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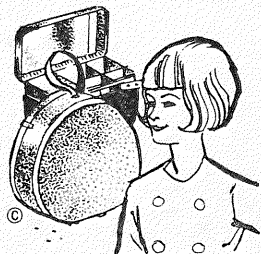
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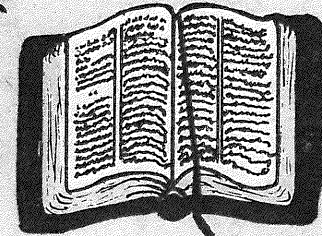
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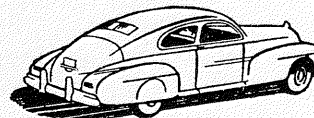
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*I hold a doctrine, to which I owe not much, indeed, but all the little I ever had, namely, that with ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.—T. F. BUXTON*

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BRADEN ACRES  
GRADE SCHOOL



# The Caretaker

By Pete Simer



THE PET acts strangely and won't eat. Obviously it is ill. But it's only a dumb animal. So who cares?

You care...because the pet is lovable, living proof that mere creatures—unhindered by mankind's prejudices, cruelties and complexities—measure up to their purposes on earth. You care because it is your pet and you love it...enough not to let it suffer and die for lack of attention.

THE AUTOMOBILE is neither inconsistent nor junk. It just requires proper servicing. But it's only a car. So who cares?

You care...because the car is a marvelous, useful model of that deceptive ingenuity which enables man to build genuine democracy into a machine easier than within himself. You care because it is your car and it rep-

resents an investment of too much hard-earned money not to rate all the time, expense and trouble of having it regularly serviced with, and by, the best.

THE JOB isn't the world's greatest. Neither is the pay. And advancements seem to travel by mule train. But it's only a job. So who cares?

You care... because you know that job—any job—is a junction for opportunity and nobody gets far without one. You care because it is your job and you like it... enough to give it all you've got, and then some!

THE COUNTRY is in terrible shape. Various reports claim that its waters are hopelessly polluted; that its air is unfit to breathe; that it wallows in past glories, thrives on war, exploits the underprivileged, mistreats minorities, ignores God and worships the dollar; that its government taxes some citizens to death, kills others with luxury and murders still others via starvation. Even some of its own educational and political leaders decry the country as doomed! But it's only a country. So who cares?

You care... because you believe that, with all its difficulties at home and abroad, it still is the greatest country and that one of its most aggravating ailments is caused by acid heads and myriad odd balls marching with well-meaning, soap opera alarmists whose "thing" obviously is to make catastrophes

of all difficulties and thereby contribute to, instead of correcting, the country's ills. You care because it is your country and you love it... enough not to merely look on apathetically and give it up as God-forsaken and lost.

THE FAMILY has its problems, internal and otherwise. But it's only a family. So who cares?

You care... because you realize that the world can't be a better place until all families are better families—and that the most important missionary field is right at home. You care because it is your family and you love it... enough not to let it disintegrate for want of dedicated effort.

THE CHURCH IS IN TROUBLE. It was broken into one night; its study vandalized, ransacked and robbed. Worse yet, its main purpose is impeded by absentees and other members who seem stricken by an evil malady that masquerades somewhat innocently as "so-what-ism"! But it's only a church. So who cares?

You care... because you know that the church is an eternal fountain of faith where the goof-off list never includes God. You care because it is your church and you love it.

But do you really care? Do you really love your church... sufficiently to give it its just share of such energies as you expend on your pet, car, job, country and family?

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On the

See - Saw

There's an old riddle about two chimney sweeps who have just gotten through sweeping a chimney. One comes out with a clean face, and the other with a dirty face. Which one will wash his face?

No, you're wrong. The one with the dirty face will look at the one with the clean face and assume that his own face is also clean. The one with the clean face will look at the one with the dirty face and think that his face is also dirty. As a result, the one with the clean face will wash.

Or maybe you were smart and remembered that most often we are influenced by what we see, or think we see, in others. Styles are set, trends are put in motion by what some people wear or don't wear. Reputations are made or broken by what is seen or not seen. And sometimes we are as badly fooled as the chimney sweeps who looked at each others' faces.

Paul warned the Corinthians about the foolishness of finding

standards of comparison in each other. He said that some, "measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." Besides lacking a worthy standard for judgment, such a practice can either falsely inflate or cruelly deflate our estimate of ourselves.

Like the Pharisee in the temple in Jesus' story, we may choose to compare ourselves with some unfortunate moral cripple and compliment ourselves that we are "not as other men are." Such a comparison may be as phony as it is flattering. What is more tragic, feeding our self-esteem may prevent us from acknowledging our true condition before God, thereby making true penitence impossible. The "horrible example" to which we have pointed may be closer to God's grace than we are.

Some try to excuse their irreligion by referring to hypocrites in the Church. Some Christians seek to excuse their low

standards by comparing themselves favorably with others no better than they are. But the true standard is not those who follow Christ, but Christ Himself. When we compare ourselves with Him, none of us can be smug or satisfied. He provides a standard of judgment which continually condemns and yet constantly challenges us.

Then there is the other aspect of this comparison business. Seeing persons who are better, or cleverer, or handsomer than we are, we feel uncomfortable and inferior. Not that we are in open or secret competition with these folks, but we often feel as though we are. My worth does not go up or down in relationship to the one I am compared with.

All of us are familiar with a child's seesaw. Riding it, one child goes down as the other goes up. We use a "seesaw system" of evaluation for ourselves and others. On this "seesaw," we go up when someone else goes down, and we go down when someone else goes up. Our emotional position shifts in relationship to others. Having no true inner stability of our own, our estimation of our worth fluctuates according to the person we compare ourselves with. If they are inferior, we feel superior; if they are higher, we feel lower.

Meeting a man who is cleverer than I am does not make me stupid. I am as able to think and act as I was before I met him.

His talents do not diminish mine. It is only as I compare my ability with his greater ability that I arrive at an unfavorable estimation of my powers. Must I then find a man poorer than myself to feel rich, someone less proficient so that I can feel competent? Must they go down so that I can go up?

The truth is that each of us has his own essential value, his own rightful place, his own particular talents. Comparing myself with someone more gifted or less able neither increases nor decreases my actual worth to myself and others.

To measure ourselves by ourselves is, as Paul observed nearly two thousand years ago, "not wise." The true standard of goodness, by which all men are measured, is Christ. Compared with Him, I am not as good as I ought to be. Enabled by Him, I can be better than I am.

—Lt. Colonel Bramwell Tripp  
*in War Cry*

#### TODAY

Today is all-sufficient for  
Our brothers' sorrows share.  
Today is ours, to live to love,  
The burdens we must bear;

Tomorrow never comes to us,  
And yesterday is gone,  
Therefore today is all of time  
We have to build upon.

