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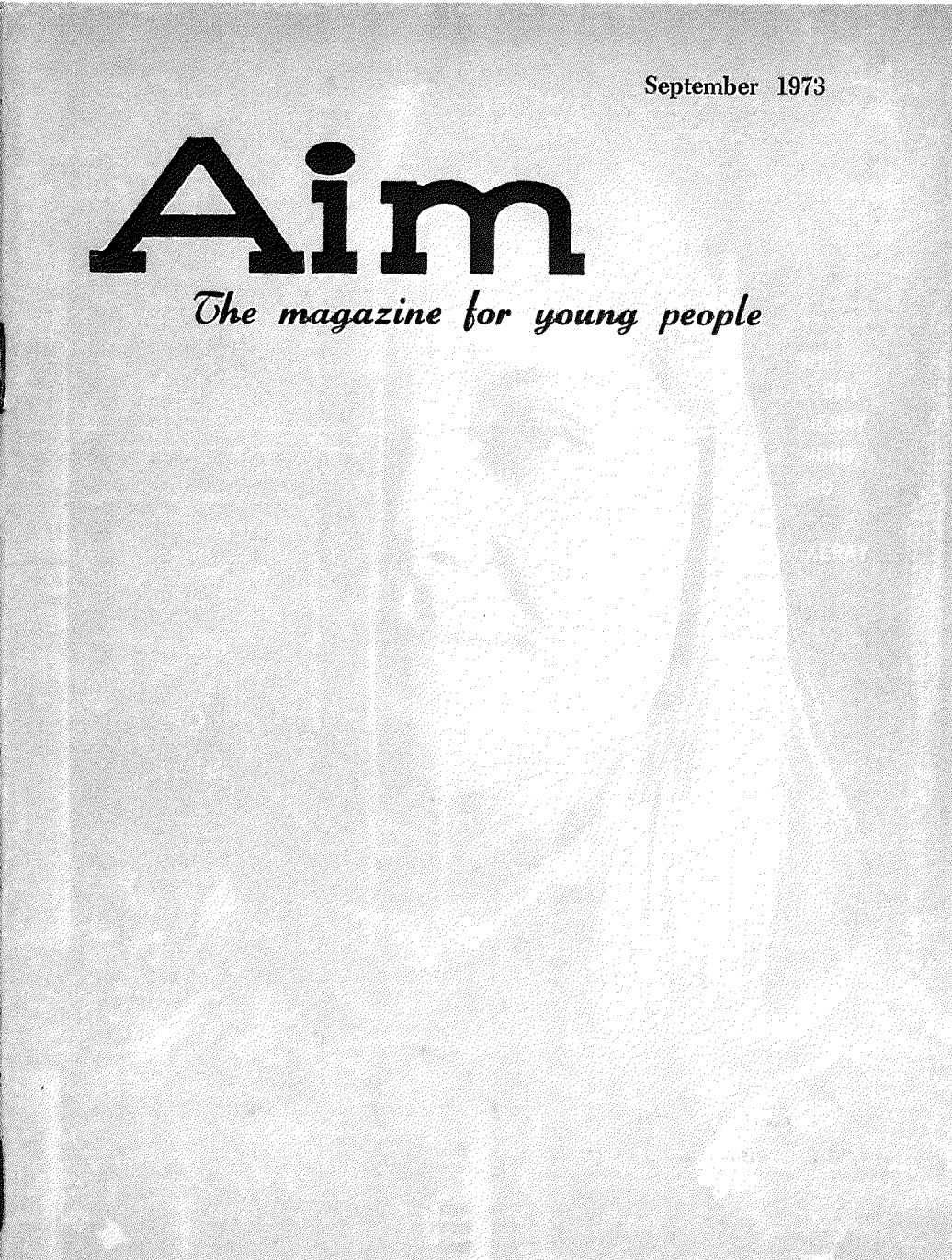
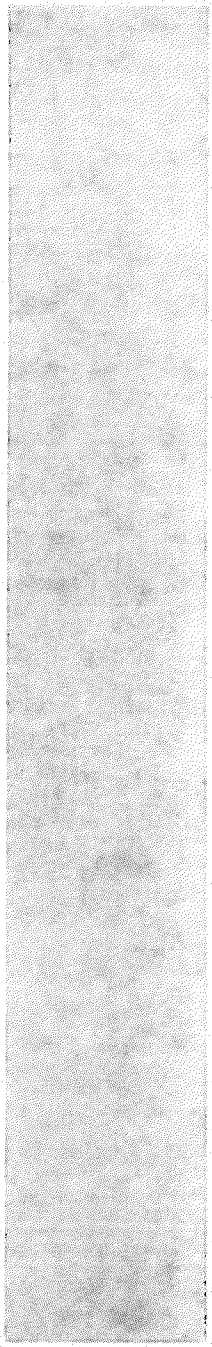
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"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither recline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (Proverbs 4:5-7).

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Every truth we know is a candle given us to work by. All knowledge is lost which ends in the knowing.

EDITORIAL ETCHES

September is that noted month when thousands of American children, young people and adults return to the halls of our nation's many institutes of learning to begin, continue or culminate their "formal" education. What an exciting and sometimes frightening day it is when the kindergartener or first grader leaves the security of his home to enter, for the very first time, the new, mysterious world of the classroom . . . and it is a no less exciting day when the high school or college senior embarks upon the last year of his school career. Truly the process of obtaining a "formal" education is a real adventure, and the twelve years from first grade to twelfth grade or the four years from college freshman to college senior are long journeys. So it is understandable why many students breathe long sighs of relief when school is over, graduation is past, and the classroom is but a place housed in the memory.

It is too bad, really, that so many people limit their definition of education to "schooling" or "the knowledge gained while attending school," and it is indeed sad that so very many people voluntarily and prematurely end their educations upon leaving the classroom.

