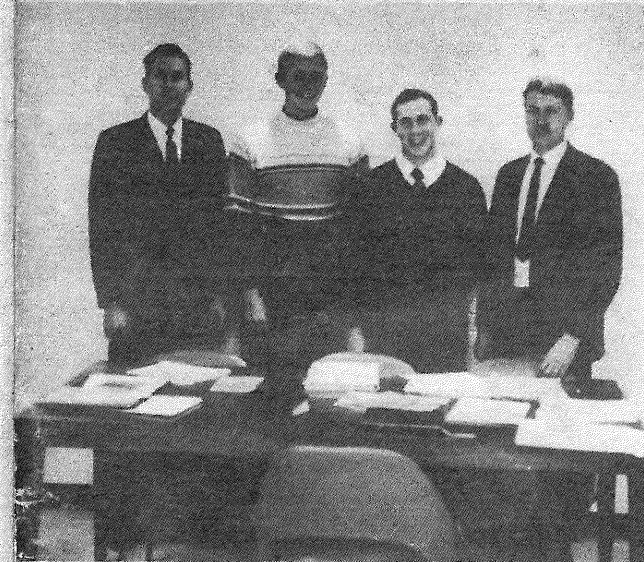


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*False happiness is like false money; it passes for a time as well as the true, and serves some ordinary occasions; but when it is brought to the touch, we find the lightness and alloy, and feel the loss.*—POPE

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BRADEN ACRES  
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# God's Beautiful Creation

By Sue Kolhoff, SVA student

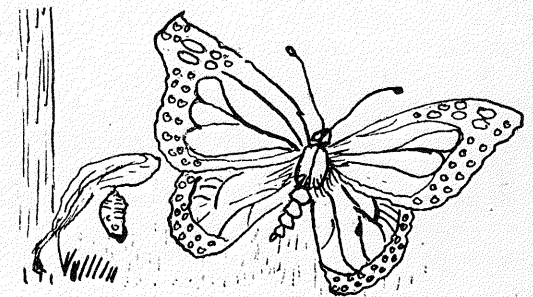
My favorite season of the year is when the birds come out and sing joyously. It is when the flowers pop out their heads and show their beautiful faces. The small bees buzz around the flowers and daintily gather the honey. The springs flow gently on their way to new adventures.

As I stand by the spring, I wonder what it would be like if I could walk along the spring and adventurously explore beyond the woods. I think of birds flying among the tall trees with the fresh breezes. I think of the smell of flowers and the trees blowing in the wind. I hear the birds singing a song. I imagine seeing a fawn with a doe standing nearby drinking from the flowing spring. I could watch them for a moment and then continue thinking about God. It makes me feel glad that God made people to enjoy such a wonderland of beauty.

My favorite season is when you can stand among the trees and feel God's presence in the breezes. It is when you feel the sun's rays so nice and warm. It is when you see the sun's rays coming down in among the trees and in your mind you know God is in the rays of the bright sun. It is when you see flowers peeking out from among the grass, so tiny and beautiful.

My favorite season of the year is so beautiful and everything seems to come alive. It is when you can be glad to be alive and that God loves you. I am so glad each year that God loves me.

By this time you know it's *Spring*; a beautiful time of the year.



# The Scarlet

# Cord

(Part Two)

by Dorothy Nimchuk



Rahab had come early to the well for water in order to be gone before any of the other women came along. Their barbed remarks were as thorns in her flesh. She avoided them whenever possible.

A young lad ran past. He had just entered the gates. His face was red with excitement and exertion.

"What's wrong, lad?" questioned Rahab.

He scarcely slowed his pace but called out, "The Israelites have crossed the Jordan—dry shod. Their God has opened the waters just as when they crossed the Red Sea. Their armies are marching this way," and he was gone.

Rahab's face shone. Salmon and his friend had returned safely then. And now they were on their way here. Her heart beat a little faster. "I have much to do," she said to herself. "First I must go to my father's house." She forced herself to walk sedately back to her house, set down the water jar, and started out at a fast pace for her family's dwelling.

"Come, mother," said Rahab, as she entered the door. "Gather what belongings you can carry and come to my place. The Israelites are com-

ing and you will be safe only at my home."

"My daughter," began her mother, "what have you. . . ."

"Hush!" Rahab began gathering a few things she thought her mother would want to keep. There is no time for talk. Come!" And she was gone.

The following day the Israelite armies were camped a short distance from the walls of the city. The city gates had been shut tightly since the arrival of the runner with news of their coming. No one went out and no one came in.

"Look, Rahab," shouted her younger brother from his vantage point at the window, "the armies are lining up to march. See, here come the armed soldiers. There are seven men with horns following and blowing on their trumpets. What is that following?"

"The ark of the covenant," answered Rahab, reverently. "It is said that the words of God written with His own finger on stone are placed within the ark. The men with the trumpets are priests," she explained.

"There are others following," exclaimed the lad. "A whole multitude."

"The people of God," murmured

Rahab. Salmon was somewhere out there amongst them. Once this battle was over, she promised herself, she would go somewhere new and start life afresh. She was so tired of her existence here in Jericho. . . . the lewd remarks of the men. . . . the knowing looks of the women. She wished to learn more of this God of the Israelites. Salmon had told her that He was a loving, just God Who was not willing that any should perish. Perhaps this God would help *her* to a new life.

Rahab and the boy watched until the whole company had marched once around the city and back to their camp. "What will happen next?" wondered the lad in excitement. Each day for a total of six days the Israelites marched once around the city. On the morning of the seventh day the Israelite camp was astir early, for on this day God had instructed Joshua to march seven times around the city. All week the armies had been silent, uttering not a word as they marched. Now as they compassed the city the seventh time on this the seventh day, Joshua gave a command, "Shout! for the Lord hath given you the city." And the people shouted.

"Look, Rahab," called her brother, still at his post beside the window where hung the scarlet cord, "the walls are beginning to crumble. They're falling!"

Rahab checked to be sure the scarlet cord was still secure. As she turned, her brother was heading for the door.

"I'm going out so I can see better. The soldiers are marching right over the fallen walls," he declared.

Rahab caught hold of his coat and held him fast. "Do not go out. Here only are you safe." It was with difficulty that she restrained him.

A knock at the door startled her. Cautiously she opened it a crack. Then, seeing who stood there, she threw it open to admit Salmon and Jason. "Come in," she welcomed them gladly, her eyes shining.

"Gather your things together," instructed Salmon, "for Joshua has sent us to lead you to the safety of our camp. Hurry now."

Salmon and Jason guided them through the destruction that was fast overtaking the city. No one was spared, with the exception of Rahab and her family. Rahab shuddered as she walked past the now silent forms

of her fellow citizens. Salmon, who was close beside her, took her arm and led her along.

"Don't look," he cautioned. "We'll soon be outside the city."

The little company made its pilgrim way to the safety of the Israelite camp. Rahab's brother glanced back toward Jericho. "Rahab, look," he shouted, "the city's on fire! Such a blaze!" He nearly stumbled, trying to walk backwards in order to watch the inferno.

"Come along, son," said Salmon gently. "You must look ahead. Forget Jericho and all it stood for."

Salmon and Jason saw them all settled in a tent at the outer edge of the camp and then returned to Jericho.

