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—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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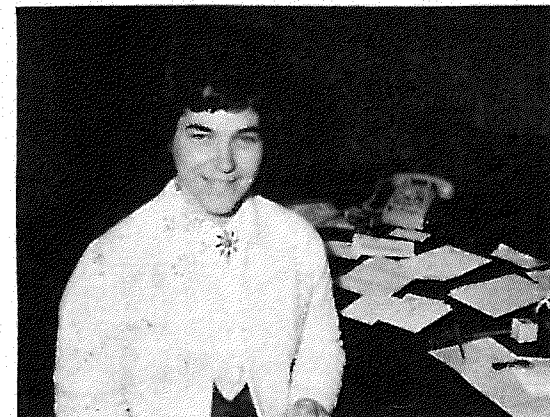
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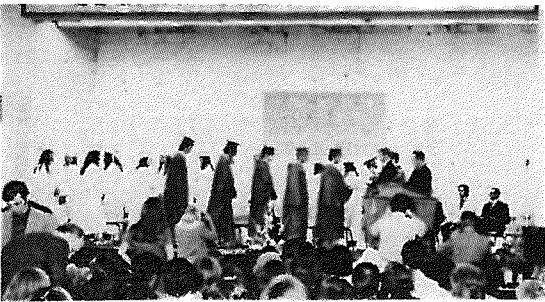


One a.m.—two a.m.—three a.m.—four a.m. “click, click, click”... The sound of a typewriter punctuates the quiet noises of night. “It’s late, but gotta get AIM ready for the press! Many young people out there needing God. Wonder if it all REALLY helps them?? Must have faith that it does! YES! I KNOW it’s worth it! Even if AIM caused just ONE to give his life to God, or inspired just ONE young person to submit to a call for full-time Christian service, or just ONE to overcome his “hangup”! YES, it IS worth it all...”

Sister Hope Dais has spent many, many such nights—laboring in love to provide bits of inspiration for young people. Amid the daily chores of homemaker, wife of the very busy Publishing House Manager, mother of four children and part-time mother to a score of others’ children, proofreader of 90% of all material published by the Bible Advocate Press, loyal worker and leader in the ladies’ Missionary Circle, and Good Samaritan to all, our editor found very few daylight hours of “quiet inspiration” in which to prepare AIM material.

An onlooker might question WHY? WHY would one person push herself so far, do so much, give her ALL, for a “magazine.” It is because AIM is more than a “magazine” to Hope. It has been her way of “reaching” out to us—to the people she loves and for whom she carries a tremendous burden, an unquenchable desire to see us—ALL of us—in God’s kingdom!

We, the young people of the Church of God, stand united to say “Thank you, God, for Hope Dais!” And we do thank God and Hope Dais for the inspirational reading provided through AIM magazine for the last 8½ years.



Spring Vale, Midwest, and other schools became our home—the vital force that kept us on the path of prog-

ress. We have now attained the goal for which we worked while on these campuses. We are naturally happy to have completed the necessary years of school, to have closed our last textbook, to have heard the last bell ring, and to have listened to our last lecture. We have put behind us the requirements for graduation. Yet we cannot lay aside the feeling of obligation to our teachers and our parents that we take the best from life and make the most of it.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once stated, "Perseverance is a great element of success." We experience a certain feeling of suc-



cess at this moment when our dream of graduating has been realized. Yes, the required studies are over and we have left our schools. We miss the close association and valued

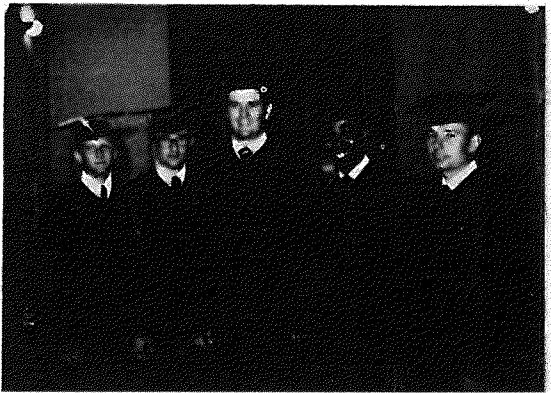


friendship of our fellow students, the Friday evening services when God met with us and touched our hearts, the laughter and visiting in the halls of SVA, MBC, and so many other schools. Indeed, we may be out of school life but we remain in life's school.

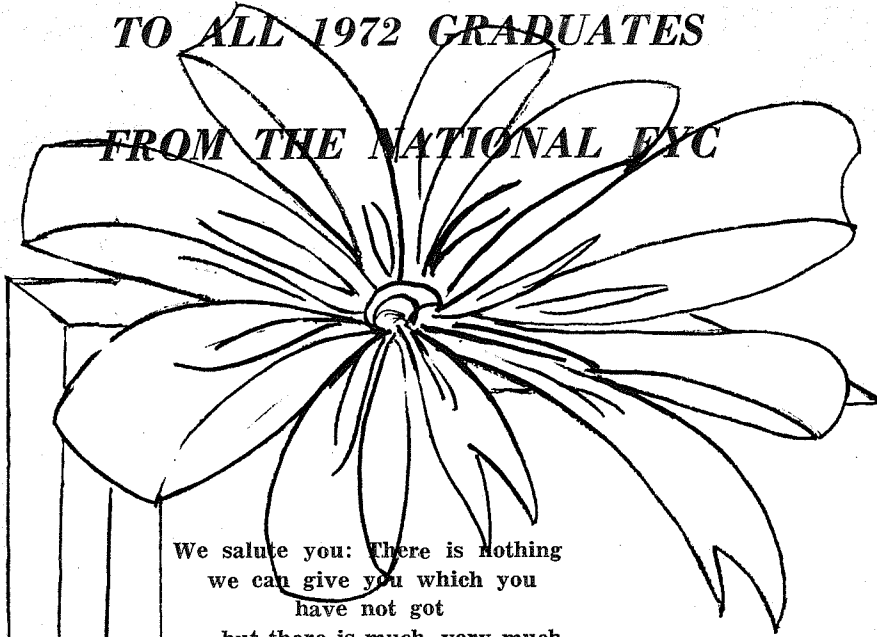
The world is full of opportunities for those young people with initiative and vision. We will be expected to fill the positions adults now hold. Let us put to work the knowledge we now have as we prepare our lives for this service and still continue to learn.

LET US ALWAYS "TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS; AND LEAN NOT UNTO OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL OUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT OUR PATHS" (PROVERBS 3:5, 6).

—Janice Carlin



**TO ALL 1972 GRADUATES
FROM THE NATIONAL EYC**



We salute you: There is nothing we can give you which you have not got but there is much, very much, you can take.

No Heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today.
Take Heaven!

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present little instant.
Take Peace!

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness could we but see, and to see, we have only to look. We beseech you to look!

And so, at this time, we greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem and with prayer that for you now and forever the day breaks, and the shadows flee away.

Fra Giovanni 1513 A.D.