Tomorrow is as far away  
As yesterday, it seemed,  
So put your shoulder to the wheel  
And do the thing you've dreamed.  
—Sunshine

## Tell Me, Please

#### QUESTION:

*I'm a teenager attending high school. Even at my age my parents don't let me watch some TV programs. I think I'm old enough to select my own programs. Why can't my parents trust me?*

#### ANSWER:

Your question tends to indicate that you have lost your perspective of the situation with regard to your TV viewing privileges. Your question suggests that with the exception of certain programs you are quite free to select what you wish to watch.

Further, it is not a matter of trust, but of proper guidance. You are old enough to know that a person must be selective in what he chooses to eat. Further, what he eats has an effect on his physical, as well as mental and emotional, welfare.

What you do not seem to grasp is that what you see works the same way. You become emotionally and mentally affected by what you see. This does not mean that a single exposure is going to bring about a big change, but constant exposure will. Young minds are extremely impressionable, and they need careful and conscientious guidance.

#### Youth Questions

answered by  
Ray L. Straub



I suggest that you control your resentment and stop exaggerating your restrictions. This will not only help you to reconcile yourself to the situation, but it may also help you to see how blessed you are to live in the home that you do.

#### QUESTION:

*The members of our family all attend church regularly, and all except for my little brother, we have been baptized and are members. But, you should hear the hollering that goes on at our place! Is it right for Christians to always be mad?*

#### ANSWER:

Thanks, anyway, but I'd rather not hear the hollering. It may help for you to realize that not everyone who hollers is angry. Some people are louder than others, but they are not necessarily angrier. Usually when people correct others they are just loud.

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when they correct me they are *holler-  
ing!*

I agree that yelling can become a habit that is quite unnecessary. It is too easy to fall into and too difficult to correct. You can help by asking whether or not your behavior is making it necessary for your family to speak in loud tones. It is amazing how difficult it is for some young people to hear requests that are spoken in softer tones. You might make an interesting offer to the other members of your family. Tell them that if they agree to speak to you with less volume, you will promise to listen with better attention. It may be the beginning of a new kindness to your entire family's vocal chords.

Anger is not necessarily unChristian. It is the object and endurance of the anger that makes the difference.

#### QUESTION:

*This girl and I have been dating for several weeks, and I'm getting to like her. She is good company, lots of fun, and conducts herself well. When I get home after a date I feel good. She has one problem, though, that bothers me. She is always late. She is never ready when I go to pick her up. She is late when we plan to meet somewhere. She never even gets to church on time. What can be done to get her to look at the clock? I know this isn't a serious problem, but it sure bugs me.*

#### ANSWER:

Tardiness is a miserably bad habit disliked by all including those who are always late. The habit is seldom cured because it is so difficult. Some could do better. Others simply cannot get themselves organized well enough to keep up with schedules.

Depending on how much this "bugs" you, you have some interesting decisions to make. If you like her well enough to put up with her discourtesy in keeping you waiting, you may get ulcers, but you also have the girl. If you think she's curable, you might buy her a clock for her birthday. If you consider that she will not change, and that you cannot avoid clashes over the matter, let me assure you that there are plenty of nice young ladies around who know how to tell time.

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#### BE SLOW TO CENSURE

Should you feel inclined to censure  
Faults you may in others view,  
Ask your own heart ere you venture  
If that has not failings too.

Let not friendly vows be broken;  
- Rather strive a friend to gain;  
Many a word in anger spoken  
Finds its passage home again.

Do not, then, in idle pleasure,  
Trifle with a brother's fame;  
Guard it as a valued treasure,  
Sacred as your own good name.

Do not form opinions blindly;  
Hastiness to trouble tends;  
Those of whom we thought unkindly,  
Oft become our warmest friends.

—Author unknown

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#### TRUEST MEASURE

Some measure their lives by days and  
years,  
Others by heart throbs, passion and  
tears.  
But the surest measure under the sun  
Is what in your lifetime for others  
you've done.

—Ruth Smeltzer

By Nolan Rincker

Can  
You?  
... How  
Much  
Do You  
Want  
To??

During a Bible study with a person who is well-grounded in his beliefs, even though they are not the truth, would you be able to disprove his beliefs and present the truth? As you know, many of these people read and study the Bible zealously, at least the scriptures that *seem* to uphold their doctrines. Would you be able to show the truth of the Bible to them? Have you taken the time to study the wonderful truths of God's Word so that you can "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear? (1 Peter 3:15)?

While in the stockade at Fort Hood, Texas, for refusing to participate in the carnal warfare machine, I made friends with seven fellow prisoners who were Jehovah's Witnesses. Through our Bible discussions, I came to realize that my knowledge of Bible truth was too limited to enable me to explain these marvelous truths adequately. I knew I had the truth; I was convinced of it myself; yet, I simply lacked the deep understanding one needs to en-

able him to break through the barrier of a skeptic.

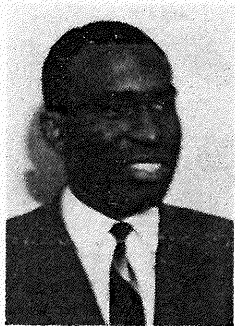
Shortly after this experience in Texas, I was again placed along side a Jehovah's Witness while working in a manufacturing plant in Kansas. We talked about God and the Bible quite a number of times, and we both agreed on many points that we knew were truth. But one night while having a Bible study with him and his friend, I came to realize even more fully that my effective witness was lost through my own limited knowledge of the scripture.

Do either of these experiences resemble your witnessing? Ask yourself this question—"Would I be able to relate the truths of the Bible to others?" If your answer is "Yes!" then I say "Amen!", but if your answer is "No!" then something is lacking in your life. This can be supplied, though, if you are willing to take the time. Your

own church has provided the facility of learning, but it is not worth anything to you unless you are there to learn. Midwest Bible College has a wonderfully-enlightening Biblical Foundations Course which would prove very beneficial to you in helping you prove the truth to others. If your answer was "No!" then plan to be a student next semester. If your answer was "Yes!" there are still many things you could learn to become a more effective witness.

The Bible teaches that we should learn and never fail to give an answer to anyone that asks. In 2 Timothy 2:15 Paul admonishes Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed..." And today this may apply to you. Study—Where? At Midwest Bible College—to show yourself approved to God—a lay worker that need never be ashamed!

Since the onset of the Biafran War, the Foreign Missions Department has held a sum of money which had been designated by our FYC Department to be used for work in Africa.



At the recent National FYC Committee meeting, it was decided that this money (\$100) would be given to Lael Tikili, thus directing the money to a Biafran who is furthering his education in this country, but intends to return to his country when conditions permit.

Having graduated from Midwest Bible College in May 1969, Brother Tikili is continuing his studies at Midwest Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He is indeed loved and respected by those who have been privileged to associate with him during his stay in our country.

## ARE YOU PUTTING ME ON?

By Lena Loose

In my city, many conspicuous signs have been placed along our highways with the question, "Are you putting me on?" and below this sign is the picture of a seat belt.

Statistics have proven that putting on our seat belts saves thousands of lives each year. If I haven't already fastened my seat belt, the sign reminder causes me to do so immediately. In fact, I rarely forget any more as it seems just the natural thing to do as I enter my car. That's the way with other phases of our lives—either good or evil—doing a certain thing often enough causes us to do it almost automatically.