When the battle was over, and the city burned, the armies returned victoriously. With them they had brought the gold and silver, and vessels of brass and iron which were put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.

Salmon brought Joshua to meet Rahab, for the great leader wished to see the woman responsible for hiding his messengers.

"It is an honor to meet you," Joshua smiled at Rahab.

"Oh, no, Sir," replied Rahab humbly, "the honor is mine." Then, after a moment of hesitation, she inquired, "Would you permit me and my family to remain with your people for a few days before we go on our way?"

"Go?" echoed Salmon, a blank look stealing over his face. "Go where?"

"I know not," said Rahab, eyes downcast. "Somewhere where I can begin life over again. I cannot im-

pose on your kindness to me. We will leave as soon as we decide which is the best way to go."

"What's wrong with staying here?" Salmon asked, strangely disturbed at the thought of their leaving.

Joshua rose and stood looking down on Rahab. "God has used you in a marvelous way to give us the city of Jericho. It would not be seemly to cast you out after you have helped us in this manner. The camp of Israel is your home as long as you prefer to make it so. You are welcome here, my child."

"Please stay," added Salmon, his eyes speaking the words that his lips might one day utter. "That would please me greatly."

A dreamy look came into her eyes. The future reached out welcoming arms to enfold her. "Praise the God of Israel," her eyes shone with unshed tears. "I will stay. I want to learn to serve Him, too."

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#### OUR DEBT

The debt which we owe to living cannot be paid by wealth;  
Nor can it be paid by wishes, or through the loss of health.

The debt which we owe to life can be paid by acts and deeds—  
Deeds of love and acts of mercy fulfill life's daily needs.

—Everett Wentworth Hill

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#### OUR PREACHER SAYS:

Add to the pleasure of others.  
*Subtract* from another's unhappiness.

*Multiply* the joy of sharing.  
*Divide* the good things that come our way.

# Tell Me, Please

#### QUESTION:

*How does one know when he is called to the ministry? I feel God is calling me, but I want to make my "calling and election sure." Early in my sophomore year of high school I felt God calling me. Before that I had made plans to enter another profession.*

*Developments were such that I found the call slipping from me. In college I continued to study for this other profession. Now I can no longer maintain interest in the courses I am taking and can think of little else other than serving God fully in the ministry. Do you have any suggestions to offer on how I can be sure of this calling?*

#### ANSWER:

If those of us who talk about a call to the ministry are describing this compulsion accurately, your letter is an excellent description of one who has the symptoms. I know of no one physical or emotional experience that would indicate to one and all that a divine call to the ministry has been received.

While one reads and hears much about the call to the ministry as a

#### Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



qualification for training and development in that field, the Bible does not offer a specific pattern or stereotype for such a call.

I do not mention this to minimize the importance of the call. I do suggest that it leaves one ill qualified to describe what the call is to others. Few of us have had the kind of call that the disciples received directly from the Master or the spectacular arrest of Paul on his way to Damascus. Lacking this we also lack a graphic Scriptural description of our own compulsion to serve in the gospel ministry. However, an aptitude for ministerial work, a deep burden for people in general and for God's Church, and a willingness to serve may well indicate God is calling you to full-time service in His Church.

It appears, then, that there is no way for me or anyone else to absolutely assure or deny the call that another experiences. I can only say that if I felt as strongly attracted to the ministry as your letter reflects, I would waste little time in proceeding to train for this important and rewarding vocation.

I will be watching for and awaiting information of your decision.

# Decisions,

# Decisions

By Jessie Truman

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, there were times when I grew weary of being told what to do, and what not to do.

"Just wait until I'm eighteen," I grumbled to myself. "Then nobody's going to tell me what to do again."

Of course I was just feeling sorry for myself, when my actions were restricted by Mom's orders. And if I'd have looked in a mirror about then, I'd have seen a long, pouting face. Knowingly, I avoided the mirror.

WHEN THE TIME ARRIVED THAT I BECAME EIGHTEEN, I found that in making my own decisions, I was also expected to assume the responsibility for my actions. I'd lost the right to use my childhood excuses of "I didn't mean to," or "I didn't know." Now I had to weigh each decision in the light of the knowledge I had. Could I expect

something good to come from my choice? Would I hurt someone, or infringe on someone's rights? Making decisions wasn't as glamorous as it had appeared to me in childhood. But I'm "stuck" with that responsibility for the rest of my life.

I've made some good decisions, and some bad ones. Each time I made a bad decision, I usually payed for it in some way: through embarrassment, loss of time, effort, or money, or in some other way. But I've gained in experience which helps me to make a better decision another time. Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from poor judgment. (That's just another way of saying that experience is a good teacher, isn't it?) Each good decision brings it own rewards and encourages me to make more good decisions so I can experience the good results.

*The author wrote: "The thought has impressed me several times lately, that regardless of the pressures and influences brought on us, we still must answer for our own actions. God will never accept an excuse of 'He coaxed me to' for our wrong doings."*

THE BEST DECISION I EVER MADE, or ever *could* make, was when I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. It was a distinct choice between good and evil, between life and death. The results of that decision are long lasting and rewarding. The time is an eternity; the rewards are beyond my comprehension. No one can wrench the rewards from me, but I can lose them, oh! so easily. How? By a single decision to reject Jesus and His instructions to me. The magnitude of that responsibility would overwhelm me if I didn't have His promises to encourage me daily.

Hebrews 13:5, 6: "For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

1 Corinthians 10:13: "... God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Joshua 24:15: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve!"

Decisions, decisions! They are your privilege, and your responsibility.

## I Live Alone

By Jessie Truman

I live alone! Yet in my house  
Dwell others: My mate,  
My child, and yet  
I live alone.

My every thought is mine alone;  
My every act is mine.  
Each breath I take is mine alone;  
Each tear I shed is mine.

Each thrill I feel, each doubt I doubt,  
These, too, are only mine.  
Each step I take, each word I speak  
Are written on my line.

The work that God has given me,  
No other one can do it.  
I can't survive on borrowed faith;  
My own supply must do it.

And then some day when He decides,  
I'll die alone.  
Though loved ones would encompass  
me  
And I should hate to go,

Yet this is part of my life, too,  
To face my death alone.  
And at some later day He'll call  
And I will stand alone,

Though millions may surround me,  
I'll face my God alone:  
To answer to Him for my life,  
The life I lived alone.

# Generation Gap

## DEFYING DEFINITION

by L. C. Clark

What is this Generation Gap? We use this expression so freely, to cover so many areas. What are we talking about?

Do we mean a segment of our society or the social structure as a whole? So many apply it to our youth. Some mean the new morality. Others think of the zig-zag structure of the social and religious systems. Confusion rules!

In discussions we find the narrow position as well as those who think of a broad movement . . . a movement that involves all of society. One likened it to a Chemistry Laboratory where the search could evolve something better. We could reverse and say we need a deeper examination of what has evolved in order to bridge that gap with understanding.

If you limit your thinking, we will not communicate too well. Discuss the concepts of generations, its social systems, its religious philosophies and

its political nightmares, perhaps we can have a confutation. The flow of thought has spanned two thousand years of history. Today they are intersecting in a world where the back door stands across the street from the front door. Space makes these ages wither and leaves man bewildered and muddled in the face of eternal time.

