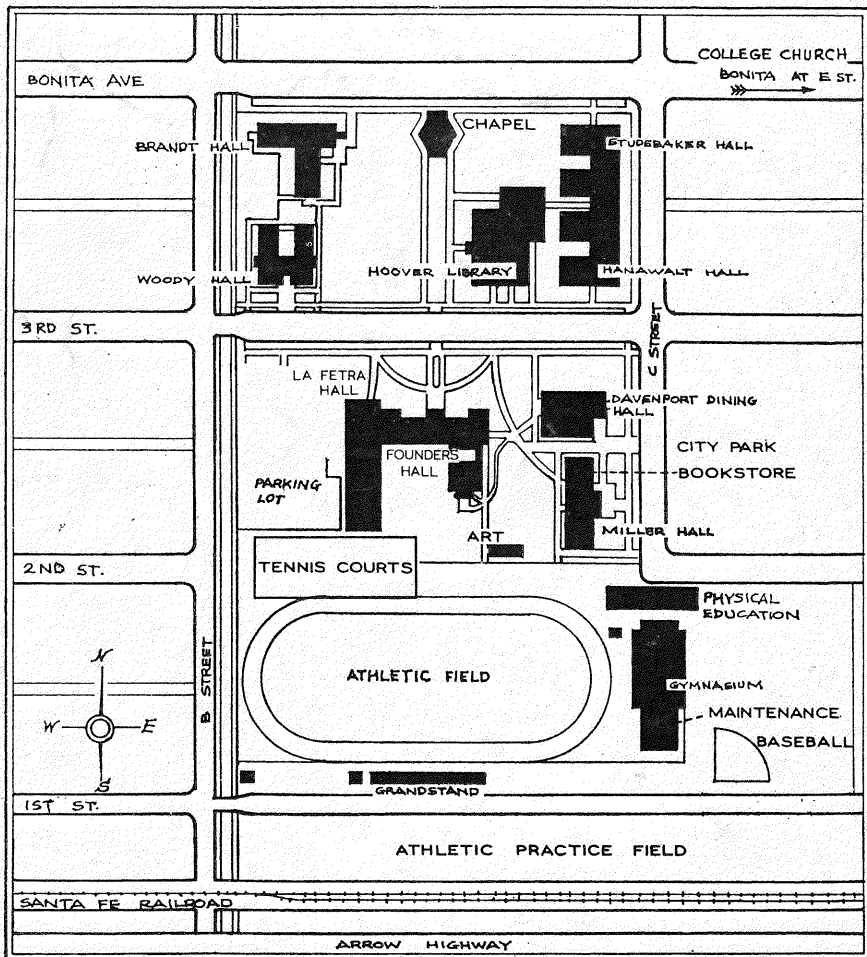


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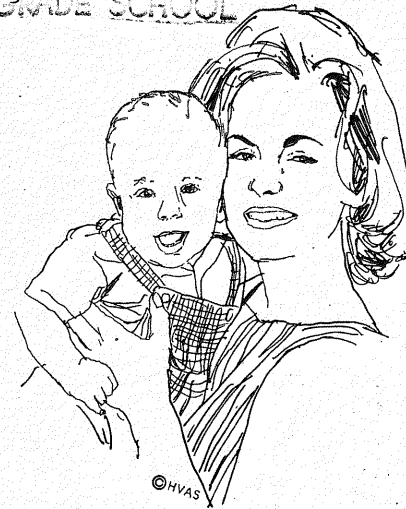
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BRADEN ACRES  
GRADE SCHOOL



# Go, Fledgling...

by Leota Huff

If you think your mom is sentimental, young man... young woman, it's a mother's prerogative. After all, she tended you and loved you and shielded you from the time you gave your first baby cry until you were grown.

She held your hand; picked you up when you fell. Many were the bumps she kissed away and illnesses she nursed you through. She walked to school with you on your first day of school (and cried all the way home), read stories to you, and rocked you to sleep. She'd fight for you, protect you, and even give her life (if need be) to save you.

A mother must have the constitution of an ox, the strength of King Kong, and the brain of Einstein... at least in the eyes of her child. She must, at the same time, be easily persuaded, gentle and sweet, and

must be "impressed" by whatever knowledge her child imparts to her.

She must be mature enough to answer his questions, fix his bruises, comfort his sorrows, and understand all his problems, yet be young enough to hunt for wild flowers and butterflies, play games, and be tickled over worms and bugs.

A mother is supposed to have a mind which records where everything is kept, even when her child loses it or puts it in the wrong place; but still a mind which forgets the little wrongs the child does each day.

She's the one who joins the PTA; a church women's group; is a Den Mother for the Scouts, and still finds time to let you and your friends make cookies; take you swimming; read stories to you, and so many other things each week.

Mother is the center of the

home. Father may be the HEAD, BREADWINNER, and GUIDE, but Mother is the HEART. She has the care of the children about 80% of their childhood time, so it's understandable that whatever good or bad habits they learn—whatever training they receive in manners, behavior, and outlook on life—usually comes from Mother's influence.

God gave us eyes to see, ears to hear, a voice to speak, feet to walk, etc. He gave us fathers to prepare the way, bring home the food, and protect us. By the same token He created Mothers to create homes for their families—to bear children and care for them.

So don't think her foolish when she cries at your Continuations, Graduations, Weddings, and when you go away to college or accept your first job a distance from home. She sees you as that small, freckled, skinny kid with two front teeth missing. It isn't easy to relinquish her claim on you and know you no longer "need" her to prepare your way. You look *forward*—she looks *back*. She will no longer hold your sweet self close to her breast and sing lullabies. No more will you come to her with all the little "tidbits" of news and things which concern you.

A mother's lot isn't always easy and sometimes the cares and strain and sorrows are so great she feels she will buckle beneath the load, but God knows and hears and takes her heavy yoke upon Himself.

She may get cross and scold you and sometimes even "yell" . . . but she loves you, and your happiness and best interests are at heart.

So just remember when you take the giant step into the future—she is there behind you—but don't look back. Reach out and grasp what's rightfully yours—all the TOMORROWS. After all, she had to leave her parents behind when she walked forth into her future.

Just do this thing for her . . . Live nobly and with an honest, pure heart; giving of yourself to others. Never be too busy to help a brother, but be wise enough not to be "walked on" either. "Go, fledgling, from the nest, with downy wing, and. . ."

May God bless you.

#### JUST THINKING

It is not the critic who counts—not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and who comes short again and again. It is he who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumphs of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither defeat nor victory.—Theodore Roosevelt.

## Is There Room . . . ?

by Steve Kurtright

How many times have you stopped in your busy schedule and asked what you really want in your life now and in your future—and if you are truly living up to your obligations as a Christian? Too many times in this life we have a tendency to forget the things that Christ has done for us. We give too little attention to bettering ourselves for the benefit of His Church.

Less than a year ago, as a new convert, I found myself searching for the answer to this question. I realized that day after day I must seek new understanding of God's Word so that I might reach others. I realized that each of us must search diligently for ways to better ourselves so that we may present a better witness. I found an answer in attending Midwest Bible College—a college that is God-inspired and God-given.

The thrill of this discovery coupled with a burden for a seeming lack of enthusiasm on the part of Church of God young people toward Christian education motivated me to compose a letter to be sent out to young people to encourage their enrollment at Midwest. As I inquired of other students for names of prospective young peo-

ple, the list grew to such an extent that it was a near-impossibility to send out personal letters.

