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Letters

"Never Give In!"

Thank you very much for the article in the January issue of *Youth 82* entitled, "Never, Never, Never, Never Give In!" by Jeff Zhorne. It has taught me, when I set goals, to carry on with them right to the very end — not to stop halfway and think that is good enough.

I've really benefited from the articles in *Youth 81* and hope I will get even more out of *Youth 82*.

Susan Hughes
Redland Bay, Australia

"Teen Bible Study"

Thank you very much for the "Teen Bible Study" that has been introduced into *Youth 82*. I find it very helpful.

I live in a church area where there are too few teenagers to start a YOU (Youth Opportunities United) club, and I am the only girl of my age in our area. I have the opportunity of seeing my friends from other church areas only twice a year. I see them at the Feast of Tabernacles and at the SEP (Summer Educational Program).

The "Teen Bible Study" helps me to understand the wonderful way of God's life that leads to true happiness. God's ministers tell us to study our Bibles and I find this Bible study very helpful. Mr. Herbert Armstrong tells us that if we . . . try to obey God, we will receive God's rewards that He has promised us.

Linda Becker
East London, South Africa

A fun, learning process

I wanted to personally write and thank you for all the work you have put into the *Youth 81 (82)* magazines. The articles in them are very interesting and meaningful to me. They have helped me to understand more of the important values God wants us to know and learn. Every month I look forward to finding the latest issue in my mailbox, containing valuable information on how to help build character and to become the person God wants us all to become.

In the January issue there was a "Teen Bible Study." It gave us an area to study in and questions to answer. This was very helpful to me because one of my most difficult problems in studying is knowing where to begin. I would like to ask you to frequently (if not every month) put a Bible study in the *Youth 82* magazine. Particularly in the areas we teens need to prove to ourselves and in points to better improve our character. I think this will

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Tomorrow- What Will It Bring for Today's Teens?

By Bernie Schnippert

War. Crime. Pollution. Inflation. Recession. Disease. Death. These are the things that trouble you as a teenager. Right?

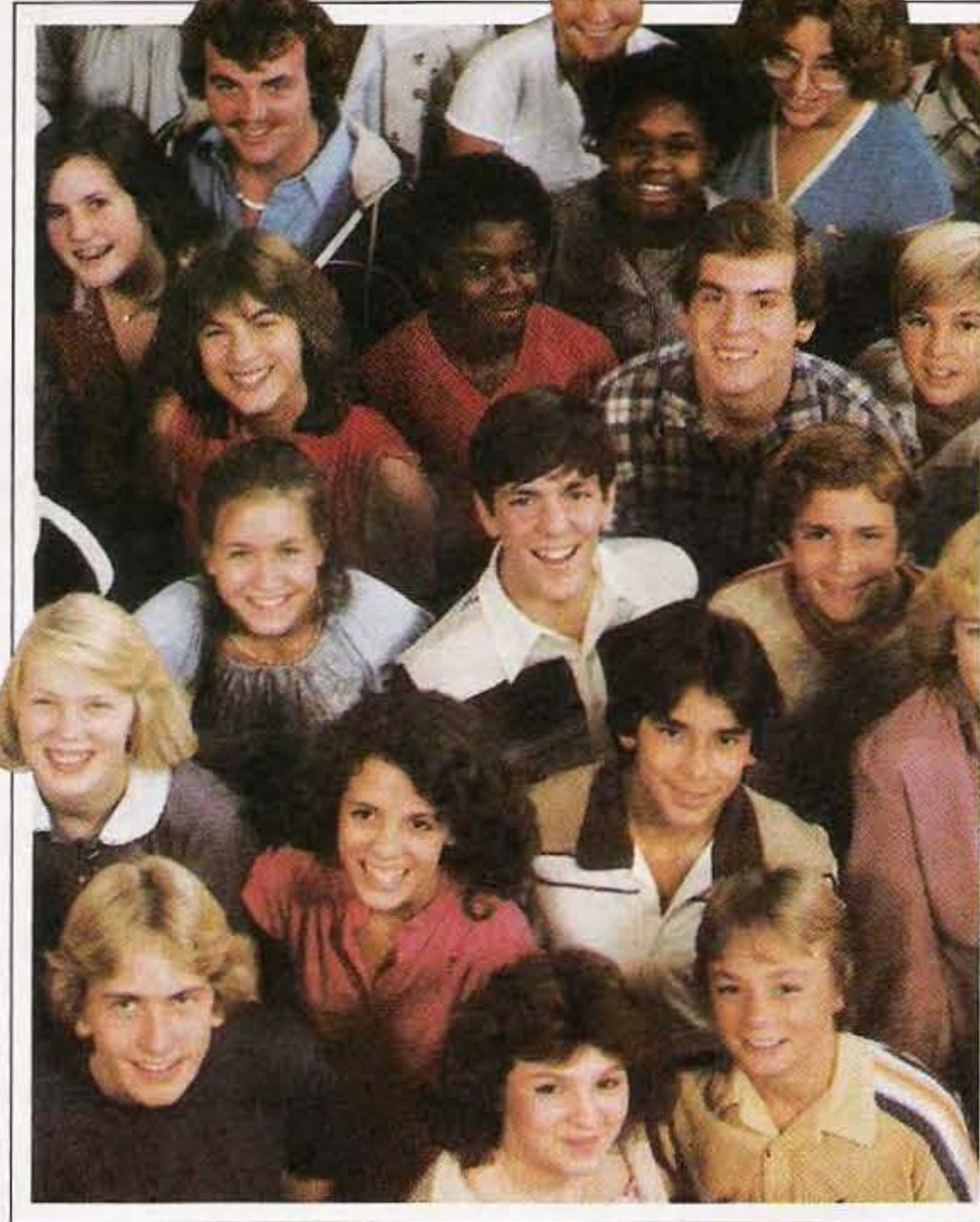
Wrong!

No, these are probably not the things uppermost in your mind. I know, because I was a teenager in the Worldwide Church of God and these things were not on my mind at that time. Instead, I was thinking about finishing high school, and then college, about getting a job, having a wife, raising some kids and owning a nice car and a home with nice furniture. And if I thought about this world's troubles at all, it was only to worry whether this world might end before I had my share of life.

Let's face it. Martial law in Poland and the recession in the auto industry seem far, far away. You are concerned with today, with tomorrow and maybe a few years down the road — but the pollution problem and the crime wave probably don't make you lose much sleep.

But some people do worry. Even world leaders and scientists expect that nuclear destruction eventually, perhaps soon, will erase human life from this earth. And today many other factors

could lead to total annihilation: chemical and biological warfare, overpopulation, starvation, disease.



Knowing that the final outcome will be peace in spite of how gloomy the news looks today can be reassuring. Both the troubled times just ahead and the peace and happiness on beyond were predicted many centuries ago and are sure to happen. (Write for our free booklet, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like.*)

But knowing what the future will bring might make you worry

a little, too, that the bad things will happen before you have lived a full life. Perhaps you are afraid you might miss out on some good things.

You deserve to know

You as a teenager deserve to know what the immediate future — the next few months and years — holds for you. And the more distant future, what will it be like? And finally, what should you as a teenager in this world, today, be doing to prepare for the best life you can have right now and tomorrow too?

What your immediate future holds depends on when the prophesied world catastrophes will happen.

From the Bible we know, in general, what will happen in the future. We know there will be great disease epidemics, famines and wars. We know that mil-

lions upon millions of people — including teenagers and young people — will die. And we know that God will end that time of trouble and bring peace. But we do not know the specific dates when these events will occur. (Our free booklet, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*, explains the details of the prophetic time sequence.)

The best thing to do, then, is to look at the possibilities and

Youth 82 Photo

see how the future fits into your life. Let's start with today. The next few years on planet Earth may bring catastrophic changes because of famines, wars and other upheavals. If severe troubles do come right away, the knowledge that you have available to you can help your life be more stable and happy in those tumultuous times.

On the other hand, things may continue much as they are today for the next few years. The world scene, the economy, the weather and other conditions may continue to worsen slowly for a while, but those in many countries — especially the Western ones — might be able to continue living in a more or less stable (although troubled) society. If this happens, you may have time to finish school, get married, have children and build a career.

But either way, be warned. Your ability to face turbulent times will depend on the character you have and your resolve to go God's way.

And your ability to build a stable life for yourself, if time allows, and to have a happy marriage, healthy, obedient children, a gratifying career and a financially sound future depends on whether you follow the example of the corrupt society around you or the teachings of the Bible.

Youth 82 is trying to teach the principles of a fulfilling life. Will you respond to the teachings and build God's way into your life? If you do, God promises that your life, even in increasingly troubled times, will be far more gratifying, satisfying, fulfilling and even more financially rewarding than for the teenagers around you. For, as God says in Proverbs 9:12, "If thou be wise [that is, if you listen to God's way], thou shalt be wise for thyself [that is, you will prosper]: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it."

The great tribulation

No matter how long it takes for world events to reach their final gasp, bad times are ahead. The

Bible describes this time of great world suffering and calls it a "great tribulation." "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]" (Matthew 24:21-22).

It is true that this great tribulation may come at an awkward time in your life — just as you are beginning a new career, or starting married life. But remember that it will cover the whole world, and will also

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interfere in the lives of people who don't know what the outcome will be. They cannot escape it. But, the good news is that you can escape it!

Revelation 3:10 promises protection from the most severe part of the coming world trials. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Immediately at the end of this time of protection, Jesus Christ will return. When He does, those who are converted members of God's Church will be resurrected as spirit beings to become members of God's Family and live for eternity.

The apostle Paul says, "For the

Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Leaders of the new age

Those of you who live over into the world tomorrow as physical beings will be leaders in that era. And it will indeed be a wonderful and productive age. The chances to build warm, loving homes with obedient children and happy marriages will be far greater than today. The opportunity to build a career in which great things can be accomplished will be far more sure than today in our unstable society. An entire range of skills will be needed to rebuild the cities and the countries of the world tomorrow.

The opportunities are breathtaking! The slums, decay, disease, sorrow, anguish and crime that keep the young people of today from building the type of dreams they want will no longer stand in their way. The door to every possible physical blessing will be wide open — and you, as a young person who has been trained and taught the truth of God, will be one of the leaders of such a society.

Think about it!

Your future looks terrific! You are being given the principles and knowledge of God's truth to build happy homes, sound marriages and stable financial lives now. And when the tribulation does come, you have an opportunity to escape the brunt of this most terrible time.

And then will come the most fabulous age of utopia the world has ever known!

Yes, the future looks happy for you! And war, crime, pollution, inflation, recession, disease and death cannot stand in your way if you resolve now to obey God and follow His way! □

Can you keep a secret? Your ability to keep a secret and the way you play sports and even how much you choose to eat all have something in common. They're all aspects of a much talked about but seldom understood subject — character.

What is character and why is it important? How can you build more character? What's your character like?

Many men have tried to define character, but most of them miss the mark. Why? Because they don't take into account man's awesome purpose, which is the major reason we need to develop character in the first place.

What is perfect character? As *Youth 82* Editor in Chief Herbert W. Armstrong has explained, "It is the ability, in a separate entity, to come to the KNOWLEDGE of the right from the wrong — the true from the false — and to CHOOSE the right, and possess the WILL to enforce self-discipline to do the right and resist the wrong."

To know, choose and do what is right — a simple definition, yet an all-encompassing one. Following this approach can make life much happier and fulfilling now, because doing what is right produces happiness. More important, character is necessary so that you may be safely entrusted with greater powers — so that you can achieve your tremendous potential. (See the "Teen Bible Study," page 17, for more about your awesome potential.) God can't give such incredible powers to someone who hasn't been able to control the limited powers he has now.

Character in everyday life

What we do every day is important. Each day we face situations that require decisions and our character is tested by the quality of those decisions.

At school you are tested in many ways. Are you always on time for class? And do you

What's All This Talk About CHARACTER?

Without it you probably won't achieve your dreams and plans. You need to know what character is and how to build it!

By Darris McNeely

consistently complete assignments on time? Or does the teacher have to extend the deadline for you?

With your friends the test of character may be loyalty. Can you keep a secret? Can you be trusted with confidential information that, if revealed, could seriously damage a friend's reputation? There is a proverb that states, "A whisperer separateth chief friends" (Proverbs 16:28). Gossip can destroy another person's confidence in you. It's an act of disloyalty.

In athletics, the test of character comes in many ways. For example, put yourself in this position: Your volleyball team needs one point to win. You are on the front line as your teammate serves for the final point. The opposing team returns the serve in your direction.

As the ball arcs high in the air, you position yourself next to the net, timing your leap to coincide with the ball's descent on your side. You leap and spike the ball into the opponent's court with no hope of return. You have scored the winning point!

At the time all eyes were focused on your skillful return, you touched the net with part of your body — an infraction that would nullify your point. But, it's an unrefereed match and everyone is supposed to call his or her own errors. As your teammates surround you with congratulations, the joy of victory is tempered because you are aware of the penalty. You, and



only you, know what happened. What would you do — tell them that you touched the net or ignore your conscience and celebrate the victory? With this situation, your personal honesty is being tested. Character is sometimes defined as what we



are in the dark, when no one is watching.

Dogged determination

Another aspect of character is the ability to achieve a goal. Call it perseverance, stick-to-itiveness or dogged determination, it is the desire to stay with a job until it is finished.