The slogan, "Are you putting me on?" probably has many different meanings, especially to the younger generation. Sometimes they use this expression when they are not sure you are telling them the truth—"or are you just putting me on?"

Many things take much effort to insure us a happy, healthy

life. Daily living requires good food, rest, clothing, study, art, music, recreation, work. All blessings come from God's bountiful hand. It rains on the just and the unjust alike. These things are important and are to be enjoyed, but there is something more important to look forward to. Eternal life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Just adding a capital letter to our slogan changes the meaning. "Are you putting Me on?" could denote Jesus' inquiry of us. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14). "... For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). After repentance, godly sorrow for our sins, we put on the Lord Jesus Christ through baptism. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the

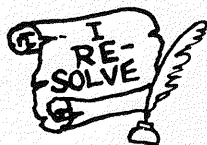
dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1).

All of the blessings of NOW and ETERNITY will be yours by "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Set your goals high. Hitch your cart (fasten your seat belt) to the STAR.

Keep your seat and there you are!

## RESOLUTIONS

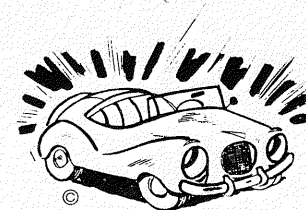


- A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;
- A little less of arrogance because of all we know;
- A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;
- We are such trivial candles compared to stars at night!
- A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;
- A little more desirous the word of praise to find;
- The word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice;
- A little bit more careful to speak with gentle voice;
- A little more true eagerness to understand each other;
- A little more real striving to help a shipwrecked brother;
- A little more high courage to each task that must be done;
- These be our resolutions—and God help everyone!

—Author unknown

## Teen Guidelines

### Gasoline and the Teenager



by Dale Lawson

"Watch out for teenage drivers!" "He drives like some foolish kid." Sound familiar?

Reputation deserving? In many cases—No! The antics of a few often bring labels to many. It seems that many young drivers cannot control the urge to "turn loose the horses" every opportunity they get. However, teenage drivers have a reputation that may sometimes be deserving. Screeching, squealing tires and fast driving are the principal factors in causing young people to be typed as "reckless" drivers. The long strips of rubber on our streets and highways are nearly always accredited to "teenagers."

Sadly, we are made to notice

that innocent "horseplay" with cars has been the cause of many, many deaths and a multitude of serious injuries, not to mention the innumerable minor injuries. Are teenagers the only guilty ones? Of course not! However, in all honesty, we know that many teenagers have contributed much to the earning of the reputation given to them.

Most of us in the Church of God are quick to criticize people for a lack of obedience to God, and yet, there are some of us who have no qualms at all about driving in such a way that we endanger the lives of many innocent people. Is it possible that in the eyes of God we accidentally commit murder

with our cars? At the same time we make great profession of keeping the commandments of God, we ARE obligated to obey the laws of our land. Chapter 13 in the book of Romans makes that point clear when it tells us to be subject to the powers of government. Often one hears boasts of "capers in cars" that in reality are not heroic; but rather, they are attention-getting devices, and ride at the very top of the list of foolishness.

God wants you to be obedient. God wants you to meet your Christian obligation of driving according to the laws of your land.

There are certain principles of driving to which Christian young people should always adhere. Let these be your 10 Commandments for driving:

- I. Thou shalt not show off while driving.
- II. Thou shalt not drive to release thine anger.
- III. Thou shalt not tongue lash other drivers.
- IV. Thou shalt not drive when too tired or sleepy.
- V. Obey the driving laws of your land that thou may have long life.
- VI. Thou shalt not kill with careless driving.
- VII. Thou shalt not blame others for thy mistakes.
- VIII. Thou shalt not be impatient while driving.
- IX. Thou shalt always show courtesy to other drivers.

- X. Thou shalt drive with care, watching both thine own actions and those of thy neighbor drivers.

Apply these principles to your driving, and you will be less likely to have to be sorry that by your carelessness you caused deep, irrevocable grief to come to innocent people.

We hear much about our "Christian Witness"—Have you thought about your Christian Witness with your driving? You can let your driving habits portray a real witness for Jesus Christ. Drive as He would want you to drive. Courtesy with your car and your words while driving could give you beautiful opportunity to help some fellow driver become interested in the God you serve.

It has been disappointing at times to see Church of God young people drive in ways that no Christian would possibly drive. I have seen discourtesy that gives no credit to a profession of Christianity. I have heard words that lashed drivers for doing something that the tongue-lasher constantly does himself.

If a person passes you when you don't want him to or cuts into your lane in front of you, are you inclined to become venomous? Do you make an effort to "get back" to show him that even at the risk of many lives around you, he can't do that to you!?

We're not under the "eye for  
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# January Perspective

By Ann L. Lamp



JAN MEADOWS sipped her tepid coffee and gazed from her kitchen window at the disenchanting world outside. "I don't even have to look. I can feel January," she said half aloud, and sighed. What other month is capable of conveying such spiritual decay?

Jan set her empty cup beside the stack of unwashed breakfast dishes. Even these expressionless plates, cups, and silver possessed the ability to accuse her now. She turned her back staunchly, and left the kitchen.

Jan paused as she walked through the dining room. From these windows, she could see her husband throwing bales of lifeless millet from their battered old truck. The cows and yearlings patiently watched until Earl swung down from the truck bed, cut the bales open,

and strewed the loosened hay around the barn lot.

Jan's concentration was brought inside as a tiny draft of cold air ever so slightly ruffled the dining room curtains. How worn and faded and sad-looking they were! Jan grimaced as she took the thin fabric between her fingers. Their original cocoa brown with green ivy print was now an ugly mottled, brown-gray tone.

The worn curtains seemed somehow to symbolize the drabness of this January morning in Jan's thoughts. How long had it been since she'd lovingly hung them. Ten years ago? Certainly before Janny and Earl, Jr. were born. How many washings had they survived?

"If only I had new curtains in this one room!" Jan suddenly exclaimed out loud in the morning stillness. "How much better I'd feel! Then, at least, a small part of my world would seem less drab, less meaningless, and somehow more worthwhile. Well, wouldn't it?"

The wish, uttered aloud, spurred Jan into beginning the task of dishwashing. How could she afford new curtains with her monthly household money badly depleted already? It was only



January twenty-second. There were nine days of grocery needs, school supplies for the children, and the dry cleaning to be picked up at the end of the week. And, too, her two dozen Dominicker hens would need a sack of cracked corn before the month was up. Still, mightn't she have just about six dollars if she scrimped methodically?

Her mind busy adding and subtracting from the amount she knew to be in her purse, Jan tackled the bedmaking and dust mopping.

Earl came into the kitchen at noon. After he greeted Jan rather absentmindedly, he went to wash up while she set the steaming, but meager, luncheon fare on the table.

Noticing that her husband seemed quieter than usual, Jan remarked, "This month has a way of unraveling nerves, doesn't it?"