So here it is—my personal letter to *you!* Midwest has changed the lives of a large number of our youth in the church today. It has done the same for me. I found strength and new courage in attending Midwest and I have faith that it will do the same for you. Here you can begin to satisfy that desire for further knowledge about the Bible, your place in today's society, and your place in God's church.

Here you can be strengthened spiritually and mentally as well. You can find your place of service and the purpose Christ has for you. Here you may find the blessings that you too often find lacking in your life.

If you are honest with yourself, you will agree that not much of your life has been dedicated to the will of God. We as human beings can never begin to repay God for all He has done for and all He has given to us. In some way we need to show our love for Him. Attending MBC is one way of preparation for such service. Are you willing to give your time to better learn how to serve the

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# *Their Furious Search*

by Edna Lee Jones

IT IS A RAINY COLD FEBRUARY DAY here in the Washington, D.C. area. The ice has melted some, adding to the size of the mud puddles I see everywhere as I look out of my large bay window here in the family room of my suburban home. As I turn from the window I survey a bright, warm room comfortably furnished with the modern luxuries we tend to take for granted.

It is then I close my eyes for a minute and thank God for His bounteous blessings. I especially thank Him for the members of my family who, at this moment, has each gone his separate way, leaving the house so quiet I can only hear an occasional truck on a nearby highway and a faint buzzing sound from the battery-operated wall clock over the mantel. I thank God also for the quiet times such as these in which a person can meditate.

I OPEN MY EYES AND TURN BACK TO THE WINDOW. The rain has turned into a drizzle that looks almost like fog. My eyes wander down 24th Avenue as far as I can see and then my mind's eye takes

over to carry me on toward the city which is just minutes away. I see Pennsylvania Avenue with the White House still beautiful in the midst of the gloomy, fog-like drizzle; the United States Capitol where a network of wide, tree-lined streets and avenues lead out from every direction.

However this city so full of beauty has equally as much ugliness. Within the shadow of the U. S. Capitol, just a glance away from all the grandeur and beauty, are dirty children playing in front of rat-infested slum housing. In almost any of the numerous parts of this well-planned city, crouched against magnificent statues of famous Americans of the past, you can find glassy-eyed, homeless souls shivering in the cold of the winter day. Their red complexions confirm that they are given to excess of wine.

Come spring these parks will be ablaze with the color of azaleas, tulips and daffodils. Amid all the expensive landscaping, dingy, long-haired youth will camp in their ridiculous costumes. Some will march with placards advocating rebellion. Others will play music, paint lewd pictures, or just "do their thing," spurred on by the "high" they have obtained from speed, joints, acid, etc.

Oh, yes, dope peddlers walk the streets without having to seek their prey, for their clientele are numerous in this our nation's capital. It is no wonder the police walk two by two or walk police dogs in most areas of the city.

A STROLL DOWN A TYPICAL STREET in one of the business districts that constitute much of the city would educate the most naive. Theatre billboards advertise films like "He and She—Is Total Sexual Freedom in America"; another reads "Surrender Beloved—Raw and Sensual." Music can be heard in the street from the night spots that advertise topless go-go girls, with peek-a-boo pictures placed enticingly at the entrance.

A block or so away an ambulance screeches on its way to the hospital. This hospital is full to capacity and someone will be moved into the hall to make room for this wretched, pain-filled body—possibly a soul not ready to meet our Maker.

How many smiling faces peering through the smoke-filled rooms of these devil dens are experiencing total happiness and fulfillment? How much joy can they take home with them? How many of them would reach out and touch the hem of His garment if they but knew of His love for them? How many have ever been approached by you and me? What have we done as members of the Church of God to minister to these confused, pleasure-seeking souls. Why are they searching so furiously for pleasure? Because they haven't known the joy and peace of Christ within. How many of those slum-children and their parents have we held out our hands to? When

did you last visit one of the over-crowded hospitals to minister to the sick and offer the healing balm of prayer?

AS YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD I urge you to give of yourselves and this handful in the church will multiply as never before. Too many of us who have been members of the Church of God for years have been apathetic. Now we need the fire of youth to lead us into the fields of labor. This church needs leaders—not only ministers to preach on Sabbath but people educated to organize our members in their effort to win souls for the kingdom. Our church is growing. Midwest Bible College and Spring Vale Academy are making strides in the field of Christian education; yet the time is growing short—"The night is coming."

Our ministers are working but they are spread too thinly. The members must do more to help, and our young people must go into the ministry to lead us. We want to be Christian soldiers but we need generals. We want to march into the cities and bring solace and peace to a troubled America.

Young man, think about it. Think what a fruitful life can be yours. Young ladies in the church, think what you can do with your talents for God's work.

When Christ comes will He speak to the Church of God as the church of the Laodiceans (see Revelation 3:15-17), or will He be able to say to us,

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me, I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:34-40).

Could it be that we would be on His "left hand" when He says,

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an

hungred, and ye gave me no meat, I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not . . . inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me" (Matt. 25:41-45).

NOTICE THAT CHRIST DOESN'T MAKE allowance to those on the left hand for giving a tenth of their increase, practicing temperance, keeping the Sabbath, etc. Christ said in Matthew 23:23, "Woe unto you, hypocrites; for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, *mercy*, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Dear reader—young and not so young—let us search ourselves. Let us use our talents and not become so comfortable in our God-given, pleasant surroundings that we fall asleep while some brother needs us to throw out the lifeline, be it physically or spiritually. Christ reached many by ministering to their physical needs.

Living for Jesus? Remember the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Somebody near you is struggling alone  
over life's desert sand  
Faith, hope, and courage together are gone:  
Reach him a helping hand,  
Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;  
Kindle, to guide him, a beacon-fire bright;  
Cheer his discouragement, soothe his affright;  
Lovingly help him to stand.  
Somebody near you is hungry and cold;  
Send him some aid today.  
Somebody near you is feeble and old,  
Left without human stay:  
Under his burdens put hands kind and strong;  
Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song;  
Haste to do something to help him along  
Over his weary way. E. E. Williams

# Tell Me, Please

## QUESTION:

*Don't you think that homework is important enough to miss church for? I'm referring to evening services during the week, such as prayer meetings, revival meetings, etc.? My parents usually allow me to stay home to do school work, if I am pressed, but sometimes I wonder whether I am doing the right thing.*

## ANSWER:

I'm pleased that you bother to ask. It seems that most junior high students and up have concluded that a church service never preempts homework—in fact, it hardly preempts anything!

Let me ask you a question. If your girl friend (boy friend) came over to see you, would you allow an hour or so for her (him)? Or would you greet her (him) and after exchanging pleasantries ask to be excused to do your school work? If you would, you have given your school work some real priority, and your need to miss evening church services is a bit more believable.

I see a lot of young people who do lots of homework, have plenty of extra-curricular activities, get excellent grades, and still attend week night services at church. Frankly, I'll

## Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



have to be convinced that attendance at church services prevents a good student from getting acceptable grades at school due to lack of time for homework!

Going to church during the week is not for the careless, lazy, or fanatic. Let's face it. To go to church during the week takes lots of dedication, and it's tragic that so few have what it takes!

