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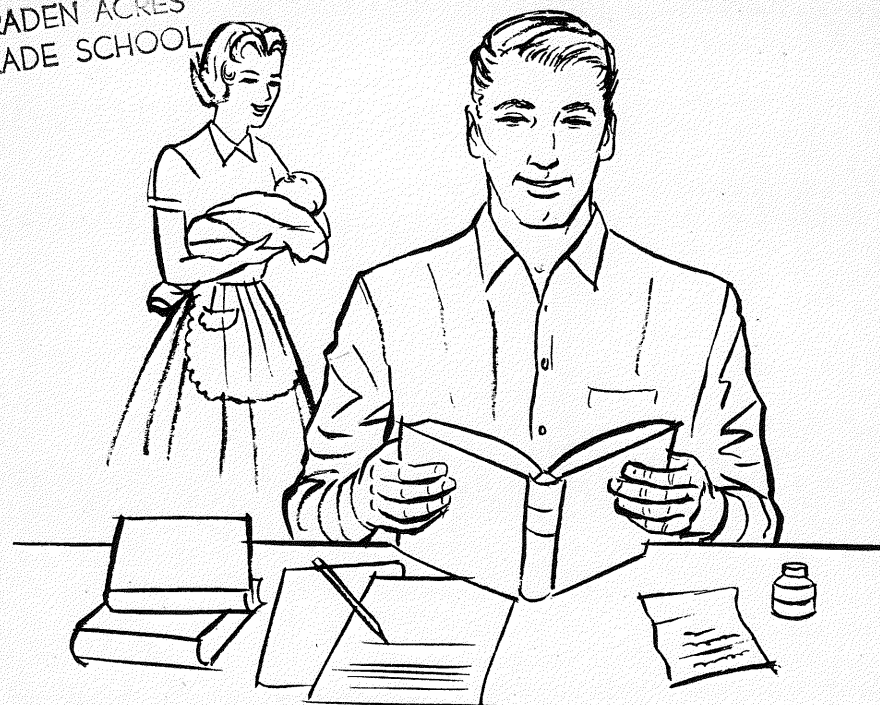
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The "Sacred Songs Trio," Janice Carlin, Betty Carlin, and Jan Towery, along with Elder Vernon Patchen, visited the Stanberry Church of God and Midwest Bible College in April.

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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL



Unselfish Love

By Rosie Weir

After supper one evening, while reading through the paper, we heard the quiet movements and soft mumbblings of Misti, our five-month-old daughter. She was happily playing in her crib when we noticed that she coughed slightly. Immediately a small fear entered our minds as we thought that she may be coming down with a cold. A small thing, indeed... a cold! But we remembered how she had suffered with her first cold—especially her sleepless nights as she struggled for each breath. Slowly, as we strained to hear if there would be more coughing, our minds eased. All was quiet.

You may wonder why we would get so excited over such a minor thing as a cold. It is because of the concern and love that Mike and I have for Misti. This feeling is so great that, if it were possible, we would gladly endure in her stead any hardship that she might encounter. It seems that only when each of us has his own child,

can we understand this strong sense of unselfish parental love.

God has this same type of love for each of us, and it can be seen by the fact that He gave His only Son to die for us. Having discovered this unselfish love when Misti entered our lives, it is easier now to understand the great concern God has for HIS CHILDREN (you and I); In Romans 8:16 it says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the CHILDREN OF GOD."

As we care about such a minor thing as Misti's getting a cold, God also cares about every little event in your and my life—our tensions as we worry about a coming test, our happiness at getting an "A," our temptation to gossip or condemn, and even our eagerness to be popular and accepted by our friends.

Because He cares, He wants what is best for us. Can we honestly say that we care enough to do our best for Him also?

"... though the days grow weary
the long nights dreary
I know my Saviour cares."

PARADOX

I went to purchase happiness—
Exorbitant the price!

"None of your worldly treasure,"
Said the merchant, "will
suffice.

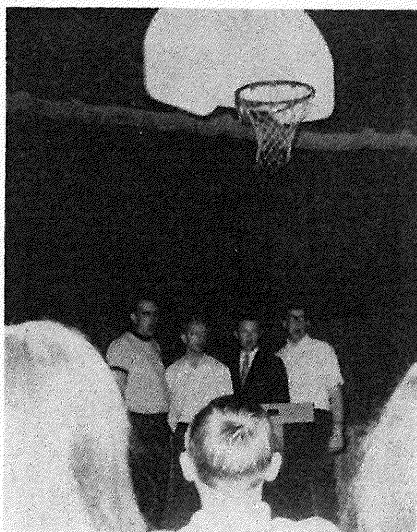
"But give yourself to others,
And on the scales you'll weigh
A thousandfold in fervent joy
You will receive this day."

—Dorothy H. Matley,
in *Sunshine*

Fairview

Amidst the Glass Mountains near Fairview, Oklahoma, the Fairview spring youth retreat opened on March 27, 1970. The retreat was held in the Cheyenne Valley Community Building, a large, spacious building with a full basketball court, kitchen, and dining area. Campers slept in the same building in improvised sleeping areas.

Charles and Waynetta Burlison began registration about 1:00 p.m. Friday. Approximately 40 campers and staff were welcomed from Stanberry,



The Midwest Bible College Quartet was featured at Fairview Spring Retreat. Pictured here are Paul Linville, Larry Hadden, Mark Ling, and Ken Merriam.

Spring Youth Retreat



Part of the group in attendance at the Fairview Retreat.

Missouri; Wichita, Kansas; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Crowder, McAlester, Tulsa, Shawnee, Claremore, and Fairview, Oklahoma. Following an afternoon of fellowship and getting acquainted, the evening meal of sloppy joes, potato chips, jello and punch was served by the cooks, Waynetta Burlison, Mary Sue Burrell and Sandra Lawson.

After supper the campers and staff gathered in the worship area, sang a number of choruses, and enjoyed special numbers by the Midwest Bible College quartet. The day ended with a very inspiring message by Elder Dale Lawson.

On Sabbath the campers awoke to a snow-covered world. After a hearty breakfast, everyone was fortified for a snowy day. Sabbath school began with the singing of choruses and our lesson was taught by Paul Linville. Due to temporary problems with facilities at the camp site, the campers

trudged some 150 yards through the snow to a country Methodist Church for worship services. Elder Dale Lawson led the congregation in a lively chorus session after which Elder Kenneth Lawson delivered a thought-provoking message.

After the noon meal on Sabbath, the afternoon program began under the direction of Denis Burrell. Several choruses were sung, then individuals gave special numbers. The services ended with a timely talk by Ken Merriam.

Following a short break, a sing-spiration was begun. The highlight of the sing-spiration was a visit from Bill Lakey of Fairview who sang several of his own songs for the campers, among which was a favorite of many, "Love is Why."

Following the evening meal and after the sun had set, we began the night activities with a rousing bas-

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Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions
answered by
Ray L. Straub



QUESTION:

I guess I'm kind of a night owl. At home I am told that nice boys and girls don't stay out until "all hours" of the night. Frankly, I can't see what the time of night has to do with being nice as long as we behave. The time of night that I'm expected to be in seems early to me, and I would like to know what is so awful about being out late. When do you think a respectable teen-ager ought to be in at night?

ANSWER:

It is difficult to know what you or your parents consider to be late. For some young people there is no such hour. For some parents, it becomes late soon after sundown. Both of these viewpoints are extremes, and I do not know where the viewpoint of your family lies between these extremes.

Your question which requests my opinion about what time of night a teen-age person should be required to be back home is also hard to answer. There are numerous situations which could affect this, such as the type of activity in which one is engaged, the distance from home that must be traveled, the individuals in the company, the ages of the people

involved, with their willingness to accept responsibilities, etc.

