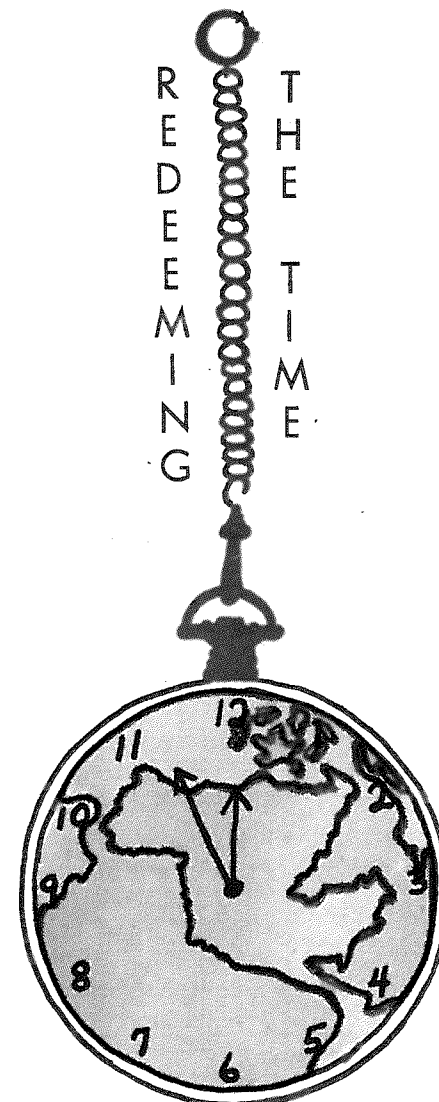


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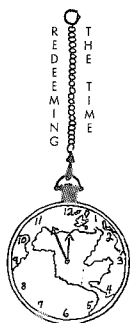
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EDITORIAL ETCHES



WILL HE COME AGAIN IN '74?
Rapid fulfillment of Bible prophecy and the current world situation cause us to speculate and wonder if our Saviour will descend from heaven sometime during this very year of 1974. For years and years we have heard and proclaimed that "Jesus is coming soon," and now, more than ever before, the "soon" seems imminent. Just think what a tremendous be long, and 1974 just may be the year now! We are closer to Christ's return than any generation in history! It can't opportunity it is for us to be alive right in which He will come again. Will we be ready?

We will be ready if we "redeem the time" and live each day expecting Christ to return to claim us as one of His own. Now, at the beginning of this new year, let's go forth with renewed zeal and determination to make each day of our lives count for Christ and His cause, and let us remain in a state of readiness for His return.

BY GAIL RINEKER
GRADE SCHOOL

by Kenneth Knoll

Teen Guidelines

1974...

Its Challenges and You

Pick up any daily newspaper and what do you read? By scanning the headlines on the front page you might learn of new evidence in the Watergate investigation, additional flare-ups in the Middle East, some bizarre case of crime, or the latest threats of energy crisis.

Back in the sports section you may read of the Atlanta Braves winning 21 consecutive baseball games and Hank Aaron's amazing record of 750 homeruns. Or perhaps you'll see the prediction that Green Bay will go through the 1974 football season undefeated.

It will probably be the same as usual on the pages with Ann and Abby as they continually strive to help save some marriage that is "on the rocks," to solve a problem at the office, and to offer sound advice for today's teens.

Perhaps your part of the paper is the funnies. The daily episodes in the lives of 'Lil Abner, Buzz Sawyer, and Mary Worth provide a little amusement for your life. The daily paper even contains a thought and a prayer for the day to add the spiritual touch.

So, you see, newspapers relate information on many topics. Every possible interest is explored so that more newspapers will be sold. Newspapers may even attempt to make predictions about the events of coming days and months, but at best, they can only give a fairly accurate report of events as they occur.

WHAT REALLY WILL HAPPEN IN 1974? It is impossible to predict every event as it actually will occur. In spite of all attempts to use psychic or astrological powers to outline future events, man has consistently been thwarted

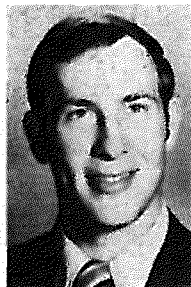
in these efforts of prediction. Life is really uncertain and the future unpredictable *unless* we use God's Word as our guide in understanding His plans for the future as revealed in prophecy.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR 1974? I mean, have you really tried to set goals for personal and spiritual accomplishments? We live in an extremely exciting time when prophecy is being fulfilled right before our eyes. Yes, there IS a great deal of corruptness in high places. There IS an increasing crime rate. There IS an energy crisis. *And yet, there remains a tremendous opportunity for service in the Church of God!*



WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF 1974 AND BE A FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGER? Think of your life as a newspaper. What kind of headlines will appear in your own spiritual life and in your FYC? Wouldn't it be great to read, "FYCs Doubling In Size Because of Spiritual Growth and Personal Involvement"? With God's help this can happen!

Elder Kenneth Knoll, our new National FYC Chairman, has served on the National Youth Committee for the past six years and has been involved in many phases of the FYC work both on national and local levels. He is also presently serving as pastor of the church at Fairview, Oklahoma.



by Loren Stacy

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When a person joins some branch of the Armed Services he places himself under the authority of that Service and of every man above him in the chain of command. The very nature and purpose of an organization such as the army or navy requires immediate recognition of, and deference to, authority. The army and navy have countless ways of reinforcing this unquestioning response to superior officers. Digging holes and then refilling them is one. Polishing brass is another.

Perhaps the most common means of honoring one in a position of authority is the salute. With a simple hand motion each soldier confirms chain of command and his individual position under the authority of those over him. By the time a man has been in the service a month, saluting superiors has become as natural as breathing. It has become an **unthinking response** to a given situation. It has become a habit.

The time comes, however, when the soldier finishes his period of enlistment and is discharged. The discharge of a single enlisted man is relatively unimportant to the Army because the Army remains a strong, organized force. But to the man being discharged, it is an event of major importance. The force which has literally controlled his thoughts, his actions, his whole life for years, admits that they no longer have any rightful control over his life. He is no longer under their authority. He is **FREE** to make decisions for himself.

“Often at the very time we are on spiritual mountain tops, Satan sneaks up behind us and screams, ‘ATTENTION!’”

Every man born finds himself under the authority of sin. Satan is a stern commander and often requires the members of his militia to drill in order to reinforce his authority over their lives. Like the young Apostle Paul, men find that they do what they know is right when Satan is in control.