Earl laid his fork aside. He looked intently at Jan. "I suppose you can call it that." He paused. "Honey, I'm going to have to buy more hay. There just isn't enough."

"We expected that," Jan replied matter-of-factly. "Remember after that six-week drought last summer, you said you'd probably have to buy some hay before the winter was over." Struggling, she managed a smile. "I'll keep my fingers crossed for the earliest possible spring."

"That isn't all, Jan. The Holstein heifer I bought last September has something wrong with one of her forelegs. I'm

going to have to call the veterinarian right away." declared Earl, and followed with the complaint, "It's always something! But that's farm life, I guess."

Jan didn't like the serious, worried expression on Earl's face. It wasn't like her quiet, cheerful Earl. "After all, Earl," she said, "We've been through lean periods before, and we'll come through this all right—if we have faith."

"Yes, I know," Earl nodded, and picked up his fork, "But sometimes I wonder if what they say isn't true—that the small farmer just doesn't have a chance to get ahead today."

Jan got up and put her arm around Earl's shoulder. "Dear, what they're saying is that we probably won't ever be millionaires. But who wants to be a millionaire, anyway?" And Jan smiled radiantly as she added, "Millionaires have huge problems that don't bother such folks as us."

"Oh, you dear, you make me feel better, anyway," said Earl, and he patted her hand awkwardly. "I need you around always!" he declared fervently, and planted a kiss on her cheek.

Jan cleared the table quickly and washed the dishes. She looked out at the day. Something was different, although this January afternoon was dismal. Jan's heart was a mass of singing lightness. "I need you around always" was ringing in her ears. Was there ever a better solace on a dreary January day than this? She looked

through the window again, and the sky was brightening, or so it seemed to Jan. When Earl entered an hour later, he found Jan sitting at her sewing machine humming and mending.

"I don't like to disturb such delightful humming, dear, but Dr. James is here. Can we spare his fee of six dollars for mending the heifer?"

Jan shrugged a bit. Six dollars! She needed six dollars badly for dining room window drapes, so long wanted. But she turned, smiled at Earl, and said, "Say no more," and jumped up, went to the dresser, and reached for the family purse, which seemed always sufficient for the day. "Here you are," she said as she handed the money to Earl, and with another smile, for the words "I need you around always" flashed through her mind.

The sky had cleared, and the moon shone brightly in the quietness of the wintry night that followed. Jan lay motionless in the sleepless hours, reflecting over how strange and good the day had been. "We're as poor tonight as we were yesterday," she mused almost aloud, "and it's still January, and I'm still Jan Meadows, and I don't have new morale-lifting drapes at the dining room windows—nor do I have the prospects of buying any very soon—the six dollars are gone! But, somehow, things seem different. I was given a gift yesterday—a gift of being needed. Many have beautifully fashioned dining room drapes, but how many ever have

the reality of knowing they are needed?" And as the words "I need you around always" again filtered through her mind, Jan sighed happily as she drifted off into a deep sleep at the end of a perfect and important January day.—*Sunshine*

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## GASOLINE AND THE TEEN-AGER

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an eye" law. Let us make even our driving be a good witness for our Saviour.

Young people, be extremely careful in your driving. You owe it to yourselves, those riding with you, other drivers, and last but not least, God.

Anyone can drive at speeds beyond the limit of the law and good sense. Anyone can press down the accelerator and leave long streaks of black on the road. Anyone can turn a corner on two wheels. It doesn't prove anything except one's need to have sincere consideration for others.

You have a Christian obligation to drive according to the laws of your land.

These are principles that we all need to apply to our driving.

Let your driving (your car) witness for your Christianity.

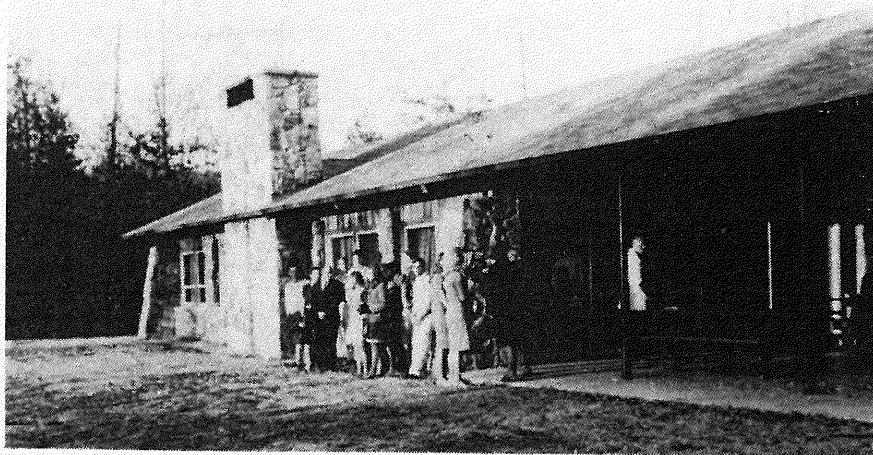
Don't be caught standing beside the road with an aching heart because your foolish fun in a car has taken the life or lives of innocent people.

Located on Lookout Mountain in the midst of a thickly wooded area bordered on one side by a large lake is Comer Scout Reservation—the site of the first Alabama Youth Retreat, which began on Friday, November 28. The spacious lodge with its well-equipped kitchen, and combined dining and meeting area was the central meeting place for the retreat.

Attending the retreat for the first night were: Kenneth and Mary Jean Knoll and Jerry Moldenhauer from Texas; John Lemley and Tom O'Haver from Stanberry, Missouri; Lee Williams, Jane Franklin, Donna and Sammy Blalock, Linda and Pat Jones from the local church. Present the second night: Elaine and Dewey Blalock; and Carol Millican from the local church; Teresa and Sharon Wooden from Dayton, Tennessee. Those who attended for the main services

but were not able to stay overnight were: Kenneth Pell and the Hammondville FYC sponsor, Hal Phillips. We were privileged to have a visitor from Italy, Angelo Maroni. Elder and Mrs. Melvin Sweet supervised the retreat.

On Friday night, after everyone had moved into their assigned cabins, we returned to the lodge for an evening devotion with Elder Sweet leading the group in several choruses, and Kenneth Knoll delivering the message on "Our Personal Civil War." Afterwards a spe-



*Outside of lodge.*

# Alabama Retreat

cial song, "Less of Me," was sung by Pat Jones. Then we had a time for testimonies.

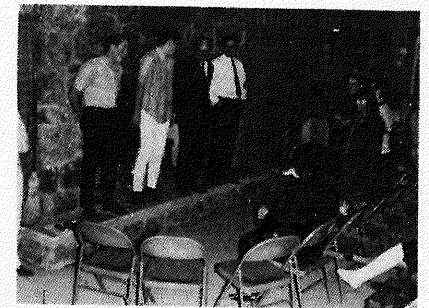
Sabbath was a day packed with activities all conducted for the glory of God. We started with a devotion right after breakfast; then we all piled into our cars to go to Hammondville (7 miles) for the morning church service of the all-day meeting. Ken Knoll led the singing, and Jerry Moldenhauer taught the Youth Class. After Sabbath school was over, special music was presented. The songs were, "Where Was I?" by Pat Jones, "The Wonder of It All" by Elder Sweet, and "It's Me Again, Lord" by Hal Phillips. Elder Sweet presented the sermon, "Give God A Chance."