There are several important considerations involved in this rather difficult question about how late you should be permitted to be out at night. Let's consider some.

I note in your question that you may have reservations about the value of the statement that "nice boys and girls don't stay out until all hours of the night." This actually bears a certain truth which deserves your attention.

One might ask, "Just what does a nice young lady and gentleman do for some hours after most activities for the evening have ceased? What nice deeds are performed then?"

You see, at night there are a great many questionable activities that go on which would not be done during the daytime. Temptations to go astray quite normally become stronger as the hour grows later.

Parents are aware of the fact that during very late hours, businesses have shut down, most medias of recreation and entertainment have closed; that it is unlikely that you do chores between midnight and sunrise, or that you walk around innocently enjoying the muted sounds of the night. It is easy for parents to become uneasy—

and you should be thankful for that!

At night one cannot see very far, due to the darkness. You would do well to remember that this is also true symbolically. There is a tendency to commit deeds that rob untold pleasant hours and comfort from our futures. Foolish acts are done because folks are unable to see ahead to the danger that lurks. The wise person learns that darkness can be an enemy of good. In the natural and spiritual sense, nighttime is of advantage to the enemy who creeps up on us during the darkness. Do not dismiss these statements as "old folk" talk, or a mere poor attempt at poetry.

It is to be recognized that there are occasions when you will be attending worthwhile functions that are some distance away with those whom your parents know. It is presumed that you will be in late. On the other hand, it is reasonable for your parents to estimate a time when your activities for the evening should be ended and expect you in reasonably soon afterwards—quite soon when with someone your parents do not know well, and perhaps not quite as early when you are with someone in whose good discipline your parents have ample confidence.

There is another important consideration on this subject; that of our own health. While it may not seem important to you now, it is

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quite necessary for any youth to get sufficient rest. Normally, young people need more sleep than do their parents. Without it, it is impossible to be alert during studies or at work. This robs a person of his efficiency. When he does poorly, it is difficult for him to be encouraged about the future. Many attitudes most important to your future happiness and well-being are formed during high school years and those shortly following. Drowsiness and fatigue scratch ugly scars into otherwise bright futures. Many people rest so little at night that they are not awake enough during the day to enjoy it! What a sad predicament to fall into.

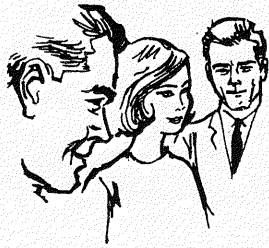
Perhaps it cannot be expected that you will always agree with your parents concerning a reasonable time of night to be home. But, I hope that all parents and their sons and daughters recognize that as long as they live together under the same roof, the parents may reasonably expect obedience on this matter. You may disagree, but you may not disobey—not if you consider yourself a person of good behavior.

Even though these problems cause struggles, be patient. I can practically guarantee that in a short time you will appreciate the opportunity to be in early, and you will wonder why you had such a yen to stay out late at night.

Feel free to talk to your pastor about this matter. He will understand your circumstances. He knows your immediate situation better than I do, and he will give you answers that will be more reasonable and satisfying to all concerned.

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YOUTH,



SEX and the BIBLE

By Billy Graham

A craze among teen-agers is sweeping all across America and Canada and western Europe. It's called the "love-in." Young people are thereby expressing themselves, saying, "We want sexual freedom." It is their way of asking for it, their way of showing their feelings. The children of ancient Israel also held a kind of "love-in." They gathered around the golden calf at the foot of Mount Sinai, dancing and making merry. Some of them took their clothes off. And Moses came down the mountain with the Ten Commandments written on tablets of stone, and he sounded out the commandments to them. One of those commandments read, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

I believe that today we need another Moses to descend with the Law and say once again to the people, "Thou shalt not commit sexual immorality."

What is sex all about? Why did God give it to us in the first place? Nowhere in the Bible does it say that sex is sinful. Nowhere does the Bible adopt a hush-hush attitude. The Bible is one of the frankest books in the world on the subject. It says that God made us male and fe-

male, and that He looked upon everything that He had made and said, "It is good." Paul the Apostle called the body "the temple of the Holy Spirit."

Somehow during the 19th century people got the idea that the body was evil and that there was something wrong and dirty about sex. They repressed their feelings too much, and now we are living in a period of violent reaction.

God gave us sex for three reasons: for the propagation of the human race; for the climax of true love within marriage; and so that a man and a woman could express the unity between them. The Bible teaches that "marriage is honorable . . . and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

We Are Dead Toward God

But after the marriage God performed in the Garden of Eden, after He had sanctified sex within marriage, something happened. A tragedy took place. Man rebelled against God, and that rebellion caused a wall to be built between God and man. Rebellion against God is called sin; it is a disease, and every one of us is infected with it. The Bible says that a veil is thrown over our minds; we are blinded by "the god of this world."

Sin not only affects our intellectual life, it affects our relationship to God. It separated us from God so that we are now spiritually dead—that is, dead toward God. That is why some of us go to the bottle, to narcotics, or to immoral sex adventures. We are looking for happiness and peace. But we were made for fellowship with God, and without Him we will never find happiness.

Sin also affects the sexual life. Sex became perverted; people began to use it in a way that God never intended. Lust entered. There is a vast difference in the Bible between the words

"love" and "lust." Thousands of young people think they are in love when actually it is only a physical attraction that has drawn them, and such physical desire often leads to lust. Today sex is used to sell everything from soap to automobiles. We are preoccupied with it; we talk about it until it has become an obsession.

Why does God command us, "Thou shalt not commit immorality"? *First*, He does it to protect a person's future marriage. One-half of all teenage marriages in America today are "shotgun weddings." The young people have to get married; and in many cases they are incompatible. Fifty per cent of these weddings break up within two years. If we commit immorality before marriage, it affects our marriage later, as any psychiatrist or clergyman who has dealt with marital problems will tell you.

Second, God does it to protect our bodies. Dr. Arthur C. Curtis, professor of dermatology at the University of Michigan and a member of the American Social Health Association, said recently. "The venereal disease epidemic among the teen-age group has now reached a momentous size in America. Illegitimacy has doubled in the last ten years."

Third, He does it to protect us psychologically. A head psychiatrist at one of our great Eastern universities told me that one-half of all students who come to see him are suffering from guilt in the realm of sex.

There is a moral law written into our very natures. Immorality leads to emotional disturbances and insecurity. The so-called "sex solution" only creates deeper problems.

Fourth, God gave the commandment in order to protect society and strengthen the nation. The moral problem can destroy the fabric of a nation. Rome and many other nations of the past became so immoral that it affected the national life, and brought the judgment of God.

There are many ways to commit immorality other than by sexual contact, according to the Bible: by evil imagination, by the way we dress, by reading pornographic literature and going to lewd shows. There should be a flaming banner across the door of every factory, every office, every school, and every place that young people gather; it should read, "Thou shalt not commit immorality!"

Ten Suggestions for Young People

One mark of a Christian is self-control and self-discipline. I don't know how a modern young person can keep pure outside of Jesus Christ. Some may do it by sheer will power—they are very few. But with Christ we have supernatural forces at our disposal to help us to overcome the temptation.

On sexual matters I have ten suggestions for young people today:

1. Avoid wrong company. If

you run with a rough crowd, some of it will rub off on you. The Bible says, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate . . . and touch not the unclean thing."

2. Avoid the second look. You can't help the first look, but you can avoid the second look that becomes lust.

3. Discipline the conversation. Avoid the dirty joke, the off-color story. "Evil communications corrupt good manners."

4. Be careful about dress. It is up to you, before God, as to how you attire yourself. A young lady who was converted in one of our Crusades wrote us a note, "From now on I am going to dress as though Jesus were my escort."