## QUESTION:

*Our church is really dead. When we plan a youth activity, everything is always left up to the same few to take care of. I'm getting disgusted. To make it worse, hardly anyone shows up. How can some life be pumped into our church?*

## ANSWER:

I would sure hate to be nearly dead only to have a *disgusted* doctor attempt to administer to me! That

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kind of an attitude might make death seem more attractive!

It sounds to me like you and the group with whom you worship are in a rut. Your activities lack imagination and enthusiasm. You are going through motions to produce a "service" that has no message, meaning or feeling. You are not serving God nor yourself; just tradition.

Begin revival with yourself. Put out the flames of your hostility, and begin doing something nice for people. Show them that you love them and are concerned about them. Pray that God will allow His love to flow through you.

Encourage the participation of others. Invite them to share their opinions, planning, and performance. While we always want to offer the

best in a church service, it is still important that each youth try. God looks on the heart more than on the performance.

Get your imagination in gear. Just because a project worked once, don't beat it to death by repetition.

Life is pumped into youth groups by activities outside the walls of the church. If you can, you should be visiting and singing in rest homes, visiting the isolated, raising funds for foreign fields, having work days at the church or the homes of those who cannot do their own chores, etc. You are not a group of performers, you are representatives of God, loving and serving His people. When you turn into this direction, you will be alive. God never forsakes those who stand ready to serve Him.

## The Faith Trio

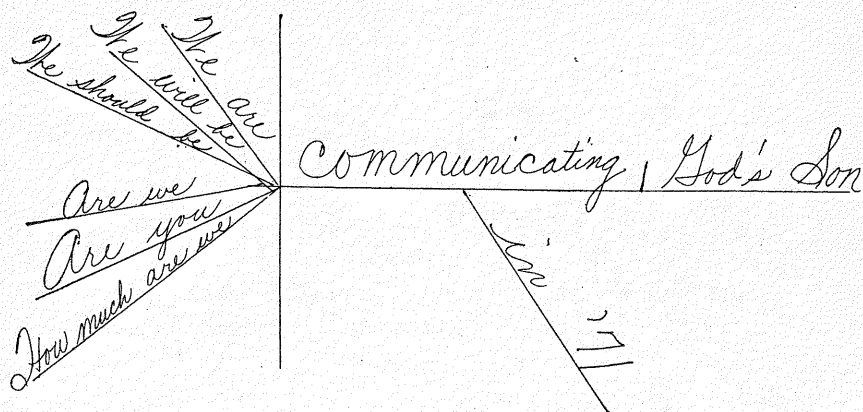


"Put Your Faith in One Pair of Hands" is the title of the new long-play album recently cut by the Faith Trio, shown on this month's cover of AIM. The record is sponsored by the young people's department, with proceeds to go to the National FYC work.

The "Faith Trio," Rita Washburn, Debi Scott, and Barbara Hendershott, toured District No. 4 last summer, bringing many blessings in song to those who heard.

Plans for "Faith Trio" this summer include evangelistic campaigns at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and Wichita, Kansas. The trio also plans to be at Missouri

Youth Camp and at General Conference and Camp Meeting at La Verne, California this summer.



by Gail Rincker

When i first heard the words selected as the 1971 National FYC motto, i repeated them aloud several times... "COMMUNICATING GOD'S SON IN '71—COMMUNICATING GOD'S SON IN '71—COMMUNICATING GOD'S SON IN '71—" and then said to a friend, "That's a pretty good rhyme—sounds good—i like it!" Realizing that our motto should be more than just a catchy rhyme which tickles the ear, i began to mentally diagram this "sentence" we call our motto:

The understood portion of this sentence must necessarily include both a subject and an auxiliary verb.

"WE ARE"—"WE WILL BE"—"WE SHOULD BE"

"ARE WE..."—"ARE YOU..."—"HOW MUCH ARE WE..."—

This means me as an individual, and all of us, collectively, as a group of individuals. So each of us as individual FYCers and then all of us together as the FYC of the Church of God (7th Day) want to be

COMMUNICATING—action verb meaning to transmit, to impart knowledge of, or to make known. So we FYCers are to transmit or impart knowledge of or to make known

GOD'S SON—the object of the verb communicating. God's Son is Jesus, the Saviour Who came to take away the sin of the world. We FYCers are to impart knowledge of or to make known God's Son, Jesus.

IN '71—an adverbial phrase which modifies the verb communicating by telling "when." In '71 is a specific time period. It is a year—365 days. It is now.

So, we FYCers are to impart knowledge of or make known God's Son *today*—in the year of 1971.

This word-by-word analysis of our motto seemed only to confirm my first impression—"SIMPLE—it just means we should tell others about Jesus." This "simple" interpretation seemed rather "empty" so I started thinking about the motto in relation to my own life. A motto is a maxim adopted to express one's guiding principle; therefore, my guiding principle should be to communicate God's Son in '71. Since a motto is of no value unless it is applied to one's daily living, i wondered, "How can i adopt this motto—COMMUNICATING GOD'S SON IN '71—as my own personal creed?"

The answer to this question seemed quite obvious—"why, all i need do to be 'Communicating God's Son' is to be a good Christian Witness." The word *witness* is one that we FYCers are all familiar with. When we refer to our "Christian witness," we use the word as a noun meaning our life—our words and deeds; and when we say we are going out to witness to people, we use the word as a verb meaning "to tell." Witnessing is nothing more than giving a first-hand account or testimony of something. We who are called by Christ's own name, truly have a tremendous testimony to give—We no longer stumble in darkness for now we walk in Glorious Light. We have experienced a miraculous transition from an old life of fear, frustration and futility to a new life of love, joy and peace. We've felt God's great love—we are led by His Own Spirit—we daily enjoy rich blessings He gives. We've claimed salvation through God's Son, and we have hope of an eternal life with our Heavenly Father. —All of this is ours, of which we can give a firsthand account.

So we all know what it means to witness, but do we really know why we should witness? All around us there are people living and dying without Jesus. We know that Jesus is coming to this earth again and all the people who have not believed in Him, loved Him, and followed Him will perish in a lake of fire. Do we merely feel a "sigh of relief" because we know the Truth of God's Word and because we know salvation, or do we experience bitter tears and heartache because we know there are people who do not have this Truth and have not experienced this salvation?

Personally, i feel an increasingly urgent "need" to witness. Whenever i walk down a big-city sidewalk and pass stranger after stranger,

or when i see thousands of people clustered together in a gigantic grandstand at some sports event,

or when i see an unending stream of traffic on a busy freeway,  
or when i view pictures in magazines and on TV news

reports of people in foreign lands who are suffering in countless ways,

i am dramatically reminded of the "untold millions" who so need to hear the salvation story. When i think of this great multitude of people who are lost and have no hope. there is within me a great surge of compassion, and i immediately want to shout at every person i see, "Jesus is coming—you *must* know Him then—you *need* Him now!"

But this overwhelming "feeling" is soon calmed by my own logic which tells me there is really very little i can do, individually, to reach these "untold millions."

As i continue to think and to reason, emotion wells up within me again... and then the tears begin to flow... Now i am thinking of all the people i know—people whose names and faces are as familiar to me as my own, people i love—who are not children of God's flock. i think of the many lives my own life touches each day—

there are the dear friends and relatives with whom i love to visit and exchange letters,

there are the people i see each day at the place i work,

there are my good neighbors,

there's the nice young man who brings my paper each evening,

there's the friendly lady who works at the grocery store,

the kind widow who lives up the street

and then there are so many, many more. These people need Jesus just as much and are just as lost as the untold millions, but there *is* something i can do to reach them. i **MUST** communicate God's Son in such a way that they will take hold of His hand and will never turn loose. i am compelled to **COMMUNICATE GOD'S SON IN '71**—and for as long as there are people who do not know Him.