Our youth are confounded, frustrated. They face a world of great evils. At every human level, life and actions seem to oppose the nineteen hundred years of Christian Philosophy. Every generation has been forced to accept without solutions. This generation does not seem to be accepting. This is no dream—the gap is real. Youth wants solutions for the issues and supporters for the solutions.

We must come to communicate with those involved, however broad the gap. We must let them communicate with us

and to us. Our future culture, our society, and even our church, will soon be composed of those in this generation. This day is molding some new forms and arranging a new stage setting. Like them or reject them, the future will carry the scars or the design of this generation gap.

Both generations have attempted to give an image or structure to the day. Many opinionated statements have been printed—too often confined to a box of our own measurements. We thus limit the gap to our time, to a race, a culture or a creed. Thus, can it be measured in a definition? In my opinion it is an indefinable movement. The renaissance of the reformation could never have been defined at the time they took place. The fall of Rome was not understood until a thousand years all but covered its pillars. The Marxist complex still seeks a definer.

We live today in such a time, an indefinable time. All movements take their course: they do their work, good and evil. They become a part of the fu-

ture or die out in the process. All is subject to time. History is the drama of these movements. Each movement plays its part, and is replaced by the new. The gap is the conflict during that change.

Time is reaching the climax in this great drama. Many dread this summit meeting. "Where can we go?" they ask. Physically we can go nowhere. Peace is not found by changing places. When a man puts himself in harmony with God, one finds reason for his being and he joins the timeless generation. Then there is peace. "Great peace have they who love the Law of God." Love for God brings love for our neighbor, for the wounded man by the way, and for the lonely and fearful heart, as well as the child of the shadows. All other forces are out of tune.

If there is any answer to this generation, it is found in your response to the laws of Love. Every act that practices the love of God helps to close this awful gulf between the generations and gives meaning to both God and man.

*(Continued next month)*

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*When a man puts the great question to a maid, and asks her to marry him, he does not have to offer her a blueprint of the future, with all the details filled in. He may have plans, but they both know that they are far from infallible. He is asking her to trust herself to him; to make a personal commitment to himself, on the basis of what she knows of his character and his personality. And there is the foundation of the whole transaction. And in that way, too, we have to rest our souls in God.*

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# The Race of Life

By Donna Larson

There's an old cliché that says, "If something is worth doing, it's worth doing well." Many people in the world use this as their standard. One in particular is Peggy Fleming, the U. S. Olympic figure skating champion. She is only nineteen years old, yet her dedication to skating has made her sacrifice much to become an Olympic champ. Her daily routine consists of rising at 5 a.m., a rigorous two hours of practice, then school. After school, she practices again, then dinner, more practice 'til 10 p.m., begins her homework, and finally comes bedtime. Six years and more than thirteen thousand hours of practice made her big dream come true. That's what you call dedication! She believes skating is worth doing, so that makes it worth doing well.

Suppose someone wanted to compete in a race very badly. He was very enthused and absolutely determined to win the coveted award. The necessary commitments were made in order to enter the race. When at last the exciting moment came and the starting pistol went off, the newly professed racer started off confidently, running as though his life depended on it. For the first hundred yards he moved swiftly, letting nothing hinder him in his race toward the goal. On the second hundred yards there were a few pebbles in the way and a dip or a hole in the track here and there. By the third hundred yards he was forgetting his first enthusiasm. He was forgetting that if the



race had been worth entering in the first place, it was worth overlooking the small obstacles in his path now, worth running well so that the much desired prize could be his.

Many Christian lives follow this pattern. A newly born-again Christian puts his all into living for Christ. But when trials come, he forgets his zeal. He forgets that he believed the race was worth running, and therefore worth running well.

1 Corinthians 9:24 says, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one

receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." If the Christian life is worth living, if you have been convinced enough of its worthiness to start living it, if the rewards it offers, not only the reward of eternal life, but the earthly rewards of joy, peace, and happiness, mean enough to you, if the privilege of having Jesus Christ as your

own personal friend means anything to you, then the race of life is worth running. It's worth running well. "So run, that ye may obtain."

A SOLEMN QUESTION—If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

## Youth Doctrine Corner

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



### PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST

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... "Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was in the plan of salvation before the foundations of the world. He was the Word spoken of in John 1:1, 2, and His birth of the virgin Mary was in fulfillment of, 'And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.'"

#### Christ and Creation

... **Beginning of God's creation** (Rev. 3:14).  
... **Participant with God in creation** (Gen. 1:26, 27; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:2, 3).

#### Christ Becomes Human

... **Sent into the world** (John 3:16, 17).  
... **Became human** (Matt. 1 and John 1:1, 2 and 14).

#### Christ's Statements

... **With God before the world** (John 17:5, 24).  
... **Existed in and before Abraham's day** (John 8:56-58).

#### Christ's Possible Old Scripture Appearances

... **Appeared before Abraham** (Gen. 18) (LORD).  
... **Appeared in fiery furnace** (Dan. 3:25).

MBC BIBLE DOCTRINES CLASS

# Teen

## Guidelines

### Why Should I Be a Conscientious Objector?

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews... (John 18:36).

By Melvin D. Sweet

There was a period of time when it was the accepted practice to exact an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. God's requirements for that period also required that those guilty of certain offenses should be stoned to death. It was also necessary to offer lambs, make other sacrifices, do certain washings and other rituals as a result of mistakes or sins of ignorance.

We must remember that in that period, God's government was in the hands of men. Today, however, we live in the Kingdom of Grace, which is administered from heaven by Jesus, the Head of the Church. It is not our responsibility to judge nor punish those who may be guilty of wrong doing. Our responsibility in this period of time is to warn and show others the effects and results of sin, and to let them know that

they will be judged by One greater than man.

“... BUT I SAY ...”

Jesus brought a number of surprises in His message of salvation. Among them was the message—“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment” (Matt. 5:21, 22). It is easy for us to recognize the commandment which says, “Thou shalt not kill,” but it is very difficult to take the scripture for what it says and means in its fullness. Jesus continued by saying, “Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also” (Matt. 5:38, 39).

Jesus was not content with things as they were at the time He was here. He came to bring about change. By giving the people something far different from what they had been accustomed to, He sought to stimulate within them what Paul described in Romans 7:6, “... that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.” By teaching that the law reaches into the thinking and the desires of the heart, Jesus showed the people of Israel that man's judgment was not adequate to bring people to God. They had been taught, “... Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matt. 5:43, 44).

Jesus revealed to them “... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matt. 22:39). This was so opposite to their normal thinking that even the apostles could not absorb the full meaning of it until after the Holy Spirit had come. Peter then learned that he “... should not call any man common or unclean” (Acts 10:28).

“DO NO VIOLENCE”

Jesus, in His ministry, showed a different doctrine from what the people had believed in the past. The history of Israel records wars in which God instructed destruction of nations as well as individuals. We must remember that this was a time in which the administration of God's

kingdom and His laws were in the hands of men to do as God directed them. However, we do not, today, live in the time of Moses, Samuel, or David. We live in a time when the teachings of Jesus are in effect. If God had intended that we should have power to take men's lives, then we would not have been given specific instructions in Jesus' teachings to the contrary.

When the soldiers asked John the Baptist what they should do, his answer to them was, “... Do violence to no man...” A soldier who is not permitted to do violence is of no use as a soldier.