5. Choose carefully what television programs you watch.

6. Be careful what you read. Much contemporary reading material appeals to the sex instinct. Dr. O. Hobart Mowrer of the University of Illinois, in his book *The New Group Therapy*, writes, "It is interesting to wonder just how much responsibility those who slyly or blatantly advocate the new freedom for young women feel they ought to take when this freedom boomerangs. Perhaps I'm ill informed, but to the best of my knowledge movie producers, lewd novelists, artists, and perfume and liquor manufacturers do not commonly found or support lying-in homes for unwed mothers, protective services for illegitimate children, clinics for the treatment of venereal disease

or psychiatric services for those lives they have helped to disorganize."

7. Be on guard concerning your leisure time. David had time on his hands and it was then he saw Bathsheba and fell into trouble.

8. Make it a rule never to engage in heavy petting. Christian young people ought to have prayer before every date. I believe that a girl who has Jesus Christ in her heart has a supernatural power to enable her to say "No" to the advances of any fellow, no matter how smooth a line he has. And I believe a boy who knows Christ, is able to discipline his life.

9. Spend much time in the Scriptures. The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Memorize the Scriptures, and when temptation comes, quote them. The Word of God is the one thing the devil cannot stand up against.

10. Have Jesus Christ in your heart and life. Do you know Him as your Saviour? I want to tell you that God loves you, and that a strong faith in God has kept many a man and woman from committing immorality. Joseph had such a faith, and he refused the advances of Potiphar's wife even though he knew it probably meant prison.

We Don't Have the Strength by Ourselves

You might say to me, "I'm afraid I am guilty. I have brok-

en this commandment against immorality." But every one of us is guilty. We don't have the strength by ourselves to keep this commandment or any of the other nine. But at the cross of Christ we find forgiveness of all the past and a new dynamic to live purely.

Do you remember the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears? She received Jesus as her Lord, and He said, "Your sins are forgiven." He will say that to you tonight. Christ died on the cross for you. He shed His blood for you. But you have to receive Christ for yourself. Many young people are depending on the religion of their parents; they have been brought up in the church but have never really received Jesus Christ for themselves. They are not sure their sins are forgiven. They are not sure they are ready to meet God.

What do we have to do? We come by faith. Jesus said, "You must be born again." He said that unless you are converted and become as a little child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. What does "converted" mean? It means "changed." I am going to change my way of living. I am going to change my attitude. I am going to let Christ have my first loyalty from this moment on. That's what it means.

You need Christ today. I am going to ask you to receive Him by faith.

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Gospel Around



the World

By John Lemley

"This Church is my Church, this Church is your Church, from the Philippine Islands to the shores of Poland..." Everywhere God's people are standing up to be counted. The Gospel of Christ is on the way toward reaching every nation. This month I want to share a letter from a young man in Poland and introduce the Don Carlos, Philippines, FYC to you as the *Foreign FYC of the Month*.

A Word From Poland . . .

"Thank you for your letter. I am having a thirst always to enter into correspondence with other young people in the world who praise God and wait for Christ's return.

"We have about 100 young people in the Church in Poland. In our meeting houses we praise God with songs and instruments. Then we discuss our work for the future. Every year we organize a youth camp where we can spend a few joyous days with God.

"We also have brethren in Australia who moved there from Poland. We praise God that we can be so close spiritually even though thousands of miles separate us. I am sending greetings from the heart to you, the American youth, and editor of AIM. May God bless you very richly."
—Bronislaw Ciesielski

Spotlight on Don Carlos FYC

Monthly emphasis upon a particular foreign FYC is a new project of the Young People's Department. Its purpose is to acquaint us with each other and to give us the opportunity to cor-

respond. Local FYC groups are invited to write to these young people as a special project. Those who wish to write to the Don Carlos FYC may address their letters to: FYC of the Month for May, c/o John Lemley, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. They will be forwarded to the Don Carlos FYC from this address. Send them notes of encouragement, tell them of your activities, projects, etc.—and most of all—promise them your prayers.

The FYC in Don Carlos is on the island of Bukidnon in the Philippines. It was newly organized in December of 1968 with 35 members. Their chief project since then has been the building of their first chapel. Their primary evangelistic project has been



holding public debates with the Church of Christ. Their present sponsor is Brother Prude Sausa who was recently elected as Chairman of the Young People's Department for the Philippine Conference. He and his wife, Phoebe, have been a tremendous boost to the FYC work in Don Carlos. This young couple's zeal for God and His Church has done much toward making their FYC one of the most active foreign youth groups in the Church of God. Their primary plan for the future will involve visiting radio contacts. The Philippine Radio Program is the *foreign project of the year* for the Young People's Department.

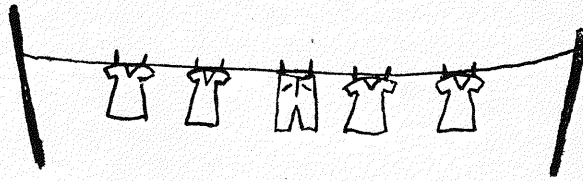
The more the various programs of the Young People's Department coalesce the more effective the Lord's work will be. For this reason the above feature "Spotlight on the Foreign FYC of the Month" can be counted as a project for the Mark of Merit Program. Another item which will help unify the programs of the Young People's Department and enrich your own spiritual life is a daily prayer request list for the foreign fields. It has been drawn up for you to follow this month as you take part in the 2T4G Program.

Sunday—Praise for God's protective hand over His people during the civil war in Nigeria.

Monday—Pray for Elder Tikili who is in the hospital in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, with pneumonia. (Praise God—before this went to press, word came that Elder Tikili is out of the hospital. Let us continue to uphold him in our prayers.)

Tuesday—Pray for the young people in Trinidad who are in desperate need of a leader.

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Little Things

By Deloris Tuttle



Little things mean a lot to me... A delightful story was recorded long ago and is told again and again. Jesus had entered into Jericho where Zacchaeus lived. Like many times before, people gathered in a large crowd to see Jesus—some for curiosity—some for healing—some for the loaves and fishes that were handed out on certain occasions. Going for the free handouts is not a 20th century novelty.

Being little can certainly be a disadvantage in a crowd of people. This did not stop Zacchaeus. He stopped by a sycamore tree and climbed up into it. His ingenuity and eagerness to see the Lord had great rewards. Most of us make excuses and think we cannot alter a given situation—so we remain one of the crowd. Zacchaeus had it easy, we may say. Jesus did not overlook Zacchaeus. He said to him, "Make haste and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house." Salvation came to Zacchaeus. Are we willing to overcome—"climb a sycamore tree" just so we may see—Jesus—or do we just content

ourselves standing among the crowd? I believe Jesus would not have come to visit Zacchaeus in his home if he had remained one of the crowd. What are you going to do?

Jesus told about sitting opposite the treasury, watching the people throw in their money. A certain widow threw in only two mites. Many were giving large sums of money. They seemingly went unnoticed in Jesus' story. He said the widow gave more than they all because they cast in of their abundance and she cast in all. Only two little mites! —A very small thing!

Elijah dropped in at a widow's home many years ago. The cupboards were bare. They were in the midst of a famine. All she had was a handful of meal and a little bit of oil. —Only enough to make a small cake. Elijah asked that the cake be made for him instead of for them. She obeyed and they were blessed many days with food because of her faith. Just a little cake! Do you feel that if we cannot make a lot of cakes, i.e., do big things, we do nothing (1 Kings 17)? The diligence of Elijah's hostess was recorded in the scriptures.

Jesus speaks of serving other people. Visiting those in prison, visiting the lonely, helping the sick. He served other people, and if we are true followers of the Lord, we will do the same though it may be only a small, insignificant favor, unheeded by those about us. The Lord did not overlook little things when He

was here and we are serving the same One today. Our deeds will not be overlooked if done in faith and love.