Jesus Christ has arranged the discharge of every person who decides not to remain in Satan's forces. Through His sinless life and final sacrifice, Jesus paid the price necessary to redeem each individual from Satan's authority. Satan is forced to admit that he no longer has any authority over the life of anyone who accepts God's abundant life in Jesus Christ.

Satan is still a strong, clever, organized force to be dealt with. The loss of one sinner doesn't lessen his hatred for mankind. But the individual who accepts Jesus Christ is finally free to live the life he was meant to live. The force which has controlled his thoughts, his actions, his whole life no longer has any rightful control over him. He is free in the liberty of Jesus

Christ.

But what about those habits? A man I know served in the Navy throughout World War II. For a good many years he served his superiors obediently and unquestioningly. Like a fellow seaman, he learned to salute superior officers without giving a second thought. Finally the end of the war came and he was discharged. On his first night out with his wife in years, in his first civilian suit since Pearl Harbor, my friend rounded the corner of a building and came face to face with an Admiral. Before he knew it, he had snapped to attention and saluted.

We as Christians must realize that in Jesus Christ we have the power not to sin. Satan has no authority over us. But like well-trained soldiers, we have acquired the habits of unquestioning obedience to the force which has controlled our lives for so long. Often at the very time we are on spiritual mountain tops, Satan sneaks up behind us and screams, “ATTEN-

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Their Unknown Saviour

by Steve Kurtright



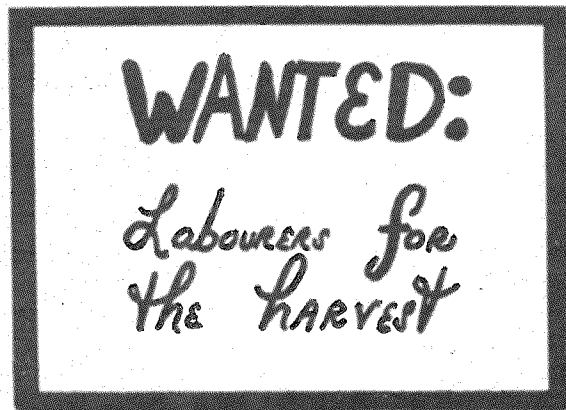
The smell of marijuana still lingered... the only light in the stifling room came from a naked bulb hanging in the bathroom. As Mark sat up in the bed he thought about the party last night, and the booze, and the girls. His thoughts were interrupted as the girl lying beside him moaned and turned over. He didn't even know her name, but that really didn't matter. As he slid out of bed his bare feet touched the gritty floor and caused him to shudder. He picked up his jeans where they had fallen the night before and hurriedly pulled them up. Jerking on his shirt, he quietly closed the door behind him. If he took the short-cut, he could be home before his parents would even miss him.

How do you picture Mark? A high school drop-out with a drug problem? Probably comes from a broken home, huh? Society never gives these kind of kids a break, so why shouldn't they get their kicks where they can find them? Sorry... You are wrong about Mark! Mark is a seventeen-year-old honor student, a letterman in track and football, and his dad brings home \$25,000 a year. He comes from a good home, has his own room complete with color T.V., and he has a new Mustang II coming for graduation. Mark is also lonely, unhappy, and confused. He is the perfect target for Satan. Satan clenches

his icy fingers around the life of Mark and around the lives of countless other young people who, like Mark, are lonely, unhappy, and confused. Mark was looking for an escape at the party . . . a saviour for his seemingly worthless existence. He didn't find it in the deafening music pouring from the stereo. He didn't find it in the drugs that were passed around from one to the other. Mark's saviour wasn't even found with the nameless girl comforter.

For Mark and many others like him, the Saviour will never be found until WE open up! "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). As spirit-filled young people, let's help Mark. Let's take the time to show our concern and give a piece of the ROCK to all those kids who are begging for answers. Let's make this a year of giving of ourselves. Time is so short and to wait any longer to help and comfort the lost is not possible. Start now redeeming the time that is left. "Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6 Amplified New Testament).

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... The harvest truly is plenteous,
BUT the labourers are few . . .
(Matthew 9:37)



SPEAKING OUT

A new monthly feature designed to give AIM readers an opportunity to "speak out" expressing their ideas and opinions on topics of interest to today's youth . . .

For Men Only!

by David Robinson

The controversial issue of "long hair" on men affiliated with the Church seems to have died a slow death with solid front battle lines of thought being established on each viewpoint. There still remains a few wandering in "no-decision" land between the two sides, but in general everyone has joined one of the armies of thought.

Now that the smoke has cleared sufficiently from the last confrontation we may objectively view the reasons for the differences of thought and "see clearly" the truth of the matter. Previous to any trouble over the issue of "long hair" there was a reasonable "peace" existing between both parties involved. There were mild skirmishes and clashes of thought but nothing serious enough to divide individuals into separate ranks.

As world opinion and practice leaned more toward the growing of longer hair on men, the once underlying issue was forced to the front of conversation and definite positions were demanded. Under the pressures of the worldly "fad," many mild supporters were forced into supporting a movement out of control. Seeing the upcoming confrontation, conservative ranks braced themselves to hold firmly to established standards vowing never to lose an inch. So the sides began to form, each collecting ammunition with which to attack the other.

Exposing points of proof in favor of long hair as unfounded and highly personal supposition, the conservatives managed to bring the aggressive attacks to a halt. Stabilizing any major agitation has been the continual efforts, and still is, up to the present time.

Those who favored "moderate" to "as YOU like it" length of hair on men bombarded many conservative thinkers with hurriedly gathered ammunition. Some of the ammunition used was mere verbal declaration that:

1. Styles in length of hair change from generation to generation, indicating set standards can not be established. If long hair was once considered proper, why shouldn't it be proper now?

2. Once society accepts something as "ordinary" it no longer is considered peculiar or abnormal. To wear lengthy hair does not set one apart from society but to the contrary allows one to be more amiable with those of the world. This makes for better chances to witness and win souls.

To this arsenal of supporting points was added a deadly jamming device that was sure to confound the "conservative thinkers." In a blitz fashion the front conversations were saturated with the supposed fact that Jesus Himself probably wore long hair. With many artists' concepts picturing Christ with long, flowing hair and with such appearance thought to be the style of that day, this would be a very versatile point of proof.