Teen

Guidelines

By David Robinson

With the flight of Apollo 16 the United States-Soviet Union man-in-space boxscore now reads:

	U.S.	U.S.S.R
Manned flights	26	18
Multiman flights	20	9
Moon vicinity flights	8	0
Moon landing flights	5	0
Men on the moon	10	0
Man hours in space	8,594	4,398
Space and moon walks	26	3
Rendezvous missions	13	6
Space-related deaths	3	4

The Space Race

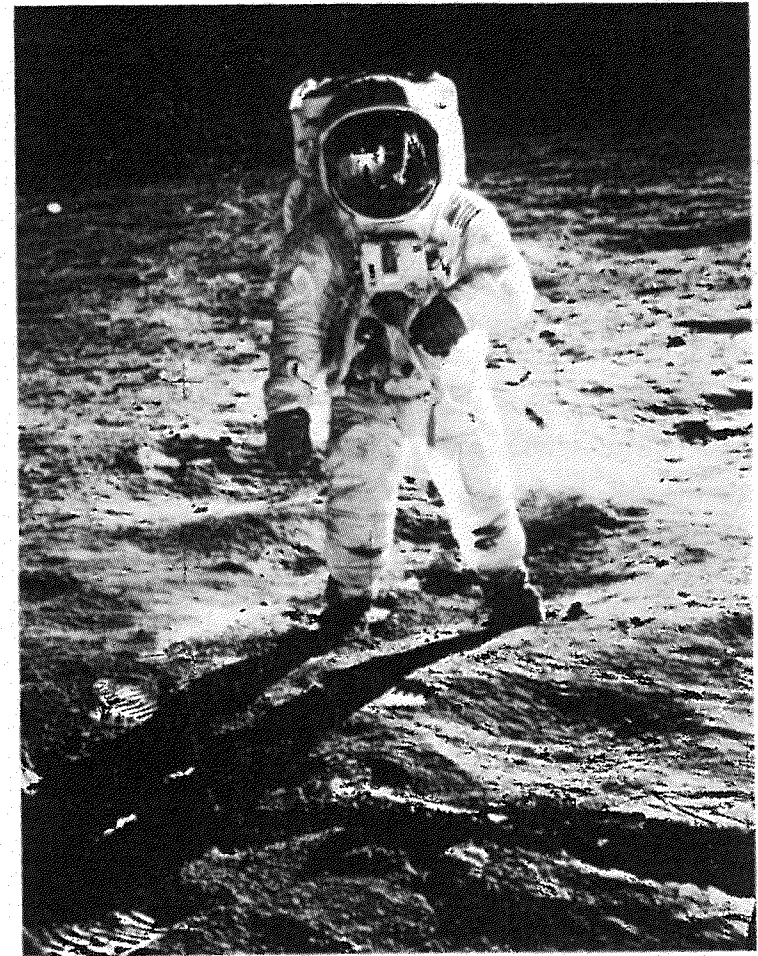
As the two world powers continue to battle for the lead in what is commonly known as the "space race," we, along with thousands of Russians, stand amazed and experience mixed feelings. We Americans feel very proud and regard ourselves as the intellectually superior people because of our great accomplishments in the exploration of outer space; however, we are embarrassed as we tabulate the billions of dollars spent on the program and think about the lives lost in this great scientific endeavor. Where will it all end? What will be the final result of this great investment of time, money and lives?

SCIENTISTS say that this is just the beginning of man's expanding knowledge in the field of unknown and unending space—an open door to the vast universe. From this competitive space race man will gain the knowledge needed to launch out and soon inhabit other planets.

POLITICIANS view the space race as a key issue in interna-

tional relations. During his recent trip to Moscow, President Nixon discussed with Russian officials the proposed "earth orbital mission" tentatively scheduled for launching in June 1975. This maneuver would bring three astronauts and three cosmonauts together in space.

MILITARY LEADERS view the space race as a very impor-



Nasa Photo

tant part of our national defense. In the near future wars will not be won as a result of the amount of armaments each nation has stocked up but rather by their military strength orbiting the earth in the form of offensive and defensive missiles.

ECOLOGISTS view the space race as just another method of polluting our atmosphere and causing more problems for the

earth's environment. Content with the vast pollution of the earth, the ecologist exclaims, mankind is now moving to new fields such as the moon where he can carry on his nasty habit.

THE TAXPAYER, in general, views the space race as a waste of billions of dollars which could be used constructively right here on the earth. Why spend billions of dollars out in space

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Bible Prophecy

... In the Last Days

by Stanley J. Kauer

Nixon Visits Russia

President Nixon recently returned from a historic trip to Russia where he and the Soviet Communist Party Chief, Leonid Brezhnev staged the significant Moscow Summit meetings. The leaders of the world's two most powerful nations signed agreements and treaties designed to prevent sudden attack by either country and to promote good will and understanding. Onlookers around the world view these treaties and agreements as a great step toward world peace. Part of the agreement between the United States and Russia is an arms limitation permitting each nation to have only a certain number of missiles. This all sounds very good, and we should be glad for any extension of peace that may result; however, we must also remember that this correlates with what we have been expecting in the light of Bible prophecy. In fact, we expect an even greater "peace cry" proclaiming world safety from atomic war and assuring a continued peace.

"When they shall say, Peace and safety..."—This agreement with Russia is the first declaration of peace or of peace expectancy heard in a long time. It is evident that nations are beginning to say, "peace and safety," and we can expect many more such peace agreements. And so Bible prophecy is fulfilled in the Nixon agreements with Russia. We will watch to see if the agreement trend continues and if it only leads to trouble.

Russia Holds Back

People were amazed when Russia DID NOT lend a helping hand to Egypt during the 1967 six-day war. Russia did NOTHING to help its ally, Egypt. Now it is again considered amazing that Russia has done NOTHING about the U.S. blockade and mining of the port of North Viet Nam. Vast destruction has occurred in North Viet Nam while Russian ships are prevented from taking supplies to Hanoi. Many thought the mining of the harbor would be such an affront

to Russia that President Nixon's visit to Moscow would be cancelled. Nothing happened and the visit was made as planned. SOMETHING holds Russia back. Surely this is a continued fulfillment of Ezekiel 38:4: "And I will turn thee back and put hooks into thy jaws..." Russia and her allies will not enter into a great war involving the U.S. until it is time for the last conflict, Armageddon. It is wonderful to see this prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes!

Violence Increases

"... And the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:11). Social conditions prior to the second advent of Christ are to be similar to those during the time just before the flood. Violence has been widespread for some time, and just when it seems to have reached a peak, we see a new wave of riots, murders, hijackings, and war. On a recent morning T.V. news program, the commentator noted that the day's news consisted almost entirely of reports of violent actions in many parts of the world. Some of the violence seemed to occur for no reason, such as the indiscriminate shooting of people at the Israeli airport in Tel Aviv. The world is becoming *more and more* as it was before the flood—fulfilling yet more Bible prophecy.

Opportunity has to knock; temptation has only to stand outside and whistle.—Sunshine.

CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS

Millions of adults are destroying themselves by psychological malpractice against themselves without being aware of it.

There are just two kinds of people—the happy-go-lucky individuals who have a sense of humor and some emotional maturity and balance, and the ones who are dour and pessimistic every day of their lives. The latter chronically misanthropic minds have truly "missed the bus" in life. Their lack of faith and moral courage screams out to the world in their personalities and faces.