Jesus, on one occasion, took a couple of children and held them in His lap. The disciples felt it was a waste of time. Why was He not healing the sick or preaching the gospel? Take a little time to show love to children. Jesus did not want to miss seeing the happy gleam that twinkled in their eyes when He showed them affection.

Today, as teenagers, opportunities are at hand. David was just a teenager when he challenged the giant Goliath. Goliath is said to have towered a height of nine feet nine inches. David did not let the "giant" rob him of a blessing that would deliver both him and his people. May we not let the "giants"—or temptations—overcome us! Let us win, and in so doing, deliver us and perhaps many others about us. Christ is greater than any giant.

If there are giants that need to be overcome, use the strength that God gives you. If you are too small, climb the sycamore tree, instead of standing with the rest of the crowd. If you cannot do very much, do what you can, using the abilities that the Lord has given you. We have discussed here only a few of the countless illustrations mentioned in the Bible which remind us to take advantage of opportunities—no matter how small.

Little things do count!

Generation Gap

IT HAPPENED TWICE

by L. C. Clark

Ours is not the first Generation Gap. It's an ancient struggle and as modern as your future. It's the eternal battle between the old and the new, between progress and tradition, between science and religion. History retells the awful story of the struggles.

The present ways of man compound another struggle in his upward movement. ("Upward" is used relative to the material, educational and social progress). When has the world been better? What age would you exchange for your day? "The Good Old Days" is a time I have sought. Now, the "patience of hope" burns deep within me.

Let us establish one fact. The improvement of human culture, dignity of life and discovery of space are not the issues within the gap. MAN is the problem. He has rejected two factors. The one that makes him compatible with his progress—that contentment that comes when he lives

beyond time. The other, the love that takes what he has "himself," and uses it for the benefit of his neighbor.

The problem of man is his inner self. His soul has not moved upward. He may comb his hair, brush his teeth, wash his clothes and live with his neighbors . . . he may travel to the moon but the space of his soul is not yet unearthed. In one short moment man can become a beast. Or what does he become? No beast kills his kind for kicks or enslaves his own for profit, or sets up status levels for pride. The animal is ruled by instinct, a system complete within; man is controlled by a Creator—from above. Let a man tune out this connection and only the psychologist can create words to describe him.

Thus we have another generation gap. These conditions are not provoked in a day . . . something happened before. The fracture in our social strata is directly traceable to the break-

down in the home and family life. This was preceded by the removal of the 'corner-stone'; replaced by prefabrications. The harvest now is the result of a long seed-sowing. In fact, this began with the first family.

Cain rejected his father's religion and turned his back on the established forms.

Cain quit the family altar and built his own. Religious freedom was his and he took it.

He felt the need of a god so he tried other ways to feed this spiritual urge.

Cain became a disobedient son. Jealousy contorted his thinking; revenge raged over his brother's success; he could not communicate with his father since they did not agree.

He carried concealed weapons while premeditated murder stalked his path. At this point of insanity he rose up against those he loved. Awakened to his deed, he ran. Fear, guilt, refusal to face one's problems, make men run.

Cain became a vagabond on the earth . . . long hair, dirty

clothes, unkept beard, as he assumed the gypsy life. —The first hippy . . . the first generation gap.

Adam had run from God; Cain runs from his father and from God. Here is the gap that has never been healed. Its repetition has left a deep fault across the social crust.

It has happened before . . . it happens today.

I think of a boy I know. Jerry is now twenty-five. He is a lifer in a State Prison, incarcerated at eighteen. Listen to him talk.

"I was born and raised in a Christian home. Mother and Dad were good church people. We all went to Church. My parents sang in the choir, went to prayer meetings, held church offices and spent many hours working at the church. But Sis is divorced and I am in prison because Dad had no time for Sis or me."

How cruel can facts become across the centuries. It happened once. It happened twice. It is happening today.

GRADUATION TIME IS NEARING!!



The Commencement exercises at Spring Vale Academy, Owosso, Michigan, will be conducted on May 24.

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The Commencement exercises at Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri, will be conducted on May 30.

WHY CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE SIN

Ronald Harris, 1st Place

There are several reasons why Christian young people sin when they know that the wages of sin is death.

One reason is they have always lived a sheltered life and have never taken part in worldly pleasures, so, as they are pressured from the world, they give in just to see what it is like.

Another reason is they don't think seriously enough about what they have been taught, or about searching the scriptures to learn more concerning the rewards of living a good Christian life. Therefore, they backslide and their hearts may become hardened.

These things are done to please self and are a result of not having had a real experience with God and not having enough of the Holy Spirit abiding within.

WHY JOE JONES SINS

By Sharon Ling, second place

This Joe Jones is one of many girls and boys that know the truth but still sin. Many times such people were not as sincere as they thought in the beginning. Everyone wants to be accepted by his friends or someone. And of course, Joe didn't want to be odd in his church group. In matters such as baptism, we must be sure that it is because we love the Lord and

"Joe Jones"

The New Auburn FYCers were handed the following hypothetical sketch:

Joe Jones

. . . 15 years old

. . . Baptized

. . . Knows commandments

. . . Knows the wages of sin is death.

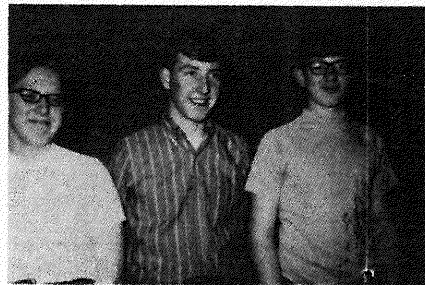
. . . Knows 1 Cor. 3:16, 17

. . . Could have good Christian fellowship (not isolated)

. . . Christian parents

. . . Yet he steals . . . lies . . . swears . . . cheats . . . smokes

They were asked to write the reasons they think Joe Jones went bad. It was specified that the write-up need not be lengthy. The essays written by the top three winners appear here.



Left, Sharon Ling, second place.

Middle, Ron Harris, first place.

Right, Dennis O'Banion, third place.

want to make it plain to the world that we do. Not because we want to do just what our friends do. Maybe those friends were very sincere and didn't know that Joe felt that way. Thus Joe was baptized. This was no problem because he had been taught about it and knew

he should make the decision. So as long as his friends were getting baptized he was baptized too.

It was all pretty easy around the church friends to act like he was converted. And he really thought he was sincere. But then he had to go to school. At

school some boys were going to smoke during the noon hour and invited him. He said he wouldn't smoke but just go with them. When he got there they scorned him so he gave in, thinking it wouldn't matter because he could pray and ask forgiveness that night. This is very dangerous. Numbers 15:29, 30 says, "Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land or a stranger; the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people." We see here that you can be forgiven if you didn't learn any better, but after you learn what is right and you do something you know is wrong, you won't be forgiven.

If Joe would have been sincere the Lord would have helped him to say that he was a Christian and stand for the right.

On the other hand, if Joe was sincere in the beginning, maybe he did them right for awhile. Then he got tired of praying and gradually quit. Then he lost contact with God and started doing wrong things.

The kids at school that aren't Christians just think you're a square or your parents are very strict not to let you go to dances or other worldly things. They will laugh, snicker, or call you

names or sometimes beat you up.

This happens sometimes when they think you won't do things they do because you are better than they. Sometimes if these kids want to do something and you refuse to go along because you think it is wrong, they get mad. This shows you that they aren't sure if this is right but don't want anyone to prove it is wrong so they can't do it. From personal observance I have noticed that if they think you are attacking their religion they will scorn you and try to make you look stupid. This is usually because their religion is made to suit them and they don't want anyone to prove that it doesn't go by the Bible.