At noon, the entire Hammondville congregation went to the camp lodge for lunch. The afternoon service began with a song by Don Phillips, "Does Jesus Care?" followed by "He Cared That Much For Me" by Pat Jones. John Lemley was the speaker for the afternoon service, and later talked about his work as Foreign Correspondent for the National FYC. Following the service, those not a part of the retreat left the camp.

At 6 p.m. we gathered back at the Lodge for a music concert by Don Phillips and his electric guitar. "When I Pray" and "The Beauty of His Smile" are two songs that Don wrote which he sang for us. Following the concert, we launched into a four-hour discussion of Prayer and Fasting. After the discussion, a special fireside testimony time was held. Just before retiring, we formed a prayer circle and everyone went to their cabins with a warm consciousness of the nearness of God.

Sunday morning, after a short trip to DeSoto Falls, our visitors embarked on their long trips home. The presence of God was keenly felt in this retreat and everyone received a wonderful blessing. The group from the local church—all of whom had never attended a youth retreat prior to this one—agreed that this one will not be our last.

Pat Jones, FYC Secretary  
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*Angelo Maroni, Hal Phillips, Jerry Moldenhauer, Ken Knoll try to keep the fire warm.*

A few of the testimonies from the young people follow.

Everybody has been so nice. I would like to see more retreats where Christ is manifested. I have appreciated the attitude of everyone here in their concern for God's work. I look forward to more retreats where we can have open discussions such as the one we enjoyed tonight. We sometimes go ahead of the spirit of God, and retreats such as this help us to keep seeking the spirit of God and in discussions such as this to arrive at the same knowledge in the things we have learned.

Sammy Blalock

God has been here and manifested in songs, sermons, hymns, the fellowship and wonderful spirit. I will never forget it. I hope I will be able to come to Alabama again.

John Lemley

*It has been a pleasure to me in a spiritual sense and intellectual things we have studied—sharing of ideas, knowledge I've gained, fellowship with*

*Young people visit and fellowship during free time.*



*other young people from Hammondville and parts of the U.S. a close fellowship with you young people of the Church of God. Thanks for this chance to share fellowship with other young people.*

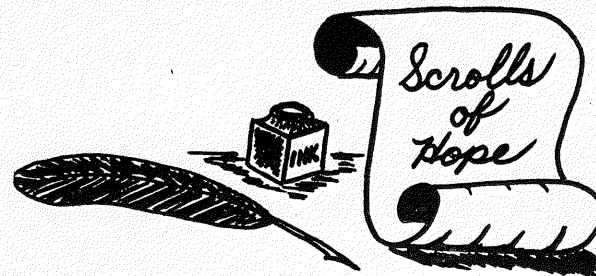
Mary Jean Knoll

I haven't seen a radio, TV, or newspaper for three days, and I can't say that I've missed them. It has been an experience I can't describe. It's a real contrast to what I'm used to five days a week.

Janie Franklin

I was completely amazed when I came at the modern facilities out here where you can feel God all around you. The fellowship here is warm and friendly. A trademark of the Church of God is that wherever you go you are accepted. Of all the things that have been so pleasing to me, the best one is that I find myself drawn closer to God. I think I would be upset if I had to miss a retreat.

Jerry Moldenhauer



### "THE GOLD-DUST OF TIME"

"Youth is not rich in time, it may be poor; part with it as with money, sparing; pay no moment, but in purchase of its worth; and what its worth, ask death-beds; they can tell.—Young.

Perhaps one of our most perplexing problems is that limited and unyielding amount of minutes and hours which we are allotted each day. Regardless of the duties which fall upon our shoulders, regardless how pressing and formidably circumstances seem to close in on us, we know that our portion of time will not fluctuate—it stays the same.

It is interesting to note that while the love God gives us is immeasurable and while the grace which He offers is boundless and free, yet the time He gives us is carefully measured. Therefore, we are entrusted with the responsibility of planning and using our time with the same care and precision with which it is meted out.

Could it be that we need to discipline ourselves to leaving some free moments in our days to *think*—to leave some opportunity for God to inspire us with a new plan, a new program—or with an article for "AIM, the magazine for young people"?

Progressive young people (which I dare say describes you who are reading AIM) find themselves occupied in worthwhile activities which, for many of you, *cram* your hours full of studies or employment—or both. The devil would have it so that Christian young people would find their time so filled with *planned* activities—usually group activities—that they never have time to use some of their own individual initiative to do something worthwhile for God.

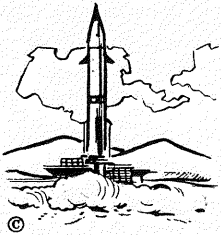
What about those "in-between" moments? "Spare minutes are the gold-lust of time; the portions of life most fruitful in good or evil; the gaps through which temptations enter." The devil has cunning little tricks for snatching away those "could-have-been-worthwhile" moments—tricks such as making sure there are enough programs on T.V. that even Christians will find it easier, *time after time*, to spend those free moments in front of the T.V. The greatest evil in T.V. is not the violence and evil (which can be screened out), but the time-wasting habit which it breeds.

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# Faith for the Space Age

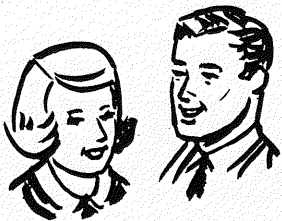
By Beverly Jellison

A quiet tenseness fills the air  
As rocket blast-off nears.  
A tingle of excitement fills  
Each heart with joy and fears.



A mighty blast; a deafening roar  
And fire streaks across the sky.  
Each heart beats fast; each eye is  
turned  
To watch its path on high.

The rocket arcs and separates.  
Capsule soars through the blue.  
Leaving behind earth's atmosphere,  
She seeks an orbit true.



Like the launching of the space craft  
Our Christian lives begin,  
With salvation's joy and gladness  
The heart fills to the brim.

And as the whole world turns to watch  
The capsule in the sky,  
Each day the world is looking at  
The life of you and I.



The spacecraft leaves earth's atmosphere  
An orbit true to find.  
The Christian seeks the way of God,  
And leaves sin far behind.

To guide the capsule's safe, sure  
flight,  
The man inside does know  
That he must follow each command  
As given from below.

So like the hurtling spacecraft  
The Christian life must be  
Completely under God's control  
And His authority.

The astronaut walks out in space  
With movement full and free,  
Yet tethered to the mothership  
He must most surely be.

The Christian walk is much like this  
As through this life we trod  
Our own free will by faith must be  
Still tethered to our God.



More thrilling than the space walk,  
Was the rendezvous in space,  
When two ships came close together  
Meeting out there face to face.

Yet a meeting far more thrilling  
Waits the child of God so fair,  
When we rise in clouds of heaven—  
Meet our Saviour in the air.