In athletics, it would be the endurance to finish the 2-mile run as your lungs are burning and heaving for air.

On the piano, it is the persistence and hours of practice required for a student to master a difficult piece of music with all its precise demands.

For an art student, it might be the time required to become proficient enough with oils, pastels or watercolors to produce a beautiful portrait. Whatever your goal, having both drive and a persevering attitude is necessary for successful achievement.

How is character built? It is built by the decisions we make every day. Brick by brick, layer by layer, a structure is built that

is either strong or weak, a beautiful palace or a broken-down shack. It is reinforced at the times we say no to a temptation — when we choose to obey what is right and resist what is wrong.

Character is destroyed by a series of compromises that multiply one after another. The first time you miss a deadline or fail to be totally honest can be the start of a habit that cripples personal integrity. Keep your conscience clean.

Don't take that first step. Don't compromise. If you have in the past, don't allow that to make you

The persistence and hours of practice necessary to master a difficult piece on the piano, the endurance to finish a race and the effort required to get an assignment in on time — they're all aspects of character.

(Photos by Nathan Faulkner)



compromise now. Don't do it again.

If we consistently choose to compromise, we can sear our consciences into insensitivity and lose any fear of disobedience. Ignoring every warning from our consciences can even cause us to lose all ability to distinguish right from wrong.

What about your character? How would you evaluate its strengths and weaknesses?

Do you have self-control? How well do you control your emotions, desires, appetites and fears? Can you say no to yourself when a desire may not be to your advantage?

Self-control means a mastery of your life according to right principles. Those principles are defined by the law of God. Proverbs 25:28 states, "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."

Do you have peace of mind? Is there an inner contentment in your life? Not that you won't find problems or tests in life. All of us will have troubles to contend with and various obstacles to overcome. Peace of mind comes from confronting life's challenges with honesty, unselfishness and perseverance, knowing you've done your best, and leaving the rest to God.

Character. It's vital to your success, happiness and peace of mind, now and in the future. No one can just give it to you, not even God. It takes effort on your part, but when you make that effort God will back you all the way. He wants *you* to have character and all the other good things that come with it! □

Who Was KING TUT?

*Everyone has heard of Tut, the famous boy-king of ancient Egypt.
Can we learn anything from his life?*

By Keith W. Stump

Who today has not heard of the famous King Tut?

But chances are, when your great-grandparents were young the name meant nothing to them!

In the panorama of Egyptian history, Tut was long considered by historians to have been a minor and insignificant pharaoh. In the ninth edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (1892), for example, Tut is not even mentioned by name.

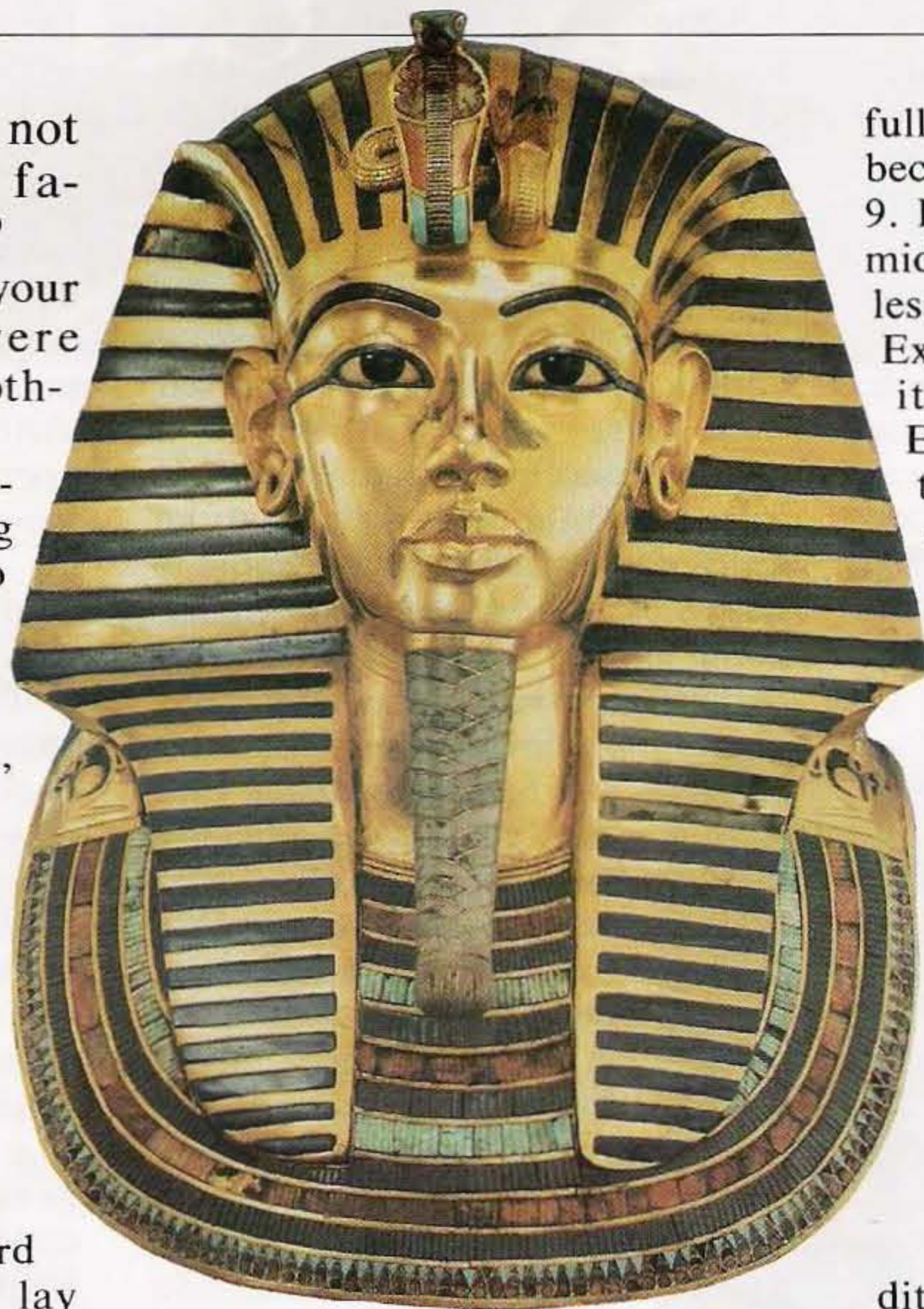
But today, the name of Tut is perhaps better known to most people than that of any other pharaoh in history!

The reason?

His tomb.

Discovered in 1922 by the English archaeologist Howard Carter, Tut's small tomb lay concealed in Egypt's oven-hot Valley of the Kings near the Nile river for nearly 33 centuries. It was one of the few tombs not discovered and plundered of valuables by ancient tomb robbers. The tomb, with its golden treasures, is considered one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time.

Today, the contents of Tut's tomb — housed in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo — are among Egypt's top tourist attractions.



Some of you may have seen these beautiful objects when they were exhibited in the United States and elsewhere a few years ago.

But just who was Tut? When did he live? And — most important — what lessons might we learn from his life?

Though details about his family tree are a bit uncertain, it appears that Tut was a great-grandson of the pharaoh of the time of the Exodus. Tut — his

full name was Tutankhaten — became pharaoh of Egypt at age 9. He ascended the throne in the mid-14th century B.C., probably less than 100 years after the Exodus of Moses and the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Egypt by Tut's time had begun to regain some of the wealth and power lost as a result of the 10 plagues (Exodus 7-12).

When he became ruler of Egypt, Tut was just one year older than Josiah would be when he became king of Judah at age 8, centuries later (see II Kings 22:1). Many of you read about King Josiah in the article "A Young King Who Saved a Nation" in the January, 1982, issue of *Youth* 82.

But unlike Josiah, Tut did not know God's way.

The ancient Egyptians traditionally worshiped many different gods. The king of the gods was long believed to be a god named Amun. But one of Tut's predecessors as pharaoh — a man named Akhenaten — had introduced a new religion.

Akhenaten had stopped worshiping Amun and the many other gods and began worshiping only one god, called Aten. To Akhenaten and his beautiful wife Nefertiti, Aten was the sole god. This Aten, the sun god, was pictured as a sun disk with

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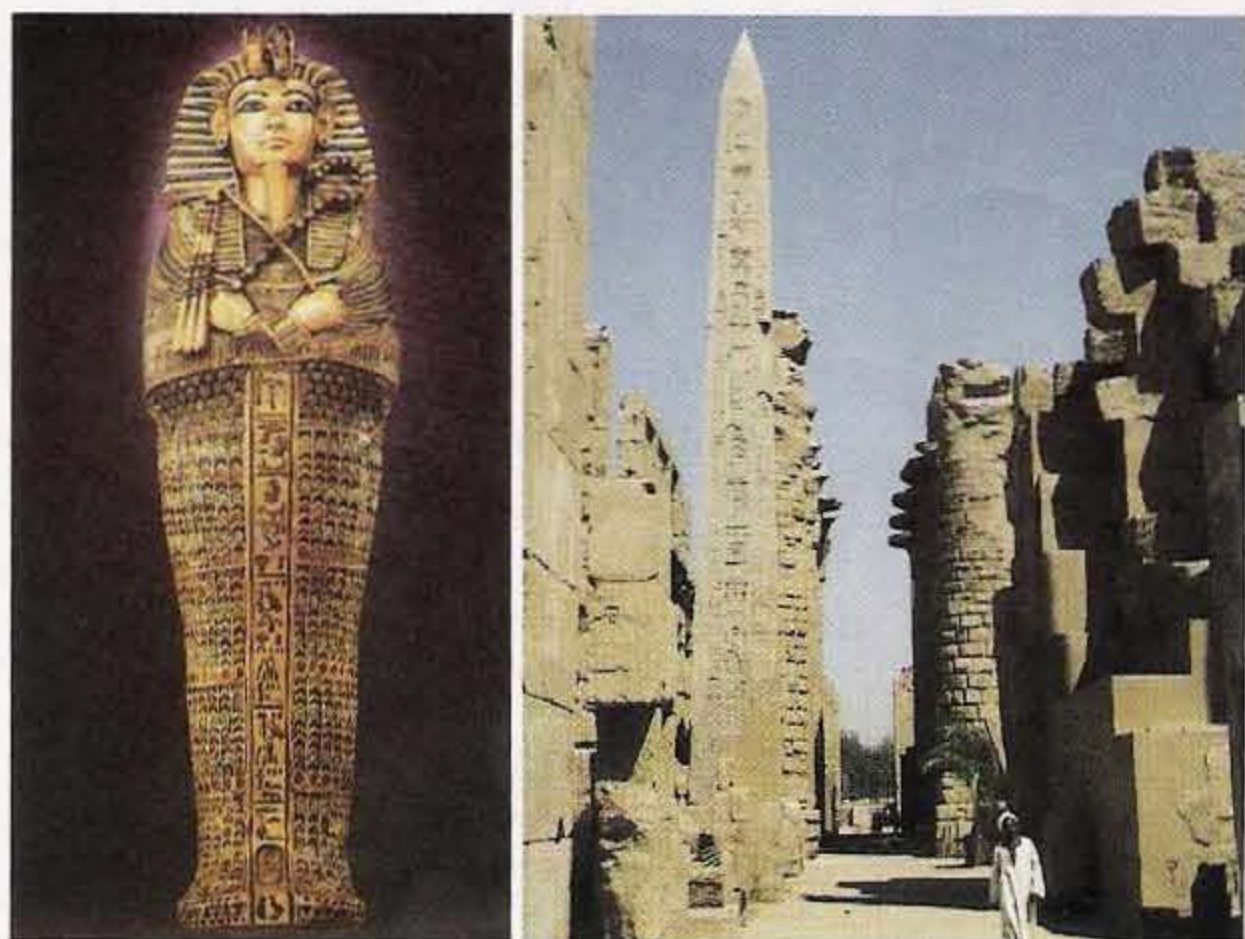
radiating arms, symbolizing a universal god whose rays fell on the noble and commoner, Egyptian and Asian alike. This heresy made the old priests very angry.

The belief in one god is called monotheism. Before Akhenaten's time, the official religion in Egypt had been polytheism, the worship of many gods. Of course, the one god worshiped by Akhenaten was not the true God of the Bible. Akhenaten knew nothing of God's true way.

The little prince Tut was raised in this new faith of Aten. Tut was the half-brother of Akhenaten. Tut was undoubtedly impressed by the courage, vision and originality of mind of his older half-brother. Tut's full name, *Tutankhaten*, reflected their belief in this one god. The name means "living image of Aten."

After Akhenaten died, an elder brother of Tut, named Smenkhkare, briefly reigned as pharaoh. When Smenkhkare died, it was

Left: A miniature golden sarcophagus, or coffin, found in King Tut's tomb. (Photo by Lee Boltin)
Right: Ruins of the Karnak Temple, where Tut was crowned pharaoh of Egypt. (Photo by Keith Stump)



Tut's turn to sit on the throne.

Because he was so young when he came to the throne, Tut had to be assisted in his duties by older, more experienced men. His principal advisers were Ay, his shrewd vizier or prime minister, and Horemheb, general of the armies.

