

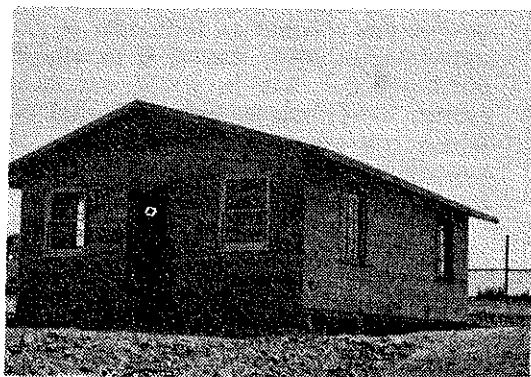
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Tijuana, Mexico

PROGRESS IN MEXICO

Joseph Calabrese

Chairman Sub-Committee for Mexico

80% Complete—Further Expansion contemplated

It is now about six years since Brother & Sister Purdue were directed to Tijuana, Mexico. It has been a challenge for them and no doubt some may have thought it could not last, not because our missionaries didn't have the strength to endure the traveling and the patience to deal with a new people, but probably because of the conditions of poverty that exist there. I have heard sister Purdue tell in her testimony how she was sorely afflicted and while in this condition she promised God she would work for Him if He would heal her. God heard and answered her prayer, and ever since she has been, along with her husband, laboring hard and diligently in face of all the unsatisfactory conditions. We have visited there the last four years and have seen first-hand how things are. However, there has never been any complaint.

At first a small building was erected where they might meet with the people. It was built on what seemed to be the highest spot on top of a mountain. Very soon the room was insufficient for the number of people who wanted to listen to the angel's message of the Restoration to his covenant people. It was then suggested that the small building be used for Sunday School and

to build a larger room. This was done, but very shortly this also was too small, so a larger room was built to accommodate the constant growing number, which at this time includes 80 baptized members and over 100 attending Sunday School. Again the Mission Board was approached. This time the suggestion was to build further back up the mountain to accommodate the Saints who live there, who would have to walk over four miles to go to church. While several members of the Mission Board were there this past June, we examined the situation (when dealing in Mexico for land, it is much different than in the states), and instructed Brother & Sister Purdue to proceed accordingly. Therefore, the above picture indicates the latest addition to our work in Mexico. It is our prayer and the prayer of the Mission Board that God might continue to be with our missionaries who are giving their full time to this work.

I believe, at this point, it is good to mention that there have also been others who have contributed to the success of the work in Mexico . . . such as Sister Norma Kennedy, the San Diego branch, the area M.B.A., the San Diego Ladies' Circle, along with Ladies' Circles throughout the Church and many others. It only proves to us that it takes many to help forward the work of the Church. In the words of the Apostle Paul, one planted, another watered, but God gives the increase (1st Cor. 3:6). May this be only the beginning of other buildings necessary among God's covenant people. We pray that God will inspire others to give full time to the missionary work of the Church.

Acknowledgment For Dedicated Service

By Gorie Ciaravino

General Church President

At our recent GMBA Assembly held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, Brother Dominic R. Thomas asked the Conference not to consider him for re-

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election as GMBA President. In his stead, the group elected Brother Isaac Smith of Monongahela, Pennsylvania who had served as Vice-President for the past four years. Brother Thomas had been President for the past 18 years.

On behalf of The General Church, I wish to express my appreciation for the leadership Brother Thomas has given our youth organization over the years. His self-sacrifice, dedication, and devotion for this worthy cause have been exemplary. While working for the MBA, he also found time to devote to his family, earn his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees at Wayne State University, fulfill his Ministerial duties, preside over The Michigan-Ontario District and travel extensively for the welfare of The Church. I am certain that everyone will want to join with me in saying, "Well done, Brother Thomas."

Recently, he was called and ordained an Apostle. This high calling greatly increased his responsibilities. By relinquishing leadership in the GMBA, Brother Thomas will be able to devote his attention more fully to the critical needs of The General Church.

I am confident that all MBA Areas and Locals will give Brother Smith their fullest cooperation as he assumes his office and strives to implement many of the unfinished projects and institutes new programs for our young people. As Presiding Elder of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church and as an avid traveler to many Church locations, he has learned many of the needs of the young. As recent Chairman of the GMBA Field Trip Sub Committee, he has been instrumental in framing the trips to the Muncey and Six Nations Indian Reservations the past two years and has worked conscientiously to organize this summer's trip to Arlington, Kansas. Election of Brother Smith, as it would have been in the case of any equally capable brother, assures a smooth and easy transition of MBA leadership. With the help of all of the other GMBA officers who have proven their interest and concern for The Church and its youth, we are certain that the many important contributions made by the Association will be equalled and perhaps surpassed.

I also wish to acknowledge the work of the General Ladies' Circle. Sister Mabel Bickerton, as President, has diligently carried on the work started by her mother, the late Sister Sadie Cadman. Like the MBA, the Ladies' Circle has made many generous contributions to the missionary efforts of The Church.

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who work for The Church in both administrative and spiritual roles. Their diligent and untiring efforts are greatly appreciated by The Church.

It is my prayer that God will richly reward all of these good workers, as well as every mem-

ber of The Church. May God's peace and blessing rest with each of you during this New Year and forever.

PREPARE

By Valentine Fernandez
Glassport, Pa. Branch

Whoever reads these words will perceive the urgency and the attention given to the fact that Jesus Christ will someday return. The return of the Nazarene is a basic fact of the Christ-teachings, since the Master himself promised to return and He never fails to do that which He promises. On the other hand, today everything shows the rapid infallible, and pressing completion of the prophecies that refer to the return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is true that we do not know the hour in which our Redeemer will return. Nevertheless, being mindful of the signs which are manifest in all aspects of life, it is not possible for the least doubt to remain concerning the certainty that the Savior will return.

To call our attention to this fact, the Saviour employs more than once the command, **WATCH**. That is to say, He tells us to maintain ourselves in a state of permanent alertness. Precisely with that expression the Saviour closes the parable we find in the first part of the 25th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, which is known as the parable of the ten virgins. This parable is one of the most beautiful of the Holy Scriptures and of the literature of all peoples. Let us read it just as we find it. "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. **WATCH**, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." In this parable the Lord emphasizes again the necessity of living each day of our lives as if it were that in which our Lord is to return. May God help us in order that our hearts and our lives may be prepared for that event so important.

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Editorial Viewpoint

Let us strive this year to get our lives more in tune with this wonderful Teacher that we may become channels through which His spirit can flow to refresh and bless all who are around us.



George A. Neill

We are standing on the threshold of a new year. The open door of this new year sends every soul adventuring into the future, for none of us know what lies ahead. The past is only a memory, and the future is unborn. This year will help determine our destiny. Let us be careful lest we write something that would shame us in time to come. Leaving the old year and entering the new can be likened to moving from one house to another. There are things we leave behind that are not worth taking with us. This is the time to leave behind or bury some things such as imagined ills. If someone has done us an unkind act and it still bothers us, we should bury it; if someone has spoken an unkind word and it is still stinging, we should bury it; if we feel someone hasn't forgiven us and perhaps we find it hard to forgive, we should bury it. Let us bury all the ills of the past and guard against becoming preoccupied with the past lest we fall under the same condemnation as the plow man which Jesus illustrated on one occasion. How much better it is to take only lovely things into the new year.

Our lives are marked for progress, and one way to progress is to open up new fields of thought and new realms of experience. May we turn an ear to the admonition of Paul when he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are before." Let us press on to the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus. How much better for us, as Paul says in another scripture, to "think on these things" such as whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. If we have virtue and praise we will think on these things.

This is the year we should seek to become more faithful; this is the year to become more diligent scholars in the school of Christ; for as He, the teacher, once said, "Learn of Me for I am meek and lowly of heart." Let us strive this year to get our lives more in tune with this wonderful Teacher that we may become channels through which His Spirit can flow to refresh and bless all who are around us. There is also the knowledge that this year will be the last year for some; some day there will be no tomorrow, and James says, "What shall be on the morrow? For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away." Knowing this, should we not enter this new year with thoughtful consideration? Should not sincerity and the characteristics of the Teacher mark our deportment toward all men? Let us withhold nothing from Him who gave His life for us. Let us consecrate to God everything He has entrusted to us. Let us give unto Him a freewill offering that consists of ourselves. Let us determine to do His will and He will make for us a Happy New Year.

I would like to leave with you another thought. I am told that on the navigator's chart of an airliner there is a certain mark which notes the point of no return. Until the plane gets to this point it can always turn around and make it back to the field. I understand that this point is determined by the fuel supply. Just as this is true in the launching of an airliner, I believe there is a point of no return in the lives of all of us. It is not determined by a fuel gauge, but by our acts and behavior in life. As we journey along the road of life most of us are unaware of passing any point of no return, yet every day someone is passing just such a point.

I trust, however, that for those of us who have begun this divine journey, this year will find us a little further on the road to our heavenly home. Finally, this is the year for the Church to work, to grow, and to become a branch of the Lord's house most beautiful.

PREPARE

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Let us return for a few moments to some aspects of the parable of the ten virgins. Five of them were prudent. They worked with wisdom. Not only did they maintain themselves with their lamps brightly lit in an attitude of hope, but moreover they saw to it that the oil might be replaced by carrying a reserve to replace that which was spent or used in the lamps. They maintained themselves united in spirit. Their faith and their works corresponded in like manner to tell of the presence of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the oil. The others were foolish, or stupid, as is demonstrated in other parts of the Scripture. They have an appearance of light and religion. They believe that the Lord will come. But this truth has not entered their hearts in such force that they will live only for that hope. While their lights shone they did not concern themselves with obtaining oil with which to replace that used. That detail did not worry them. They considered the matter with indifference as many of us nowadays do in religious matters. No doubt they thought, "Everything will turn out alright. At the end, all is going to be well." Many people today say the same thing when their attention is called to the fact that in order to be worthy of eternal life and of the blessings of God, and in order to be ready when He comes, it is necessary to live in remembrance of the Christian desires and rules. But they say, "That isn't indispensable. If God is a God of love, He will have consideration upon me. He will take into account my problems. All will be well somehow." Perhaps this for some is not very pleasant, but it is that which is given in the parable. This attitude is considered as foolish or stupid. How important is it that we work with prudence from now on? Perhaps the foolish virgins mocked the others for what they considered unnecessary provision of such an abundant supply of oil.

But the hour of necessity arrived and it was revealed who was right. The sounds which announced the approach of the husband were heard. The virgins, who had fallen asleep, awoke and the first thing they did was to dress their lamps. The five who had the oil of replacement did not have any inconvenience, but the others found them in an anguished situation because their lamps were not burning, the oil being all used. They asked of them who had oil to give them a little. But it was impossible for the wise to give oil; the time was so short that they were hardly able to be ready to meet the bridegroom. Moreover, for them to give of their oil to the foolish would be dangerous for themselves, for the bridegroom's coming might be delayed. Their wisdom is manifested in the attitude adopted in this emergency. The only thing the unprepared ones could do was to go out to search for oil. This they did. Meanwhile the Lord arrived. The doors were securely closed and the foolish virgins found that they had fulfilled the words of the

Apostle St. James who says, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" Those women had believed but their works had not corresponded to their faith. We hope that our works correspond to our faith that the Lord Jesus Christ will return and that our lives reflect, through the medium of works, that our faith is alive and real.

Upon further considering this parable we understand that the Lord calls unto us imperatively, **WATCH**, in order that His second coming will not find us unprepared. The word, **WATCH**, means to observe attentively. We ought to observe the signs which mark the time of the advent of the Master. We are to consider them not only with our intellects, but also with our hearts.

Watch also means "to be without sleeping the time ordinarily designated for sleep." This applies to our hope of the second coming of our Lord.

We ought to be awake in the spiritual sense. Let us put aside the drowsiness and lethargy. Let us sacrifice the common and passing things, and let us **WATCH**.

This is the hour of shaking the indifferents. The prophesies of our Lord Jesus Christ are fulfilling themselves before our own eyes. The hour of the dawn of the glorious eternal has arrived.

We cite the question of the prophet, "What of the night, Watchman, what of the night?" Now we are able to answer positively. "The morning cometh," and there will be no more anguish, no more grief, no more misunderstanding, no more hatred. LOVE will fill all the bounds of the lands, free from sin and from death.

THINK

By James Heaps

A sign, THINK, hung in the office of the American National Life Insurance Company. When any of the employees made a mistake the manager would call our attention to the sign. No other being has the capacity to think like man. "What is man, that Thou art so mindful of him, or the Son of man that Thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels. Thou crown'd'st him with glory and honor, and did set him over the works of Thy hands. Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus." Hebrews 2:6, 7, 8. Jesus says, "All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth." So when man begins to rob Jesus of any glory he is going too far. Man is made in the image of God, no other creature is made in His image. We are His glory; He has been mindful of man.

God thinks more about man than any other creature. He is interested in his life, in his death, in his resurrection, in his eternal glory. Paul says,

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." St. Luke 17:26.

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I have for you this month is about Noah's ark and our ark of safety. We are happy to have a safe place today just as Noah and his family had in their day.

As the days and years passed after the creation, there were many people on the earth. Adam and Eve, our first parents, had learned about good and evil. God looked down upon the earth and saw the wickedness of the people. He was sorry and repented that He had made man. There was a good man named Noah, who loved God and prayed to Him often. God told Noah He was going to destroy all the people because they were wicked, but He would save Noah and his family. He gave Noah instructions to build an ark, an ark of safety. After it was completed, he was to take his family, and two of every living thing—the beasts of the field and the birds of the air—into the ark; also food for his family and all the animals. Then for forty days and forty nights, God said, He would cause it to rain and everything on the earth would be destroyed.

Noah was six hundred years old when he built the ark. It was made of gopher wood, covered with pitch inside and out. It was three stories high, with rooms in it, a window, and a door. Finally the time came to enter the ark. Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives went in. The beasts of the field and the birds entered two by two; the clean beasts went in by sevens. After they were all inside, the Lord closed the door. After seven days passed, the windows of heaven opened and the fountains of the great deep opened up. It began to rain. For forty days and nights it rained! The water lifted the ark. All the high hills and mountains were covered and everything under heaven was destroyed. This event was referred to many years later by the Saviour in telling about His coming again to earth.

As Jesus walked and talked with His disciples, He tried to prepare them for His second coming. He told them, He would soon leave them but He would send the Comforter. They wanted to know when He would return. He said, "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." He told of many signs; men's hearts would fail them because of the trouble on the earth. There would be wars and rumors of wars, nations would rise against nations, famines, earthquakes in divers places and false prophets would come

among them. Also there would be signs in the heavens as well as upon the earth. All these things, Jesus said would be the beginning of sorrows but this would not be the end. We have seen many of these signs in our day. We know God's Word never fails.

Jesus said, as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of Man comes again. The people were all busy in Noah's day and no doubt wouldn't listen to him as he built the ark. Noah, who was a righteous man, was saved from destruction by obeying God. We know the Lord will again save the righteous when destruction comes today. Yes, there is an ark today, an ark of safety; it is the Gospel, The Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus told the people to be ready and we today must be ready too. Jesus taught the way to follow Him which is the only way to enter this ark.

In the Book of Mormon, a man named Lehi had a dream of the way. It was a straight, narrow path which led to a tree of precious fruit. Along this path was a rod of iron. Many people started on the path but soon fell by the wayside. Lehi had a great desire to see his family partake of the fruit. His son, Nephi, desired the same vision his father had had. He understood the tree was the tree of life and the rod, the word of God. Whoever held fast to it would never perish. We have learned the way to enter the ark or salvation is by obeying God's commandments. Faith, repentance, and baptism are the requirements. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Let us start on this path Lehi saw, be alert as to the happenings around us, put on the whole armour of God and find our place in the ARK.

Search the Scriptures

Find the nine fruits of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22, 23. What is necessary for the whole armour of God? Ephesians 6:11, 18.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. And He said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in His day. But first must He suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they 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.

M.B.A. Highlights

ACHIEVEMENTS, PLANS, ELECTIONS HIGHLIGHT LAST GMBA CONFERENCE

By Carl J. Frammolin

Notable achievements, plans for the future, and election of some new officers, including a new General Association President, were the highlights of the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference held at the Hopewell High School, Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania, just outside Aliquippa, on November 12.

The surpassing of the past six-month MBA-wide \$3,000 fund-raising drive for the GMBA Land-Purchasing and Auditorium Fund by \$526.71 unofficially, not including \$400 donated to this cause by the Conference, occupied equal attention with the disclosure that one-half of the lessons from the *Book of Mormon* for children between the ages of 10 and 13 was in the process of final typing. In addition, the official decision to visit an Arlington, Kansas campsite the week of July 30 through August 6, 1967 for the next annual Association Field Trip spurred enthusiastic plans to spend more time together in the future. The establishment of another \$3,000 goal to raise funds for the future General Church Auditorium during the current six-month period was also set.

The selection of the new GMBA President, Isaac Smith, was prompted by the request of Dominic R. Thomas that he be replaced to allow him more time to devote to his other Church activities. Brother Thomas is a Church Apostle and President of The Michigan-Ontario General Church District, in addition to serving on many General Church committees. The Conference unanimously passed a touching resolution to thank Brother Thomas for his many years of MBA service. In addition, past and present GMBA officers gave him a pen and pencil set in recognition of his 18 years as General MBA President.

In Brother Smith, the Conference elected an experienced GMBA Officer, who served as GMBA Treasurer until chosen to be the Vice President in 1962. Other General Association officials who were elected to the following offices were Joseph Milantoni, Vice President; August D'Orazio, Chaplain; Rose Mary Furitano, Assistant Recording Secretary; Anthony Scolaro, Treasurer; and Louis Pietrangelo and Charles Naro, Organizers. Other General incumbents were reelected.

Activities Committee To Meet

The GMBA Activities Committee is scheduled to meet on January 14, 1967 in Monongahela, Pennsylvania to plan this year's Field Trip thoroughly, as well as to attend to other matters. Machinery will be instituted to coordinate all efforts to make certain that all persons who want to attend the Field Trip event can be accommodated. There are various sleeping and eating ac-

commodations available at the site, and travelers there will be allowed the option of using whichever they prefer. In addition, a camping area is also present at this Young Men's Christian Association Camp located about 30 miles from St. John, Kansas. The cost will be disclosed, and questionnaires and application forms will be drawn up to obtain the necessary information and to insure the reservations. It will be up to the GMBA to coordinate the use of the facilities as the entire camp will be turned over for the period. Details will be furnished to the MBA units immediately after this meeting.

The MBA lesson-plans which are being prepared will be submitted to The General Church for approval as suitable materials after completion. It is hoped that by the next GMBA Conference the lessons for the 10 to 13 group will be completed. A series for younger children, along with an activity book, is also being readied. In addition, a series of lessons on the history of The Church is being compiled.

The way in which the various MBA units responded in raising funds for the last GMBA Land-Purchasing and Auditorium Fund Drive was highly acclaimed at the Conference. It was noted that many groups had worked diligently to attain the goal, and it was mentioned that renewed efforts during the current period would be highly valued in this matter.

All Conference reports were accepted. The Gathering additionally approved disbursement of \$500 to The General Church Missionary Fund, besides the previously reported \$400 to the GMBA Land-Purchasing and Auditorium Fund. Also, the next General Association Conference on May 20, 1967 was appointed for the Michigan-Ontario MBA Area, and it was decided to continue to hold every November Conference in the Pennsylvania Region. The Ohio and Atlantic Coast Areas were designated to alternate hosting the May gatherings with the Michigan-Ontario Area.

Area Reports

The Area reports indicated that all of the Regions were working on projects. These ranged from activities for the very young to weekend gatherings for older members of the Association. They included spiritual, social, and money raising endeavors.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was extended to the host Pennsylvania MBA Area for its superlative efforts in attending to all accommodations for the weekend and for its generosity in paying all the Conference expenses. In the evening, the Area, through its Aliquippa, McKees Rocks and Imperial Locals, gave an inspirational program entitled "Youths of God." Included were beautiful hymns and songs describing the role of people, both young and old, in serving God. Numerous narratives were presented to accentuate the theme. Children, as well as adults, took part in this inspiring presentation.

At the Sunday morning service held in the Stowe-Rocks Junior High School (formerly called the Miles Bryan Junior High School) in McKees

Rocks, Pennsylvania, the portion of scripture found in **Romans 8:35-39** was used as the subject. In this meeting, held under the jurisdiction of the McKees Rocks branch, Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, introduced this passage which deals with the question, "Who can separate us from the love of God?" He was followed by Dominic Moraco, Joseph Calabrese, and Dan Cassasanta. All speakers emphasized how realistically the love of God has been prevalent throughout The Church and MBA. Numerous examples of how past manifestations of this bond have been experienced were reviewed. These explanations brought the eventful and edifying weekend to a fitting conclusion, reminding departing travelers and hosts alike of the ties that are in The Gospel.

THINK

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"Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What kind of a person would man be if he had the mind of Christ? What would he be thinking about? "Never man spake like this Man," said one of the Pharisees. We would be talking about the things of God at all times, for Christ said, "I do always those things that please my heavenly Father." "I must be about my Father's business," said Jesus when He was 12 years old. So if we have the mind of Christ we will be about our Father's business too. Man is able to explore even into space; to invent, to write music, to preach. But he is not able to put life into a grain of wheat; only God can make a tree. Yes, we can prune it and graft into it that it may bear two or three different kinds of fruit, but only God can give life. In Him was life, and the life became the light of men. The best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. Courage is the power of being mastered by and possessed with an idea.

Wisdom About Life

The difference in human life depends for the most part, not on what men do, but upon the meaning and purpose of their acts. All are born, all die; all lose their loved ones; nearly all marry and most all men work. But the significance of these acts vary. One act may be vulgar and another holy; one may be elevating and another degrading. It is not the act I perform, but the frame of mind in which it is done. I may give a dollar and begrudge it. It may do good for the person I give it to but it won't give me any blessing because I begrudged it. It is more blessed to give than to receive, we are told; but it all depends on the mind. Most of the shadows of one's life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine. Whoever it was that searched the heavens with a telescope and found no God would not have found the human mind if he had searched the brain with a microscope.

Contentment is peace of mind. Let us learn

to be content with what we have; a quiet home, vines of our own planting, a few friends worthy of being loved and able to love in return, a simple gospel empty of all bigotry but full of trust and hope. To be carnally-minded is death, but to be spiritually-minded is life and peace. Peace then comes from God by being spiritually-minded. All good comes from God also, but if our mind is evil we do not see the good. As Jesus said, "If thine eye be evil thy whole body is full of darkness; if thine eye be single thy whole body is full of light. And if the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." So let us walk in the light as He is in the light. Then we shall have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's own Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

Study

It is hard work to study. It means putting the mind into action. What a sad mistake some ministers make when they believe if they just open their mouths the Lord will fill them! Jesus said He, or the Holy Ghost, will lead you or direct your mind into all truths, but if you have not studied them how is He going to lead you? 2nd Timothy, 2:15 tells us; "Study to shew thyself approved unto God. A workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." My dearly beloved, do not be ashamed. Study, meditate on these things. A child cannot rightly divide if he does not know anything about arithmetic. So it is with a preacher; if he does not study the Word, how can he divide it? You don't have to study medicine to be a lawyer; neither do you have to study space to be a welder. But Brother, you have to study the Word of God to be a preacher, and if you don't it will show up in your ministry. Peter could quote the prophet Joel because he had studied his writings, but I doubt whether he could have done so if he had never read or heard them read. Joshua told his people to teach their children, to let it be frontlets before their eyes. What is a frontlet? It is a piece of leather on a horse's bridle which keeps the animal from seeing on either side but only straight ahead. Encourage your children to go to Sunday School. Don't send them but take them.

There is a lot of talk about obscene books. This word means "offensive to chastity." What would be our thinking if we were reading this type of book? Would this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus? Telling smutty stories and things of that nature are not the kind of things we would do if we had the mind of Christ. We need to study. There is a saying that we are what we eat, but I say we are what we think. Let us teach our children that all real knowledge and truth come from the Creator. As one writer says, "By whom all things were made, with misunderstanding comes vision." The Bible tells us that without vision the people perish. This does not mean you are seeing white horses all the time; it means that first you should see what is in your own lives.

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Light From The Watchman's Lamp

By Spencer G. Everett

(Isa. 21:6b)

"Go set a watchman, Let him declare what he seeth."

LOST OPPORTUNITIES

In one of the old Greek cities there stood long ago a statue. Every trace of it is vanished now. But there is still in existence an epigram which gives us an excellent description of it, and as we read the words we can surely discover what these wise old Greeks meant it should teach to every passer-by. The epigram is in the form of a conversation between a traveler and the statue.

"What is thy name, O statue?"

"I'm called Opportunity."

"Who made thee?"

"Lysippus."

"Why art thou on thy toes?"

"To show how quickly I pass by."

"But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?"

"That men may seize me when they meet me."

"Why, then, is thy head so bald behind?"

"To show that when I have once passed, I cannot be caught."

The words of Ammon to his brethren in the 26th chapter of Alma in verse 2 says—"And now, I ask, what great blessings has He bestowed upon us? Can ye tell?" and in verse 3 he answers his own question as follows: "Behold, I answer for you; for our brethren, the Lamanites, were in darkness, yea, even in the darkest abyss, but behold, how many of them are brought to behold the marvelous light of God! And this is the blessing which hath been bestowed upon us, that we have been made instruments in the hands of God to bring about this great work."

"Behold, thousands of them do rejoice, and have been brought into the fold of God. Behold, the field was ripe, and blessed are ye, for ye did thrust in the sickle, and did reap with you might, yea, all the day long did ye labor; and behold the number of your sheaves!" (Vs. 4 & 5)

How about your loved ones, your fellow employees, your schoolmates, your neighbors? Read these statistics and blush, for the story is not a pleasant one. Some 37 million young people walking our streets have never seen the inside of a church, have never heard the Gospel. And adults are just as untouched by the Gospel! We have churches by the thousands, but how many attend? Only about three out of ten manage to get to Sunday School; only eight out of one hundred attend a preaching service in the morning, and only two out of one hundred make the evening services.

*A hundred thousand souls a day
Are passing, one by one, away
Into Christless guilt and doom.*

*O Christian, what will you say,
When in that awful judgment day
They charge you with their doom?*

Ammon was rejoicing because God had seen fit to use him for winning lost souls to Christ. God has great blessings in store for those who will labor to bring lost souls into the Kingdom. Ammon was rejoicing in the Lord for the efforts of his brethren every day in telling others what the Lord can do for them.

Is the Lord using you today? Did He use you yesterday? Will He be able to use you tomorrow? Does your testimony ring with what the Lord did for you last year, ten years ago, twenty years ago? Or, praise God, does it thank God for using you to-day? Did you miss that once in a lifetime opportunity today?

Have you comforted your conscience with such conclusions as, "I don't have time now," "I don't have any literature with me," "It's not the right time," etc. You may never have the opportunity again. This may have been the once-and-for-all opportunity.

A man driving to church one morning was attracted by a group of young people assembled together talking and laughing with apparently nothing to do. As he approached the group, the spirit of God spoke to him, beckoning him to stop and invite them to Sunday School and give his testimony to them. "I don't have time," was his argument, "I have to get to church, some other time." It seemed that the Lord insisted that he tell them now. That now was the time. Today was the acceptable time. But he refused, released his brakes and sped on toward Sunday School. During the service God spoke to him again through the message (Ezek. 3:17, 18) —

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand." He immediately confessed his disobedience to God, asked for forgiveness, and when the service was over he jumped in his car and headed for the place where he had seen the group of young people assembled. It was unbelievable, it was incredible. The corner was deserted. He went back that afternoon, that evening, the next week, but he never found more than a couple. He had reached for the head that was bald behind, but the opportunity had passed, and could not be caught.

Look all around you, find someone in need, help somebody to-day!

Tho' it be little — a neighborly deed — help somebody to-day!

Many are waiting a kind, loving word,

Thou hast a message, O let it be heard.

Many have burdens too heavy to bear,

Grief is the portion of some everywhere;

Some are discouraged and weary of heart,

Someone their journey to heaven should start, help somebody today!



UR WOMEN TODAY

— She Hath Done What She Could.

A New Year! Another start, another opportunity to fill twelve months with service to the Lord.

Sincere greetings for a year filled with God's blessings and an ever increasing desire to keep on keeping on.

— Rose Corrado

Midwest Organization —

The Ladies Uplift Circle was first organized in St. John, Kansas, April 21, 1939 at the home of Sister Lillie Sanders by Sisters Sadie Cadman and Gertie Smith of Pennsylvania who were visiting here at that time. Sister Fry was our first president and our first secretary was Sis. Eva Sanders. Total membership was seven. As time went on, others were added to our roll. Meetings were held each Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 at the homes of the various members. Many times there were as many as 20 at our services.

Our lessons were taken from the New Testament. After the passing of many of the sisters, we abandoned our Circle, but in June 1960, Sister Burnett and Sister Budge made a trip to Pennsylvania and while they were there they were able to attend a General Circle Conference and upon their return home it was decided that we would re-organize our Circle.

A meeting was held at the home of Sister Eva Delp on April 24, 1960 and we again organized a Circle. Our president this time was Sis. Maude Budge and our Sec.-Treas. Sister Gertrude Burnett. We meet the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month at the homes of the sisters.

Since our organization Sister Lydia Robinson and Sister Louise Robinson, who were living in California have returned to St. John and are members, as well as Sis. Louise's daughter, Marietta. We have had visitors attend our meetings and have, in turn, invited us to their homes for our circle meetings.

Sister Jane McFeeters usually spends her summers in St. John and attends our Circle. At present we have 7 members and the officers are the same as when we reorganized.

Eva Delp.

History of the West Elizabeth, Pa. Circle.

Our Circle was organized in November, 1932 at Sister Mabel Bickerton's home with a membership of nine. Sis. Hannah Skillen was our first president and Sis. Clara Stevens our first Secretary.

Since our organization, five sisters have gone to their reward. Our teacher, Sis. Ruth Griffiths,

was ninety-three years of age at her death. Sister Elizabeth C. Davidson, her sister, was then elected teacher and has held that office since 1958, she being ninety-four years old at this writing. She is still active in the Circle work, but has recently asked to be relieved of the office of teacher and Sister Ethel Crosier is teacher at present.

We now meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Church at Jefferson, Pa., and have a membership of thirteen. There are seven active members, as some work and others are not well or aged. We have read the Bible through twice, studied the literature of the Church, such as "Daniel's Little Horn," "Jew and the American Indian," "Apostasy and Restoration," "and "The History of the Church." Currently, we are reading The Book of Mormon. We enjoy looking for the answers to questions, having three or four each meeting — thus causing us to really search the scriptures. To date we have answered 3,885 Bible questions and 135 Book of Mormon questions. We have peace and joy in our hearts and souls as we meet together to read God's Word and sing His praises.

The Lord has blessed our circle sisters both spiritually and naturally as we worked together. Every effort put forth to help in missionary work has been very rewarding to us.

While the world is in such turmoil, there is a peace in our hearts that the world never gave, and a peace it cannot take away. Tho' the trials of life may surround like a cloud, we have found peace that has come to stay.

Our Circle has helped us to keep on the straight and narrow path. May God bless all our sisters as we work together for The Church of Jesus Christ.

Clara Stevens.

In Appreciation

Since it has become known that I am afflicted with my eyes I have been receiving many letters and cards of encouragement and comfort. Needless to say this correspondence has been a great help to me. All I can say is . . . Thank you one and all, and please continue to remember me in prayer.

Brother Joe Calabrese
Lorain, Ohio Branch

REMINDER

To: All members
From: Ft. Pierce Mission

May this letter find you searching for treasures that never perish. We are enjoying the blessings of God, and growing daily in the faith, having hope of the crown of eternal life when labors are over.

Winter is near, and we feel to remind you of our little Mission here in Fort Pierce, Florida. We look forward to the visits we often have this season of the year, and we use The Gospel News to extend a welcome to worship with us if you pass this way. Though we are only a few members, we praise God for His many blessings.

Recently three souls have been added to our Mission, and we have hope of several more to ask for their baptism soon.

Assistant Editor of Ft. Pierce Mission
May God Bless You
Mary Glover

Westward, Go!