Jesus rebuked a disciple for using the sword. “... All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matt. 26:52). Had He intended that man should fight, He would not have said “... My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews...” (John 18:36). When Jesus returns to the earth, “Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle” (Zec. 14:3). He does not need men to fight for Him; and if man should not fight for the Lord, then certainly they should not fight for themselves, or among themselves.

WHEREVER YOU ARE

The attitude of some people is that if the war is in another country, then we should not participate in it; but if enemies invade our country, then it is permissible to fight. Or, if someone invades my home to steal or do harm to my family, then I

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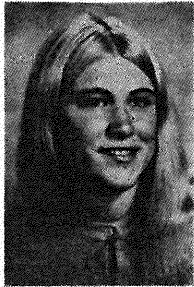


# EVANGELETTE

"For what is Evangelette but 7 standards of good, Christian living?..."

Lois Youngs

God has blessed me in so many ways in the past year. I feel so undeserving of even the great privilege I have to be a child of God.



It is truly a great blessing to be a part of God's people.

God has helped me to overcome things in my life which have before seemed hopeless. So many burdens have been lifted by just trusting in God and praying. By depending on God more for help and giving more time to Him, He has blessed me in so many more ways. The more I do for God and the more time I give Him, the more He blesses me. It is really great how God works. Lately I have grown closer to God and learned to love Him more than ever before. He is very much more real in my life than in any time in the past.

When I think of God's love for me, it is really amazing. What have I done to deserve all He has done for me? He listens whenever I call, and answers so many little, seemingly

The Evangelette Program encourages young people in a well-rounded Christian endeavor. Following are (in brief) the seven standards for fulfilling "Evangelette." For more detailed information concerning "Evangelette," including an Evangelette Booklet, write to: Elder Calvin Burrell, Rt. 5, Spring Vale Academy, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

- I. Read seven Bible chapters a week and pray.
- II. Memorize two Bible verses each month.
- III. Read AIM and MESSENGER.
- IV. Complete a project a month.
- V. Study your Sabbath School Quarterly Lesson.
- VI. Help financially in the Young People's work.
- VII. Study a gospel tract each month.

insignificant, requests. He loves me enough to save me from sin —me, a most undeserving sinner. And to think, He chose me, to be a part of His own church, a part of His own family, and He loves me enough that He gave the greatest gift of all times, His own beloved Son, to die. Who am I but a... nothing!?

The least I can do for God in return for such a marvelous gift is to serve Him with my whole heart, soul and mind. We must work harder for Him than we have ever before. It is ne-

cessary for our salvation, and for the salvation of others. Being in Evangelette gave me a great start for God and helps keep me going for Him. For what is Evangelette but seven standards of good Christian living?

If we are to be the light of the world, we must shine bright enough to be seen. And the seven standards of Evangelette certainly light the path.

My prayer is, as the Psalmist said, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Jeff O'Haver



The Evangelette Program has been a real blessing in my life. It has helped me to take time out each day, not just Sabbath, to read

and pray over God's Word. The more we pray and read the Bible earnestly, the closer to God we will become. The Evangelette Program also helps one to think of others, by doing a project each month. To me, doing something for someone else brings a tremendous blessing.

This program also helps you help support God's work in giving an offering each month. No matter how small it is, every little bit helps.

For the one that doesn't know how to study the Bible, reading

a tract can help you understand the Bible and also get you to studying it a little more. Memorizing three verses a month is a lot of help in your life, too. It can help you when you're witnessing to a person.

I strongly believe every one, not only young people, should do these things. But doing these things will not do anybody any good if they don't earnestly try and expect to draw closer to God and receive a blessing.

I myself have started this year in doing, not only the Evangelette program, but also the Minuteman and 2T4G Programs. Doing all three may seem too much to do, but the Bible teaches us that we should be busy learning and doing His work. I myself don't want to be found sleeping when Jesus returns, do you?

## WHOM WE LOVE

We flatter those we scarcely know,  
We please the fleeting guest,  
And deal full many a thoughtless  
blow

To those we love the best.

—Anon.

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## THE MEASURE OF MAN

Everett Wentworth Hill  
The measure of man is not found in breadth nor is it found in length, It isn't found through power of might, which is thought by some as strength.

True measure of man is that of love and his willingness to serve, The faith that he has in man and God, and a heart which will not swerve.

## *Behind the Scenes*

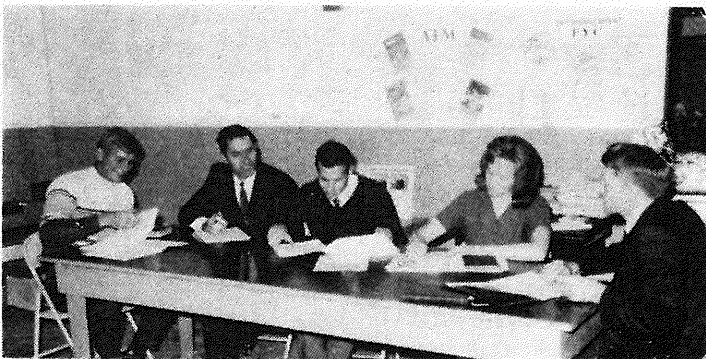
*... a great responsibility*

*... a tremendous challenge*

Bastrop State Park proved to be a beautiful setting for Texas Winter Retreat. The stately pine trees and lovely hills seemed to create a feeling of happy anticipation as the FYCers began arriving at the camp area.

Behind this scene that in every way pointed to several days of fun, fellowship and spiritual blessings existed another feeling of anticipation. This was especially prevalent in the minds of the National FYC Committee Members who had gathered at the camp to conduct the business for the Young People's Department and to make exciting new plans for 1970. Along with the anticipation, those National Youth Workers possessed a feeling of humility as they realized the great responsibility God had given them. Oh, how important that God would guide in every expression, in every decision that was to be made, and in the lives of all youth workers throughout the country. They stood in awe as they saw the great challenge that was before them.

As heads were bowed for the opening prayer of that first session of the National Committee Meeting of the Young People's Department, God seemed to extend His loving hand and arrest the burdens and the anxieties that weighed so heavily on the hearts of the committee. He gave courage that



*Bob Dais, Melvin Sweet, Ken Knoll, Jewell Linville, and Dale Lawson meet in the Civic Room of the Bastrop State Bank, prayerfully planning for the furtherance of the Gospel through our Young People's Department.*

would enable the committeemen to make decisions that indicated an acceptance of the challenge before them:

To promote the gospel, to save souls, to make forward strides in guiding our young people in every aspect of the department's work.—TO BUILD FOR ETERNITY IN 1970!!

Committeemen, Elder Melvin Sweet of Hammondville, Ala.; Brother Bob Dais of Lodi, California; Elder Kenneth Knoll of Houston, Texas; National FYC Secretary, Sister Jewell Linville, of Stanberry, Missouri; and National FYC Chairman Dale Lawson of Stanberry, Missouri, raised their heads from prayer with a new assurance that God was going to bless abundantly and that His work would go forward.

The committee held its meetings in the lovely Civic Room of the new Bastrop State Bank. The use of the room was free of charge and the atmosphere certainly added to the beauty and comfort while the committee mapped out plans for Faithful Youth Challengers in 1970.