The training we receive while attending school is **ONLY THE BEGINNING** of education . . . it is nothing more than a foundation upon which our education should be built. Our education should be a **CONTINUOUS** process of growing and learning, not simply a dead-end accumulation

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BRADEN ACRES GRADE SCHOOL

A shoemaker was shown a great painting. His only remark was, "Look at them shoes." The soul of the picture—the scheme, the colorings, the lines—meant nothing to him. He was dead to the rapture of art. His untrained eye and ear conveyed no message to his soul; and his interest was in what he knew about, that is, making shoes. Shoemaking is an honorable occupation, but it is possible for a person to know other things as well as the trade. The Apostle Paul was a tentmaker by trade; but through study and experience, he had a vast knowledge of varied subjects. For example, he had taken time to learn what the Greek religion taught, and this knowledge helped him tremendously when he preached the sermon on Mar's Hill. In fact, he probably could not have preached the message if he had not known the Greek religion.

Education . . . WHY?

by Clyde W. Buxton

A well-trained person should be a more efficient preacher, teacher, or youth worker, provided that he sanctify his learning and, with humility, dedicate it fully to God's glory. On the contrary, a person who gets some training and arrogantly leaves the impression that he knows absolutely everything will be a hindrance to God's cause and a nuisance to those about him. Let it be known that God expects more of men than just formal training, for He can find such persons throughout the country. **The need of the church today is trained men and women who not only know how to study but also know how to pray; who not only know how to build a sermon, but also know how to live one; who not only know what other religions teach, but also know what Jehovah expects from His followers; who not only know how**



to spend hours in researching a subject, but also know how to spend hours alone with God in prayer and fasting as they learn God's ways. There is a dearth in the land for men and women of this quality.

Christian youth should purpose in their hearts to get an education, whatever the cost. During their training they can be examples for Christ on the campus, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit; *and when they enter their life's work, whatever the work may be, they will be more effective for God if they have an education.*

It takes genuine perseverance to get an education. The route to obtaining a high school or col-

lege diploma is not a smooth one; and self-discipline is imperative. However, the results are worth the cost. Someone evaluated education, as follows: (1) It develops mental power, personal talent, and personality. (2) It builds stores of knowledge. (3) It develops the sense of cultural values. (4) It trains for citizenship. (5) It trains for usefulness. (6) It increases income. (7) It develops spiritual values. So in this enlightened day young people should learn all they can and should "can" all they learn, striving to be well-informed persons, dedicated to God. The world and the church will always have a place for such people.

—Lighted Pathway

The Meaning of Education

An educated man is not one whose memory is trained to carry a few dates in history—he is one who can accomplish things. A man who cannot think is not an educated man, however many college degrees he may have acquired. Thinking is the hardest work anyone can do—which is probably the reason we have so few thinkers. There are two extremes to be avoided: one is the attitude of contempt toward education, the other is the tragic snobbery of assuming that marching through an educational system is a sure cure for ignorance and mediocrity.

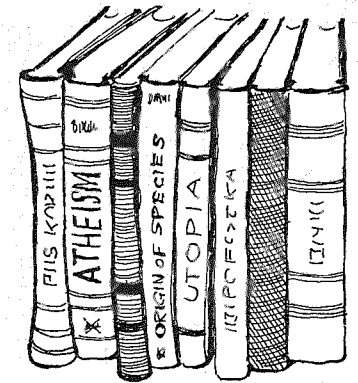
You cannot learn in any school what the world is going to do next year, but you can learn some of the things which the world has tried to do in former years, and where it failed and where it succeeded. If education consisted in warning the young student away from some of the false theories on which men have tried to build, so that he may be saved the loss of time in finding out by bitter experience, its good would be unquestioned.

—Henry Ford.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20). “For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed” (Isaiah 9:16).

WHAT ARE WE TO DO? FALSE TEACHERS AND FALSE DOCTRINES ARE ALL AROUND US. EVERYWHERE WE TURN WE ARE THREATENED BY COUNTERFEIT DOCTRINES AND CHURCHES. HOW ARE WE TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE DANGER OF BEING DECEIVED?

The Danger of Being Deceived



by Steve Kurtright

Truth can be defined rather easily! It is that which is scripturally correct, that which is in harmony with what the Bible teaches. It is not difficult for the sincere Bible student to discern whether a church is the true church or whether its beliefs disagree with the Bible. Through the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit we can know what truth is.

“But,” someone may ask, “if we think we are right in what we believe, whether error or truth, will it make any difference to God?” The Bible gives this answer: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

It is dangerous for anyone to reject Bible TRUTH! We cannot afford to accept that which does not agree with the Bible! Jesus warned against being deceived (Matthew 24.4). Satan is trying harder than ever to deceive multitudes into believing false doctrines of the nominal “christian” church.

THE FOLLOWING DO NOT AGREE WITH THE BIBLE:

1. Christ abolished the Seventh day Sabbath, and substituted the first day of the week as a new day for rest and worship.
2. When people cease to breathe they are not dead, but they continue to live either in heaven or in a place of constant torment called hell.
3. Christ was crucified on a Friday, and was resurrected on the following Sunday morning.
4. Christians can take up lethal weapons and kill to help repel an enemy.
5. The return of the Jews to Palestine and the establishing of the state of Israel is NOT a fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

We say that these doctrines are FALSE and God will reject those who believe and teach these things . . . a challenge: PROVE ALL OF THESE POINTS YOURSELF SO THAT IN A DISCUSSION WITH AN UNBELIEVER YOU CAN PRESENT THE TRUTH WITHOUT HESITATION!

The reason for such a challenge is that we profess to know the truth of the scripture and profess to be children of the living God and yet, many of us cannot defend these five simple truths. Often we find ourselves stumbling through a discussion with an unbeliever unable to show the light of the scripture. We MUST be able to use the Bible knowledge God has so freely given to further the gospel message.

Bible study is personal, time consuming, and rewarding. Anything worthwhile takes effort on our part. Certainly eternal life is a worthwhile goal! Take time to REALLY KNOW the word of God. Be able to show someone the way without stumbling. Take advantage of the literature of the Church. Read the Bible Advocate and the Harvest Field Messenger. Did you know that in each issue of the Messenger there is a Doctrinal outline of one of the beliefs of the Church? Participate in 2T4G and Minuteman. *Be instrumental and not detrimental* to the work of the Lord. KNOW YOUR BIBLE AND THE TRUTH IT CONTAINS.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Battle of the Books

—Helpful Hints for the Jr. High and High School Student—



by Eileen M. Hasse

"OF ALL BOOKS, I hate the algebra book most!" How often this remark or a similar one is uttered! This autumn, being little different from other autumns, will bring forth many a dawdling high-schooler. Most of the high-schoolers that find themselves deliberately dawdling simply cannot force themselves to attack THAT awful book.