For many years I was an intimate friend of the late and great Taffy Sears while we were on the old Chautauqua circuits. His pet saying was, "If the corners of the mouth turn down, beware. If they turn up, chances are that is a happy person."

Another giant on the same circuits was the immortal Lou Beauchamp, a noted newspaper man from Hamilton, Ohio. His tools were a lightning fast wit, an audacious sense of humor, and knowledge of people.

So, what people need today is to have "their souls lifted" and leave their faces alone. Surgeons can give a sad face a lift once, but until such a person ceases to be sick in the soul, the "light doesn't come on."

Look up, not down. Let the lights come on in your eyes. You can change your thoughts and change your whole life. Try it.

"... Think on these things..."

June

Bride

By Clyne W. Buxton



The cherished dream of many young women is to be a June bride when they marry, for traditionally June is the favorite month of matrimony. It is normal and proper for young people to marry. Socrates admonished his students: "By all means marry. If you get a good wife, twice blessed will you be. If you get a bad wife, you will become a philosopher!" The Bible states that "whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing(!) and obtaineth favour of the Lord" (Proverbs 18:22).

The task of choosing a mate is not easy, and it is evident that no single individual can possibly have all the insight requisite to a full understanding of such a high responsibility.

Marriage is an institution of God and when two individuals become one at the altar, it is a sacred event. The couple about to be married dedicates themselves not only to each other, but also to God. Their oneness in Christ and Christian service completes the holy purpose of matrimony. Since God intends that the Lord Jesus be the dynamic center of a happy marriage, it is easy to understand why the Bible admonishes: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." The believer and unbeliever who marry cannot achieve oneness in Christ, for their will is not the same. In the beginning there was only one will—God's will. Adam and Eve were in harmony with God's will and

as a result there was a beautiful relationship between man and woman, and between man and God. Then man erred and lost his closeness with God—thereby resulting in friction between man and woman.

Monogamous and indissoluble marriage is still God's plan for man and woman, though human sinfulness brings many pressures to bear upon that plan. A sinful and self-centered life cannot fully exercise the unselfish love that God intends for a marriage to have, and the lack of love brings about conflict. Too often marriages fail, though it is not God's will for them to do so. The divorce courts are filled with young couples, often heart-

broken, whose marriages were built on faulty foundations and therefore did not work.

In marriages of couples under twenty-one years of age, one out of two falls apart. So the chance of marital happiness is only 50 percent unless the young couple takes Christ into their relationship. If the union of two Christians fails, it could be because of their lack of understanding God's sacred purposes in marriage, or their unwillingness to commit themselves to His purposes.

Though marriage is an institution of God, too often it is entered into lightly—with an air of triteness and flippancy. Some times a couple meets and suddenly decides to marry—only days later they are man and wife, at least in the eyes of the law. But this is not God's way: He places marriage on a much higher plane. Persons

who do not prayerfully seek God's guidance in the choosing of a mate may come to Him later petitioning Providential intervention in a marriage that is falling apart. *However, the marriage of a couple possessing dedication to Christ and to each other is destined to work.* The most turbulent storms of life cannot upset such a union.

Basically, Christian marriage is more than finding the right person, it is also being the right person. Two persons who are related to the Lord Jesus and to each other in marriage have a union of which Christ is the center. That center is outside of themselves, transcending their wills with His will, and their love with His love. Just as they are united with Him, they will be united with each other. This is the holy and high goal Christ sets before Christian couples.

—Lighted Pathway

MONEY

There are some things in life that money cannot buy. For example, money cannot buy true friendship. It can buy companionship, at least for a time. The prodigal son discovered this. As long as he had money, he had companions. They clung to him until his last farthing was gone. Then they too were gone. True friendship is acquired only through deep concern and love.

Money cannot buy a home. It can buy a house, with all the gadgetry that one may wish, but "it takes a heap of livin' in a house to make a home." And it takes that spiritual quality called love. Unless there is love within the circle of the family, there is no such thing as a home.

Money cannot buy forgiveness. That comes only to the repentant soul. It comes only when we come, as did the Publican of old, and pray, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Money cannot buy peace of mind. Many think it can, in these days of tranquilizers. But peace comes only through trust in God.

Money can purchase many things, but the greatest of values lies outside the realm of money. Beauty. Truth. Character. Love. All these are of the spirit. And they must be bought with different "coin" than money. So, as you walk along the path of life, search about you for those things which have eternal value, and which money cannot buy.

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions Answered by

Dale G. Lawson



QUESTION

Does the Bible speak against wearing "hot pants," eye make-up, little earrings? Going to clean educated movies like "Cross and the Switchblade"?

ANSWER

The Bible does not speak directly concerning most of these matters, but it does say much indirectly that serves as guidelines for us in our Christian living. Some people live under the misconception that unless the Bible has a "thou shalt not" covering an issue, then it is permissible. That we should not smoke is obvious because the use of tobacco certainly defiles our bodies, "the temples of the holy spirit." Of course the Bible does not say, "thou shalt not smoke."

Now to the items in your question. Because the question has several parts and the answer would get quite long, I am saving part of your question for the next issue of AIM.

The Bible does not say "thou shalt not wear hot pants." However, the Bible has plenty to say about not doing anything that defames your Christian character.

"Hot pants" attract lustful attention to the wearer. One should be careful not to become a part of such evil.

Besides this, God has not favored the "nude look" and that is why He clothed Adam and Eve. In old Scripture He stressed that one's nakedness must be covered. God decreed this because He's aware of the nature of man, and knows that nudity and revealing styles in dress create lust and sin. He is opposed to our involvement, so for Christians, the word is "BEWARE."

Little earrings or big earrings, is there a difference? If there is, what is big and what is little?

When Paul wrote to young Timothy and instructed him concerning proper and modest dress for women, he told **him they** should not adorn themselves with gold or pearls or costly array (I Tim. 2:9). Peter gave the same admonition in I Peter 3:2, 3.

Interestingly enough, when Jacob asked the Israelites to put away strange gods, they gave him "all their earrings which were in their ears..." (Gen. 35:4).

QUESTION

"I have done so many things to displease the LORD that I actually began to believe He could not possibly love me or want anything to do with me (Heb. 10:38) even though I had asked for forgiveness..."

"Please help me! I am so carnal!"

ANSWER

One of the very chief tools of the devil is to cause one to believe a lie (II Thessalonians 2:11). This is exactly what the devil is trying to get you to do.

There is ample evidence in Scripture proving that God loves you and wants you for His child. Many examples from the Bible help us to know that we can come to God when we fail. David and Peter are prime examples.

This Scripture should give you reassurance. "... these things write I unto you, that

ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9 and 2:1).

Really this matter boils down to your having given your all to Christ. When you do that, God's Spirit will help you overcome through Jesus Christ.

You should spend much time in prayer, deep meditation and communication with God. Really talk to Him; be careful not to just go through a form of prayer. Also search the Word of God for inspiration—it will feed and guide you. Finally, but not last, counsel with your pastor.

