping for such, you knew that was impossible.

Much of the answer lies in maintaining our relationship with Christ—such

\*Lowell Brown, Christian educator

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# Young Adult Retreat

## -- A First

By Mary Ling

What is a retreat? My dictionary says it is an act of withdrawing to a place of refuge for a period of time for religious exercise and meditation. Let me tell you about my first retreat.

The first Young Adult Retreat of the Church of God, Seventh Day, was held at Lakeside, Ohio, December 11-13, 1970. From a very personal point of view this retreat was successful in that the programs and purposes I anticipated were accomplished. The informal get-together Friday evening followed registration and an evening meal. The attitude seemed subdued because of the initial shyness of a newly-assembled group, perhaps augmented by "Friday evening fatigue." We had a brief vesper service which included singing choruses and prayer. Some of us braved the biting wind to walk to Lake Erie shore to see the surf. We then retired to pray, study and rest.

Sabbath morning dawned cold and wet with threatened snow. After breakfast we gathered in the lounge of the Fountain Inn for Sabbath school. Brother Norman Caswell was the lesson study leader, Brother and Sister Mark (Martha) Ling sang a special number, and Elder K. H. Freeman brought us the morning worship

message. Elder Freeman enumerated some things that have helped him in his life that we might apply to our own—a "Formula for Successful Christian Living."

Following dinner and a time for resting and fellowship we heard Elder Freeman lecture on "How To Have a Happy Marriage in Christ." This was a terrific session for young marrieds and for those planning marriage.

As Elder Freeman began reciting the words of the marriage vows, we were to decide if we have lived up to those vows we have taken. He has a wealth of experience on which to draw as minister and counselor; also his wife was there to attest to their lasting marriage.

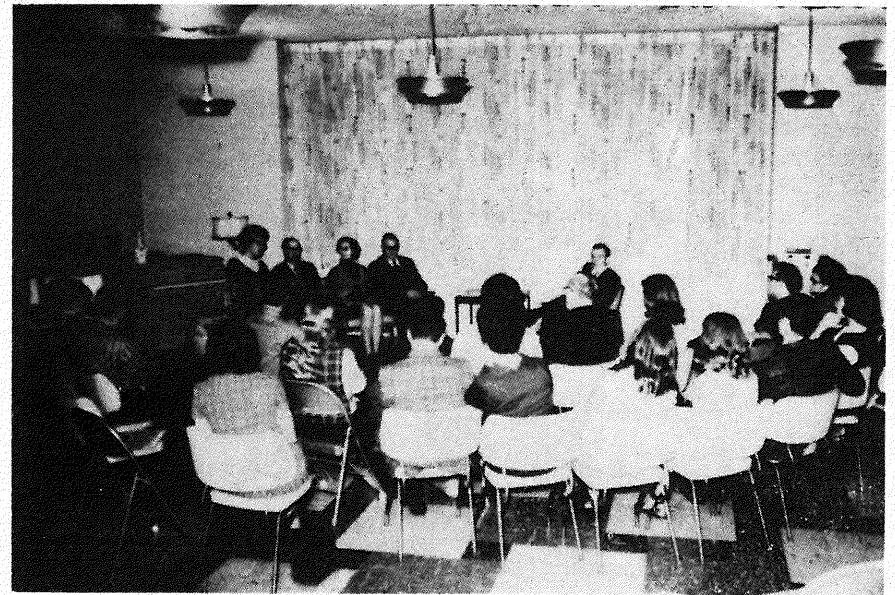
Happy marriages don't just happen; we must work at our marriage. First we must start right by making our marriage a matter of prayer. We should be missionaries and make our marriage one in faith by leading our intended mate to the Lord before leading him to the altar. Beware of hasty marriages because marriage may eliminate some problems, but will certainly create others. Elder Freeman also stated his opinion on trial marriage, as based on Bible standards. It is sin, and sin is the transgression of the law, and the law says, "Thou

shalt not commit adultery." He also held some reservations about very young partners marrying. Finally he gave us some "Do's and Don't's" for a happy marriage, such as *Don't* live with your family; *Don't* be a nagger; *Don't* confront each other with faults and criticism; and *Do* express your love. The secret of a happy marriage is putting Christ at the head of the home with the partners working together for the happiness they expect.