Whether the battle is baseball versus algebra, tennis versus American history, or English versus art, it is nonetheless a battle. There is always a desire to linger with the most appealing books and slight the ones that seem to be bugaboos.

Each student can readily recognize his "worst" subjects, not only by the grades he receives, but by his inability to concentrate on them and the lack of enthusiasm with which he approaches those particular books. It may well be that lack of enthusiasm has actually caused certain subjects to be the least enjoyable.

Once the "worst" subject is recognized, it is that subject that should receive the most attention. It is that book that should be opened at a period during which the student is not weary and worn from other classwork. If at all possible, the book should be opened and preparation made for the following day's class immediately after the assignment is made. It is then that the instructions and motivation from class are fresh in the memory.

It is then that the best work can be done. Sometimes it takes only a few good grades and a little more effort for the poorest class to readily become the best and most interesting of subjects.

The battle of the books is eternal. As long as there are students, teachers, and schools there will be favorite subjects and unfavorable ones. The unfavorable ones often require a better understanding of the material. All textbook writers are people. People express themselves in different manners. Perhaps by reading a different author's version of the same subject matter, your eyes may be opened to new concepts. Using supplementary texts may well be the winning of the battle of the books.

The librarian will be happy to help you become a better student. Often his information or supplementary reading material spells the end to certain woes. Your teacher, too, will have endless suggestions as to where you may obtain additional help.

Parents are always willing to help their young people become shining students. Often their information, though dated, is more easily understood than the textbook's language. Ask and search, read and pry until the battle of the books is won, and you find your interest not waning because you hate a certain book the most.

Methods of study are too often a cause of poor grades and waning interest. Note-taking, outlining and rereading the topic sentences of each paragraph are only some of the study aids. Sometimes questions are stated at the end of a chapter. They are placed there as a check for the student to use. If the student can answer the questions after reading the chapter, he has read well and will probably retain the knowledge gained.

Some students may read a chapter once and fully retain the information. Others need to read and re-read. Many remember best if they scan the material a third time to gather the important points. Analyze your study habits and choose the methods that suit your personality.

There are many benefits derived from battling the textbook. Often the subject that requires the most pushing, the most study and time is the one you will remember the longest. The old adage "Easy come, easy go" is quite true of knowledge as well as material wealth. Knowledge that is gained too quickly often has a way of slipping away and refusing to be recalled when it is most needed.

The subjects that are the hardest and the "worst" are usually the "required" subjects. It is important to have these subjects as a background for college work. If you are not equipped with the required subjects, you will need preparatory work before going ahead with college.

A required subject that is skimmed over is sometimes caught rearing its ugly head as a stumbling block in college. So take that book, the one you detest most, and battle it. With proper aids you will win out in the end. With a right attitude it may become your "best" subject some day.



DON'T LOOK BACK

by J. E. DeVore

Fifteen words tell the story of Lot's wife. This brief record has placed her among the well-known women of the world. "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt" (Genesis 19:26).

"Remember Lot's wife." This is the second shortest verse in the Scriptures. Its terseness best explains its urgency. Our Lord had been speaking of those who "did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:28-30).

It seems that Mrs. Lot lived for this present world. Her husband was rich and influential. We can easily assume that she was one who enjoyed the comforts of affluence with abandon, one who spent lavishly and entertained elaborately. Max Eastman, in his movingly realistic poem about her

says dramatically, "Herself, like Sodom's towers, shown blazingly." She probably wore many jewels and dressed in the richest, finest, most gleaming fabrics.

Rubens in his "Flight of Lot," painted in 1625 (now in the Louvre), pictures Lot's wife looking beseechingly into the face of an angel; she seems to be asking, "Do I really have to leave Sodom?" He appears to be warning her of doom that will be certain should she disobey God's command. She is depicted as one who had lived under the law, knew its penalty to be swift and immutable, and yet so loved sinful Sodom on which God was raining fire that she willingly gave her life for one more look at it.

Dr. William B. Riley, in his book on wives of the Bible, makes some apt observations regarding Mrs. Lot. He writes, "When we have read Lot's history, we have uncovered his wife's character; . . . when we have studied his affluence, we have seen her in-

fluence; ... the character and conduct of the children are reflected in their mother. The marriage of her daughters to Sodomitish men indicated low ethical ideals and low moral standards. Their later conduct with their own father was a disgrace and a blot on their mother's life before them."

When Lot and his uncle Abraham became prosperous in herds of cattle and flocks of sheep, the older man offered his young nephew a choice of territory. We can visualize Mrs. Lot prodding her husband to make a greedy choice for greater wealth regardless of the cost to others. Moving into Sodom was probably her request. Goethe has said, "Tell me with whom thou dost company and I will tell thee what thou art." The impression is conveyed that

she had evil influence on her husband and children.

Angels could have saved her, but she had nothing in common with angels. Rather, she felt more at home with demons. She fled the city, but she had to look back. She reminds us of a woman who, after leaving her burning home, rushes back for some possessions only to be burned with it.

Lot's wife left her heart in Sodom, when she began to flee. *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Matthew 6:21). We need to always set our affections on things above. *Don't look back.* Look up. Lift up your head. *"Your redemption draweth nigh"* (Luke 21:28). *Don't be trapped under the tyranny of material things.*

—*Lighted Pathway*

THESE ARE EDUCATED

Whom, then, do I call educated?

First, those who manage well the circumstances which they encounter day by day; and those who possess a judgment which is accurate in meeting occasions as they arise and rarely miss the expedient course of action.

Next, those who are decent and honorable in their dealings with all men, bearing easily and good-naturedly what is unpleasant or offensive in others, and being themselves as agreeable and reasonable to their associates as it is humanly possible to be.