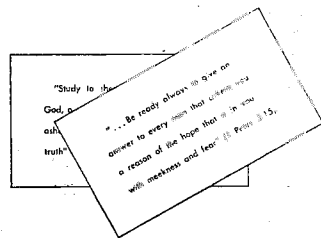
Certainly do not listen to the lies of Satan. Even though he may use certain verses from the Bible to discourage you, you can be assured that **GOD REALLY LOVES YOU**.

Men talk about sin with a silly grin as if it only had to do with sex or swearing. Sin is rebellion against God. It is run by pride, and it ruins men. Beside pride all the frightening diseases of our day are dandruff. It is pride that destroys. It is pride that drives men mad for more, crazes them with the idea they deserve more; that says their way is the only way and damns them in the stagnant status quo. It is pride that sours friendship, strangles love, devours faith, blinds men to their need of God and segregates them from their neighbor, fixing them in front of the mirror, and placing them in solitary confinement.—David A Redding from *The Parables He Told*

No matter what we may think of ourselves, no matter who we may think we are, we are not our own, but God's.

MINUTEMAN

by Marcia Woods



Outfitted from head to toe in armor supplied by our great Commander, we are almost prepared to advance wholeheartedly against our enemy. Before we do, however, we must pick up one final item that is essential in battle, our sword. We are not primarily a defensive force, but rather an offensive unit.

Our Leader has ordered us to go into all of the world spreading the good news of peace that He has promised. To do this, we must not only have the defensive armor that has been discussed in preceding issues, but we must be prepared to advance against the enemy. In His great wisdom, our Commander has supplied us with a sword which is far from the ordinary because it also serves as our light in the darkness (Psalm 119:105), our food (Matthew 4:4), our guide (Psalm 119:133), our source of joy (Psalm 119:162), and also, our restraint (Psalm 119:9).

The weapons of a physical army are weak, breakable, subject to corrosion, and in some cases, can be more harmful to the user than to the enemy. Our weapons in Christian warfare are far superior to these, however, because they are perfect (Psalm 19:7).

Although very different, there are traits which our perfect weapons share with their physical counterparts. Perhaps the most obvious is that they are offensive weapons which require extra energy and effort on the part of the user. We must be prepared to attack if our weapons are to be of any use to us (James 1:22).

We must put on the whole armor of God... but we can't afford to stop there. By sitting idly by, we are more of a burden to our Leader and the others in our division and, thus, we are likely to be demoted very quickly or even discharged. We must be active and ready at all times to attack our enemy with the sword provided by our Commander.

Hebrews 4:12
Psalm 119:105

Psalm 119:162
Matt. 4:4

Psalm 119:133
Psalm 119:9

Psalm 19:7
James 1:22

Then The Answer Came...

The hum of hectic days and the stillness of quiet nights framed my thoughts during that uncomfortable time of indecision.

SO MANY SELF-SEARCHING QUESTIONS TROUBLING MY MIND...
"Should i say YES? Can i do it?? Does GOD want me to do it???"

SO MANY QUALMS SHAKING MY INNER CALMNESS...
"But what if i can't do it... But what if i fail... But what if...???"

AND SO MANY VISIONS STEALING MY SLEEP...
Ideas and ideals to consider... dreams to dream... prayers to pray!

THEN THE ANSWER CAME AS I WAS KNEELING THERE IN PRAYER. *"Yes! i'll say YES! With GOD'S help i'll tackle the job and in HIS strength i'll carry the torch."*

So it is with happiness, eagerness, willingness and very "shaky knees" i accept the responsibilities of AIM editor. Such a great privilege and genuine pleasure it is to work together with you in the production of your magazine... my magazine... OUR AIM!

It is with thankful heart i view today's AIM remembering all the while what an outstanding influence this paper has been in my personal Christian experience and development. And it is with deepest gratitude i give THANKS to GOD, the Youth Department, the Publishing Department, the former editors, the writers, the readers, the supporters for making AIM possible.

AIM... the magazine "dedicated to the promotion of higher ideals and more challenging spiritual goals among young people." It is with all sincerity and in earnest prayer i ask for your help in making tomorrow's AIM an even more effective means of promoting those high ideals and spiritual goals... a more effective witness of GOD and His love... an even greater inspiration to young people everywhere.

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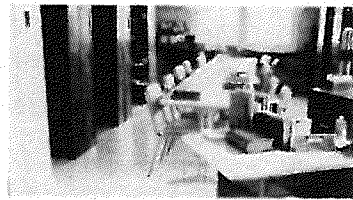
Will YOU pray with me...

Will YOU work with me?

Will YOU AIM with me???"



Empty Seats Await You!



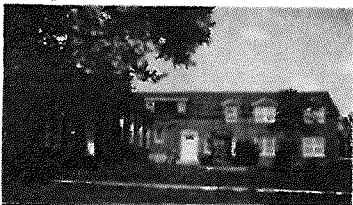
No seats are reserved!

Whoever is first to arrive has the seat of his choice.

An empty seat in this picture could be yours—it could be if you have interest enough in being of use to the Master, and if you are willing to make the investment of time and money to prepare.

No one is inspired by an empty seat, but who knows how many could in time be inspired by your life of service after attending Midwest and occupying one of the empty seats?

If God is calling you, Midwest's empty seats are calling you, too!



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By Nolan D. Rincker

In this age of RUSH, RUSH, RUSH people don't have the time or aren't willing to lend a helping hand. Every day unconcerned people ignore the person who is obviously in need of help. For example, while driving along any highway one can quickly notice the unconcern of motorists as they pass by the stranded one whose car has stopped running, whose tire has become flat, etc. If these passersby could be questioned as to why they didn't stop to help the one who needed help, the most common answer given would be, "I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED." This attitude, though not always verbally confessed, is a crutch of our modern people.

Involvement requires and demands many things from a person. Time is one of the biggest demands of involvement. It takes minutes, hours, days, and even longer to become involved with anything. Involvement emits or transfers feelings of "I care," "I want to help," "I'm concerned."

Involvement with Mark of Merit demands time from FYCers. Involvement with Mark of Merit emits feelings that your FYC CARES about youth and their spiritual needs, that your FYC WANTS TO HELP spread the gospel of Christ, that your FYC IS CONCERNED enough about the church program that it will help in its smooth operation.

Become involved with Mark of Merit if you are not already participating. Spiritual blessings await your FYC and each individual FYC who becomes involved. Don't harbor the "I don't want to get involved" attitude! Think of Christ. What would our lives be like if He had refused to become involved?

IRONING OUT WRINKLES

With any change of program directors, wrinkles develop that must be ironed out. The Eureka, South Dakota FYC failed to receive a report form for the first quarter. After I was notified

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From Across the Seas

Here are some excerpts which give us an inside look at the letters the Bible Advocate Press often receives from friends and brethren in foreign countries. It is inspiring to note the sincerity and love of the truth expressed by these people, and it is heart-touching to read requests for tracts and Bibles.

REQUEST FOR TRACTS

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much: for the booklets which you sent me last time. Here we have no Bible school or churches which Teaches the Truth as you Teachés in your booklets. I read the Bible for many years but I could not understand it but now through your booklets I now understand it. Please do not let me die. Please do not bury your Truth but try to help me. Please send me some of your booklets."