This discourages young people like Joe to speak up and say that he is a Christian. Therefore he will lie back and try not to have anyone know that he is a Christian. Then he will just drift back into sin.

He will have to have a double character to be in with both the Church and his school friends. The Bible says "Ye can't serve God and Mammon." (Matthew 6:24).

So we see that this boy that was taught what was right was jostled by the cares of life and fell. If we are to stand we must be deep rooted and proclaim our Lord because God wants us to be a peculiar people, that is, different from the world—and do God's will instead of ours. Thus we must be bold. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the

testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:8).

We must realize when we accept Christ that we will have troubles and trials, but we must stand up for our Master because we know there is a great reward at the end.

JOE JONES

By Dennis O'Banion, third place

First of all, I don't think he prays enough. You should pray at least once a day.

Second, maybe when he was baptized, his conversion wasn't genuine. Maybe he was baptized just to go along with the gang (as you might call it).

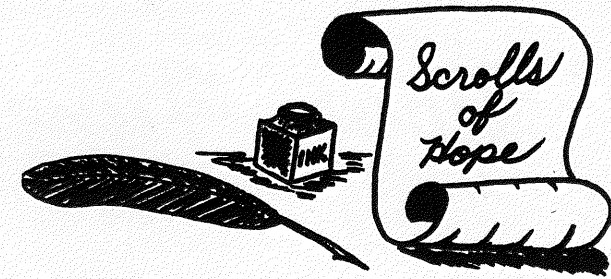
Third, his companionship. He probably gets stuck with the wrong gang. They tempt him so much and it's so inviting that they can't back off. 1 Corinthians 15:33: "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

Fourth, he doesn't recognize the devil's power. He's too lenient.

Fifth, he doesn't live up to his own might. He's too weak.

Sixth, maybe he doesn't have the determination to serve the Lord.

Seventh, maybe one of the best reasons, a nagging mother. If she's always lecturing and telling you things or getting after you for something real little that you have done. Your home life is real important.



The two young ladies, taking literally their Social Science teacher's suggestion, made their way into the local post office between 11:00 and 12:00 midnight on April 15 only to find the situation exactly as they had been forewarned—Hordes of people swarmed the post office, clamoring to get their income tax envelopes postmarked before that "midnight" deadline. One would almost think that deadline had descended upon them unexpectedly—The human tendency to procrastinate wins out again and again!

If we are so ill-prepared for such a specific deadline, what prospects would we seem to have for being prepared for an unrevealed one?

The tendency is to wait for a certain warning condition to be present before action is taken. Smokers, though they are warned day after day that they are harming their bodies and are racking up high risks of lung cancer, etc., are prone to ignore those warnings until their first time to be told by their doctor that he suspects they have lung cancer, emphysema, or some related disease. Then, in desperation, they have a strong desire to take the needful remedial steps—but it's pretty late to start then!

Christians may find themselves manifesting a similar lax attitude toward the coming of Christ—both in their lack of witnessing to those around them and in building their own personal spiritual lives. Perhaps we are too prone to regard the fulfillment of prophecy in a similar manner that the income tax applicant regards April 1 on the calendar. It's looking closer . . . but he still has a few more days, only to discover in the last day or two that the figuring he has left to do takes a whole lot longer than it seemed it would.

Believers are not told to wait until we see the impending Battle of Armageddon, or to wait until Israel is definitely dwelling safely within her borders, before we become really serious about looking for the Lord's return. We are told, "When you see these things come to pass," (speaking of conditions which most definitely are existent today), look up for your redemption draweth nigh."

It is a thrilling thing to watch prophecies being fulfilled—right now—in our day—but it is well for us to consider that we should not form so definite an idea of how remaining prophecy will be fulfilled that we fail to recognize

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It's Your Funeral

By Dorothy Nimchuk



A hush fell over the room and several of the members rose to their feet as the doctor entered. All eyes, as one, turned, questioning, watching his advance across the plush carpeting. Arriving at the middle of the large study room, the physician paused, giving each a hard, searching look, before he spoke.

"Your church is dying!"—A gasp from all who listened!—"slowly, surely, insidiously, she is growing weaker, her strength diminishing, while the world looks on—and rejoices!"

A flutter of whispered conversations spread across the room. One well-dressed, influential person rose to his feet. "Doctor, what seems to be the matter? I've supported this church for years with my tithes and offerings. Of course, my business keeps me so busy I haven't been able to be present at services too often, but..."

"Ah!" interrupted the doctor. "You see, my friends, there is a part of the problem! Too busy! Loss of appetite! You folks are suffering from spiritual malnutrition. You're starving just as surely as if you were in the midst of the Biafran conflict, which has ended so tragically. You're wasting away to a mere shadow..."

"Why, Doctor," exclaimed one portly matron, "how can you say that? I'm in church every week, and, as everyone knows," here she smiled and looked around, seeking reassurance, "I sing in the choir."

"That we can do without," whispered one long-haired youth to his friend. "When is she going to wise up?"

"Very commendable, very commendable," muttered the doctor. Then, accusingly, "But when was the last time you read your Bible and prayed in your home?"

"Why, why..." stammered the

woman, "I have a beautiful Bible at home—and it always has a prominent place in my living room. I keep it dusted and make sure the children don't play with it..."

"But you don't read it," finished the doctor sadly.

"Well, what do you expect?" she flashed. "I'm very busy with ladies' club and I must keep up my social standing in the community. I can't do *everything*," she defended herself.

"We pray at our house," spoke up one pretty miss. "We all say the Lord's Prayer before each meal."

"I can say it faster than you can," bragged her younger brother.

The doctor spoke kindly to the young people. "But do you ever talk to God in your own words, as to a real trusted friend?" he asked gently.

"He wants to share your joys, your sorrows. He is always awake to the slightest whisper of a prayer from a contrite heart. Ever hear the story Jesus told of the Pharisee and the publican? The Pharisee, boasting and proud, exalted himself before God, while the poor publican asked for mercy, admitting he was a sinner. Jesus said the publican returned to his house justified."

The doctor continued, speaking generally, "All you folks listen now. How many of you attend mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study? Why, the minister has thought many a time he'd have to close the church doors on Wednesday because of poor attendance."

"But, Doc," said the long-haired boy, "that's basketball practice. We have a game every Friday night," he added, "and we have to keep in shape."

"My favorite TV program comes on Wednesday," admitted another.

"The children need to get to bed early for school," a mother spoke up. "They are up late too many times. Why, only last night we had a little get-together for Aunt Marge. She's not getting any younger, you know," laughs, "so the family got up a little party. The boys went to bed way past eleven. I must see that they get their rest."

"Jesus tells of a man who invited friends to a marriage. However, they did not come. One had married a wife. One had purchased a yoke of oxen and wanted to try them out. Another had bought a piece of land and went to look at it. God doesn't want excuses. He wants YOU."

"What other symptoms are there, Doc?" came an inquiry from the back of the room.

"Lack of interest—in others—in the growth of the church. When was the last time one of you brought a friend to services, handed out a tract, visited a shut-in, held a study...?"

"Hey, wait a minute, Doc," interrupted an elderly man, "that's the minister's job!"

"He can't do it all. The Apostle Paul told the church at Corinth that we are all members of one body in Christ. Each member must care about the other members. There must not be any division in the body. The foot cannot tell the hand, 'I have no need of thee.' I can see," said the doctor, "that this church is suffering from a cancer, which is spreading throughout the whole body. Members are gradually dying off. Some of them feel unimportant, unwanted and unnecessary. Therefore, they stay away from services. This is a very serious condition, to be sure."

Silence reigned once again as each one, busy with his or her own

thoughts, digested that which the doctor had given them.