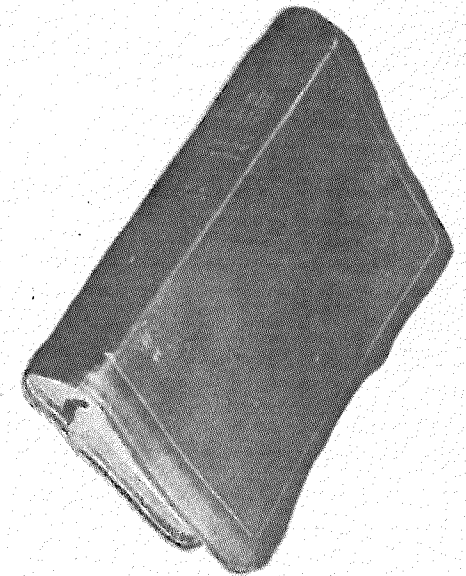
Furthermore, those who hold their pleasures always under control, and are not unduly overcome by their misfortunes, bearing up under them bravely and in a manner worthy of our common nature.

Most important of all, those who are not spoiled by their successes, who do not desert their true selves, but hold their ground steadfastly as wise and sober-minded men, rejoicing no more in the good things that have come to them through chance than in those which through their own nature and intelligence are theirs through birth.

Those who have a character which is in accord, not with one of these things, but with all of them—these are educated, possessed of all the virtues.

—Socrates (470-399 B.C.)

Is Your Bible a Snack Bar?



by Evelyn P. Johnson

At the foot of the hill near the end of Main Street in my hometown is a place we call the Snack Bar. It is a popular spot—especially with the teen-age crowd. They stop by at all hours of the day for a bite to eat, but this establishment does not serve full meals. Growing boys and girls order hot dogs and cokes, which fill the hollow in their stomachs but do not provide a balanced diet.

Many of us use our Bibles like the teen-agers use this eating place—just for snacks. But this is not the proper way to read the Word of God. We cannot select a Scripture verse at random and always get its full meaning.

I once knew a woman who boasted that she read a Bible verse every morning before she began her day's work. This is a commendable habit, but her method of selection was rather haphazard. She merely opened her Bible and read whatever verse she happened to see first.

Suppose this verse caught her glance: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Her

good habit would be unbroken, but would this one verse really teach her anything? Would it comfort or inspire her? If she read the preceding verses and those following, she would learn that we "are labourers together with God," that it is the minister who *plants* the seed (of faith) and waters it, but that only God can actually save the lost sinner.

Perhaps her Book opened at this verse: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). This Scripture contains comfort and reassurance—but only on certain conditions. The peace of God is not for all men. It is only for those who "stand fast in the Lord" (verse 1), those who "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" let their requests be known to God (verse 6), and those brethren who think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report (verse 8).

If her Bible should fall open at the book of Timothy, my friend might read: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1:15).

Taken by itself, one might say that this verse proves that all sinners will be saved; therefore, we need not worry. But we know here, too, there is a condition to be met. We must read more to learn how *Christ* came into the world, what He *did* to save sinners, and what the *sinner* must do.

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." This verse from 2 Thessalonians 3:14 would seem to justify our "washing our hands" of one who does not live according to God's Word—that is if we read no further. But the next verse tells us to "count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother."

True, there are many Scripture verses, when read singly, that offer instruction and edification. These verses, like hot dogs and cokes, fill the void temporarily; but how much more satisfying the "meal" would be if we really *studied* the Bible as we read it, thus learning more about the God who loved us so much that He sacrificed His only begotten Son that we might have eternal life. Why settle for snacks when a feast awaits us if we will only search the Scriptures diligently and prayerfully!

In John 21:12 Jesus did not tell His disciples to come and *snack*. His words were, "Come and *dine*."

—*Lighted Pathway*



Your Health Clinic

Specializing in Internal Medicine
Counselling and advice by Dr. Victor Reeh

Dear Dr. Reeh,

I am a teenager, very healthy, athletic, and I eat, drink and sleep sports. When football is in season I spend most of my weekends playing football, when baseball is in season I spend all my time on the diamond. Then every spare minute I'm on the tennis court. I feel great and I love it, but my mother is worried about me overdoing it and I am hoping you can set her straight. She insists I am going to overwork my heart and have a stroke or something. I keep telling her that only happens to older people and that it is good for young people to get lots of exercise, but she won't take it from me. I'm sure she would listen to you.

Thanks loads.

Yours truly,
Jim Nastic

Dear Jim,

I would like very much to help you, however I fear there may be some grounds to your mother's anxiety about a stroke or heart attack. Does she mean physically or spiritually? Physically speaking, there is very little danger of either at your

young age. In fact, exercise strengthens the heart and keeps it young. Unless some unusual factor such as an embolism, aneurysm, or high blood pressure are involved (about which I will not go into detail as they obviously are not a factor in your case), it is highly unlikely that you would be a victim of heart attack or stroke.

Spiritually speaking, however, I think you are in grave danger. Young people are as subject, if not more so, to spiritual stroke as are older people. Relaxation, exercise, and recreation are important to our health, both physically and spiritually, but just as cholesterol which is an essential element of the blood often builds up harmful deposits in arteries when present in excess, so too much recreation in our lives builds up a spiritually symbolic "cholesterol" deposit in the arteries which carry our spiritual lifeblood. Soon the flow of this lifeblood may be cut off completely and the spiritual self will suffer greatly or die. In your case, I feel the danger is even more eminent. Instead of the gradual thickening of arterial walls by the "cholesterol deposits" of pleasure, I feel your life is so

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Have you ever really tried to define the word "touch?" If you were to give a definition of it, you would probably say, "to touch is to feel of something." This may be a true definition of the word, but there could also be a more meaningful way of expressing it.

Just a few weeks ago I knew God wanted me to do His will and not mine. I was really confused . . . I thought I would have to give up a lot for God. At the beginning of a campfire service at a Youth Retreat, I knew I had to and would give in to God. I was sitting there in front of the fire crying, and the lady sitting beside me just silently touched my hand . . . I've never had such a good feeling!

That one little touch changed my life completely. It gave me courage and strength to say, "I'm yours, God. I'll do what you want me to do and when you want me to." And now I have a new and personal meaning for the simple word "touch."

A touch expresses feelings. It shows that a person cares, really understands, wants to be your friend, and wants to help you with your problems. Touch is really more than just feeling of something.

—Lynn Bullard

What can I say about youth camp? There really are no words to convey the depth of happiness and rich revelation I gained from being among fellow believers in Christ. I feel renewed. My life's purpose to share Christ has been strengthened. Christ became very real to me while I was at camp. My prayer for those of us who experienced this camp is that we will long remember the vows we made, and that we will share the knowledge of Christ with everyone we meet, especially with the young people of the Church of God (7th Day). Soon I'll expect to see fires burning for the Lord . . . fires that were ignited at camp.