Seeing that opposition would be stiff and strong, long hair supporters climaxed their attack with steady propaganda that the Bible, the major weapon of the conservatives, gives no clear understanding of just how long "long hair" is. Destroying basic points of opposition would seem to give a clear victory to "long hair."

Unable to systematically organize the conservative defense and attack, many aggressive "anti-long hair" thinkers lashed out, poorly trained and unprepared for confrontation. This encounter caused many "long hair" thinkers to feel that their cause would truly be victorious because the opposition was poorly grounded. But meeting established, well-prepared, Bible-based conservatives proved different and attack after attack was blocked. Casualties among "long hair" supporters were heavy.

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IF THIS IS GOD'S WORLD, WHY DOESN'T HE TAKE BETTER CARE OF IT? Observing that our nation and the world are in such a mess, many young people in our country as well as in other parts of the world are thinking and saying that there can't be a God controlling it all.



A World At War

by Stanley J. Kauer

If we are keeping up with the news we know that the war in Viet Nam which *supposedly* ended several months ago is still going on. American soldiers are not now involved, but North Viet Nam and the Viet Cong are still fighting with South Viet Nam and with Cambodia. This conflict is threatening to again involve the United States.

And then there is the war situation in the Middle-East. The day I am writing this was supposed to be the day when the peace conference would meet at Geneva, Switzerland, but the conference has been postponed for a few days. Now the news is dominated by reports of a terrible act of terrorism by some Palestinian Arabs. They killed over thirty innocent passengers in Rome and Athens in

an attempt to get the peace conference to accept the demands of the Palestinian Arab refugees to give them back the lands and building they left in Israel in 1948. The terrorist actions have so inflamed Israel and the Arabs that there is some doubt the peace conference will convene as scheduled. When you read this you will know if it did, and will also know what, if anything, has been accomplished toward peace for Israel.

Oil Is the Spoil

The Israel situation is of great importance to many nations of the world because the nations of Arabia have cut off or reduced oil shipments to these nations. Japan has demanded that Israel give back

all the land they occupied in 1967. The entire industry of Japan depends on imported oil, mostly from Arabia. Europe also is feeling the effects of lack of oil. England is in a state of national crisis, and the Netherlands is very short on oil. Many nations have banned Sunday driving for pleasure and have curtailed as much as possible the use of gasoline and fuel oil.

It Couldn't Happen Here!

In our country, truck drivers have been blocking highways to gain their demands for lower cost diesel fuel and also for enough so they can operate their trucks. Winter is with us now, and it is feared that many in our country will run short of fuel before it is over. On top of all this there is the constant and increasing distrust of our government. Every possible bit of wrongdoing is being sought out and magnified as much as possible to discredit our national leaders. **There is fear, distrust, corruption and commotion on every side. We are not surprised at this happening in other lands, but we never thought it could happen here.**

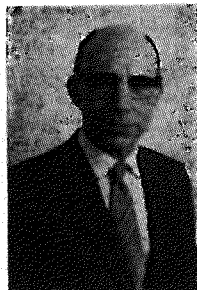
Thus far most of us in America have only heard about the troubles in the world and have experienced

very little personally. As this is written in December the only "trouble" we have experienced is higher prices for groceries and for gasoline and the inconvenience of gasoline stations closed on Sundays. We still have plenty of gasoline, plenty of fuel for heat, and plenty of food. **But we face the prospect of far greater troubles.** World and national leaders are predicting great shortages and continued troubles. These gloomy predictions support Bible prophecy concerning the last day times. **We will consider any reduction in the luxury of our easy living as a hardship, but it may be that our hardships will be much more than that. We MUST be prepared to endure many hardships yet to come.**

Why So Much Trouble?

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH TROUBLE IN THE WORLD TODAY? We are living in the time when people are selfish and greedy. They lie, cheat, steal and boast of their exploits. Workers in stores and factories steal millions of dollars worth of goods each year and think it is perfectly all right to do so. Clean moral living is considered old-fashioned and undesirable. Sin and wickedness are

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everywhere. All these conditions show us that we are very near to the second advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. *"And there shall be . . . distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:25-27).*

This is not a time to lose our faith, but for our faith in God to be increased. We have known and taught for a long time that there would be times of great trouble before Jesus comes back to this earth. No matter what happens, we remember that Jesus said He would be with us, **"even to the end of the world."** It is wonderful to have this hope today!

Look Up and Look Forward

By the time this is read the

ATTENTION!

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TION!" Automatically and unthinkingly we snap to and salute. We are in the habit of sinning.

Slowly perhaps, but surely, we must break our habits of obedience to our spiritual enemy, who no longer has any authority over us. We must form new habits of obedience to God, our new source of power and authority. We must make full use of the "whole ar-

great comet Kohoutek should be visible in our skies. Astronomers are saying now that this comet will not be as bright as first was expected, but in any event it seems significant that it should appear just at this time of world trouble. Jesus said that prior to His return there would be **"signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars"** (Luke 21:25). We do not know just what these signs will be, but anything unusual in the heavens could be a partial fulfillment of this prophecy.

As our world gets into more and more trouble we can all the more look forward to the wonderful time when Jesus will establish His kingdom and all will be peace and love. There will be no corruption in that government. The redeemed will have a great work to do and will be given full ability to do it under the guiding hand of the King, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Let us hold fast our faith without wavering.**

JESUS IS COMING SOON!

mor of God." We can decide each morning not to sin for the next 24 hours.

It is possible! Having lived as a civilian for almost 30 years, my Navy friend would no more think of saluting an officer than he would a mailbox. He has learned the habits of a civilian. We can learn the habits of a sinless Christian life. By constant reminders and practice, we can and must break the mental power of old habits Satan holds over us.

NOW IS THE TIME!

TODAY AND TIME

Today is here. I will start with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today in one thing I know I am equal with all others—time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, and hours.

Today I will not waste my time because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen—it usually doesn't. I am going to spend time making things happen.

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted, and I must not be found lacking.

Today I am determined to do the things that I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

Today I begin by doing and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

Today I will stop saying, "If I had time—" I know I never will "find time" for anything. If I want time, I must make it.

Today I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

—Gerald B. Klein

ARE YOU A PROCRASTINATOR?

The chances are you do put things off when you should do them promptly. Perhaps Donald A. Laird in *The Techniques of Getting Things Done* has written some things that will be helpful

to you—helpful in changing a habit you'd like to break.