Following are some of the programs and plans for 1970:

**\*\* Leadership Retreat**

Plans were solidified for a leadership retreat to be held in Colorado just prior to the start of school this coming fall. Every FYC should plan to sponsor its leader to the National Leadership Retreat, thereby completing the Mark of Merit "project of the year."

**\*\* Every FYC Group in Mark of Merit**

The National FYC project of the year will be to enroll every FYC group in the Mark of Merit Program. Your FYC can aid with successful completion of this plan by enrolling in the Mark of Merit Program today!

**\*\* Youth Worker(s)**

As summer nears, a plan will be adopted for the employment of a worker or workers for the summer of 1970.

**\*\* Material for FYCers and FYC Groups**

A packet of materials will be sent to every FYC group. The packet will include the following booklets:

Active-Active-Active FYC, Mark of Merit Program, Christian Witnessing, The Gospel Around the World, Yearbook of Programs.

Other assorted materials will be included in the packet. Additional mailings of material are planned for 1970 along with regular correspondence with FYC groups and individuals.

**\*\* Sales Projects**

FYC pens, FYC bookmarkers, and a new style of FYC sweater will be made available soon.

\*\* AIM Promotion

The National FYC has begun a drive which will enable FYC groups to help renew all 1969 expirations of AIM magazine. Watch AIM for information.

AIM will continue to be sent to foreign FYC leaders.

\*\* Programs

All FYC programs such as Mark of Merit, 2T4G, Evangelette, and Minuteman are receiving new emphasis. Join these programs. Get your FYC on fire for God's work!

\*\* District Workshops

Be looking for district workshops during the summer of 1970. Each FYC should have opportunity to have all its members attend at least one district workshop.

\*\* Foreign Projects

- 1) Sponsorship of Philippine Radio Program (Mark of Merit Foreign Project).
- 2) Help Elder Lael Tikili of Nigeria with his education here in the USA.
- 3) Help supply materials (IN SPANISH) for the Spanish FYCers.
- 4) Have special fund for FYC aid to Nigerian FYCers.
- 5) Send AIM to foreign FYC leaders.

\*\* Camp Meetings and Youth Camps

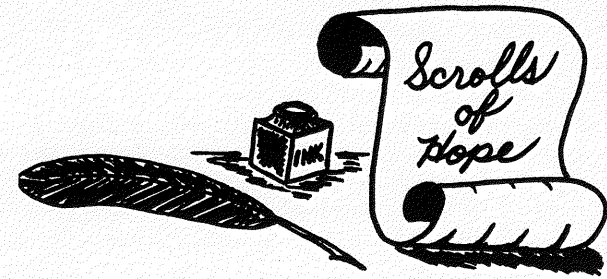
National FYC plans to have National FYC representatives at all of the Youth Camps and camp meetings held during the summer of 1970.

Join with us in this exciting and rewarding work. Every FYC can be a solid participant and God will give you a greater fellowship. We can work together and do great things in God's work.

The members of the National FYC Committee bowed their heads in prayer at the close of the last session to thank God for the wonderful spirit manifested in their meetings and for the plans that were made in an effort to meet the *challenge*. The key was turned in the door of the Civic Room for the last time and the meeting became a memory. **BUT THE WORK LIES AHEAD.** Faithful Youth Challengers—**ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!!** And even as you read this closing of the report, why don't you bow your head in prayer, with and for the National FYC Committee and for the blessings of God on the great work that lies ahead.

Truth without charity is often intolerant and even persecuting, as charity without truth is weak in concession and untrustworthy in judgment. —But charity, loyal to truth and rejoicing in it, has the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove.

—J. Swartz



HAPPINESS IS . . .

My three-year-old cried when the balloon broke. That balloon *had* stayed around much longer than most balloons do, but then, little tots often cry when their balloons break.

He didn't cry long, though. He was soon engrossed in other activities, being fortified by the underlying sense of love and security of home—an intangible sense of belonging, of being loved.

Too often one's happiness and security seem to be wrapped in as delicate a package as this balloon. So easily they are shattered. True happiness, on the other hand, is a perpetual thing, underlying even the most sorrowful moments, ever adequate a security in spite of the "broken balloons."

Recently a middle-aged man testified of his experiences in finding true happiness. In his youthful years, rebellious to the Christian concept of life, he had sought happiness in pleasure—flashy cars, drink, parties. "Oh, I had fun," he said, "... but I didn't have happiness."

There is a real difference. Fun lasts for a short while—for a few hours perhaps—and then leaves you. "The pleasures of the world are deceitful; they promise more than they give. They trouble us in seeking them; they do not satisfy us when possessing them, and they make us despair in losing them."

Youth often struggles with the pull of pleasure—and with the tendency to seek happiness for the sake of happiness alone. "Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

Consider the following excerpts on happiness from Abigail Van Buren's newspaper column. The first letter is answered by the other two:

*DEAR ABBY: Happiness is knowing your parents won't almost kill you if you come home a little late. Happiness is having your own bedroom. Happiness is having parents who trust you. Happiness is getting the telephone call you've been praying for. Happiness is getting good grades and making your parents proud of you. Happiness is being included in the popular circle. Happiness is having parents who don't fight. Happiness is knowing you are as well-dressed as anybody. Happiness is something I don't have.*

FIFTEEN AND UNHAPPY

Hundreds of readers answered her letter. Here are two of those replies:

*DEAR FIFTEEN AND UNHAPPY: Happiness is coming home on time so your parents won't worry. Happiness is having someone to share a bedroom with. Happiness is proving to your parents that you can be trusted. Happiness is in realizing that sometimes you're lucky when you don't get what you pray for because it isn't always good for you. Happiness is including someone who is lonely and unpopular in your circle. Happiness is in having two parents who haven't already fought it out in the divorce court. Happiness is keeping the clothes you have neat and clean and not worrying about whether somebody else is "better-dressed." Happiness is not something you get. It's something you give.*

*FIFTEEN AND HAPPY (In Richmond, Va.)*

*DEAR FIFTEEN AND UNHAPPY: Unhappiness is having to punish your 15-year-old for coming home late because if we didn't he'd keep coming home later and later. Unhappiness is listening to your son gripe about having to share a room with his brother when he should be old enough to understand that all parents aren't financially able to provide each child with his own bedroom. Unhappiness is finding out the reason your son's grades are poor is because he cut classes, came unprepared for tests and never did his homework. Unhappiness is in knowing that the "popular circle" your son runs with will call him "chicken" if he doesn't do what they do, regardless. Unhappiness is knowing that your son will be well-dressed only if you hang up his clothes, shine his shoes and see that he changes his socks and underwear. Unhappiness is something we have brought on ourselves because we loved our son so much we couldn't say NO to him.*

*UNHAPPY PARENTS*

Have you found the true definition of happiness?

"The strength and the happiness of a man consist in finding out the way in which God is going, and going in that way, too."—H. W. Beecher

#### AM I READY?

J. Michael Weir

I am sitting here in reverie;  
Not alone, but with my God.  
I realize that at any time,  
My feeble life could stop.

My thoughts begin to wander  
And I gaze at Life bygone.  
I shudder as I ask myself:  
"Have I been faithful all along?"

In my mind are vivid pictures  
Of times I drifted from the fold.  
But through God's grace and kindness,  
To His promise still I hold.