—Marty Furman

CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP HARMONY RIDGE
The fire was building as it consumed the logs. Darkness was just beginning. The trees became black pyramids against the horizon. Gray tones erased the flaming traces of the sun. I sat in the midst of beauty. My senses tingled, but I wasn't content. An abyss separated God from me. I couldn't reach Him. For days He had been calling to me. Still, an obstacle deflected His voice, muting His words.

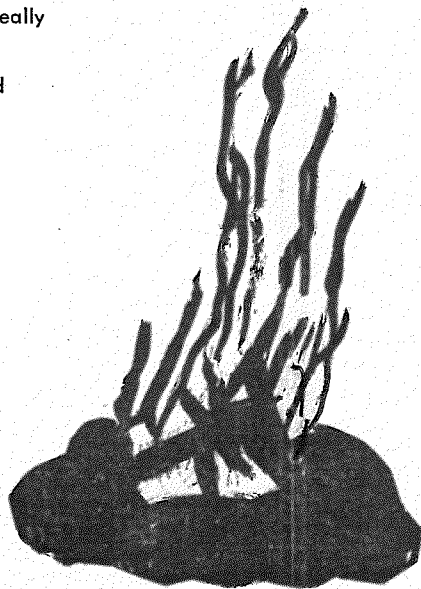
We stood for the benediction. But I wasn't ready to be dismissed. Something compelled me to walk to the fireside where others were standing. I decided to wait quietly, receptively, although God seemed so far away. I knew I needed Him. While we shared our prayers, God moved softly, intensely acknowledging every person there. I've never experienced such power, unity, or peace. It was mySELF who had been the obstacle. Never had I wanted God to completely control me. Never had I possessed an absolute assurance that I could freely tap all the power it would take to change myself.

The Spirit was present at Harmony Ridge. It moved. It convicted. It revolutionized.

God gave me peace, yes, but He also gave me hope, expectation, and restlessness.

Everytime we fail to shine for God, our lives become that much darker.

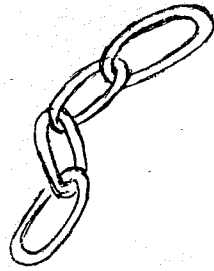
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The
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Our
Lives



Have
Touched

At a camp—a retreat—our lives have touched. Did I ever really let you know I care? Did I ever REALLY let you know I love you. Most important, did I help you to know that God cares—and loves YOU?? HE DOES!

Youth camps and retreats leave us with many memories—mostly good. That is the way it should be. But then, they should leave us with much more. They should leave us with a **REAL AND LASTING** determination to let God take over the wheel and steer our lives in the right direction.

How do you feel? Are you still groping in the darkness? Or have you found the light of His salvation?

As I see it, there are two roads and only two—it is either all for Satan or all for God. Satan's road is not all that easy to resist, either. You see, his road does hold pleasure. It's true. *Sin is pleasure.* Even the Bible tells us that in Hebrews 11:25 and other texts. But it is also the road to destruction. Ecclesiastes 11:9 tells us to go ahead—"*... walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes: BUT KNOW THOU, THAT FOR ALL THESE THINGS GOD WILL BRING THEE INTO JUDGMENT.*"

Sin's road is also the road filled with inward strife, bitterness, and torment. All the time we are "enjoying" the "pleasures of sin for a season" we realize inside that it is only a temporary thrill. It's like a young man who had been on drugs before accepting Christ recently told me. He said that when he was high on acid (LSD), things were great, but when it began to wear off—when he began to come down, there was the world just like always. He still had to face the same problems, same greed, same influences—nothing really had changed at all, except for the worse.

But then, the other side of his testimony was the beautiful change that came when he yielded to Christ. No temporary "highs," no torment of the mind; no "coming down" to face problems with no solutions; rather, there was peace, love, joy in Jesus Christ. Now that is not to say that his life (or any Christian's life) is without problems. It is just that those problems

always have solutions, and even when the solution is not in sight, we **KNOW** that God is going to take care of it **HIS** way—the **BEST** way! Praise the Lord!

I hope YOU are experiencing this kind of life right now. Not the "problem free" life—but the "worry free" life in Jesus Christ. I would hope that your attendance at camp, at retreat, or whatever, has somehow helped you to reach this point of complete freedom in Jesus Christ. Freedom FROM wor-

ry, fear, despair—freedom IN love, joy, peace—the ABUNDANT LIFE!

Jesus said: "...I am come that they (YOU) might have life and that they (YOU) might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Are you living that **ABUNDANTLY HAPPY LIFE IN CHRIST**? If not, turn it over to Him—**NOW!** Give Him **ALL** of yourself, and He'll give **ALL** of Himself for that "joy unspeakable and **FULL** of glory."

The above letter has been sent by a 1973 youth camp staff member to various campers. It speaks well for the sentiments of all who have a sincere love and concern for the youth of today, so for this reason we are sharing it with you through AIM.

CHALLENGER'S BIBLE BASEBALL

This new, adventuresome Bible game will capture the interest of all ages from young children through the older adults. Two hundred Bible question cards will help the participants to learn important and interesting Bible facts. The questions are separated into four levels of Bible knowledge, classified as "Single," "Double," "Triple," and "Home Run" questions. Participants who answer correctly move their "players" around the magnetic diamond to pile up scores for their team.

This game is interesting, challenging—and most of all, it is Biblically instructive.