The unpleasant job that is put off, says Mr. Laird, is likely never to get done. This is because of the human tendency to forget unpleasant things. But there is the human tendency to forget

a more serious aspect to the putting off of disliked duties. An accumulation of unpleasantness may cause *abulia*, or paralysis of the will. Apprehension over delayed unpleasantness may so preoccupy one that other things cannot be done effectively. Thus, putting off an unpleasant task handicaps other work.

It also means that we do the unpleasant task many times in worry, instead of doing it actually once in fact. Dreading a

task can be more tiring than doing it.

Now here's the way to solve your problem. Put the jobs you dislike at the top of each day's schedule. You will be pleasantly surprised to discover how much easier this makes the rest of your day's work. Don't file unpleasant tasks in a drawer labeled "For Future Attention." Keep them right at your fingertips until they are finished.

—Sunshine

TIME FOR SALE

And in my dream I came to a beautiful building, somehow like a bank, and yet not a bank because the brass marker said: "Time For Sale."

I saw a man breathless and pale, painfully pull himself up the stairs like a sick man, I heard him say: "The doctor told me I was five years too late in going to see him. I'll buy those five years now—and then he can save my life."

Then came another man, also older, to say to the clerk: "When it was too late, I discovered that God had given me great capacities and endowments, and I failed to develop them. Sell me ten years so that I can be the man I could have been."

Then came a younger man to say: "The company has told me that starting next month I can have a big job, if I am prepared to take it. But I am not prepared. Give me two years so that I will be ready to take the job next month."

So they came, ill, hopeless, despondent, worried, unhappy—and they left smiling, each man with a look of unutterable pleasure on his face for he had what he so desperately needed and wanted—time.

Then I awoke, glad that I had what these men had not, and what they could never buy—time, time to do so many things I want to do, that I must do.

If that morning I hummed at my work, it was because a great happiness filled my heart.

For I still have time.

—Sunshine

A Beautiful Experience

by Max M. Morrow

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to live in heaven? Well, I'm not going to pretend that Midwest is heaven; but many of us have found our days here almost like a dream world. (Someone says, "Yeh, like a bad dream and you wish you'd wake up and find it isn't true." No, not that kind of dream world.)

It's just beautiful to know that when the going gets tough—as it does for all of us at times—then you're surrounded by a bunch of young folks and teachers who are ready to "go to bat" for you and pray you through your low tides.

There's nothing like it to know that when you "lose your cool"—and who doesn't one time or another?—there is plenty of opportunity for that second chance with the gang because of their Christian love.

Where else could a person expect to spend 24 hours a day with fellow students who don't tell smutty jokes, use foul language, smoke-cure themselves with tobacco, or do one of a hundred other unChristian things?

Life at Midwest isn't perfect, but it's way out in the lead of many campus settings.

The first semester, which is now history, was a wonderful experience. Significant battles were won (spiritual they were), surprising financial blessings just kept coming, student employment opportunities were at an all-time high, much Bible knowledge was stored for us, and a few romances budded.

Naturally, there was an abundance of fellowship in worship, on campus and off. Nearly every student was involved one or more times in special programs present-

ed by the college group away from Stanberry. For example, a group went to Jingo (KS) for an all-day meeting and later returned to participate in the dedication of the church building there; a group went to Alfred (N.D.) for the Harvest Festival; a group went to Michigan for the winter retreat; a group went to Kansas City for a youth rally, a group went to Wichita for an all-day meeting and special inter-church singing fellow-

ship; a group went to St. Joseph for the afternoon service in the Missouri State Fellowship Meeting. In fact, there was so much "going" that the choir had little opportunity to perform at home.

There were 25 students enrolled: 15 new ones and 10 returnees; 16 men and 9 women; 10 married and 15 single; 15 ministerial, 3 Biblical Foundations, 3 open-schedule (taking classes of their own choosing but anticipating no certificate); and 4 parttime.

The faculty consisted of Elder S. J. Kauer, Brother Larry Moldenhauer, Sister Vicki Overman, and Elder Max Morrow. Brother and Sister Don Lawson were in charge of the kitchen, as well as supervisors of the men's dorm. Sister Ginger Youngs was supervisor of the women's dorm. On a parttime basis Rita Moldenhauer and Paula Wilson were secretary and treasurer and Marcia Woods, librarian.

The semester opened with a bang just a week and a half after General Conference. Classes with from 4 to 17 students enrolled included doctrines, survey, prophecy, leadership, speech, Christian writing, church history, evangelism, sociology, evolution (refuted), vocabulary, homiletics, grammar, typing, and others. Everyone found his schedule crowded, but rewarding.

Some of the students even ventured out to take Bible Greek at a nearby liberal arts college. Most of them were involved in parttime employment from 10 to 25 hours per week. **Still there was time for fellowship.**

Early in the semester the an-

nual "welcoming picnic" was held on a Sunday afternoon when football dominated the recreation before feasting on fried chicken and an assortment of other goodies. Following the meal, the old students welcomed the new ones in an impressive devotional. Student and faculty families, as well as college board members and their families, were included in the occasion.

On a Saturday night a little later the high school gym was rented and made the cite of frolicking volley ball and basketball for a couple of hours, followed by refreshments in the dining hall. Even local church folks took part in these activities. Some surprising athletic abilities came to light.

Other entertaining periods included educational films on varied subjects. Two particularly good films were on subjects that fit perfectly into our curriculum. One was on archaeological discoveries in Texas that prove that the dinosaurs and man co-existed on earth. (*Evolutionists, you know, place the dinosaurs in an age 70,000,000 years ahead of man's appearance on earth.*) And the other film was on Israel, revealing conditions in the country since the 6-day war of 1967.

A highlight of Midwest life was the annual fall retreat, sponsored by the local FYC, yet involving almost all of the students. It was, as all retreats are, a combination of spiritual and recreational enjoyment. With Brother Mike Vlad and a group of SVAers as special guests, along with others from distant points like Oklahoma City, and

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Reach Out

The Church in Latin America

by Daniel Davila

In Matthew 9:37 Christ told His disciples, "The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few, so pray to the One in charge of the harvesting, and ask Him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields" (Living Bible).

Some FYCers have prayed the prayer Jesus instructed His disciples to pray, and a missionary has been sent to Nicaragua. Our missionary in Nicaragua is Ernesto Barahona, who arrived in Managua on January 15, 1972. When he arrived there were only seven baptized members. Now thirteen more are being indoctrinated in preparation for baptism. The services average an attendance of 28 to 30 adults. The brethren meet in a very small building which

measured 5x4 meters. They plan to build a new one that will measure 15x7.5 meters.