A power struggle soon erupted

between the disgruntled priests of Amun and the new boy-king. The priests wanted to get rid of the monotheistic Aten-worship started by Akhenaten and return to worshiping Amun and the other old gods.

All this went against what Tut had been taught and had believed during his first decade of life. But Tut was unable to stand up to the stern, angry priests. And his advisers gave him little support. He was thus forced to permit a return to the traditional worship of Amun. Monotheism was condemned. Amun was restored as chief god.

Later, at age 13, Tut was forced to make still another concession to the priests of Amun. He changed his name from *Tutankhaten* (for Aten) to *Tutankhamen* (for Amun).

Unlike young Josiah, who detested idolatry and purged Judah of everything connected with false gods, Tut issued a decree restoring the temples and images of the old gods that he didn't believe in. Tut became a pawn of the Amun priesthood, going against his own beliefs. The old religion with its many gods again began to flourish.

There is evidence that Tut, though he officially worshiped Amun and the old gods, was unable to cast off entirely the beliefs of his childhood. It appears that he might have also worshiped Aten, but in secret.

Tut had believed in one god, though not, of course, the God of the Bible. But we can still ask some important questions in light of what we have learned

about his life.

Many of you have known of God — the one true God — from an early age. You have been trained in a way of life that many people do not understand. Some even hate it!

Stop and think for a moment. What would you do if you — like young Tut — were suddenly

pressured to abandon your beliefs and start worshiping another god — or gods?

Would you be able to stand up for yourself and follow God's way regardless of the possible unpleasant consequences? Or would you compromise your beliefs by, for example, trying to practice in private what you know is right, but worshiping differently in public?

Or might you even abandon your beliefs altogether rather than risk the consequences?

These are questions you need to ask yourself now, before such situations arise. Think it through. Discuss it with your parents or with your minister.

How would you react?

Remember the example of the prophet Daniel. He was commanded not to pray to God — or be thrown to the lions! He could have kept his windows closed and prayed to God in secret. But instead, he kneeled boldly before open windows and prayed three times a day (Daniel 6:10), just as he had always done. He loved God enough to risk his life. He would not compromise!

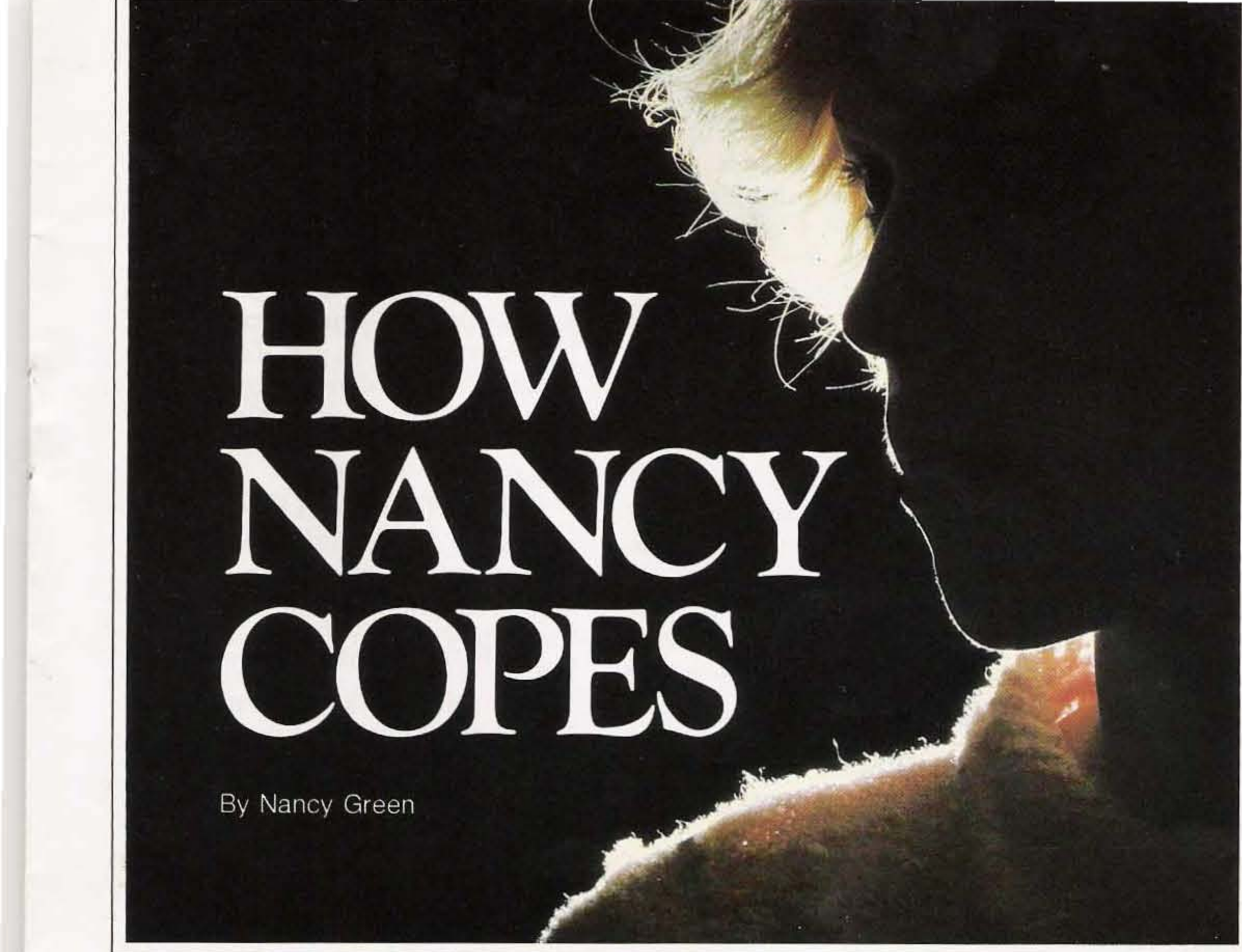
Tut reigned for only nine years. At age 18 he died unexpectedly. No one knows for sure why he died so young. Today the body of Tut still lies in his beautiful stone sarcophagus in the burial chamber of his tomb.

Tut reigned at a difficult and crucial time in Egyptian history. Had he succeeded in perpetuating the religious reforms of his predecessor Akhenaten, the course of Egyptian civilization might have taken a totally different turn.

Do you realize that you — princes and princesses in God's eyes! — are being given an opportunity to help change the course of not just one nation, such as Egypt, but of the entire world?

Today's world is on the way out. A wonderful new world lies just ahead — a world of peace and prosperity for all nations. You are given a chance to play a major role in bringing it about!

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HOW NANCY COPEs

By Nancy Green

my strong areas. It is a great pleasure to be told, "Nancy, you really do pay attention to every word, don't you?" Or when my parents told me what the math teacher said about my being very alert.

When I was in primary school, before I was 11 years old, I had a lot more friends. They sensed that I had a handicap and even helped and encouraged me a lot. Some of them knew I had difficulty crossing roads and coping with heavy traffic, so they helped me to get across safely.

Now that I am in senior school, it seems that teenagers are indifferent to the

needs of others. That is sad because I find that I am now having to be very careful about whom I choose to be my friends.

Last year was my second year to go to summer camp, which I look forward to so much. Especially as I know that I won't be humiliated by the other teens when my turn comes to do some task that I have to struggle with. For example, I have always feared heights since I had my hand trapped in a chair lift when we were about 50 feet above ground level, when I was 6 years old.

The obstacle course was very much an obstacle for me at camp, but everyone congratulated me after I did the rope trick. They

types of handicaps faced by thousands of people old and young alike.

Though it is by no means the worst handicap, dyslexia, like all handicaps, is compounded by other people's reactions to the person affected by it. These reactions, whether sincere caring or cruel taunting, can be very encouraging or discouraging as the person strives to cope with his or her handicap.

Being a teenager with a handicap means having to laugh along with the rest of the class when they are making fun of me, because maybe I read or spelled a word wrong, or perhaps performed badly in a ball game.

When my classmates ask me to explain why I do silly things and I tell them it's because I am dyslexic, they ask, "What's that?"

When I tell them I turn words back to front or leave words out when reading because my "wires are crossed," the reply is, "Then you are stupid, aren't you?"

I've had to cope with this all my life, but with the constant help of my parents, I have managed to handle difficult situations and not come out of it too badly.

Yet even though I receive encouragement and comfort from my parents and teachers, I must admit I'm still sensitive whenever I am humiliated in the presence

of people my age. This is all the more painful when I know that I am more knowledgeable than many of my peers in many academic areas.

These are some of the frustrations, but one of the triumphs is that I have learned from an early age not to respond or react to insults. The kids get tired and end up being frustrated and exasperated by my lack of response. Sometimes my attitude gains me friends and sometimes enemies.

Since it was diagnosed that I am dyslexic, life has been much easier for me at school, especially now that my teachers know and make allowances for my weaknesses. And they also have a respect for

Dyslexia is a neurological disorder in which the mind scrambles letters, numbers and words. For example, dyslexics often read words and letters backwards — saw becomes was or b might become d. Though the condition impairs reading, spelling and sometimes even speaking ability, intelligence is not affected.

This condition affects as many as 5 percent of school-aged children and it is just one of many

didn't laugh as I cried all the way down!

It slipped my mind to mention that dyslexic people also have a coordination problem. (This is one of the main symptoms that determines a person is dyslexic and not a slow learner or retarded in some way.)

People with my problem are often accused of trying to get excused from doing things they don't want to do, even though they are working much harder to do it. This is an additional frustration and could easily cause a person to give up trying. Most dyslexics don't give up. They are just more determined to win the battle.

One of the disappointments of my life was when my parents gave my bicycle away. They said I'd had too many accidents and when I started sneaking it out early on

Sunday mornings, it had to go. However I had the chance to go on a bicycle hike at summer camp up in Scotland, so I am not too deprived after all.

My parents don't worry too much when I go to camp because they know I will be in safe hands.

Once when I was 7 years old and lived in Canada, I rode my bicycle straight into a creek full of jagged rocks, because I could not steer away from it. I was lucky to escape that time.

It is my intention to stay on at school for as long as I can and eventually I would love to go to college.

I have so many interests that it would be difficult to choose a career, but my favorite at the moment is marine biology. Last year it was Egyptology. Before

that, my pet subjects were wildlife, astronomy and geology. One of my favorite hobbies was beachcombing for fossils.

I know that there are people in the world who have appalling handicaps that make mine look like nothing. I am fortunate because mine can be overcome, even though it will always be there until God heals me completely.

I would like to end my story by saying I have the most loving parents in the world. They never stop encouraging and reassuring me. They are my greatest blessing.

P.S. Did you know that Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Auguste Rodin and many other notable people were dyslexic?

Can you read upside down?

I can! □

The Lesson of the 'ELEPHANT MAN'

By John Halford

"I am not an animal — I am a human being!"

When people saw the man known as the Elephant Man, they would either stare in horror or run away screaming.

As a teen he was forced to exhibit himself in a freak show. But before Joseph Merrick died, he became a celebrity and was even visited by members of the British royal family.

The story of Joseph Merrick has become widely known, with a Broadway play, an award-winning movie and a best-selling book about his life. How this incredibly deformed, yet kind and intelligent man was able to gain dignity has captured the imagination of people today, nearly 100 years later.

His story

Joseph Merrick was one of the most badly deformed people who has ever lived. His head was swollen to two or three times the

normal size, and from his skull bony growths protruded front and back. His face was so deformed that it was incapable of expression.

One of his arms was also swollen and hideously deformed, and his spine and legs were twisted in such a way that he could only walk with the greatest difficulty. To make matters worse, 90 percent of the rest of his body was covered with growths that looked more like cauliflower than skin.

It was in the freak show that he was given the name Elephant Man, because the poor fellow did, in some ways, look more like an elephant than a man. The legend was that his mother had been frightened by a circus elephant before he was born. This, of course, was nonsense. Joseph Merrick was simply the victim of a horrible and crippling disease.

Joseph Merrick grew up lonely, persecuted, stared at by everyone — but wanted by nobody.

Then, when he was about 21,

his fortunes changed. He was discovered by an English doctor, Frederick Treves. At first Dr. Treves saw Mr. Merrick as just a medical curiosity, but as he got to know him, he realized that behind the awful deformities there was a normal person, who desperately wanted to be accepted. The two men became friends, and Dr. Treves introduced Joseph (whom he called John) Merrick to leading people in English society.

What a difference this made to Mr. Merrick! Instead of being stared at, he was talked to. Instead of ridicule, he found friends. Instead of feeling like an animal in a cage, he began to respect himself as a person. And instead of misery and loneliness, he found friends and happiness.

Although Joseph Merrick was a physically handicapped person — his *real* handicap was the way he had come to think about himself. Although his body was all wrong, his mind was good. He had learned to read and write, and could carry on a decent conversation — if given a chance. But he wasn't given a chance — that is, not until Dr. Treves found him.

All his life he was subject to ridicule, taunts and contempt. People were horrified by him,

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Mr. Smith would like to see you for an interview; could you be here at 8 o'clock Monday morning?"

Suddenly all that tedious work of looking for a job may be paying off.

Hours of looking through classified ads in the newspaper, sending out letters and resumes, visiting employment agencies and following up on leads from friends have produced results. Now you've been called for an interview — so what do you do?