Is *your* garment white, not spotted?  
Have *you* run the race and won?  
If Christ should come this very hour,  
Would He smile and say, "Well done?"

## Meet Your Committeemen

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*Who am I? Where am I going? What is it I'm looking for in life? Why? Why? Why? Why?!* These are the soul-searching questions that flicker over the faces of the people I pass—in a moment, a morning, a month, a year. The greater mass of men living lives of quiet desperation;<sup>1</sup> other lives: tales told by idiots, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.<sup>2</sup> The wild world waking in a chaotic nightmare with fear-clutched throat too taut to scream against the silent clamor of confusion. The restless search of youth for some fragment of faith in an answer for a hollow age of agony. How long must they search? When will they know that earth offers no answer? This world is only "a kind of spiritual kindergarten where bewildered infants are trying to spell God with the wrong blocks."<sup>3</sup>

**Christian young people, YOU are holding the right blocks. Won't you share them?**

Share, before the last grain drops through the hour-glass of time. Time tarries for no one. And often it's too late before we realize. A few days ago I turned twenty. So many of my best years wasted as the world whirled on. "If I could live over..." "Have I lived twenty years, or have I lived one year twenty times?"

And *YOUR* years? What are you doing with your life? "... do the hours you spend each day count for God?" "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;" (Matthew 9:37).

Contemporary world problems are multitudinous, but the solutions are few. Mankind is committing suicide. He is upsetting and polluting his natural environment. He is complicating his personal, local, national and international relations. He is using tobacco, alcohol and harmful drugs. He is creating conditions conducive to poor mental health. He is rejecting God. Is there no hope?

<sup>1</sup>Henry David Thoreau.

<sup>2</sup>Shakespeare, *Macbeth*.

<sup>3</sup>Edwin Arlington Robinson.

None. Until man turns back to his Creator. I believe in God! I believe in a God Who cares so much about every individual man that He freely offers all the answers for the bewildered and rebellious in a frustrating age. I know.

“... I needed a pathway  
I reached for reality  
I hungered to live—  
And he was closer than I dreamed.”

“Say I am too young to be so sure,  
but I am old enough to feel my age’s agony,  
its brokenness and barrenness,  
to watch it waste with fear and war.  
Yet I have seen from every tongue and tribe  
like springing grain among the sterile stone,  
men come alive and live in love,  
to share and care beneath Christ’s cross . . .  
. . . and if you saw their smiles you’d know  
why I believe in God.”

Christian young people, every man you meet needs friends, needs answers, desperately needs God. YOU are holding the right blocks. What will you do with them?

First, if you don’t have the kind of relationship with Jesus Christ that gives you the answers to life, you can’t expect to convince anyone else. You have to believe in Him yourself. You need to junk your own hang-ups before you start with someone else’s. Read your Bible until it’s more than just a good book, pray until you get through; get to know God. Seek His guidance. Know what you are talking about, and let the Holy Spirit do the talking through you.

Make sure you really care and are concerned about *individual people*. Let God’s love be transmitted through you. And when you do, you will find the required sympathy and understanding you need to identify with people and meet their immediate needs.

Don’t expect a world largely composed of confused people with varying degrees of psychiatric problems to respond at once. You need wisdom, tact and patience. You need a superabundance of love. And if you don’t have it, God only can give it.

Will you share the answer for our age? Or will you let your neighbor stumble on to eternity, groping for, but never finding, the real solution?

About two thousand years ago a man who cared, a man called Jesus, said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work” (John 9:4).

*God help us to have a burden, young people!*

# Which

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By  
Deloris  
Tuttle

It was a beautiful Sabbath morning—the birds were singing, the sun was shining, clouds like balls of cotton floated above to set the scene for a great blessing from above. People were gathering around and were greeting one another just before services began.

Mr. Pharisee and Mr. Publican went to pray. Let us spend a few moments reviewing the context of the prayer of Mr. Pharisee who was a member and learned in the scriptures. He prayed, “God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.” This may not sound too bad since we are admonished to be thankful. BUT he was an arrogant individual who was exalting himself above others and this too was a sin. He was unusually busy that morning looking up and down each pew to determine who was “this” and who was “that” and to remind himself that he was none of them!

He missed the whole idea of going to a service, by making it a survey of personal lives. One does not receive a blessing by reviewing the mistakes in lives of others and priding oneself in his own attributes. Humility is an essential attribute to obtain a blessing (Luke 17:14).

Mr. Pharisee did not share any of his abilities or talents with the others. His prayer had

a snobbish tone and a "better than you" attitude. He made no request for ways to improve himself in his daily walk with God. He was good enough!!

Mr. Publican heard Mr. Pharisee pray and sensed a great need for God. His prayer was short and simple and he prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Don't we all need mercy for our shortcomings? I certainly feel that I have not come to a point where I have it "in the bag" and don't have to pray for mercy to cover hidden faults which may bar me from the Kingdom.

Mr. Publican spent no time priding himself in all the things he did or did not do within the congregation. There is a great lesson to be learned from these two prayers. When we pray in public—we must try to avoid making a prayer which may seem to "exalt us OR our faith." This may cause someone to be offended and feel they are not as learned or good as we. Our goodness comes from above and not within our own resources. Let our prayer and our entire service to God each Sabbath morning exalt the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS, and not ourselves!

Which is each of us??

Which attitude describes each of us?

Satan doesn't care how much you read the Bible—as long as you don't believe it or act upon what it says. When you do. WATCH OUT!

## TESTIMONY

I have found that since I have accepted Christ and become a member of the Church, I have had some wonderful experiences, such as when I went to Youth Camp in Missouri. I did not think I would have any fun at all since it was my first time at camp.

But when I got acquainted with everybody, I found they were really great kids.

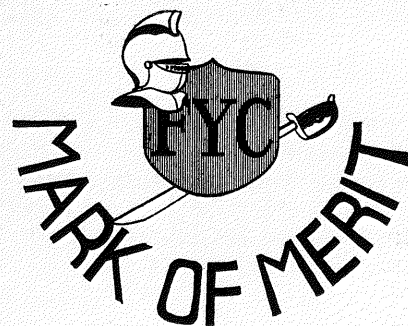
During the services around the campfire I could feel the hand of God touching me as the kids approached the fire. I wanted to serve the Lord with all my heart so I attended the baptismal classes and I knew then that I was ready to be baptized and accept the Lord with all my heart and soul. Since then I've been trying to serve the Lord in every way. And I hope some day I can be as good a witness for others as those were for me at Youth Camp.

Debra Massengill (Wis.)

## NO ENEMIES?

"He hath no enemies," you say?  
My friend, your boast is poor.  
He who hath mingled in the fray  
Of duty, that the brave endure,  
Must have made foes. If he has none,  
Small is the work that he has done.  
He hath hit no traitor on the hip;  
He hath cast no cup from perjured  
lip;  
He hath never turned a wrong to  
right.  
He hath been a coward in the fight.

—Selected



by Nathan Lawson

## CONGRATULATIONS—EUREKA, SOUTH DAKOTA FYC LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER

### FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS OF THE YEAR—1969

Eureka, along with winning a Gold Mark of Merit Award, amassed a total of 836 Bonus Points to go far beyond our next highest FYC and become the top winner among our local groups. From throughout the United States and around the world, we extend our congratulations to Eureka and their fine group of young people.