Destination, San Diego, California

Preface

Time is a gift of God to us, His children; a gift we have received whether we are obedient to Him or not. However, only the present belongs to us now, for a short time, to do with as we please. The past has already been molded by us for either good or evil; and it has once more been reclaimed by God. If we have lived it according to His desires He may entrust the future unto us, and one day we may even see the whole converge together to shape and form the wonderful plan of God.

Occasionally, for reasons unknown to us, God gives us a glimpse into the future; one such glimpse was given to our Sister Lena Liberto, formerly of Pennsylvania and now of San Diego, California.

Many years ago she was given a dream in which she was riding in a car. With her was Brother Anthony DiBattista of Glassport, Pennsylvania. Suddenly the car took to the air and they flew over much territory, a great deal of it mountainous. After a lapse of time Sister Lena asked of Brother Anthony, "Where are we?" He answered, "We are flying over Mexico."

This dream, we feel, was given to our Sister long before our brethren ever contemplated travelling west to establish a Church there . . . yes, before any of them had even visited this part of the country. God had made unto Himself another witness to His wonderful plan of bringing His Church to the west.

Westward, Go! is a spiritual history, depicting how God worked with various individuals, guiding them and protecting them as they journeyed to the West Coast. Its inception was in the year 1943 when the very first saints came to San Diego to establish residence there.

WESTWARD, GO!

The Forerunner

One day in 1943, God turned His gaze to the Far West and said to the Angels and the heavenly host: "It is Time!"

From the very inception of Time, from the very beginning of all things, God could see the various Missions and Branches of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Hope of Salvation to all mankind.

He saw them flung over the far corners of the Earth. He saw those that do not even yet exist, but one day will come into being. Yes, He saw them in the East, West, North and South and even in the Islands of the seas.

It is possible that with these words: "It is Time!" He set in actual motion the plan for His work to begin in California and the West.

He had already set His eyes upon a young

adventurous man who had a sweet lighthearted young woman for his wife . . . a woman who could not deny him his wishes, and this God knew, too.

And thus it was that one day in 1943, Brother Tom Armormino, who lived with his wife Catherine and family in Detroit, Michigan said: "Catherine, we're leaving for California!" "You're joking," replied Catherine, in disbelief. "No," said her husband, "I'm not joking. As soon as I finish shaving, I'm going to the Real Estate office and put our house up for sale."

Within three weeks their house was sold, they said goodbye to all that was dear to them in Detroit, and left for San Diego with their youngsters.

Brother Tom was motivated by a strong and compelling urge which directed him in every move he made.

They arrived in October of 1943 and quickly became established, thus fulfilling their destiny in this wonderful plan of God by opening their doors to the other first Saints who ventured into San Diego.

"This," says Sister Catherine, "is what I believe was our sole purpose in being led into California . . . to open the way for the Gospel to be established in the West."

To which one can say: "So it was."

Especially is this believable when one looks back into what is now history and considers the fact that within a few years Brother Tom and Sister Catherine returned to Michigan to reside. Their work "out West" was finished.

Brother Tom, who has since left this earth may be in a position to KNOW that this was truly his assignment; Sister Catherine believes through faith that it was. (to be continued)

Catherine Vultaggio Poma
Editor, San Diego, California

PART OF GOD'S WONDERFUL PLAN

*I, too, am a part
Of God's great and wonderful plan;
He touched my heart,
Old things faded away and the new life began.
Unspeakable joy!
When He looked at me and said,
In His sweet loving way: "Follow Me, today,"
Every fear of eternity fled!
I, too, have a part
In erecting that city of gold.
Joy floods my heart
When I think of fair Zion with beauties untold;
I've nothing to lose;
I will serve Him while I can.
My reward is secure, not uncertain, obscure,
Since I'm part of God's wonderful plan!*

Catherine Vultaggio Poma
San Diego, California

Augustine said: "Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe."

THINK

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Sight

Divine revelation, apparition, creation of the imagination! When you are building you have a vision of what it will look like even before you start to build. Solomon asked God for an understanding heart, wisdom to discern or to judge. Instead of being jealous of the other fellow who is able to do better than we, let us pattern our lives after great men. We should try to see the good that is in anyone; study, read, pray, understand the will of God in our lives. Knowledge without the wisdom to use it is in vain. Therefore, the greatest of all the nine gifts is wisdom. It helps us to make sound decisions. Wisdom is a knowledge practically applied to the best ends. We should learn from our own mistakes; that is wisdom. For counsel we should go to someone who has had years of experience. If a man is to be a leader he must surround himself with men who have ability and wisdom; not yes-men, but men who have vision. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally." Proverbs 13:20 tells us, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise." Therefore we should watch our company. The Lord, speaking to Joshua, says, "Moses, my servant, is dead. Be strong and of good courage." He had been with a man of wisdom for forty years but now he was gone. "Be strong and of good courage." He had learned discipline; he had seen all the miracles performed during these forty years; he had learned to stand by this great man. And Moses said of Joshua and Caleb; "There is a different spirit in these two men," and they made it to the land of Canaan. The fear of man becomes a snare which may cause him to accept a bribe. David said, "Watch the man whose hand is mischief and whose right hand is full of bribes." We must learn to say no. We must develop the habit of ruling over our own thoughts and emotions. In closing, I say, "As a man thinketh in his heart, that is what he is. THINK GOOD!"

PRAYER AT THE NEW YEAR

By Louise Darcy

*Lord, at the New Year**I pray to be**More dedicated**In serving Thee.**Ever more humble,**Patient and kind,**Leaving selfishness**And pride behind.**Lord, at the New Year**I look ahead**With faith and courage,**By Thy wisdom led.*

A Tribute To Brother Toribio

By Norma Kennedy

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." Surely the death of Brother Alfonso Toribio, minister of the Tijuana Mission in Mexico, was no exception. He was a quiet man, not given to bragging or showing off. Humility and courage were the better part of his character. These same characteristics run through all his family. Their friendly smiles and warm handshakes welcome all they meet. Only God knows how many have found shelter in their home and food to eat, for no matter how little they have they are willing to share with others. Our brother ruled his home well — not with harshness — but with love. I can see him now sitting in a chair with his family grouped around him practicing hymns for the next meeting. How beautiful was their singing.

As a minister he loved the Bible and Book of Mormon and was a wonderful teacher. Somehow, from the first reading, the Book of Mormon became alive to him. He could see his people in every chapter he read. He yearned for the day when the Gospel would go to all the seed of Joseph.

He began attending the Church before there was a building to meet in, when the meetings were held outside. Finally we put up a one-room house which served as a home during the week and a meeting place on Sunday. It was without a floor and without heat. One of his first testimonies in this building was something like this: "I have gone to many Churches and their buildings were warm with heat, but cold without the love of God. Our Church is cold without heat, but warm with the love of God."

He always liked to see and listen to the brothers and sisters from different parts of the Church. Often he would pray for the Saints in the States who were sick, whether he knew them or not.

Several months ago he began to get sick. He couldn't eat and slowly his strength began to go. He lost weight and finally had to quit working. The company doctors examined him but could find nothing wrong. Our brother kept getting sicker but they couldn't help him. Finally, when he could hardly walk any more, another doctor took the case. This man soon determined he had a tumor. They decided to operate but couldn't for a week or two until his body could be built up.

In the meantime many brothers and sisters from New Jersey to California were praying for him. The call for prayers was taken back to every district by visiting Saints.

The tumor proved to be cancerous. The next week was a struggle for life but even his valiant heart could not rally his weakened body. Thus, on the morning of Sept. 7, 1966, Brother Toribio died. It was a sad thing to inform all the mem-

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A TRIBUTE TO BROTHER TORIBIO

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bers of the mission, for they loved him so. By 5 p.m. the mortuary was full of brothers and sisters from the mission and later from San Diego also. The wake lasted all night and many of the mission Saints stayed through until the funeral the next afternoon.

All the words in the world could not sum up our Brother's life better than these. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give men at that day: and not me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY NEWS

Since our last correspondence with you we have been blessed beyond measure as the Lord has extended unto us the gifts and blessing of the Retored Gospel. Through the manifestation of the spirit of repentance Brother Jack Blakely and Sister Lessie Williams have made a covenant with God to love and serve Him all the days of their lives; also Sister Marjorie Blakely and Sister Molly Cristello have renewed their covenants with God.

We pray that God will strengthen our new brothers and sisters with His spirit, keeping them faithful all the days of their lives.

Meredeth Martin

WARREN, OHIO NEWS

We of the Warren Branch would like to share our blessings with you once again. November 10th was a day that will always be remembered. Every one present can testify to the glory of God, to the showers of blessings upon us that day. We had four baptisms, two brothers and two sisters. The two young men were twin sons of Brother Frank Giovanone, Timothy and Thomas; a daughter, Evelyn Wilforth; and Margaret Smith, the wife of Brother James Smith, the oldest member of our branch.

Our prayers go out for the new brothers and sisters who have chosen to live their lives for the cause of Christ. Remember us in your prayers, and may God bless all our brothers and sisters throughout the Church.

Jennie Ciarochi
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS

Yesterday, November 6, we witnessed the baptism of Benina Chase. She went quietly into the water, but when she emerged she was shouting praises to God and a beautiful spirit was felt. Brother Piccuito has been visiting Sister Chase for many years, but she was very faithful to another church. A few months ago on one of his visits he found her very sick and unable to get out of bed. She hadn't eaten for four days and there was no one to take care of her. Brother Dan prayed for her, and after he left she felt better and got up and went outside to rest in the shade. She heard someone walking, and when she turned she saw Christ. He was standing beside her and she said the wind was blowing His silky white hair; his

robes were long and flowing. He spoke to her and told her not to be afraid because He was going to heal her. He stretched forth His hand and touched her. She said she felt something she never felt before and was healed immediately. She began to praise Him and He became elevated and moved away from her, but His arms were outstretched towards her. Then a cloud enveloped Him and He disappeared. Sister Chase has been attending our church since that day. She has felt the spirit of God upon her and last Sunday requested her baptism.

Margaret Henderson

GREETINGS!

We of the Gospel News Staff once again turn our thoughts toward the faithful readers of our little paper. We pray that its pages have brought comfort and blessings throughout the past year. From all of us to all of you we extend our wish for a most pleasant, happy and prosperous New Year.

The Gospel News Staff

*The candles of the old year, Lord,
Have flickered and gone out.
But Thou hast lighted twelve new ones
To shed their lights about
A darkened world. May each bright glow
Bring joy where there was pain,
And light the lonely road of grief
And agonizing strain.
Let their bright flame reveal thy hand,
That frees a heart from fear;
May their light shine upon the earth,
To show that Thou art near.
And, Lord, let peace return again,
So we may thrust all doubt
Into oblivion, before
These candles are burned out.*

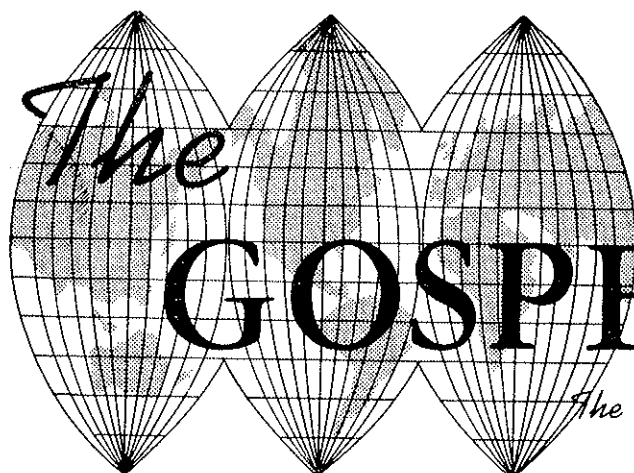
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NEWS FROM BELL, CALIFORNIA

This seems to have been a good year for having visiting brothers and sisters here in our branch. We just had the privilege of having Brother Cliff Burgess and Sister Maye, his wife, with us for a few weeks. It's always good to see their smiling faces and feel their warm handshakes. We also enjoy the words of wisdom that Brother Cliff portrays so often and the fine singing God has blessed him with. We hope God will bless and protect them on their journey home.

We again were delighted on Sunday, November 20th to have with us Brother Tom Liberto and family, Brother Bill DiFranco from San Diego; Brother and Sister Bologna, Brother Louis Parravano and wife from Modesto, California. The presiding elder, Brother Vincent Scalise, asked the elder of Bell to leave the rostrum to the visiting elders and our meeting turned out to be a very enjoyable one. We are thankful for these moments when we can worship with those whom we do not see so often. We feel like David once said, "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness." May God bless you one and all.

Ken Jones
Branch Editor



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"I Am Going To Leave You"

By James Heaps

On my trip to England the first place I visited was the home of a sister in the Church whom I had never met before. The open door, for which I had prayed, was extended to me; the welcome was that of a saint; our conversation was about the Church and the brothers and sisters living in Canada where she had obeyed the Gospel. The time soon passed and one day I said, "I am going to leave you." When the time came, my nephew and niece, along with Sister Cole, took me to the London airport. Sister Cole had been like a mother to me during my stay in England, always thinking of my welfare.

Let us now look at another scene. Some two thousand years ago Jesus said to His disciples, "I am going to leave you." "Oh no," they might have said; "You can't leave us." "Yes," Jesus said, "It is expedient that I leave you." The words fell upon their ears like a thunder bolt; it was a crushing blow to that little band. They had staked their all on Him, left father and mother, brothers and sisters, houses and lands, fishing nets and and the tax collector's office. The communion table was set and Jesus said, "Go to a man and tell him, 'I am going to eat the Passover at thy house.' Tell him to prepare the upper room." Thirty and three years He had lived among them — healing their sick, giving sight to the blind, comforting the weary. He said on one occasion, "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." But He also told them He was going to leave them.

When I left England my nephew and niece could not understand Sister Cole's grief at our parting; they could not understand the tie that binds us together. They said, "We will take care of her;" but with all they can do for her they do not have that same tie — the tie that binds believers' hearts in one. "I and my Father are one," said Jesus. Let us see what Jesus was trying to tell His disciples when He said, "I must go." The first thing to impress one is the way Jesus broke the news. It was characteristic of Him; His sayings and doings always came about in the most natural way. "I am going to leave you." It was

Teachers For Indians Sought

"Would you like a teaching assignment which would challenge you to demonstrate your highest professional competence, and to satisfy your deepest sense of service?"

This question was asked by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in their new pamphlet-announcement No. VA-6-08, issued December 15, 1966. This is a new program sponsored by the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Washington to recruit elementary school teachers to work among American Indians.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs will provide employment for elementary teachers in the States where the Indian population is the greatest. The cost of travel for appointees and their immediate families and for movement of their household goods to their first duty station may be paid by the Government.

Your career as a teacher in the Bureau of Indian Affairs places you in the Federal Civil Service which brings the following advantages, among others:

- Sick leave with pay
- Low cost group life and health insurance
- Liberal retirement benefits

Beginning teachers are paid \$5,331 a year, and must have a Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university, including elementary training or eligibility on the National Teachers Examination.

Those able to qualify for the GS-7 rating start at \$6,451 a year and GS-9 at \$7,696 a year.

For complete information, prospective recruits may get in touch with your local U.S. Civil Service Commission office or your local Post Office.

Spencer G. Everett - Sec'y-Treas. Bd. of Missions - Michigan-Ontario District.

something for them to think about.

The supper was over, but they didn't realize it was the last supper. They lingered around, talking over the events of the day. There had been an unusual sweetness in their conversation. John still leaned on Jesus' breast and the others grouped around in the twilight, drinking of the wine and eating of the bread, not realizing this

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I AM GOING TO LEAVE YOU

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represented the blood and body of Christ. The hour grew late; suddenly a shadow fell over the scene. A sinister figure rose and took the bag. He made for the door, but Jesus called him and handed him the sop. The spell was broken and a terrible feeling came over the room. Jesus said to Judas, "What thou doest, do quickly." Just prior to this Jesus had told them, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I say unto you, I will not drink or eat anymore with you until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. "Little children," with a choking voice, "Yet a little while I am with you, and whither I go ye cannot come." The hour was late and they thought he was getting tired, that He meant to retire to rest. But Peter asked, "Lord, whither goest Thou?" Into the garden? Back to Gallilee? It didn't occur to any one of them that He meant He was going to His Father. "Whither I go," He said again, "Ye cannot follow Me now. But ye shall follow Me afterward." The blow slowly fell in a dim, bewildering way. It began to dawn on them. It was separation. We can judge from the next sentence: "Let not your heart be troubled." He saw their panic and consternation. "It is expedient for you that I go away." Why couldn't He stay? He would not explain its meaning. I wish He had stayed; we might hear these words spoken today as our hearts hear them still when we read this. The children's hymn expresses this thought:

*I think when I read that sweet story of old
How Jesus was here among men:
He called little children like lambs to His fold;
I should like to have been with Him then.
I wish that His hands had been placed on my head;
That His arms had been thrown around me;
And that I might have seen His kind look when
He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me."*

The feelings were deep, so universal and sacred. It was true He was despised and rejected of men. He had no beauty that men would desire Him. But that did not drive Him away, or persuade Him to leave them. The first reason for His going was, "I go to prepare a place for you. But behold! the hand that betrayeth Me is at hand." And truly the Son of Man goeth as it was determined, but woe unto that man by whom He is betrayed. They began to question one another, "Is it I?" What searching of the heart! "Can it be I?" There was also strife among them as to whom it might be who should do this thing.

If Christ had not gone away, what then? The circumstances of our future life depended on His leaving. He could not have provided a place for us if He had not gone away. He had to be the resurrection and the life, so the Lord went before us, the Captain of our salvation. It was well for us that He not only went away, but that He went by the way of the cross. Another reason for His going was so that He could be very near. Suppose He had not gone away; suppose He were here in body now. Every plane, ship, train,

or car would be headed for Palestine. Every mail bag would be full of letters and gifts to manifest our gratitude; as far as the eye could see the caravans would be crossing the desert. I wonder if it would be so. Christ saw all this and that's the reason He said, "It is expedient that I go away. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come." He knew we would need a Comforter, and if there was ever a day when we needed one it is today. We can find Him in our own homes, in the Church. What would it be like if we were to need to stand in line to get to see Him? Beloved, you can find Him if you look or seek diligently for Him. Is His arm shortened that He cannot save? How would it be with the blind who could not see Him, or the deaf that could not hear Him? For their sakes it was expedient that He go away. The poor can have Him, the soul-sick can reach Him, the dumb can speak to Him from their hearts. If He were here only a small circle could enjoy Him, His casual presence. But now a nation or a kingdom, or even the world, can feel His presence through the Comforter that has come.

It is said of all great poets, philosophers, politicians, and men of science that their generation never knew them. Their greatness dawns upon us as time rolls past. It is much later in history that their lives stand out in true perspective, and their work is revealed. We never appreciate the beauty of those around us until the hand of death removes them from our sight. The absent Lord prepares a place for us. Mary and Martha told Him, "If Thou had been here, Lord, our brother would not have died." But when Christ came He gave life. The Spirit reveals Christ; He is the connection between the absent Christ and the world. Christ had to make room for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It was after Christ had gone that the disciples began to work; while He was here they rested in Him. It was a risk to leave them here, and He knew the weakness of the flesh. They grew fast, however, after He left them — in strength of character, in reliance, in vigor. We cannot always sit at the Communion Table.

Finally, He will be gone for just a little while. "Behold, I come quickly." The period of probation will soon be past. In other words, He tells us to be good until He comes. Thus we wait until He comes again. I am waiting quietly every day. Whenever the sun shines brightly I rise and say, "Surely it is the shining of His face;" and when a shadow falls across the window of the room where I am working at my appointed task, I lift up my head and ask if He is come.

*God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer; light on the way,
Grace for the trial, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy—undying love.*

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Editorial Viewpoint

There are those who seem to think the standards of the Church can be bent without any serious consequences; however, it is better to have their wills bent and let the Church's standards remain straight.



George A. Neill

Many of the ancient prophets were commanded by God to lift up a standard or an ensign for the people. This was carried out even by the Nephites, the ancient inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere. Moroni, who was their leader, rent his coat, took a piece thereof, and wrote upon it "in memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace." The lifting of a standard on a pole was used more extensively and with greater meaning in days past than it is today. It often symbolized the ideals of government; it was a gathering point for the army; and it was used to encourage enlistment of citizens to fight for rights and privileges to which they were entitled by God. A type of standard was used to demonstrate God's high purpose for His people, His holy will, and righteous requirements. It became a rallying point and a challenge to a particular type for life, the ensign being meant to emphasize and proclaim his ideals symbolized by the standards.

Down through the stream of time God has always been able to find a people who would lift a standard when some had spiritually drifted into some forbidden field or when religious leaders lost sight of the primary purpose of Christianity. Even when righteousness was dragged in the dust, up rose some standard bearer to fight the spiritual conflict. I believe there was that group of people in all ages of time who rose to champion the cause of righteous living when indifferent or sinful conditions would wind their way even into the Church. And so today God is not without standard bearers in this confused world where indifference, skepticism, paganism, dishonesty, and lust for sin abound, and where many homes have tossed the moral code out the window. "There are still those who have not bowed the knee to Baal." Many good preachers and laymen, by precept and example, are endeavoring to live a righteous life in this present world. There are still many active proclaimers of God's truth, and last but not least among this group of standard bearers is The Church of Jesus Christ.

When we begin to meditate upon the standards of our Church, the field grows larger and larger, seemingly without end. It is here, I am hoping, that others will write upon some field of standards of our Church for publication in our paper. Since our Church was founded and established upon high standards or requirements for membership, I believe there is danger of drifting from these original standards. The failure to abide by these high ideals may not be the result of a desire to turn away from them, but simply the neglect of the Church to keep before the minds of its members a clear understanding of these standards and the reason for their adoption. If this be true, then a frequent reiteration of the principles and reasons involved in these ideals is essential to maintaining them.

Is honesty a standard of the Church? Most surely it is, and one that is pretty well up the ladder, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men," says Paul. When I was growing up my parents taught me to believe honesty was not only Christian, but also the best policy. In the city of Los Angeles several months ago a Negro man found a bag of money containing several thousand dollars. He was an honest man, so he called the authorities and returned the money for which he received a reward of a few thousand dollars. However, when the news got out some people gave him a raking over the coals for returning this money. One person advised him to "go hang himself" for he didn't have enough sense to live; others called him an ignorant fool. I don't know how long this type of criticism lasted; but there were, on the other hand, those who congratulated him for his honesty no doubt. We certainly need more

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people in the world like him. Each one of us should see to it that we are honest, not only in matters of dollars and cents, but honest in the treatment of our neighbor. We should be completely honest in our dealings with one another and, above all, honest in our confessions to God, for the test is being made along these lines. Our standards call for a Godly walk and a vital piety to be manifested in our daily living. There should be the avoidance of evil of every kind; our whole life should reveal modesty, both in dress and adornment; we should practice righteous living at all times, avoidance of worldliness in attitude and appearance; we should show vital interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of others, trying earnestly to live in peace with all people. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

As I have already stated, the field of standards is immense; it can even take in doctrinal points, etc., (and I am still soliciting articles on this subject for print in our paper). I would like to venture one more thought in connection with standards. Let every one of us guard against becoming **Standard Benders** for there is nothing harder to bend than standards. For instance, I may succeed in bending the standard of health only to discover in a short time that my physical resistance is weakened or broken. I may, as I have previously stated, throw the moral code out the window to satisfy my natural appetite, but I bring ruin and disgrace upon myself. Moreover, the standard still stands as a steel bar — no bend whatsoever. There are those who seem to think the standards of the Church can be bent without any serious consequences; however, it is better to have their wills bent and let the Church's standards remain straight. The individual who thinks the Church should lower its standards ought to take the bend out of his own back and straighten himself up. It is unwise to try bending standards lest we be broken spiritually in the process. Let us endeavor to be **Standard Bearers**, not **Standard Benders**.

WE THANK THEE

*"We thank thee, Lord, on bended knee
For Thy great love, and constancy—
For grace that flows unceasingly.
We thank Thee more than we can say
For light Thou sheddest on our way—
For bearing us when'er we pray.
We thank Thee most of all, dear Lord,
For Thine own Son, Whose mercy toward
Brings us eternity's reward."*

Love that is hoarded molds at last, Until we find some day, The only thing we ever have is what we give away. And kindness that is never used, But hidden all alone, Will shortly harden till it is, As hard as any stone. It is the things we always hold, That we will lose some day, The only things we ever keep, Are what we give away.

Louis Grinsburg

NEWS FROM EDISON, NEW JERSEY BRANCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to inform you of some of the events we have recently enjoyed in the Edison Branch.

A few weeks before conference we received word that Brother Rocco Biscotti would be with us to visit a few days prior to our general conference here in New Jersey and would like to meet with the saints of the East Coast. We thank God for inspiring our brother with this desire. His words were good and beneficial for us. We received very good instruction. The spirit of God was in our meeting, and while Brother Biscotti was speaking Brother T. S. Furnier, who had just arrived that evening, arose and spoke in the spirit. God's blessing was witnessed. The theme of the sermon was that we should not try to modernize the Church, but to keep it as God has restored it. Brother James Heaps, who had been with us previously, followed on the same thought.

We've enjoyed many blessings, two of which I will relate. My wife had a very bad bursitis attack on a Saturday evening. She was anointed and was instantly relieved of this affliction. During the day, before the attack, Sister J. Micale was called in prayer for her, with the thought that my wife was in great need. Thank God He heard our prayers.

This past week we enjoyed another very wonderful display of the healing power of God. A three year old boy was anointed for an eye affliction. It seems the tear duct in his left eye failed to perform its proper function. After many examinations the doctors decided to operate upon him. The parents of this child are not members of the Church, but their faith was such that God could heal him. He was anointed on Sunday, and was then taken in for a final examination before surgery. Today, Tuesday, October 10, 1966, he was examined and the doctors were amazed to find there was nothing wrong with his eye. The mother of this child told the doctor that it was God who had healed him. We can see the goodness of God is extended to all mankind.

A series of revival meetings was conducted by the Atlantic Coast District at the Edison Branch during the week of November 28 to December 2. We found these meetings to be very interesting and uplifting to the saints here.

August D'Orazio
Editor

A SERVANT OF THE LORD

*I'm running for an office in a far and distant land—
My name is on a ballot God holds in His hand—
Where the buildings are of a jasper and the city purest
gold;
Where the saints of God will gather with Jesus I am
told.
If elected to that office in that sacred home on high,
I'll serve the people faithful, where we'll never die.
There our troubles will be over and all our sorrows o'er;
I'll serve Jesus and His angels on Heaven's golden shore.
Now when I get to Heaven—to that mansion in the
sky,
We'll have a celebration Jesus, the saints of God, and I.
We'll celebrate the victory, for at last I'll know I've
won
An office in God's kingdom, in that land beyond the
sun.
Now this office that I'm seeking is one we can afford;
It's the office of a servant—a servant of the Lord.
There the pure will live forever, in that home beyond
the sky,
And walk and talk with Jesus, and never say goodbye
Elmer R. LaRue*



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"If a man vow a vow unto the Lord . . . he shall not break his word." Numbers 30:2.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story about a man who made a vow unto God and this cost him the life of his child. This man was Jephthah. As a youth, he was mistreated by his family. His stepmother and brothers said, "Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house." He fled to the mountains and lived in Tob. When he became a man, he was a brave but misguided judge of Israel.

There were other judges in the days of Jephthah, who were not good judges. One we remember as Abimelech. They worshipped idols and led Israel to do likewise. Unless the Israelites had good judges they forgot the ways of the Lord. When they did this, God did not protect them from their enemies. Soon their enemies, the Philistines and the Ammonites, began to make war against the people of Israel. The enemies were victorious and the Israelites served these new masters for eighteen years. They cried to the Lord for help and asked to be set free from bondage. The Lord came to their rescue and they again served Him.

The armies of the Ammonites camped in the land of Gilead and the Israelites made a camp at Mizpeh. They needed a man for their captain. They remembered Jephthah, who was a mighty man of valour. The elders of Gilead went in search of him. When they found him, they pleaded with him to come to be their leader. Jephthah remembered how he had been treated when a young man. He asked, "Did not ye hate me and expel me out of my father's house? Why are ye come unto me now, when ye are in distress?" The elders admitted this was true but they told Jephthah if he would come and help them, they would make him head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. Jephthah consented to go with them and be their leader.

Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites, asking why the king was fighting the people of Israel. The answer was, because they had taken his land when they came out of Egypt and he wanted it back. Jephthah said this land had been given to Israel by the Lord and they had done the Ammonites no wrong. Their king paid no attention to Jephthah. He continued with his plans for war, and Jephthah gathered the Israelites together to fight.

Just before the battle, Jephthah made a vow unto the Lord to make sure of victory for the Israelites. He promised if he won the battle he would offer as a burnt sacrifice the first thing that came out of his house to meet him upon his return from the battle. The Lord allowed the Israelites to win the battle and they were set

free again. After the war was over, Jephthah returned to his home. As he approached, his daughter came out, with her timbrel, dancing for joy. She was his only child and he loved her dearly. Jephthah tore his clothes and cried, "Alas, my daughter! Thou hast brought me very low." He told her of his vow that he could not go back on his promise to God, even if it meant the death of his own child. She seemed to understand and reassured her father. What a brave girl she was. She asked only that she might be allowed two months to go into the mountains with some friends to bewail her fate. Her father granted her this request. At the end of two months, she returned to her father, "who did with her according to his vow." What a sad price for victory!

Search The Scriptures

1. What was Jephthah's father's name? Judges 11:1.
2. Read about the death of Abimelech, the wicked judge. Judges 9:50, 54.
3. How many sons did the judge Jair have? Judges 10:4.
4. What was the Lord's answer when the Israelites cried to him for deliverance? Judges 10-13, 14.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

The Empty Coffin

"An old minister, after laboring faithfully in his church for many years, was told: 'This church is dead.'"

"Disheartened and weary, the old man returned to his study, and after deep thought and much prayer he decided, with a wry smile, that if the church was indeed dead, then the least he could do was to give it a decent burial. So he announced to his astonished congregation that next Sunday he would hold a funeral service for the church, and he would be glad if everyone would turn out to pay their last respects.

"Naturally, the following Sunday, the church was crowded — and everyone was mystified to see an open coffin resting at the front of the church. The minister entered the pulpit to the solemn music from the organ, and after a prayer he invited the congregation to file reverently down the aisle past the coffin.

"One by one they went forward, wondering what they would see, and as they looked into the coffin they couldn't have been more surprised — for the minister had placed a long mirror on the bottom of it, and the only thing they saw was their own image staring back up at them.

"It showed, as no sermon ever could, that if the church was dead it was they themselves who were spiritually dead — and when they took their seats again, they were much humbler and wiser.

"So, dear reader, if YOU think your church is dead, remember the parable of the empty coffin."

Submitted by Park Crosier

M.B.A. Highlights

MISSIONARY PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

By Dominic Moraco, Assistant Secretary,

Board of Missions

For many years, the Missionary Benevolent Association has made many generous donations to support the missionary work of The Church of Jesus Christ. As a new year has commenced, it seems in order to acknowledge with gratitude the efforts of the MBA and, at the same time, present a brief report about The Church's Missionary Program. The following analysis is submitted under "MBA Highlights" so that all Association members, in addition to all other parties who have so graciously assisted in the overall missionary endeavors, may be kept current about the various mission fields of the Church and about some of the activities taking place at these locations.

The Board of Missions

The Board of Missions consists of a small group of Apostles, Evangelists, and Elders who generally meet between General Church Conferences to review and direct the work of the various mission fields. These brothers are elected by The General Church Conference to serve in this capacity.

The Board is divided into sub-committees to administer the requirements of each mission more adequately and effectively. For example, there are sub-committees for Nigeria, Italy, Indian missions, and home missions. Each of these groups is required to keep in touch with the needs and activities of the missions assigned to it by the Board, and it is to assist the missionaries carrying out their work. In addition, there is a sub-committee devoted to Church and public relations. It is the duty of this group to keep both Church members and the public informed about Board matters through articles such as this and through other means available.

Joseph Bittinger, Second Counselor of The General Church, is Chairman of the Board of Missions. Brother Bittinger has been to Africa, South Dakota, and many of the other mission fields. He is dedicated to missionary work and is anxious to acquaint the entire Church with the great need to share in the spreading of the Gospel through missionary endeavors.