Supper provided another time for fellowship. We had time for visiting and relaxing in front of the fire at Wesley Lodge while some played ping-pong.

The evening seminar was led by Elder Vernon Patchen on "The Family's Own Spiritual Life: The Building of a Family Altar." We received more practical suggestions. Each one

received a copy of the *Beatitudes for Christian Married Couples*, and questions and answers—*How Christian Is Your Family Life?* by Dr. Bob Smith. Both of these are applicable in family worship. I wish to share only a few of the comments made by Dr. Smith which I think may interest you. He said the manner in which we conduct family worship depends on three things; the age of children, the situation in which the parents find themselves, and the opportunities of the coming and going of the father and of the mother. We should be concerned not so much with the routine habit as with the quality and meaning of the family altar. Another family requirement is love. The family must love—a child has to grow up in an atmosphere of love in order for the Christian discipline to stick. By love



Round table discussion of "How to Work and Live with Teenagers from the Parents' Viewpoint." Brother and Sister Warren Ling and Brother and Sister Kenneth H. Freeman were the speakers.

we mean love between father and mother, and they must communicate love to the child.

Still another area of concern within the family is the discipline of children. Consistence is a basic rule in correction and obedience. A child has to learn obedience in the home or he will never learn obedience to the Heavenly Father.

Later Saturday evening we had a panel discussion on "Rearing Christian Teenagers—A Look at the Problems." The panel members were Elder and Sister Kenneth (Bertie) Freeman and Brother and Sister Warren (Mary) Ling. Some of the problems discussed in the question and answer period were discipline, correction, guiding your child's choice of companions, sex education, secular schools versus parochial schools, and problems confronted in public high school after attending S.V.A. Just to have two parents is not enough. Prayer, patience and Christ must be uppermost in those parents' lives in order to raise Christian teenagers. The evening ended with a short vesper service followed by a snack.

On Sunday morning a seminar, "The Role of the Young Adult in the Church of God," was led by Brother Fred Walter. It was an optimistic, enthusiastic presentation of vision for the Church of God, with new ideas and dynamic innovations to promote the Gospel and provide for spiritual and numerical growth of the Church. The expansion and progress of the Church depends on the young adults, their witness and their ambition for soul-saving and their success in carrying out such programs. Following Brother Walter's presentation we had a prayer service which concluded the services.

In all, the spiritual quality was superb at the Retreat. The number of people attending was relatively small, but perhaps for a first, this is as it should be. We hope for more people to participate in the future Young Adult Retreats. Warren and I enjoyed the week-end and benefited from the association with others and from the opportunity for the spiritual reflection and recharging.

I feel the success of any endeavor is in direct ratio to the prayer power involved, and I trust we will keep this in mind in planning and preparing future programs. I am thankful I could attend the Retreat and also thankful God has given leaders to step out in this way to plan such retreats. I feel the Church of God must try new ways of spiritual growth and evaluation in order to survive and compete in this time of the end. Young Adults must be prepared for a fast-moving world and a program for such preparation must be available within the Church. Sharing ideas and association with others with similar problems and similar goals is one way of filling this need.

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#### CARELESS WORDS

*My friend was hurt because of me,  
With words I spoke so carelessly.*

*I did not need to say to him  
Those cutting things that friendship  
dim.*

*But now, too late, I can't recall  
What I should not have said at all.  
But I have learned and patience  
gained;*

*No more with words I'll hurt a friend  
—Ellen E. Morrison*

# A Dream Come True

By Debbie Davis

When the doors of Silver Spur Camp opened on the 23rd of December, it was truly a dream come true. Just a month before this date there were many doubts whether or not California really would have a winter retreat. It seemed as though everything was going wrong. After making inquiries of approximately thirty-two camps, we finally decided on one. However, with the choice the problem of finances arose. In order to secure the camp, we had to guarantee 100 campers, with no idea if we would even come close to that figure. As it turned out we had 102 campers—all but five being from California—and at the end of the first night we had taken in within ten dollars of the amount required!