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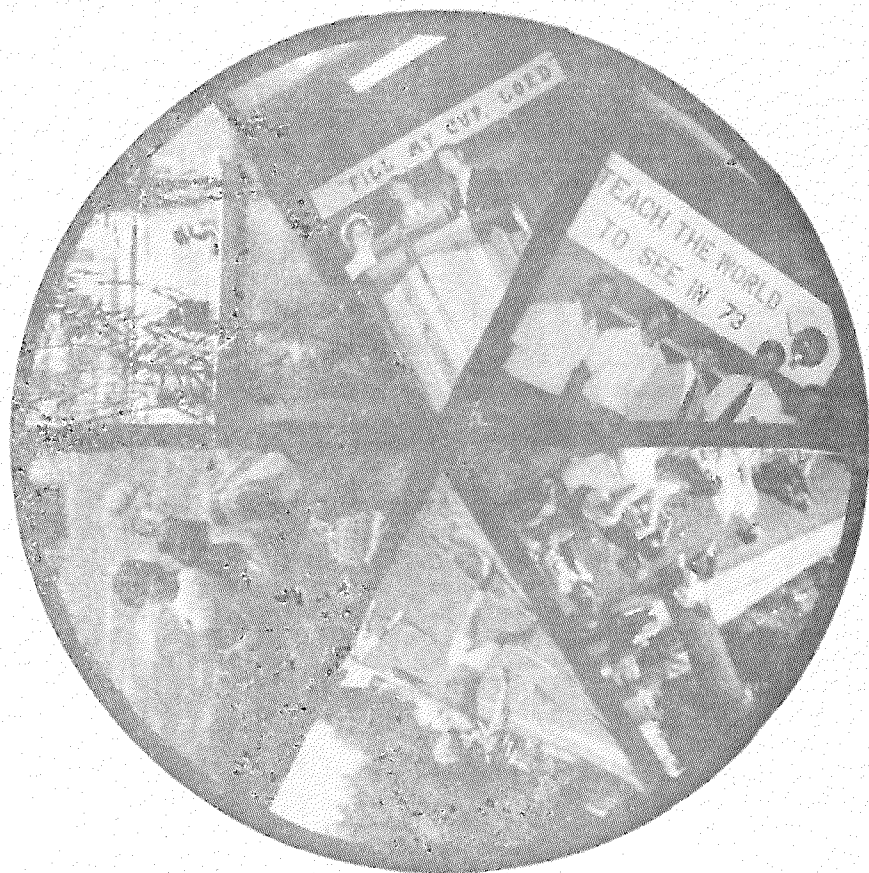
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Riding on a Wheel



It was like riding on a wheel in perpetual motion—

Early morning devotions, morning workshop, morning worship hour, choir practice, evening worship, after-service social activity with time squeezed in for meals, moments of conversation, a breath of fresh air and a minute's relaxation, and a few hours sleep each night. So went the week's youth activities during General Conference, 1973 on August 10-18 at St. Marys, Ohio.

From sunrise (almost literally!) to long past sunset each day the 175 young people attending the General Conference youth program found themselves ON THE MOVE. Starting the day at 7.00 a.m. by attending a brief devotional service featuring special singing groups and youth speakers, the young people moved from workshop or National FYC business meeting to worship service and from recreational to inspirational activity each day during the week with extra-special services and rallies on the two Sabbaths.

Though the days and nights were packed full of beneficial, educational, inspirational gatherings, no one's "social life" suffered, for in the evenings following the regular worship service the youth group gathered for get-acquainted games, miniature golfing, bowling, and feasting on watermelon and other fun-type activities.

And certainly no one's spiritual life need suffer from the hectic, super-busy daily schedule, for a real feast of soul-enriching, God-finding activities like special evening youth worship services, modern, youth-orientated sacred music, fireside services, Christian films, and times of sharing in prayer and testimony were offered. God was very much there to fill the cups of all those young people seeking His touch.

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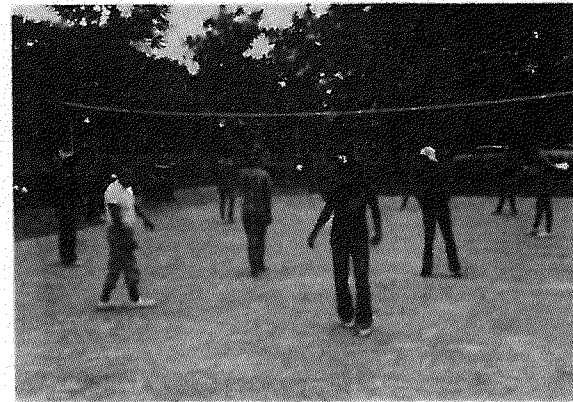
The Conference choir, composed entirely of young people and directed by Brother Jim Fischer, added much to the week's inspiration!

Three Days in July

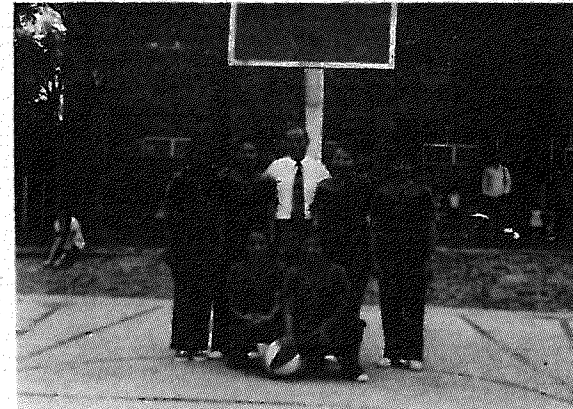
Over 500 young people from across the country of Mexico and about thirty young people from the United States including our National F.Y.C. Chairman, Elder Calvin Burrell, and his wife, met at Oaxtepec, a beautiful resort in the mountains south of Mexico City, for an exciting youth convention July 22-25.



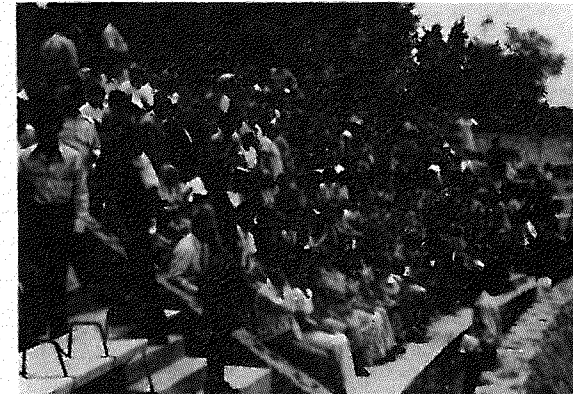
Elder Burrell, Chairman of the United States F.Y.C. is pictured here with Mexico's youth leaders.



Volleyball was just one of the many recreational activities enjoyed at the Congress.



One of the district basketball teams that participated in the keen Congress competition.



Just a portion of the people who gathered at each worship assembly during the Convention!