On behalf of Brother Barahona and the church in Nicaragua we want to thank all of you who have been participating in the promotion of the work in Managua. We also take the opportunity to invite other FYCers and AIM readers to join us in this important mission. Send your contributions to: National FYC Nicaraguan Project, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201.

The Son of God commanded His disciples to go and teach all nations, and this commandment is also unto us. You may wonder how you can go. There is an opportunity for everyone who wants to help send missionaries and thus obey Romans 10:14-15: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how

shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"



Youth group in suburb of Guatemala City, Guatemala



Young people from Managua, Nicaragua church



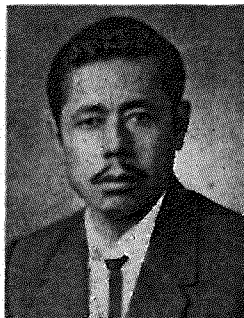
Youth group with sponsors from the main church in Guatemala City, Guatemala



Youth group and sponsor from Zaragoza, Guatemala



Male youth group from Momostenango, Guatemala



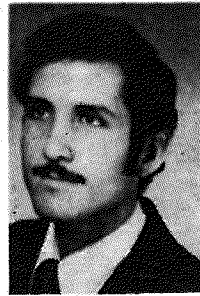
Ernesto Barahona



Youth group with sponsor in Escuintla, Guatemala

Please remember our youth and people in Latin America. Continue to pray for the work there and do not forget to send offerings for our National FYC Project. The Lord will reward you.

Daniel Davila, FYC foreign correspondent for the countries of Central America, Mexico, and South America, is presently teaching U. S. History, Spanish I and II, and speech at Spring Vale Academy as well as serving as the pastor of the Saginaw, Michigan, church.



The Church Across the Seas

by Lucinda Robinson

It may be interesting for you to know that there are many in countries all over the world who are living their lives in as close a walk with the LORD as is possible. The different letters received have been enlightening on the living conditions, spiritual conditions and positive attitudes of our brethren in foreign lands.

In August, a questionnaire was sent out to all the non-Spanish speaking foreign FYC leaders on file. Many wonderful replies came in the mail as a result of this. So far, letters have come from people in Guyana, Trinidad, Poland, and from several people in each of the countries of the Philippines, Jamaica, and Nigeria.

This is the first report of many on the information the foreign FYC'ers want to share with us concerning their activities. Nearly all have asked for help from the American FYC'ers to further their gospel-spreading efforts. The National FYC does not have the funds to help them all, but any LOCAL FYC that would like to help out the foreign brethren with their own local projects may do so through this correspondent.

POLAND

Bronislaw Ciesielski and Kosowski Stanislaw are the Youth Chairmen in Poland. They have 90 that are active in the FYC there in their particular area! Although they sometimes have trials to face with the Sabbath-keeping situation in the high schools, they are very active in youth meetings, preparing choir numbers, and taking trips for a day or more as an FYC group.

One particular noteworthy project they have had was keeping up a good program of visiting the older members of the church.

Brother Bronislaw says, "I send you a photo from our youth meeting for 25 July to 15 September in the hamlet (town). There we rested and taught Bible principles." The Poland FYC needs finances to print their youth magazine and to buy camp meeting tents.



Photo taken at a recent youth meeting in Poland

RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA

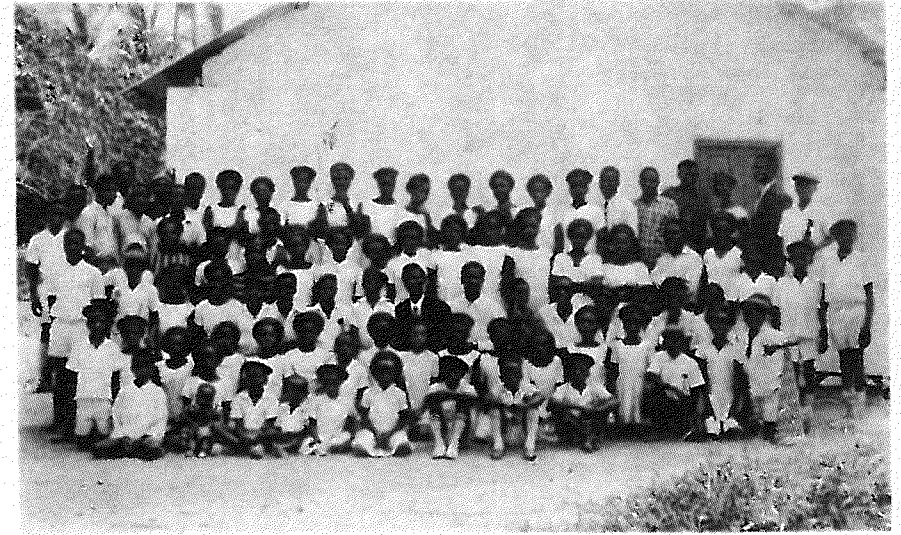
Our correspondent in Rivers State, Nigeria is W. H. Wokocha, a young man who has high hopes of possibly attending our Midwest Bible College in the near future. P. J. Ejiku is able to travel somewhat to the neighboring FYC's and congregations in Idu Osobile, MidWest State, and the Ogba District. In Idu Osobile, there is even a Junior FYC of about 33 members. The main FYC activities are Bible studies, tract and church magazine distribution as a means of spreading the gospel and a program for frequently visiting the sick.

In early October . . . "some of the FYC Volunteers from Idu Osobile

Church travel to MidWest State by canoe, where they held Youth Rally and effort. A journey that took them about two days by water."

Brother Wokocha has expressed a need for support in his possible studies at MBC, the need for water transportation such as a canoe, and land transportation such as a motorbike, and a microphone to help in their outdoor speaking efforts.