Prepare yourself

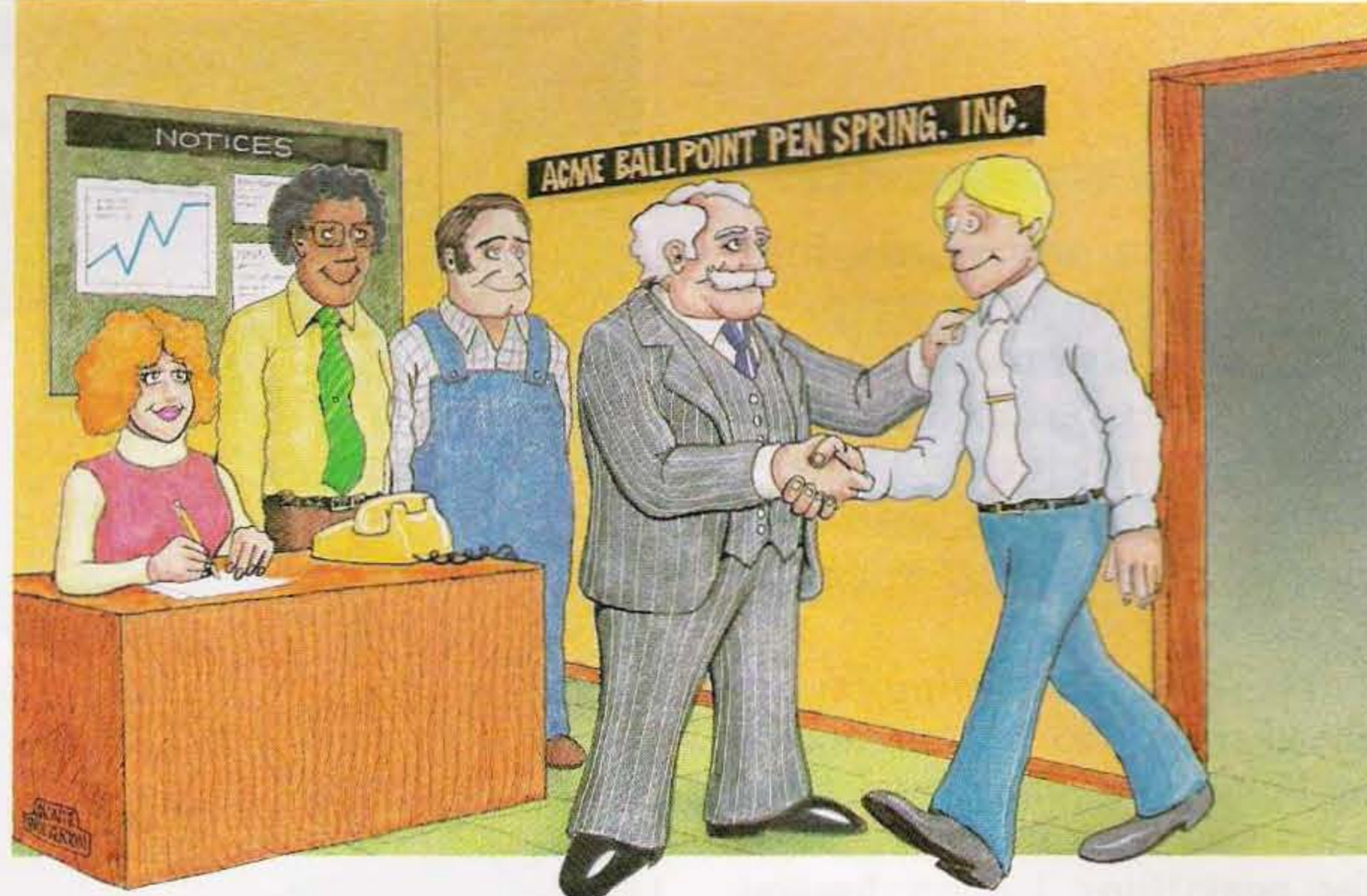
Your first step should be to talk it over with people who have experience and can give you wise counsel. Your parents are the most readily available source of such information. They probably can give you many helpful hints about how to handle the situation. Your high school career counselor might have some useful information about the company that will be interviewing you.

An evening spent in a public library researching the company and the type of work is time well spent. Where are the company's offices? What is its history? What difficulties and advantages face the company in the near future? Don't try to solve all the potential employer's problems in 10 minutes, but do be ready to show him that you have taken the trouble of getting to know a little about his company. That bit of research time will pay off in terms of a favorable impression created in the interview.

Talking of favorable impressions, be sure to pay special attention to how you dress. Poor dress and grooming can easily ruin your chances even before a single word is spoken.

Find out what kind of clothes will present a capable, professional appearance for the kind of job you're interviewing for in your area of the world. Be sure that all your clothes are clean and neat — any detail not taken care of can

Illustration by Monte Wolverton



Your First Full-Time Job

Here's how to pass that final test in your job search — the interview.

By Ralph Levy

easily distract the interviewer and work against you.

On the day of the interview, allow ample time to get there. Assuming the worst — that you will get lost — often pays off. Even if you don't get lost, you'll have a little extra time to brush your hair and straighten your clothes before going in. Punctuality is a quality all employers are looking for, so being late cuts down the chances of even the strongest candidate.

Be friendly and confident

When you walk into the interview room, let your friendliness and confidence show through. Smile, thrust out your hand and introduce yourself. Address the interviewer by name and look him in the eye when he speaks.

There is really no need for you to be nervous — remember that the interviewer was probably in the same situation as you a few years earlier.

One purpose of the interview is for you to sell yourself to the interviewer. Here, your research will pay off since it will enable

you to match your own background and abilities to the job requirements. This will be easy if you have had a year or more of experience in the field you're interviewing for, but a little more difficult if it's a first time venture into something new. If it is, you're not alone — the average American changes careers three to five times during his lifetime!

What if, for example, you're interviewing for your first job as a secretary? You type 40 words a minute and know no shorthand.

Emphasize the positive in the interview! If you made good grades in English and like to read, tell him so. If he feels he needs a secretary who types 50 words a minute, declare your eagerness to work on your typing and improve your speed as early as possible. Tell him you'll take evening classes to improve your typing and to learn shorthand if necessary. Even if you change jobs, these skills will help you wherever you go in the job market.

Your friendliness, education,
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On one of my first camping trips I remember dreaming that someone was tickling my face. Then I woke up looking into the eyes of the biggest raccoon I had ever seen!

There he was, sitting on my chest trying to get some salt by licking my cheek and nose. All I could do was shout, and the next thing I knew he was out of the tent, across the field and back into the woods.

Whether your contact with the wilderness is by hiking, fishing, canoeing or bird-watching, there are plenty of wonders to feast your eyes upon. Whether it's magnificent waterfalls and snow-covered mountains or the stark beauty of a desert area, there's a lot out there for you to enjoy.

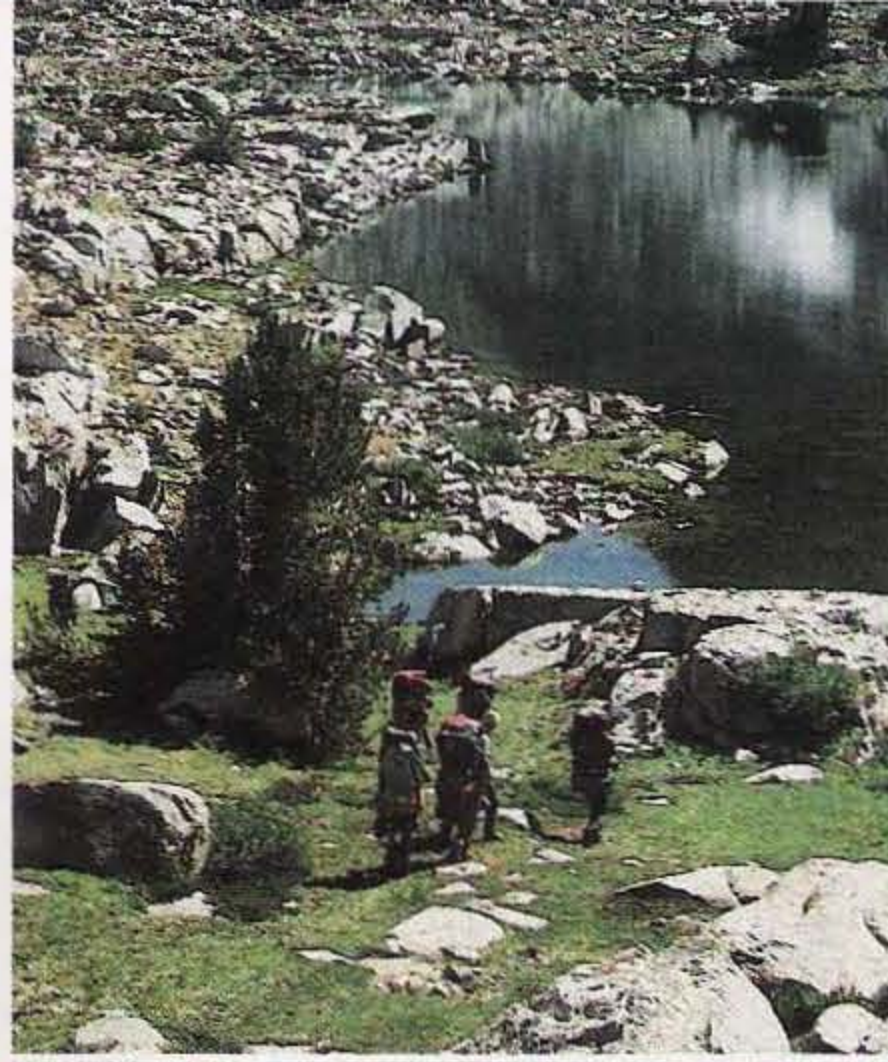
Camping and backpacking can bring you into close contact with wildlife that you may only have seen on television or in books.

One time I spent the better part of the morning stalking a small herd of elk. It took patience, but because I had no intention of harming the herd, they allowed me to walk slowly — very slowly — among them. It is a great joy to feel comfortable in the wilderness, but there are many things you need to know before this is possible.

Nearly every sporting-goods store has books and pamphlets about backpacking and wilderness skills. Pick one up and become familiar with the skills and equipment you'll need for a safe trip. Pick up another book on wildlife so you'll be able to identify the various birds, animals and reptiles you come across.

At times you will run across animals that do some of the funniest things. God really does have a sense of humor and some of the animals He has made prove it.

One time, while sitting down eating lunch on a canoe trip in Minnesota, I put my cup of juice