From J. Chidziua
P. O. Box 17 Mrewa
Rhodesia, Africa

Gentlemen,

Sometime ago, prompted by a tract received from a friend, I wrote for and received from you several tracts concerning various topical and controversial subjects.

I found, to my pleasant surprise, however, that far from being a biased view, your literature has been guided consistently by good sense and God's Word.

It's because of this degree of satisfaction and spiritual enlightenment which I have received, that I am now requesting single copies of other tracts..."

Sincerely,
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Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, W. I.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

It has so happened, that I am in the institution where we are facing great difficulties and being tempted by Satan in every moment of the days. I hereby beg and request you pray for me so that I will prevail in my school life and not to fall any danger of the days neither fall into any sin. Our mid-term examination is coming extremely quick to us, I therefore beg you pray so that God will help me to pass the exam and all other exams, and with admirable position. Please my huge faith I lay unto you and with God, I beg you help me receive God's help. Convey my request for prayer to your fellow Elders so that you join while praying for me. While you pray for me I beg you remember the following also:

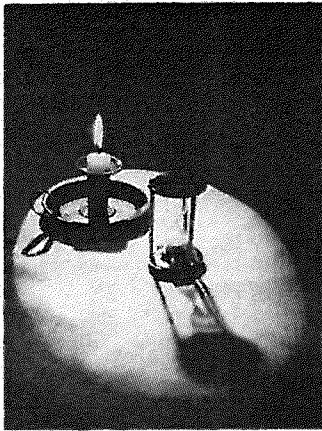
STUDENT BLESSING for N. Okoro, Lucy M. Okoro, Christopher C. Obulor, Joseph O. Obulor and blessing for the entire family of Okoro and Relatives.
THANKS.

I am,
Your child in Christ,

Student I. N. Okoro
Western Ahoada County High School
P. O. Box 1, Ahoada, Port Harcourt
Rivers State, Nigeria
W. Africa

N.B. The Exams start on 16th July (1st Terms)

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Take Time for God

by Marilyn Current

THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part III)

"Ye shall know them by their fruits..." (Matt. 7:16).

"But covet earnestly the best gifts..." (I Cor. 12:31).

PRAYER: "Cultivate in us the fruit of the Spirit, and endow us with Your best gifts, for You promised to give us good gifts, even like our earthly fathers give us good gifts."

THE NECESSITY OF BEARING FRUIT

July 1. John 15. Comment: Answered prayer depends on our bringing forth fruit (verse 16).

July 2. Matt. 7. Comment: We are known by our fruits and can know others by their fruits.

July 3. Matt. 13. Comment: The good seed is that which brings forth fruit.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

July 4. Gal. 5. Note: Verse 22 lists the fruit of the Spirit.

July 5. I Cor. 13. Fruit: Love.

July 6. John 13. Fruit: Love (verse 35).

July 7. Rom. 14. Fruit: Joy (verse 17).

July 8. Isa. 35. Fruit: Joy (verse 10).

July 9. Phil. 4. Fruit: Peace (verse 7).

July 10. Isa. 26. Fruit: Peace (verse 3).

July 11. Col. 3. Fruit: Longsuffering (verse 12).

July 12. James 3. Fruit: Gentleness (verse 17).

July 13. Eph. 5. Fruit: Goodness (verse 9).

July 14. Heb. 11. Fruit: Faith.

July 15. 2 Tim. 2. Fruit: Meekness (verses 24-25).

July 16. Matt. 5. Fruit: Meekness (Verse 5).

July 17. 2 Pet. 1. Fruit: Temperance (verse 5).

GOD GIVES GIFTS

July 18. James 1. Comment: Every good and perfect gift is from above.

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We Give a Hoot



- ... For a good environment where Christian faith can grow
 - ... Against teachers who teach evolution as fact in contradiction to the Bible
- ... For good competition in sports not during Sabbath hours
 - ... Against disrespect for the law of our land and God's law
- ... For a strong program in Christian leadership geared to the Church of God

—AND A TOOT FOR GOOD CHRISTIAN MUSIC WHICH INSPIRES TO GOOD.

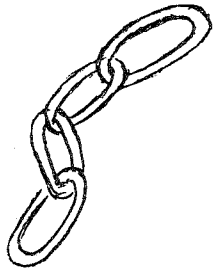


Gordon and Jayne Kuryluk will be visiting many churches and camps this summer as a way of witnessing and telling you how God has blessed them here at Spring Vale.

Write for your new 1972-73 Bulletin:

Spring Vale Academy
Rt. 5, 4150 S. M-52
Owosso, Michigan 48867

A



OF GLORY

by Larry Marrs

TAKE A LOOK!

Sometimes introspection—asking ourselves a lot of questions—is good; but it is harmful at other times when we do not come up with answers. Quite a problem on the level of the professional psychologists and psychiatrists is that they lead many people to an understanding of what is wrong with their lives, but they cannot offer any real solution to the problems. Consequently, people leave in a worse condition than when they came for help. Being aware of all their problems, they feel they cannot cope with modern society.

“What is it that God wants from me?” some will ask; and coming up with their own answers through introspection they say, “Well, it seems to me that God just wants to spoil all of my plans; it seems that His will for my life consists of dreadful, horrible thoughts; dreadful, horrible experiences—things I must or must not do in this life!” Or perhaps they come up with this answer: “He just wants to make me do everything that I dread; He’s a ‘kill-joy’; He wants to see how much pain and mental anguish He can inflict on me. He just wants to make my life a real bore!”

God is not interested in doing that at all! He wants this life to be a happy one for you.

SO THAT’S WHY HE CAME!

Jesus said: “. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). What does abundant life mean? It means a really full and meaningful life. Happiness is included, but that’s not all for which Christ came. God is eager to be in your life, to know you, to communicate with you; and He wants to spend time with you—and that is something staggering! *Just think that the Great God we sing and talk about, that SOMEONE so grand, wants to spend time*

with us on a personal and individual level! He is interested in us individually.

We read in Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” He will spend time with any one of us. God sent Christ also to demonstrate His love toward us: “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

He is not only wanting to come into your life, but I propose to you that when you hear Him knocking at the door, when you open the door, don’t stand in the way, for He is so eager to enter your life you may be overrun! He is not a “kill-joy” and will not make your present life a boring one. His plans for your life are exciting, fulfilling. He wants to think His thoughts through your mind, to speak His words through your lips; in short, He wants to control you in all you are doing! But, it is here we run into some difficulty, for there are some things that hinder God’s working through us.

IGNORE THAT KNOCK?

First of all, if we haven’t asked Him to come in, God cannot, quite obviously, “think His thoughts” through our minds nor speak through us; indeed, without that invitation to “Come in!” He cannot give us that happy life we are talking

about or spend time communicating with us on a fellowship basis.

If we ignore the knocking at the door, or if we slam the door in His face, He cannot come in to begin showing us what He has for us. He is so eager to be in our lives, so very enthusiastic about it, that He sent His Son to manifest Himself to us—to get acquainted (John 14:21-24).

HOLD ON TO YOUR CONTROL?