My analysis and study of our motto led me to the pages of the Bible, and as i searched the Scriptures i often found our motto expressed in God's own words:

#### **COMMUNICATING—**

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:19, 20).*

#### **GOD'S SON—**

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

IN '71—

*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest (John 4:35). 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).*

#### **WHAT SHALL WE DO TO COMMUNICATE GOD'S SON?**

Let's give God the strength of our youth and work with all our might for the cause for which Christ died.

Let us unite our hearts in love and our minds in prayer so that we can step forward with this wonderful message that has been entrusted to us.

Let's not keep Jesus all to ourselves, but rather, let's share Him with all with whom we have personal contact.

Let's "be ready always to give an answer to every man" of the hope that is in us.

Let's not be guilty of basking in our own contentment with the "status quo"; instead let's earnestly work for the salvation of others.

May each of us love God and His Church with all our heart, all our mind, and all our soul, and let us feel a genuine compassion for our neighbors.

Shall we take up our cross and follow Jesus?

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#### **A BRAVER TOMORROW**

Let it never be forgotten that glamour is not greatness; praise is not fame; noise is not influence; prominence is not eminence. The man of the hour is not apt to be the man of the ages. A stone may sparkle, but that does not make it a diamond; a man may have money, but that does not make him a success; a student may be clever, but that does not make him a philosopher. It is what the unimportant do that really counts and determines the course of history.

The greatest forces in the universe are never spectacular. Summer showers are more effective than hurricanes, but they get no publicity. The world would soon die but for the fidelity, loyalty, and consecration of those whose names are unhonored and unsung.

There is, therefore, no life, however humble, but may take its place in the building of a braver and better tomorrow. It is easy to exaggerate the importance of the important and to underestimate the importance of the unimportant.—Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo.



## IS THERE ROOM . . .

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Lord and to be better able to present Christ and His teachings to others? In the atmosphere at MBC, you can learn to strengthen and broaden your witness to all with whom you come in contact. In this way, not only do you benefit, but the entire Church of God benefits. How? By having its members educated in the true teachings it holds. MBC helps the church to expand its witness of the gospel and to continue to strengthen the unity in the church.

The atmosphere is one of Christian fellowship and unity with young people your age who are of like faith. The students are diligent in their work because they are here by choice and they love God!

The faculty is ready at all times to help, either in academic trials or with personal trials. There is Christian love between the students and the faculty—something that a secular college cannot offer.

Perhaps you think MBC is only for future ministers, but the truth is that at the present time we have six students who are not studying for the ministry. As an added note, four of our students started to attend secular colleges last fall and withdrew to come here to better learn how to serve Christ and to be a greater asset to the entire body of Christ.

Many excuses can be thought of for not attending Midwest. People today are in a hurry, and many feel they don't have a year to give Christ. Ask yourself how many years God has given you—and in that time how much have you given in return? Give

some thought to your life thus far. Consider how old you will be a year from now if you do not come to Midwest. Then consider how old you will be a year from now, having spent it at Midwest—and how much better prepared you will be to serve God in the remainder of your years. What have you done; and what does your life have to offer up to now?

Is there room there for God and His Church?

### CAN YOU BE TRUSTED?

You can trust a person who admits his mistakes. You know that he isn't trying to bluff, and you honestly feel that he is sincere in his dealings with others.

If you admit a mistake, you will find that others with whom you are associating are more likely to do the same. You do not run the risk of taking the blame for something that isn't your fault.

When you admit having made a mistake, you establish yourself in the minds of those around you as an honest, agreeable person. They will know you are not going to let someone else take the blame for something you did. They will feel that they can depend on you in the future, and it will make friends for you.

—Selected

*After listening to a lengthy lecture from his father about his sloppy appearance, long hair, straggly beard, and a general attitude, the teen-ager blurted out: "But, Dad, I gotta be a nonconformist. How else can I be like my friends?"*

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# SELF-REALIZATION --

## *Do Your Own Thing*

by Harvey Fischer

PERHAPS NO ONE SUBJECT has provided this generation with more self-appointed experts and authorities than this matter of "doing your own thing."

One only needs to casually study the news items of the Manson family, the Angela Davis defense, the women's liberation front and others to recognize the suggestion of "doing your own thing" really seems to be all that counts.

Women's magazines are packed with articles that suggest a woman must find a career all her own to really discover herself with very little, if any at all, mention of the fulfillment of life by contributing to the welfare of the family—still the finest institution in the history of our country.

Not only do these modern-day "experts" insist that you must do your own thing, but they cite suggestions for you to discover the "real you."

Recently in our city we had a college professor who suggested that in smoking "pot" you expand your mind such as a telescope expands your eyesight so you can look beyond the capabilities of your natural vision.

A "new morality" is being suggested for our society—actually it's "no morality" rather than a new morality. "Free love" seems to be a popular suggestion of the day. Discovering the real you can only be accomplished when you "space out."

These few suggestions, along with a variety of others, have left the youth of our present generation confused, for the statistics show that we have had a 2,000% increase in the addiction to heroin alone in just the last few years—young people searching, seeking to discover themselves.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO "LET GO" in order to "find yourself" when in actual-

ity as one lets go, he loses himself. The individual who is intoxicated to the point that he feels he is in a different world has not "found himself" but actually lost himself. The discovering himself actually comes the next morning as he struggles to face himself and the world as it really is.

The girl who is told that to really discover herself she must prove her love to a demanding boyfriend, actually loses herself when she gives in; and really discovers herself when she finds it difficult to face herself or those around her as she acknowledges her "letting go."

The Bible records a very simple story dealing with self-realization. The story found in Luke 15 is an illustration of a young man who demanded his substance and selfishly did "his own thing." Take time to review this important story and notice how the young man spent his substance "losing himself" and only when he finally "came to himself" (verse 17), did he realize the ideal situation and the fine home he had left. After he "came to himself" his actions became extremely productive.

This nation is investing millions of dollars in trying to recover its youth from a drug culture. Solutions are being sought through the physiological treatments of this problem with the real issue being psychological.

Our youth are not so much in need of physical strength to meet the challenges of today as they are in need of psychologi-

cal and emotional stability to discover their place in the world around them.

I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT SELF-REALIZATION is discovering purpose in life. Goals add meaning to life—not the goals as an end in themselves, but the struggle to achieve those goals. This brings meaning to life. The effort has more value than the attainment of the goal.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE WORLD WITNESSED the introduction of the "rock festival," a mass gathering suggesting that this was "where it was at." More than 375,000 sacrificed and endured hardships simply to be *where it was at*. For many this was a happening—very short lived—and now only a part of their memory. Can anyone begin to imagine what just a very small percentage of those young people with their energies and their talents could have accomplished for a ghetto in feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and bringing happiness to countless Americans who are so desperately in need of attention?

Man is seeking purpose in life—and until he finds a meaningful purpose for his life he will continue in his misery, seeking and trying almost anything someone might suggest.

Goals cannot be established for self only, but must be such that one must *give of himself* to help others. This is the very function of the creation of man—to give of himself to others.