The Eureka FYC will reign as the "FYC of the Year" in the Church of God (Seventh Day) throughout the present year. Watch for a special feature in a following issue of AIM on this FYC group.

### 1969 Mark of Merit Results

There were five groups that won Gold Awards, plus reaching the 500-point total (or above) on bonus points. We give special credit to each group that reached this level in Bonus Points for their good year of youth activities. Following is a complete list of Award winners.

GOLD AWARDS—500 Points	Points	Bonus Points
Eureka, South Dakota (Light House Award Winner—FYC of Year)	500	836
Elmira, Oregon (1968 FYC of Year)	500	579
San Antonio, Texas (Eng.)	500	569
Wichita, Kansas	500	565
Sacramento, California	500	523
New Auburn, Wisc.	500	504
Alfred, N. Dak.	500	495

Stockton, Calif.	500	449
San Antonio, Tex. (Sp.)	500	356
Tahlequah, Okla.	500	300
Marion, Oregon	500	286
Lodi, Calif.	500	117
Fort Smith, Ark.	300	49

This gives us a total of thirteen Gold Award Winners. I believe that this is the largest number ever. We hope that each of these groups will be right back in the race in this 1970 year. Perhaps you can win the Light House Award!

#### SILVER AWARDS—350 to 499 points

	Points	Bonus Points
Los Angeles, Calif. (Sp.)	480	155
Hammondville, Ala.	475	527
Tacoma, Wash.	475	355
Midway, Okla.	470	109
Ontario, Calif.	460	681
Bloomington, Calif.	460	647
Nipawin, Saskatchewan, Canada	400	
Kansas City, Mo.	370	124

We also want to congratulate these fine groups for a good year. Notice especially the bonus point totals of Ontario, Bloomington, and Hammondville. Many of our Silver Award winners just lacked one or two things that would have given them a Gold Award. We hope to see each of these groups back in the 1970 race.

Claremore, Okla., Oklahoma City, Okla., Houston, Tex., and Denver, Colo., also entered the 1969 Mark of Merit program, but failed to finish with enough points to earn an Award. We do give them credit for entering the program. We pray that they will earn an award in 1970.

#### THANKS FOR FINE SUPPORT

In behalf of the National FYC, thanks for the fine support extended to them through 15% of your local FYC incomes. The National FYC is doing a good work. Let us continue to support them faithfully.

#### FIRST QUARTER—1970!!

Report forms will be sent to every FYC group the last part of March. Our goal is to have *every* FYC working in the Mark of Merit Program. Build a fire under your youth! Let us really get busy for our great God. Be sure that your FYC obtains and sends

in your Mark of Merit reports throughout the year. Watch the mail for yours the last week of March.

#### PROJECT OF THE MONTH—April

Register your FYC with the National FYC through the Mark of Merit Program. Registration forms will be sent out with the first-quarter reports. Twenty-five (25) big bonus points will be given to each FYC that gives us the desired information on these forms. This is in addition to your regular points for registering your FYC. Send in these registrations with your first-quarter Mark of Merit report.

#### REMEMBER!! REMEMBER!! REMEMBER!!

We want your FYC in the Mark of Merit program this year. Don't be the one FYC that would keep us from total participation in this outstanding guideline to a real active year for Christ. Build some enthusiasm in your group. Work for your Lord. The night is soon coming when it will be too late—too late to work—you can start now—1970.

#### TEEN GUIDELINES

(Continued from page 15)

have a right to kill or injure in order to protect my family and property.

Is this consistent with the teachings and examples of Jesus and His apostles? If it is wrong to kill in Europe or Asia, then it is wrong to kill in our own country. If it is wrong to engage in war with other nations to protect our government, then it is wrong to use force or violence to protect our own property.

Is it logical or acceptable to steal, if we stole from an enemy, or from a foreign country? Is it logical or acceptable to bow down to an image, or use God's name in vain, if the act were done in a foreign country? You can see that location does not change God's law.

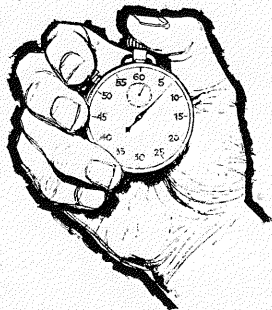
Paul said, "Dearly beloved, avenge

not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him! if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:19-21).

Christians do not have the right to mete out judgment on others. The teachings of Jesus and the apostles are consistent in showing that those who follow Christ must demonstrate love, as Paul said further, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). We are certainly hardput to prove love to an enemy while trying to destroy him with guns and bombs.

I *must* be a conscientious objector because to be anything else is in conflict with living a Christ-centered life.

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



By Martha Ling

Mar. 15	Jer. 29
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Apr. 9	Lam. 2
Apr. 10	Lam. 3
Apr. 11	Lam. 4
Apr. 12	Lam. 5
Apr. 13	Ezek. 1
Apr. 14	Ezek. 2

The last chapters of Jeremiah pronounce judgment upon all the surrounding countries of Judah for their contempt of God and His people. Included in this list are Moab, the Ammonite, and Esdom, the Jews' own distant relatives. Also, perhaps the most prominent enemies, the Chaldeans of Babylon, were prophesied against. But suddenly, in the last chapter, a severe switch is made. Jeremiah records the captivity of God's people by the Chaldeans. God allowed this because His own people were not serving Him like they should.

These chapters may be considered as necessary background to the understanding of the book of Lamentations. Jeremiah is the writer of this book, also. Even though it is considered one of the five major prophetic books, it is more like a poetical book. Jeremiah records the deep anguish of the Israelites in captivity, as well as his own grief and misery. And yet, though Zion was forsaken and desolate, Jeremiah realized God remains the same forever (Lamentations 5:19); so he beseeches God to look down upon them.

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We have had some questions as to what one should do if he receives his AIM late, and doesn't know what chapters to read. First, if you have noticed, we are going through the Bible in its order, so you can continue from where you left off

the last month. However, it is not mandatory that you read the listed chapters so long as you read one chapter a day. We recommend that you follow our guide so you can get a clearer picture of the overall plan of the Bible.

Another question that has arisen is whether a person in the Evangelette Program would be required to read two chapters a day upon joining 2T4G, in order to fulfill their standard and 2T4G. Actually, the first standard in the Evangelette Program is the same as 2T4G, so you have been following our program by being an Evangelette, even though you were not enrolled. So, by all means, please do enroll with us, even if you are reading your own specific chapters. We would like to know of *all* the young people who are having daily Bible reading and daily prayer.

We have a new enrollee to report—Janice Hawkins. She has completed her first quarter. Three more have reached the halfway point, for which we are happy—Sandy Moldenhauer, Glenda Caswell, and Karen Michalak.

I'm sure they, as well as the rest of you, can join Dale Hendershott in saying, "I know before I started the program, prayer at meals and church didn't mean too much to me, but now I rely on prayer so much."

## LEARN AND KEEP LEARNING

A famous astronomer was surprised and amused by the remark of a 15-year-old girl who sat next to him at dinner.

With youthful candor, she spontaneously asked: "What do you do for a living?"

"I study astronomy," the scientist replied.

"Really?" gasped the wide-eyed teen-ager. "I finished astronomy last year!"