Meredith R. Griffith is the Board's Secretary, and as such he spends many hours corresponding with missionaries and sub-committees to insure that the needs of all mission workers are supplied and to answer many of their questions. Brother Griffith is also Treasurer of The General Church, and thus he is charged with the responsibility of administering the yearly Church Budget in cooperation with the Finance Committee of the General Church.

Each year, the Finance Committee reviews

the needs of the General Church, especially those of the mission fields, and it recommends the entire budget for the coming year. Included in the missionary budget are enough allocations to cover the total needs of our full-time missionaries. For example, to be considered are such things as adequate living expenses for the missionary and his family, transportation, and other mission operating expenses.

Missions which do not have a full-time missionary require financial allocations ranging from the purchase and maintenance of station wagons, buses, buildings, and miscellaneous items to the extending of assistance to the poor whenever necessary. The Board periodically reviews all expenses involved to make sure that funds allocated are being used as effectively as possible.

Six Nations Indian Reservation

Typical of the locations operating without a full-time missionary is the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada. Situated about 200 miles from Detroit, this mission has a small church building with upstairs sleeping quarters to accommodate our brothers during their visits.

The Michigan-Ontario Mission Board assists the General Church Board of Missions in operating this post, and currently, Anthony R. Lovalvo and Ralph Leet are the ministers-in-charge. A small group of young people help them in running the Sunday School and in discharging other tasks.

These dedicated workers are required to make the long trip twice a month. After they arrive at their destination on Saturday afternoon, they must visit many homes, praying for the sick and acquainting friends with the Church. They have a full and busy schedule, returning to the Detroit area late on Sunday night after having driven mission residents to Church, conducted Sunday School and the Sabbath Service, and having transported the residents of the Reservation back to their homes in the Church station wagon assigned to this mission. Throughout the years, trips have been made to Six Nations despite dangerous weather, and God has spared the lives of our present workers, as well as those who preceded them, during many difficult situations. The testimonies of Brothers Lovalvo and Leet and those of their assistants typify the kind of safety and spiritual aid which always accompany those who work for the Church.

Persons who attended the GMBA field trip to the Six Nations Reservations in the summer of 1966 were able to see firsthand the kind of work which our representatives have been doing. They were in a position to observe how the goal of the Church, which is to reach as many individuals as possible with the message of the Restored Gospel, is being achieved. Although each mission is somewhat different from others, they could see how our missionaries, in addition to preaching The Gospel, must undertake many tasks to help ease the burdens of the sick, the poor, and the underprivileged. Nevertheless, these mission laborers, like all others, are happy to do these things because they know that this is part of serving mankind.

The MBA and all other individuals and groups who have aided our missionaries in the past can be proud of having helped them with their prayers and their financial aid, even though they could not be with them personally. The Board of Missions is likewise proud of the assistance it has received from anyone who has had any part in helping to spread the Word. While it is appreciative and grateful of the efforts in the past, it solicits your continued support so that we might all partake in this wonderful work, the Missionary Program of The Church of Jesus Christ.

I Had An Experience

I would like to relate an experience for the benefit of all the new brothers and sisters. I remember when I went to the water's edge and surrendered my all to Jesus. We may think that the Devil will not bother us any more after we are baptized. How wrong we are, for he is now more determined than ever; he will stop at nothing; he will even try to destroy our body. We must have faith in God; we must trust Him and obey Him. What I mean by trusting and obeying is this.

Right after I was baptized I was filled with happiness, my thoughts were of our Lord, and my heart was filled with songs of praise. One hymn came to me after my baptism; "He walks with me and talks with me and tells me I am His own." I felt that I could never be afraid anymore; I was safe now. My prayers were for more spiritual wisdom, spiritual knowledge, and understanding of His true gospel.

The day after my baptism I went to work as usual as a cashier in a supermarket. Behind our check-out counters we have large windows that face the parking lot. While I was working I became frightened, apparently for no reason at all. Something inside me made me feel that I must go home. I tried to brush this feeling away. I put my mind on the Lord and asked Him to help me. The second time the urge to go home was stronger, and I asked permission to make a phone call to see how my mother was. She answered the phone assuring me that she felt fine; she was reading The Book of Alma. I went back to work but before five minutes had gone by my heart started to palpitate; fear and trembling filled my body and this voice in my ears, sternly said to me, "For the third time I say go home." I obeyed, and asked to be excused from work. I went home and found my mother singing "He walks with me, and talks with me and tells me I am His own." I joined mother singing and felt no more fear, no more trembling. I was safe at home.

The next morning when I arrived at work I noticed the third window was boarded up and that the brick wall under it was broken. I worked on the third register by the third window. When I walked into the store, my manager greeted me saying, "Somebody up there likes you." I asked what happened, and he told me that about ten or fifteen minutes after I had left, a car went out of control, and smashed right through the

window and wall into the counter where I worked. Thank God for talking to me. Sometimes the Lord speaks to us, but we are yet weak and do not understand. Thank God that He worked so mysteriously to reach me and make me feel fear, but the most important thing is OBEDIENCE.

Pray for spiritual wisdom and understanding that we may recognize our Lord's voice. I feel very strongly that if we don't recognize the Lord's voice now, how will we recognize His voice when He calls our name from the roll He'll call up yonder when He's coming back to earth to gather His people? He'll be calling us one by one. Pray now; ask the Lord to speak to you that you may recognize Him when He does.

Pray for me, Brothers and Sisters, and I will do likewise as God gives me strength.

Fanny Prudente
Bronx Branch

A few months ago I had an experience in which I found myself speaking these words; "We must believe in God; we must keep His commandments; not only this, we must love God. If we love not those whom we see, how can we love God whom we do not see. This, then, is the mystery, that it is through the spirit of God that we love God and man."

As I awakened I remembered clearly the words I had spoken. I thought upon the experience; it seemed so simple, the words familiar. I couldn't help wonder why I should have this experience. I knew it had a purpose for God knows our needs. After much thought I realized that it is possible for one to believe in God and feel that he is keeping His commandments; thus feeling satisfied, he thinks all is well with him in performing his duty towards God.

Also we must love God, for when one truly loves one has strength to overcome all obstacles. We have strength to do that which is pleasing to God because love has no bounds. It reaches out in all directions; it is understanding; it is forgiving; it is slow to anger, and it is so gentle. We desire to do only that which is pleasing to Him because we love Him; we will have strength to love man. This is the spirit of God; this we must have in our lives as we press forward in faith. God bless each of us.

Josephine Dell
Edison Branch

In June, 1931 I was unemployed and very troubled because of this. I went into my bedroom and cried to the Lord to help me find employment. I then lay on my bed and fell asleep. I dreamed I walked into a large room where tables were set with beautiful linen, tablecloths and napkins, and lovely silver. In the center of each table were beautiful bouquets of lilies. I awoke.

The next morning about 9:00 A.M. a lady knocked on my kitchen door. My sister opened the door to this woman, who asked her, "Does Ivy need a job?" My sister answered, "Yes, and she will appreciate it." I had never seen this woman before and didn't know who she was.

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Light From The Watchman's Lamp

(Isa. 21: 6b)

By Spencer G. Everett

"Go set a watchman, Let him declare what he seeth!"

ARE YOUR HANDS CLEAN?

STOP! Before you read another word, take a look at your HANDS. Hold them palms up, toward your eyes; look at them carefully; study them critically. Are they clean? Really clean?

You say, "But they look clean; I just washed them, not five minutes ago." Although they are scrubbed, washed, rinsed and dried, according to the Word of God they might be soiled, filthy hands. They may be dripping with blood; stained with the blood of those who do not know of Jesus Christ, those who have not been "born again" of the water and the Spirit.

Listen to what God says about our **individual responsibility in personal soul-witnessing and soul-winning.**

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the Word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." (Ezek. 3:17, 18)

Someone, I am sure, will say, "But this is only for Ezekiel, the Son of Man, or only applies to the children of Israel."

Let me point out some New Testament texts that tell the same truth. I invite you to carefully and prayerfully consider these:

Hebrews 13:17 says, "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: **FOR THEY WATCH FOR YOUR SOULS, AS THEY THAT MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: For that is unprofitable for you."

The Apostle Paul plead with every sinner to seek salvation. — "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord, Jesus Christ . . . therefore watch and remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day, with tears." (Acts 20: 20, 21, 31) This is his testimony that he had seen and seized every available opportunity; that he had fulfilled his every responsibility to witness of God's saving grace to every soul in the city of Ephesus. "Wherefore I take you to accord this day, that I am pure from the BLOOD of all men." (Verse 26)

Can you see Paul standing at the head of a congregation of people with his arms outstretched, his hands held high before their steadfast gaze, as with tears of unquenchable joy he

says, "I am pure from the blood of all men!" There would be no blood of unreached, unwarned Ephesians dripping from his stained hands — he was pure — his hands were clean.

A man once told an evangelist, "I have enjoyed your meeting this week, but I am sorry you came." Seeing the preacher's look of concern and confusion, he added, "You have reminded me afresh that I have missed God's best for my life. I once felt the desire to teach and testify of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone; my family, my neighbors, my friends everywhere, but I thought I would first become self-sufficient and a leader in my chosen field. My business prospered well and I have achieved the leadership I thought so important. Yet there is a great void in my life; I fear I have missed God's best."

Oh! How the sins of "omission" weigh us down when we do not put God's commandments first!

*It isn't the things you do, friend,
It's the things you leave undone
That give you the greatest heartache
At the setting of life's sun!*

What does Alma say about the day of judgment? "I say unto you, can ye look up to God at that day with a pure heart and **clean hands?**" (Alma 5:19)

I pray to God that when you and I stand before Jesus Christ, our Lord and Judge, at the judgment throne, that we too, as Paul may be able to hold up bloodless, sheaf-filled, soul winner's hands and with joy and rejoicing, through tear filled eyes, declare, "I am pure from the blood of all men!"

WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA NEWS

Sunday, December 18, 1966 was an enjoyable day in Windsor. Several brothers and sisters from Detroit worshipped with us. In our morning meeting Brother Gorie Ciaravino spoke to us, telling how life had begun for him when he allowed Christ to enter therein. Brother Burgess followed, telling of the changes he had witnessed since coming into The Church of Jesus Christ. Life is made up of many joys, heartaches, and trials; yet with it all there is satisfaction in knowing that God has been a part of it all.

At the close of the morning meeting everyone retired to the basement of the Church for a Christmas dinner which was enjoyed by all.

For those of us who have made a covenant to serve God Christmas is in our hearts each day of our lives and we appreciate what God has done for us. May He continue to shower upon each of us His blessings through Christ, His Son, is our prayer.

Adrienne Collison
Branch Editor

FOR A HUSBAND'S GUIDANCE

Lord, place Your hands on his shoulder. Whisper Your voice in his ear. Put Your love in his heart. Help him to fulfill Your plan for his life.

—Prayer of a Wife



UR WOMEN TODAY

— She Hath Done What She Could

Rose Corrado

From Imperial, Pennsylvania

"That in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Matt. 18:16

Before organizing the Circle at Imperial, Sister Eva Moore had the following experience: "Thinking that we were too busy, too scattered, and too few, we put off organizing our Circle. We attended several general meetings and received many blessings. The Spirit of God then revealed to me that the Ladies' Uplift Circle is as Mary of the Bible— meaning that Mary had chosen that good part in allowing the spiritual things to come first." Another sister also had an experience that it was time to organize. So on May 22, 1964 the Ladies' Uplift Circle of Imperial was organized. We can truly say that we have been blessed many times in our Circle meetings and we thank God for this.

Since our organization we have undertaken various activities such as sending packages to Africa, and to the Indians in Mexico and South Dakota. We also made quilts and aprons, and sold candy to raise money for our Home Fund. Our hopes and prayers are that God will bless everything we endeavor to do for the Missionaries.

Libbie Rosemeir

Another Pennsylvania Circle

One day early in 1962 Sister Fannie Cassasanta received a letter from Sister Mable Bickerton expressing the hopes and desires of her mother, Sister Sadie Cadman, that some day every Branch and Mission of our Church would have a Ladies' Uplift Circle. She said she had felt to write to us, asking Sister Fannie to talk to the sisters of our Branch about having a Circle here in McKees Rocks. Sister Fannie did this and received a favorable response from the sisters. We then contacted Sister Mabel who appointed a meeting for a Sunday night in April, 1962. A number of sisters from Monongahela, Glassport, Aliquippa, and West Elizabeth attended. Our Circle was organized with a membership of 14. Sister Anna Ciotti was elected President; Arlene Ciotti, Vice President; and Nancy Ciotti, Secretary. We have enjoyed many blessings in our meetings while studying God's word, and have also been blessed by helping those in need.

In March of 1964 we hosted, for the first time, a General Circle Conference and felt a wonderful togetherness in working to make our visiting sisters welcome. We also felt a peace and blessing in another meeting which was held in our Church building for the Pennsylvania District Circles in May, 1965. Many wonderful testimonies were given telling how various sisters came into the Gospel. In December, 1965 we hosted,

for the second time, a General Circle Conference in which we enjoyed the blessings of God once again. We hope that God will continue to bless us, along with all the Circle Sisters, as we endeavor to study God's Word and help toward spreading the Gospel.

Theodora Laird

Ohio Circle has been meeting for 38 years

The Lorain, Ohio Branch of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was organized on January 19, 1929 with a membership of eighteen, and Sister Rose Fyre as its first President. Our meetings were held in the homes of the sisters and our lessons were from the Bible. Our present meetings are held in the Church building. We usually study the Bible or the Book of Mormon. At other times we conduct the meeting as we feel inspired, such as having a prayer meeting. There are now sixteen active members.

During the past year we have had a bake sale, a rummage sale, and a gift item sale. We have also raised money by selling cards and stationery. The birthdays of our members have been observed by our group. We made a visit to Sister Rosemary DeFoggie at the Rebel Rest Home on her birthday. Flowers have been sent to the sick.

As a missionary project we sent packages of clothing to Africa, Mexico, and the San Carlos Indian Reservation.

Mary Jones

AN EXPERIENCE

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I went with her, however, and we entered this room I had seen in my dream the previous evening. I was hired as a fulltime waitress by the DuPont Company. I worked for them for 33½ years. I always said that my job came from the Lord. I wish to thank God for He always provides.

Ivy Fisher

Edison Branch, New Jersey

Vows Exchanged

GRIFFITH - PIETRANGELO

On October 22, 1966 at 5:30 o'clock Sister Carolyn Pietrangelo, daughter of Brother and Sister Pietrangelo of Detroit, Michigan, and Brother John Griffith, son of Brother and Sister Meredith R. Griffith of Bentleyville, Pennsylvania, exchanged marriage vows in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1. Brother Meredith Griffith officiated. A reception followed with many friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters attending.

John and Carolyn are living on Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan. May God bless them in their life together.

PETERKIN - MADISON

Brother Nathan and Sister Carmella Peterkin of Somerset, New Jersey wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carmella, to Donald Thomas Madison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Madison of Columbus, Ohio. The wedding was solemnized in The Church of Jesus Christ in Edison on December 9, 1966 with Brother August D'Orazio officiating.

May God's blessing enrich their lives.

Westward, Go! Destination: SAN DIEGO

Help Us, Oh Lord!

The Lord God will manipulate times and events so that His will may be accomplished. Who is to say why World War II was allowed to happen? What we can say is that because of it the time became opportune for God's labors in expanding His Church to the West Coast.

Thousands of Marines and other servicemen were stationed in California during that time. They came from all over the United States to be trained and to serve their country. Many of the children of the saints first glimpsed California at this time. One of them was my brother, Paul Vultaggio, then of Detroit, Michigan. While on week-end passes he visited San Diego, and his letters to the family were alive and vibrant with praise of the City and its balmy climate.

These letters aroused in my companion, Chris, a strong desire to leave Detroit and travel west. I was reluctant, however, not understanding the plan of God. I reasoned thus: "There is no Church in California. How can I serve God there?" True, Brother Tom and Sister Amormino were there, but Brother Tom was not an elder; therefore, I reasoned, there would be little likelihood of the Church being established there. What I did not remember was that God first sent John to prepare the way for Jesus. He always sends ambassadors to prepare the way for the setting-up of His plans, and God never changes.

One day my aunt, Sister Rose Mulla, told me that Elder Patsy DiBattista was leaving immediately for California. Elated, I repeated the good news to my husband and my parents. The Church of Jesus Christ would surely be established in California now! But blood ties are very strong too, and fear of never seeing my parents again brought my prayer before God: "Lord, shall we go? Will my family follow?" My answer came in a dream. I climbed a tall mountain, then turned and extended my hand to each one of my family, in turn pulling them to the top. Now I knew it was God's will that we go. We would get ready to leave.

Within a week house and furniture were sold, which we considered a further sign that God was in the matter. At the urging of friends in California we purchased a house trailer, for rentals were hard to find in San Diego because of the influx of Service Personnel. We postponed our departure three days in order to attend Conference at Detroit, where we met the Amormino family. They were vacationing and kindly offered the use of their home in San Diego. It was declined with thanks for we had our trailer. We left on October 12, 1944.

However, the plan of God is often at variance with the designs of men. In Oklahoma our trailer was allowed to be wrecked by a passing oil truck. We say "allowed" because, although God undoubtedly did not have a hand in the actual wreckage, He could have prevented it from oc-

curing. God knows all things and in this case He had given evidence that this was going to happen, as we shall shortly see. Yes, all things work for the good of those that love God!

On Sunday, three days after we had left Detroit, our late Sister Marietta Ruzzi had a vision in which she saw the accident and asked the congregation in Detroit to offer a prayer for the protection of the Poma family. At the same hour, 1500 miles away in the outskirts of Oklahoma City, a large oil truck sideswiped our trailer. It began to swerve and sway, pulling the car with it from side to side. Filled with fear I cried out in a loud voice to God: "Help us, Oh Lord." At that instant the trailer broke loose from the car and it somersaulted, coming to rest once more upon its wheels, almost completely demolished. With the aid of a wrecking company owner the belongings were piled upon the floor of the trailer; we were loaned a tarpaulin to cover them and we again proceeded on our way West. But Satan was not to give up hounding us this easily. On an incline in the road a tire spun off the trailer and rolled down hill. We pulled over to the side of the road and Chris tore down the hill after it.

In those days the only roads worth traveling were two-lane highways. That morning it was a very busy road. Here was a family in the middle of "nowhere," their footsteps dogged by adversity. I stood by the side of the car, filled with fear that my companion might be struck by a car traveling the highway — filled with distress at the knowledge that we were surely being persecuted by Satan. It is at such moments of extreme distress and need that our faith can be strongest. I raised my eyes toward heaven and cried out to God again: "Oh, Lord; rebuke the evil that is following us, in the name of Jesus." The tire came to rest at the bottom of the hill, and the lug nuts were found intact, all together in the hub cap. Not one had spilled out, Praise God!

Once more we continued on our way to reach that Golden Land of California, and without any further occurrence we arrived on October 22nd. In retrospect we see that because the trailer was "allowed" to be demolished we were forced to rent a larger home after first gratefully accepting the Amormino home for a few days. Thus we were in a position to offer lodging to other new arrivals to the West Coast. Thus we see another link in the chain of the wonderful plan of God!

Catherine Vultaggio Poma
San Diego, Cal. Editor

NEWS ITEM

Bro. Richard Isaac, of the Six Nations Reservation, Oshwegan, Ontario, Canada, has been elected to the office of Chief Councillor for a two year term. His experience of 16 years on the Council should be a valuable asset to this new office.

Bro. Isaac, a humble brother who loves the Lord, holds the office of an ordained teacher in The Church Of Jesus Christ.

The Lord has seen fit in His wisdom to use Bro. Isaac in a greater capacity. No doubt it is because of his love and concern for people. Let us pray in his behalf, that the Lord will use him in this office to help the seed of Joseph and to represent the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Spencer G. Everett — Sec'y-Treas. Bd. of Missions, Michigan-Ontario District.

NEWS FROM TIJUANA

We are happy to advise that we now have a second mission in Tijuana where we hold meetings during the week. About a month ago we began to hold a service for adults on Friday morning each week. We have a nice group of adults visiting the Church from this area. On Saturday mornings we hold a service for children with about eighty in attendance at this time. Two of our young sisters go there to teach them. We are especially anxious to work with the children in this area since there are so many, and they may be our Church of tomorrow. It is so satisfying to work with the little ones as they absorb teaching rapidly. It is amazing how much they learn in one day. Already they are singing hymns and memorizing texts from the Bible; they are also able to answer questions on their lessons. We have been acquainted with some of these people for some time, but since they lived so far from our Church it was too difficult for them to travel this distance with their large families. Now that this mission has been established many of them are able to attend.

About five weeks ago tragedy struck Tijuana. One hundred homes burned, leaving many homeless. Last week there were floods that washed away many homes. The border was closed for several hours prohibiting entry into Mexico. Quite a number of cars were almost completely submerged in the water and about 1,000 people were left homeless.

Since writing you last we have baptized five more members for which we thank God. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the M. B. A. in California for the donation of 100 metal chairs for use in the Church at Tijuana. We also want to thank all those who contribute to the Missionary Fund. You have made it possible for us to have Mission #2. Our future plans include enlarging our first building; also putting a brick fence around the children's Sunday School building which is on the adjoining lot.

Pray for us that the Lord will prosper His Church in Tijuana, and that many souls will find their way to Him. We feel such a desperation in our hearts when we see so many without knowledge of God, without hope. Our hearts long to see the great day when God will move in a mighty way to gather Israel. May God bless our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Edward and Evelyn Purdue

NEWS FROM SAN CARLOS, ARIZONA

On Friday, December 23rd, we had an enjoyable evening listening to our children of the Mission present a Christmas program concerning the birth of Christ with recitations and songs. Refreshments were served after the program and, while the adults went to eat, the children remained and sang hymns. A spirit of joy prevailed and the children sang so well that Brother Piccuito had them repeat their songs when the adults returned. Their favorite hymn is "Longing For The Gathering," and what a blessing we received when we heard them raise their voices

to sing this. We realize what a wonderful day it will be for these children when this is fulfilled.

Our brothers and sisters, along with all the children were provided with a complete Christmas by members of Anaheim, Bell, the Valley, and Phoenix branches, and other contributors who sent gifts. We are thankful for our brothers and sisters who remembered this mission on this occasion.

A beautiful spirit accompanied us at the baptismal service last month when Sister Gladys Phillips was baptized. As Brother Piccuito prayed at the water's edge he spoke in tongues. Many visitors were in attendance and felt this spirit. These people are very quiet and somewhat backward, but when God's spirit falls upon them they shout aloud His praises. As Gladys came out of the waters of baptism she came forth shouting, "Praise God." With the last two members eleven children have been blessed. We now have 45 children in regular attendance in our Sunday School. May God bless all of you. Please remember us in your prayers.

Margaret Henderson
Mission Editor

Ladies' Uplift Circle General Meeting

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Glassport, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 10, 1966. There were sisters present from Canada, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

The sisters of the Glassport Circle opened our meeting with the scripture from St. Luke, 2:1-20; they also sang a few selections. Sister Mabel Bickerton, in her opening remarks, expressed herself as being thankful that she can give her testimony to many different people. She stated that many do love God, but we can be so thankful that we have found the right way to serve Him.

Special prayer was offered in behalf of Sister Julia D'Amico of Rochester, New York. Our meeting was then continued in testimony and singing. The business was conducted with most of the officers present. It was decided that our meetings for the next year will be held as follows: March 11, 1967 in New Brunswick, New Jersey; June 17, 1967 at Lorain, Ohio; September 16, 1967 at Branch #1, Detroit, Michigan; and December 9, 1967 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Sister Norma Wirbicki of Glassport, Pennsylvania gave us an interesting account of her recent trip to the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona. She testified of finding the true love of God among these people, and added, "Surely we should back anyone who goes out on missionary work."

A vote of thanks was given the sisters of the Glassport Circle for an enjoyable day.

Mary Tamburrino
Circle Editor

OBITUARIES

PASQUALE FALLAVOLLITO

Our beloved brother, Pasquale Fallavollito, husband of Sister Anna Fallavollito, passed away November 3, 1966. Brother Fallavollito was born October 12, 1898 in Italy. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on February 19, 1928 at Glassport, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Sister Anna; seven children; fourteen grandchildren; and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Vincent Scalise and John Dulisse. May God bless and comfort the bereaved family.

ROSE PIACENTINO

Sister Rose Piacentino died earlier last year in Modesto, California. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ for many years. She is survived by her daughters, Sister Lena Bologna, of Modesto; Sister Amormino of Detroit; and a son, Brother Mike Piacentino of Detroit, and many loving grandchildren.

Services were held in the Church in Modesto, with Brothers Joseph Lovalvo, Mark Randy, and John Dulisse officiating.

LINDA MARIE PARRAVANO

Linda Marie Parravano passed away September 17, 1966. She was born May 31, 1954. Linda was 12 years old and is survived by her parents, Brother and Sister Louis Parravano; two brothers, Brothers Daniel Parravano of Detroit, Michigan; and Joseph Parravano of Modesto, California; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved and prayed for her during her long illness.

Funeral services were held in The Church of Jesus Christ in Modesto. Brother Joseph Lovalvo officiated, assisted by Brothers Rudolph Mao and Leonard Lovalvo.

THERESA GIORDANO ARTELLAN

Sister Theresa Giordano Artellan of San Jose, California passed away November 12, 1966 at the age of 42 years. She was the victim of an automobile accident in which her husband, daughter, and future son-in-law David Krempa, were injured.

She is survived by her husband, Delbert; her children, Delbert Jr., Judy, Larry, and Sheryl; and many close relatives. Brother Joseph Lovalvo officiated at the services held in San Jose.

Sister Artellan was ordained a deaconess three weeks before her death. Her display of an ever-present faith in God will always be a memory and example to those that knew her. She is going to be missed by her family and the brothers and sisters.

Her son, Brother Larry Artellan composed and dedicated this poem to his mother.

"A DEDICATION TO MOTHER"

Mother, Dear Mother, you have gone to your reward,
Tho the way was dark and narrow, you're now happy with the Lord
You have left us on this earth and though we're mourning and in sorrow;
We have peace within us saying "We will see you on the morrow."
Yes, we'll see you on the morrow now that Heaven is your home.
We will find our place in glory and together we will roam;
'Cause our days on earth are numbered, whether many, whether few;
We have faith, that if we're faithful, we'll someday be with you.
And in the book of life next to yours our names are there;

And when our Savior calls we'll be ready without care.
Through your faith, hope and charity you have made that place above.

You were one with understandings; you were ours with perfect Love!!!

Your Loving Family
By your son, Larry
"We're going to miss you"

NEWS FROM PHOENIX

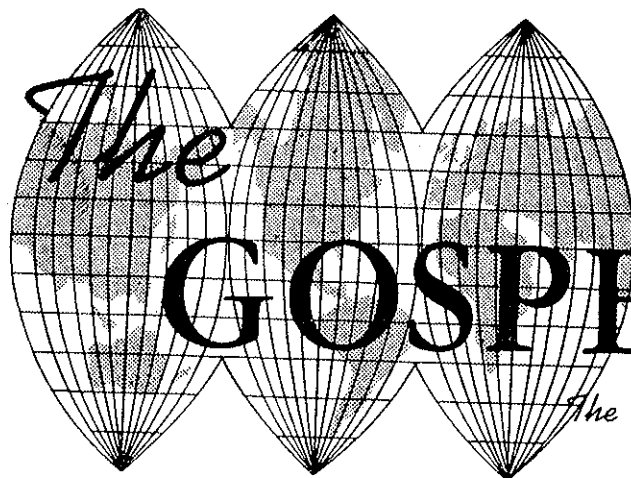
On New Year's Eve a watch prayer meeting was held in the home of Brother and Sister Christman to welcome the coming year. Our depth of thankfulness unto the Lord was increased by the testimonies and prayers offered by the brothers and sisters who were able to attend. It was a satisfying and fulfilling experience to be bowed in prayer when the sounds of the New Year rang forth.

The spirit of humbleness evidenced during the New Year's Eve meeting was carried over into our Sunday gathering. Brother Ether Furnier, our Presiding Elder, opened the meeting with the hymn, "Standing On The Promises." As opening speaker, Brother Christman spoke upon the concept of the New Year season, and the meaning of resolutions which men make to amend their past shortcomings. He related this practice to our standing in the Church, suggesting that we recognize this season as a time to renew or rededicate our lives unto the Lord; however, it is only through Christ that we can start afresh and make a lasting commitment unto the Lord.

Brother Furnier followed, comparing the opening selection, "Standing On The Promises," with the hymn titled "We Have An Anchor." He made reference to the history of Babylon, as the account is given in the Old Testament, when the people became desirous of reaching the heavens without seeking the Lord; and undertook to build a tower which would allow them to touch the skies. He brought forth the message that only when our anchor holds will we be able to stand on His promises; to succeed through the storms and perils of life.

The service was then opened for testimony at which time Brother Walter Flagle told of his visit to Yucaipa Mission in California on the previous Sunday; he also expressed his desire to be anointed. Testimony was then given by Elder Harold Burge of Erie, Pennsylvania, a visitor in our meeting, who related his experience of being guided by a dream to join the Church of Jesus Christ headed by the late Laurence Dias.

The hymn, "Pass Me Not," was sung before the elders petitioned the Lord in behalf of Brother Flagle. At this time several others were moved to come forth for the laying on of hands or to be anointed for healing. Brother Flagle afterward described the vision he experienced while under the hands of the elders during his anointing. He saw the Lord appear in mid air, clothed in white, and holding a staff. May the Lord continue to bless His people as we strive to do His will.



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"Who Shall Roll Us Away The Stone . . . ?"

By Gorie Ciaravino

Sincere greetings to all the Saints throughout the entire Church. God's peace and love be with you all.

With the coming of spring, our thoughts turn to Easter Sunday, the day the Christian world celebrates the resurrection of Christ. As we recall that great event, we return to the scene that early morning of the first Easter and see Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bearing sweet spices that they might come and anoint the body of Jesus. Approaching the sepulchre, they remembered the large stone which had been placed against the door of the tomb, and they asked among themselves: "Who shall roll us away the stone. . . ?" It seemed to them that it would be impossible to get to the body of Jesus because that huge stone stood in their way. To these faithful women, the stone represented a great obstacle which they, in their own strength, could not possibly move. The stone, however, was moved for we read in the Gospel according to St. Matthew: "And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." How relieved these women must have felt to find the barrier removed!

History has provided us with many illustrations which show that men have had to face many obstacles; however, through faith and trust in God, they have always overcome adversities. For example, when Moses was leading the House of Israel out of captivity from Egypt, the Red Sea presented a barrier to their escape. As the Israelites watched the oncoming Egyptian armies, they, no doubt, wondered how they would escape their impending slaughter. Because of the faith of Moses, God came to their rescue and divided the sea, and the Israelites crossed over on dry ground.

When Joshua was ready to lead the Children of Israel into Jericho, the walls of the city, which

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LEADERSHIP

By: James Curry

It is evident to the observer that there are two separate, distinct, and conflicting types of leadership.

The type of leadership preferred in many nations around the world is called Authoritative. Authoritative leadership is dogmatic, which means that it is marked by positive and authoritative assertion. It is also arrogant, dictatorial, domineering, overbearing, self-opinionated, aggressive, competitive, individualistic and self-seeking.

Probably the outstanding trait of the authoritarian is the tendency to seek his own aggrandizement and to covet high position as a stepping stone to personal prestige. Dictatorial in nature, he tells his followers what to believe and what to do, which destroys individual creativity. The followers of dictatorial leaders rarely bring forth anything new.

Because free thought and individual creativity are suppressed and destroyed, the followers of authoritative leaders are tense, restless, frustrated and unhappy.

During the Dark Ages the authorities distorted Paul's "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers, for the powers that be are ordained of God" into what became known as the "divine right of kings." The people were told and believed that everything the ruling powers did was done by the mandate of divine Authority. To disobey the ruling powers was to earn the displeasure of God. The people were thus held in subjection and dispossessed of their creative powers by the threat of a power apart from themselves. The hold-up man does the same thing today when he sticks a gun (a power apart from himself) in your ribs and relieves you of the money in your wallet. Authoritarians manifest the same spirit when they "pull their rank" on one another.

Because he seeks his own exaltation above that of his followers, the authoritarian inclines naturally to self-righteousness. Someone has said that "No righteous man ever thinks of himself as being righteous; whereas the self-righteous

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"WHO SHALL ROLL US AWAY

THE STONE . . .?"