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## In Appreciation

What do you think of when you hear the word *appreciation*? The answers to this question would be innumerable. The same is true of the ways we express our appreciation. Some show their appreciation to you by turning their backs, others with a gift, others with a "thank-you." It all depends, of course, on the person.

Our young people's group decided to show our appreciation in a different way. We had an appreciation banquet. The banquet was to show our appreciation to all of those over young people's age for their help, co-operation, and support to our FYC.

I *could* list off all the food we had but I wouldn't want to make anyone hungry by telling how nice and crisp and tender the fried chicken was—or how

good it tasted along with the mashed potatoes and gravy—nor how scrumptuous the cake was along with that delicious butter sauce—not to mention the rest of the meal. No, I wouldn't want to do a thing like make a person hungry—especially if you have a long wait until your next meal.

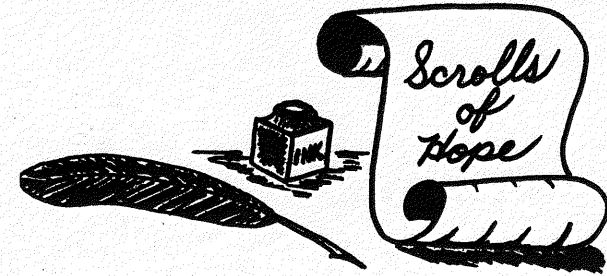
We were fortunate to have the Knox Brothers, a local gospel quartet, entertain us with their singing. Everyone sat back and enjoyed themselves as they listened to the voices of the quartet soaring out over the room. We listened to choice gospel songs—some old, some new—but all very inspirational.

I was surprised at how pleased the over-30 people were to have a banquet in their honor. It made our time and effort well worth the while.

—Glenda Caswell

The "over-30" folk were honored by the Harrisburg FYCers at an Appreciation Banquet for their help and support in young people's work.

See photo on page 25



Likely all of us have heard reports about the "Jesus people." Another name for the same group, one whose very sound causes us to recoil in horror, is the phrase "Jesus freaks." We are, however, compelled to listen to what is said of a group of people so-named.

It is reported that many young people who had been hooked on drugs are finding release and healing through their new-found belief in Jesus. Hardly can we "knock" the effectiveness of such a belief in the Great Physician. We have experienced the healing balm in our own souls.

We are, however, rather appalled when we hear this act of following Christ described as "the latest thing to groove on. . . ."

We are sorrowful when we observe that the enthusiasm which causes these followers to proclaim Christ does not motivate them to further clean up their living to meet with His standards.

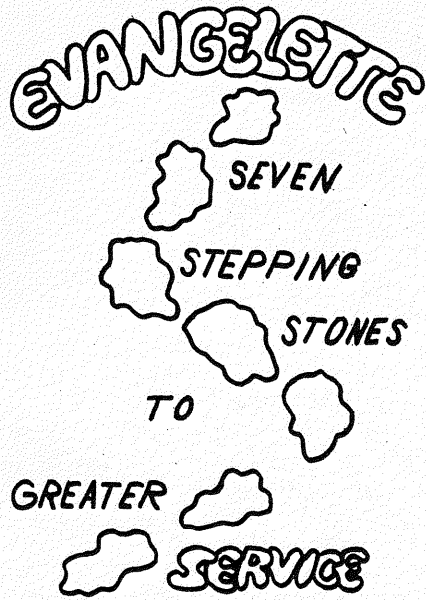
May it never be said, however, that we would lightly pass off their experience as futile—surely God can continue to lead any who are sincere and can fully transform them to be children of His. The key ingredient is complete sincerity, complete love and surrender to God, and a complete willingness to follow the Word and the Light all the way. (Farbeit from us to place on a soul any social values, implications, or requirements which God Himself would not place there.)

Meanwhile, two things particularly impress me concerning this group of people—two things from which I think we can draw a lesson for our own lives as followers of Christ:

- (1) In their own way, they are telling others the good news. These people are using every opportunity and every means to spread this new-found faith to others.
- (2) It is said of them that "people are impressed with their sincerity, openness, and enthusiasm."

Can you think of characteristics which are more essential than these for Christ's followers? The genuine faith and knowledge we have in Him is too good to be quiet about. Yet too often we're quiet. Let's try to help one another overcome this hesitancy to speak out to others of what it means to *truly* make our Saviour vital in our daily living—truly an integral Guide in each day of our lives.

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# ... Then I Am Strong

by Sheryl Youngs

As she skidded off the fallen log and into the brush below, thorny blackberry vines clung to her leg and ripped the skin. "I'm not going one step farther," she wailed—still clenching rotten bark, "You can leave me here!"

Without bothering to argue or answer, two disgusted teenagers within seconds thrashed their way to either side, yanked her up, pushed her over the log, picked her up again, and gave her a push.

She went on...

Beautiful, rugged Oregon... summer of 1970... we were enroute home to southern California from camp meeting. A feast with relatives concluded, someone suggested a short hike up the hill in back of the pasture. Another kind heart volunteered, "Yeah, we'll do the dishes when we get back."

And now... miles beyond the first hill... seven teens floundered in the

midst of an untamed, unpathed wilderness—tough terrain for men—impossible for girls!

Upon the hearts of at least three was the hope of reaching a high destination—the peak of Mt. Chandler.

Steep slopes loomed skyward. We had not quite realized what was between us and our goal. I shuddered, "Yeah, sure—three sissies up that??!" The challenge would have been plenty for me to tackle alone!

The protests began anew, "Honest, you guys, I can't go any farther."

"What do you think we are—mountaineers?"

"I can't go one step more."

"We three strong ones" smiled "sympathetically" and "they three," bending over like coolies in a rice patch, were pushed onward and upward. Another, the only masculine element in company, struggled on solitarily.

I was astonished at the amount

of wind and strength I had while helping the others. The hike actually seemed easier than a lot of lesser ones I'd taken.

Abrupt inclines, "dreamland" valleys, muddy swamps to wade, snakes, overhanging vines. Brush rustled as startled little animals escaped. On we went—undergrowth so thick a turtle would have had trouble crawling through.

Gnats were fanned and muddy trickles of water were tasted with thanksgiving.

The ruggedness of the trail softened occasionally. "We" were Moses, Aaron, and Joshua. "They" were the grumblers.

They were going to subject us to the wrath of their parents if they lived to see them. ... BUT... they WERE going up the mountain!

Weird growths were pointed to or gathered around. Birds twirped from high up in the trees. Fantastic beauty, creations of God, were time and again exclaimed over!!

In spite of those who constantly pleaded to return or stay behind, all of our pulling, pushing, and prodding was finally rewarded with just one peak left to overcome, and... at last, miraculously... we all seven stood on huge boulders guzzling gulps of smog-free air and feasting on the splendor of mountain after mountain below us thick with pines, misty valleys, the pending sunset far to the west.

As a cool, crisp breeze swept across sweaty faces, the impact of our "short hike" aroused sober consideration:

"Boy, it's just like the Christian journey... I mean, the strong helping the weak..."

"I know one thing—Barbara, Becky, and Colleen would have never made it by themselves."

"Ya know something else, I don't think any one of us *alone* would have made it either."

"Isn't that something—'um! Who was it that lay panting on the ground after that first little hill?" —his eyes rolled purposely away from the accused one as he teased.

One who had never verbally expressed thoughts of quitting then admitted thinking "I quit" many times; but mustered courage when she realized others, though exhausted, were still struggling upward.