It sounds so trivial just to list the highlights of a camp, but it also leaves a person feeling rather flat to say, "You would have had to have been there to believe it!" So, I would like to mention a few of the events that were on the program. Bible classes were conducted by Harvey Fischer and Elder Noah Camero. The topics discussed, "Encounters with Christ" and "The

Middle East in Prophecy," proved to be extremely informative. Another interesting feature was the fireside chats which dealt with teen-age problems, conducted by Elder Ray Straub. Every minute of the last day of camp was packed with inspiring events. It was remarkable to see the amount of talent displayed by the campers Sabbath afternoon at the youth rally, which was concluded with a sermon by Mike Vlad. Bob Dais gave a brief presentation on National Youth Organization. Included in his report was a



Shown here is the main lodge at Silver Spur Camp.



Judy Jarwin and Pam Dais are enjoying recreation period.

summation of past, present, and future plans for the National FYC. The highlights of any camp are not complete without the mention of sports. We had, without a doubt, the dirtiest (or should I say, mud-diest) football game ever played. Those not willing to engage in

the "mud bath" busied themselves with basketball, volleyball, and hiking.

Many times our youth camps and retreats are referred to as a spiritual rejuvenating center. Most of the time we are talking only about our young people—Church of God young people. The best testimony for the California retreat came not from one of our campers, but from the permanent director of the camp. As director of the camp for approximately five years, he has come in contact with many groups. He attended several of our services and expressed his amazement at the friendly cooperation and enthusiasm displayed by our campers. As a result, he asked the location of our nearest church

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## "Honest Abe"

When he was twenty-four years of age, Abraham Lincoln served as the postmaster in the little frontier, log-cabin village of New Salem, Illinois, for which position he was paid an annual salary of \$55.70, relates *The American Mercury*.

Although the New Salem post office was closed in 1836 it was several years before an agent arrived from Washington to settle accounts with ex-postmaster Lincoln, who by that time was a struggling lawyer who was not doing too well financially.

After a careful examination of the books, the agent informed Lincoln that a total of \$17.00 was due the government from receipts of the post office. Lincoln crossed the room, opened an old trunk, and took out a yellowed cotton rag bound with string. Untying it, he spread out the cloth, and there was the money—exactly \$17.00!

Young Lincoln had been holding it, untouched, for all these years; and when the agent expressed surprise, Lincoln commented, simply, "I never use any man's money but my own."

# Tell Me, Please

### QUESTION:

*We got our grade cards the other day, and my mother got all shook about mine. Let's just say they were worse than others in our family even though I didn't consider them too bad. Dad wasn't as upset, but he helps my mother with the nagging. What's so important about good grades?*

### ANSWER:

You asked the right person. I agree that all too many parents place excessive emphasis on grades received at school. Grades alone are not an accurate indication of intelligence, aptitude nor even achievement in a given field. They do give some indication of a student's ability to get along with his teacher, his cooperation with the class, his willingness and/or ability to grasp what the teacher is attempting to communicate, the teacher's judgment concerning the student's willingness to match his achievement to his abilities, etc.

A scramble for top grades is good if a student wants them. If he wishes to go on to college and a profession, he had better want them. I don't feel that parental insistence on good grades for the sake of comparison within a family or to other families is warranted.

Youth Questions  
answered by  
Ray L. Straub



A student should be cooperative in the classroom and he should apply himself to his studies. He should make a reasonably good effort, even when he is not particularly fond of the subject. Your parents have a right to insist on this, and they should. Beyond that I see little need for applying pressure for the vain purpose of seeking status or glory.