The foreign FYC's work is ever increasing. The adults in the foreign countries give much guidance to the FYC's in their outreach programs as well as their daily Christian lives. YOUR



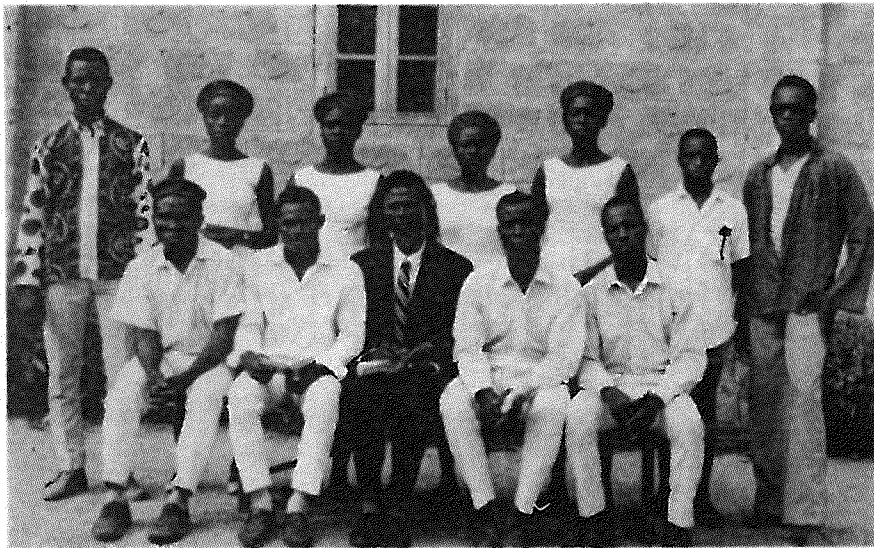
Ogba District (Nigeria) FYC members

prayers are definitely wanted and needed by our overseas brethren.

If your LOCAL FYC would like to adopt a project to help a for-

foreign FYC, contact me through the FYC office in Denver. MORE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF AIM!

Lucinda (Gibbs) Robinson, who is foreign correspondent for all non-Spanish speaking countries, lives in New York City where her husband is serving his ministerial internship.



MidWest State FYC members with P. J. Ejiku at center



On this shrunken globe, men can no longer live as strangers.

—Adlai E. Stevenson

GREAT



1973-74 S.V.A. Student body.

Expectations

by Janna Patchen

The 1973-74 S.V.A. school year had a tremendous beginning with "Yesterday, Today, Forever" singing group featured at a banquet where Elder Melvin Sweet was guest speaker. It surely didn't take us long to realize that the 50% increase in the size of Spring Vale's student body left us a little crowded. For a short time even our boys' dean had to sleep on the floor, but soon more bunkbeds were purchased and he began sleeping more comfortably.

Early in the school year the S.V.A. double trio was invited to help out in some evangelistic efforts in the New York City area so a "delegation" comprised of Rocky Brunson, Ann Carlin, Glenda Caswell, Brenda Jarwin, Gordon Kuryluk, Jayne Kuryluk, Janna Patchen, Brother Ken Moldenhauer, Tim Weir, and Elder and Mrs. Calvin Burrell traveled to

the big city for a weekend of exciting and rewarding experiences. After presenting musical programs for the brethren in New York City the group returned to school to share their experiences and blessings of the weekend with fellow students.

In October the long-awaited, traditional Harvest Hike brought much fun to all of us. The days flew by and soon it was Thanksgiving season and time for our annual Harvest of Thanks banquet. The banquet was a great success, and in addition to raising over \$200 for the United Missions fund, it brought much inspiration and many blessings in fellowship to the many who attended.

This year our "Blue and White" party was winter oriented and party-goers crawled through an igloo to enter the room where snow flakes and snowy stars added to the effect of winter beauty. A snowman constructed from lighted candles and colored lights graced the center of the room. All of us enjoyed the evening of fun and games.

We became so involved in our hectic daily schedule of classes, tests, etc., that the District Retreat sort of sneaked up on us. What a blessing and time of refreshing the retreat was for all us Spring Valers!

Returning from the retreat we prepared for our semester exams and for our much-anticipated three-week Mid-Winter break—a vacation at home with our loved ones!

We have great expectations for the coming second semester and we're really looking forward to seeing some new faces on campus. We're looking forward, too, to many more wonderful times in the Lord. God surely has been with us so far this school year, and we thank Him for all his great blessings to us at S.V.A.



1973-74 S.V.A. Staff.

After a major confrontation of any kind both sides find it very helpful to look back on the encounter and learn from the experience. Look back now on this encounter, which still exists today, and view it in light of these recent, revealing facts!

1. Supporters of long hair argued it was not a "fad" but a natural thing in society! Recently Mr. Blass, famous men's clothing designer, gave as the reason for the incoming "short hair" styles due to the change in clothing styles. "The wider lapels and fuller slacks require a smaller head and a cleaner look, especially if you want to wear a hat." As styles change in clothes, the length of hair will change too. It depends on the "fad" or the "in thing" in society!

2. Supporters of long hair denied that growing hair to such length was in protest against the establishment. *TIME* magazine reports that Beatle John Lennon, a pioneer in the long hair styles, grew his hair as an anti-establishment protest and has recently "cropped his tresses" to concentration-camp style in honor of British black-power leader Michael X.

3. To label long hair as a sign of rebellion was often heard in the confrontation. Cowboy star Chuck Connors cut his lengthy hair agreeing with this view, "Long hair was a sign of rebellion," said Connors. "Now the rebellion has lost its zap."

These confessions by leaders of the worldly "long hair" movement should cause us to consider closely our reason for adorning long hair, if we do!

The discussion of "long hair" is still heard today, but few on either side can give substantial proof for their position. **DON'T** run to the front battle lines ready to engage the opposition just because you think you look good in long hair and it makes you very appealing. Neither lash out against lengthy hair because **YOU** don't like it and besides, it just isn't your style.

"The art of living consists of knowing which impulses to obey and which must be made to obey."* The spiritual man will "see clearly" through the hair and present himself an example, "clean-cut" for all to see!

(*Sydney J. Harris, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)

Send your articles for the monthly "SPEAKING OUT" feature to: AIM, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.



We Shall Overcome!

The dictionary defines strife as "conflict, discord, variance or a quarrel, struggle, or clash." Strife is probably one of the most common sins and one of the most difficult to overcome. Whenever we are crossed, old pride comes to the surface and causes us to bristle all over! But as these chapters point out, it is very important to overcome this. The lack of strife in our lives is a very obvious way in which others can see Christ in us.

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18).