The second way God is hindered from working in you is by your holding the control-center of yourself, not allowing God to take these controls to direct your life. If the controls are withheld by Christians this becomes a very serious problem. If we do not allow Him to control our lives and our thinking, then we begin to lose ground. We begin to think Christianity is a bore, a drab way of life.

TAKE THE PASSENGER’S SEAT

For God’s Way to be happy and successful, invigorating and exciting, the controls must be turned over to Him. It is like a first parachute jump—like jumping off a cliff and expecting Him to catch you. This is how we give our lives over to Him: “O.K., YOU are at the controls and I’m just a passenger. Take me the right way—wherever you want me to go!” And this

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TEEN GUIDELINES

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when mammoth problems such as poverty, famine, and disease face us here on earth?

What a wide variation of opinion on the modern "space race" is expressed by the world's people! Man, in his great quest for knowledge and power, displays his basic, sinful, carnal nature as he greedily and underhandedly tries to win this race for space superiority. While man fixes his mind and entire being upon this one goal and upon his own accomplishments, he has no time to consider the One Who created all things and knows the end from the beginning. This so-called "space race" is just another event which is drawing man farther away from God in these last days.

As Christian young people where do we stand in the midst of this highly advanced, extremely sophisticated, modern race for the conquest of outer space? Should we seek to know more about outer space like the scientist? Be concerned with our diplomatic relationships involving our space program like the politician? Worry about our military strength in outer space like the military leaders of our country? Join the ecologists in speaking out against the harm being done to our God-given environment by pollution? Or protest the vast amount of money being wasted in this program like most taxpayers feel they should do? What position,

as Christians and concerned citizens, do we take?

As Bible students we realize that these troublesome days lead only to further moral, social, economical, and religious deterioration in our nation. Man, according to the prophet Daniel, will continue to increase his knowledge thus setting the stage for the return of our Saviour and King, Christ Jesus. Although we realize that the present world condition and man's unending search for greater knowledge are simply fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we should rest assured that God is in control of all things and that we have nothing to fear. Therefore, we need not burden ourselves with the problems and worries the politician, ecologist, and military leaders of the world must face today. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee..." (Isaiah 41:10).

Often Christians stand opposed to engaging in any profession connected with the field of aeronautics or the "space race." Their opposition is based on the fact that God made this earth for man's habitation so therefore we should not be concerned with things beyond this planet. It is true that God has given to man a perfectly created earth, but He also gave us the heavens above so that we might behold His greatness and power. As Christians there is nothing wrong with our seeking to know more about outer space and its vast composition, but we must be careful not to think

so highly of our own knowledge and wisdom that we forget about God and His greatness. We should take an active interest, along with the scientist of today, but must always remember that "... the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God..." (1 Cor. 3:19). We should learn about space so that we might praise the Lord even more for His greatness and beauty!

Then as citizens and taxpayers, we should readily comply with the laws of our land when they don't conflict with the laws of God. In an orderly manner we should voice our opinions about the "space race." By engaging in civil functions related to our citizenship, we have the opportunity to present a good Christian witness and to exhibit a real concern for others. We should be interested in the knowledge gained as a re-

sult of our space program, and we should rejoice as we better realize God's greatness and give Him the praise and honor. As good citizens we should keep ourselves informed about the "space race" and voice our opinions when called upon or when given an opportunity to present a good witness.

The "space race" is truly a controversial issue in today's society and should also be of concern to the children of God. We can see the wonderful prophecies of God coming to pass as we watch and study in these last days. As people of God we are not in darkness. We have real insight into present world conditions and we await the soon-coming of the Messiah.

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

**Will you
write an article
for AIM?
We need YOU!**

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July 19. Joel 2. Comment: Prophecy of outpouring of the Spirit in the end times.

July 20. Heb. 2. Comment: God gave gifts of the Holy Spirit to bear witness of salvation (verse 4).

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

July 21. 1 Cor. 12. Note: This chapter lists the nine gifts of the Spirit.

July 22. Prov. 4. Gift: The Word of Wisdom.

July 23. Prov. 2. Gift: The Word of Knowledge.

July 24. Matt. 17. Gift: Faith (verse 20).

July 25. Matt. 10. Gift: Gift of Healing (verse 1).

July 26. Acts 8. Gift: Working of Miracles (verse 6).

July 27. I Thess. 5. Gift: Gift of Prophecy (verse 20).

July 28. I John 4. Gift: Discerning of Spirits (verse 1).

July 29. Mark 16. Gift: Speaking in Tongues (verse 17).

July 30. 1 Cor. 14. Gift: Interpretation of Tongues.

July 31. Rom. 12. Note: This chapter gives instructions on how we should regard and employ our gifts.

MARK OF MERIT (Continued from page 17)

of this oversight the group mailed in the first quarter report—a very encouraging one. This, with the Manhattan FYC, brings the total FYC involvement to 26 groups. If your FYC failed to receive a report form, do not delay any longer to ask for one by mail.

The second quarter report forms are changed somewhat. These alterations were made to update the form with the program standards. Please be sure to supply all necessary information required in the Mark of Merit pamphlet. If your FYC doesn't have one, let me hear from you.

	Merit Points	Bonus Points	Amount Sent	Goal
NEW YORK				
Manhattan	160	226		
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Eureka	235	110	\$45.00	\$45.00

SUGGESTED PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Have a money making project (any type—can drive, car wash, etc.) for the purpose of helping FYCers attend a youth camp or a camp meeting.

... FROM ACROSS THE SEAS(Continued from page 19)

REQUESTS FOR BIBLES

Dear Sir:

I am a boy of fourteen years of age. I was attending at Gyarlea and A. Middle where I complete fy middle form four.

I am interested in your Bible Advocate because of what I have been hearing from friends day and day.

Also there are so many things I do not understand so kindly send me one of your old Bibles.

I remain

Yours faithful
Ameyaw
West Africa

"I am with much greetings writing to you in the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. My reason of writing you this letter is I am a Christian of age 19 years. I am interested in reading and hearing the words of GOD. I have not any Bible to be reading in order to maintain the words of our Lord Jesus Christ with my whole heart and put all my trust in him. ... I am hereby asking you to send me a Holy Bible as it was written in the Bible, "Ask and it shall be given to you." As I know you can help me in providing me a Holy Bible without any obligation to an orphan like myself. Whilst my friends do not obey God and I have nothing to show them that God is the Almighty father. So please kindly try your best and send me one. Hoping to receive my request from you soon. May the Lord thy God help you in your works.

With much greetings and thanks,
Yours faithfully servant,
Samuel A. T. Ahuno
Eastern Ghana, West Africa

A SENSE OF PROPORTION

People who live narrow lives and think inside a small circle are apt to magnify midget disappointments into major disasters. A retired man we know goes into a rage when bugs eat some of the flowers in his garden. Another has a tantrum when a letter fails to come when expected. One writer who went on a small trading vessel exclaims, "How we hated the person who took the largest onion in the stew"! For happiness there is nothing much more important than to have a sense of humor—a sense of proportion.—Sunshine

A CHAIN OF GLORY

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commitment must be without reservation.