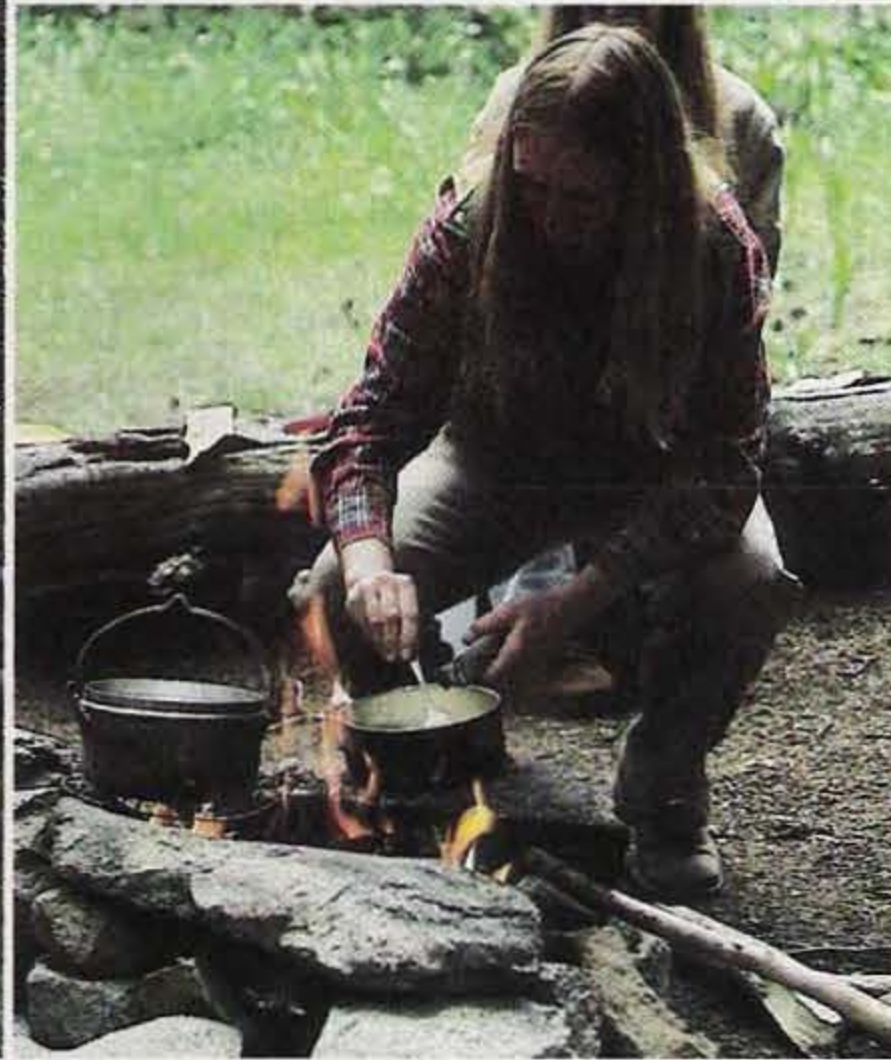
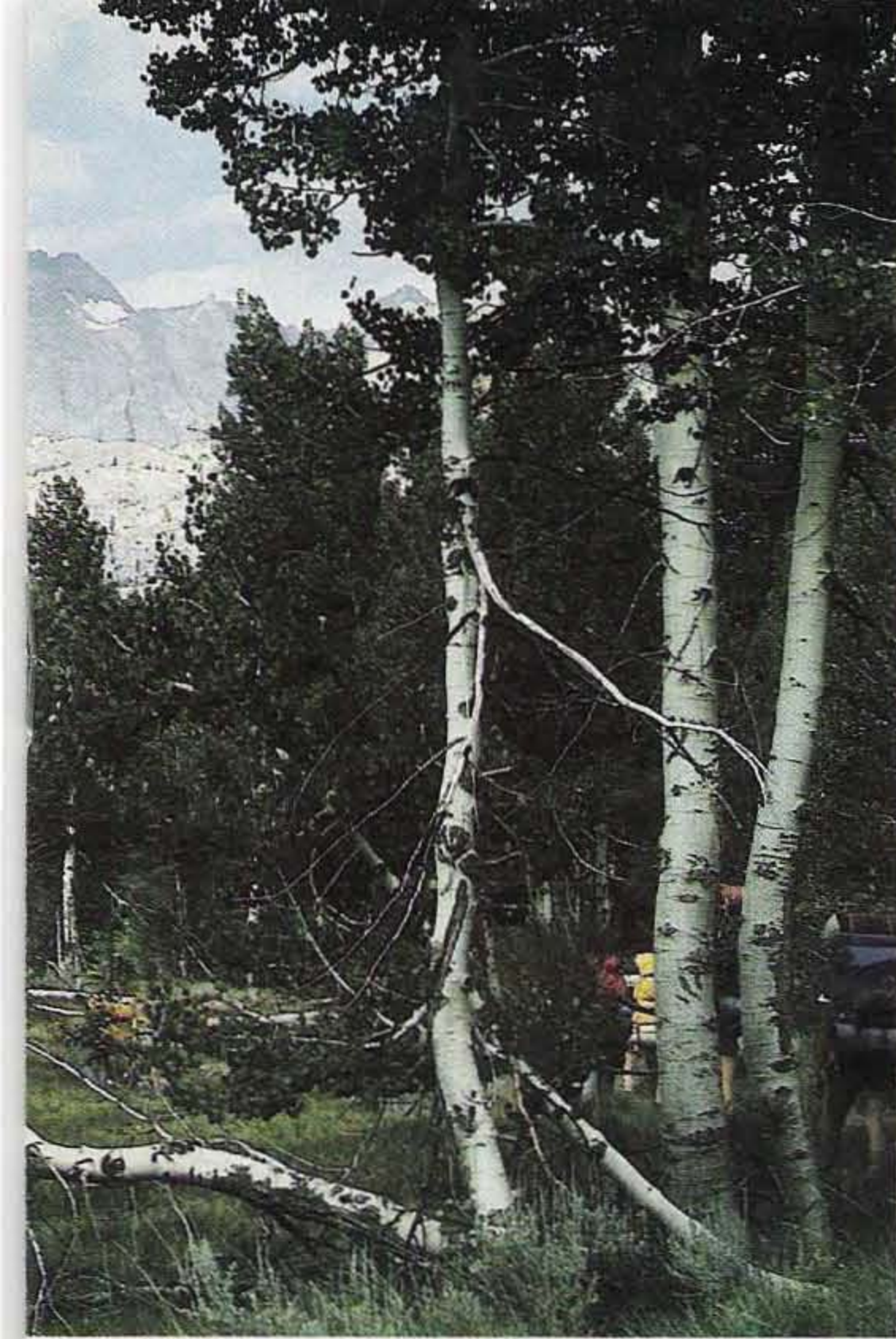
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on a rock so I could concentrate on my sandwich. About this time a little ground squirrel sneaked up from the side and decided to see what was in my cup.

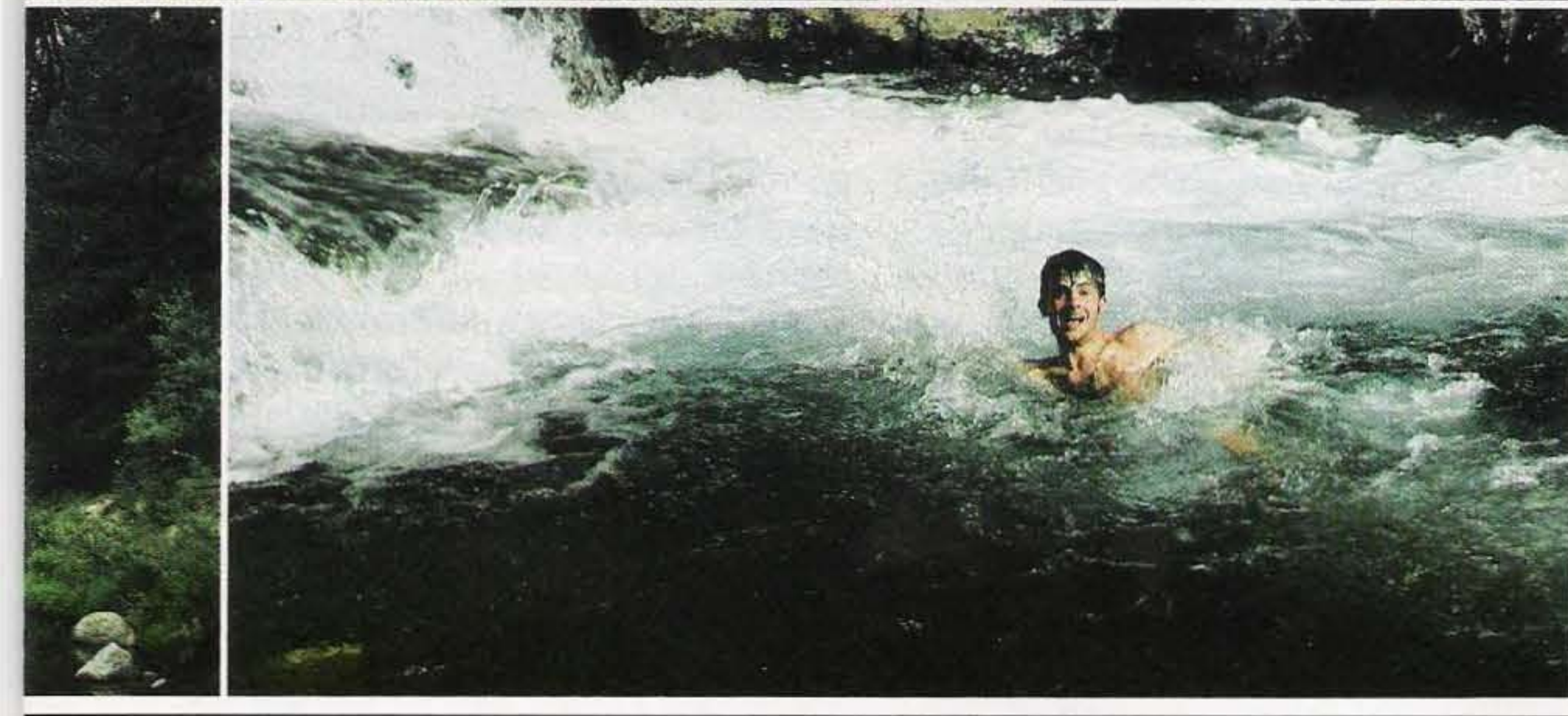
Before I could do anything, he was halfway inside my cup. It fell over, covering him with apple juice. It all happened so fast that the little fellow just jumped straight up with a squeak, and then

was off like a shot still dripping with apple juice.

On another occasion, deep in the mountains, several of us stopped for lunch. After we had finished, a doe and her fawn walked into our campsite and began licking out our plates. They stayed just long



The wilderness is full of beauty and excitement. The chance to see wild animals in their natural setting, to learn outdoor skills such as camp setup and wilderness cooking, and just the joy of walking through God's creation or diving into it make the wilderness experience definitely worth the effort. (Photos by Norm Edwards and Jeff Morris)



about it makes me want to get back out there!

Backpacking can help you develop skills such as woodsman-ship, orienteering, fire building and finding your way at night by use of the stars.

On trips in the wilderness you can virtually "live off the land" at times. On one such occasion, nine of us caught 40 rainbow trout while camping at Grouse Meadow in the Kings Canyon National Park, Calif. We didn't want to just fry them, so a couple of us remembered a stream that fed the lake where we had seen some wild onions growing. Quickly we filled one of our hats with the onions and then wrapped the fish up in them. About 15 minutes later we had steamed trout with a distinctive onion taste — delicious!

Have you ever tried cattail pancakes? Well, with blueberries they're out of this world. Then there's thistle tea — it's as sweet as honey. Wild cucumbers are so juicy, and wild asparagus is delicious.

Just be sure you don't start putting things in your mouth that don't belong there. Study about the edible plants and have an expert show you what is good to eat and how to prepare it. Don't take any chances — if you're not sure, don't try it.

If you're ready for them, long trips over difficult terrain can also teach you leadership and endurance, along with the skills already discussed. But whether you set out for an endurance trip or a one-day hike, you'll find that the wilderness experience is definitely worth the effort. — *By Ron Felling* □

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enough for us to get some pictures, and then they were gone.

Not all encounters with wildlife are funny though. It's best to be cautious and avoid harming either the animals or yourself.

Some of the most beautiful scenery in the world can only be

seen after backpacking into a wilderness area for three or four days. For example, imagine waking up in the morning with a gentle mist rising up off the lake. You are at 10,000 feet, and the meadow all around you is steaming. Every now and then you catch the scent of this morning's breakfast — fresh trout frying in the pan and almond tea that is almost ready. Just thinking

What's It Like to Be a Teen in Kenya?

By Jeremy Rapson

Vast game parks teeming with all kinds of exotic animals. East African beaches with palm trees waving gently in the breeze. Bustling, colorful Nairobi, Kenya's capital, with its modern skyscrapers.

A tourist may come away from Kenya with impressions like these, but what is it like for those young people who actually live there?

Chances are that if you lived in Kenya, your home would be in a rural area. Probably you'd have grown up near a small village, actually just a clearing in the bush where maybe 200 people could gather for market. You would never even visit the nearest town, let alone a city like Nairobi.

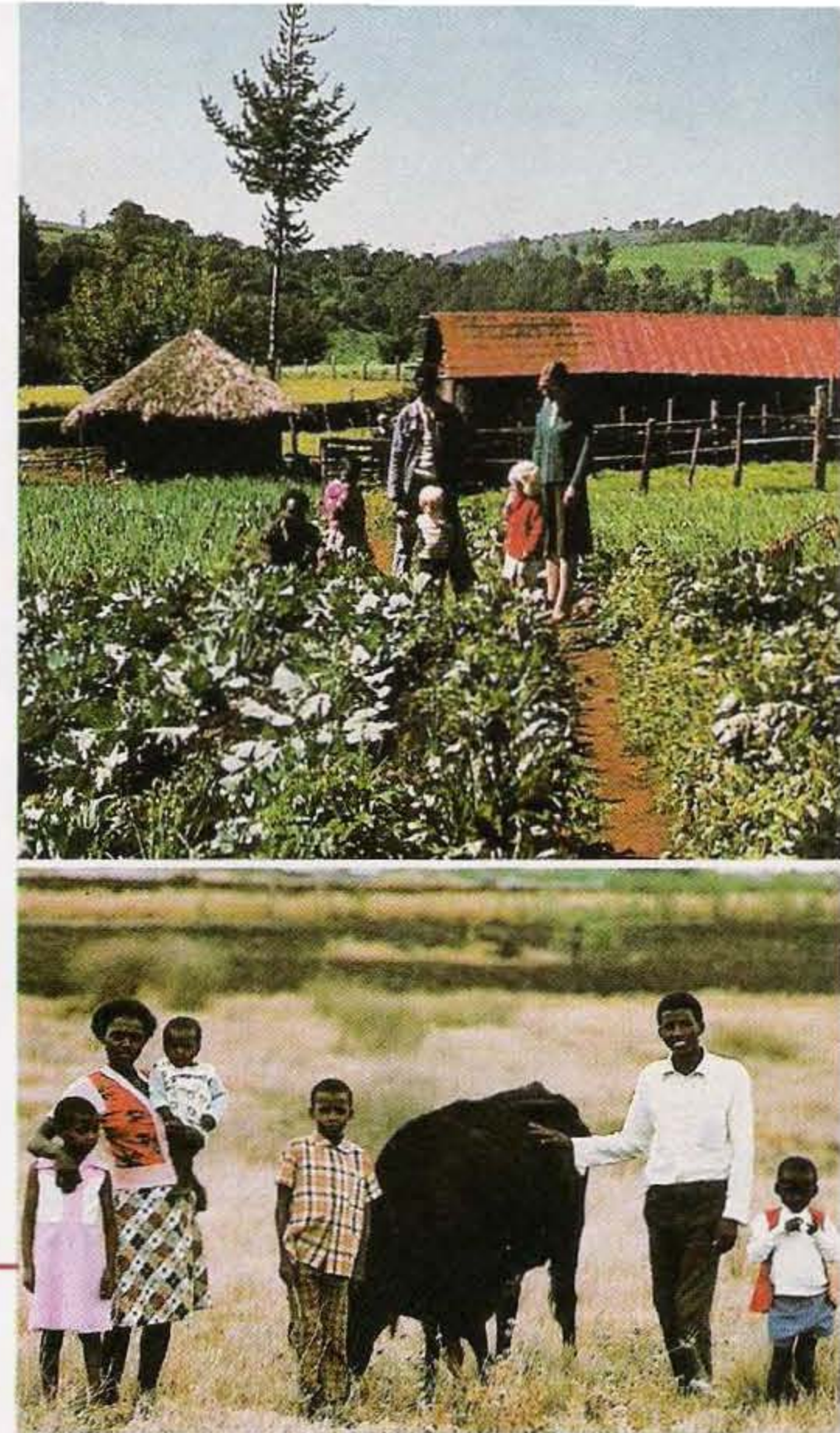
You probably wouldn't visit the game parks either, because they charge far too much for most Kenyans to enter. And the coastal beaches are several hundred miles away from the central part of the country where most people live, so you'd probably not have an opportunity to visit them.