### QUESTION:

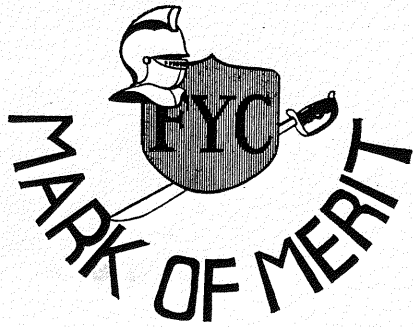
*I am engaged. I fully intend to marry my fiance. At times we get real close to going all the way in expressing our love. While we both feel that we should wait until after marriage, it is getting to seem less and less important. We will be married in a few months, anyway. Do you consider that our situation might be different?*

### ANSWER:

How is it different? Does your weakening resistance turn the evil you have been avoiding into a virtue? Is it different because the devil prods others but you are receiving divine permission?

That is not love you are wanting to express. You are merely tantalizing an appetite to the point of developing

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By Nathan Lawson

**CONGRATULATIONS! MARION, IOWA—  
LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER—FYC OF THE YEAR, 1970**

Marion, Iowa with an excellent 4th quarter of activities, slipped past Tacoma, Washington, to gain the top spot among our FYC's and become the FYC OF THE YEAR in the CHURCH OF GOD (Seventh Day). Their FYC Group will be featured in a later issue of AIM.

The following FYC Groups deserve much credit for an outstanding year in the Mark of Merit Program. This list of select groups won Gold Awards plus totaling over 1000 Bonus Points. What a tremendous achievement! These groups along with Marion, Iowa are:

Tacoma, Washington	Ontario, California
Harrisburg, Oregon	Wichita, Kansas

Following is a complete list of GOLD AWARD WINNERS with their total Bonus Points and their 15% contribution to the National FYC for the 4th Quarter of 1970.

GOLD AWARD WINNERS 500 Points	Bonus Points	4th Qtr. Support of National FYC
Marion, Iowa	1402	\$ 5.00
Tacoma, Wash.	1333	6.44
Harrisburg, Ore.	1198	70.89
Ontario, Calif.	1081	7.23
Wichita, Kans.	1005	2.00
Eureka, S. Dak.	956	6.94
New Auburn, Wisc.	757	13.76
Stockton, Calif.	650	22.53
Tahlequah, Okla.	443	4.65
Alfred, N. Dak.	441	20.24
Oklahoma City, Okla.	341	2.50

Lodi, Calif.	190	27.00
Fort Smith, Ark.	99	14.00

(This makes a total of 13 Gold Award Winners with several groups yet to send in their reports.)

SILVER AWARD WINNERS 350-499 points	Bonus Points	4th Qtr. Support of National FYC
Saginaw, Mich.	800	\$ 4.20
Elmira, Ore.	472	11.72
Toledo, Ohio	455	
Bloomington, Calif.	449	
San Antonio, Tex. (Sp.)	277	17.48
Southwest Michigan	165	77.88
Austin, Tex.	157	4.82
Nipawin, Sask., Can.	45	2.45

Awards will be mailed soon to Gold and Silver Award winners.

Top National FYC supporters for 4th Quarter (15% income).  
Harrisburg, Oregon — \$70.89

Notice the fine support from many other FYC's also for the 4th Quarter. The National FYC would like to express their thanks for this support. We are trying to do a greater and greater work for our God. This support is important. Thanks again!

**1971 Mark of Merit Year**

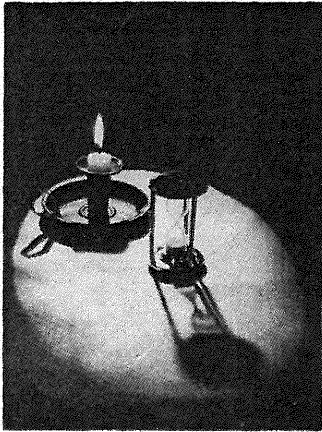
As you are reading this report, we will be well into the 1971 Mark of Merit Year. Make sure that your group is actively participating in this program. If you were not in the Mark of Merit Program in 1970 and wish to be this year, write me and say, "be sure and send us Report Blanks at the end of the first quarter of this year."

**NEW BONUS POINT PROGRAM**

We will be using a new Bonus Point scoring system this year. Points will be scored according to what percentage of your group's registered FYCers are participating in some of the Bonus Point Standards. This will make more even competition among both large and small groups. Details of the changes have been printed in former issues of the AIM. They have also been mailed to Leaders of your FYC Groups. Make sure that your group is familiar with this new scoring system.