We must not say, "I'm afraid if I give my life over to Jesus Christ as a young person, He will make me marry someone I don't want to marry. Besides that, I really do want to go into this profession I'm thinking about, and I'm just sure God would send me to deepest, darkest Africa and I would end up in somebody's bowl of soup!"

We are afraid of these things, but quite needlessly. If we listen to God's Word, we can understand that He is really anxious to give us an abundant life. How anxious? So anxious that He sent His Son to make the arrangements in a very real and personal way.

LIFT HIM UP!!!

Another way we can hinder God from working in our lives is by seeking the wrong goals. You know, we are promised in Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." If we are seeking the wrong things, how can we find what God wants to give us? For example, if instead of concentrating on service we can perform for others we are concerned instead with what the person in the pew next to us thinks about us as we are performing our duties, is the service for the Church or for selfish benefit? If we worry about what others think of what

we are wearing, or what we are doing; if we are concerned with what people outside of the Church are thinking about us; if we are concerned only about our reputations; then we are not seeking the right goals; we are not following the direction God is so willing to lead us. This is the exact opposite of the divine way. Consider Christ's way:

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee" (John 17:1). The part I'm concerned about here is "glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." It is glory only if it comes voluntarily from someone else. What does it mean to "glorify" someone? "Glorification" means "lifting someone up." For instance, in a football game when the star really shows his worth and saves the game in the last minute, he is likely to be raised up on the shoulders of the players around him and carried off the field with everybody shouting praises to him! This is what it means to "glorify" or "lift up." The first thing Christ is saying in this prayer is, "Glorify your Son," "Lift me up so that I in turn may also lift You up." This is a reciprocal relationship.

A CHAIN OF GLORY

The remainder of the prayer is very important, but notice verse ten in particular: "And all mine are thine, and thine are

mine; and I am glorified in them." How was Christ glorified? Through the Father? It says something else here, "I am glorified in them." In other words, we glorify Christ in our lives as we lift Him up. "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given. . . ." *It is a perfect relationship which may be illustrated as a chain. The Father glorifies Christ so that Christ, in turn, can glorify the Father, and Christ glorified us so that in turn we can glorify Him.*

It can work the other way around too: "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4). If we glorify Christ, He will glorify us. What does it mean? It means, simply, that He will take care of our reputations, how others feel about us, so that we will not have to be concerned or worried about it. God will lift us up and show forth through us the personality He wants, and we need not be concerned then with our reputations. If we depend on ourselves to gain glory, we miss the whole benefit of knowing God—our relationship becomes warped like an uneven wheel or a board wet only on one side.

As we grow in our Christian lives through prayer, fellowship, obedience, witnessing, reading the Bible, these activities become spokes on the wheel. If you grow only in some of these activities, the other spokes are not long enough to keep the working circle well rounded and

the wheel will not operate properly. Being overly concerned with our reputation causes us to be warped.

CAN GOD BE TRUSTED?

Are you asking, "How can I trust Him to do what He says? How do I know He will?" Maybe it's just a myth! How can I expect Him to spend time with me? It all sounds very unreal. Was Christ really dead and then raised again for my sins, or is it a fable?" It is for you to experience, then to know: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

In other words, "If you live your life in Me and My words live in you, then whatever you ask will be given to you." "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22). "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son, If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13, 14). He was not unclear at this point—He was VERY CLEAR in saying what He would do if we turn to Him and ask.

THEN HOW DID I MISS?

Some ask, "Why is it that I don't have it? I've been around long enough to know what is

going on—why don't I have what is available in Christ?"

The answer: "...ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). Some people do not get what they ask for because they really didn't want it to begin with or they don't like it as God offers it! But we are assured that if we ask anything, believing, it will be ours!

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (I John 5:11-15).

WHY KNOCK?

God's desire for you, then, is that you be happy, that He can spend time with you. How much time will you spend with Him? He set aside a period of time He wants to spend with you—it is known as the Sabbath. Do you spend your Sabbaths WITH HIM? Beyond that, it is up to you. How much time will you spend with Him — When? Where? How will you get to know this Lord? Have you been seeking the proper goals? Have

you been pursuing the right things?

Often we seek goals rather backwardly. I say that because while we are facing in the right direction we are running in the opposite way—running as far away as we can but still staying within the boundaries! We should be running as fast as we can toward God and saying, "Here I am! Take me and use me; take my thought-pattern, take everything and conform it to Your will."

THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Friends, if you have been waiting or neglecting to ask Christ into your life, please consider for a moment that there is a God Who is anxious to get into your life and begin to change things. Are you satisfied with your life as it is now? Are things "going all right"? On the other hand, if you know Christ as your Saviour are you running in the proper direction? Are you really concerned for the things that He is concerned about in your life? Come! Don't wait any longer!

God is anxious for you to open the door and let Him come in—He will come rushing in with all His force and power! Your source of power is that same Power it took to raise Christ from the dead! The Power, that very same Power, is available to you for your daily Christian life, and it can be the most exciting adventure of a lifetime!



Nanci Fischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fischer, Eureka, South Dakota, has been selected to participate in the "American Youth In Concert" program of the Universal Academy for Music, Princeton, New Jersey.

The purpose of the program is to demonstrate to the world the high quality and fine character of American Youth.

Students are selected for "American Youth In Concert" after participating in a nation-wide audition. Audition invitations are extended to students who have received honors in their respective states.

The group, which will be led by University Music Educators, features Concert Band, Orchestra and Chorus. Nanci is a soprano and will be a member of the chorus. Her audition numbers included an Italian aria by Puccini.

Following intensive rehearsals the group will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C. After sight-seeing they will jet (via Boeing 747) to Europe for concerts in London, Brussels, Paris, Zurich, Salzburg, Venice, Florence and Rome. Arrangements have been made for the students to visit points of interest throughout the tour including an Opera Performance in Rome, Italy.

Nanci is an active member of the local F.Y.C. and of the Church of God. She sings in the Dakota churches quite frequently.

KIND WORDS HEAL

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear. Kind words soothe and quiet and comfort the hearer.

Kind words also can heal, say the doctors. A doctor once told an ulcer patient to say a kind word three times a day and always at bedtime. The patient at first did not follow the prescription, as he thought the doctor was just talking. Reluctantly, he followed the doctor's advice. Soon the ulcer was giving him no more trouble.—SELECTED.



Our recent observation of an incident in a retail store, where we overheard a displeased customer berating an obviously timid and embarrassed clerk, brought to mind something once said by Maurice Baring. As Mr. Baring put it, "Whoever one is, and wherever one is, one is always in the wrong if one is rude."

—Take Five



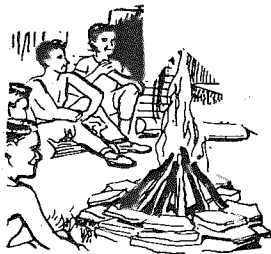
... EARLY TO RISE



GIRL'S SOFTBALL!



CHOW LINE!