So the native Kenyan may never see parts of his country that

a tourist sees. But these really aren't the things that count. You'd come to realize that very quickly if you had an opportunity to see the happy, smiling faces of most of the young people living there. Despite the fact that they may not have very much money or nice houses to live in, they appreciate the things they do have.

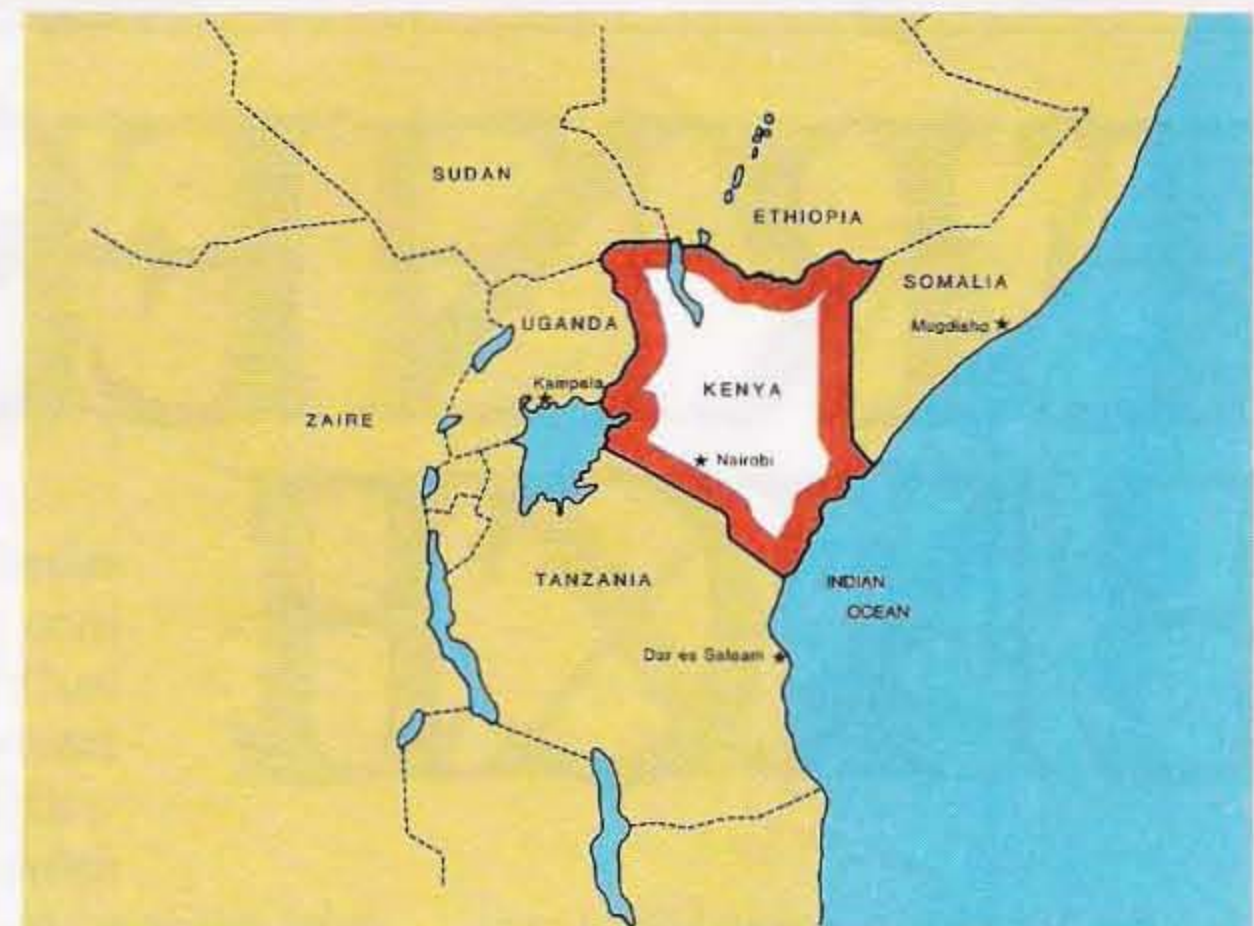
After all, it isn't everyone who can go out into his or her yard and pick fresh bananas off the tree as many Kenyans are able to do.

Also, family life in rural Kenya has some advantages over family life in the Western world where many complain of the lack of time they have to spend with each other. Most rural Kenyans don't have to leave the house early every morning to commute to a job in the city. Instead they spend their days at home cultivating the garden (or *shamba* as it's called), and their children, who normally

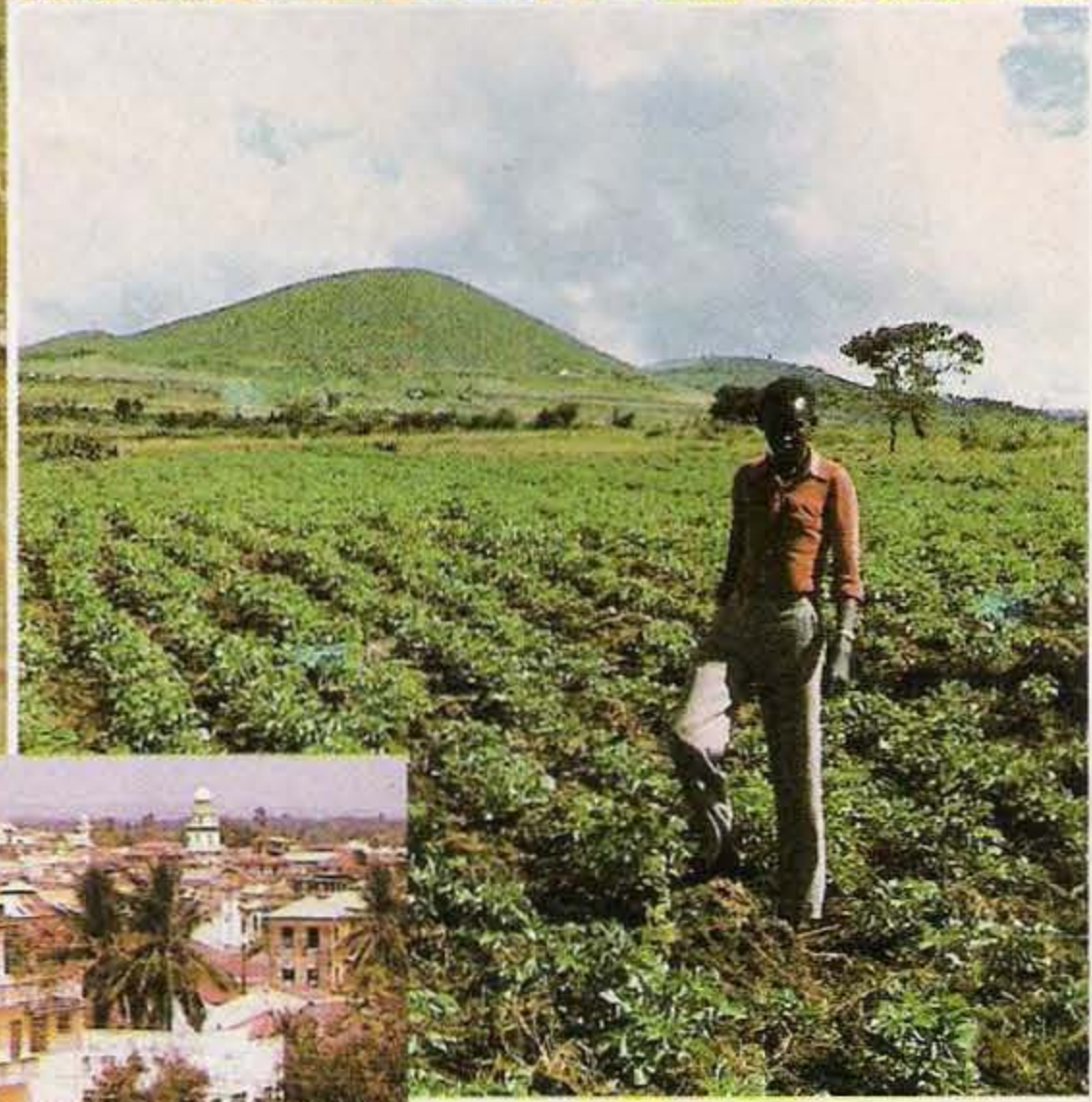


go to school only in the mornings, have plenty of time to share with them.

Often parents and children will work together in performing the chores and so everything that is achieved on the *shamba* is a team effort. Even quite small children lend a hand — school-age children are often responsible for



herding the goats while their 4- or 5-year-old sister might be assigned to looking after the baby of the family, who is tied to her back so that she can carry the little child wherever she goes.



In many Kenyan homes there is no running water available, so another job is to fetch all the water that the family will need from a river or stream, which may be up to 12 or more miles away! The water is carried in large pots that everyone learns early in life to balance expertly on his or her head.

Of course, before using the water, it must be purified by boiling and preferably filtered as well.

Cooking is done on an open fire and here again, it is the young people's responsibility to scour the countryside around their home for firewood.

Without electricity or other modern lighting, people in the rural areas of Kenya tend to do most things during daylight. Practically all year it gets light rapidly at about 6 a.m. and then, just as quickly, darkness falls around 6 in the evening.

Kenya is situated on the equator where there is little noticeable change in the seasons. In spite of the equatorial climate, 17,000-foot Mt. Kenya is snow-capped year-round.

Did you ever wonder why,

when the Olympic Games come around every four years, many of the middle- to long-distance track events are won by the East African runners from countries like Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania?

Many of these men and women started running not as a sport but rather as a necessity because the nearest school was up to 10 miles away, and the only way to get there was to run. Even today in the country areas of Kenya between about 7 and 8 a.m. (which is when school begins), you can see lines of youngsters running through the "bush" in order to get to school on time.

School rules are strictly enforced and the punishment for being late is usually administered in front of the entire school!

Life may sound tough for the young Kenyans, but they make the best of it. Wherever you go it seems that groups of youngsters are singing almost constantly. They all learn to harmonize their songs, which are sung in an African rhythm to the accom-

Family life is important in Kenya and everyone helps take care of the *shamba*, or

garden. Inset: Mombasa, a port on the Indian Ocean, is Kenya's second largest city. (Photos by Jeremy Rapson and Owen Willis)

paniment of much foot stomping and hand clapping.

After school, apart from the routine chores, there's usually time to play a game or engage in some other form of recreation. Smaller children love to bowl wooden hoops, while older teens challenge each other to a rather complicated-looking game involving a wooden board or bowl with different cupped sections into which smooth pebbles are thrown.

As a day's activities draw to a close, the family gets together for the evening meal of maize-meal (called *posho* or *ugali*). After that's been cleared away, perhaps everyone will gather around the fire to listen to an uncle or grandfather tell tales of encounters with wild animals in days long ago. □

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Having Fun Without Spending a Lot of Money

Ouch! Paying the admission price for many types of entertainment can be so painful that you spend the rest of the time in agony instead of enjoying yourself.

But it doesn't have to be that way. There are dozens of ways to have fun inexpensively, and you'll probably find some of them can be lots more fun than some of the expensive ways.

Why not have your own "Old-time Picture Show" at home? If your family has or can borrow a film or slide projector, you might relive past vacations or Feast trips.

Pull out old photo albums and scrapbooks. Isn't it fun to see what you looked like as a tiny tot bouncing along in your stroller? Perhaps your parents have pictures of their families when they were teens. If you have the ingredients, make a few bowls of popcorn or some cookies to munch on.

Cold things like homemade ice cream seem to hit the spot in the summer. Invite some friends over and watch the conversation flow while everyone takes turns cranking the handle. If your

family has an electric ice cream freezer, play some games while you are waiting. Team up for a game of backyard softball, badminton or see who can do the best tricks with a Frisbee.