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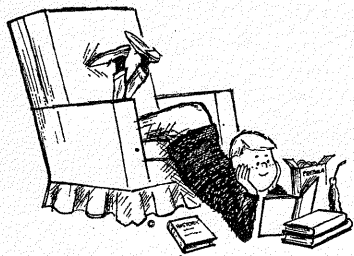
I pondered the moral. None had been discouraged at the same time—but all had been discouraged. When one had been weak, another had been strong. We all had not the same degrees of strength. Some were strong—others weak—yet we had all needed one another.

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Comrades again became friends. Forgiveness was asked for rash words. A prayer circle was formed. Thanksgiving was expressed for new thoughts gained.

As nightfall approached, a posse of 200 was about to be sent on our trail. On our downward trudge we stumbled onto a road. Several miles later we saw the welcoming lights of a mountain cottage. A call was placed. The friendly sheriff drove us home and congratulated us on our rugged 18-mile hike.

We had all struggled together—and helped each other—and now together we had felt the thrill of a "mountain-top" experience.



## Book Review Corner

by Marilyn Current

### GOD'S SMUGGLER

by Brother Andrew (with John & Elizabeth Sherrill)  
Spire Books; paperbound; 224 pp.; \$.75

Anyone who declines reading religious-based books for the reason that they don't have enough excitement had better read this book before they use that excuse again. *God's Smuggler* is a real-life drama—dynamic, filled with intrigue. Once you start it you won't want to put it down until you're finished. Someone very close to me, who is as yet unsaved, stayed up most of one night reading the book, crying because of how it touched his heart. If it could affect an unsaved person this strongly, how much more it should inspire those of us who do know Christ as our Saviour!

Brother Andrew is the pen name the author uses to hide his real identity, because of the dangerous work he does behind the Iron Curtain. (We'll get to that just a little later.)

Andrew grew up in a small Dutch town during the time of the Nazi occupation. His favorite game was scaring the invaders with firecracker bombs, at which he came very close to being caught.

Then at seventeen Andrew joined his country's armed forces and went to Indonesia—He became disillusioned, a drunkard—repulsive even to himself. His life no longer seemed important, so he entered battles with recklessness, not caring whether or not he was killed. He was wounded and sent back to Holland.

One night Andrew found himself in a tent meeting, which directly led to his conversion. He immediately threw himself into finding God's purpose for him, with the same self-abandonment that he'd had in battle. Through the guidance of God, and a series of "small" miracles (if there is such a thing as a "small" miracle), he found himself in a lay seminary that trained its graduates for going independently into the field of their choice.

After graduation Andrew felt called to help the Christians

behind the Iron Curtain. This is where the adventure really begins, as he smuggles Bibles past the customs guards, and to the isolated Christians in these countries. God often caused the guards to look directly at the Bibles and not see them. Many other impossible feats were committed as God and Andrew spread encouragement and Bibles to the faithful few behind the Wall.

Reading this book makes one realize how little we have done for Christ, with such great opportunity, and how much others have done, with such little opportunity.

### SELF-REALIZATION—DO YOUR OWN THING

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Man was created to worship—to worship God—and until he discovers that he will continue to seek. Man must recognize he was made in the likeness of God and created in His image. That image is living for others demonstrated by God's only Son Who while in this world demonstrated His love by going about doing good. Matthew 10:38, 39 says, "He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me... He that findeth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Man does rule his own fate—we want the frosting but not the cake; we want the freedom but not the responsibility.

THINK ABOUT "DOING YOUR OWN THING" LIKE THIS: A train travels down the track. It goes fast and safely as long as it stays on the track. But suppose the train gets the idea that it wants more freedom and it says to itself, "I would like to cut across

the field and run alongside the stream." So the train jumps the track. Instantly it lands helplessly in the ditch. It cannot go anywhere until somehow it is put back on the track.

So it is with us. We cannot go anywhere until we are on the "track" that God's will and love have laid down. But on this track we have freedom.

Self-realization is discovering purpose in life—purpose that has value and meaning as we contribute to others.

### IN APPRECIATION

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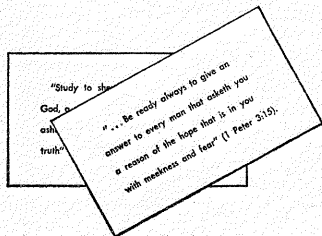


The Harrisburg FYCers show their gratefulness by serving an Appreciation Banquet.

# MINUTEMAN

(Verse Memorization Program)

By Michael D. Vlad



Matthew 5:43, 44  
Matthew 5:38, 39  
Romans 12:20, 21  
Romans 12:9  
Romans 12:10  
Matthew 26:52  
Galatians 6:1, 2  
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Ephesians 4:29

Rap Brown, Eldredge Cleaver, Bobby Seale and others are known as men who stand out in the public eye as teaching revolutionary ideas. They advocate many things that our society has stood against for many years—overthrow of the government, communistic set-up in America and other “Un-American” principles. These are men who are looked down upon as being radical revolutionists. Why? Because they teach ideas completely different from what our United

States tradition has taught us since this country became an independent nation.

Do you suppose that Christ would have been considered a revolutionary radical in His time? He taught principles completely different from what the Jews had been taught. The Jews had been taught to hate their enemy and love their neighbor; then Jesus came along and said to love both enemy and neighbor! He even said that when someone smites you on your cheek, don't smite him back, but give to him the other one!

“Wow! This is too much,” was probably the reaction from the listeners of Jesus. Perhaps they branded Him as a notorious leader of an underground liberation movement—extremely dangerous and preaches messages different from all the rest of the so-called “preachers.”

Christ DID teach a different message. He taught the most different message that has ever been given on the face of the earth. He taught the message of God. The principles of that message were different all right, but it was truth!



## CHARTER SERVICE IS AVAILABLE

Folks in certain areas may be able to travel to General Conference in August by way of a chartered bus. This service would include a round trip to La Verne and an afternoon's sight-seeing trip in the Los Angeles area.

### Advantages of Bus Travel

1. **AIR-CONDITIONED COMFORT:** Relax in deeply-cushioned, reclining contour chairs while air-conditioning provides pleasant cooling on warm days. Panoramic picture windows give you a glare-free unobstructed view.

2. **BIG BAGGAGE FACILITIES:** Your car would never begin to hold the baggage and equipment that a bus takes in stride, thanks to big compartments that carry everything safely and out of the way.

3. **FULLY EQUIPPED RESTROOM:** You'll find everything you need... wash basin, toilet, mirror, and other conveniences. These modern facilities make fast, non-stop travel a reality instead of just a wish.

4. **GET THERE SAFE AND SOUND BY CHARTERED BUS:** National safety reports over the years show that traveling by bus is 17 times safer than driving yourself... and much safer than other forms of transportation. Experienced professional drivers take the wheel while you take it easy.

**From Kansas City, Missouri:** The bus will depart from the Kansas City church at 8:00 a.m., August 5. If you will drive to Kansas City, you may park your car in the church parking lot for the duration of your trip; or if you will come by bus or train, arrangements can be made to pick you up at the depot. **The bus fare is only \$67.50 for one person; \$115 will pay for your bus fare, and your board and room while you are in La Verne** (but does not include your meals during the trip). Send your reservations or requests for further information to Elder Ronald Sanders, 3607 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

**From Toledo, Ohio:** The bus will depart from Toledo on August 4. **The bus fare for one person is only \$104.25.** Send your reservations or requests for information to either Elder Fred Walter, 5171 Bay Shore Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616; or to Elder K. H. Freeman, Friendly, W. Va. 26146.