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can be likened to that "stone", barred their entrance. The inhabitants of that city, no doubt, felt secure behind those well-built walls. The Israelites pondered how they could ever overcome the walls; but Joshua, who trusted God in all things, commanded his people to go forth in faith. They obeyed, and their faith was rewarded for the walls collapsed, and they entered and possessed the city.

Another instance of the Creator's help in removing barriers was when Nehemiah heard of the sufferings and affliction of the Jews who remained in Jerusalem. The wall of Jerusalem was laid in waste, the gates had been burned, and the people were destitute. Nehemiah fasted and prayed that God would remove the great reproach that was upon his brethren. Through faith, he was able to persuade the king to let him go to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall and gates of the city.

In more recent times, we find Columbus overcoming a great obstacle to come to the land of America. While all the great seamen of his day felt that he was undertaking an impossible task which would mean sure death, this dedicated explorer was directed by the Spirit of God to make this extremely hazardous voyage, and he was able to reach the then unknown promised land.

Later, we find that George Washington, with a handful of half-starving and ill-clad men, was able to free the colonies and pave the way for American independence.

In the days of Joseph Smith, there existed a great religious confusion. Young Joseph was faced with the problem of deciding which church he should join. This confusion stood as a "stone" in his pathway as he sought to discover the truth. He was able to overcome confusion through mighty prayer. As a result of his steadfast faith, God sent the Angel Moroni to earth bearing the everlasting Gospel.

From the examples cited, we see how God has used men and angels in overcoming obstacles and fulfilling His will on earth. Let us now turn to a different type of obstacle which faced all mankind, that of overcoming death. The fear of death and the sting of the grave stood as great barriers between man and God. God used neither man nor angel to remove these great obstacles; He reserved this task for His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

Today many are saying that God is dead, while others have only a very shallow faith in Christ. They are living in unbelief and sin, and their hearts have become hardened against God. For them, the fear of death has not been removed, and the sting of the grave is real. Only in a sincere search for Christ will they ever find that God can roll the unbelief from their hearts, revealing that Christ has risen and lives today. Only in such a search will they find that God's prophecies in the book of Revelation have been

fulfilled declaring that an angel was used to restore the Gospel upon the face of the earth.

It is our duty wherever we, as a church, may be located to help these persons to roll back the "stones" and the barriers which keep them from coming to the risen Christ with full purpose of heart.

Whether we are laboring for the Gospel in Africa, Europe, or North America, it is our mission to proclaim Christ to mankind as the risen Saviour. It is our duty to help roll away the "stones" which impede them from coming to Christ and gaining salvation. As we strive to fulfill this mission, we may find "stones" blocking our road to success causing us sometimes to ask ourselves the same question: "Who shall roll us away the stone?"

I am confident that the same power that rolled back the "stone" from the door of the sepulchre can be used today to roll back man's unbelief which blocks him from reaching God.

HEAR YE HIM

by Hildegard Campbell

*Never man spake like this One.
By daylight, thousands sat enthralled.
In darkness, Nicodemus stole
Alone to listen. Children He called
To Him and blessed. He told the woman
At Jacob's well all she had done.
One word He uttered, and palsy left
The servant of a centurion.
The sinner heard, "I condemn thee not;"
The blind, "Thy faith hath made thee whole;"
The crippled, "Rise, take thy bed and walk;"
The dead, "Come forth;" the leprous soul,
"Be clean." In temple courts He cried,
"Come, ye who thirst, and drink to the brim
My sparkling, living water." Never
Man spake like this One. Hear ye Him.*

*'Now in the place where He was crucified
there was a Garden' John's Gospel 19:41*

RISEN AND ASCENDED

*Rejoice, the Lord is risen indeed,
E'en heav'n's Beloved One.
Death could not hold in prison's greed,
The Father's only Son.
Hail to the Lord's Anointed One,
Bearer of sin and shame;
The Heir of all appointed, now
Revealer of God's Name.
His life has once been freely given;
Low in the grave He lay.
The bands of death are quickly riven:
The stone is rolled away.
He went with hands uplifted high,
Those mansions to prepare;
But He will come all gifted soon,
And with His people share.
And many sons to glory then,
As Captain, He shall bring;
For in His tomb, we're seeing now,
That death has lost its sting.*

—Mary M. Bodie.

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Editorial Viewpoint

What was it that lifted these bewildered, defeated men and caused them to become a mighty army of the Lord? The answer is the resurrection.



George A. Neill

Once again as we enter this year of 1967, and the memory of past years lingers in the shadows, Christ's resurrection from the dead emerges as the truly greatest event in the history of the human race. Prior to the first Easter the dark hours surrounding His crucifixion were surely the darkest for His followers. We have all experienced dark days which bring fear to our minds, but what could be worse than to see one's closest and best friend — one you had learned to love because of his goodness and kindness — put to death? When Jesus' friends saw Him die on the cross and buried in Joseph's new tomb, surely the darkness of bewilderment settled heavy upon their spirits. Their hopes had perished; they became the most dejected and disheartened group of people that ever lived. They didn't have the least idea, however, that the darkest night was to be followed by the brightest dawn. The words that fell from the lips of the angel at the tomb to the women present, "He is not here; He is risen," brought the gladdest news ever heralded forth. These words simply meant that death's power was suddenly crushed, fear of the grave was broken, and the gates of heaven were opened. Indeed, Jesus rose triumphant from the grave. He lived, was dead, and now is alive forevermore. Because He lives they too should live.

Even though Jesus felt His followers were foolish and slow of heart to believe what the prophets had spoken, nevertheless His central concern, His whole yearning was for those who had walked and talked with Him and listened to His teachings. Thus He appeared to many to quiet their fears, to restore hope, and dry their tears. He made Himself known to Mary as she stood without the sepulchre weeping. Mary was so deeply absorbed in her sorrow and grief as she gazed through her tears at the empty tomb that she paid but little attention to the person of our Lord as He said, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" She could not imagine such an appearance being possible. She had no conception of His resurrection from the dead. Supposing that He was the gardener, she inquired of Him where the body of Jesus had been taken. It was not until He spoke her own name, "Mary," that she knew Him. What transports of joy must have filled her breast when she instantly realized He was the Master. He told her to go and tell His brethren and she became the first to herald the good news, "He lives."

He appeared also to the two as they walked the road to Emmaus, and if there were any beauty to behold along that road it was lost to them. Their hearts were sad and broken. Presently a lone stranger overtook them and asked the manner of their communication as they walked and seemed so sad. Thinking Him to be a stranger in Jerusalem, they told Him all that had taken place. Finally, when they discovered that He who had walked and talked with them was the risen Christ, they were shocked. They immediately hurried back to Jerusalem, found the others, and told them, "The Lord is risen indeed!" Perhaps it was that same evening that Jesus appeared to the eleven, saying unto them, "Peace be unto you." They became terrified for they supposed they were beholding a spirit, but He assured them that it was He who had died; He was now alive and would be forevermore. He allowed them to feel Him, "handle Me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have."

Paul says Christ was seen of them for forty days after His resurrection, speaking unto them things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. I would think all of those who followed Him were witnesses to His resurrection, and most surely the news that the Lord had risen spread abroad like wildfire. They became convinced that Jesus had broken the bands of death. Thus they be-

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came prepared to accept the commission that Jesus gave them at the time of His ascension into heaven. This commission was to preach "repentance and remission of sins in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

What was it that lifted these bewildered, defeated men and caused them to become a mighty army of the Lord? The answer is the resurrection. If the knowledge of the resurrection, and the power with which they were endowed instilled within them a determination to meet this commitment, and they became a mighty, marching, crusading army, should not we become just as moved? Is not Christ still alive and real? We sing with the poet; "You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart." If Christ is in our hearts we are then challenged to meet the same commitment. "Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel."

Permanent Missionary Plan Advanced

By Joseph Bittinger

It is the desire of the Board of Missions to acquaint all those concerned with the Missionary programs it is sponsoring to put permanent missionaries in the field. At the present time the Foreign and Indian Mission fields are being given particular emphasis. As soon as the needs of these fields are taken care of, I am certain the Board will give its attention to a program sponsoring Home Missionary work.

As Chairman of the Board I have been authorized to make a tour of the Church as much as possible to acquaint the branches and missions with these programs. The spiritual and financial support of all branches and missions is desirable and necessary for the success of these programs.

Brothers John Ross and Daniel Cassasanta are preparing to go to Nigeria as permanent missionaries soon after the General Conference in April.

I am very much encouraged since making a recent tour of the Atlantic Coast District; also that part of the Pennsylvania District visited so far. Attendance has been very good at most of the meetings where I have spoken in behalf of the missionary programs. I have observed an expression of eagerness and happy anticipation on the faces of many as they listened to me speak of the Board's contemplation. There were expressions of joy at the very thought of the work of God and the Church moving forward, and the saving of many souls in the Kingdom of God.

Many wish to see created within the Church an enthusiastic missionary spirit for God's greatest work of all time is before us, the Church; it is to be accomplished by the divine guidance of His Holy Spirit. Let us all try to be a part of this great work.

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man never thinks of any one else as being so." The self-righteous authoritarian is brittle and critical in his attitude toward others; whereas the truly righteous man is critical of self and loving and forgiving even of his enemies. Because he does a great deal of soul searching, he is painfully aware of his shortcomings, which keeps him humble. While in his secret chamber he voices the cry of every righteous man since Adam, "O, wretched man that I am."

The democratic leader is motivated differently. Position, power and personal prestige mean nothing to him. His one great concern is to learn from the Scriptures, from Divine Inspiration, but above all from his followers, where they would like to go. He then does his best to lead them there.

In The Church of Jesus Christ the democratic leader believes as Martin Luther learned more than four hundred years ago that, while he has the authority to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, "he has no authority above that of a servant over the lives and actions of those whom he serves."

The democratic leader knows, also, that there can be no effective exercise of authority unless the corporate body is in a spirit of complete cooperation. In The Church of Jesus Christ the minister's authority is derived not only from God, but from the consent of his followers. Although he abides continually in a spirit of self-renunciation, the democratic leader is dynamic, original and creative. Like the householder of Jesus' parable, he "brings forth out of his treasures things both old and new." His followers are also free to express their creativity as God wills. They are therefore well adjusted and have frequent seasons of joy. Because democratic leadership has the proper insight and perspective, it alone can lead mankind into that glorious destiny which lies so challengingly before the human family.

There are those individuals who, though having little knowledge, desire position and authority. It would be well for such a one to learn that until he becomes a knowledgeable authority on the subject of Godliness, he is not qualified and cannot be authorized to preach the gospel of Christ. Knowledge is a prerequisite to authority, and authority increases with the acquisition of knowledge. Because Christ knew all things He had all power in heaven and in earth. Because He understood how to apply His great knowledge to the honor and glory of God, the Spirit was given to Him without measure. (Please read Mosiah 18: 26.)

Although the general run of Americans respect rank they cannot be said to be a class-conscious people. The class-conscious authoritarian would do well to emulate the democratic Elihu, who said to Job and his friends:

"Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man."

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." St. Luke 23:34.

Dear Girls and Boys,

The Easter Story this month is about the "seven statements" of Jesus, made while He hung on the cross. You remember how disturbed Pilate was when he was forced to give the order to crucify Jesus? He had said, "I find no fault in this man." But the crowd cried, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

As the Roman soldiers led Jesus away, a great multitude followed. After they had gone a short distance, Jesus fell under the weight of the cross. Simon, a Cyrenian, took Jesus' cross and carried it for Him. It was a very sad journey and the women in the crowd were weeping. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming in which you shall be tried." He told them of starvation and destruction which would soon befall them.

The multitude moved out of the city of Jerusalem to a place called Golgotha or Calvary, which means "the place of a skull." The soldiers in charge were rough and unsympathetic. They offered Jesus vinegar but He refused to drink. They nailed Him to the cross. This is a horrible way to die, a slow, lingering death. His cross was placed between those of two thieves. On the cross above Christ's head Pilate had ordered these words to be written, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." When the rulers saw this, they went at once to Pilate. They said, "Do not write, 'King of the Jews;' but that 'He saith I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate's reply was, "What I have written, I have written."

The Roman soldiers taunted Jesus with, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save; He trusted in God, let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" They divided Jesus' clothing and cast lots to see which one should have Jesus' coat, which was woven without a seam. As Jesus saw these things, He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (first statement)

One of the thieves on the cross joined in the mockery. He said, "If thou be Christ, save Thyself and us." The other thief must have felt the divine spirit in Jesus because he said, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom." Jesus answered him with these sweet words, "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." (second statement)

A few of Jesus' loved ones were at the cross. Among them were John, the beloved disciple, Mary His mother, his mother's sister, Salome, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus looked tenderly at

His mother and said, "Woman, behold thy son." And then to John, "Behold thy mother." (third statement) John took Mary to his own home and cared for her.

The morning of the sad day passed away and at noon darkness fell over the land. This awful darkness lasted three hours. A voice was heard crying, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Fourth statement) It was Jesus' voice; He was alone. He grew faint and cried, "I thirst." (fifth statement) Someone standing nearby soaked a sponge in vinegar, put it on a reed and pressed it to Jesus' lips. With a loud voice, Jesus cried, "It is finished." (sixth statement)

The next time Jesus spoke was to His Father in heaven, "Father, into Thy hands, I commend My Spirit." (Seventh statement) Jesus bowed His head and died. His death was marked by a terrible storm. The earth shook, mighty rocks were torn up, the thunder roared, lightning flashed and the veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom. The graves were opened and many bodies of the saints, who were sleeping, arose and came out and appeared on the streets. The soldiers, who had been in charge of the crucifixion, said, "Truly, this was the Son of God." A sad event had taken place but there was a glorious tomorrow awaiting His followers. His promises were being fulfilled and He would soon be with them again.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. Book of Mormon Questions; III Nephi 8.
1. What prophet told of the crucifixion of Jesus?
2. How long did the darkness last in America? What was it like?
3. What happened to their cities?
4. Who visited the people on this land at this time? III Nephi 9:15.

Sincerely, Sister Mable

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"For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away." Job 32: 21, 22.

It is a never ending source of wonder to the democratically inclined that the authoritarian is unable to grasp the fundamental necessity of wholesome and complete cooperation. It is really very simple. It is the difference between self-interest and self-renunciation. When the self-renouncing leader tries to work together with the authoritarian, who thrives upon competition and animosity, he soon learns that he must adopt the survival tactics of his competitor or yield to complete subjugation. If he is unwilling to do either, the only thing for him to do is to depart, meanwhile sorrowfully philosophizing that the two systems are incompatible, are motivated by two basically different viewpoints, and that one of them must fall.

Those of us who comprise the church, and the multitudes who comprise the nations, wait as with bated breath to see which of these giants shall fall.

M.B.A. Highlights

MOMENTUM BEGINNING TO MOUNT FOR THIS SUMMER'S FIELD TRIP

By Carl J. Frammolin

GMBA Editor

The momentum is beginning to mount for this summer's General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip to Kansas, as detailed information and forms for making reservations for the week-long event have been sent to all MBA local units and responses are being received by the General MBA Activities Committee. The trip, scheduled for July 30 through August 6, is open to all Church members and friends, and the Association is looking forward to a substantial and enthusiastic turnout at the location, which is almost exactly in the center of the United States.

Great interest has been expressed by many persons who are looking forward to spending a week together with the people of The Church at the Arlington, Kansas site approved by the last GMBA Conference on November 12. The camp, which is owned and operated by the Young Men's Christian Association, is situated between Hutchinson and St. John, and it has been reserved exclusively by The Church for the entire week.

There are many desirable features at the 168-acre restful "Y" Ranch, as it is called. Included are a chapel, various lodging accommodations, adequate dining facilities, and spacious recreation areas. All factors are present to make the stay a collectively pleasant and stimulating experience and to allow all vacationists the opportunity of leisurely visiting with many people from distant points with whom they might otherwise never get to meet.

Trip Fact Sheets

"GMBA Field Trip Fact Sheets" have been distributed, and they enumerate the costs, facilities, and conveniences for lodging and meals, as well as describing the activities available. For example, there are accommodations in the master lodge building, cottage rooms, and bunkhouses, with the latter resembling dormitory living. In addition, there is a large camping area which can house an abundance of tents and trailers. Reservations can also be secured at nearby motel and hotels, if preferred, and, of course, all the facilities at the "Y" Ranch, including dining privileges, could still be used.

Meals are served in both the Lodge Dining-Room and in the Fellowship Hall Dining-Room, and visitors may elect to eat in either of these places if they do not want to do their own cooking. The rates are on a per meal basis, so it is possible to use these conveniences for some meals and to provide for others on a private basis. In-between meal snacks may also be ordered in advance, and there are picnic areas on the premises.

In an effort to make the entire excursion a

rich and rewarding endeavor, the Activities Committee has proposed plans to organize a variety of undertakings and thus to use the time most advantageously. Each day is being so scheduled as to take every minute into account, offering periods for Church Services in the chapel, discussion groups, recreational activities, free time, and meals. Events are also being planned for all age groups, and the children's projects will be supervised so that parents will be able to spend more time with people in their own age spans or to visit with whomever they wish. Of course, no one is obligated to participate in any or all of the activities, but the program will be available for anyone who wants to take part.

It is hoped to have each MBA Area conduct one of the week-night Church Services in the chapel. This would allow the persons attending to share in these meetings which would offer a cross-section of Church participants. The Sunday Services on July 30 and August 6 are planned for St. John, and, if travelers can arrange to stop for either or both of these days, they are invited to do so.

The discussion group will deal with subjects of interest to different age brackets, probably for three such levels. They would include the board ranges for children from four to 12, for young people from 13 to 20, and for adults. These groups may be further divided if necessary, but, in any event, qualified Church people will be in charge.

Among the recreational activities will be both individual and team sports. Experienced physical education personnel will supervise the group sports program, incidentally, and equipment and provisions for these endeavors are included for children and adults.

Deadline for Requests

The reservation requests, which must be postmarked before midnight of April 15, must be mailed to Paul Francione, 1053 Moran, Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146. The Activities Committee will meet in Warren, Ohio on April 29 to make the accommodations assignments, and the reservation confirmations will be mailed by May 15. If anyone wants any further information or has not received his copies of the "GMBA Field Trip Fact Sheets" and the reservation form, he may write to Brother Paul, who will promptly dispatch the requested material.

The Association has stipulated that it is certain everyone can be properly accommodated, so no one should hesitate in planning to make the trip or in forwarding his reservation request if he wants to take part in this endeavor. The assurance is given that the time together will be worthwhile and inspirational, as is always true when Church people gather; and this occasion should prove even more gratifying for many individuals, particularly from the California Area, who requested that the Association meet in mid-America.

When you're having trouble with people, remember they are having trouble with you.

Heretic Or Prophet

By James Heaps

"Heretic or Prophet"! This was the headline of a recent "Times" magazine showing Bishop Pike's picture on front. This same thing may have been said about Joseph Smith, or even about Jesus Himself. The world said of them that they were mad or off-center. When you consider Bishop Pike's denial of the virgin birth, the resurrection, a born-again experience, or the second coming of Christ, you surely must conclude that he is an heretic, and off-center; in other words, an eccentric. "Times" says that it seems oddly paradoxical that 1966, intellectually a most permissive year, should almost have produced a certifiable religious heretic (and I quote) "now being a Bishop of the Episcopal Church and a forerunner of protestant religion." It makes it look bad for religion. Some may say he is denying the Holy Ghost; this is possible only if he ever had it — you cannot deny something that you never had. He has had much education and religion, but has he had salvation?

I would like to emphasize the difference between religion and salvation. Recently in India there was a riot over religion. There are over 5,000,000 holy cows there, yet the people are starving to death. This is a result of religion. Some were shot and many injured because of their religious beliefs. What a terrible disgrace for a thing like this to happen in 1966 in a world full of education, science, and knowledge. The doctrines now being questioned are embedded in the western man's heritage. Everything he has been preaching for years has become a myth, a story, or something that never happened. For instance, the Easter Sunday morning service, which practically everyone attends to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, has now become a myth. There were days in this generation when a man, if he proclaimed to disbelieve the virgin birth of Christ, was classed an atheist. The writer here says it has been a long time since the doctrine of the Trinity was cocktail party conversation, but now it is. Bishop Pike says what we need is "more belief and fewer beliefs." He then said, "I don't believe very much." Pike sets it forth on a sloganeering, batmannerly instant theology style. "Trinity," says Pike, "is a word for a committee God. Christian doctrines are too much excess luggage." But Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments, and my commandments are not grievous to be borne." One man says, "I could fight for Pike forever. He has great openness of mind." Another says, "He is a prophet of the devil." When I went into the English Church, proud of its tradition as the middle of the way between Rome and reformation, it was so cold and dismal that I said to a man, "How do you warm this church up?" He said, "We don't." I said the Bible states that many were called and few were chosen, but here many are cold and few are frozen. Tradition, religion, education — how dismal can it get?

The writer here says many people believe and many theologians agree with Pike, but not

in the way he is doing it. In other words, he is deceiving the people; a Unitarian in Episcopal robes; even an atheist in disguise. Pike says Episcopal Bishop Stephen Bayne has awakened a lot of people to the fact that a lot of theology is word (wordmongering) and there is nothing behind the words. He says the young of today do not want to discuss the virgin birth, the resurrection. They are discussing the existence of God, and if there is no God you don't have to argue about any other doctrines. The big concern is the social role of the Church. Will it keep the church together? God have mercy on us when we have to turn to social events to get satisfaction out of the church. Most people go to pubs in England for the same reason. If that is what the people want they can go to the pubs instead of the church. "I am come that ye might have life," said Jesus. He meant this both naturally and spiritually. Simple fishermen, tax collectors, and educators got this life, because in them was life and the life became the light of men. The light shone in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not.

When I returned from England I heard a debate between two Mormon elders and a minister of the Church of Christ. He tied these Mormon elders into a knot from the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine of Covenants; still the Church of Christ does not believe in any miracles at all. I told them I would debate with both of them at the same time. Men who do not believe all of the Bible have nothing to stand on. One of them has written to Monongahela for literature so he can debate with me and I hope he does. They call themselves the "New Testament" Church, yet he believes the 11th verse of Mark but doesn't believe the 17th and 18th verses. This same man, however, confounded the two Mormon elders from the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine of Covenants. No wonder the world is confused with religion. I am glad we as a people never accepted the Doctrine of Covenants, nor the Pearl of Great Price, nor polygamy, nor baptism for the dead, marrying for heaven, that Adam was God, or that Jesus married Martha and Mary.

A Pentecostal man came into our Church and began to ask me these questions: "Do you believe in the atoning blood?" I said, "Yes." "Do you believe in baptism by immersion?" I said, "Yes." "Do you believe in healing of the sick?" Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God through the virgin birth? Do you believe that Jesus is coming again?" I answered yes to all these questions. He then asked what was the difference between his church and mine. I told him it was the restoration; that an angel has flown again in these last days to bring the truth back to the earth. He then asked if I was a Mormon and I told him no; we don't believe in their false doctrines. These doctrines were not in the Church in the days when God revealed the true Gospel; they are man-made laws that were brought into the Church by man. The angel did not say anything about these doctrines because he knew the written word. This man said he had never heard such things.

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Light From The Watchman's Lamp

(Isa. 21:6b)

By Spencer G. Everett

"Go set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth."

Allow me to change the format of this article so that I might bring to your attention some of the experiences enjoyed over the Holiday season.

In the upper peninsula of the State of Michigan, a man hunting deer came upon a small Indian girl standing in the snow in twelve degree temperature. She was dressed only in trousers, a tee-shirt and had no shoes on her feet. He talked to the Indian Chief who told about a dilapidated frame building — home to a man, his wife and 10 children — where snow was six inches deep on the kitchen floor.

This event so moved this good man that he returned to Detroit and enlisted the help of fellow employees in assembling food and clothing to help these people on the reservation. The food and clothing were transported by his employer's trucks to the reservation and stored in a Catholic Mission building.

That same night, the Mission building burned to the ground. The food, presents, and clothing were all destroyed. What had been the plan of good men and women now had come to nought.

I imagine many grown-ups and children were asking themselves and others, why God would permit such a thing to happen. Why God would permit a destitute people to be deprived of the necessities of life? Why were the plans of good men and women, moved with compassion, to be suddenly brought to a tragic end?

Thus saith the Lord—"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." As a result of this tragic fire, the combined forces of many organizations, and individuals, covering an area comprised of many states, pooled their efforts. Food, clothing, money, etc. were brought via truck, car and air to the area. The accumulation of the necessities of life amounted to over twenty-two tons. The Lord had moved His hand in behalf of His people so that not only those on the one reservation had turkey and all the trimmings for their stomachs, clothing for their bodies and shoes for their feet, but every Indian family living on the upper peninsula's three reservations found themselves equally blessed.

This is not man's way, but it is God's way. You cannot beat God for giving. He has a much larger shovel than we have. The good that these folks had undertaken was multiplied by 300% by the Lord. May God bless them all for their act of love and compassion. Jesus said, "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

On December 18, 1966, I was privileged to witness the Christmas program put on by the

Indian children of our Muncey Mission. It was, without doubt, one of the nicest programs I have ever attended. After the program the brothers and sisters from Detroit and Windsor provided a Christmas dinner for all those in attendance at our Mission that Sunday. Out of gratitude an Indian sister said to me, "Oh! what love has been shown toward us, we are not worthy or deserving of such blessings."

What a humble spirit she carried. I thought to myself, "Lord, help me to be as thankful in my ABUNDANCE as these brothers and sisters are in their POVERTY."

Gifts were given to the children who attended the Mission Sunday School. These gifts were purchased by various brothers and sisters and friends of the Church. The sponsors were given the name, age and sex of one child. I was told that a young girl about eleven years of age had been praying for a doll all week long. When she opened her gift, praise God, it was a doll.

A young boy about seven years of age said his prayers before going to bed. He was not aware that the Church was giving Christmas presents. He prayed, "God, I know that I can't expect very much, but please, Lord, if somehow you can get me a truck I will be satisfied." On Sunday morning he opened his gift. His prayer had been answered, for enclosed in the box that he had received was God's answer — a TRUCK, for which he had so earnestly prayed.

Thus saith the Lord — "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" and "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

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COTELLESSE - BATALUCCO

Sandra Batalucco and Ronald Cotellessee were united in holy matrimony on November 19, 1966 at an afternoon service in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan. Officiating at the double ring ceremony were uncles of the groom, Brothers Joseph Milantoni and Gorie Ciaravino.

Sandra is the daughter of Brother and Sister Batalucco, and Ronald is the son of the late Brother Dominic and Sister Julia Cotellesse. Following the ceremony a reception was held which was attended by relatives, brothers, sisters, and friends. The couple will reside in Belleville, Michigan.

May the Lord bless them with a happy married life.

In Appreciation

We of the Erie Mission wish to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the elders of the Ohio District, and especially the Priesthood of Youngstown, for attending our little Mission. We have enjoyed the sermons given by our visiting elders. We thank God for our Mission, few that we are, and for the blessings we receive from time to time. We have several new families attending our meetings, and we hope and pray that the Lord will reveal to them this one true Gospel of the latter days.

May the Lord bless our Church wherever it exists! Remember our little Mission in your prayers. Love in Christ Jesus to all the saints.

Members of Erie Mission



OUR WOMEN TODAY

— "She Hath Done What She Could"
Rose Corrado

*"How Blest the Sacred Tie That Binds,
Believers' hearts in one
How sweet the hope that tunes our minds
In harmony divine!"*

From the West Coast - - -

I feel I want to write to "Our Women Today" to let you know we think of all of you and to tell you the Ladies' Circle is dear to our hearts. It is a source of inspiration to our souls, giving us the desire to do all we can to help the Church and those who need help. Although we are just a few here in San Diego, the Lord has truly blessed us in many ways. We only wish we could do more of what our hearts desire, but God knows our capacity and blesses us in the little things we can do.

We are having wonderful meetings and have been active. There has been a great desire among us to raise money for our Branch Elders for Missionary Work in the surrounding areas of San Diego. There are so many people who have never heard of the Gospel and we sisters had such a yearning to do something, so we thought we would have a rummage sale. We all brought small articles that were in good condition, but that we could do without, to Sister Violet Thomas' home. When all was ready, we invited the Branch Brothers and Sisters and all our friends to come. To our surprise and joy, it was a great success and we were able to donate the money to our Brother Elders as the start for a Missionary Fund. We pray God will inspire our Brothers where to go to publish the glad tidings, for many of them have the desire to do so.

We have adopted our Mexican Brothers and Sisters of Tijuana as our major project. Almost all of them are very poor, living in cardboard shacks without even the bare necessities of life. It is hard to describe — you have to see them to believe it. We have had bake sales in the past and had another one just before Christmas, for our Mexican families were in dire need of blankets and shoes. Again the Lord blessed us. We asked the Branch Sisters to help with the baking and they responded so wonderfully. The sale was a success and we were able to purchase some blankets. Our desire is to do more, and if all goes well we plan to have a larger rummage sale this Spring.

We enjoy our meetings and appreciate working together so much. Even our little girls, "junior sisters" we call them, are happy to be with us, learning the word of God, and all are so eager to help. They are a great blessing to us.

Sister Mabel's visit here is still very vivid in our memory as well as other sisters from the East. It was such a joy and blessing to have all of them even for a short while. Our prayers are

that some day more of us can visit each other everywhere, if God wills. It makes us so happy to be a small part of the General Circle — our thoughts and prayers are one. Pray for us that our desires may always be to do good wherever and whenever we can.

Lena Liberto

NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

It was with quiet joy and a deep sense of thanksgiving that we welcomed our Sister Virginia Castelli back into the fold of God. This young woman had often regaled our hearts with her lovely singing voice and her testimonies of sincere gratitude to our heavenly Father. Many prayers have been offered in behalf of these who, because of one thing or another, have wandered away from our midst; and many of these prayers have been answered. Praise God!

We have had the pleasure of hosting many visiting brethren, which always seems to have a spiritually invigorating effect upon us; especially since many of us have worshipped together in our "home towns" at one place or another. The latest visitors to our fair city have been Brothers and Sisters Di Falco and Pietrangelo; Brother Gorie Ciaravino, our President, and his wife, Sister Ann; and Brother Silverio Coppa, all of Michigan. We have enjoyed their company and extend to them an invitation to return.

As a people we have always held a deep belief in spiritual manifestations, whether they be dreams, healings, revelations, or visions. God has an abundance of these gifts ready to bestow upon us in profusion . . . according to our faith. We need only to live closer to Him in order to receive showers of blessings. Because of God's great love for us we do from time to time receive mercy drops of these spiritual manifestations, and for these we thank Him with all our mind, heart, and strength.

Under "mercy drops" we would like to relate the following: It was a Tuesday night prayer meeting in San Diego. The congregation was on its knees supplicating God because of the ills of the world . . . and oh, how many ills there are! An elder, Brother Joe Usai, was pleading that God would "ring the bells of heaven" so that the world might hear and know of His existence. At that instant, Brother Chris Poma heard the faint tinkling of bells and thought: "How strange that bells should be ringing outside our Church at this precise moment!" Suddenly he heard the bells ringing loud and clear throughout the room, three separate times. No one else heard the bells!

Surely this encourages all of us to feel that if in our present imperfect state God will bless us, what must we receive if we become holier and live closer to Him!

Editor, San Diego, California
Catherine Vultaggio Poma

If you won't talk to God on a clear day, why yell for Him during a storm?

—Nels Ferre

Westward Go!

Destination: San Diego

The Heavenly Seeds

What connection could a packet of flower seeds have with the spreading of the Gospel of Christ "Out West"?

If someone had given Sister Josephine Breci, now Galante, the seeds with the instructions to go and plant them in California, she might have thought it a strange and perhaps foolish request. She may have refused.

But the seeds were given to her in a dream and the command was given to her by the Voice of God.

Sister Josephine had persuaded her husband to move to California, but lately she had begun to have the usual qualms and trepidations connected with making such a gigantic move as they were contemplating.

"Go," said the Lord, "Sow these Seeds of my Gospel in California," and suddenly, her doubts and fears left her.

They quickly sold their possessions, contacted Brother and Sister Amormino who were still vacationing in Detroit, and the two families, accompanied by Louise Ciccati, left for San Diego, arriving on November 11, 1944. Again, the Amorminos were true to their mission by welcoming the Breci family into their home.