The purpose of the three-day Mexico National Youth Congress was to unite young people from the six districts of Mexico and from the United States for inspiration and fellowship. This purpose was well realized for much inspiration was gained through the assembling together for discussion and worship. And the fellowship was unlimited!!

The recreational program at the Congress was an outstanding one which offered organized district team competition in many sports as well as a wide variety of individual participation games and sports.

The thrills, excitement, and blessings of this great convention will long live in the memories of all the young people who were at Oaxtepec and experienced those three days in July!



This picture was taken while Paul was operating the proof press, one of the many machines at the Bible Advocate Press.



Diane is shown with one of the machines she operated this summer in her office work for District No. 6.



The Washington D. C. F.Y.C. became organized and active as a result of Diane's work with them.

PRAISE THE PIONEERS

VISTOC (Volunteers In Service To Our Church), the new volunteer service program sponsored by the Young People's Department of the Church of God (7th Day), was launched into actual operation at the beginning of the summer when the very first VISTOC volunteers reported to their assigned places of work. Now these two "pioneer" VISTOC volunteers, Diane Williams and Paul Severance, both from Oregon, have completed their terms of service. It is with deepfelt appreciation that the Youth Department salutes Diane and Paul for their outstanding service in the VISTOC program.

Diane spent two months working for District No. 6 in Washington, D. C., where she performed a variety of secretarial and clerical duties as well as worked with the young people of the D. C. church to organize an active F.Y.C. Paul served for 3 months at the Bible Advocate Press in Denver, Colorado, where he labored in many, many different capacities.

We are thankful for the contributions Diane and Paul made to our Church's programs and progress this summer. We rejoice, too, that we now have three more VISTOC volunteers beginning terms of service this Fall. Watch AIM magazine for further reports on the 3 new VISTOC workers.

The purpose of the VISTOC program is to offer any member of the Church of God (7th Day) the opportunity of making a worthwhile and lasting contribution to some phase of the church's program through his personal service and involvement and to offer the various agencies, depart-

MINUTEMAN

Just a Ritual?

by Marcia Woods

A ritual? A once-a-year, every year happening? Is that how you regard the Lord's Supper? What does it mean to you? Does it cause you to think of Christ's cruel death on the cross? Does the bread remind you of His broken body? The unfermented wine of His shed blood?

I Cor. 5:7

I Cor. 11:26

Lev. 23:5

The Lord's Supper is far more than a ritual. It is a memorial of His death, (I Cor. 11:26) and unless we participate, He does not dwell in us (John 6:53-56). Christ initiated this memorial Himself and set the example that we as Christians are to follow. It was instituted in place of the Passover which God had commanded the Jews to keep. A close reading of Luke 2 not only describes the service, but also designates the time.

Matt. 26:26

Luke 22:20

John 6:53

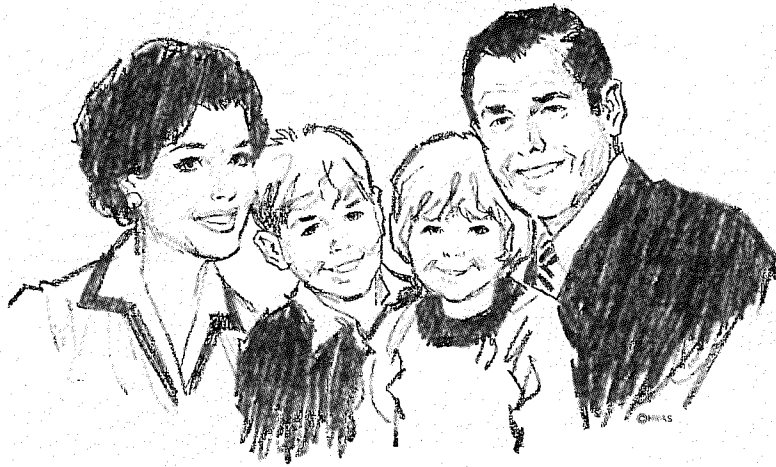
II Corinthians 11:26-32 warns us of eating the Lord's Supper unworthily. It is essential that we partake of the Lord's Supper, but we must be sure that our lives are in order and that we have laid our sins before God, asking His forgiveness.

I Cor. 11:29

Mark 14:25

ments and congregations of the Church the opportunity of utilizing these dedicated lay members in full-time service on a near-volunteer basis. Anyone interested in learning more

about the VISTOC program or wanting to volunteer to become a VISTOC worker should write to: National F.Y.C., P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.



It's All in the Family

The family is a unit God designed and instituted at creation. The Bible offers great insight into the family relationship and gives sound instruction on family maintenance. Read the following chapter paying particular attention to the designated verses:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHILDREN

- Oct. 1—Ex. 20 (v. 12)
- Oct. 2—Matt. 15 (vs. 4-6)
- Oct. 3—Prov. 15 (v. 5)
- Oct. 4—Lev. 19 (v. 3)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS

- Oct. 5—Prov. 29 (vs. 15, 17)
- Oct. 6—Prov. 22 (vs. 6, 15)
- Oct. 7—Prov. 23 (vs. 13, 14)
- Oct. 8—Prov. 13 (v. 24)
- Oct. 9—Prov. 19 (v. 18)
- Oct. 10—Luke 15 (vs. 11, 12)
- Oct. 11—II Sam. 18 (v. 33)
- Oct. 12—Deut. 6 (v. 7)
- Oct. 13—I Tim. 3 (vs. 4, 5, 11)
- Oct. 14—Ps. 78 (vs. 4-6)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HUSBANDS

- Oct. 15—Gen. 2 (vs. 18-24)
- Oct. 16—Eph. 5 (vs. 22-23)
- Oct. 17—I Cor. 7 (vs. 1-17)
- Oct. 18—Col. 3 (vs. 18-21)
- Oct. 19—Eph. 6 (vs. 1-4)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WIVES

- Oct. 20—I Cor. 11 (vs. 3, 7-12)
- Oct. 21—I Pet. 3 (vs. 1-7)
- Oct. 22—I Tim. 2 (vs. 9-15)
- Oct. 23—I Tim. 5 (v. 14)
- Oct. 24—I Cor. 14 (vs. 34, 35)
- Oct. 25—Titus 2 (vs. 3-5)
- Oct. 26—Gen. 3 (v. 16)

FAMILY BREAK-UP

- Oct. 27—II Tim. 3 (v. 2)

- Oct. 28—Prov. 30 (v. 17)
- Oct. 29—Deut. 21 (vs. 18-21)

- Oct. 30—Matt. 19 (vs. 3-12)
- Oct. 31—Mark 13 (v. 12)

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING 2T4G PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR COMPLETIONS TO DATE. KEEP UP YOUR DILIGENT PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM!