With the trumpet's loud resounding  
The angel's shout will ring,  
And the ransomed rise in glory,  
Meet their living Lord and King!

Oh, I'm longing for His coming  
And I'm looking for His face,  
Jesus Christ, my Blessed Saviour.  
He who saved me by His grace.

Are you looking for His coming  
With a glad and joyous heart?  
Or when faced with thoughts of  
judgment,  
Do the fears and heartaches start?

Oh, make ready now to meet Him  
So that in that land so fair,  
With all tears and sorrows ended  
Face to face you'll meet Him there!



# Forgetting Those Things



On the last day of the year one has a tendency to look back with regret on the many mistakes, stumblings, disappointments, disillusionments, and sorrows that occurred during the year. It is good to look back if one does so constructively, with the idea of seeing where one has made mistakes so that they will not be repeated.

But it is also good to reflect on the days which were completely pleasurable, the days which brought unusual peace and satisfaction from deeds well done, shared joys, stimulating companionship, and rewarding friendships. It is good to reflect on those events which cause us to chuckle in retrospect, but which were disconcerting at the time.

However, our eyes are put in the front of our head, not in the back. We are made to look forward and to go forward. The immediate task before us has a right to the full measure of our attention. Instead of being miserable over past grievances and disappointments, one should reflect on the pleasant things briefly, then press forward to the achievements of the goals of the present and future.

Arnold Bennett, the English novelist and dramatist, expressed it this way:

"This day is before me. The circumstances of this day are my environment; they are the material with which I have to live and be happy, while refraining from causing unhappiness in other people."—*Sunshine*

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**ATTENTION YOUTH!!**  
**F. S. Y. R. IS COMING SOON—BE SURE TO**  
**CHECK NEXT MONTH'S AIM FOR FULL DETAILS!**

# The Promise

By Connie Johnston

Patsy McCombs, a short, slender girl about 16 years old, was sitting at her desk writing a letter, when a knock came at the door. She looked up and standing there was Debbie Cooper. Debbie had been Patsy's best friend until about a year ago. You see, a year ago Debbie had been converted into the church and since then Patsy had sort of shied away from her. Patsy hadn't seen Debbie for some time, but here she was on Patsy's front porch.

"Hello, Debbie, won't you come in?" asked Patsy.

"Hi, Pat, it's been a long time since I saw you so I decided to drop by. I wanted to ask you if you would like to come with me to our Young People's Meeting at church."

"Oh! I don't know about tonight. I think Dad and Mom have something planned. Maybe some other time." Really, to herself Patsy was saying, "Oh, who wants to go to your stupid old church anyway."

"Well, okay. Maybe some other time," said Debbie. And feeling a little unwelcome, she add-



ed, "I guess I'll see you sometime soon. Bye now."

"Bye," called Patsy.

"Oh, what am I going to do?" thought Patsy. "From now on, she's going to keep after me until I go to church with her. And I sure enough don't want to go to church. The other girls would think I'm crazy."

A few hours later, the phone rang at Patsy's house.

"Hello," answered Patsy.

"Hello, is this Patsy McCombs?"

"Yes," answered Patsy.

"Patsy, this is Mr. Cooper. I am calling to tell you that Debbie was in an accident a few hours ago. I know that Debbie considered you her best friend and I knew she would want you to know. You may want to come and see her.

"Oh, thanks for calling," cried Patsy. "I do want to go see her."

As soon as Patsy hung up, she went to her mother and told her what had happened. She said that she was going to go and see Debbie.

When Patsy arrived at the hospital, Mr. Cooper met her and told her that Debbie was not going to pull through.

As Patsy entered the room, tears came to her eyes. She really liked Debbie and she was so sad.

As she neared the bed, Debbie opened her eyes and saw Patsy's tears. She said, "Don't cry, Patsy. I'm not afraid to die. Christ died for me, and now I'm dying, but I'm satisfied. I've

witnessed to many. I'm so glad that you came. I wish I could have told you more about Jesus Who died for you and me. I would like for you to promise me something before I leave you."

"What is it?" asked Patsy.

"Please, Patsy, go to my church and see what it is like. Go there and find out about Jesus. He is so wonderful. He has done so much for me. Please promise me you will go."

"I will," promised Patsy. "I will." It was shortly after this that Debbie closed her eyes for the last time. Patsy didn't know she could hurt so much inside. She felt so helpless, but the one thing she knew she *could* do was to keep her promise to Debbie.

The next Sabbath Patsy went to Debbie's church. She found out how wonderful God and Jesus are. A few weeks later Patsy was baptized into the church. She tried to witness to others that she met. She wanted to be as good a witness as Debbie had been. —And also just as brave. Debbie wasn't even afraid to die.

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#### LIFE'S MIRROR

We should not regret our failures, just learn their lessons well.  
Be careful not to make mistakes so errors will not tell.  
To err is only natural and human we must be.  
Let us make mistakes a mirror by which we clearly see.

—Everett Wentworth Hill



by Nathan Lawson

As you are reading this report, we are presently in a new year—1970. 1970 has a magic ring to me. Will this year—the next? the next? this decade?—bring the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ? Only the passing day of time will tell. Time goes quickly. It is something that we can't hold onto. It is something that God holds us responsible to use wisely. "Redeem the Time," God has said. This means to be busy doing the RIGHT things in life.

The Mark of Merit Program offers your youth group a guideline to doing the "right things" for God. —Things that will count up in a Golden Award in the sooncoming Kingdom of God.

Has your Youth Group determined to join the Mark of Merit Program for 1970?

If the answer is no, DO SO NOW. We are yet in the first month.

If you need information—then write to the National FYC office, Dale Lawson, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

#### AN EASY WAY TO BE ACTIVE FOR GOD

This program gives you the guidelines to a real active FYC. Being involved in the Mark of Merit Program will keep you busy working for God. It will help you personally and as a FYC Group to "Redeem the time" for God. It can bring you close together and make you a blessing to the work of the Church. Don't take the easy way out by being inactive.

#### PROJECT OF THE MONTH—FEBRUARY

Rent a gym. Provide an evening of energy-using activity for your young people. Play hard together. Show real good Christian sportsmanship. Let us prove that we can play hard together in a real Christian atmosphere. Notice how much energy you use in a ball game. Now emphasize to your FYC members to use this same type of energy in the work of God. We go all out to play ball. Now let us go all out to be active FYC's in God's Church.

#### WATCH THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF AIM . . .

A full report of the 1969 Mark of Merit Year will be given next month or the following in AIM.

## Meet Your Committeemen



Nathan Lawson first found an interest in Youth Activities in his local FYC at Elmira, Oregon. In 1965, he accepted the duty of directing the Mark of Merit Program for the Youth Department of our church.

As a minister, he has served on Youth Camp staffs in Oregon, Missouri, and California. Presently Elder Nathan Lawson pastors two churches, Lodi and Stockton, California. He and his wife, Ellen, have two children, Phillip and Sharenne—real joys in his life.