Just one week later, on November 19, 1944 the very first meeting of The Church of Jesus Christ was held in San Diego in the home of Brother and Sister Di Battista. Surely, the Lord blesses the few when they are gathered together in His Name and He blessed abundantly the few gathered there.

"I remember," says Sister Josephine, "that there were just nineteen gathered together there on that night so long ago.

"They were Brother Patsy, Sister Louise, their daughter Jeanette, Louise Ciccati (who was the first to be baptized in San Diego, one year later), Brother and Sister Amormino and their little children, Chris Poma and his companion, Sister Catherine, together with their children Angela and Rita, Peter Guarano who was baptized 7 years later and who has since passed away, his two sons, John and Mitchel, Brother Charley and myself . . . and I remember that we opened the meeting by singing Hymn #181, 'I'm a Pilgrim.'"

Truly, these few were like pilgrims in a strange land, but the Lord blessed them. They did not know what the future held, only, that in the present they were literally held 'in the palm of His hand'.

Thus, the heavenly seeds were planted and the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ was established on the West Coast.

Catherine Vultaggio Poma, Editor
San Diego, California

HERETIC OR PROPHET

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The world is in the dark regarding the light that is in the true Church and we should be doing more about telling them the truth. I spent a wonderful evening with my nephew and his wife in Rothchild's Manor — a place which contains \$20,000,000.00 worth of furniture. My nephew is the head custodian. After I talked with them about the love of God and the Church, he said; "Uncle Jim, I thought I was a good Christian but now I don't know what I am." I think I could have started a church in England, but I didn't want to start something and have to leave it. People all over the world are hungry; they are sick of religion without the power of God, without the fellowship of saints.

A RESUME OF 1966 MODESTO, CALIF.

Greetings to all readers of The Gospel News:

May God grant that the year 1967 will be a year in which the nations may grow in the desire to live peaceably together, lest sudden destruction should come in our day.

The Modesto saints have reason to be both glad and sad for the events of the past year. We are compelled to say, "What, shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord and shall we not receive evil?"

The sad events of last year include five deaths in our branch. We first received the news that Joseph Randazzo, son of Brother and Sister Anthony Randazzo, was killed in Viet Nam; he was only 19 years of age. Then came the death of our faithful sister, Rose Piacentino. Later we parted with little Linda Parravano, daughter of Brother and Sister Louis Parravano. Brother Sam Randazzo, who left a great heritage and loving memory of his great service to God, passed away in September. Last was the tragic news of our beloved Sister Theresa Artellan, a faithful member of the San Jose Mission, who was killed in an automobile accident.

For the glad part we recall that some brothers and sisters have traveled thousands of miles to visit us. The joy and happiness they have brought us was beyond expression. Brother James Campbell and his beloved wife came earlier in the year. When he spoke to us, his theme was the glorious restoration of the Gospel of Christ and what it means to us. Brother and Sister Joseph Calabrese and children came along with Brother and Sister Jones. They too brought gladness to us. Brother Calabrese told us of the new auditorium that is to be built. He, along with others, has labored much towards bringing this to a reality. May God bless and reward their labors.

Brother and Sister Patsy Marinetti and their son, Dwayne, visited here from New York. Dwayne is in the service of our country, being stationed at Monterey, California about 150 miles

A RESUME OF 1966, MODESTO, CALIF.

from here. From the Detroit area Brother and Sister Tony Pietrangelo, Brother and Sister Tony De Falco and their daughter, Lorraine, were visitors with us also. Later Brother and Sister Louie Vitto spent some time here, along with Brother Anthony Scolaro and his family. We have truly enjoyed these visitors along with those who visited us from our state of California. May God bless you all.

Mark Randy

**NEWS FROM DETROIT WEST SIDE BRANCH
NO. 2**

We thank God for this wonderful little paper called The Gospel News. It unfolds the mysteries of God, revealing unto us the beauty of the Lord Jesus, whose name is salvation and whose nature is love.

God created man and gave him power to decide and to choose. In the hour of decision, let us be wise and choose the most treasured gift, the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. This Gospel has caused the arm of the great Jehovah to move in various ways in behalf of the believers.

We thank God for our brothers in the priesthood who are guided and directed thru the Holy Spirit in bringing forth the simplicity of the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. It creates a wonderful feeling in our hearts and many times the gift of tongues are being manifested, the sick are being healed by the anointing and laying on of hands, and the oil of gladness flows from vessel to vessel.

We are very proud of our baptized young people in our branch who devote their lives in attending our church services, and to create a wonderful melody in singing hymns of praises unto God; also helping us to maintain our building in whatever is to be done. While they are giving the strength of their youth unto God, may the Lord bless them and enrich their lives, and at the end may their good deeds and works be trophies in the hands of God. Psalms 92-1 says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

We are also delighted with our community sing, the second in a series. The turnout was tremendous. It was open for all. Friends, relatives, and neighbors in our immediate area attended.

Sister Gloria Gubini, a mother of seven children, and the sister of Brother Joseph Milantoni is suffering from a serious ailment. May our prayers be united with yours, that the Lord will bless Sister Gloria with the gift of healing. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."

May I also add that we all enjoyed the visitation of Brother Anthony Brutz from California. It was short and sweet. May God bless Brother Anthony and his family always. Salutations with God's love to all throughout the Church.

Anna Carlini
Branch Editor

VERO BEACH NEWS

Some of our members have desired that a mission be established at Vero Beach, Florida. With the consent of the Lake Worth Branch we met here November 13, 1966, and were fortunate to be able to rent the American Legion Hall. Brother Bill D'Anzzio and his wife from West Palm Beach, and Brother Kenneth Hatch and his wife, attended our first meeting, along with 16 members. The service was opened by Brother D'Anzzio followed with a few short remarks by Brother Giovannone. Meeting was then left open for testimony with most of the members taking part. Our meetings are held every Sunday with Sunday School at 10:00 and a preaching service at 11:00, which is concluded with testimony and sacrament about 12:30. We also meet on Wednesday nights at the homes of the members.

On Christmas day we were honored to have Brother Lou Ciccatti and his wife with us; also our daughter, Betty Alessio. On New Years day we were happy to have Brother Tony Anzano and his family from Addison, New Jersey. Brother Frank Sirangelo from Lake Worth was with us also.

We ask all of you to remember us in your prayers as we are so far away from so many of you.

Dominic Giovannone

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY NEWS

We are very happy to send you good news concerning the blessings of God in this part of His vineyard. A sister, who was very concerned over the soul of her companion, was encouraged by the following experience: She saw a huge cake of ice sitting on the ground. The bright rays of the sun were shining upon it, and it began to melt as the rays of the sun became stronger throughout the day. As it was melting away a voice spoke to her saying, "I can melt the hearts of men."

We see how the power of the Lord softens the hearts of men, causing their eyes to be opened to the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. How wonderful it is to see someone beginning to receive the great blessings of the Gospel. We are thankful for Brothers Vincent and Sam Sgro who have bid farewell to the ways of the world. We thank God for His work in these latter days, and for the souls coming into the Church to assist in building that righteous Kingdom here on the earth.

It is our desire that we will all prove faithful to our calling, and labor diligently in the great work God has given us to do. May God bless the saints everywhere with an everlasting determination to serve Him in spirit and truth.

Meredeth Martin

Serve Him with gladness, come before Him today with a song, we are His people, and to Him, not ourselves, we belong, praise and thanksgiving.

OBITUARIES

FLORENCE H. BAILEY

Sister Florence Bailey passed away January 12, 1967 at the age of 84. She was born in Smithton, Pennsylvania April 1, 1883 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1902; she was a member of the Vanderbilt Branch. Sister Bailey is survived by her husband, Brother William Bailey — one of the oldest living members of the church; six sons, three daughters, twenty grandchildren, and thirty great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were in charge of Brothers Joseph M. Shazer and Thurman S. Furnier. May the Lord comfort the hearts of those who have been bereaved.

MARY PUVK YAKLICH

Sister Mary Yaklich passed away on December 31, 1966. She was born July 30, 1885 in Austria and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ February 6, 1921 by Brother Fred Smith at Aliquippa, Pa. She was a faithful sister, one of the first to be converted to the Gospel in this area.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother John Ross. We shall all miss our departed sister. May God's blessing be upon her family.

ANNA CECH

Sister Anna Cech passed away January 17, 1967. She was born in Austria July 21, 1897 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ July 28, 1946 by Brother Dan Cassasanta. Sister Cech is survived by her husband, Steve; two daughters, three sons, one sister, one brother, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were in charge of Brothers John Manes, Richard Lawson, and Dan Cassasanta.

JOSEPHINE GALANTE

Sister Josephine Galante of Phoenix, Arizona passed away on January 10, 1967. She was born January 18, 1903 in Italy, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on November 5, 1933. Sister Galante opened her home for meetings to the brothers and sisters in Detroit, Michigan, San Diego, California, and Phoenix, Arizona. She was instrumental in the foundation and growth of three branches of the Church. Sister Josephine was ordained a deaconess in July of 1953. She is survived by her husband, Brother Salvatore Galante.

Funeral services were held in Phoenix with Brothers Philip Damore and V. James Lovalvo officiating. Sister Galante will be sadly missed by the members of the Phoenix Branch. May the Lord comfort Brother Galante and all those who mourn her passing.

WARREN, OHIO NEWS

The Warren and Niles, Ohio branches met together on Sunday, January 1, 1967 and our building was filled to capacity. We had visitors from Youngstown, and also had the privilege of having Brothers Bob Ciarrochi and Joe Ciarolla and their families from California. Brother Joe Manes opened our meeting with a wonderful prayer. Brother Joe Gennaro from Niles spoke, referring to Jesus' coming and the fact that He is there when we call upon Him. Brother Joe Manes then followed with an inspiring talk; also Brother Russell Martorano. We enjoyed at this time a beautiful hymn, "Without Him," sung by

Sister Phyllis Coon.

Brother Bob Ciarrochi read from the Book of Mormon in the 7th chapter of Moroni concerning the teachings on faith, hope, and charity. After speaking somewhat on this subject, Brother A. Corrado followed telling of his experience in asking a blessing on Brothers Joe and Armand Genaro and committing them to God before they left for active service in World War II. Both brothers were spared and returned home safely. Donald Giovannone, son of Brother Frank, was in our meeting and this was his last visit home before going overseas. He was called forward and Brother Corrado asked God's blessing upon him that God might protect and grant him a safe return home. A wonderful spirit was felt by all.

At the close of our meeting we formed a large circle and Brother Corrado closed with prayer. We can surely say the day was well spent in the service of our God. God bless all of our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Jennie Ciarrochi
Warren Branch Editor

METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY NEWS

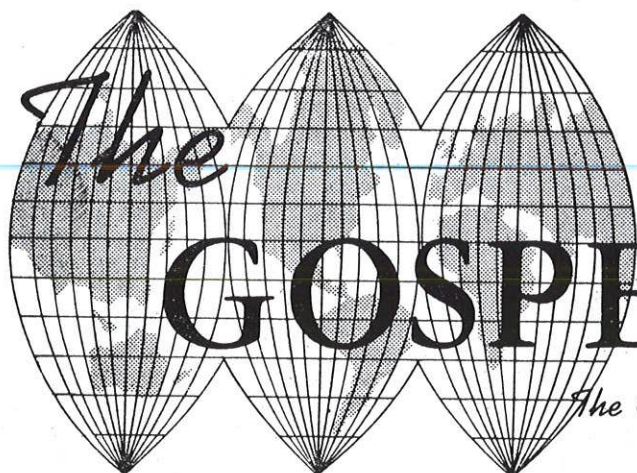
We can never thank our Lord enough for the numerous blessings He continually bestows upon His children. We feel His presence many times in our little branch at Metuchen. One such occasion occurred on Sunday, December 18, 1966. We were all happy to have our presiding elder, Brother Joseph Perri, in our midst again after having been sick. Brother Carmen Sgro was also with us again after a long absence because of a broken ankle suffered in an accident at his work. Brother Lupo of Bronx, New York was a visitor with us that day. He spoke to us from the 4th chapter of Luke, impressing upon us the importance of worshipping together in our homes with our families. Brother Perri followed, stressing the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas.

In the afternoon service we rejoiced to hear the testimony of Brother Carlo Vinci who is sixteen years old and was baptized recently. He told of riding in a car with two friends. The car overturned and was completely demolished but neither Brother Carlo nor his companions received any injury. Thank God for His many wonderful blessings.

Marie Cihomsky
Branch Editor

*Because upon the first glad Easter day
The stone that sealed His tomb was rolled away,
So, through the deepening shadows of death's
night,
Men see an open door - - beyond it light.*

Ida Norton Munson



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THE MEDIATOR

By James Heaps

There is one God; and there is one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ. I Timothy 2-5 Paul, in writing to Timothy on this subject, says he would have all men come to a knowledge of the truth. The feeling of need for a mediator did not spring up for the first time in the early Church. Common men were afraid to approach God for themselves as it were in the days of Moses, even before the Law was given. They said, "Where is Moses? We wot not what has become of him. Make us gods." And Aaron made them a golden calf. Moses seemed to be their mediator. At that time the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies as their mediator. They looked for someone who was holier than they, someone who would speak to God for them, whether to ask His aid or to appease His anger. Hence, for the most part this was the reason for the priesthoods of the ancient world, for it was out of this sentiment of ignorance and awe, of human unworthiness, that nearly all of what was good or bad in the priestly office arose. We see the beginning in barbarious tribes where there is, in the character of a witch doctor or magician, one who is supposed to have invisible powers to heal their sick or be their mediator.

When I see some of the travel pictures I marvel at the rigamarole they go through to appease their consciences. Even under the law of Moses was the shedding of blood, the sprinkling of the blood all over the Tabernacle; these tribes putting rods through their noses and inflicting all kinds of punishment on their bodies to bring a clear conscience. In India and Egypt the same idea was carried out in the caste system. They felt they had the right to mediate between heaven and earth. Even if Socrates wanted advice he had to get it through the medium of the priests of the Temple. If Augustus wanted to know the will of the gods there must be a diviner in the camp. So there have been gods many and lords many, as the Apostle Paul puts it. Turning to the Hebrews, whose very form of government was a theocracy which made it necessary for almost

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"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

By: James Curry

Let us suppose that a brother of the Church, whom we shall call Brother Jones, had a strong desire to go to the far north to preach the Gospel to the Eskimos. Although his desire grew from day to day, Brother Jones' knowledge of survival in the harsh environment of Eskimo-land was very limited, as was his knowledge of the culture of the Eskimos.

Brother Jones had often taken his problem to God. One day while at prayer a voice spoke to him, saying: "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalms 46: 10.

Brother Jones was shocked. He later confessed that he arose from his knees rather shakily, to wander dazedly from room to room, wondering why God had subjected him to a life of impotent inactivity. Did the commandment mean that he should sit on his hands and do nothing? God forbid!

Some months later, on an occasion of reading the story of Moses, Brother Jones had a flash of divine illumination. He had been reading about Moses' unsuccessful attempt to intervene in behalf of his Israelitish brethren when the happy thought occurred to him that mere desire does not qualify anyone to launch out on a program for human betterment. Moses' desire to help his brethren ended in disaster. Having killed an Egyptian overseer, and shocked at the spectacle of his own brethren turning against him, he fled for his life. Suppose the Lord had at this moment spoken to Moses as He had to brother Jones: "Be still, and know that I am God?"

Brother Jones understood their meaning, now. "Be still, and know that I am God," only meant that he was not qualified to go to the Eskimos, just as Moses was not qualified to effect the liberation of the children of Israel. It meant, furthermore, that if he would hold himself in position before God; if he would patiently allow God's creative hand to have its way in him, the time would come when he would have the capacity

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everything to be done through mediation between God and man, Paul says, referring to Moses, "I stood between the Lord and you at that time to show you the word of the Lord." Hence the appointment of Aaron and his posterity as a perpetual priesthood to act as so many mediators, through whom they were to have access to Jehovah. The people did not offer their own sacrifices; they brought their oblations to the priest. The priest alone went in while the people stood without. In later years this office seems to have devolved for the most part on the prophets, always by a mediator. While other religions have many mediators we only know one. There is one God, and one mediator between Him and man, the man Christ Jesus. In another place also the same apostle says, "For though there be that are called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as there be gods many and lords many, but to us there is but one God, the Father of whom are all things and we in Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him." Such a system of priests, empowered to guide other men, having the exclusive right to provide for their religious wants, has no place in the church. Instead of the many so-called mediators in whom we have trusted, the Gospel has set forth one all-sufficient mediator (one, because He is self-sufficient, we need no other), and we are not at liberty to acknowledge any other; the word of God warns us not to let any man or body of men, or anything save our Lord Jesus Christ come between body and soul. Its maker, ministers, books, and religious services might help us to get in the ways of God, but they are not the way itself. In the second place not only has this way of access to the Father been opened to us by one Mediator, but by Him once and for all. This is written again and again.

While the old priesthoods are represented as daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, it is expressly said that we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all. Historically considered, the New Testament stands related to the Old Testament as the filling of the Law which was a shadow of good things to come. I am glad I was not living under the Law, but the good things that have come. Now one of the fundamental ideas in the Hebrew ritual is that the people are not in a condition to approach God without going through the process of purification and reconciliation by means of oblations and sacrifices, and that this process is to be renewed day by day and year by year. This is now done for all mankind, once and for all by the sacrifice made by Christ. If we will study the Book of Hebrews where the word *better* is used thirteen times, we would find that He, Christ, was better than the angels, better than the law, better than Moses, better than Melchizedec, better than Joshua, better than the Law, better than the priests; and I could go on but the last chapter sums it all up in these words, "Jesus Christ, the

same yesterday, today, and forever." He is the new and living way. If He were dead we would have no hope and are yet in our sins, but He is the new and living way. The Lord's words are, "That they may be one as Thou, Father, art in Me." One in what? One in mind and spirit. "And I in Thee" that they (again in the plural) all may be one. "As Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee; that they may be one in Us." Notice again in Us. With the mediating priests it was not so. What the priests undertook to do was merely to open between God and man a kind of distant communication, bring back the response; but Christ as a mediator opened the door once and for all — the way of communication with the Father, a way of access to Him, the new and living way. He ever liveth to make intercession for us. Through this intercessor we have received atonement, that is the at-one-ment, or being at one.

The question may arise, why a mediator at all? For example there are those who say God cannot forgive sin without a mediator. Why not? It is, however, the plan of God for us to approach Him through the only mediator, Christ Jesus our Lord. The great prophet said, "Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." This is not to keep God and man apart, but that He may bring them together and make them one. We must be aware of the fact, as the Apostle Paul puts it, that God has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ; and again, "For if when we were enemies we were reconciled unto God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled. We shall be saved by His life." The question, therefore, is not whether God needed a mediator, but whether man needed a mediator. The fact of the matter is that Christ is the only being in whom it has pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell. Consider first the effect on the Mediator Himself; "For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect." Through suffering God has anointed Him above His fellows, and Abinadi said, "And because He dwelleth in the flesh He shall be called the Son of God." I Timothy 2-16 says, "And without controversy." Great is the mystery of Godliness! God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory, and now sitting on the right hand of God.

YOUR BURDENS

*Bring your cares to Jesus;
Lay them at His feet.
He'll take away your burdens
And give you joy complete.*

Rosie Krain

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Editorial Viewpoint

How much better for man if he would quit hiding or running, let himself be arrested — or as Paul says, "be apprehended of Christ."



George A. Neill

Consider, if you will, the text found in Proverbs 15:3 - "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good"; also Proverbs 5:21, 22, 23 - "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings. His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray." In other words we are never out of the Lord's sight. First, however, I suppose there are few people who go about their daily lives and activities with the feeling that the eyes of the Lord are upon them. I am sure it would be good for religion today if all people who believe in God were to feel that His eyes were upon them. The individual who knows without a doubt that he is being observed will walk with greater care. On the other hand there are also those who do not care, and as a result of this attitude man's iniquities ensnare him. He is caught by the cords of his sins and, because of the folly of his ways, he is lost.

I believe God is everywhere. By this I mean He sees and knows everything. His all-searching eye sees and knows all. Man is never outside His range of view and knowledge. We sing a hymn, "God is Watching Over You"; this reveals one thought. "God is looking at you" reveals another thought. Nothing within His universe escapes His eye. Even as the astronauts travel through space at 17,000 miles an hour they never get beyond the reach of God's eye. Let us not kid ourselves; God knows what we are doing down here on earth. He knows man's intentions are to put a man on the moon; but even the moon is within His universe, and if man should someday land there the great eyes of the Creator will rest upon him. In spite of all this truth there are many people who seem to feel they are hidden from God, that He does not observe what they do.

The thought that man can go into hiding has been proven false. Adam tried it when both he and his wife hid themselves amongst the trees of the garden. As God walked through the garden, however, He called out, "Adam, where art thou?" At the sound of His voice Adam and Eve both realized they could not hide from God so they stepped out into the open. Elijah, whose life was threatened by Jezebel, ran and hid in a cave, but God located him and said, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Jonah boarded a ship for Tarshish which was heading in the opposite direction from that which God wanted him to take. As a result of this he became pretty well hidden in the belly of the whale at the bottom of the sea, but the eyes of the Lord were upon him. After three long days and nights in such confinement he found himself standing on the shore and God was right there. He commanded Jonah, "Arise, go unto Nineveh." It is true that while God may follow after an individual who is prone to run from Him, He nevertheless lets him run. No, God does not stop anyone who is running away. He may get in our way occasionally to see what we will do, but if an individual is determined to plow his life in sin, thus planting iniquity, God has no choice but to stand by and let him do so. The person who insists on sowing that kind of seed shall surely harvest the same kind of crop. The person who is determined to go contrary to God usually hangs himself.

God never forces man to walk the straight and narrow path. He'll call, persuade, and even direct; He will give love and light; He'll be good and kind, but He will never force man's mind. God has ordained that every soul is free to choose his life and what he'll be. He drafts no one into His army; His soldiers are all volunteers. The tragedy of the man who insists on traveling the downward road is that he becomes chained to his evil until he cannot escape. Once he goes beyond the point of no re-

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turn he is doomed. He dies for lack of discipline; he dies without mercy, without hope, without instruction. He dies because of his own sins, and whatever happens to him he has brought it upon himself. Just as our text says, "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held by the cords of his sins."

Let us consider also the fact that there are people who do not deliberately run or hide from God, but are preoccupied with self and self-centered interests. Little by little they become hid or surrounded by a wall. The persons who become so busy with trifles or secular things, thus missing the more important things in life, are treading a path which leads to tragedy. Let every individual ask himself if the things he is doing or is interested in are so important that he should crowd God out. Are we going places that we cannot take God with us? Are we planning something that God cannot take part in? Do we really feel so rich that we don't need God or His riches — the riches of His love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness? Do we have so many friends that we have no need for the greatest Friend of all?

How much better for man if he would quit hiding and running, let himself be arrested — or as Paul says "be apprehended of Christ." Let Jesus seize you; let Him catch you and possess you. Know what it is to have fellowship with Him. Surrender yourself as the poet suggests:

*Have Thine own way, Lord; Have Thine own way;
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielding, and still.*

TRUTH

By B. T. Cherry

What is truth? In Romans 3:3-4, Paul asked, "For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" Paul says, "God forbid! Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar, as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

In John 8:32 Jesus, speaking to the Jews who believed on Him, said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," and if the Son of Man can make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

In 1st Thes. 5:21 Paul says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." To prove we have to try, examine, and search the Word of God which David said was a lamp to his feet and a light to his pathway. If we cannot rely on God's Word, how can we solve or prove the truth?

In John 5:39 Jesus says, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me." We read in God's Word of all these witnesses who testify of the truth in God. We are taught in God's Word

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Man Cannot Live By Bread Alone

By Sylvia Curry

I would like to tell of an experience which took place recently in an afternoon service. On this day the main topic of the service was "Man cannot live by bread alone." This theme continued throughout the day.

During our afternoon service, Brother Frank Genaro announced that Brother Del Carneval was to be ordained as a teacher in the Church. The spirit of God began to fall on the brothers and sisters present. Yes, God moves in a mysterious way. Brother Frank went on to say that the Ministry had been fasting and praying for an experience to confirm this ordination, and when they met again on Sunday with Brother Del, Brother Bob Ciarrochi revealed that he had had an experience. Brother Bob told the congregation that he had prayed earnestly because, even though Brother Del is a wonderful young brother, every ordination should be of God and not be taken lightly. It seemed that in the morning service Brother Bob's eyes rested upon his daughter who was sitting next to Brother Carneval. He stared intently at his daughter and could not take his eyes from her. He saw a beautiful smile on her face which conveyed humbleness, love, tolerance, kindness, gentleness, and all the childlike qualities. Brother Bob said he knew God had answered his prayers and confirmed the calling.

Almost immediately, Brother Charles Curry arose under the spirit of God and told the congregation of a dream he had of Brother Del and himself working in the field. Brother Curry is an ordained teacher.

Sister Lydia Cavallaro, a deaconess, was requested to set the table for the Lord's supper. As she did so a wonderful spirit of conviction fell upon her and she said, "I know that this is of God"; and she praised God's name.

When Brother Del was asked to come forward for the washing of his feet and the ordination, Brother James Lovalvo arose and told the brothers and sisters that he had just seen a vision. As Brother Del was walking to the front he saw his granddaughter, Lisa, take her father's (Del's) hand and walk with him. Sister Mary Lovalvo shouted that she had seen this too. After Brother Del's ordination to the office of teacher he told of the wonderful blessing he had received because, when his little girl, Lisa, was in the hospital just before she passed away, he took her little hand and promised to work for and serve the Lord for the rest of his life.

All of the single experiences cannot be related at this time, but the spirit of God fell upon several present, both baptized and unbaptized, confirming this ordination. How true it is that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Sylvia Curry
Branch Editor —
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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The Lord preserveth the strangers; he releiveth the fatherless and widow." Psalm 146:9.

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story about Elisha. He was anointed a prophet by Elijah. Do you remember how Elijah was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot and his mantle fell on Elisha? A double portion of Elijah's spirit had come upon Elisha, just as he had desired. After this he began to work among the people as Elijah had done.

Once a widow came to Elisha and told him she was worried about a debt. The ones to whom she owed money were coming to take her two sons to be bondmen unless she paid this debt. She had no money, only a pot of oil. How could she pay? Elisha told her to go to her neighbors and borrow all the empty vessels they would lend her and take them to her home. When she returned, she was to close the doors and when no one was there but her two sons, they were to pour oil from their full pot into all the empty ones. She filled all the vessels but there was still oil left in her own pot! When the prophet came, she told him what she had done. He said, "Go sell the oil and pay thy debt and live thou and thy children on the rest." He had relieved the wants of a poor widow.

Elisha performed many unusual miracles. One day as he passed through the city of Shunem, a woman invited him into her house to eat. The woman perceived he was a holy man. She wanted to furnish a little room for him, a place where he could rest when he passed through the city. She and her husband set a table, bed, stool, and a candlestick in the room for Elisha. This woman had never had any children. For her kindness to the prophet she was promised a son.

When this boy was partly grown, he was out in the field with his father and the reapers. The boy fell and cried to his father, "My head! My head!" One of the servants took the boy to his mother, but he died. She laid him on the prophet's bed and closed the door. Elisha was in Mt. Carmel at this time. The mother wanted to send for the prophet. One of the young men took an ass and with the mother hurried to Elisha. He saw them coming from afar and said to his servant, "Behold, yonder is that Shumanite. Run, say to her, 'Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?'" The servant told why they were there and was told by Elisha to take his staff and lay it upon the face of the child. The mother and the servant returned home and the servant did as commanded. The child was not healed. When Elisha came, the servant said the child had not wakened.

Elisha saw the boy was dead. He went into the room, closed the door and prayed. The child sneezed seven times, then opened his eyes. Elisha called his servant to bring the mother. When she came in, Elisha said, "Take up thy son." How grateful the mother was! She fell at Elisha's feet and bowed to the ground, then went out with her son. What a wonderful reward for caring for the Lord's prophet.

Finally after filling the position of a prophet for sixty years, Elisha died in his own house. Many wonderful miracles had been performed by him since that day when Elijah passed by and saw him plowing with twelve yoke of oxen. Elijah cast his mantle upon him which was a token of investment as a prophet and a wonderful prophet he was.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What happened to the children who mocked the prophet Elisha? II Kings 2:23, 24.
2. What did Elisha put in the deadly pot of potage to purify it? II Kings 4:38, 41.
3. What happened to the dead man who was cast into the sepulchre of Elisha? II Kings 13:20, 21.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

TRUTH

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that we must believe in God and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. In other words, we must be sincere in our search for truth. I believe there are many honest souls in this world who would accept the truth if it were presented to them.

We question, along with Paul, in Romans 10:14; "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

We know according to the plan of salvation every word that Jesus spoke was for the instruction of His followers that they might believe and follow Him. We wonder why it is that people will accept some things He taught and reject others. It seems as though human nature always wants to choose the way requiring the least effort to try to accomplish their purpose in life. The poet describes it something like this:

*Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fight to win the prize
And sail through bloody seas?*

Jesus said "Only believe and thou shalt be saved." But He also said we must be born of the water and the spirit if we would be saved. Isaiah says, "Come and let us reason together." Now how can we accept the teachings of Christ on some things and reject His teachings on others? I ask, is that sound reasoning?

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.—Isaiah, XL., 8.

M.B.A. Highlights

FIELD TRIP LOCATION OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HISTORICAL CHURCH AREA

By Carl J. Frammolin

GMBA Editor

In last month's "MBA Highlights" the details for this year's General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip to Arlington, Kansas the week of July 30 through August 6 were reported. It is significant to note that this event, in addition to offering the chance to fellowship with other people of The Church, will allow visitors to be where a large group of brothers and sisters assembled after the Civil War and were instrumental in founding the present city known as St. John, which is approximately 30 miles from Arlington.

Readers familiar with *A History of The Church of Jesus Christ* will recall that many Church predecessors followed the western migration taking place in the United States at that time and sought to establish themselves in one of the then farther reaches of the country. Present members will remember from history that these earlier expeditioners were not only pioneers for more recent journeys west, but were also responsible for Church structure adopted at that time which set a precedent for "Districting" incorporated by The General Church about a decade ago.

Because of the distance between the established General Church in the East and the new inhabitants in Kansas, leadership was provided for both in the 1870's. William Bickerton, General Church President, had moved to Kansas, and he continued as the overall President. William Cadman was elected President of The Church in the East, serving in this capacity in addition to being President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles. Subsequent years found that General Church positions were filled by both eastern and western leaders, so that representation from across the nation was experienced.

Conferences in Kansas

Officially, The Church's main quarters were established in Kansas for a time. As specified on page 72 of The Church History Book, "General Conference of July, 1875 passed a resolution authorizing the Government of the Church to be located at Zion Valley, Barton County, Kansas (now known as St. John, Stafford County, Kansas), and that the next General Conference of July, 1876 be held there." For a brief period the Conferences were held both in the East and in Kansas. The last General Conference in Kansas occurred in 1887. In later years as populations tended to stabilize, the main General Offices were returned to Pennsylvania where they have been ever since.

The present Church group in St. John is desirous of acquainting all visitors with the history

and other information about the area. They have indicated they are planning to prepare such material for presentation to all persons who can attend that congregation's services on July 30. The regular Sunday morning meeting will be followed by an afternoon service at which the local group will present this historical program. For those who can arrange to be at St. John on that date, the information will undoubtedly prove interesting, informative, and worthwhile to know. The following Sunday, August 6, all individuals who can so schedule their time are invited to return for another day with the St. John members.

Spend Time Together

The balance of the week, as outlined last month, will afford an opportunity for persons to spend time together with many other people whom they might not otherwise get a chance to visit. Besides nightly services in the camp's Chapel, there will be planned activities throughout the days in which individuals may participate if they choose. These undertakings, which are recreational, social, and educational in nature, will be supervised by qualified Church personnel and will be available for young children, teenagers, and adults. With this schedule, it will be possible for parents to allow their youngsters to take part in activities without undue concern, and they will be likewise able to spend time with people of similar ages.