CAMPFIRE SERVICE

Hey Dad, Mom, can I go to Youth Camp?? It's only three weeks away... Kids from six or seven different states will be there and we'll have lots of fun eating together, playing softball, volleyball, swimming, and we'll do a lot of talking and the best thing is that we study the Bible together and have really fine services... I just can't tell you how GREAT it is... why, around here I just can't find friends who care about God... I've even known kids who left the Church because of the influence of friends who were not spiritually minded. Apostle Paul described this sort of thing when he said "... evil communications corrupt good manners." See how important it is for me to have Christian friends! Another thing... Youth Camp gives me a chance to learn more about God and His Church... every day we have morning worship, Bible classes, General Assembly, and evening services... all of these are geared to young people. We study things like Bible prophecy, discuss current events and teen problems, and you know what? Every year at camp there are always several kids who find Jesus for the first time—it's just TREMENDOUS. And it's such an inspiration to me, why, Youth Camp charges me up for a long time and..."

"UH, PARDON US FOR INTERRUPTING BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CONVINCe US—SURE YOU CAN GO TO YOUTH CAMP!" By Gerald Pedersen

"Hillbilly State"

Hosts Meeting

A meeting of the National Committee of the Young People's Department was held from May 30 through June 2 in the Van Buren office. Several important matters were discussed, and you may read the report of these in next month's AIM. Members of the National Committee are Calvin Burrell, Kenneth Knoll, Jerry Moldenhauer, and David Robinson.

THE INFALLIBLE FORMULA

"2T4G × M-Man + E7 = 1,006"

What does this mean?

Are you involved?

Please enroll.

NOW.

Results, Please!

Phase I of the National F.Y.C. project should now be complete. These are the local groups who asked for the literature and indicated they would participate:

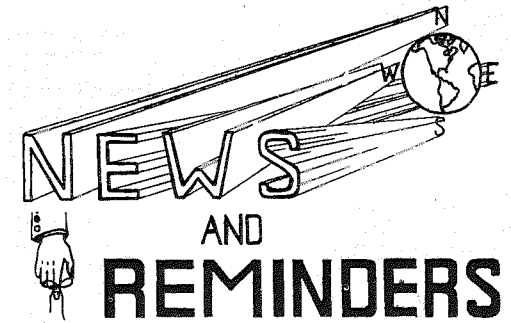
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Nipawin, Sask., Canada
Kansas City, Mo.
Stanberry, Mo.
Owosso, Mich.
Southwest, Mich.
Farmville, N. C.

Alfred, N. D.
Horseheads, N. Y.
Claremore, Okla.
Tahlequah, Okla.
Elmira, Ore.
Houston, Tex.—Eng.
San Antonio, Tex.—Sp.
Tacoma, Wash.

We would be interested in a report from each participating group. How many letters did you write? Did you have good response? What follow-up was done with those who responded? Let us hear from you!!

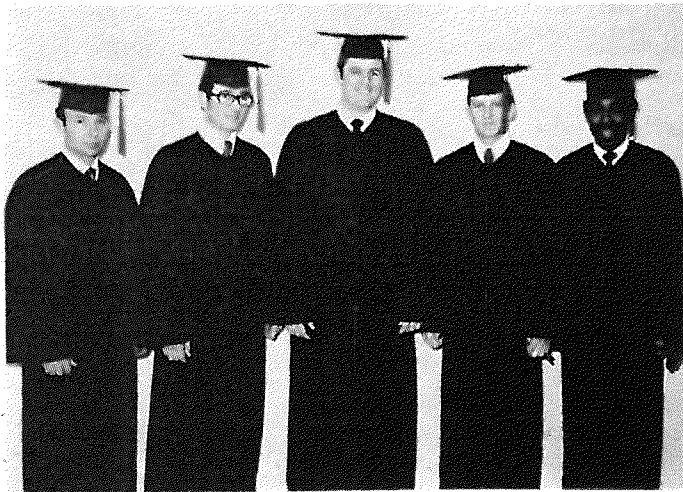
WHAT ARE YOU DOING???

In each month's AIM we would like to feature a brief summary of an outstanding project some local FYC group has accomplished. Please send two or three action photos and a summary of a project your group considers notable!



Eastward Bound

A tour of the churches of God in the eastern United States is being planned by the National F.Y.C. This tour, scheduled to begin on July 21 and to end around August 10, will bring special music and inspiration to youth in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. A complete itinerary for the tour will appear next month in AIM. Pray for this project!



INTO THE FIELD

Five ministerial students graduated from Midwest Bible College on May 20 and have been assigned 12-month internships in the following localities: Victor Burford—Bloomington, California; Denis Burrell—New York City, New York; Ivan Burrell—Detroit, Michigan; Jerry Griffin—Sacramento, California; and Harris Kinzler—Conroe, Texas. Remember to pray for these young men as they enter their full-time ministries.

KNOCK, KNOCK!!

Steve Kurtright and Mike Vlad, two young men who will be senior ministerial students at M.B.C. this fall, are employed at a rather unique summer job. Sponsored by District No. 1 and working under the direction of Elder Noah Camero, these two fellows are carrying on an extensive door-to-door literature campaign in the Bloomington, California vicinity. From sunrise to sunset (and even later!) Mike and Steve knock on doors introducing themselves and God's Church. Besides distributing tracts, they conduct "follow-up" Bible studies with people who express interest in the Church and in the Truth of God's Word. Please remember this summer project when you pray, and watch AIM for a more complete report on this interesting pilot program!

PEN PALS—ARE YOU INTERESTED?

A letter from Barbara Duncan, Petersburg, Alaska, suggests that we start a pen pal section in our AIM magazine.

Barbara said, "...I feel that this would be a good way for the young people of the church to communicate with each other. Also it will help us to get to know more of the people from our church..."

If you are interested in having your name listed in a Pen Pal section, send your name and address to: AIM, Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201.

Youth Camps in '72

OREGON YOUTH CAMP

NORTH SILVER FALLS STATE PARK—SILVERTON, OREGON

June 23-July 2, 1972

This will be the twelfth annual youth camp to be held in Oregon. Information can be obtained, or registration made, by writing to Duane Tilley, Director, 595 Blackfoot Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4 YOUTH CAMP

LAKE TEXHOMA STATE PARK NEAR DURANT, OKLAHOMA

June 25 - July 1

For ages: 9 through 25

Cost: \$15 per camper (Our prices are still frozen, but the weather is nice!)

For information write to Calvin A. Burrell, 1004 Fayetteville Rd., Van Buren, Arkansas 72956.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP

WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD STATE PARK

July 2-6, 1972

(Between Durham and Raleigh, North Carolina on Highway 70)

For information write to Dale Lawson, P. O. Box 108, Cloudland, Ga. 30709

CENTRAL STATES YOUTH CAMP

QUAKER HEIGHTS CAMP—ELDORA, IOWA

July 9-16, 1972

Fee: \$20.00 per camper

Camp directors: Elders Gerald Pedersen and Ron Sanders. Additional information may be obtained from: Elder Gerald Pedersen, 2504 Evergreen Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri 64503.

DISTRICT NUMBER 6 YOUTH CAMP

CAMP ST. MARYS — ST. MARYS, OHIO

August 6 - 12, 1972

For Ages 12-25 years

Youth Camp will be combined with the District Camp Meeting for economic reasons. The cost for dorm and eats for all six days is \$31.50. For information write to Arthur Roche, Route 5, Box 75-F, Swanton, Ohio 43558.