Have a games night at home. You'd be surprised how much fun board games or charades can be when the whole family is involved — including Mom and Dad. If you belong to a large family, you could even split up into teams for a Bible bowl game.

Some museums are open to the public with no admission charge, while others have a minimal charge. There are all types of museums around — old homes, art museums, wax museums, museums of science, antique car museums.

Do you like to go camping? Even if you don't have the chance to get away, you can pitch a tent in your own backyard and point out the star constellations before you fall asleep.

Why not have a sing-along? You can learn some new songs and sing the old ones you might have learned at summer camp.

Zoos usually don't cost much but can provide hours of entertainment. Take a camera along if you have one to record your experiences.

Finally, don't forget that simple activities like walking in a gentle rain, collecting different types of wild flowers and going fishing can be fun and relaxing. You'll find that it's not so much what you do that makes an event fun, but it's the people you're with. These activities are good for laughter and conversation between you and your family and friends. And it won't have to cost you a cent.

— By Wilma Niekamp □

Sleep—Are You Yawning for It?

"The square root of 48 is . . ." The droning teacher seems to go on and on. And suddenly, there you are again, nodding off in math class. It's not that math is boring, it's just that you're so tired and sleepy!

If you're not getting enough sleep, you're not alone. About 60 million Americans and millions more around the world get failing marks when it comes to getting enough sleep.

For some it's a matter of needing to cut back on late-night activities such as partying till all hours, watching the late movie or studying for a test all night instead of over a period of time at reasonable hours.

For others the matter is more serious. Millions suffer from insomnia or disorders like narcolepsy, which causes sufferers to uncontrollably fall asleep in the event of a sudden physical or emotional jolt, or apnea, which causes its victims to stop breathing momentarily during sleep.

Millions seek medical help in the form of pills or potions to help them

get their



recommended seven to eight hours of slumber. In 1980 alone, Americans spent \$200 million on all kinds of drugs to help them sleep. But the drugs' side effects far outweigh their advantages. If drugs are not the answer, what is?

Studies show that the way you spend your nights determines the way you spend your days. The same is true in reverse: What you do when you're awake can have a bearing on how you sleep.

For instance, if you spend your nights counting sheep instead of dreaming about them, your mood in the morning is not likely to be positive. Little things may upset you until when it's time for bed, you're so tense all you can do is count sheep again. The result is a cycle of bad days and nights. What can you do to get a good night's sleep?

Since drug addiction and drug-related deaths lead doctors to suggest alternatives to sleeping pills, some are pointing to environment, nutrition and exercise to improve one's ability to get to sleep.

The principles are simple. First, make your bedroom a place of rest. Don't study or read in bed.

Second, watch what you eat before retiring for bed. Avoid salt, sugar, carbohydrates, caffeine and any processed foods whose ingredients you can't pronounce. Instead, stick with fruits, some red meat and green leafy vegetables. Finally, get some exercise sometime during the day.

The benefits of a good night's sleep will be apparent in the way you look, feel and act the next morning: refreshed, alert, clearheaded and able to cope with the problems of the day. —

By Dan Taylor □



Making Sure the Shoe Fits

Are you mistreating your feet? If you've been doing any serious amount of running in poorly made or ill-fitting shoes, you may be.

Choosing a well-made running shoe, however, can be confusing. Following are seven points to look for when buying running shoes:

1. *Elevated and flared heel.* Sneakers, basketball shoes and

tennis shoes are generally flat. But running shoes should have an elevated heel to prevent the runner from pulling his Achilles tendon (the chord that runs from your heel bone to your calf muscle).

It's also good if the heel is flared — wider where it meets the ground than where attached to the shoe. This is because 80 percent of your body weight comes down on your heels. A flared heel on your shoe will help to cushion the shock.

2. *Heel counter.* Make sure

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the extra stiff material at the back of the shoe prevents your foot from slipping back and forth. It should just feel comfortable without pinching or rubbing.

3. *Uncrowded toe area.* Your longest toe shouldn't hit the front of the shoe. Many shoes are designed to be long enough for the big toe, but, with nearly 40 percent of us, our second toe is longer than our big toe.

4. *Flexibility.* The shoe should bend easily at the bottom of the ball of your foot.

If it doesn't, you



could develop a muscle strain called shin splints. Bend each shoe in your hands. Reject the stiffer ones.

5. *Tread.* The two most common treads on running shoes are waffle and ripple. Waffle soles grip easily and are great for running on hills and dirt. They are also comfortable on cement but wear out easily.

Ripple soles don't have as good a grip as waffle soles, but are more durable.

6. *Weight.* The lighter the better. The lightest shoes are made of nylon, which is also machine washable.

7. *Fit.* This is most important. Try on several brands and styles of shoes. Try the shoes on both feet while wearing the socks you will wear running. Don't be shy about running up and down in the store. Shoes that feel fine

while you're standing in them may feel uncomfortable while running.

Remember, a problem with a shoe in the store will be much worse when you're outside running. — *By Peter Ditzel* □

Gifts for Mom and Dad

Remember those cards for Mom that you laboriously cut and pasted together in first and second grade? Your art teacher praised your drawing of purple flowers and a green sun, but it was your mother whose heart you really touched. She probably still has every card you ever made tucked away safely.

"Well, that was fine for 7-year-olds to give to their mothers," you say, "and there are only so many bottles of after-shave I can buy Dad." The search is on for a different type of gift to give to your parents.

One of the best ways to show honor and love for your parents is to give them your time. Here's an idea for a special kind of present for your parents that will allow you to do just that.

Make your own coupon book, containing coupons for housework, special favors or activities that you would like to treat your parent to, such as breakfast in bed one morning.

For example, your book of coupons might include some of the following items: washing the windows, weeding the garden,



cleaning out the garage, washing and waxing the car, fixing Sabbath dinner, shining Dad's shoes, a picnic in the park (which you prepare), doing the laundry, baby-sitting for your parents while they go out.

Make your coupons into a little book and tie it up with a pretty ribbon for Mom or present it to Dad with his favorite dessert.

These are just a few suggestions, but anything that is an extra-special treat to your parents can demonstrate your love, appreciation and thankfulness for them. The cost is little, but the gift is priceless.

— *By Wilma Niekamp* □

What Do You Know About Drugs?

Did you know drugs like PCP and Valium did not exist 20 years ago? Do you know what the effects of Quaaludes are?

Drug and alcohol use has increased drastically around the world, especially among teens. Because of the importance of this subject, *Youth 82's* elder brother publication, *The Plain Truth*, devotes much of its May issue to a special report about drug and alcohol use.

Read about drug smuggling, and what you need to know about alcohol abuse. Find out how to cope with stress without drugs. Also included is a chart with information about 20 common drugs.

If you don't receive *The Plain Truth* in your home, write to the address nearest you (see the inside front cover) and request a free subscription. Or, in the continental United States, call toll free, 1-800-423-4444. In Alaska, California and Hawaii, call collect, 213-577-5555. □

Teen Bible Study

Your Awesome POTENTIAL, PART II

Prepared by Richard H. Sedliacik

In our previous study we learned that God is in the process of expanding His Family — that God is actually reproducing Himself through human beings!

Exactly how is God accomplishing this miraculous feat? When can we become members of His Family? What is it like to have a spirit body? And what will you be doing forever as a member of God's Family? This exciting study reveals the answers!

But first, be sure to get your Bible, a pen and paper. Look up the scriptures given in answer to the questions and then write them in a notebook for later review.

As we learned in last month's Bible study, God uses human reproduction to picture the process by which He is reproducing Himself. Recall that Jesus told Nicodemus we must be "born again" to enter the Kingdom, or Family of God (John 3:3-8).

Each human since Adam and Eve started from a tiny ovum, the size of a pinpoint, produced in his mother's body. But unless the ovum is fertilized by a life-giving sperm cell from the human father, within a short time it dies. A human life can only begin when that sperm cell impregnates the ovum.

Spiritually speaking, each human mind is like an ovum. Each of us was born incomplete — able to live only a relatively short span of years. We were made to need the impregnating spiritual life of God's Holy Spirit in our minds so we can begin growing spiritually before being born of the Spirit and living forever!

1. Are true Christians already, during this life, children of God? I John 3:1-2. Have they already inherited the Kingdom of God, or are they only heirs to it? Romans 8:14-17.

Although they are now the children of God, Christians are as yet only heirs — ones who shall inherit the Kingdom of God. Why only heirs? Because they are now only Spirit-begotten (impregnated) children. It is when they are born of God that they become members of the Family of God.

2. But must the spiritually begotten child of God grow spiritually before being born of God, much like a newly begotten human baby must begin to grow physically in its mother's womb until it is large enough to be born? II Peter 3:18, I Peter 2:1-2.

After God the Father begets one by imparting His spiritual life to the person's mind upon true repentance and water baptism, that person must begin to grow in spiritual character. This growth comes through Bible study, prayer and walking with God in obedience to Him.

And so all Spirit-begotten Christians are now the unborn children of God the Father in the same sense that an unborn human fetus is the child of its human parents.

3. When will the Christian's spiritual birth take place? I Corinthians 15:50-53, I Thessalonians 4:15-17. Will those thus resurrected be like God? I John 3:2. Of what is God composed?

John 4:24. Are they therefore to become composed of spirit at the resurrection? I Corinthians 15:42-49. Compare this with Philipians 3:20-21.

When Jesus Christ returns to the earth, the

Spirit-begotten sons of God who have died down through the ages will be resurrected, or instantly changed if alive, into spirit beings. And God's own offspring will then have eternal life within themselves — just like Jesus Christ their elder brother!

4. To what did Jesus compare one who is



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born, not just begotten, of the Holy Spirit? John 3:8.

When you are born of the Spirit of God, you will be invisible to mortal eyes like the wind unless you choose to be seen. The effects of the wind are easily discernible, but the wind cannot be seen.

5. After His resurrection, was Jesus, with His spirit-composed body, able to suddenly appear and disappear? Luke 24:36-37. Was He able to pass through walls? John 20:19, 26. Can one composed of spirit transform himself into mortal flesh and bone when necessary, and even eat? Luke 24:38-43.

6. Are spirit bodies capable of traveling through space at incredible speed? Compare John 20:17, 19-20 with Matthew 28:9, noticing that Christ traveled to the Father in heaven and returned to earth on the same day!

7. Was Jesus "glorified" again after His resurrection? John 17:4-5, Hebrews 2:9. Had He previously given His disciples a fleeting glimpse of this glorified condition? Matthew 17:1-2. How do Christ's and the Father's glorified bodies appear today? Revelation 1:13-16.

To be glorified means to be given great power and brightness. Christ's glorified face and powerful spirit body radiate light as the sun in full strength, with eyes blazing like flames of fire!

8. Will God also glorify all of His Spirit-begotten children at the resurrection by giving them this same great power and glory? Romans 8:17, Colossians 3:4. What other scripture gives us an idea of this glorified condition? Daniel 12:2-3.

9. What will they begin to do after becoming part of His spirit Family? Revelation 3:21, 2:26, 5:10, 20:4-6.

The Kingdom of God is a ruling Family. And those who become a part of that Family are destined to rule the earth with Jesus Christ for 1,000 years. They will become kings and priests, various administrators and administrative assistants in the world-ruling Kingdom of God!

Thousands of millions of people will learn to live God's way and be born into His ruling Family during this period. Then, after the Millennium, still more thousands of millions of people who died not having known God's way of life will be resurrected from the dead and given the opportunity to become sons of God. This period of judgment (Revelation

20:11-13) apparently will last 100 years (Isaiah 65:20). These people will be added to God's Family at the end of God's plan for physical mankind.

It has been estimated that 40 thousand million people may have lived since Adam until now. It would be difficult to accurately estimate the number of people who will yet be born and then ultimately enter God's Kingdom during the Millennium and Great White Throne Judgment periods.

But let's say that 200 thousand million are ultimately born into the God Family. Since God is always busy working, creating and sustaining what He has created (John 5:17), He knows His sons could not be happy unless busy with work and productive activity. And so what could possibly keep this incredibly huge Family of God busy for eternity?

10. Just how great is the authority Jesus Christ has already inherited? Hebrews 1:1-2, Matthew 28:18. Will those who are born into God's Family share in that inheritance as co-owners and corulers with Christ? Romans 8:16-17, Revelation 21:7. Does the Bible clearly show that God's government will expand for all eternity? Isaiah 9:6-7, Revelation 22:5.

The Moffatt translation renders "all things" in Hebrews 1:2 as "the universe." Believe it or not, you were born to rule! Incredible as it may sound, your ultimate potential and that of every human being is corulership of the universe with Jesus Christ and God the Father! It's mind-boggling and breathtaking — yet it's true.

But is there really enough out there for that many spirit beings to rule?

Astronomers estimate there are more than 40,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 [40 sextillion] stars in the universe, a figure virtually impossible to comprehend. If the previous estimate of 200 thousand million sons of God is accurate, that means each member of the God Family would be responsible for maintaining and developing 200 thousand million stars and their attendant planets — a galaxy twice the estimated size of our own Milky Way galaxy!

This is *your* awesome potential — the glorious destiny God has in store for those who seek to do His will and follow His way. A never-ending future filled with exciting challenge, scintillating interest and eternal happiness and joy! □

Full-Time Job

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background, ability and willingness to learn whatever it takes to do the job will all impress the interviewer.