Read the following chapters paying particular attention to the verses listed:

READ YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY EVERY DAY.						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAB.
					1 Prov. 3:30	2 Prov. 6:16-19
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3 Prov. 10:12	4 Gen. 13:8	5 Prov. 13:10	6 Prov. 15:8	7 Prov. 17:1-14	8 Prov. 18:6, 17	9 Prov. 20:3
10 Prov. 22:10	11 Prov. 25:8	12 Prov. 26:20, 21	13 Prov. 29:22	14 Prov. 30:33	15 Matt. 5:39-41	16 Matt. 12:25
17 Rom. 12:18	18 Rom. 13:13	19 Rom. 14:1, 9	20 I Cor. 1:10-13	21 I Cor. 3:1-4	22 Gal. 5:19-21	23 Phil. 2:14, 15
24 I Tim. 6:3-5	25 II Tim. 2:23-25	26 Tit. 3:1, 2	27 James 3:14-16	28 James 4:1, 2		

If your sweetheart lived next door, would you let a single day pass without talking to him or her? **Of course not!** If you showed that little interest in your boyfriend or girlfriend, your relationship wouldn't last long! In order for any relationship to grow, it must be cultivated. And if a relationship isn't growing, then it is usually dying. The same principle applies to your relationship with God. If you don't talk to Him every day and let Him talk to you through His Word, your relationship to Him doesn't really amount to much.

Right now we have 47 participants in the 2T4G program—really not very many considering how basic this program is. Why, 47—that's not even an average of one participant for each state in the United States!

I know there are many of you who follow the program but don't report. Don't consider it bragging when you report—just consider that you may encourage someone else to take time for God because they see that you are doing it—Now wouldn't this be worth the effort of sending in a monthly report? **Think about it!!**

Marilyn Current, our 2T4G Director, lives in Owosso, Michigan, with her husband and small son. She is a graduate of Spring Vale Academy.



Orders are now being taken for the 1973-1974 Midwest Bible College annual. The 48-page, hardback annual, which is being professionally printed, will contain no advertisements. The fine photography in the yearbook explores every facet of M.B.C. life—classes, students, faculty, extra-curricular activities—and will contain a special section featuring the past three years' graduates. This outstanding annual is available for only \$3.00 if ordered before February 1. After February 1, 1974, the annual will be sold for \$4.00. Don't delay—order your M.B.C. annual today! Send your order to: Midwest Bible College, P. O. Box 158, Stanberry, MO 64489.

MINUTEMAN

Giving Unlimited

by Marcia Woods



Jesus watched as the offering plate was passed around the temple. Proud of his wealth, each of the rich men made a big show of the large sum he was contributing. As the plate continued to move around the room, Jesus saw it come to an extremely poor widow. Others around her smiled smugly as she modestly put in her two mites. "Ha!" they thought to themselves, "for all the good that will do the church she just might as well have kept it." But Jesus thought differently about the matter. Calling His disciples around Him, He commented, "This poor widow has put in more than all of the others because she willingly gave when she had none to give. She has given her all" (Mark 12:41-44).

Long ago God instituted a plan whereby those who minister unto the people and spread His gospel would be fed, clothed, and housed. **This is the plan of tithing.** During the time of Melchisedec we have record of Abraham paying his tithes (Genesis 14:17-20) Record of this is repeated in Hebrews 8:4-10. Later, when the Levitical priesthood was initiated, the people paid tithes to the Levites, the family that took care of the temple and things connected with the temple. Of this tithe, the Le-

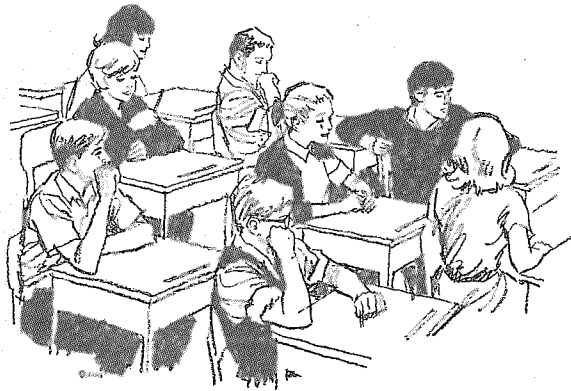
vites were to pay a tithe which was given to the high priest for the support of his family. Paul tells us in I Cor. 9:9-14 that this same plan was to be used in the New Testament church. He commended the brethren at Philippi (Phil. 4:10-17) and at Corinth (II Cor. 11:9) for their faithfulness in supporting him and his ministry.

We, today, are not limited to tithing only, but are also to give offerings. Evidently it was an offering that Jesus referred to in the story about the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44). **We are to give cheerfully, not grudgingly** (II Cor. 9:6, 7) because we are merely giving back to the Lord what is His anyway. To do less would be stealing (Mal. 3:8-10).

We should not limit our giving to monetary tithing, but we should also tithe of our time by giving God more than just two or three hours each week. Give of your BEST to the Master—He gave His ALL for you!

Lev. 27:30	Luke 11:42
Mal. 3:10	I Cor. 9:13, 14
Heb. 7:4	I Tim. 5:18
Gen. 28:22	II Cor. 9:7

Why? Well, uh...



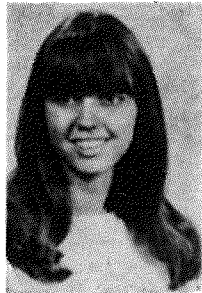
Scene: High school classroom, English IV
Time: 4th Hour

Question: Why do you go to Church on Saturday? Where in the New Testament does it say you should?

Answer: What would your answer be? Would you have one? Could you turn to verses in the New Testament that clearly indicate that the seventh day Sabbath has not been abolished? That it does matter which day we keep?

In II Peter 3:15 we are told that we should be able to give every man an answer that asketh. Can you do this? If you have been participating in the Minuteman program, then you will have committed to memory verses that substantiate many of our doctrinal beliefs. During the past year we have used the doctrines of the Church of God (7th Day) as they are outlined in the doctrinal beliefs handbook for our monthly Minuteman study topics. Minuteman will continue to follow this line of study throughout 1974. If you're not yet a Minuteman, then get busy!! ENROLL TODAY!

Marcia Woods, who is working as librarian at Midwest Bible College, is a member of the "Yesterday, Today, Forever" vocal group. She is beginning her third year as director for Minuteman.



Because We Care



Brother Harvey Fischer speaking at the Young Adult Involvement Retreat.