**NEW MARK OF MERIT BOOKLET**

A new Mark of Merit Booklet will soon be mailed to Pastors  
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# 2T<sub>4</sub>G-

## Take Time for God

By Martha Ling

Date	Chapter
Feb. 15	I Thess. 2
Feb. 16	I Thess. 3
Feb. 17	I Thess. 4
Feb. 18	I Thess. 5
Feb. 19	II Thess. 1
Feb. 20	II Thess. 2
Feb. 21	II Thess. 3
Feb. 22	I Tim. 1
Feb. 23	I Tim. 2
Feb. 24	I Tim. 3
Feb. 25	I Tim. 4
Feb. 26	I Tim. 5
Feb. 27	I Tim. 6
Feb. 28	II Tim. 1
Mar. 1	II Tim. 2
Mar. 2	II Tim. 3
Mar. 3	II Tim. 4
Mar. 4	Titus 1
Mar. 5	Titus 2
Mar. 6	Titus 3
Mar. 7	Philemon
Mar. 8	Heb. 1
Mar. 9	Heb. 2
Mar. 10	Heb. 3
Mar. 11	Heb. 4
Mar. 12	Heb. 5
Mar. 13	Heb. 6
Mar. 14	Heb. 7

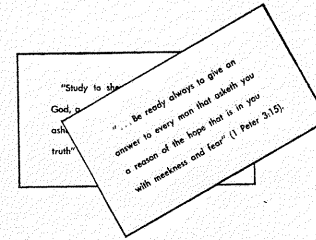
These are the last of Paul's letters, and the beginning of one of the deepest books of the New Testament—Hebrews. It explains where the old law ends and the new law begins. Chapter 4 is the chapter that tells of the three types of rest: rest in Jesus, Sabbath rest, and kingdom rest. Here we also learn of the high priest, Melchizedek, and other important but hard to understand things. Ask God to direct your thoughts as you read these chapters so they will be easier to understand.

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Another person has completed her full year of Bible reading. Congratulations, Vickie Moldenhauer! There are several others well on their way to this goal with nine months finished: Wanda O'Banion, Andy Hassen, and Vincent Hassen. Dennis O'Banion has finished one-half year.

Be looking for some changes in 2T4G in the future. When we have finished Revelation (which is not too far off), we plan to take our chapters by subject matter instead of order. We hope in this way you can learn to correlate chapters or verses by their thought and meaning, and be blessed in so doing.

This next month, when sending in your folders, please send them to Spring Vale, since we will be moving to Owosso in the near future: Mrs. Martha Ling, c/o Spring Vale Academy, Rt. 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.



# MINUTEMAN

(Verse Memorization Program)

By Michael D. Vlad

Acts 17:24

Isaiah 40:26

Isaiah 40:28

Isaiah 44:24

Jeremiah 34:17

Psalms 33:6, 9

Hebrews 1:10, 11

Psalms 102:11, 12

The famed lawyer, Clarence Darrow, who defended Evolution in the controversial Scopes trial, said on his death bed, "If I were a young man graduating from college, I would chuck it all and commit suicide, for life just isn't worth living."

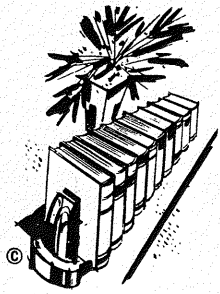
One can probably see the reason why Darrow thought life wasn't worth living. Defending evolution is actually a denial of the existence of the living God. Whenever we come to the point where we deny God's power and position as supreme Deity of the universe, there isn't anything in life we can possibly live for. There's more to life than material wealth and personal gain. We can't rely on our own selves to bring about happiness and contentment; only God can give this to us. If we don't believe in God, we can't possibly receive anything.

Sometimes we as young people feel that we are really well grounded in our belief in the eternal existence of God. But when we have our faith tested or attend college classes where even professors and those who are considered highly educated doubt whether God ever existed—we begin to fear and become upset because we too begin to wonder!