"Doctor," asked a thin, spinsterish-type school teacher, "what are the chances of survival?"

"I'm glad you asked that," beamed the doctor, "I'd say that the chances are good, very good; but" he added, as he noticed a brightening of expressions over the group, "you'll have to work at it. The chances are extremely encouraging, provided she wants to live!"

"What medicine do you suggest?" questioned a gentleman.

"Here is my prescription," answered the doctor. "One part desire for truth; one part 'seek ye first the kingdom'; a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit; mixed well with the love of God; topped with prayer and Bible study. Take a large dose daily.

"You can fill the prescription at the throne of grace. No charge. The price has been paid.

"Now, will you follow doctor's orders for the church, or will you stand idly by and watch her die? It's your decision. After all, it's your funeral!"

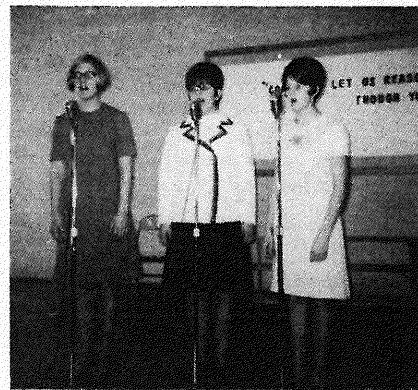
Weekend Inspiration

Spring Vale Team visits Stanberry Church and Midwest Bible College (cover).

It was an inspiring treat for the Stanberry Church of God and Midwest Bible College students when a group of students from Spring Vale Academy traveled our way, bringing a Girls' Trio plus soloist, Ruthella Ling.

For three services, first on Friday evening, then on both Sabbath morning and Saturday night, we enjoyed many inspiring songs by Ruthella and by the Sacred Songs Trio. Also at each of these services, our hearts were warmed, not only by Brother Patchen's messages of the hour, but also by his vibrant testimonies in song.

Another feature of this particular Sabbath was the "Youth Rally of the Year" which was presented by the Stanberry FYC group. During this year, all Stanberry youth rallies had



Janice Carlin—Betty Carlin—Jan Towery

been judged by a committee on the basis of five categories: Organization, Effectiveness, Creativeness, Content, Visual Aids. The one judged best, the "Youth Rally of the Year" was then presented for the second time on this Sabbath afternoon. Its theme was "God's Promises."

SCROLLS OF HOPE

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that God can and will fulfill it in His own way. What may seem to our human mind to require years and years of time to be fulfilled, could possibly be completed quite instantaneously in God's Almighty hand.

In the parable of the ten virgins, we notice that even the five without oil seemed to be *waiting* for the Master's return. Yet, somehow, they must have underestimated the urgency of making every needed preparation before they actually caught sight of their Master returning.

May we work and watch and wait—avoiding eleventh-hour procrastination. "... for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

FAIRVIEW SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

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ketball game between the Midwest Bible College boys and the Okies. The girls' game was won by the Midwest team and the boys' game was won by the Okies (after a very hard-contested game). The cooks served hot chocolate to a group of tired players and fans. The day closed with an inspirational campfire and prayer service. This was a heart-touching service centered around an artificial campfire made of a red light bulb and sticks which were placed to represent an open campfire.

On Sunday morning, after a breakfast of pancakes and scrambled eggs, the campers went by car to the Little Sahara State Park. Everyone joined in a snowball fight instead of the dune

buggy rides which were cancelled because of the snow. While at the park, the campers climbed to the top of a large observation tower overlooking the sand dunes and had a short devotional service. Upon arriving back at camp, we found the cooks had prepared a fried chicken dinner and after a leisurely time together everyone departed for home with memories of another good time together.

The Fairview Spring Youth Retreat was one in which many of the plans were interrupted by bad weather but, with God's help and guidance, was a very inspiring and enjoyable camp.

My FATHER

by Terry Lewin

Thy greatness is omnipotent,
Thy gentleness beyond compare.
The love thou givest—heavenly sent.

Thy arms spread open—your love to share.

Holy, sacred Father of mine,
Thou lovest me more than a mother her child;
And I love thee and honour Thy Word as a sacred find.
And use all thy guides from your precious file.

Keep me safe and in thy care.
Help me when I feel afraid,
Keep me alert and always aware,
And I will do as thou hast bade.
Amen. . . .

If you want a neighbor to know what the Spirit of Christ will do for him, let him see what it has done for you.—Beecher

So Easy to Criticize

By Harleigh M. Rosenberger

Some years ago I learned a lesson the hard way. A fine-looking young man stood before a large banquet to speak, and gave an excellent address. One thing bothered me—he did not stand straight. He hunched over, dropping one shoulder. After the speech I felt impelled to tell him I enjoyed his address, but that he could be a much more effective speaker if he would learn to stand straight. He replied that his neck had been broken and that he could stand no straighter. Then I realized anew how easy it is to criticize, how easy to find fault, how little we know of others' problems!

Much criticism, I am certain, stems from our desire to prove ourselves superior. Possibly, deep down, we feel inferior to another. Perhaps we are insecure in our own lives. And so, in order to pull ourselves higher in our own estimation, we criticize another and attempt to pull him down. Those who are most critical often are very unhappy folk inside, and have little of a positive nature to contribute to life. How can they be otherwise when they search for the mistakes of the world—rather than for the best in people? An old Indian once said, "Do not criticize your neighbor until you have walked three days in his moccasins."—Sunshine

THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD *(Continued from page 13)*

Wednesday—Pray for the 100 young people in Poland who are striving to serve God.

Thursday—Pray for Brother Charles Browne in Trinidad who wants to come to Midwest Bible College but is hindered by numerous obstacles.

Friday—Pray for Ernest Rosell, Elder Rosell's son, in the Philippines that he will continue in the faith despite tuggings from the world.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

The Evangelette Program requires each participant to have a project each month. Some young people are writing to a pen pal overseas to fulfill this requirement. Here are the names of two young people who want a pen pal who will continue writing. I emphasize the word "continue" because I haven't yet found a case where both parties continue the correspondence. Invariably one never replies and the other is deeply disappointed. The two desiring pen pals are:

Esmerelda Goulding (A girl from Jamaica who is in her early teens)
E. T. Nssien (A young married man from Nigeria)

Meet Your Committeemen

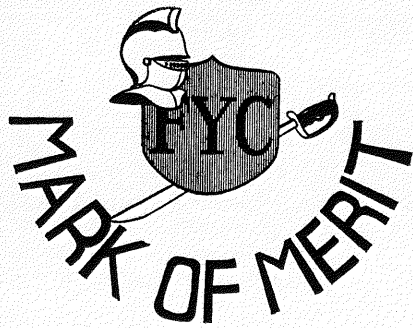
Jane (Severson) Wegermann was born and reared in California, where she attended college before moving to Iowa where her husband completes a master's degree in microbiology and starts medical school this fall. Jane was active in the FYC group in Lodi, California, and continues to actively participate now in the Marion, Iowa FYC.

It's that time of year, again, when carpets need shampooing, draperies and curtains need cleaning, floors need waxing, and closets and shelves need cleaning. Yes—it's called Spring House Cleaning. As I was going through the usual routine for this bi-annual torture, I thought of how very appropriate and much needed it is at this time of year to apply some of this house cleaning to our lives. I found that so many things that apply to our homes will apply to our lives—and rightly so, since the Lord said that our bodies are "houses" or temples of God.