Caring was the common denominator that brought 20 young married couples from Oklahoma and neighboring states together for the Young Adult Involvement Retreat held at the Cinderella Motor Hotel in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 1-2, 1973. This young adult retreat, one of the first of its kind, was initiated by some young couples who, deeply caring about the Church of God, want to become involved in the work of the Church and want to be instruments of God to help in some way.

"Because We Care" was the theme and prevailing spirit of the weekend retreat which included such activities as worship services, devotions, workshops and recreation.

Chairman of the Sabbath School Agency, Brother Harvey Fischer from Sacramento, California, was special guest speaker and lecturer at the retreat. During the Sabbath morning worship service Brother Fischer spoke about the purpose and goal of the Church of God (7th Day) as a denomination as well as what the purpose and goal of each individual Church member should be. Brother Fischer conducted an enlightening workshop in which he revealed how changing the emphasis in Sabbath School can and will be a great asset

to God's Church. In another workshop Brother Fischer explained the plan and purpose of the new United Missions Board.

Debbie Salter from Bethany, Oklahoma, who is a professional teacher working in connection with Gospel Light, was also a guest speaker at the retreat. Debbie presented ideas for making our Sabbath Schools more interesting and gave excellent suggestions for more effective teaching methods.

The retreat experience truly was enriching, and it is the desire of all who attended to make lasting contributions to the work of the church... BECAUSE WE CARE!

—Reported by Keith Washburn

Since none of the entries in the '74 Motto Contest were considered timely enough, the Motto Selection Committee chose for the 1974 motto:

“REDEEMING THE TIME”

“Hey, it doesn't rhyme with '74!!”

No, the motto for 1974 doesn't have rhyme, but it does have reason—and a great deal of meaning to each of us.

Consider: today, even this very minute, the return of Christ is closer than ever before.

Consider: the turmoil and problems being experienced by all of us now. Gas shortages, food shortages, and all of the other shortages... the lack of concern for Christian behavior... these are all adding up to the time when Christ will return.

It is up to us to get the gleaning completed before His return. Right now, more than ever before, the National FYC has to unite in the salvation of the world. At school, home, work, the theme should bear on our minds: “Redeeming the time!” There isn't much time left and we need to make use of every available opportunity to introduce Jesus Christ the Saviour and His truth.

In 1974 it is a necessity that everyone from 13 to 113 get busy and make the days COUNT for God. Our rallies, outreach programs, etc., should portray the urgency of the times in which we live. The days are short! We've got to make them count!

Remember... REDEEMING THE TIME... Why?? “BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL!” (Ephesians 5:6).

Our thanks to Janice Carlin, Judy Haffner, Jim Fischer and Steve Kurt-right for serving as the '74 Motto Selection Committee.

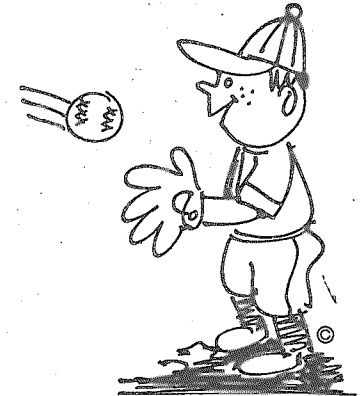
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A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE

(Continued from page 17)

Claremore (OK), Fort Smith (AR), Jingo (KS), Denver (CO), and St. Louis and Joplin (MO), a wonderful week end was spent with the Lord. Brother Mike's talks to the campers were of special inspiration. And to go along with all the blessings of the retreat, the last night featured “Yesterday, Today, Forever” singers, who include some of our MBC family. It was just great!

Naturally, as you would expect, the wonderful times we've spent together in worship have been the “cream of the crop” among the blessings. Thursday night joint

dorm worship has offered much help when things were getting a bit on the drab side. And the morning devotional in the midst of the class schedule just seemed to come at the right time to pick us up, especially after one of those uniquely difficult tests that characterize Midwest.

There's not a thing that could outshine life at Midwest. Last semester was only the beginning of a full year of overflowing. If only more of you young people would give a year of your lives and come to Midwest. You'd find it to be such a beautiful experience that there just wouldn't be words to describe it.

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

The National Youth Committee for the next two years consists of: Chairman Elder Kenneth Knoll from Fairview, Oklahoma; Members Elder Calvin Burrell from Owosso, Michigan; Brother Jerry Moldenhauer from Acampo, California; and Brother David Robinson from New York City, New York. The address of the new chairman is: Elder Kenneth Knoll, P. O. Box 325, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.



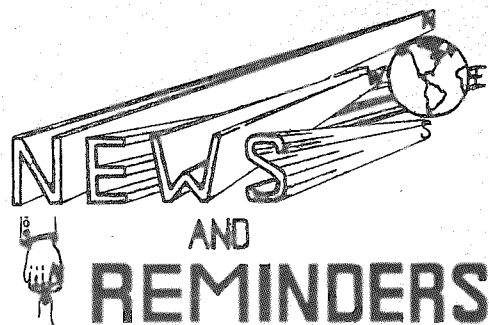
l. to r. Calvin Burrell, Jerry Moldenhauer, David Robinson and Kenneth Knoll.

DO IT NOW!

If your local group has not returned your 1974 registration form including your new officers, please do so very soon. We want our files to be completely up-to-date so that no one will miss any of the mailings from the national office.

MAKE YOUR MARK!!

Any Mark of Merit reports for



the last quarter of 1973 should be sent *immediately* to the National F.Y.C., P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

Announcement of the Outstanding F.Y.C. of the year (the Lighthouse Award Winner) plus all the gold and silver award winners for 1973 will be made in the March issue of AIM. We need your reports now, though!



The following items are available from the National FYC office:

- FAITH TRIO RECORDS—\$4
- F.Y.C. Stationery—\$1.25
- F.Y.C. Sweatshirts—\$3.00
- F.Y.C. Plaques—\$1.00
- Challengers Bible Baseball—\$3.95

All proceeds from the sale of these items will be used in the support of the work of the National F.Y.C.



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Why Me?

It may be smart for others to attend Midwest . . . but *me?*

Yes, you too!

Here's why

1. When do you think you'll get around to a concentrated study of the Bible if you don't go?
2. What is more important than getting in spiritual condition to meet the challenge of Christian living?
3. Where else could you be with so fine a bunch in serious study and fellowship?
4. Is there any other place God would rather have you be?
5. Do you really know what God expects from you?

Go to Midwest and see how the pieces fit together—how your baffling questions become answerable.



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