The Bible records the eternal existence of God. Hebrews 1:10 clearly points out God's existence and power. God formed the world and hung it on nothing. It was God Who gave His Son to die for the redemption of man and it is God Who, at this very moment, is sustaining the universe.

Clarence Darrow doubted the existence of God; he died an unhappy man. We KNOW that God is living—always has and always will. We need to be able to assure others that God is alive and that He can be just as real to them as He is to us.





# Book Review Corner

by Jessie Truman

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS GOD?

by Richard L. Harding; Moody Press; 96 pp.

The year of 1968 was charged with tragedy and excitement. Presidential candidate, Senator Robert Kennedy, was assassinated. Chicago rocked with the violence at the democratic convention. In the religious realm, Martin Luther King was shot to death and the Catholic Church was in a critical disagreement over the question of birth control. Can man find a formula for successful living in such a world of unrest and violence? This is the issue facing the multitudes today.

Mr. Harding evaluates the headlines in the light of the dynamic principles of the first century church to answer the question "Where In The World Is God?" His book includes chapters on How to Sell Religion More Effectively, Foreign Aid That Really Works, Accidents of Incidents? and Whose God Is Dead? His writing is seasoned with interesting anecdotes to establish beyond a doubt that God is still in the world and still as alive as He was in the first century church.

## SCROLLS OF HOPE

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a personal, daily relationship that we are motivated, not by a feeling of duty or obligation, but by a true, heartfelt desire to serve Him Who has done so much for us.

I might suggest that for some the "Evangelette" program may be a striking solution. Many have found

it so. This program sets for you goals and guidelines which can help deter your "putting off" those things which you want to accomplish.

Perhaps all that is lacking is making some sort of a plan for ourselves. We may well apply here the old adage—"Plan your work and then work your plan."

Regardless what your individual answer may be, you will find that as

you renew your relationship daily with Him and actively search for ways to serve, Christ will become such an integral part of your life and your thinking that you will be *compelled* to speak of Him and to share Him with others.

—"Communicating His Son in '71."

## TELL ME PLEASE

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an inordinate sexual hunger. I would guess that your activities are getting too intimate, and this is crowding out any sense of objectivity about what is best for you.

When you are together you would do well to stop wanting self-gratification and get back to thinking of each other as your future wife and husband. At one time you had enough respect for your proposed marriage to insist on marrying someone who was chaste. Why drop that worthy objective now?

If you continue and stumble, you

are liable to be bitterly disappointed with the experience. You will find that it was not love you expressed, but selfishness. It will be a breach of your mutual trust that is capable of bringing bitter frustration and accusation into your married life. Since you are smelling the smoke why not get away from the fire?

## A DREAM COME TRUE

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and even bought an FYC sweat-shirt! Now tell me, what better witness for a retreat is there than that? This emphasizes the fact that camps and retreats are not just for the young people who are fortunate enough to attend. They are for everyone—the local FYC, the church as a whole, and, in fact, everyone with whom these young people come in contact. Truly this camp was a dream come true—the answer to many prayers.

## MARK OF MERIT (Continued from page 29)

and FYC Leaders. Familiarize yourself with the instruction in this booklet.

## REGISTRATION—1971

A registration blank will be mailed to you with your Mark of Merit report at the end of the 1st Quarter of this year. We would like to have a complete registration of your FYC members. This should be sent with your Mark of Merit Report. This registration will be used as a mailing list for sending FYC materials to your FYCers. Be sure and register your FYCers with us, even if you do not choose to enter the Mark of Merit Program.

God bless each of you and have a good year in 1971. Accomplish something for your Lord this year.

## Correspondence From National Office

During the month of January, three letters were sent to FYC leaders. The letters were promotions for various important aspects of the young people's work.