A person who is deeply in love with truth continues to explore and further his understanding of it all through his life. He is never satisfied with only the beginnings of knowledge.

Whether you are young or old, you will add a plus value to your life if you can say with the artist Michelangelo: "I am still learning."

See in every person and circumstance a valuable opportunity to deepen and broaden your knowledge. If you do, you will grow in the understanding and wisdom that will help you to become a more effective instrument of living truth... "If anyone thinks that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know" (1 Cor. 8:2).

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"In life it is possible merely to throw a heap of stones together, but this pile is not beautiful. We pyramid to the heights only when we lay stone on stone according to a beautiful plan. If we have no faith in the principles with which we build life, we are defeated."—W. N. Thomas





"...Be ready always to  
give an answer to every  
man that asketh..."

# MINUTEMAN

by Michael D. Vlad

## STEPS TO SALVATION . . .

### THE FIRST STEP: FAITH

A little boy was crossing the ocean with his father, who was captain of the ship, when they ran into a storm. The waves tossed the ship about like a cork and everyone was stricken with fear. But the boy sat still with his eyes directed toward a certain spot. He sat there quite unperturbed as the ship was being dashed about by the waves. Someone asked him if he were not afraid, and he answered:

"I have my eye on that little window, and through that window I can see the bridge, and on that bridge is my father. My father is the captain of the ship, and he has taken it through many storms. I believe he will take it through this one, too!"

Just as the little boy had faith in his father, we must have the same kind of faith in Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ offers peace in distress, comfort in sorrow, strength in weakness, and light in darkness. It is through our faith in Jesus that we may obtain salvation.

What is Faith? Daniel Webster says it is belief which is not based on proof. The Apostle Paul, in Hebrews 11:1, defines faith as being "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." At any rate, faith either removes mountains or tunnels through them.

In order to live a good life, we must have faith. Apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." An important part of living a good Christian life is constant contact with God through prayer. Every time we pray, we must have faith that God will answer our prayers. Jesus said in Matthew 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer,

believing, ye shall receive." Accepting Christ as Saviour, living a Christian life, praying, and witnessing must all be done with faith. There are a thousand ways to please God, but not one without faith. For "WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM."

## M B C News

It's a gray morning in a small gray town.  
The snow has melted, leaving a muddy brown.  
Through the early haze, against a gusty gale,  
A herd of dirty feet run to beat the bell.  
Up a golden staircase, through a white hall  
Beam the bright faces of—

Danny, David, Dennis, Harris, Israel,  
Iva, Jerry, John, Judy, Ken D., Ken M.,  
Larry, Lois, Lucy, Mark, Mike, Nolan,  
Sheryl, Tom, Victor,—  
and Paul.

So begins another day at Midwest Bible College. The past month has been filled with many such days—days enriched with learning, closeness to God, and Christian friendship.

Although time has rushed by, events are still embedded in the mind. Ears still ring with bouncing basketballs and laughter as MBC students and faculty joined in on a gym night sponsored by the Stanberry FYC. And no one has forgotten the MBC Choir's trip to Denver where the moving cantata, "No Greater Love," was presented. While in Denver, the students also enjoyed leisure hours strolling through the Museum of Natural History and gazing at God's craftsmanship and handiwork of the Rockies.

After the students returned from Denver, a new sound became audible to their ears, the steady "ka—pink" of a ping pong ball hitting a new ping pong table which was purchased by Brother George Tolbert and MBC student donations.

Recently, the college was honored and inspired by the presence of the head of the Ministerial Department, Elder E. A. Straub, and General Conference Chairman, Elder Robert Coulter. Elder Straub and Elder Coulter, together with Elder Max Morrow, College Director, comprised the Internship Committee which met to appraise the senior ministerial students for their internships.

These events may be considered a summary of the most outstanding happenings at MBC during the past month. But they are not! The most outstanding events are those that occur in the classrooms and devotional services each day. And it is these events, not the extra activities, that make attending Midwest worthwhile.

—Jerry Griffin

## National Youth Week

National Youth Week will be held May 13-17. An outstanding program has been planned for those evenings and for the Sabbath of the 16th. Plan now to have National Youth Week for your FYC group.

## AIM Project—1970

The National FYC invites local FYC groups to join together in an effort to get all 1969 AIM subscription expirations renewed by the end of 1970. Any FYC group that would like to sponsor the renewals should notify the National FYC office.

## Project of the Year

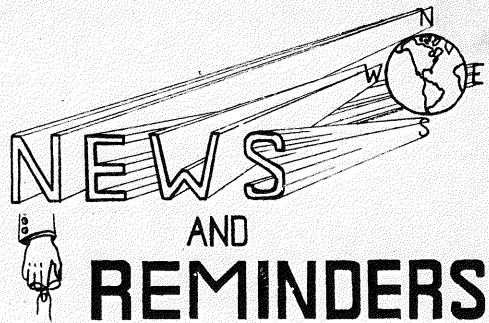
Sponsor your FYC leader to the National Leadership Retreat during the latter part of August and receive 50 points in the Mark of Merit bonus-point program.

## Packet of Materials

The National FYC hopes to, in the very near future, send out a packet of new materials for FYC leaders. Be looking for this packet to come to your leader. We hope the packets will be beneficial beyond measure.

## A New FYC—Corpus Christi, Texas

The Corpus Christi young people have just organized their work and want to participate in National FYC activities. The Young People's Department is sending ten subscriptions to AIM to the Corpus Christi Church. We would like to have some local group help supply these AIM's to a



fine group of young people. If your FYC is interested, write to: National FYC Office, Stanberry, Mo. 64489.

## New Sales Projects

The Young People's Department will soon have some new items for sale to FYCers. —A new style of sweater is being ordered and should be available by early May. —The National FYC is exploring the possibility of acquiring FYC ball point pens and book markers. Watch AIM for additional announcements concerning these items.

## Aid to Biafran FYCers

A special fund has been established for needy Biafran FYCers. Any FYC group desiring to contribute to this fund should send the contributions to: National FYC Office, Stanberry, Mo. 64489.

## Join "Mark of Merit" Now!

Now is the time to join the Mark of Merit Program. Make March a good month in FYC activities and get your report in to the Mark of Merit Program director:

Elder Nathan Lawson  
841 S. Washington  
Lodi, California 95240

# COMING . . .

## Youth Camp Time -- 1970

\* OREGON \*

Time: June 22 - 28

Place: Silver Falls State Park, Silverton, Oregon

*Try to register as early as possible!*

Send to: Will McGill, P. O. Box 399, Jefferson, Oregon 97352

Grounds



Kitchen-Dining Hall



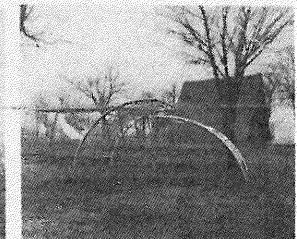
Bath House



Cabins



Chapel



Recreation Area

\* OKLAHOMA \*

Time: July 19 - 26

Place: Lake Texoma State Park, Kingston, Oklahoma

Fees: \$15.00 per camper  
(Pre-registration—\$3.00).

Send to: Allan R. Burlison, 1106 Spent Wing Drive, San Antonio, Tex. 78213

Watch for announcements concerning these upcoming youth camps:

California (August)  
Missouri (June)

Michigan (July)  
North Carolina (June)