**AT LEAST 36 PERSONS MUST make this trip from either point in order to make this service possible. (If fewer people respond, this service will not be available.) Please send your reservations as soon as possible.**

## Youth Doctrine Corner

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



### PAGAN DAYS

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 35

... "The days commonly known as Christmas, Lent, Easter, Good Friday, and Sunday are of pagan origin and thus not Biblical. Therefore, they should not be observed."

Biblical Warning Against Pagan-Days Worship

- ... **Israel punished for following customs of the pagans in their manner of worship.** (II Kings 21:1, 2; Ezekiel 11:12; Ezekiel 23:30; Jeremiah 44:16-23).
- ... **Command to abstain from pagan rites and worship** (Jeremiah 10:2; Matthew 15:8, 9).

Paganism in Specific Holidays

- ... **Christmas** (Jeremiah 10:2-5): Tree, Yule log, gift giving, Mistletoe, Date for supposed "birth of the Sun" (Sun Worship).
- ... **Easter:** Worship of goddess of the spring (Eastre).
- ... **Lent and Good Friday:** Easter connection.
- ... **Sunday:** Adoption of heathen custom (Sun Worship).

Untruths Taught Relative to Pagan Days

- ... **Christmas:** Date (Dec. 25), related stories, Santa Claus, three wise-men exchanging gifts.
- ... **Easter:** Sunday morning resurrection, rabbits and Easter eggs.
- ... **Good Friday:** Friday crucifixion.
- ... **Sunday:** Resurrection of Christ—not on Sunday (Note Matt. 12:38-40 and 28:1).

*Note: For source materials concerning paganism see: Encyclopedia Americana under the names of specific pagan days; Alexander Hyslop's Two Babylons.*



Will YOU Fill in the Gaps Next Year?

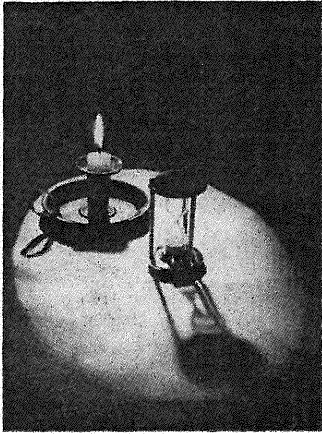
Our Senior Class will be graduating on May 23. That's 15 members of our student body who won't be able to return next year. Will YOU help us fill the empty spaces?

We need replacements to fill the classrooms, the dining hall, the worship services, the baseball field and basketball teams. The list goes on and on... we need YOU! Write for more information at: Spring Vale Academy, Rt. 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

## TRUE HARMONY

A symphony orchestra contains within itself an endless variety of instrumental combinations. It is also true that most individuals offer us greater variety than we suspect them of possessing. When you listen to a symphony orchestra you must listen to the whole—not to the string section alone, or the horns, or the drums. Your pleasure will be great only when you extricate the principal melodic material from its surrounding and supporting elements.

Each of your friends also has his principal melody. He must be judged by that. It is not what he says or does now and then that is important. It is the melody that comes from his whole life. The inharmony he may occasionally manifest may merely serve to give greater emphasis to the beauty of his life at other times.



# 2T<sub>4</sub>G-

## Take Time for God

by Martha Ling

- May 15. Luke 14.** Consider: It's better to be lifted up by someone else, than to think too highly of oneself.
- May 16. Job 25.** Consider: We are nothing in the sight of God—See verses 5 and 6.
- May 17. Psalm 8.** Consider: Did you ever consider that God doesn't have to listen to us, and yet He is mindful of us!? It should make us feel meek.
- May 18. Psalm 9.** Consider: God listens to the truly humble.
- May 19. Psalm 10.** Consider: God will prepare the heart of the humble.
- May 20. Psalm 138.** Consider: Even though the Lord is exalted, He respects only the lowly in spirit.
- May 21. Proverbs 3.** Consider: The opposite of lowly seems to be a scorner (verse 34). Isn't that so often true—those who think so highly of themselves think scornfully of others and the way they do things.
- May 22. Proverbs 11.** Consider: Those who are humble are actually wise,

even though they usually do not consider themselves so.

- May 23. Proverbs 15.** Consider: It is more important to be humble than to receive honor.
- May 24. Proverbs 16.** Consider: Again, it's pointed out that it's better to be on the side of the lowly, than to share in the "rewards" of the proud.
- May 25. Isaiah 57.** Consider: Here God says He will receive the spirit of the humble and contrite.
- May 26. Micah 6.** Consider: One of the Christian's requirements is to walk **humbly** with God.
- May 27. Matthew 11.** Consider: Verse 29 says we are to learn from Christ's example—and He was lowly in heart, so shouldn't we, who are as nothing in His sight, also be humble?
- May 28. Matthew 18.** Consider: Do you have the humility of a child?
- May 29. Matthew 20.** Consider: Sometimes it seems like everything is just switched. But if you think about it, it takes more to

serve others than to be haughty, so why shouldn't the meek be the greatest in the kingdom?

- May 30. Luke 1.** Consider: Again we see that the lowly are exalted while the mighty are cast down.
- May 31. Romans 12.** Consider: "Be not wise in your own conceits."
- June 1. 1 Cor. 3.** Consider: Those who think themselves wise are not wise as they think.
- June 2. 1 Corinthians 10.** Consider: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."
- June 3. 2 Corinthians 12.** Consider: "When I am weak, then am I strong."
- June 4. Galatians 5.** Consider: We should not work so hard just for glory—it can lead to all sorts of problems.
- June 5. Philippians 2.** Consider: "Let each esteem other better than themselves." It's hard sometimes, isn't it?
- June 6. Colossians 3.** Consider: We are to put on humbleness of mind and meekness.
- June 7. James 4.** Consider: Grace is given unto the humble.
- June 8. Zephaniah 2.** Consider: "... seek righteousness, seek meekness."
- June 9. Ecclesiastes 7.** Consider: "The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."
- June 10. Psalm 25.** Consider: God will teach the humble His way.
- June 11. Psalm 147.** Consider: "The Lord lifteth up the meek."
- June 12. Titus 3.** Consider: We should show meekness unto all men.

**June 13. James 1.** Consider: "Receive with meekness the engrafted word."

**June 14. 1 Peter.** Consider: Even when explaining scriptures to others, we should do it with meekness and fear lest we find ourselves to be in the wrong.

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We have several beginners this time. Luann Reed and Mike Meadows have completed their first quarter, while Lois Youngs, Janet Meadows, Jayne Kuryluk, and Rick Taffner are completing their second quarters. Ruby Renz has finished nine months of 2T4G. Janna Patchen has made a good start on her second year in the program by finishing three months, and Pat Jones has only three months to go to finish her second year. We are very happy for these FYCers and are always waiting for new enrollees.

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### IS THIS NOT THE HIGHEST VIRTUE?

What a good and pleasant place this bad old world could be if everyone in all his dealings would be fair and just. With perfect honesty everything could be based on confidence and trust. Bargains would be honored, pledges kept, and debts be paid. None could fail to carry out a promise he had made.