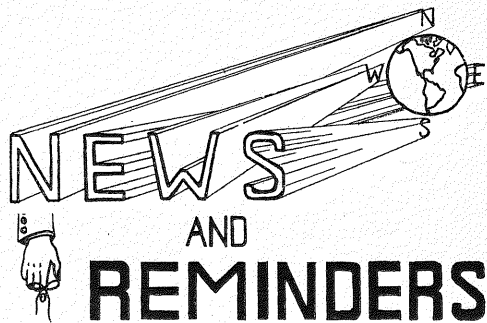
First, a letter giving special emphasis to the newly-revised Evangelette program was sent. That letter was followed by another asking for a special fund-raising to benefit the National FYC. The final letter was a promotion for General Conference, Mark of Merit and AIM Magazine.

All of the letters carried important messages and we trust you FYCers will diligently support those items discussed in the letters. If you have not heard about them, talk to your FYC leader. Pray for the youth work.

### FYC Registration

Urgent! All FYC groups please register your young people with the National office. If you registered in the 1971 Mark of Merit Program, that will be sufficient, but if you did not register in the Mark of Merit Program, please send the names and addresses of all the young people of your local church to the National FYC office, 316 N. Willow, Stanberry, Missouri. If there is no organized FYC in your area, we still need to have your youth registered.

This is extremely important for two reasons. First, when we have mailings for all FYCers, we can only send them to those for whom we have names and addresses. Secondly, we want to keep an accurate count of the number of FYCers we have



from year to year. Please help us by registering promptly.

### Mark of Merit

This is the time for your FYC to join Mark of Merit for 1971. Your FYC leader has received an attractive revised booklet for Mark of Merit. Make sure your FYC is in Mark of Merit this year.

### New Money-Making Projects for Local FYC Groups

The National FYC has designed stationery for your FYCers to sell as money-making projects for your own FYC. The project has just passed the planning stage and the stationery will soon be printed. By next month you will be able to place your orders with the National FYC.

### National Youth Week

National Youth Week (1971) is being planned for late April. The theme will be the same as the 1971 motto, "Communicating God's Son in '71."

### AIM

Renew your subscription to "AIM Magazine—the best little magazine in the world."

## A Man for the Ages

A dying mother touching with loving fingers the tear-streaked face of her boy and whispering, "Be Somebody, Abe";

A lanky, homely lad stretched out on the floor before the open fire, reading, thinking far into the quiet night;

A splitter of rails; a champion wrestler; a farmer; a storekeeper;

A sincere man, a lover of justice, a hater of cruelty, who said of slavery—"If I ever have the chance to hit this thing, I'll hit it hard."

An awkward orator with coat sleeves and trousers too short, but with a spiritual light in his eyes;

A man who rode in the coach while his opponent traveled in a special train;

A man who was found down on his knees playing marbles with a group of boys when news came that he had been elected President of the United States;

A gaunt, tired man on the rear platform of his train in a drizzling rain, bidding good-bye to the neighbors he loved;

A man of destiny at the helm of the Ship of State with blackened skies, high seas, and lightning flashes and thunder of war;

A writer of tender letters to widowed mothers who gave their sons for the cause;

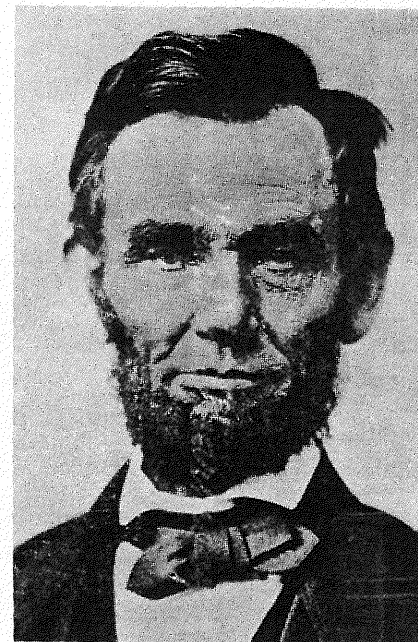
A man so humble he said he would hold a general's horse if that general would win victories;

A man who loved all men and lived and preached "charity for all and malice toward none."

A man who signed with steady hand a proclamation that struck the shackles from three million slaves;

A man who lived to see his cause triumph;

A man whose memory shall bless, and benefit, inspire and encourage, until time shall be no more.



—Wilfred A. Petersen