It seems so hard to throw away those long-kept items of no use that take up precious space in our closets. How hard it is to give those items to the rummage! But what about such items in our lives—habits and routines that take the precious space in our lives of things that we should be doing to please God. Oh, how hard it is to give these up! We try to rationalize that it just couldn't hurt to keep these things for just one more cleaning season. "How much room does this one little item really take?" we ask ourselves. "Oh, yes, and then there's this other little item I'd like to keep—and probably this one, also." Finally, we look at the things in our closet and have to admit that all we really did was to reshuffle the items on the shelf and there was no real cleaning at all. Again we try to rationalize that we just cannot be expected to give up these things that have been a part of us for so long. Does this closet sound a little like your life?

Many of us are guilty of wanting to keep our bad habits and slothful ways—why not?; they are so much a part of us that we may not recognize ourselves if we give up that bad temper, impatience, bull-headedness, and egotistic attitude that seem so "common place" in our lives. After all, they are just "little" items or habits in our lives—they could not possibly take up the space needed for kindness, helpfulness, patience and humility—or could they?

Since the Lord's Supper is during the spring each year, it seems a perfect and appropriate time to really clean our "closets" or lives and throw away all those "little" items that are taking up "big" space.



by Nathan Lawson

Already one quarter of 1970 is gone. We hope that your FYC Group is listed among those who have actively participated in the National FYC program, MARK OF MERIT. This program is a service to you. It is a guideline to an active FYC.

We have a good number of groups that have reported for the First Quarter. Several new groups are involved in the program. Also, several groups that we had counted on have failed to send in their reports.

FIRST QUARTER ACTIVITIES—1970

	Mark of Merit Points	Bonus Points	Foreign Worker Support	National FYC Support 15 pct.
Tacoma, Wash.	185	287	\$	\$ 7.65
Stockton, Calif.	205	167		5.14
Lodi, Calif.	205	65	6.00	11.06
Midway, Okla.	175	119		3.00
Tahlequah, Okla.	180	133	1.50	1.00
Eureka, S. Dak.	205	180	6.00	7.43
Freeland, Mich.	100	56	1.50	1.50
Alfred, N. Dak.	185	155		4.18
Elmira, Ore.	180	88	6.00	1.79
San Antonio, Tex. (Sp.)	180	69	6.00	18.89
New Auburn, Wisc.	195	203	3.00	1.32
Harrisburg Ore.	185	213		35.00
Oklahoma City, Okla.	185	123	6.00	
Conroe, Texas	195	160	6.00	7.86
Hammondville, Ala.	115	225	6.00	1.50
Nipawin, Sask., Canada	165	30	6.00	2.76
Austin, Tex.	155	50	1.50	1.38
Kansas City, Missouri	160	85	6.00	2.10
Wichita, Kans.	205	182	6.00	12.75
Claremore, Okla.	180	95	6.00	8.10

Houston, Tex.	160	124	1.50	8.50
Bloomington, Calif.	150	183	6.00	
Toledo, Ohio	165	164	6.00	1.63
Fort Smith, Ark.	105	33	6.00	4.00
Sacramento, Calif.	205	143	6.00	16.35

Those of you who have not sent in your reports, please do so right away. We will still give you credit. If your group did not get a report blank the last of March, then please write to me for one right away. Our youth leaders, sponsors, and addresses change. Sometimes the report blanks are sent to the wrong address. If your FYC is not on the above list, then check to see whether or not your report has been sent in. We still hope to have all FYC Groups in the Mark of Merit Program this year.

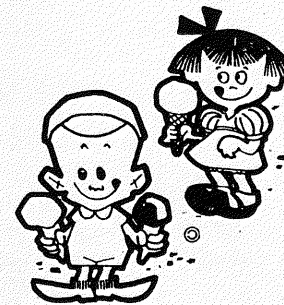
PROJECT OF THE MONTH—June

Plan to sponsor one or more deserving young people to youth camp in your area. If your area youth camp is not held in June, then use this project for the month in which your area youth camp is held.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER

If the first-quarter activities of your group were not listed in this issue of Aim, then send in your report and watch for the name of your FYC to be listed next month. Our goal is still for every FYC group to work in the Mark of Merit Program. This will help to unite us in our FYC activity for Christ and the Church of God.

A MOTHER'S FAVORITE CHILDREN



Starting research for a book in which he planned to show the misery resulting from large families, a sociologist interviewed the mother of thirteen children. After taking down information about the children's ages, family income, and such, he asked, "Do you think all children deserve the full, impartial love and attention of a mother?"

"Of course," she said.

"Well, which of your children do you love the most?" he asked, hoping to catch her in a contradiction.

"The one who is sick until he gets well," she answered, "and the one who is away until he gets home."

2T₄G- Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

Although Daniel has only 12 chapters, it is considered the last of the major prophets. Daniel is a very deep and intriguing book, containing prophecies of the end of time as well as fascinating stories of the captivity. Even though we have been able to repeat these stories since childhood, there are many lessons and promises in them for us now, such as this one:

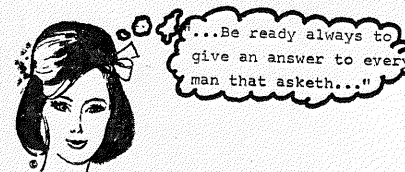
“He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions” (Daniel 6:27).

Hosea, the first book of the minor prophets, tells about the punishment to fall on Jerusalem for their sins, even though he lived long before Jerusalem's destruction. The minor prophets are the last section in the Old Testament, and then we will be entering into the New Testament.

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We have several new 2T₄Gers this month. Esther Castellanos, Ronald Harris, Lois Jacobs, Vickie Moldenhauer, Nolan Rincker, and Ron Smith have completed their first quarter. John Lemley finished a second quarter, while Norma Colwell and Pat Jones have finished their third. I was also very happy to hear from Bill Taylor who finished his second year, and is starting on his third year of 2T₄G! May God bless you all.

May 15	Ezek. 33
May 16	Ezek. 34
May 17	Ezek. 35
May 18	Ezek. 36
May 19	Ezek. 37
May 20	Ezek. 38
May 21	Ezek. 39
May 22	Ezek. 40
May 23	Ezek. 41
May 24	Ezek. 42
May 25	Ezek. 43
May 26	Ezek. 44
May 27	Ezek. 45
May 28	Ezek. 46
May 29	Ezek. 47
May 30	Ezek. 48
May 31	Dan. 1
June 1	Dan. 2
June 2	Dan. 3
June 3	Dan. 4
June 4	Dan. 5
June 5	Dan. 6
June 6	Dan. 7
June 7	Dan. 8
June 8	Dan. 9
June 9	Dan. 10
June 10	Dan. 11
June 11	Dan. 12
June 12	Hosea 1
June 13	Hosea 2
June 14	Hosea 3



MINUTEMAN

by Michael D. Vlad

STEPS TO SALVATION

Acts 22:16

Acts 2:38

Romans 6:3, 4

Acts 8:37, 38

Mark 16:16

Acts 1:5

Galatians 3:27

1 Peter 3:21

The Third Step: BAPTISM

After faith, repentance and conversion, the next step to salvation is baptism. After Paul had followed the first and second steps to salvation he was told by Ananias to be baptized:

“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

As a man from Ethiopia was returning home from worshiping at Jerusalem, he had a rather unusual experience. Philip had been directed by the Holy Spirit to join the man and teach him of Christ. After following the first and second steps to salvation he, like Paul, was baptized (Acts 8:36-38).

Throughout the history of mankind, Christians have taken the glorious step of baptism—doing away with the old man of sin and being resurrected to the new man in Christ. When Christ came to John the Baptist to be baptized, John objected, but when Jesus insisted, he complied with the request. Notice carefully the words of Jesus as He spoke to John.

“And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness...” (Matthew 3:15).