One of my first thanks is for the early years of my life during which wonderful Christian parents taught me the true values of life and the standards and doctrines of the Bible and God's Church.

It was at the very first Youth Camp in the Church of God in 1960 at Silver Falls, Oregon, that I first felt the call to full-time service in the work of God. It was not until four years later—1964—that I accepted the call of God and entered Midwest Bible College, joining two brothers, Kenneth and Dale, to study and prepare for the ministry in God's Church.

Since going into the pastoral work, youth work has been a real joy and one of the first loves of my ministry.

My message to youth in our day is one of concern, that we will learn how to really properly live for God and Eternity. Let us seek out the true values of life—what life is all about. Then let us build our lives on these wonderful standards.

Let us, as young people, stand solid for God's Word and really be a living, working part of the Church of God (Seventh Day). God needs us—His Church needs us. Don't let Him down by getting involved in the foolish pleasures of this world. There is a real future for His young people.

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Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, hate, and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.—*Sunshine*

## Youth Doctrine Corner

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



### PRAYER

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 21

... "God's people are to pray to Him in the name of Jesus, their Mediator and High Priest, who is at the right hand of God in heaven. Only prayer uttered in the name of Jesus Christ is efficacious and those who earnestly call upon Him will have their needs supplied in accordance with God's will for them."

Prayer should be made because of

- ... **Biblical command** (Matthew 26:41, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1).
- ... **Jesus' example** (John 17:1-26, Matthew 26:36-46).
- ... **Other Biblical examples** (1 Kings 18:21-40, Acts 10:9, Acts 16:16, Acts 20:36).

Prayer should be made to

- ... **God** (Philippians 4:6, Psalm 145:18).
- ... **Through Christ** (Hebrews 10:19, John 14:6).

Prayer should be made

- ... **Frequently** (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Psalm 55:17).
- ... **Regularly** (Daniel 6:10).

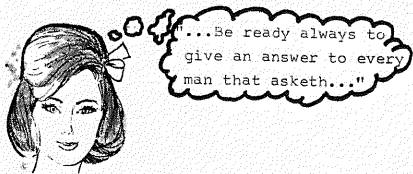
Prayer is essential for

- ... **Salvation** (Philippians 1:19, Romans 10:13).
- ... **Victory over sin** (Matthew 6:13, Matthew 26:41).
- ... **Supplying of needs** (Isaiah 65:24, Matthew 6:6, Matthew 21:22).

MBC BIBLE DOCTRINES CLASS

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Sometimes, perhaps, thou hearest another pray with much freedom and fluency, whilst thou canst hardly get out a few broken words. Hence thou art ready to accuse thyself and admire him, as if the gilding of the key made it open the door the better.—*Gurnall*.



# MINUTEMAN

by Michael D. Vlad

## WHY BE A MINUTEMAN?

"TO ARMS, TO ARMS, THE BRITISH ARE COMING!"

In April, 1775, the British Commander, General Thomas Gage, directed 800 troops with orders to completely destroy the American military stores at Concord, twenty miles from Boston. When his plan became known, a man named Paul Revere made a famous ride on April 10. As he rode through the small American towns, he called the men to arms by crying "to arms, to arms, the British are coming!" The men he was calling were called "minutemen" because they were supposed to fight "on a minute's notice."

God's army uses minutemen! But the trouble is that we don't have enough who are able to fight on a minute's notice. How about you? Can you fight on a minute's notice? If you can't, then here is your chance to train for action!—By joining the Minuteman Program and learning eight verses a month.

Why be a minuteman? WE ARE AT WAR! The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual. Use the Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God) in your war. We need to become minutemen for eight reasons.

1. Our weapons are not carnal. 2 Corinthians 10:4
2. We need to study to show ourselves approved to God so we can rightly teach His Word to others. 2 Timothy 2:15
3. We need to be able to answer questions concerning the hope that lies within us. 1 Peter 3:15
4. We have to be able to answer questions at a minute's notice. 2 Timothy 3:1, 2

2 Timothy 2:15

1 Peter 3:15

2 Timothy 4:1, 2.

Matthew 28:19

Matthew 9:37, 38

2 Corinthians 10:4

Matthew 10:32

1 Timothy 4:16

5. We have to carry out Christ's command to teach and spread His gospel. Matthew 28:19
6. There are not enough minutemen in God's army. Matthew 9:37, 38
7. If we expect Christ to confess us before God, we need to confess (witness) Christ before others. Matthew 10:32
8. By learning God's Word we will not only save ourselves, but others also. 1 Timothy 4:16

We have taken all eight reasons from the Bible. In fact, the eight verses for this month ARE the eight reasons why we should be minutemen!

Minutemen, our first objective in 1970 will be to enlist all FYCers into the Minuteman Program.

Remember . . .

TO ARMS, TO ARMS, MINUTEMEN, THE DEVIL IS HERE!!!!

## MBC News

Another month at Midwest Bible College has gone by, in which we experienced the wonderful and marvelous spiritual blessings that may be enjoyed by being close to God through His Spirit and through His Word.

We have been able to attend two different weekend revivals which were held by Elder Dale Lawson and Elder E. A. Straub. Elder Lawson held three straight nights of services on the weekend of November 14th. Elder E. A. Straub, who is also the chairman of the Ministerial Department of the Church, held a four-night revival service November 20-23. Both of these revival services were very heart-touching and very inspirational.

Elder Straub spent two weeks during the month of November at the college instructing both students and faculty. He was able to join in on several of the classes, and he also spent several hours with the junior

and senior Directed Ministry students. He instructed them on the things they will have to encounter while preparing for the ministry and while in the ministry itself.

At last the long-awaited Thanksgiving vacation arrived. For five short days the students were allowed to rest their minds from their studies. Before the students left Midwest to spend the vacation time with friends and family, they all gathered along with the faculty for a much-enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner.

—Denis Burrell

## THE CARETAKER

(Continued from page 4)

Of course you do . . . because your faith is firm and true enough to keep you aware that you are indeed your church's caretaker!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every member's faith were?



# 2T<sub>4</sub>G - Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

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| Feb. 13 | Isa. 65 |
| Feb. 14 | Isa. 66 |

Last month we mentioned the prophecies of Isaiah, and their importance to us. One of the most beautiful, prophetic chapters of the Bible is found in this book. Isaiah 53 is a very touching love story—the story of Christ's love for us.

"He was despised, and we esteemed him not." Even though most of the people of His day rejected Him—even though most of the people of our space age reject Him—still Christ loves all the people of the world. He loved us enough to be "cut off out of the land of the living." It was for *our* iniquities, *not* His, that He died, without so much as a mean thought or word to His oppressors. Now, isn't that true love?

And all of this, plus more, was recorded by Isaiah many years before Christ's birth. And yet, people say the Bible is only a good piece of literature—nothing more. I'm glad we are among those who believe every word of the Bible. Aren't you?

We have many more names to add to our list of people who have completed one quarter. They are: Glenda Caswell, Jan Henderson, Lucy Marrs, Karen Michalak, Keith Michalak, Bernice Rice, and Lanna Willhelm.