As a reminder, reservation requests should be postmarked by midnight, April 15, and mailed to Paul Francione, 1053 Moran, Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146.. If additional information about the Field Trip is required, or if the request forms are not available, persons may contact Brother Paul, and he will dispatch the requested items immediately. Even if the deadline has passed and parties are desirous of making the trip, they may convey their wishes to him, and he has indicated that he will attempt to either obtain last-minute arrangements at the camp for them or inform them of other available nearby accommodations. Although individuals may not be staying at the site at night, they may still take advantage of the numerous excellent facilities there during the day and thus be a part of the event.

This year's Field Trip marks the first time that the annual undertaking has been scheduled for other than a weekend. Also, the site is located in the middle of the United States, so it is more convenient to people from the west coast. By meeting equidistant from both coasts, travelers will be able to relive memories from a significant Church era which began almost a century ago. In the process, they will be able to make history for the MBA; attendance at its first really national Field Trip.

Hands dedicated to God

*Will do a kind deed to help another,
Will carry a cross too heavy for a brother,
Will lighten the load of a lonely soul,
Will find at last a place on the heavenly scroll.*

CRETE

(Following is the first in a series about the historic island of Crete by Walter H. Jankowski II who is presently stationed there in the Air Force. The author, who was recently married to the former Miss Carrie Palermo of Cleveland, Ohio, was a student at Ohio State University and also hails from the Cleveland area. This initial article deals with a brief history of the location which is referred to significantly in the scriptures.—Editor's Note)

The island of Crete is a fascinating place located in the warm Mediterranean Sea. Belonging to the country of Greece, it is below the Aegean Sea, southeast of the Greek mainland, southwest of Turkey, west of Cyprus, and north of the African continent. It is rich in historic significance and biblical importance. It was to here that the famous passages written in Titus were addressed and where Titus carried on the ministry introduced through the Apostle Paul. This island has had many ancient and recent conflicts, and, even until today, it is still in a comparatively constant state of flux.

It is reported that the civilization of Crete began in 5,000 B.C. with the occupation by groups of Neolithic people from Asia Minor and Africa. They were of a primitive nature, but many tools and pottery were left to show that they were peaceful. A migration of people from somewhere in the Mediterranean gradually occurred, and the first influence of European culture, tribal cults, became apparent. Eventually, however, the island fell under the power of the legendary and ancient King Minos.

The people of Crete struggled for existence under Minos' rule until an earthquake shook the entire island and also the king's power. The control once again returned to the people until the Mycenae took over about 1400 B. C. The Greek language came with these conquerors.

The Mycenae were followed by the Dorians in 1100 B. C. who were notable, among other things, for their architecture. As time passed, more contact was made with the mainland, and Crete's political system and laws began to influence other states. A higher level of education and life brought greater prosperity. While these forces contributed to increases in commerce, there was an increase in piracy. Competition became too strong among countries, as well as among the cities on the island. Crete was ripe for attack again. Sparta did attack in 270 B. C., only to be turned back by Egypt, a strong ally of the island.

The last free action of Crete was in 88 B. C. when she sent units to help in the Greek war against Rome. After the fall of Athens, Crete was taken over by the Romans in an attempt to free the seas of piracy. Quite similar to the Dorian rule and after much more bloodshed, the Romans developed the island. It was during the time of Roman rule that the Gospel reached the island through the Apostle Paul in 47 A.D. About 330 A.D., there was the building of a "new Rome" in Constantinople, and Crete was about to change hands once again.

As the Roman Empire weakened, Africa,

Egypt, the Holy Land, and Spain contested for the island. The Moors of Spain were the first to land and take control. They dug in, built walls for protection and battled the Empire for 80 years.

The island was used as a fortress and stepping stones for later expeditions to free persons from the Byzantine Empire. The fall of Constantinople to the fourth such expedition brought the sale of Crete to the Venetians in 1204. With the final fall of Constantinople and the loss of Crete to the Turks in 1453, Crete became one of the most abundant centers in the east, as refugees from Constantinople and Greece arrived bringing their high culture.

Along with the high culture came many beliefs and convictions. One such conviction was that the island should be rid of Latins and their religion, so another struggle began which turned into a revolt. Turkey was there to serve as an ally and remained after the Latins left. The Turkish Empire was a decadent and dying power, however, and the Cretans became dissatisfied with their new master and began resisting control. In 1896, the mainland Greeks waged war with Turkey and Egypt, and in 1905, the greatest powers intervened and put an end to the war. Greece was free, but she was obligated to name Crete a vassal of Turkey. Needless to say, the fiery Cretans objected, and there was still another struggle. With the Treaty of London in 1913, Turkey renounced all sovereignty over Crete, and the island became a part of Greece.

The twenties in Crete were devoted to building and populating, but the years of captivity were not passed. World War II saw Crete come under German occupation in 1941. Finally, after systematic bombing by British and American airplanes, the Germans were subdued, but the island was in shambles.

The last few years have seen an amazing rise from the dark ages of war. The island has taken advantage of the sea routes nearby and is an important stop in the Mediterranean Sea trade. The tourist interest is bringing many to the entire island. The giant project of repairing the ancient ruins and monuments and the building of hotels, restaurants, and homes provide much employment. Though badly stricken, as is the rest of Greece by past and present economic conditions, Crete is still one of the richest areas in all of Greece. Though not progressive by American standards, the residents of this historic place are nevertheless courageous and devoted to their island.

(In the next article, the author discusses the religion and government of Crete.)

WHEN THE STARS HAVE PASSED AWAY

*The stars shine over the earth,
The stars shine over the sea;
The stars look up to the mighty God,
The stars look down on me.
The stars have lived for a million years,
A million years and a day;
But God and I shall love and live
When the stars have passed away.*

—Anon.

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD."

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— the knowledge — the power — the authority to achieve the object of his desire.

Delighted with his new-found understanding, Brother Jones read on and followed Moses into the land of Midian. The long forty-year waiting period appalled him. Forty years! Moses, the law-giver, was not created in a day!

Moses was a slow-speaking, meek, patient fellow. Self renunciation seems to have been the first law of his nature. As God worked His will and pleasure in him he sought not once to brush the Creative hand aside.

If Moses were in the Church of today we would probably vex him with such questions as: How long do you plan to sit in that low seat, Moses? Don't you think you had better get going before Father Time overtakes you? I can imagine Moses replying in the words of a famous preacher-biologist of the past century: "If God is adding to our spiritual stature, unfolding the new nature within us, it is a mistake to keep twitching at the petals with our coarse fingers. We must seek to let the creative hand alone. It is God which giveth the increase. Yet we never know how little we have learned of the fundamental principle of Christianity till we discover how much we are all bent on supplementing God's free grace. If God is spending work upon a Christian, let him be still and know that it is God."

Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is within, and Jesus, more than any other man, demonstrated that truth so clearly that no one need fail to grasp its implications. Someone has said that "Christ's life unfolded itself from a divine germ, planted centrally in His nature, which grew as naturally as a flower from a bud." His capacity was great. His grasp of the need for self-renunciation was perfect. In the absence of self-interest the inner man developed rapidly.

Jesus never spoke disparagingly of learning, as some men are wont to do. On the contrary, when He was twelve years old He sought the company of learned men, who marveled at His questions and answers. It may be desirable, however, to contrast the two types of learning as represented by Jesus and His learned contemporaries. With the doctors of the law, it was an acquisition from without. Learning to Jesus was an outward manifestation of an inner grace, the product of a living soul, which was quite capable of speaking of itself and for itself. Jesus demonstrated perfectly the profound observation of the philosopher Goethe: "He who is plenteously nourished from within needs but little from without."

Jesus intimated, also, that planted deep within each recreated soul there is a great well of inner nourishment. "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Because they were ignorant of the divine processes at work in Jesus' soul, there were those

persons who asked: "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" The modern world is still asking the same question. Because he lacks that great well of inner nourishment; because he is ignorant of the way of the spirit, modern man must attend a seminary, where he learns the word — and how to preach the word — of God.

We men of lesser capacity than that of Jesus have a great need of learning how to combine knowledge with righteousness. Paul successfully combined the two, but even Paul had to grasp the propriety of making his learning servant to the inner man. If Paul had made the inner man servant to secular learning, as some individuals have a tendency to do today, the result would have been catastrophic.

I should like to impress our young people with the fact that the great formative agent called life is the most powerful creative force known to men and angels. The seed of the Christ-life planted within our natures when we are born again contains everything that is in Christ. Being a seed of Christ, it must develop the Christ-like mind, the fruits and gifts of Christ's spirit. If these things are not developing in us it may be because we are not preserving the right attitude. That young man who desires position and power as a means to personal prestige cannot expect the grace of God to abound in him.

Let us grant that by hard work he may achieve his goal. Having failed to develop his well of inner nourishment, he will be lacking in height, depth, insight, foresight, and idealism. Ill equipped, he can do little more than visit his imperfections upon others. He will serve the cause of Christ not at all.

O, that he might respond to the Biblical injunction: "Be still, and know that I am God."

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I KNOW GOD HEALED ME

By Tommy Pizzera
(8 years old)

On February 22, 1967 I went to Church with my mother. My back was hurting me very bad and I wanted to be anointed. I went up front and sat down. Brother D. Rose, a visiting elder, anointed me. While the brothers were praying I felt as if a hand was going up and down my spine. It felt very strange. When I went back to my seat my back felt good. I have not had any pain since, but before this my back always hurt.

Brother Rock Ensana told me later that while the brothers were praying he felt a blessing. I know God healed me.

NUPTIALS**LUNA - RAMIREZ**

December 24, 1966 was the happy day for Brother Alfonso Luna of Bell Branch, California and Sister Maria Helena Ramirez of Tijuana, Mexico. They were united in marriage at the home of Brother and Sister Alfred Luna. Brother Rudy Meo performed the complete ceremony in the Spanish language.

The bride and groom will make their home in Pico-Rivera, California and will attend the Bell Branch. May God bless them in their new life.



UR WOMEN TODAY

— "She Hath Done What She Could"

Rose Corrado

Early Circle Organized by Brethren - - -

The Ladies' Uplift Circle of Detroit Branch #1 was organized on October 14, 1922 by Brothers William H. Cadman and Charles Ashton. Its first officers were: President, Sister Julia D'Amico; Vice President, Sister Louise DiBattista; and Corresponding Secretary, Sister Mary Frammolino. Meetings were held on Monday evenings at Sister Julia D'Amico's home.

From Branch #1 there stemmed other circles here in Detroit. In 1933 there was a Circle organized on the East Side, and in 1935 the East Side Mission met with the sisters of the North Side to organize a Circle there. By July of 1935 there was a total of ninety sisters belonging to the Circles in Detroit.

Our Circle in this part of the vineyard has progressed. Some of our older sisters have passed on to that Heavenly Circle, but those who remain still worship with us.

Our missionary efforts have been concentrated on sending food and clothing to our Indian brothers and sisters at the Muncy Reservation and the Six Nations Reserve.

Rosalie Campitelle

Note added to above history - - -

In our Church History I found part of the first report of this Circle to the General Circle, and I would like to use this as a closing for the above History. "We desire an interest in your prayers that we shall be in union and have no contentions among us." This has been the secret of the Circle in keeping the banner of love and union waving over us. We have seen that where seeds of strife and contention were sown, the Circles were soon disorganized.

Rose Corrado

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."
Mark 11:24

Monongahela Circle #3, or the Evening Circle, was organized on July 21, 1963. Several sisters of the Monongahela Branch desired to belong to the Circle but were unable to attend their afternoon meetings. These were sisters who had small children or who were employed. Through the perseverance of Sister Pat Christman, the Evening Circle had its beginning with Sister Bonnie Smith as its first president.

The small group met with many discouragements. There were times when the number attending was small. Even so we were reminded of the Scripture, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

Two of our members have left Monongahela to live amongst the seed of Joseph. They are Sister Christman, who is presently living in Arizona; and Sister Lou Scaglione, now in Eagle Butte, South Dakota. Sister Lou has provided questions on Scripture for us to answer, so her contact with the Circle remains unbroken.

Money-raising projects have been varied. We have sold candy, cards, home-made spaghetti sauce, and flower arrangements. All three of the Monongahela Circles combine their efforts to hold a bazaar in early December. This proves to be a success each year.

We are enjoying the blessings of God in our meetings. The membership at this time is ten, and in looking back over these few brief years, this growth is perhaps the most outstanding blessing.

Rose Scaglione

NEWS FROM HOPELAWN, NEW JERSEY

Brother Joseph Bittinger, along with his wife, recently visited our branch. He encouraged us to get behind our missionary program by supporting it with prayers as well as financially. He stressed the need for missionaries and outlined the program set forth by the Missionary Board for future missionary work. His talks were enjoyed by all.

Brother Jerry Benyola and his family visited with us during the Christmas holidays. Brother Jerry was formerly a member of the Hopelawn Branch, but he now resides with his family in Detroit, Michigan. We were all happy to see them.

Recently also a young man, Allen Raub, asked for his baptism. Brother Raub has attended our services regularly for the past several months. May God bless him for his desire to serve Him.

Brother Raymond Benyola, a member of the Hopelawn Branch but now in the service of our country, has been reassigned to a new location. Brother Raymond would appreciate receiving letters or cards from the brothers and sisters throughout the Church. His new address is listed below:

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Dottie Benyola
Branch Editor

NEWS FROM BELL, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, February 12th began as a normal Sunday with the usual group of saints in Sunday School studying God's word. Much to our surprise Brother Sam Cicotti, along with Brother V. J. Lovalvo and his wife, Sister Mary, walked into our humble meeting place. We felt immediately this was going to be a day of blessings, and truly it was. Brother Cicotti opened our meeting, expressing himself as feeling similar to the way Alma and Ammon felt after being separated for fourteen years and finding one another still in the work of God. He then went on to speak of the 29th chapter of Acts, which does not exist in the Bible. Brother Sam brought out many wonderful thoughts concerning how our good works and experiences would make up this 29th chapter of Acts.

Brother Lovalvo followed with some astounding thoughts that filled our hearts with joy. He spoke of how Satan would continue to try to destroy this people, and unless we unite ourselves together, he will succeed.

It certainly was a pleasure to hear these brothers. May God continue to bless them in our prayer.

Ken Jones
Branch Editor

Westward, Go! Destination: SAN DIEGO

The Voice in the Clouds

It was still in the year 1943 when the Amormino family and others had bravely and adventurously crossed the country and settled in San Diego. Brother Domenic Benenati, who is now gone to his reward, had also set his heart on 'discovering' California. "I must go and see," seemed to be the theme of his thoughts. He finally traveled West where he resided with the Amormino family for several months and then returned to Detroit. But the lure of the West was too great and his heart kept begging to return to that Golden Land. Still, to 'go and see' is one thing, and to actually move away to a strange land is quite another.

So it was that Brother Domenic and his wife, Sister Rose, prayed for guidance and, true to His unchanging word and to His promise: "Ask and ye shall receive," God gave when they asked. Brother Domenic was given to see a large field of wheat, ready for the harvest. Thus, in March of 1965 they set out with the Vultaggio family (of whom we shall speak later) through rolling country and arid flat lands, past sleepy desert country, seemingly inhabited only by the sage brush and the cacti, until, interminable miles later they were swallowed up in the shadows of lofty mountains of earth and rock, whose summits were enshrouded in the midst of fog and clouds.

The peaks loomed high and foreboding and the knowledge that they would have to travel across from one mountain to the other on a narrow, winding road made them tremble. The thick fog, typical of mountainous areas in that season made visibility poor. And Fear, the traveling companion of mortals, found an opening in the momentary shattering of Faith and whispered to Brother Domenic: "What shall you do now?" But, again we say, what God hath promised, shall be. True Love, Who is Christ, banishes all fear. Out of the thick, opaque clouds the voice of God spoke to Brother Domenic: "Do not fear, for I am with you, here in these clouds, just as I was with the Children of Israel, guiding them by day and by night." The fog lifted and all that was left was a white cloud. And the Benenatis and the Vultaggios were under the cloud until they had reached their destination, remarking on how it hovered above them continually.

Thus, God guided them out of the mountains into the Valley prepared from the Foundation of the World to receive the Restored Gospel of Christ.

(to be continued.)

Catherine Vultaggio Poma, Editor
San Diego, California

I Had An Experience

I have been a member of The Church of Jesus Christ for almost twenty years. Throughout this time I have received many experiences in dreams, but never such a wondrous experience as happened to me on December 4, 1966. I saw a vision!

Since I am a deacon it is my habit to go directly to the church building upon arising on Sunday mornings and attend to the necessary duties so all is in order when our services commence. When all has been attended to I usually sit down in the front row of the church to meditate on the things of God. I then return home to prepare myself for the services.

On this particular December morning I awakened feeling quite ill with a headache so severe I could hardly bear it. After attending to my duties, however, I sat down in the front row of the church and felt better just being in the house of God. Suddenly I heard the sound of foot steps in the basement of the building; they seemed to come up the stairs into the vestibule. I thought; "How could there be anyone here except myself?" I got up and turned toward the sound of the steps, and there in the center of the vestibule leading into the auditorium I saw a light. In the center of this light was a personage dressed in shining white robes. There was no face, just the form. Then a voice said, loud and clear, "This is My Church, praise God." Immediately the vision vanished. This all seemed to happen in a second, yet I was so shaken and overwhelmed at what had taken place that I could barely move. Later I went home and told my wife what had happened.

Upon my return to the church for services I was prepared to tell this experience during testimony service. I was thinking all the while, "Why should this happen to me? Such a beautiful vision — such an experience." I felt too unworthy to receive anything like this.

When I told my brothers and sisters that I had an experience to tell them, Pat Nelson, a young sister, prayed in her heart; "Lord, if it be from Thee let me feel Thy spirit." As I related the experience and repeated the words, "This is My Church, praise God," she immediately felt the spirit of God overpower her and a warmth enveloped her body.

After the service a deaconess, Sister Viola Thomas, came to me and said that she had had an overwhelming desire to call me that morning at 7:30 and to tell me that she wished she could be at the Church at that time. She had not done so, but I believe that, had she been there, she too would have seen and heard what I did that morning.

Brothers and Sisters, my mind cannot fathom the wonders of God and what He has in store for us in the future, and especially for our Church. All my heart can do at the moment is to repeat what the Voice said to me; "This is My Church, praise God!"

Ray Saczko
San Diego, California

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Obituaries

JOHN ORAN THOMAS

Brother John Thomas, husband of Sister Ethel Cottom Thomas, of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania, passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 12, 1967. He was the son of Brother Oran and the late Sister Katie Thomas. Brother John was born March 25, 1916. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on August 15, 1937, and was ordained an elder on April 14, 1957. Surviving, in addition to his widow and his father, are one daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Jones, of Connellsville; six sons, John Richard of Grindstone; Curtis of Vanderbilt; Oran, David, Larry and Raymond, at home; eight grandchildren; three sisters, Sister Elsie Lowe of Deltona, Fla. and Molly Lint of Palm Bay, Fla.; Sister Marie Prescott of Rockville, Maryland; one brother, Brother Samuel Thomas of Vanderbilt.

Brother Thomas was a very humble and faithful servant of the Lord. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, brothers, and sisters of the Church.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ at Bitner, Pa. with Brothers George Neill and Joseph Shazer officiating. May the Lord comfort his family and loved ones in their time of sorrow.

SALVATORE CASTRONOVO

Brother Salvatore Castronovo passed away on February 21, 1967. He was born in Italy on December 18, 1888 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ November 15, 1931 at Rochester, New York. He is survived by his wife, Angelina; one son, Tony; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were in charge of Brother Ansel D'Amico.

JESUS SAID

By Samuel J. Kirschner

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

Readers Write . . .

Dear Brother Neill:

I am enclosing a list of those who wish to renew their Gospel News subscriptions, along with a check to cover same. I wish to thank you and your staff for the effort you put forth to give us this paper. God bless you all.

Sister Rose Mary Furitano
Branch #3, Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Neill:

Enclosed is check for \$2.00 for renewal of The Gospel News. We enjoy it, and may God bless all of you for your efforts in producing such a wonderful paper.

Brother and Sister Rosemier
Imperial, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am sending \$2.00 to renew my subscription to The Gospel News. I would not want to be without it. I enjoy reading the experiences of my brothers and sisters from which many times we receive a blessing. May God bless all that work to make The Gospel News possible.

Sister Anna Anerino
Niles, Ohio

Dear Brother George:

I don't want to miss the little paper, our Gospel News. It is the means of contact with our brothers and sisters throughout the Church. Enclosed find \$4.00 for two years subscription.

Love to all our brothers and sisters; also you and your family.

Brother and Sister Frank Sirangelo
Lake Worth, Florida

Dear Brother George:

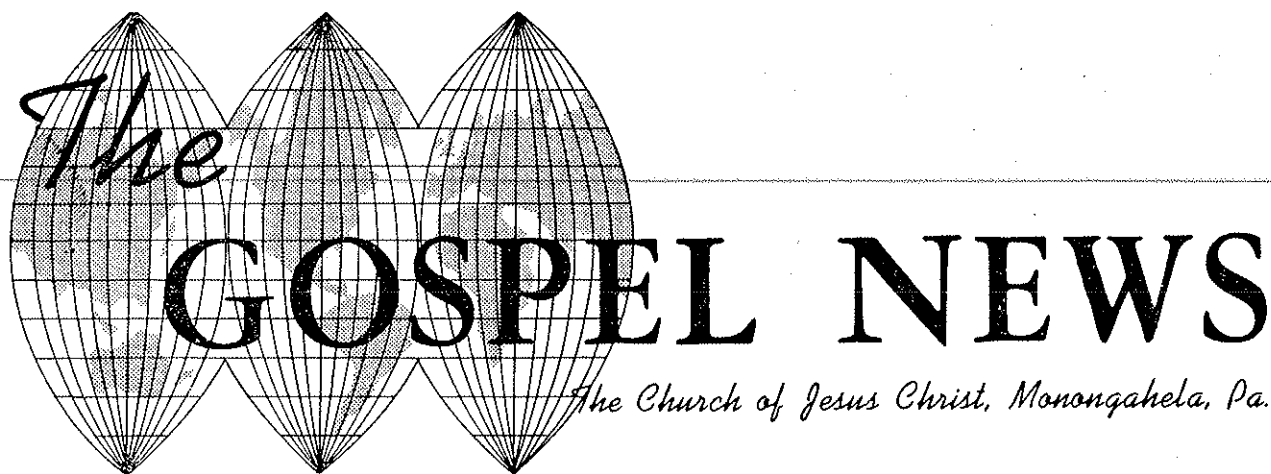
What a wonderful Gospel News we have to read each month. It fills our hearts with love and joy. May God bless you all who work on it.

Sister Julio Mesko
Helmetta, New Jersey

Dear Brother Neill:

Enclosed you will find \$2.00 for our subscription to The Gospel News. It is a fine paper indeed which I look forward to reading each month. May God bless you in all your efforts to publish it. Our warmest love to you all and all the saints there.

Brother Bill and Sister Rose Di Franco
La Mesa, California



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Editor Retires New Editor Named

By James T. Grazan, Assistant Editor

The recent resignation of George A. Neill from the position of editor of the *Gospel News* quite vividly and forcefully reminds one of the saying, "To reap abundantly, one must sow properly."

This, we feel, is very fitting and descriptive of the success Brother George has obtained for his diligence and charitable donation as editor.

Truly one must admire the capacity of a man such as Brother George who at the time of an extreme condition, namely, the death of our President and Editor, Brother William H. Cadman, recognized the requirement and necessity of constructive communication throughout the Church by way of the *Gospel News*.

Due to the possibility of a family relocation to another part of the country, Brother Neill realized the wisdom of the re-election of another editor of good qualification. Therefore, it was both with reservation and gratitude that his resignation was accepted.

To replace Brother Neill, the general priesthood has elected Donald J. Curry of the Monongahela Branch of the Church.

Brother Curry is 38 years of age and resides at 123 Reed Drive, Jefferson Borough, Clairton, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Grace L. Curry, and three children.

He assumes his new position as the *Gospel News* editor with considerable experience and qualification.

Brother Donald is presently counselling in the Pittsburgh School District. He has a background of eleven years as an educator. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and a Master's degree in education counselling. Both degrees were received from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He has had experience in newspaper editorship, being formerly engaged as editor of a high school newspaper.

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Conference Highlights

By Domenic Moraco

The April, 1967, General Church Business Conference met at the Monongahela Church beginning on Wednesday, March 29, through April 1.

A Sunday morning service was held in the Clairton High School auditorium.

Highlights of actions taken by the conference included the election of General Church officers. The President, Gorie Ciarvino, and his First and Second Counselors, Thurman S. Furnier and Joseph Bittinger, respectively, were re-elected.

The general priesthood expressed a need to have Church officials visit branches and missions to encourage and exhort the membership in serving God with zeal and dedication. The priesthood asked the Twelve Apostles to take on this task. It was suggested that possibly the branches visited by the Apostles could help defray some of their traveling expenses.

The following brothers were approved by the Ministerial Board for ordination as elders:

Paul Palmieri — Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
Anthony Ross — Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
Robert Buffington — Imperial, Pennsylvania
George Benyola — Hopelawn, New Jersey

The Quorum of Seventy Evangelists selected Isaac Smith of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, to be ordained an evangelist. Brother Smith was also elected to the General Church Board of Missions.

The conference approved the Board of Missions recommendation to send Evangelists John Ross and Daniel Casasanta to Nigeria for an extended missionary tour of about 12 to 18 months. Brother Ross will be making his third trip to this far away land, while Brother Casasanta will be making his first trip.

The conference made an extensive study of a comprehensive report presented by the Auditorium Committee. The Committee arranged to have two architects present at the Friday evening sessions so the brothers could question them regarding the various phases of this project.

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Mothers Honored

By George Neill

From time immemorial there have been days set apart in memory of notable persons. However, Mother's Day did not materialize until the year 1907. The idea of honoring mother originated in the mind of a young lady by the name of Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. By the year 1941 the idea found almost universal appeal and the President was authorized by Congress to set aside by proclamation the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Since that time the day has been widely observed.

How many times have we heard the quotation written by Abraham Lincoln, "All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel Mother." By this we see that the influence of his mother's care and training not only produced a man of noble character but also one of the greatest humanitarians that ever lived. Many other noble men and women that have rendered a great service to mankind have done so as a result of careful teaching, training, and sacrifice of a Godly mother. The world hears so much about great men but often too little about the mothers who are in a large measure responsible for their greatness and success.

In this article I shall place Mother in the limelight by quoting some of the great men. Henry Ford once said, "I have tried to live my life as my mother would have wished. She taught me as a boy that service is the highest duty in this life. I believed her then and I believe her now. I have tried to follow her teachings." George Washington proudly exclaimed, "I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from my mother." John Wanamaker, an American merchant, has said, "Back in the brickyards of Philadelphia my mother taught me the principles of success." Benjamin West declared, "A kiss from my mother made me a painter. It was a kiss and a word of encouragement at just the right time."

Thomas Edison, in regards to his mother, wrote: "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt I had something to live for. I must not disappoint her. The good effects of my early training I can never lose. Had it not been for her appreciation and her faith in me in a critical time in my experience, I should very likely never have become an inventor." Catherine Booth said of her mother, "The longer I live the more I appreciate my mother's character. She had an intense realization of spiritual things. Heaven seemed quite near instead of being, as with many, a far-off unreality." In some of E. G. White's writings he makes this statement: "No other work can equal hers in importance. She has not, like the artist, to paint a form of beauty upon canvas; nor, like the sculptor, to chisel it from marble. She has not, like the author, to embody a noble thought in words of power, nor like the musician, to express a beautiful sentiment in melody. It is hers, with the help of God, to develop in a human soul the likeness of the divine."

John Knox of Scotland, when leaving home to attend the University of Edinburgh, was accompanied by his mother down the road from home. Her heart was troubled and full of anxiety at the thought of temptations he would meet in the city. She walked beside him, giving counsel and advice. Finally they climbed a fence into a field. She led him behind a rock, placed her hands on his head, and prayed earnestly for God's blessing on her boy. Knox said, "That one prayer of my mother changed my whole life."

John Wesley wrote of his mother, "Take her for all in all, I do not believe that any human being ever brought into the world, and carried through it, a larger portion of original goodness than my dear mother. Her understanding was as good as her heart. It is from her that I have inherited that alertness of mind and quickness of apprehension without which it would have been impossible for me to have undertaken half of what I have performed."

I would like to speak somewhat of my own mother. I once took a chance. It cost only a dime and, if I were lucky, I would win a large ham. My mother found this ticket in my trousers, and when I came home, she was waiting with it in her hand. "What is this?" she asked. My answer was that we may be eating ham for a whole week. I might just add here that my father had passed away, leaving my mother and four children. My older sister was working in a drug store for \$8.00 per week, and I was working as a cellar boy in a 5 & 10 store for \$6.00 a week. This ham would surely have been a great help to our family at that time. Nevertheless, the appreciation of that fact didn't prevent Mother from expressing her feelings about my having taken a chance. She said, "George, this is wrong. I don't feel right about it. Don't you know this is a form of gambling?" She kept insisting that she felt bad about it, and as a result of her attitude I began to feel that I didn't want this ticket on my person. I did nothing about it, however, and the effects soon wore off, but I found myself hoping that I wouldn't win the ham. I felt relieved when the raffle was over and I hadn't. This feeling that was generated in me at that time by my mother is still within me. Moreover I have always felt my mother's teachings have guided my footsteps in such a way that I have been kept from many grosser sins. At the time of her passing I felt, and do yet feel, that I should be a good man, a useful, and an upright man. By living this way perhaps I shall be able to repay some of the debt I owe her.

May the good Lord help us all to be thoughtful of our mothers as Mother's Day approaches. Let us in some way express our love and appreciation to her.

In Appreciation

Sister Gladys Lorber of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, wishes to extend her appreciation for the thoughtfulness of brothers and sisters throughout the Church. She has received many beautiful cards and gifts. Sister Lorber also requests that we continue to remember her in our prayers as she is seriously afflicted.

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Editorial Viewpoint

There can be no scenes without people working behind the scenes.

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the new editor of the **Gospel News**. This sense of pleasure is tempered, however, with the sobering realization that a difficult job lies before me. I know that it will not be easy to maintain the high standards set by our previous editors, Brother George Neill and the late Brother William H. Cadman, but I shall try to serve with the same zeal and dedication with which they served. I must, of course, rely upon Brother Neill and the **Gospel News** staff to help me assume my duties, and certainly I must rely upon your continued support of the **Gospel News** if I am to be a successful editor.

The success of the **Gospel News**, as with the success of any complicated undertaking, does not depend upon one person. It depends upon many people from the head of the organization to the least worker, each doing his particular task to the best of his ability.

In this simple observation there are several important lessons for us all. Very often we tend to look at the finished product without thinking of all we do not see that has gone into its making. Often we tend to look upon the person who heads up a project as the only person who has been responsible for its success. We do not take into consideration the people working behind the scenes without whose efforts the finished product could not exist at all.

It is like the production of a play. We enjoy watching the scenes as the actors and actresses act out their parts on stage. We see and remember the performers and the scenes, but we are unaware of what has gone on behind the scenes and unappreciative of the fact that most of the work necessary to produce the scenes has been done behind the scenes.

The production of the **Gospel News** depends upon people working behind the scenes. There must be people to gather and write news, correct, revise, rewrite, write feature articles, type, handle finances, lay out the format of the paper, and print and circulate the paper. From the editor down to the typists it is a team effort, and all deserve a measure of credit. Certainly each one who contributes can feel a sense of achievement for the part that he plays.

Not only do we often fail to see what goes on behind the scenes, but sometimes we fail to recognize talent that could be put to work, or if we do recognize it, we fail to take advantage of it. We cannot afford to make this mistake in the Church, for there is too much to be accomplished.

In recent years we have increasingly felt the need for putting our skills and talents to work. We need people with literary and English skills to work with our expanding literature. We have the **Gospel News**, new laws and regulations, Scriptural lessons, hymnals, the **Ministers' Manual**, historical records, etc., all which have required, and will require even more, the services of people with literary talents. We need people who have an understanding of history and historical research to work with our historical records and expand the written history of the Church. We need people with musical talents to help us gain maximum enjoyment and inspiration from our musical efforts. We need people who are good at working with young people to teach and to plan and direct activities for them.

We could go on and on — there is hardly a skill that could not be utilized for the good of the Church. Many times the Church could have used someone with legal training. With our plans for an auditorium we need people with architectural training, but we have had to employ the services of outsiders because we do not possess the skills ourselves.