One of the last commandments given by Jesus to His followers is found in Matthew 28:19, 20. It is called the great commission. Here we, as followers of Christ, are commanded to teach and to baptize all peoples. Baptism is not a choice, **BUT A COMMAND!**

Romans 6 is one of the best chapters in giving a complete explanation of the various steps to salvation. We are told in this chapter that it is necessary to mortify the evil deeds of the body. We are to die to sin, and after this death has occurred, we are to be buried in baptism. The steps do not stop at this stage, however, for after being buried with Christ in baptism, we are to arise to walk in newness of life.

Youth Doctrine Corner

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



CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 24

... **"Jesus was crucified on the day of the week commonly known as Wednesday, and was placed in the tomb just before sundown of that day. Just before sundown the following weekly Sabbath—three days and three nights (or 72 hours) later—He arose from the grave, thus fulfilling the prophecy He uttered concerning this event as recorded in Matthew 12:39, 40.**

Jesus had to be in the grave three days and three nights.

... **Only sign of His Messiahship** (Matt. 12:39, 40; Matt. 16:1-4; John 2:18-21).

Jesus was not resurrected on Sunday morning.

... **Jesus simply not there** (John 20:1-3; Luke 24:1-8; Mark 16:1-8).

... **Jesus was risen (past perfect tense) simply tells us He was already out of the grave early Sunday morning** (Mark 16:9).

Jesus was resurrected on Sabbath afternoon.

... **Jesus was gone when the women visited the tomb in the end of the Sabbath** (Matt. 28:1-6).

... **"End" comes from Greek word meaning late.—Strong's Concordance**

... **Jesus was resurrected late Sabbath.**

Jesus was placed in the grave on Wednesday evening.

... **A Sabbath was drawing near when He was placed in the tomb** (Luke 23:54; John 19:14, 42; Mark 15:42).

... **That Sabbath was a "high day" or a feast day Sabbath** (John 19:31; Lev. 23:5-7).

... **The High Day Sabbath was seasonal and came on the 15th day of the 1st month. It falls on a different day of the week each year.**

Jesus was in the grave three days and three nights.

... **Prophecy** (Matt. 12:38-40; 1 Cor. 15:2, 3).

... **Resurrection** (Matt. 28:1-8).

... **Entombment** (Luke 23:54; Mark 15:42; John 19:31).

MBC BIBLE DOCTRINES CLASS

New FYC Sweaters

Canary yellow or mint green? The new FYC sweaters have arrived and you may now order your sharp looking yellow or mint green FYC sweater. Your FYC group can make up an order together if you desire to do so. You may purchase a sweater for \$3.50. Hurry so you can have your sweater before YOUTH CAMP.

FYC Bookmarks

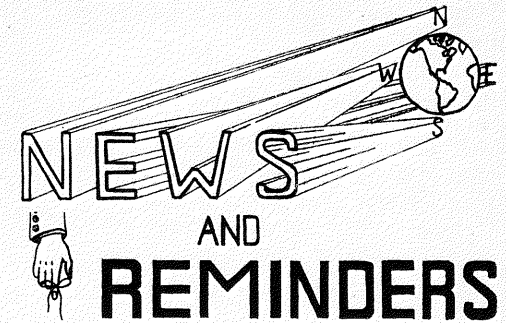
Beautiful FYC bookmarks are now available. They come in royal blue with silver lettering or silver-blue with royal blue lettering and are made of fine satin. FYC groups, place your order so that every FYCer in your group will have a bookmark. The bookmarks have the FYC emblem, a scripture text, and a list of FYC programs on them. The bookmarks may be purchased for 35¢ each or three for \$1.00.

Nigerian Aid

Remember? The National FYC established an FYC Aid-to-Nigeria Fund for our fellow brethren and FYCers in Nigeria. FYC groups may send their contributions to Aid-to-Nigeria, National FYC, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

Youth Emphasis Sabbath

Sabbath, May 16, is YOUTH EMPHASIS DAY, and all local churches will be taking an offering to help with the work of the YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT. Please inspire your church leaders to remember the Emphasis Sabbath.



AND REMINDERS

The Young People's Department has recently prepared booklets and materials. These materials were quite costly both in time and money, but copies will be sent to your FYC free of charge. In fact, it should be in your hands by Youth Emphasis Sabbath.

Remember the Young People's work on Youth Emphasis Sabbath.

National Youth Week— Theme—BUILD FOR ETERNITY

National Youth Week is scheduled for May 13-17. Please announce your special programs by using the posters that were sent by the Young People's Department. We hope you find the program, as outlined in the National Youth Week booklet, interesting and exciting. Feel free to adjust it to fit your facilities and capabilities. Every FYC should participate in National Youth Week.

District Tours and Workshops

District tours and workshops are being scheduled for several districts. Youth workers residing in the districts will be used for tour personnel in their own districts. Watch for addi-

tional announcements concerning these projects.

National Leadership Retreat

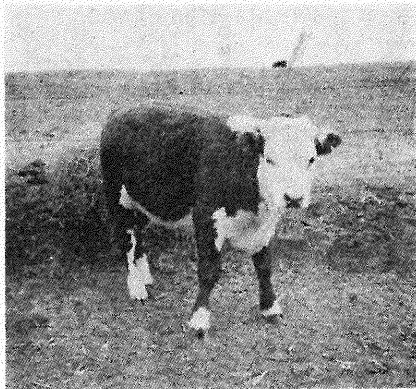
Remember! August 21-24 are the dates for the National FYC Leadership Retreat that will be held near Boulder, Colorado. Every local FYC officer is invited. FYC groups should sponsor their leaders to the retreat.

Wants Pen Pals

It has been called to our attention that an isolated FYCer in Illinois could really benefit from encouragement and friendship of other FYCers. Would you correspond with him? Ralph Wilds, 913 Stanley Rd., Cottage Hills, Illinois.

Will You Be There?

Bevo, the steer pictured below, plans to be at Texoma Youth Camp. Do you? If you do, you will be in for



a real treat. Bevo has been donated by Brother and Sister H. Roy Burlison to be barbecued during the Texoma Youth Camp. Sounds delicious!!

—But much better treats will be in store spiritually. We hope you'll start making plans to be at youth camp.

Watch for "Teen Guidelines"

Watch next month's "Teen Guidelines" in AIM for a continuation of "Why I Must be a Conscientious Objector." The next article will deal with the laws which exist in our land concerning this stand.

THE WINNING

What if you came out second
In the race that you have run?
If you put your best in running,
In the final score, you won!
If you kept the goal before you,
And played the game, I'd 'low,
E'en though another took the prize—
You won it anyhow!
You won the greater battle
When you played it fair and right;
Although another touched the goals,
You really won the fight.
Just keep your standard flying,
And don't give up the game;
The second place, with honor,
Beats any first, with shame.
—Anonymous

HOME

No place, nay nor yet a throne
Nor any dwelling built of stone,
With gilded chairs or paintings rare,
Can make a human happy there.
But if it have that subtle touch,
The warmth of love that means so
much,
An atmosphere of faith and cheer,
Then any place called "home" grows
dear.
—Edna H. Huntington

YOUTH CAMPS, Continued

* OKLAHOMA *

Time: **July 19-26**

For ages **9-25**

Place: **Lake Texoma State Park, Kingston, Oklahoma**

Fees: **\$15.00 per camper (includes registration fee—\$3.00)**

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

* SASKATCHEWAN *

Time **August 9-16**

For ages **8-25**

Place: **Paul Hayes' Cabins, Candle Lake, Saskatchewan**

Fees: **\$12 per camper (reduced rates for two or more from one family)**

Send to: **Elder Nick Nimchuk, P. O. Box 1496, Nipawin, Saskatchewan**

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

August 21 - 24, 1970

at a camp near Boulder, Colorado

WORSHIP

"WRECKREATION"

WORKSHOPS

Make plans now to send your local FYC leader.