In the councils of the nations these would soon appear: A spirit that would banish hatred, doubt, suspicion, and fear. It would give an upward turn to human destiny—if we all pursued a course of perfect honesty.



# Your Roving Reporter

at SVA

March has been its blustery old self at SVA; but we are happy to report that it has "blown in" several visitors. A south wind brought us Joe Crisp from Texas, and he was pretty surprised to see more snow in March (spring??) than he had ever seen in all his life! A week later Paula Wilson, an alumnus from Texas, spent her spring vacation here.

During the first week of April a team of students representing Midwest Bible College inspired Spring Vale with testimonies in word and song. Harold Ogren and Kevin Weir, 1970 graduates of SVA, paid a visit to their old alma mater April 7-11. Marilyn and Dan Current also visited SVA recently, bringing along their "Current News," a brand new baby boy. Don Daniel is a potential second generation Spring Valer as his mother is an alumnus.

Spring Break was a welcome relief to both staff and students. Thursday at noon, March 13, students scattered to various homes around the state. Some even ventured as far away as Iowa and Missouri. But all were back in school bright and early the next Monday morning.

The Spring Vale family keeps growing! Auburn-haired Nadine Kay was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keim March 27. We're happy to have this "precious bundle" with us.

The Honors Club counted their blessings when they were informed

they would be able to attend the Alabama Youth Retreat. But when they returned, they were even happier and more thankful that they had been able to attend. As one person has put it, "It should have been called an 'advancement,' not a 'retreat.'" The Alabama young people's unity, love, and Christian witness sparked the Spring Valers' enthusiasm for their Lord. The return trip was made during daylight hours so that the Honors students could view the beautiful spring scenery in Kentucky and Tennessee. A roadside park made a beautiful spot to have 2T4G.

The honor of student-of-the-month went to Betty Carlin-February, and Gerry Schlenker-March. Both are very deserving because of their contributions to both the spiritual and social life of the campus, not only for the one month, but during the entire year.

Both the junior and senior classes have been busily working these past few weeks. The Junior-Senior Banquet and also the Senior Class Trip to Washington, D. C., will be coming up shortly.

One of the outstanding events of this past month has been that the grass has *finally* turned "green" on the SVA campus. Everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather; but it, too, serves to remind us that there are only a few more weeks left of this school year.

—D.M.L.

## White Fox FYC Project

The White Fox, Saskatchewan, Canada, FYC has adopted a very worth-while project that the National FYC would like to share with you.

Each month the FYCers meet for the purpose of studying one of the tracts of the Church of God. One of the FYCers indicated that "when we hand out gospel literature we should know what we are giving."

Elder Nimchuk, the pastor, helps by leading the discussions and providing additional background material.

We recommend that other FYC groups adopt this as a special project.

## FYC Groups Support Special FYC Fund Drive

Eight FYC groups responded to the National FYC appeal for financial support with \$186.00. Thank you very much for your quick response.

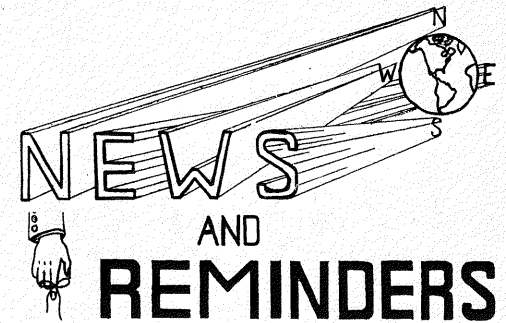
Other FYC groups may yet desire to send financial support to the National FYC in response to the special drive for funds that was made in December 1970 and January 1971.

All FYC groups participating in this fund drive will receive 100 extra points in the bonus point program of Mark of Merit.

## Registration of All FYCers

In 1970, 35 FYC groups registered 570 FYCers with the National FYC office. This is far below the number of FYCers in the Church of God.

This year it is urgent that all FYCers be registered with the National



FYC. Make sure that your FYC has sent its registration form.

If you know any isolated FYCers who will not otherwise be registered with the national office, please send their names and addresses to National FYC, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

## Stationery Price-Change Recommended

The Young People's Department is recommending that FYC groups sell the FYC Stationery at \$1.25 per package.

One of the reasons for this increase is that originally the National FYC had not intended to print folders in which to place the sheets of stationery and the envelopes. These folders have been printed with the same design as the sheets of stationery. Secondly, retail prices for packages of stationery of similar size sell at around \$1.25 or even more.

A local FYC group may realize 50¢ profit on each package of stationery sold. The stationery may be bought from the National FYC for 75¢ per package; an increase of 10¢ per package over the previously announced prices in last month's AIM, and sold for \$1.25 per package. Payment to the the National FYC will

be due 30 days after your receipt of an order.

For orders of 10 or more packages no postage will be charged. For additional details see the April issue of AIM magazine or write to the National FYC Office, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

#### Young People's Department Receives Increase In UMF Proration

The Young People's Department was granted an increase in the UMF proration. Instead of receiving 2% as was the case since 1969, it now receives 5%. We praise God for this blessing to the Department and we trust that the Young People's Department will continue to be instrumental in the spreading of the Gospel and the building of God's church.

#### District Worker Program Accepted in Two Districts

The Young People's Department has proposed to all the districts that a district worker be made available to help encourage and activate FYC groups within a district.

This worker will be able to spend some time with groups that need and want attention given to their work.

Some of the districts have accepted the proposal and we expect other districts will receive the program with enthusiasm.

#### New FYC Stereo-record Album To Be Available Soon

The FAITH TRIO, consisting of Debi Scott, Barbara Hendershott and Rita Washburn, has a long-playing stereo record album that will

soon be available. The studio work has been done and we are waiting for the receipt of the records.

Some of the songs on the album are:

- One Pair of Hands
- Ten Commandments
- In The Beginning
- Miracle of Miracles
- Love Is Why.

The record will be selling for \$4.00 with all proceeds going to the Young People's Department. Place your orders now!

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#### SCROLLS OF HOPE

*(Continued from page 21)*

And let's remember to pray for and work with the multitudes of young people who are searching for something lasting and secure. If they have learned anything at all about Christ, they can be led all the way to complete surrender.

May we consider ourselves: Is my surrender complete?

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### Needed

Teachers and Staff in Christian Education at Midwest Bible College and Spring Vale Academy —for next school year and after.

If you are a teacher, register with the

Christian Education Department  
c/o Spring Vale Academy  
Rt. 5

Owosso, Michigan 48867

You will not be drafted; we accept enlistees and volunteers.

## YOUTH CAMP IS:

- getting acquainted with other young people
- a time with God
- learning the Bible can be exciting
- outdoor fun
- and many other good things

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#### SOUTHWESTERN STATES YOUTH CAMP

July 18-25, 1971

for ages 9-25

Lake Murray State Park near Ardmore, Oklahoma

For information contact:

Mrs. Mary L. Burlison, 5017 NW 18th Terrace,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73127

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#### CENTRAL STATES YOUTH CAMP

June 13-20

for ages 9-20

Camp Grand River in Crowder State Park near Trenton, Missouri

For information contact:

Elder Dale Lawson, Stanberry, Missouri 64489

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#### OREGON YOUTH CAMP

June 21-27

North Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, Oregon

For information contact:

Duane Tilley, 595 Blackfoot Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Check with your local pastor or district overseer for other youth camps held in your area.