ARKANSAS

- Marlene Smith—10 mo.

CALIFORNIA

- Gena Carpenter—4 mo.
- Phil Heavilin—7 mo.
- Cyndy Kester—7 mo.
- Tim Kester—5 mo.
- Valerie Kester—1 mo.
- Barbara Nease—1 yr., 7 mo.

COLORADO

- Caryl Frye—1 mo., 4 days

IDAHO

- Debbie Miller—1 mo.

MICHIGAN

- Diana Coulson—3 mo., 3 days
- Andy Hassen—3 mo.
- Danella Keim—1 mo., 4 days
- Danny Keim—22 days
- Sherrie Keim—1 mo., 4 days

MINNESOTA

- Mary Carol Davis—1 yr, 10 mo.

MISSOURI

- Ruthella Gartner—1 yr., 2 mo., 21 days
- Renee Hancock—3 mo., 2 days
- Karen Hart—1 yr., 4 mo., 26 days

NEBRASKA

- Sylvia McNeal—10 mo., 19 days

NEW YORK

- Shefeta Carty—35 days
- David Robinson—1 yr., 4 mo., 26 days
- Cindy Robinson—9 mo.

NORTH CAROLINA

- Rose Clark—4 mo., 14 days

OREGON

- Peggy Williams—1 mo., 19 days

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Cathy Meier—7 mo.
- Joyce Meier—1 yr., 1 mo.
- Roy Meier—1 yr., 1 mo.
- Sharon Meier—1 yr., 7 mo.
- Shirley Meier—1 yr., 7 mo.

TEXAS

- Kathy Crisp—1 mo., 4 days

WASHINGTON

- Alice Jacobs—3 mo.
- Sandi Moldenhauer—5 mo.
- Bill Watts—4 mo., 4 days
- Linda Watts—4 mo., 3 days
- Steven Watts—4 mo., 3 days
- Jenny Youngs—2 mo.

YOUR HEALTH CLINIC

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seriously overbalanced with sports as to represent a fast-growing tumor or swelling which may soon press hard enough upon a blood vessel to stop its flow of "lifeblood." You admittedly spend nearly all of your spare time on a ball field or a tennis court. Obviously you have allowed no time for God or your fellowman. I hope you will realize in time what a serious omission this is. No doubt your mother's anxiety is for your physical longevity, these few short years of natural life which are given to each of us who are "fortunate" enough to survive. But what about after that? We should be feeding on spiritual food, exercising our Christian duties and fortifying our Christian beings against the infections and the deterioration of sin so that our lifeblood will flow on and on through the countless years of eternity.

Sincerely,
Victor Reeh, D. S.

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Following is a report of the second quarter Mark of Merit scores:

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CALIFORNIA				
Bloomington	153	95	6.00	20.00
Lodi	115	285		
Ontario	85	302		
CANADA				
White Fox	90	20	6.00	
IDAHO				
Nampa	132	160		20.00
IOWA				
Marion	185	60	6.00	45.00
MICHIGAN				
Detroit	90	15		
South-West	117			18.75
MINNESOTA				
St. Paul	142	193		16.25
MISSOURI				
Joplin	132			16.25
Stanberry	45	10		11.00
NEW YORK				
Manhattan	127	120		11.00
NORTH DAKOTA				
Alfred	152	105		8.75
OKLAHOMA				
Tahlequah	122	160	1.50	8.75
OREGON				
Elmira	127	80		130.00
Marion	130	240		50.00
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Eureka	115	65		22.50
TEXAS				
Houston (Eng.)	65	15	6.00	
San Antonio (Sp.)	117	45		18.75
WASHINGTON				
Tacoma	127	95		10.00
WISCONSIN				
New Auburn	60	67	6.00	

REMINDER: It's not too late for groups who did not submit their second quarter report forms to get them in . . . **DO IT NOW!!!** Also, be sure to submit your third quarter reports soon after the quarter ends. We're waiting to hear from you! Send reports to: Mark of Merit, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201.

EDITORIAL ETCHES

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of facts and figures. Our learning should involve a daily application of what we have gained from the years spent in school and a daily addition of new facts and figures, new experiences, new observations and realizations. *Every single day of living can and should be an adventure in learning no matter what age we are or what our occupation in life.* Education, in a sense, is an attitude . . . if we have minds eager to learn, hearts willing to feel, eyes ready to behold beauty, and souls hungry for

food, then our education will be unending.

We must realize, however, that our education is incomplete and offers nothing more than a single dimension unless we daily learn from the Great Instructor. Truly God is the one great Teacher . . . His Word, the Bible, is an invaluable textbook containing unexplored wealths of wisdom and knowledge . . . and His world is the greatest of all classrooms. What an exciting daily challenge it is to sit in His classroom, learn from His Book, listen to His instruction and gain a complete, many-dimensioned education!

RIDING ON A WHEEL

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The afternoon recreational periods offered a time of physical exertion for anyone who desired to indulge. Besides district team competition in baseball, volleyball, basketball, individuals could enjoy a swim in the pool or canoe rides.

Although the daily schedule was full to overflowing with things to do, places to go, people to see, there was still time left over for visiting with friends, grabbing an ice cream cone at the snack bar, walking alone in silent meditation, counseling with interested youth workers, and just enjoying being a part of the General Conference '73 and enjoying being alive.

As the saying "*all good things must come to an end*" goes, so it was true with the ride on the General Conference "wheel of perpetual motion." The 175 young people who gathered at St. Marys, Ohio, from all parts of the United States have returned to their homes and their own daily schedules, but they took with them happy memories of the week at Conference, new and higher goals as Christians, and increased zeal for Christian service! **THANK GOD FOR THE '73 GENERAL CONFERENCE WHEEL OF PERPETUAL MOTION!**

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