Finally, sometimes people who have talents and skills are unwilling for one reason or another to put their talents to work. Someone once said, "Getting is to earn a living; giving is to live." The Church surely is predicted upon giving, and it is giving which should give us the greatest enjoyment in life. It is like the Parable of the Talents that Jesus taught. Those who invested their master's talents and earned a profit for him were

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rewarded, but the one who failed to invest his talent lost what he already had. Our reward for investing our talents are manifold. Those we serve in the world profit from them, the Church grows and improves through them, and as individuals who give we enjoy lives full of achievement and satisfaction.

Let us keep our goals in sight, consider what work we need to do to reach those goals, recognize those with talents and encourage them to use their talents, and, above all, freely offer the services of our own talents. Remember, there can be no scenes without people working behind the scenes.

GMBA Conference In Michigan

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference will convene in the Melvindale High School, 18656 Prospect (corner of Oakwood), Melvindale, Michigan, at 10 A.M., Saturday, May 20. There will be three meetings during the one-day gathering, which is being hosted by the Michigan-Ontario MBA Area.

The next day's service will be held at the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium, 5200 Woodward (entrance on John R. Street), Detroit, starting at 10:00 A.M. The Sunday meeting will be under the direction of The General Church's Michigan-Ontario District.

The Everlasting Gospel

By James Heaps

Referring to what at a later time became known as "The Rock of Revelation," Christ told Peter: "Upon this rock I shall build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

When we read the Bible and Book of Mormon histories of God's dealings with the human family, we are powerfully impressed by the wonderful provision that God has made for the salvation of mankind.

That salvation is made possible by what is known as the revelation of God, which is God's nature, God's will, and God's plan of redemption revealed to man through the instrumentality of Jesus Christ.

The word "Gospel" means good news. It is good news to the saints when it is beamed to them from the heavens. It is good news to the sinner when he hears it from the lips of the inspired saint. The Gospel is good news because it issues forth from God, who is the fountain supply, the well spring, of all that can be called good.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is unailing because it is both good and eternal in nature. Customs, institutions, dynasties, earthly governments, systems of philosophy and religion have passed away, "but my word shall never pass away." Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one word of all that God has spoken to mankind shall fail until all has been fulfilled.

The children of Israel broke the original set of

Ten Commandments. Although they were broken, they did not pass away.

Nearly two thousand years have passed away since the voice was heard speaking from the heavens: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." A cry was also heard: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Were those words spoken in vain? Where can we today find "peace on earth and good will toward men"? God's word has not failed. Man has failed in the utilization of God's word. Nations are at war. There is not much peace on earth.

Jesus said: "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, I give unto you." He referred, of course, to that peace which is generated in the hearts of those who live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Living by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God is a perfect formula for peace. God's people have that peace. The nations could have it, too, if they would but meet the terms laid down by Jesus Christ.

We speak about the Gospel's falling away. What happened, really, is that men fell away from the Gospel. Grievous wolves entered into the flock, destroying the truth. The perverse and reprobate caused the falling away. The Church died. What a mistake to think that God failed. Charles Wesley wrote:

"Where shall I wander now to find

Successors they have left behind?

The faithful, whom I seek in vain,

Have vanished from the sons of men."

Man, not the everlasting Gospel, had failed. The Church, the beautiful woman gloriously robed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars, was disrobed and driven into the wilderness. What could she find to eat in a barren wilderness? The food for living souls is manna from heaven. Finding no manna in the wilderness, she starved to death. Did God disrobe her and drive her into the wilderness? No, Satanically inspired men, servants of Satan, the Devil, disrobed her. It seems that man has done more to disrobe and destroy the Church than he has done to feed, clothe, and cherish her. That is the reason she fell away.

That power which triumphed over the Church during the days of her confinement in apostacy was responsible for the male child (the authority of priesthood) being taken back to God and to His throne. Without authority, men could no longer administer the things of God. Love, light, mercy, and truth vanished. "Darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people."

One of the Bible writers wrote: "Where there is no vision the people perish." During the Dark Ages they perished by millions. Wars, plaques, inquisitions, and many other judgements took a frightening toll of human lives.

Time, times and half a time is any number divided accordingly. In this case a time is 360; a times, 720; and half time, 180. Added together, they total 1260, which is the number of years the woman, the Church, languished in the wilder-

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"The word of God grew and multiplied." Acts 12:24

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you an interesting story about Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. At this time, Herod was king. He was a cruel ruler and persecuted the saints in many ways. He killed James, the brother of John, with the sword, and because this pleased the Jews, he decided to destroy Peter. In a short time Peter was caught and thrown into prison. Herod intended to destroy him after Easter. When the saints throughout the Church heard this, they prayed without ceasing, asking God to spare Peter's life.

When Easter had passed, Herod sent his soldiers to the prison to bring Peter to him, but during the night a wonderful thing happened. Peter, bound in chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, and the prison doors were guarded by the keepers. There was no way possible for him to escape. Suddenly a bright light streamed into the prison, and an angel of God stood before Peter. The angel struck Peter on the side and raised him up. "Arise quickly," said the angel. Peter's chains fell from his hands. Again the angel spoke, "Gird thyself and bind thy sandals. Cast thy garment about thee and follow me." Peter did as told. It was hard for Peter to believe all this was real; he thought it must surely be a vision. Peter and the angel passed through the prison and came to the iron gate that led to the city. To his surprise it opened all by itself! They went out, and as they passed through one street, the angel disappeared.

Peter was left alone. He said to himself, "Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the people, of the Jews." Peter was considering where he should go now that he was released from prison. He walked on until he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark. A large group had gathered at this house to pray for Peter. As he knocked at the gate, a girl named Rhoda came out. When she heard Peter's voice, she was so happy that she forgot to open the gate. She ran back into the house and told them that Peter stood outside of the gate. They said, "You are mad. It is his angel." But Peter kept right on knocking until they came and opened the gate. When they saw him they were amazed. Their prayers were answered.

Peter told them about the wonderful miracle he had witnessed, how the Lord had delivered him from the prison. He said to tell these things to James and the brethren. Can't you just feel the joy these followers of Jesus experienced?

As soon as it was day, the soldiers discovered

that Peter had escaped. They knew King Herod would be very angry. They searched everywhere, but Peter was not to be found. When Herod was told that Peter was gone, he examined the keepers and commanded that they be put to death. In spite of all the persecutions the work of the Lord grew, and the apostles were so filled with the Holy Ghost that they converted people everywhere.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. What did the people say about Herod as he sat upon his throne and made an oration to them? Acts 12:21, 22.
2. What happened to him and why? Acts 12:23.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Student Desires Church Contact

Dear Editor,

Please, I would like to take this opportunity of writing to you through the medium of the *Gospel News*. I arrived here in this country early January, 1967, as a foreign student from Nigeria. Since then I have not been privileged to meet any of our branches. I deem it necessary to write to you in order to say to the brethren here, "Greetings to you in Jesus' name."

I am a staunch member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Nigeria, Abak Branch. I am here in the state of Kansas, attending the College of Emporia, Kansas. I am still praying fervently that a time should come when it will be possible to meet with some of the branches here, and, of course, through your co-operation this could be possible.

I am wishing you all God's blessings and spirit of love and fellowship. Amen.

Amos D. Udo (Nigerian)
Broadview Hotel
Downtown Center
Emporia, Kansas 66801

Invitation Extended

By Bill Cral
Kent Mission Editor

The brothers and sisters of the Kent Mission wish to give to all an invitation to attend our services. Brother Oliver Lloyd of 1675 Pike Parkway, Streetsboro, Ohio, is our presiding elder. Our morning service begins at 11 A.M. and Sunday school at 9:45 A.M. We are small in membership, and for a number of years we have been meeting in the Lion's Hall. It is located north of State Route 14 on Route 43 in Streetsboro, Ohio, about 2 miles from Exit 13 of the Turnpike.

Brother Mario Milano of Euclid, Ohio, has attended to the needs of the Kent Mission for a number of years; at the present time he is recuperating from an operation which he had some time ago, and we are looking forward to his return to the mission.

Remember our little mission in your prayers.

M.B.A. Highlights

LESSON-PLAN DISTRIBUTION DETERMINATION TO HIGHLIGHT GMBA CONFERENCE ON MAY 20

The designation of Dominic Thomas and Joseph Milantoni as the General Church representatives for approving MBA Lesson-Plans will have a major influence on the future actions which will be highlighted at the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in the Melvindale, Michigan, High School on May 20. The announcement that Brothers Thomas and Milantoni had been chosen by the recent General Church Conference in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, to make certain that the lessons are properly prepared, printed, and distributed to Association units means it will now be possible for these materials to be put into use and culminates months of preparation.

The first group of studies to be sent out will be from the **Book of Mormon** and will be aimed primarily at the 10-13 age group. These lessons can, of course, be used by different ages, even though they have been directed to these school-age children. Church-study activities to supplement the narrative and question segments of the presentations are also included, and they should be of interest to all members as well.

Later schedules to make an activity book available to pre-school youngsters, in addition to lessons on Church history for all classes, will also be outlined at the Conference, where the distribution pattern and quantities will be determined for effective utilization of the materials.

Other items which will share the spotlight at the Gathering will be the progress being made on this year's field trip to Arlington, Kansas, and the efforts of the Association to raise funds to help The General Church in the constructing of the new General Church Auditorium.

Excellent Response

The response for the field trip has been excellent, and the sub-committee met in Warren, Ohio, on April 29 to assign the reservations for persons who submitted housing and dining requests. The stipulation made in Warren was that individuals who may have now found it possible to attend the event but who have not yet notified the sub-committee may do so by writing to Paul Francione, 1053 Moran, Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146. He was asked to try to make placements for these parties at the site reserved exclusively by the MBA for the week of July 30 through August 6, even though the April 15 deadline for seeking reservations had passed. If Brother Francione is unable to meet the late requests, he was instructed to advise the applicants of nearby facilities. Although they may not be staying at the "Y" Ranch at night, participants may still use all the camp provisions during the day and may take part in all the activities.

Besides discussing this summer's trip, the Conference will start to look ahead to 1968 in an at-

tempt to begin long-range planning for next year's annual event. A final decision for the ensuing year may not be made until the November 11 GMBA Conference, but tentative suggestions may be presented for evaluation.

Fund-Raising

The Association is now concluding its second successive \$3,000 fund-raising drive for the auditorium. The first effort was successful and produced over \$3,500. Current indications are that last-minute endeavors are being employed in striving to also make this drive a success.

In addition to assessing the previous drives, the Conference will be asked to establish its further projection for this worthy cause. The General Church is trying to obtain as many funds as possible so that construction can be begun on schedule. This will require the cooperation of all Church auxiliary units, along with all individual members, and the MBA will, of course, consider this urgency. It is understood that plans and specifications for the new building, which will be built near Imperial, Pennsylvania, are being drawn up and that the preliminary preparations are being finalized.

Other features of the Gathering will be officer and delegate reports, which will give the complete standings of the General Association and of the individual member units. Also, the MBA Areas, through reports to the GMBA Activities Committee, will present their plans and activities.

The host Michigan-Ontario MBA Area is assuring that accommodations will be available for everyone who will attend the Conference. This region, which has been preparing for the occasion for some time, has been involved in making all the arrangements to allow the Gathering to be another memorable and worthwhile undertaking. The hosts have also been busy readying a program for presentation during the evening meeting. The Michigan-Ontario Area MBA Choir will take part, as it did two years ago when the GMBA Conference was last held in this vicinity. The hope is that everyone who can possibly do so will attend. Then, it was emphasized, the preparation and the accompanying anticipation will be more than rewarded.

EDITOR RETIRES

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Brother Curry was baptized in the Church in 1944 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1955. He also holds the present position of General Church historian.

We have been personally acquainted with Brother Don for a number of years and are well aware of his ability not only as an educator but as a member of the priesthood.

The **Gospel News** editorial staff congratulates Brother Curry in his new challenge, and we pledge our complete support to him for the continued success of the **Gospel News** in its endeavor to further the work of the Church.

May the Lord richly bless Brother Donald and divinely guide his efforts and his ability to the honor and glory of God.

THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

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ness. From the time of the great apostacy in A. D. 570 until the restoration of the truth in A. D. 1830 is exactly 1260 years. The Apostle John prophesied of the restoration of truth and authority when he wrote: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14:6.

When we look at Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society," we ask ourselves if this is the formula which will bring an age of golden days upon the earth. We reject the thought on grounds that peace on earth and good will toward men could not possibly emerge from such a condition as we find today.

The popular religions of today are merging and boasting of their numerical strength, but they overlook the fact that Jesus said: "Strait is the gate, and narrow the way, and few there be that find it." Nephi wrote: "And it came to pass that I beheld the Church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few." Why were they few? Nephi answers: "Because of the wickedness and abominations of the great whore who sat upon many waters."

When we look at the Great Society, and those who call themselves Christians, we ask ourselves where is the nation, the sect, the party willing to do God's will? Small wonder the Jew says that Christianity has failed. The nations of today are in the same condition the Jews were in when they rejected Christ. Christ did not fail the Jew. The Jew failed Christ.

God made a covenant with Abraham: "I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee."

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Caanan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

The promise was renewed again and again to Moses and Aaron and the prophets. It was not God's fault they were driven out of Caanan. No, the children of Israel failed God. Man, not God, broke the covenant.

Paul quoted the psalmist, David, saying: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visited him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownest him with glory and honor, and did'st set him over the works of thy hands." Heb. 2:6, 7.

The pharisees asked the question of the officers that came to take Jesus: "Have any of the rulers of the pharisees believed on Him?" If the educators, scientists, and rulers of today would believed on Jesus instead of trusting in their learning, we could have a mellenium. I think that God is allowing us to destroy ourselves. Recent statistics say that we have had 48,000 war casualties. Automobiles, helicopters, and planes are being destroyed by the thousands. Every news-cast brings a report of some

new tragedy.

Is civilized man really civilized? Observing our failures, the heathen says: "We don't want your civilization." Solomon said: "The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." Elihu said: "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Jesus said: When I come again, shall I find faith on the earth? If he came today, He would find very little of faith, hope, and charity. May God help us to search after these things, and not the things of the world.

The Religion And Government Of Crete

(Following is the second in a four-part series about the island of Crete, written by Walter H. Jankowski II who is serving there in the United States Air Force. In the first article, the history of the Mediterranean island was discussed. — Editor's Note)

It is difficult for us Americans who enjoy freedom to visualize the many wars and political strifes which have been prevalent in the history of Crete. Despite the almost constant turmoil, the continuity of Cretan culture has maintained intact many fundamentals from even the earliest times, however. In nothing is this more apparent than in the religious beliefs and conventions. The early Greek religion was a pagan rite, worshipping gods, goddesses, and Zodiac symbols. This was reflected in the words of Paul to the Athenians in the midst of Mars Hill when he saw the altar to the unknown god.

The early worship was basically an agricultural religion to satisfy the agricultural pursuits of the people. The Roman influence merely changed the names of the idols and left the rituals practically untouched. Gradually, the Roman influence weakened, and this opened the avenue for The Gospel of Christ to be proclaimed here.

The Gospel reached the island with the Apostle Paul while he was on his trip to Rome. His testimony of Crete and the Cretans is in the **Book of Acts, Chapter XXVII**, and in the epistle to **Titus**. Paul's immediate heir and follower on Crete was Titus, who remained faithful to the cause. After the falling-away of The Gospel as predicted by Paul and as believed by The Church of Jesus Christ, religion on Crete eventually took on the form of the Orthodox Church. This church, which is still in power today, enjoys almost complete adherence of the people. To Cretans, who practically all belong to this religion, there is nothing contradictory or curious about worshipping in the ways of their ancestors, and thus they continue these worships as an accepted way of life.

The Orthodox Church of Greece and the nations of Greece are one and the same. Their modern history is so intertwined that religious profession and patriotism are synonymous. Crete is one of the governmental districts of the highly

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"Be Still And Know That I Am God"

By James Curry

Brother John was a goodly young man. He was intelligent, well educated and had a propensity for public speaking. John had been in the Church only a very short time when the desire to be an elder began to grow in him.

Strange as it may seem, no one had ever taught John the way of the Spirit. He had read something about taking a seat in a lower room until he was asked to come up higher, but this strange commandment had no meaning for him. He had also read something about whosoever exalts himself shall be abased, but whosoever humbleth himself shall be exalted. This, too, was obscure to him in its meaning.

On an occasion of reading from the "Book of Psalms," he was impressed with the peculiar commandment: "Be still, and know that I am God." Instead of focusing the "be still" idea upon his desire to be an elder, John thought that it was an appeal to complete inactivity. Being the kind who liked to express his faith in action, he rejected it on grounds that sitting on one's hands and doing nothing would be unworthy and unbecoming to one who felt that he must be about his Father's business.

Poor John! How could he know that being still and allowing the Creative Hand to have its way in him is a period of intense emotional and intellectual activity? When the Creative Hand is rearranging the building blocks of the inward nature, when the Potter is crushing the old man to fashion a new one to His own honor and glory, when the proper ministerial capability is forming and springing up in one in leaps and bounds—these are never to be forgotten days. For beauty, for joy, for emotional and intellectual stimulation and satisfaction, they perhaps cannot be equalled. We older ones long to return to them, as one sometimes longs to return to the joys of childhood.

In reference to the growth of the soul, Henry Drummond wrote: "We have now seen that spiritual growth is a process maintained and secured by a spontaneous and mysterious inward principle. It is a spontaneous principle even in its origin, for it bloweth where it listeth; mysterious in its operation, for we can never tell whence it cometh; obscure in its destination, for we cannot tell whence it goeth. The whole process therefore transcends us; we do not work, we are taken in hand—it is God which worketh in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. We do not plan—we are 'created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them'."

John might have developed differently if, immediately following his baptism, he had been taught to say: All that I am, all that I ever hope to be, originates in, and develops from, that seed of the Christ-life planted in me when I was born again. Alas, that he did not understand the re-

created soul's potential to develop so great things from within. Unaware of his inner resources, he turned to the only method of getting ahead that he knew.

As a salesman, John knew that to be successful in the competitive structures of the modern business world one must be ambitious and aggressive, as well as prestige and status-conscious, so as to augment the money making schemes of one's employer.

John used these favored tools of the self-seeker to get ahead in the church—with questionable results. He achieved his goal and became an elder, but he was obviously lacking in insight, idealism and over-all perspective. O, that he had been still long enough to learn that the success of the Gospel of Christ is predicated not upon the idea of self-interest, but upon the idea of self-renunciation. When questioned as to whether he had been called to the priesthood by revelation, John was strangely silent.

That young man who sits quietly in the low seat until God has worked His full will and pleasure in him will rejoice in that day when the revelation is given that he is qualified for ministerial service.

Do not doubt that the revelation will be given. When God creates an instrument for His work, He will signal the time for its utilization. If the time should come that none are called by revelation, it will be because God cannot utilize what man creates in a spirit of self-interest.

The devastating effects of self-interest on Hitler's Nazi party is told in this excerpt from Eric Hoffer's *The True Believer*.

"It is true that among the early adherents of a mass movement there are also adventurers who join in the hope that the movement will give a spin to their wheel of fortune and whirl them to fame and power. On the other hand, a degree of selfless dedication is sometimes displayed by those who join corporations, orthodox political parties and other practical organizations. Still, the fact remains that a practical concern cannot endure unless it can appeal to and satisfy self-interest, while the vigor and growth of a rising mass movement depend on its capacity to evoke and satisfy the passion for self renunciation. When a mass movement begins to attract people who are interested in their individual careers, it is a sign that it has passed its vigorous stage; that it is no longer engaged in molding a new world but in possessing and preserving the present. It ceases then to be a movement and becomes an enterprise. According to Hitler, the more 'posts and offices a movement has to hand out, the more inferior stuff it will attract, and in the end these political hangers-on overwhelm a successful party in such number that the honest fighter of former days no longer recognizes the old movement. . . . When this happens, the mission of such a movement is done for.'"

(Note—The brother John of this story is a fictitious character who bears no relation to any one living or dead.)

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UR WOMEN TODAY

— She Hath Done What She Could.

Rose Corrado

Circles are links in a chain. . . .

The name "Kinsman Circle" is only 11 years old, but its members have had considerably more service in the Circle. Sister Anna Dreer and her daughters first joined the Circle in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, and were members there for several years. About 1940 they moved to Warren, Ohio, and within a few years were instrumental in organizing, for the first time, a Circle there. Then in 1947 a Mission was organized in Niles, Ohio, and those who transferred membership to Niles, organized a Circle there on June 21, 1947, at the home of Sister Loretta Corrado. Sister Anna Dreer was elected first president of both these Circles.

Again a group of saints moved on—this time to Kinsman, Ohio—which meant a bigger part of the Niles Circle had moved; so with the permission of General Circle, the original Niles Circle had its name changed on June 30, 1956, to the Kinsman, Ohio, Circle with Sister Esther Ford as its president.

At present we have a membership of 15. Three of these have been members of four Circles—two have been members of three Circles—six have been members of two Circles—and only four claim membership to one Circle. So we have a rather old new circle. Our members range in age from four to 64, but that ingredient of "love" that cements a Circle allows us to meet on one common ground of fellowship. We find joy in searching the Scriptures when looking up questions and words for roll call. Our lessons have been from the Bible, the Book of Mormon, various pamphlets printed by our Church, and at present, the Church History. The meetings are conducted in such a manner as to be flexible; many times our lessons have been put aside and the time was spent in prayer. We have several programs in our meetings and try to encourage the young to participate in every way.

Our greatest blessings, we find, are when we kneel in prayer in the behalf of "Others." We, with every other Circle, have the same desire—that we may be a help to "Others."

OTHER

*"Lord help me live from day to day,
In such a self forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray, My prayer shall be
for Others."*

*Help me in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I'd do for you, must needs be done
for Others."*

*Let "self" be crucified and slain,
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again, unless to live for Others.*

*And when on earth my work is done,
And my new work in heav'n's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won, while thinking still
of Others.*

*Others, Lord, yes, others, Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for others, That I may live like thee."*
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Circle Holds General Meeting

By Mary Tamburrino

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Saturday, March 11, 1967. Sisters were present from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We enjoyed having our mute Sister, Arlene Thomas, of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, with us.

The New Jersey Circles presented a program titled, "Behold the Lamb of God," portraying the life of Christ by reading Scriptures and singing several selections. Sister Mabel Bickerton, our president, reminded us that the aim of our sisters when they organized the Circle was to search the Scriptures and help the Church with missionary work. None of our circles is great in number, but a few here and there make it possible to further the work.

Reports of our Circles were read. A letter was read from Sister Margaret Iorio about the visit she made to Italy. The History of The General Circle of the past year was read, and work was directed for the poor. We have donated \$1933.64 towards the auditorium fund. Our next meeting will be held in Lorain, Ohio, on June 17, 1967. A vote of thanks was given to the New Jersey sisters for their hospitality.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in testimony and singing. We felt a great blessing in our midst throughout the day.

Wedding

PALERMO-JANKOWSKI

Anthony Palermo and Sister Rose Palermo of Cleveland Branch #2 wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sister Carrie, to Walter H. Jankowski II, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Jankowski, Sr. of Lakewood, Ohio.

The candlelight ceremony took place on December 20, 1966, at 7:30 P.M. in Lakewood, Ohio. The sermon was given by Brother Joseph Calabrese, and the marriage vows were performed by Brother Alfred Dominico. The Lorain Trio, Cheryl Calabrese, Carlo Naro, and Inez Caldwell sang "One Hand One Heart" and "Whether Thou Goest."

Wally is presently stationed overseas on the island of Crete serving in the United States Air Force. He is scheduled to return to the United States sometime in October, 1967, with the remains of 21 months of Service. Carrie and Wally will then hopefully be stationed stateside for the completion of his term.

Westward Go!

Destination: San Diego

"My Help Is On The Way!"

By Catherine Vultaggio Poma, Editor
San Diego, California

Six months went by since that first historical 'Meeting in the West,' and Brother and Sister Vultaggio could stand being separated from their children no longer.

One day they contacted Brother and Sister Benenat, of whom we have spoken earlier, for the Vultaggios knew that they were seriously thinking of going to California, too.

And, so, in true Pilgrim fashion, inexperienced, but with great desire, they started out for California. Brother Frank drove his truck, to which was hitched his automobile. Both car and truck were loaded to 'the hilt' with their belongings.

Brother and Sister Benenati were in their own car following behind, watching the swaying and weaving of the Vultaggio automobile towed by the truck. They guided it with their prayers across the plains and through the valleys and up and around the mountains. The roads curved swiftly, serpentine fashion, and in some places were hardly large enough for two cars to pass simultaneously.

The truck had literally 'huffed and puffed' at each enforced climb and many a time had stalled, to the dismay of the travellers. Now, after crossing the hot deserts of Arizona and California, after descending one mountain and preparing to ascend another, the truck 'froze'—permanently, it seemed. Brother Frank tried to see what was wrong, while Sister Margaret looked around in dismay. Brother and Sister Benenati were no where in sight, for their lighter car had already taken the incline.

Panic seized Sister Margaret. With all of Brother Frank's 'tinkering' the truck would not budge. She turned her heart to God. "Oh, Lord," she prayed, "What are we to do? We are stranded in the middle of the mountain. Where can I go to find help? Shall I try to climb the mountain, myself, or go backward a ways? Shall I go up or down?"

At that moment she remembered a dream that she had had just before leaving Detroit. She dreamed that she was in the middle of mountains and Satan was hedging up her path. She did not know which way to go in order to escape and had called to the Lord: "Shall I go forward or back, Lord?"

Now, in real life the same situation arose. They were stranded on a mountainous, lonely road, nearing nightfall, a broken down truck towing a car, and were many miles from their destination. There were no telephones, no gas stations to be seen. The rear held the desert, the future beyond the mountain was unknown. What was she to do? Where could she summon aid?

Suddenly, a Voice spoke to her: "Do not fear, My help is on the way." In a moment the motor roared, and the truck was able to continue in the way.

Surely, God is the greatest engineer known. Brother Frank says: "I did not know what to do to repair the engine. God guided my hand to do the right thing. But it was Sister Margaret's prayers that made us receive help."

What a wonderful reunion was theirs, right in the middle of the road as their children met them and embraced them!

Lord God, we humbly thank Thee again and again for your wonderful care. Thou art good to us beyond our merit! Thou dost compass us about with Thy wonderful love and hast never forsaken us in our hour of need. Thou knowest our every need before it arises! We love Thee God! We love Thee!

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Evangelist Visits Church Missions

By Mark Randy

Recently I was able to fulfill a desire to visit several of our Church missions. I left home January 6, 1967. My first visit was Yucaipa, California. There we have a fine group of people, but they have no resident minister. Brother Robert Watson, Jr. is in charge, and several brothers assist, traveling many miles each week. On Sunday the 8th we had a glorious blessing—more so because a young man by the name of Gary Knowles requested baptism. It was a warm day, but the place of baptism was a mountain lake well over 7,000 ft. high where the water was frozen. We were just saying a day earlier that the folks in California do not have to be baptized in frozen water.

Monday the 9th I left for the San Carlos Apache Mission. The following Friday I left here and journeyed to Phoenix for the funeral of Sister Josephine Galante, a wonderful woman. Sunday (the 15th) I was back at San Carlos. The morning's Sunday school lesson was taught by Brother Dan Picciuto. It was very interesting and a wonderful spirit prevailed. I shall forever remember the words of Sister Kayson. She said that Gentiles from Phoenix come to San Carlos to look for the medicine man and to buy herbs, while the Indians are getting away from this and are believing in Jesus Christ and going to Him for help. The sermon of the day was "The More Excellent Way." 1 Cor. 13:1. During the course of this very moving passage of God's word I was prompted to say, "Whenever I put Mark forward, I find Christ behind, and Mark knows not where to go, but when I put Jesus forward, I find Christ leading the way, and I cannot err."

I left San Carlos January 16 for Lake Worth, Florida. As I traveled across Texas, I wondered whatever made the early Texans fight for such dry land. But as I came near the eastern part of the state, the land became beautiful. I stopped at Johnson City to visit our President's ranch and

house where he was born. When I was close to Fort Pierce, Florida, I became a little tired of the long journey, so I decided to stop there instead of continuing. I knew that there we had people of our Faith, but not knowing where any of them lived, and being weary, I prayed for guidance. I stopped at a gas station, and looking in a phone book, I found Frank Rogolino's number. I called, and to my surprise, they only lived on the next block. My visit there proved to be a wonderful experience. We held two meetings, Thursday and Friday nights.

On Sunday we went to Lake Worth, where young Frank Mazzeo was visiting, and had feet washing. I stayed until Wednesday.

Thursday morning I went to Miami where I stayed at Alvin Swanson's home. Here we held a meeting Thursday night, and on Saturday we went to Lake Worth, where an elder's meeting had been appointed. This meeting proved fruitful to all present.

The following Sunday we spent at Fort Pierce with Frank and Gabriel Mazzeo and family. Monday, February 6, I went to Orlando, where Sister Sommerville and her son and family live. It was wonderful to visit with them.

Tuesday I went to Tampa, where I visited with Billy Tucker and his family. Brother Joe Tucker is now making his home with his son. They were truly wonderful to me. Ruth took me to visit Sister Conti, Sister Romano, and Sister Di Donato at Saint Petersburg, and then to Lakewood to visit Sister Aqualina. I was to stay only one day here but stayed until Friday.

It was hard to part from all of the places I visited. The need is great for ministers.

I arrived back at San Carlos on Sunday, February 5. Brother Dan had arranged four revival meetings—Monday through Thursday. We had a glorious time. Sister Margaret Henderson and Sister Dolores Picciuto are holding a sewing class with the Indian ladies which is very successful. Brother Dan has a radio program every Sunday afternoon.

Friday, Brother Dan and I went to Phoenix and held a meeting there. We then proceeded to Los Angeles with Brother Christman to attend a Mission Board meeting, February 11. There I was met by my wife and son Samuel and his family.

It was truly a blessed trip. I pray that whatever place I visited will be a little closer to God.

Greetings From Florida

We have been down here in Fort Pierce for two years now, and the Lord surely has blessed us many times. We are glad to see all the visiting brothers and sisters that come here during the winter months. We came here from Metuchen, New Jersey, Branch. I had a good job up north, but when my wife became ill and the doctor said she should move to a warmer climate, we moved to Florida. The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful meeting place.

The prayers of the saints could move mountains. I know because I was saved from death

when I was a soldier. My mother, Sister Stella Arcuri, the brothers and sisters of our Metuchen Branch, and all the saints of the Church were praying for us boys that the Lord would bring us safely home. I was hit by a grenade, but my life was spared. We who are in this beautiful Gospel know what prayers can do.

Now the years have gone by, and we have a son in Vietnam. He is nineteen years old and has a wonderful wife and a daughter three months old. Now it is my turn to pray and ask all the brothers and sisters to pray that he and others like him may return safely with the help of God.

I am sending you a check for the Gospel News to send him because we know that he will enjoy reading it as much as we do. I know he would like to hear from all of you. His address is:

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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The Church retained the services of these architects, and they will assist the Committee in all phases of this undertaking. The conference also agreed to begin taking bids in 1969. This would permit the Church to start building by the spring of 1970.

The Church approved the printing of GMBA Lesson Booklets, which were developed by the GMBA.

The Church also approved a yearly missionary budget for the coming year. Branches will be advised through their districts of the exact sums expected from each branch.

The Saturday morning session was spent in reviewing experiences such as dreams. During this session the Spirit of God was abundantly felt. Several of the brothers requested to be anointed for various afflictions, and the spirit of love and brotherhood prevailed.

Each branch will receive a complete conference report through its presiding elder.

The Sunday morning service began with solo selections by Brothers Clifford Burgess and V. James Lovalvo and several choral selections by the Monongahela Branch Choir.

Brother Joseph Lovalvo gave the opening address. Through his theme, "Thou shalt not live by bread alone," he emphasized the importance of the written word of God in our lives and in the history of the Church.

Brother V. James Lovalvo followed and likened the Prodigal Son as one who tried to live by bread alone until he realized that natural things alone would not sustain him.

Brother Casasanta told how living in Christ brings joy to our lives, and Brother Ross spoke of anticipating his trip to Africa.