And don't be too shy to simply state, "I know I can do this job." If that's not true, you probably should not be there in the first place.

Ask questions

The interview is also your chance to find out more about the job. Nobody will be too eager to hire someone who shows no interest in the company, so think out a few questions beforehand, and be ready with them when you are asked, "Is there anything you'd like to know?"

Salary is obviously important, but don't let it become your only consideration. Are you going to enjoy the work? What are the working conditions: the place of work, hours, overtime available (or demanded)? How much pressure is involved in the job (ideally you want to be busy, but not under too much pressure)? And don't forget to ask about promotion possibilities if it is anything more than a summer job.

One more thing you should watch for when you visit the company for the first time: What's the atmosphere like among the employees? Do they appear cheerful or negative? Is the working area reasonably tidy, or does it appear that nobody ever cleans up? Do you hear dirty jokes and bad language, or does it seem to be a reasonably wholesome working environment? There are few places where negative factors are not present at all, but you should consider them in making a decision. If you are offered the job, you're not obligated to accept it.

After the interview, don't forget to send a thank-you note to the person who interviewed you. The small amount of time and money involved is really worthwhile, since it demonstrates a real interest in the job. □

KING TUT

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You are offered rulership when Jesus Christ returns. As princes and princesses today, you have infinitely more to look forward to than Tut could ever have dreamed of!

Take the first step, start obeying God now — no matter what obstacles are in your way. None of us will do a perfect job of it. But the point is to keep trying. That's what counts with God. This will give you a head start over those who today don't know or don't care about God's way. It will give you experience in living the way that will soon be the standard throughout the whole world!

Prepare now for the world tomorrow. You are destined to rule! □

'Elephant Man'

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revolted by him and afraid of him. They couldn't see the person behind the problem — and so he became a curiosity, a freak — an elephant man. It wasn't nature that made him into an elephant man — it was people. But because the way you are treated affects how you think about yourself, Joseph Merrick came to think of himself as "the Elephant Man."

The "ins" and the "outs"

Have you ever noticed that wherever a group of people get together — in a school or club or summer camp — there is an "in" group and an "out" group? The "in" group is made up of the ones with good looks, sharp minds, lots of talents. They are good at sports, have no great problem with grades and are involved with anything and everything.

At the other end of the scale there is the "out" group. Only they aren't usually a group — they are loners. They don't have too many friends. They are

different in some way. Physically handicapped, or perhaps a bit retarded. Perhaps they have a speech impediment.

Or they can't dance, can't swim, don't know any good jokes and every time they try to kick a football they fall over.

Perhaps it's their accent that is funny, or the way they comb (or don't comb!) their hair. Or maybe they are just a different color.

When people saw Joseph Merrick, all they could see was the hideous exterior. They couldn't see the man inside who just wanted to be accepted and loved for what he was. So Joseph Merrick almost gave up trying to be accepted. He put a bag over his head, and withdrew into himself. But then, when people started being nice to him, he gained confidence and felt like a human being at last.

Think again about someone you know who is a bit different. Why is that girl who stammers always so bad tempered? Could it be because she is so tired of being imitated that she just doesn't have any patience or good nature left?

Some people get so accustomed to being told that they are different that they become even more different. It's a form of defense against attack.

What can you do about it? Well, anyone who saw the movie or read the book ended up admiring the doctor who gave Joseph Merrick a chance to develop self-respect. Dr. Treves was the real hero of the story. It's easy to tear people down but it takes a lot of character to build someone up. But it's worth it.

Do you know someone who is different? Try being nice to him or her. Try being friendly, instead of just another enemy. Encourage him — help him see what success feels like.

Try thinking about this person (and everybody else) like God does. God wants him to live forever — successfully.

With God, there is no such thing as an "in" group or an "out" group. He loves us all alike. □

All the Best With Your Next Test

How would you like to know the answers to your next test before your teacher even makes it?

You can, if you use your class notes to review as soon as possible after each class and, while doing it, think of questions the teacher may ask on the test.

Reading your notes over several times just before a test will only help you a little. There is a better way to remember and gain understanding of the material you have to learn. Here's how it works.

Why is review after each class important?

Review is an important key

to success in tests. Studies have shown that if you don't review the main points of a class the same day, you will have forgotten 50 percent of it. In two weeks you will have forgotten 80 percent, and at the end of the month (just in time for the test!) you will be lucky to remember any of it.

Photo by Nathan Faulkner



Have you ever found a test question that made you wonder, "Where did he cover that?" and then later found it in your notes? When you don't review, it's as if you never really went to class — those notes in your notebook could just as well belong to someone else.

If you review your notes for each class for just five minutes immediately after class or at least the same day, and another 10 minutes (per class) on the weekend, you should be able to easily recall 90 percent of the material covered in classes and be ready for your tests or exams without cramming.

Instead of spending all your review time simply reading or carefully rewriting your notes, you can use your time better by writing down questions with answers from your notes.

If you build a habit of making up 10 questions from every class session, by the time you have your next test you'll have far more questions (and answers!) than the teacher will ask you.

It's as if you were making the test yourself. There would probably be few, if any questions, on the test that you had not seen before.

Then, when it's time for the next test, get together in a study group with friends and use your questions to quiz one another. And ask your mom and dad to quiz you too.

All the best with your next test! — *By Ron Felling* □

Letters

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help [other] teens, like myself, to find Bible study a fun, learning process.

Bonnie Briggs
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The situation in El Salvador

The following letter is from a Youth 82 reader in politically troubled El Salvador.

I would like to begin this brief history in the year 1978, when several subversive groups began to make their appearance through demonstrations, strikes, etc.

On Oct. 15, 1979, after we returned from the Feast of Tabernacles, the armed forces of El Salvador staged a coup d'etat against Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero, the nation's president. By the end of 1979, parents no longer wanted their children to continue going to school, owing to the fact that the subversives would go there to conduct classes in how to handle weapons. The learning center for the terrorists themselves, the place where they learned all about weapons, was the University of El Salvador, which is why the University was closed down and remains so.

In 1980 the situation continued to worsen, and that year, many students lost a whole year of school because of the troubles: The terrorists began to burn buses, set bombs, seize embassies, etc. Also in that year, the Salvadoran people began to protest and demonstrate against the destruction that the subversives were carrying out, and by the end of the year, between October and December, the situation began to calm down. But in January of 1981 the subversives, seeing that the people were not supporting them (although they never really did support them), decided to launch a final offensive on the 10th of that month that turned out to be a total failure. Also on that same day, the ruling revolutionary junta that had taken over from President Romero decided to establish a 7 to 5 curfew (the curfew means you cannot be on the streets from 7 p.m. until 5 the following morning).

In conclusion, I would just like to ask the readers of *Youth 82* to pray for the Salvadoran young people, because both the subversives and the armed forces go around forcibly recruiting youths between the ages of 15 and 20 to go fight and risk their lives.

Being confident that you will pray for us, I'll say goodbye. May God be with you.

17 year old
El Salvador

BY THE WAY...

Wheels

By Dexter Faulkner

Did you ever stop to think what it would be like if no one had invented the wheel? How different our life would be!

Modern civilization depends upon the wheel. Imagine what would happen if all wheels suddenly disappeared.

Skateboards would come to a screeching halt. So would roller skates. And bikes, automobiles, trucks and trains. Motors could not function, and so planes would cease to fly and most ships would go nowhere.

God once stopped the Egyptian army from pursuing after the fleeing Israelites back at the time of the Exodus. How did He do it? He caused their chariot wheels to come off (Exodus 14:24-25).

What a surprise that must have been to the Egyptian army! One moment they were going along at a good clip, gaining on the Israelites; the next moment the chariot bodies hit the ground with a scraping thud and had to be abandoned.

Many things we use every day besides transportation vehicles would have to be abandoned if there were no wheels.

Hair dryers and electric shavers wouldn't work. Nor would drills, vacuum cleaners, blenders — in fact, nothing electric would work because there would be no electricity.

Electrical power, you see, is produced by turbines and generators that depend on the principle of the wheel. So out go the lights, televisions, video games, computers refrigerators — everything using electricity.

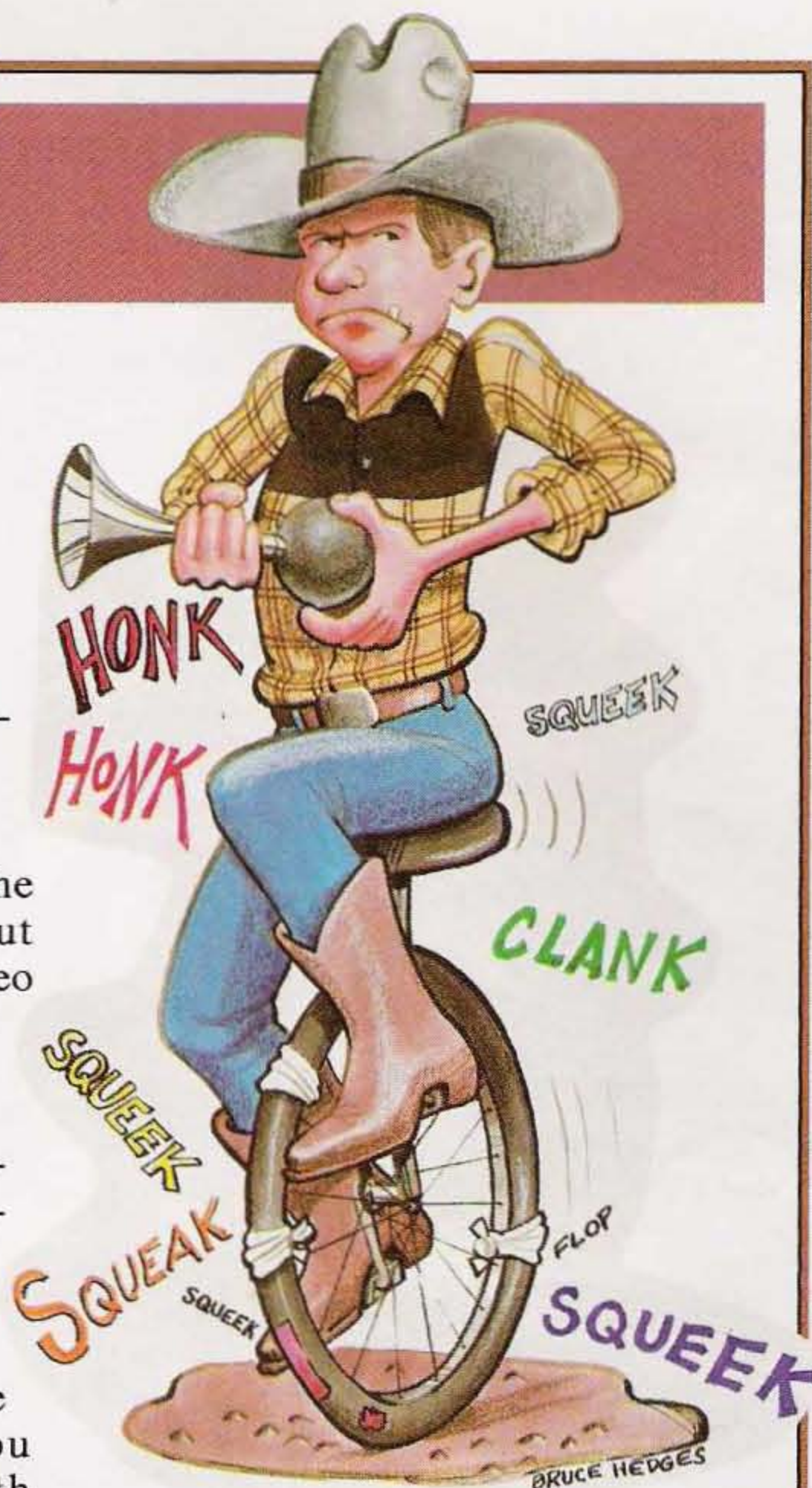
Of course almost all industry would stop, since machinery wouldn't work. And present-day farming and food distribution methods depend so heavily on the wheel that without it you would soon find yourself with very little to eat.

Yes, the wheel is vital to the modern world. It makes things go easily and smoothly.

Sometimes people are referred to as "wheels." "So-and-so is a big wheel," you've probably heard someone say. That means that the one in question makes things happen — sometimes for good, sometimes for bad, but there is nevertheless action, movement.

How about you? Are you a "wheel" in the right sense? Do you make good things happen more easily? Do you cooperate with others in achieving worthwhile goals? Are you easy for others to turn — to cause to function? Or are you an obstacle like a flat wheel or a sticky wheel or a wheel that is missing?

Wheels make it possible to lift and carry heavy weights and burdens. They cause



things to move smoothly and quickly. They make life easier for people. Do you?

The saying is true that the "squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Are you always squeaking, demanding attention for yourself? Or can you turn quietly most of the time, doing your part to facilitate things, to move them along in the right direction?

Next time you use something on wheels or with wheels, notice how the wheels busily spin away, doing their part to make the whole mechanism work.

Ask yourself if you function like that at home, in school, in group activities or wherever your cooperation is needed. If not, isn't it time to become cooperative and helpful like a well-oiled, smoothly running wheel? □

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