We also have a girl who is one-half of the way to her goal—Norma Colwell.

May God bless these FYCers as they seek for blessings.

## Christian Witnessing for FYCers

A twenty-page booklet called "Christian Witnessing For FYCers" has been mailed to every FYCer we have on file. If you failed to receive your *Christian Witnessing* booklet, write to the National FYC office, and we will mail yours right away.

## Audio-Visual Library

Inventory has been made on the National FYC Audio-Visual Library, and soon we will publish a list of good audio-visual materials. We plan to add many items to the library and hope FYC groups will be interested in helping purchase some necessary items.

## AIM to Germany

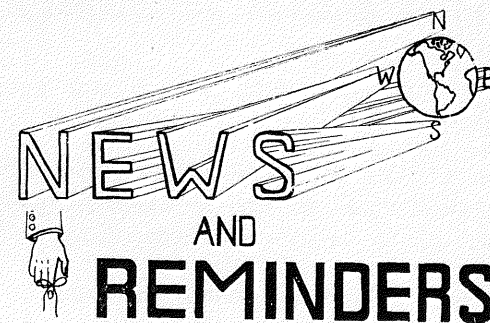
We are looking for FYC groups to sponsor five AIM magazines to Germany. These will be renewals for our foreign leaders. If your FYC group is interested in this project, please notify the National FYC office at Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

## Request for Pen Pal

Sharon Primma, age 15, would like to have a pen pal. Sharon lives at Route 3, Box 119, Deer Park, Washington 99006.

## AIM Project for 1970

Many young people who were receiving AIM magazine during 1969 have not renewed their subscriptions. We are inviting FYC groups to work



with us to get all expirations of 1969 renewed during 1970. Any FYC group interested in sponsoring ten renewals for expirations should send notification of its desires to National FYC office, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

## Membership Cards Available

The Young People's Department will be renewing FYC membership cards during the first and second quarter of 1970. New membership cards will be sent to all being registered as the registration forms are received from the Mark of Merit Director.

## FYC Groups—Join Mark of Merit

Every FYC group can be more efficient in the spreading of the gospel by wholeheartedly participating in Mark of Merit. Now is the time to begin, January 1970. For information write to the Mark of Merit Director  
Elder Nathan Lawson  
841 S. Washington  
Lodi, Calif. 95240

## FYC Albums, Sweaters, and Decals

FYC albums, sweaters, and decals are still available. Order now from the National FYC Office, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

## 1970 Registration

Now that the new year is here the National FYC Office needs a new registration of all FYC members. Registration blanks have been sent to each local FYC group by the Mark of Merit Director. Please complete these forms as soon as possible and mail them to your Mark of Merit Director. If your group did not receive a registration form, please send for one today. Write to Elder Nathan Lawson, National Merit Director, 841 S. Washington, Lodi, Calif. 95240 for registration blanks.

## FYC MOTTO CONTEST WINNER FROM JAMAICA

### "Build for Eternity in 1970"

"Build For Eternity In 1970" is the newly selected motto for the National FYC work during 1970.

It gives us real pleasure to announce that the winner of our 1970 FYC Motto Contest is L. M. Henry, from Jamaica. The selected motto was derived from her entry and she will receive the \$5 reward.

The judges consider this motto to be very appropriate for our young people everywhere. **IT DENOTES ACTION! IT OFFERS DIRECTION! IT PROMISES REWARD!** We are reminded of the words of a favorite chorus: "We will do each day's work for Jesus, with eternity's values in view."

God's Word instructs us to "build for eternity." "For we are labourers together with God: . . ." (1 Cor. 3:9). As one labors, he must remember that "... other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," so "... let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon" (1 Cor. 3:11 and 3:10).

We hope through this motto to encourage FYCers, individually and collectively, to throw their efforts and their very lives into those things which will build for eternity—both for themselves and for those to whom they may witness of the saving power of Jesus. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1).

## SCROLLS OF HOPE

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It seems that each year those forces working against the wise use of time gain momentum and multiply. Does Satan get to score on most of your opportunities to meditate and commune with God? Give God the score. He and His Church can use more thinking young people—more who are giving back to Him at the end of each day, used minutes—but well-used ones.

## Witness for Christ with Gospel Tracts

Many Gospel tracts are available from the Bible Advocate Press, Stanberry, Missouri. Keep a supply on hand to give to friends and to distribute in public places where a contact for Christ might be made.

TRACTS AVAILABLE FROM THE BIBLE ADVOCATE PRESS:

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| Steps to Salvation            | World History Foretold             |
| The Ordinance of Baptism      | If a Man Die—                      |
| The Second Coming of Christ   | Does He Still Live?                |
| Has Time Been Lost?           | The Observance of                  |
| Palestine, Jews and Bible     | the Lord's Supper                  |
| Prophecy                      | Which Day Is the Lord's Day?       |
| Life Ends—What Then?          | Rich Man and Lazarus               |
| Can You Afford to Take the    |                                    |
| Chance?                       |                                    |
| The Doctrinal Beliefs of the  | <i>Bible Baptism</i>               |
| Church of God (7th Day)       | <i>World History Foretold</i>      |
| The Ten Commandments          | <i>The Next World Dictator</i>     |
| The Time Element in the       | <i>Is the Bible True?</i>          |
| Crucifixion and Resurrection  | <i>Jesus Is Coming Again</i>       |
| The Punishment of the Wicked  | <i>Keeping Fit Spiritually</i>     |
| Which Day is the Lord's Day?  | <i>Adam's Apple</i>                |
| Wondrous Grace                | <i>A Real Love Story</i>           |
| The 1,000-Year Reign          | <i>Forty Reason's Why the</i>      |
| About Face                    | <i>Seventh-Day Sabbath Should</i>  |
| Should the Seventh-Day Sab-   | <i>Be Observed</i>                 |
| bath Be Observed?             | <i>Faith and Repentance</i>        |
| The Change of the Sabbath     | <i>Legal Advice from Heaven</i>    |
| The Signs of Our Times        | <i>The End of the Law</i>          |
| What Christians Should Know   | <i>God's Libel Suit</i>            |
| About Easter                  | <i>The Devil on the Spot</i>       |
| Christmas Investigated        | <i>The Law of God Versus</i>       |
| The Destiny of the Earth...   | <i>The Devil's Scrapbook</i>       |
| Destroyed or Restored?        | <i>Religious Surgery</i>           |
| Where Did Christ Go After     | <i>Danger of Counterfeits</i>      |
| His Ascension?                | <i>God's Memorial</i>              |
| Scriptural Examination of the | <i>Two Appointments with God</i>   |
| 1844 Investigative Judgment   | <i>You Must Meet</i>               |
| Doctrine                      | <i>The Resurrection of Christ</i>  |
| Tithes and Offerings          | <i>Not on Sunday</i>               |
| The Bible and Man's Food      | <i>The Return of the Jews</i>      |
| A Study of the Feast Days     | <i>What Must I Do to Be Saved?</i> |
| Given to Israel               |                                    |
| The Battle of Armageddon      |                                    |