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centralized Greek government. It is from Athens that Crete's ministers of agriculture, finance, education, justice, public works, and others are appointed, as are each of the heads of Crete's three names or counties.

The people of the island elect representatives to the Greek parliament themselves. Each city elects its own mayor, as do the villages. There is no common legislative body for Crete, and the government as a whole is carried on by the appointees of Athens. Most taxes are collected and disbursed by Athens also. All this is, to a large extent, only a technicality, but the fact remains that the initiative comes from Athens, and the local responsibility for government and social institutions is relatively small. Nevertheless, Crete's true "parliament" is to be found in the small social groups which gather informally at the various meeting-places in the towns and villages.

Crete provides a glimpse of both old age religious impulse and behavior. In the villages all festivals and holidays are celebrated in the churches. The agricultural basis for worship is still present for every planting and harvesting, complete with offering of goodwill and thankfulness. In the rest periods between crops there are almost daily observances, local church festivals, and many other similar traditional celebrations.

The Orthodox Church's principle to satisfy the agricultural necessities leaves room for both intellectual and surviving primitive customs. Perhaps the most familiar is the lack of involved ritual, since everyone believes there is no reason for costumes or dressing up to go to church. Religious processions are participated in and attended in everyday clothing, as is the early Sunday morning service; but there are festivals and ceremonies where costume and dress are worn proudly, such as for Easter and Christmas.

Many of the chapels and church buildings in Crete are tiny and are used for one day of the year to commemorate a particular person. There are big churches, too, filled with grandeur, gold irons, and huge pillars. The churches and chapels

are found everywhere—on a barren coast, a tiny islet, a high peak, or in the middle of a big town; and each has its own setting, reflecting the community.

In the Orthodox Church, if a minister wants to rise in the hierarchy or to enter a monastery, he remains unmarried. The village churchmen, however, are allowed to marry and are encouraged to take part in the life of the community. The village ministers will also be obliged to do some other work to support their families, despite the fact that they receive part of their salaries from the government. This latter fact illustrates the official combination of church and state which is present on this fourth largest island in the Mediterranean and which is reflected in the philosophy, practices, and everyday living in Greece.

NEWS FROM METUCHEN, N.J. BRANCH

By Carlo Vinci, Branch Editor

On Sunday, February 26, we had the pleasure of a visit by Brother Sal Azzinaro, Jr. Our presiding elder, Brother Joseph Perri, opened the morning meeting and turned it over to Brother Sal, who is in the service and stationed in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Brother Sal sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art," which was enjoyed by all. He spoke to us about how the Lord has blessed him since he was a little boy and how God called him into the Church. He also told us about many other wonderful experiences and visions.

After he spoke, Brother Joseph Perri suggested we have a testimony meeting instead of preaching. Brother Joe called different brothers and sisters to relate how God had called them into the Church. We surely felt the blessing of God in the meeting. A wonderful testimony was given by Sister Theresa Scala Siano, who was re-instated in the Church again after an absence of 16 years. She never wanted to stay away from Church, but her husband is not in the Church and would always be against her going.

There was such a wonderful blessing in the meeting that it continued until one o'clock. We then sang "I Surrender All." Brother Joe asked if anyone wished to be baptized, and Renee' Vinci asked for her baptism with tears of joy.

Sister Theresa Vadasz had a dream that night before that there was going to be a baptism that day. We went to the river that afternoon which was very cold, about 14° degrees, and Sister Renee' was baptized by Brother Joseph Perri. She was confirmed by Brother Carmen Sgro.

The baby of Paul and Ruth Scala was blessed by our presiding elder. Sister Renee' and the new baby are the grand daughters of Dominick Scala, who is now 87 years old and still attends the meetings and thanks God for the privilege. We thank God for blessing our Branch from time to time.

Obituary

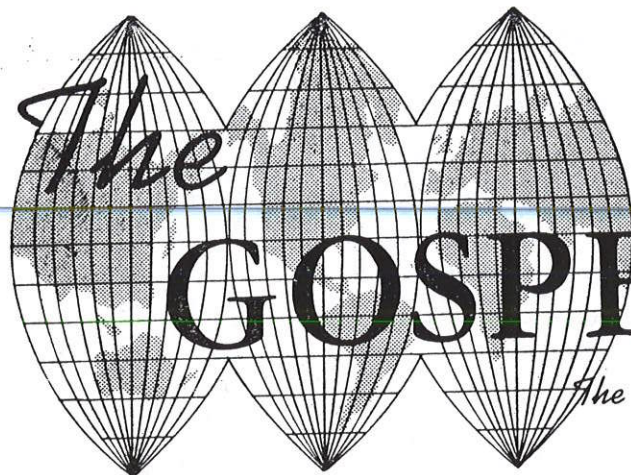
CHARLES E. KING

Brother Charles E. King of the Vanderbilt Branch died enroute to the hospital on Wednesday, March 27, 1967. He resided at Grindstone, Pennsylvania.

Brother King, born June 3, 1891, was the son of the late Brother John and Sister Catherine King. He was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ on March 1, 1931, and ordained an elder July 12, 1936.

Surviving are his wife, Sister Margaret E. King, and ten children: Sister Kathryn, Sister Ada Belle Hardesty, Mrs. Lilley Kilgore, Mrs. Jennie King, Brothers Jesse, Charles, James, Lawrence, Richard and Donald.

The services were conducted in the Church of Jesus Christ, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania, with Brothers George Johnson and Thurman S. Furnier officiating.



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Fit Your Life Into The Church

By Joseph Bittinger

Chairman, General Church Board of Missions

We are living in an age when planning one's life for the future is vitally important if he wishes to be prosperous and successful. Realizing this fact, our first goal is to prepare ourselves adequately for whatever vocation or profession we may choose. This is especially true of the young people of our present day in confronting a very complicated and hostile world of competition.

Should not our young people of the Church plan their lives to fit themselves into the work of the Church? They should strive to find where they can best serve its needs and the needs of mankind in the great latter-day work of God. The greatest work of God since the creation of man is yet in the future. The fulfilling of the Scriptural signs, as spoken by the Prophets and by Jesus Christ our Saviour, leaves no doubt that major events are about to occur which will involve the Church of Jesus Christ; it will be moved to preach the Gospel to the seed of Joseph, the American Indian, as well as to the Gentiles and to all nations of the earth that Zion may be established and the restoration of Israel take place. **We believe that God will employ this Church for that purpose.**

Many of us who came into the Church in the years past did not plan our lives around the work of the Church for numerous reasons; the result was that we have had to fit the Church into our lives as best we could. Many times this has placed us at a disadvantage causing the work of God and the Church to take second place in our lives. Any endeavor to be successful must be carefully planned from the very beginning. To omit this procedure is like groping in the dark trying to find one's way. By allowing ourselves to become so entangled in the material things of life most of our liberty and freedom is lost, and we cannot serve the needs of the Church or man-

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Congratulations To June Graduates

By Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President

The month of June marks the time when many young people will be graduated from high schools and colleges. To all of you who have worked diligently, my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the years ahead.

Speaking from experience, I know none of you will regret the years you have spent in school. The skills and knowledge which you have gained make you better prepared in today's world, because formal education is a process whereby one seeks to gain more awareness about man and his environment. You will, therefore, be better equipped for the future.

To be noted, however, is that knowledge is a powerful tool which may be used for good or evil. History has proven that education properly applied has benefitted mankind, whereas ignorance has left its mark of blight upon present and future generations. Also, if all of the learning available today were employed for the good of man, the world would be a far different place in which to live and raise our children.

Jesus recognized the usefulness of the acquisition of knowledge and said, "be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." One cannot help but observe that many persons have surpassed the cunning serpent in wisdom and craftiness but have failed miserably in developing the peaceful and harmless traits of the dove. This has resulted in the world's being full of venom and other undesirable elements. Hatred rages instead of love. Disregard for law and order is evident everywhere. People have become generally inconsiderate and display a lack of respect and kindness for their fellow human beings. We need not look very far to discover the seriousness of the situation, as almost every sector of the world is experiencing murder, smear campaigns, and a departure from the principles of the goodness taught by our early forefathers.

Labor has bargained with management to

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"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

By James Curry

Back in the 1860's the Church as reestablished by William Bickerton was numerically very small. Though small, the membership individually and collectively had a great desire, which was to convert the world and effect the restoration of the House of Israel.

It seems not to have occurred to the ministry of the period to question whether or not they were qualified ambassadors, or adequate transmitters, of the divine. They felt only that their mission was to convert the world and the House of Israel. Any suggestion to the contrary would have been instantly negated by a quotation of Christ's commandment to the original twelve apostles: "Take My Gospel into all the world."

Desire is basic to the success of any endeavor. In the case of the Church of the 1860's, desire led to action, and action to more action. After more than a hundred years, the great goal of converting the world and the House of Israel seems as far off as ever.

While in the midst of searching out, polishing, and perfecting the techniques of converting the world, the word of the Lord came to the little flock, saying "Be ye still, O, My people, for I have chosen you out of the world; and be ye faithful and unshaken, for My promises are to you; and wait with patience and you shall see the mighty hand of God." (From A Brief History of the Church of Jesus Christ, by W. H. Cadman.)

When broken up into its component parts and elaborated upon, we discover that God's word to the Church on this occasion was essentially the same as God's commandment to the Psalmist: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Firstly, so far as their desire to convert the world was concerned, they were to be still, to allow the creative hand to develop in them the capacity to one day achieve the object of their desire. Secondly, they were exhorted to faithfulness and steadfastness, that the creative hand might be assured of continuity in their children and such as it would please God to add to the Church. Thirdly, foreseeing their many frustrations and disappointments, God exhorted them to patience with the comforting information that after an adequate waiting period they should see the mighty hand of God.

Seeing the mighty hand of God implies many things. In my mind's eye I picture God presenting a spiritually mature Church to the world, saying, "these are My people, and I am their God. Hear ye them." Stripped for action, the Church will demonstrate to the world who God's people are and where His authority lies. Those who long to express their faith in action will rejoice in that day when the commandment is given to thrust in their sickle and reap.

The General Conference of July, 1868, commissioned brothers William Bickerton, Benjamin Meadowcroft and William B. Cadman to go west to preach the gospel to the Indians. In a report

to the October Conference of 1889, brother Cadman wrote: "Whilst traveling southward, through southeastern Kansas, we arrived one evening at a little town, called Eyre, and camped at its outskirts for the night. Next morning, early, I awoke from sleep and found myself in a large building, apparently as large as the world; its height, breadth, and length seemed all the same, and I could see perfectly, all its extremities; its grandeur was entirely bewildering. I was astonished, exceedingly, and said to myself, 'Why, this is not where I lay down.' I then said to myself, 'This must be a vision.' I then thought, that, if it was a vision, I might see through it by looking hard; I looked upward as piercingly as possible for a few moments, when I observed the top becoming thin, and the vision disappeared. I found myself (on my kness) where I had lain down the previous night. Just then I heard William Bickerton call out that it was time to get up. I went over to him to relate my experience, when he quickly began and related, precisely the same experience to me. We talked over the matter, and all of us thought it very strange."

While returning home from the October, 1870, Conference, brother Cadman, being grieved and discouraged, suddenly recalled the vision that he and William Bickerton had seen in southeastern Kansas. He wrote: "We did not appreciate the glory of that vision, which represented the glory of Zion; we had no inclination to inquire what was meant by its wondrous beauty, and its vast extent. We were in a realm beyond our sphere, as poor, degraded mortals here. We can never expect to attain the heavenly by pursuing the earthly. We had not a comprehensive understanding of what we were then attempting; hence our failure."

In this year of our Lord, 1967, what is our appraisal of brother Candman's experience? Did the Lord not inform the Church that, so far as converting the seed of Joseph was concerned, they were not a qualified people? The voice still said: "Be still, and know that I am God."

To be continued.

Imperial Has Ordination

By Eva Moore

On April 9, 1967, Brother Robert Buffington of the Imperial Branch was ordained an elder into the Church of Jesus Christ at Imperial, Pennsylvania.

The morning service was opened by Brother Russell Cadman from the 13th chapter of "Alma" concerning the holy calling into the priesthood. Brother Samuel Kirschner, referring to the Scriptures and his own experiences, then spoke on how wisdom and love will prevail when problems confront a newly ordained minister.

Brother Jacob Christman washed Brother Buffington's feet as is the custom preceding an ordination.

Brother Kirschner then ordained Brother Buffington with the anointing of oil and the laying on of hands. The love of God and the spirit of humility were strongly manifested throughout the ordination.

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Editorial Viewpoint

One of the most difficult things for man to find has been the truth. Jesus said on one occasion, "And ye shall find the truth, and the truth shall make you free." When we think of these words, they give us a good yardstick by which to measure how much truth men have found. "... the truth shall make you free" — if we find out how free men are, we may have a pretty good idea about how much truth they have found.

I have always thought that these two words, truth and freedom, go wonderfully well together. They are certainly complementary to each other, for neither can exist without the other.

If we can measure truth by freedom, how shall we determine freedom? The idea of being free generally leaves us with the thought of being free from something.

There are certainly many ways that man up through his long history has not been free. With the help of God, however, he has been making progress toward gaining freedom in many of these areas.

To my mind the most terrible thing that men ever committed was to make slaves of other human beings. I can imagine no other condition under which freedom and truth would be more lacking. As far back as recorded history recounts, up until just a century ago, slavery was practiced. It has only been in modern times that many people have come to accept the idea that it is wrong for one human being to literally own another.

The ancient Mediterranean Civilizations (remember the Israelites in Egypt), the Greeks, who, ironically, invented democracy, and the Romans all held large numbers of slaves. In the Middle Ages the serfs who tilled the soil for their feudal masters were treated no better than slaves. Our own nation, unfortunately, has a sad history of two-hundred years of slavery, the effects of which we are still feeling today.

Where was truth during these long centuries of slavery? The level of freedom reflected the level of truth which men possessed. They had very little truth, and the greatest truth missing was that God created all men to be free and never intended that some should own others like owning so many cattle.

God, nevertheless, had begun to teach men this truth by inspiring certain individuals. Moses led the Hebrews out of bondage and set about with God's law to make free men of them. Jesus taught the brotherhood of man. Jefferson declared that "all men are created equal." (He himself owned slaves, and we wonder how much of this truth he understood.) Lincoln saw what slavery was doing to the nation and knew that brother must fight what slavery was doing to the nation and knew that brother must fight brother to rid the land of this evil blight. Men were struggling for the truth.

Other truths have been struggling to make their noble imprints upon the hearts and minds of men. How long have men's minds been shackled by ignorance and superstition? What a dearth of freedom man has known in his own mind! History records long periods of time, including today in some parts of the world, when men had little knowledge and dared not try to bring any forth.

Fortunately one of the greatest triumphs for truth which has helped to dispel ignorance has been in the field of scientific knowledge. There is not room here to even begin to name the many individuals who helped to give the world its great scientific truths, but there is one I would like to mention. Louis Pasteur devoted his whole life to proving that diseases are caused by living organisms too small to be seen by the naked eye and to finding ways to cure these diseases. When he first began his work, he was ridiculed by the doctors of his day. The truth that he advanced, however, opened the door to the field of modern medical science which today gives us so much freedom from diseases and other body ailments.

Perhaps the greatest lack of freedom ever experienced by man has been his slavery to his own passions. Jesus gave the whole world the greatest truths of all — truths that can liberate men from sin. As the poet has written,

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"Man could not conquer passion, lust, and sin." But Jesus not only conquered them, he showed others how to conquer them also. His truths were love, humility, compassion, mercy, forgiveness. When applied these have brought the greatest freedom of all. They are capable of helping men find complete freedom — "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

If there is one thing for which we should be grateful, it is that many have labored and died to give us the truths we enjoy in our lives today. To fail to appreciate them would be a great injustice. We should also be careful not to make the mistake of thinking, as individuals or as a Church, that we have gained all the truths we need. The human family is engaged in a continuous process of learning how to apply old truths and discovering new ones. As followers of Christ it should be our desire to seek truth with an open mind wherever we may find it. One of the easiest things for a person to do is to settle back comfortably with his own ideas and declare himself a closed book to anything new or different. To find truth we must be willing to be flexible enough to honestly examine all the evidence before we decide what is true.

As man gains more and more truth, he shall gain more and more freedom. I believe that he cannot imagine the freedom the future holds for him if he will but seek out the truth.

Evangelist Ordained

By Joseph Griffith

Brother Isaac Smith was ordained as an evangelist of the Church of Jesus Christ at the Monongahela Branch on Sunday, April 16, 1967. Brother Smith, who is now the president of the GMBA, was the presiding elder of the Monongahela Branch for the past two years.

He was confirmed by the washing of feet and the laying on of hands by Evangelists Idris Martin and Joseph Calebrese, respectively. With tears of joy and a heart full of humility and thankfulness, Brother Smith spoke in the gift of tongues. The interpretation was, "Praise God!" In testimony he expressed his feeling of unworthiness and desire to be a servant of God.

We pray that our brother will always be as close to God as when he was confirmed.

Aliquippa Has Ordinations

By James D. Gibson

On Sunday, April 16, Brothers Paul Palmieri and Anthony Ross were ordained elders into the priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ. We had visitors from various parts of the Church such as McKees Rocks, Imperial, West Elizabeth, and New York. We had a good day, and we trust that God will bless and sustain our brothers.

On Easter Sunday Sister Sabina D'Antonio was ordained into the office of deaconess.

Religion Related With Reality

By Patsy Marinetti

It is the contention of true religion that to evade unpleasant realities is an indication of religion removed from reality. In brief, a religion that follows the path of traditional conformity, when it responds reluctantly to becoming involved with down-to-earth realities, is religion unrelated to truth. It is a proven fact of true religion that one must struggle to free himself from hypocrisy in dealing with the facts of sin and evil. We are not capable nor responsible Christians when we circumvent the moral issues of our times simply because the issues may appear controversial. A moral issue or a problem evaded becomes a moral issue and a problem magnified. In the long run dodging does no good anywhere.

Eventually moral issues that are set aside because they compel unpleasant and difficult decisions build up bursting pressures. Like steam under great pressure, they must have an outlet for their tremendous force. However, since the force of steam can be harnessed and brought under control, it can be directed into channels for man's beneficial use. So likewise can seemingly controversial moral issues be resolved and crystallized into definite decisions with better enlightenment and understanding for all people concerned.

The Christian objective must be interest in truth at all times, not convenient evasions of the moment as it seeks to face the evils in human life. Therefore, the seeker of truth refuses to accept as an ally in its effort to free men from fear and deceit that which is a deliberate evasion around truth. Religion moves with truth and has confidence in truth.

Those who profess and advance a Christian philosophy become automatically involved with moral issues. To remain on the sidelines and observe from a distance the human struggle of right versus wrong is similar to those men who were satisfied to follow Jesus at a distance. These men believed in "playing it safe." They cautiously shunned involvement. They reasoned within themselves that if they committed themselves too much to this new Nazarene religion, they could possibly get hurt. The fact remained, and Jesus knew it, that only those men who would be truly converted would be ready to accept the difficult responsibilities of involvement that discipline to His teachings demanded.

A Christian must be a devout man whose life must reflect his beliefs and who accepts literally that a "Christian must follow Jesus all the way." The real Christian must get out of the cloister of safety and become an active participant in the open arena of the human family's struggles. This is involvement. **This is also religion related to reality.** Sincere devotion is not merely reciting one's prayers in hoping for a better world or waiting for God to move us to action; but it is down-to-earth commitment of oneself to an unshakable belief in a cause and transforming this belief into a definite pattern of action. Faith in action is religion in motion.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."
(Exodus 20:4)

Dear girls and boys,

I want to tell you about how the Children of Israel broke one of God's commandments. They disobeyed God and forgot their promise to keep them. Although the Ten Commandments were given long, long ago, we must obey them today. They are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.

Moses, Israel's leader, had gone up on Mount Sinai to be with the Lord. He was gone so long the Israelites became tired waiting for him to return. They came to Aaron, Moses' brother, and said, "Make us gods, which shall go before us; as for this man Moses, who brought us up out of Egypt, we know not what has become of him." Aaron consented to make a god for them. He said, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, sons and daughters and bring them to me." All of this gold, he melted together. Then with a graver's tool he fashioned a golden calf. He gave it to the people, and they said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." Aaron made an altar before the calf and proclaimed a feast to the Lord on the morrow. The next day the people arose early and brought offerings to the idol. This was an abomination before the Lord. The people committed a great sin.

Moses knew nothing of what was happening because he was still upon the mount receiving instructions from the Lord. When the Lord saw what the people were doing, He was very angry. He said to Moses, "Get thee down, for thy people, which thou brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten calf and have worshipped it and say, 'These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.'" The Lord was so angry he wanted to destroy the people. Moses pleaded with the Lord to spare the Israelites in the hope that they would repent. He reminded the Lord of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Lord listened to Moses' plea and did not destroy the people. Moses loved the Israelites in spite of their foolishness and disobedience.

Moses started down the mountain very sorrowfully. He carried two tables of stone. They were the work and writings of God. As he came near the camp, he could hear the people singing. He saw them dancing around the golden calf. His anger was so great he threw the tables of stone down on the ground, breaking them. He took down the golden calf and burned it in a fire.

He then ground it into powder and sprinkled it in water and made the children of Israel drink it.

Moses stood at the gate of the camp and called, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come to me." All the men of the tribe of Levi came to Moses. He told them to take their swords and put to death all those who were disobedient. The next day, Moses gathered the people together and said, "Ye have sinned a great sin and now I will go up unto the Lord to make an atonement for your sin." Moses returned to the mount and sought the Lord and asked forgiveness for the people. The Lord sent a plague upon them for worshipping the calf but spared their nation.

When Moses came down from the mountain this time, his face shone with the glory of God. He continued to lead the people on their journey to the Land of Promise.

Search the Scriptures

1. What did Moses command the children of Israel to borrow from the Egyptians? (Exodus 12:35 and Ex. 3:22)
2. What kind of people did the Lord say Israel was? (Ex. 32:9)
3. How were the tables of stone written? (Ex 31:18)
4. What did Moses put on his face because it shone so brightly? (Exodus 34:35)

Sincerely,
Sister Mable

NEWS FROM LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

Dear brothers and sisters,

May we use this means to let you hear from us. Thank God the members in the Lake Worth Branch are well and grateful to God we are still found with that strong desire to serve Him.

We wish to announce that our little church building is all paid for. Our last payment was made on February 14, 1967. May we extend our sincere and humble thanks to one and all for your kind help and support. Our thanks to the anonymous donors who ever they may be. We hope they will see this letter. May God repay you for your kind efforts.

We have been enjoying the visits of our brothers and sisters coming from various states: Brother Mark Randy from California, Brother Frank Mazzeo and family, and Brother Vincent Lupo, his companion and granddaughter from Mt. Vernon, New York. Brother and Sister Lupo are now going to become citizens of Florida. We hope many more will join us here in South Florida and share with us this beautiful weather God grants unto us.

The Lord is blessing us immensely in many ways. Especially in our services. When illness strikes or someone is having some sort of difficulty, a special prayer is offered, and we find our Lord hears and His infinite mercies relieves us of our burdens. Love to one and all and may God Bless You.

Gabriel Mazzeo, Jr.
Lake Worth, Florida
Branch Editor

M.B.A. Highlights

BEHIND THE SCENES AT GMBA CONFERENCES

By Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

At every General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference a vote of thanks is extended to the hosts who have worked so diligently to make these affairs the successes they have always been. While these tributes have been richly deserved about what really takes place behind the scenes, so the following article is offered to describe some of the many tasks involved in hosting these gatherings. This account deals with the Michigan-Ontario MBA Area which held the last conference this May, but it must be remembered that all locals and areas which have hosted GMBA conferences in the past have performed the same kinds of functions. To obtain the information presented, the writer received the particulars from the chairmen of the various sub-committees appointed by the Michigan-Ontario officers responsible for making all the arrangements.

To start work, the officials organized a Central Committee, dividing it into the following sub-committees: Building Procurement, Accommodations, Program Planning, Fund-Raising, and Food Planning and Serving. The Central Committee then scheduled periodic meetings to check the progress of each division to insure that plans were being met and to give final approval to the recommendations made by the various sub-groups.

The Building Procurement unit was the first to begin operating, because many factors depended upon the location and the type of building obtained. Paul Whitton, chairman of this segment, said that finding a building of the appropriate size and with suitable dining provisions at the right price is not an easy undertaking. As a matter of fact, it is practically impossible when the requirements of the MBA and the costs and regulations of the various communities containing the facilities are considered. After analyzing estimated expenditures, the building group arranged for a tour of the premises of the Melvindale High School, the proposed site, to inspect it for size, parking, and eating facilities. Once they had decided on the desirability of the installation, the members of the sub-committee reported to the Central Committee, which made the final determination to use the location.

Other Sub-Committees In Action

By the time the building was rented, the Fund-Raising unit was already busy devising means of raising necessary funds. John Griffith, sub-committee chairman, related that the selling of candy, bake sales, car washes, and paper drives were among the methods suggested to raise the finances. It was decided at this time, however, to use candy sales as the means for paying for the gathering. In doing this efficiently, a constant check was made with the presidents of the area locals to insure that the esti-

mated goals were being reached. Although the GMBA Conference may be financed by the General Association itself, as has been done in the past, sponsors have been attempting to defray as much of the cost as possible. Most recently, because MBA Regions have been hosting these gatherings rather than their being handled by the individual locals, it has been possible for the larger bodies to raise the necessary amounts to pay all the costs; and this has been done by the areas involved in the last few years.

The Program Planning group also got an early start late last November. Leonard A. Lovullo stated that his sub-committee scheduled a series of creative sessions to obtain ideas for a proper presentation. The duties included the developing of the theme, the choosing of appropriate hymns, the organizing of choir practices, and the selecting of people to participate in the other program parts. In arriving at what was decided to be the final desirable product, the group reviewed many songs and explored many portions of scripture in order to blend the program into the proper sequence. It was necessary, consequently, to coordinate all efforts toward the theme, so that the original thoughts could be developed into an overall definable objective.

As is implied by the title, the Accommodations Sub-Committee was responsible for the housing of all out-of-town visitors. Chairman Paul Francione specified that, to make certain all persons who needed accommodations were properly provided for, it was first imperative to know how many places were available and how many people each family could accommodate. To obtain this information, the Area was surveyed by having each local ask its members to indicate their capabilities in this matter. Then, after tabulating the data, the sub-committee workers were able to determine how the housing assignments could be made. Under this procedure, the Area was in a position to simply direct persons needing places to stay to the parties who were prepared to accord them the hospitality of their homes, which in addition to the official meetings, has always been one of the main features at these conferences.

Day's Busiest Group

The last to be discussed and perhaps the most challenged unit during the actual day of the gathering was the Food Planning and Serving Sub-Committee. This group, under the direction of Alex Gentile, was responsible for preparing the meals, serving them, and performing the cleaning activity afterward. Obviously, an undertaking of this size required the help of many people and needed attention to the minute details which went into making the meals completely enjoyable. Members of the distaff side are acquainted with the fact, for example, that it takes much planning and work to prepare just one meal for a family, so they can just imagine the preparation and labors which were necessary to feed the many present. The anticipated number of people expected at the gathering had to be first calculated. Then it was mandatory to think about what would be desirable from both the perspectives of menu-planning and the availa-

bility of facilities with which to do the cooking. Understandably, large quantities of ingredients are involved in the recipes used, and the required equipment and space must be present to allow for proper cooking care. Everyone at the gathering will agree these requirements were satisfied, however.

From the foregoing descriptions, it is obvious that many devoted workers in various parts of the Church throughout the years have spent many months of hard work and planning to make our conferences the successes they have been. On behalf of the total MBA membership, our acknowledgment must certainly go to the hundreds who have served behind the scenes in the past, often unnoticed but indeed most important. Their efforts and dedication have, in effect, really made the gatherings possible.

MBA Areas Meet In Youngstown

By Mary Cosetti

The Ohio-Pennsylvania MBA Areas met in an evening meeting of song on April 15th in the Youngstown, Ohio, church building with a large representation of young people being present.

The Monongahela choir under the direction of Sister Ruth Mountain was the main program of the evening. And an outstanding evening it was.

Selections were presented by the Imperial-McKees Rocks-Aliquippa choir, Youngstown-Warren choir and the Lorain trio.

The Monongahela group traveled by bus at the invitation of the Ohio Area MBA to present to us their songs of praise unto the Lord.

We were honored to have with us Brother James Heaps of California who spoke a few words on the first MBA and the young people in the Church. Brother Isaac Smith, president of the GMBA, said only that it was good to be in the meeting. Brother Joe Calabrese explained to the congregation the standing of the Building Auditorium Fund and what had developed from the General Church Conference on this project.

Brother Frank Giovannone, Ohio Area MBA president, had a few closing remarks, and Brother Don Curry closed the meeting in prayer.

This was an evening well spent, and we give many sincere thanks to all our brothers and sisters of the Pennsylvania Area who put forth this effort.

Mexican Mission Gets Elder

by Edward Perdue

Brother Vincenti Arce was ordained an elder on March 12, 1967, at the Mexican Mission. We had a wonderful meeting with over a hundred adults from Mexico and eight brothers and sisters from the United States in attendance.

We have been having a full house at both missions for which we are thankful to God. We want to thank all for your prayers in our behalf. We send our love to all of our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Lorain Branch Enjoys Visit

By Betty Alessio

Brother Jim Heaps, an evangelist in the Church of Jesus Christ, has spent some time visiting the branches and missions in the East before returning to California. He spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Lorain, Ohio, and meetings were held both evenings.

Brother Heaps used the 12th chapter of Romans for his scripture reading: "... be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God..." He also related the events that led to his conversion into the Gospel Restored.

The next evening, Brother Heaps read from the 6th Chapter of Romans: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?..." He compared the condition of the people in that day and time with the condition of people of today. We must make a change and walk in a newness of life. Men have laid down their lives for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we too should walk upon that straight and narrow path, not wavering.

Brother Jim related some experiences which took place during his youth. He also told how he used the words in Hymn #42, "Who Are These Arrayed In White," to give his testimony of the Gospel when he worked in the coal mines. He ended his visit with us by saying that our Church stands for holiness and righteousness and that we should work hard to keep it that way.

It has been a pleasure to have our brother visit with us. We received much spiritual food which causes us to renew our faith. God bless you, and best regards from the brothers and sisters of Lorain, Ohio.

Pennsylvania District Elects Mission Board

The Pennsylvania District held a special meeting on May 6, 1967, to elect a District Board of Missions. About fifty District elders and teachers attended the meeting which was presided over by the District president, Brother Joseph Bittinger.

The new District Board of Missions was ordered formed by the General Church. Its purpose will be to direct the missionary work in the Pennsylvania District and also to supply missionaries for the work in South Dakota.

Elected to the Board were Brothers James Campbell, chairman, George Neill, James Grazan (all three from Monongahela), Harry Robinson (W. Elizabeth), George Johnson (Roscoe), John Manes (McKees Rocks), and Alma Nolfi (Glassport).

Editor

Light From The Watchman's Lamp

"Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." (Isaiah 21:6)

By Spencer G. Everett

It was one of those exceptional spring days when the sun shone brightly, and the clear sky was a deep azure blue. I drove down the street and turned into the driveway of a familiar home.

Standing by the garage door, looking into the bright sky, and held entranced by something he was observing, was my four year old nephew.

I could see that there were large jet powered air-liners leaving brilliant white vapor trails like a braided silk cord across the sky. The sun tinted the edge of the trails a golden hue.

I stopped the car, opened the door, and got out. My nephew was still unaware of my presence.

As I approached him, his concentration was interrupted momentarily while I engaged him in conversation. Having greeted him, I turned to go into the house. His thoughts returned immediately to what he had been observing, and without hesitation he exclaimed, "Hey! Uncle Bill (a nickname), **somebody's making tracks up there.**"

I stopped, and as I gazed heavenward, my mind reflected upon the words, "Somebody's making tracks up there." Suddenly, I found my mind filled with thoughts and words, for truly, someone had left tracks, a trail for mankind to follow, a path, a way.

Jesus said, "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the father but by me." (John 14: 6)

"In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death." (Prov. 12: 38)

God made a path, a way, for Israel when they were led out of captivity. As the children of Israel stood between the sea and the rapidly advancing six hundred chariots of the army of Egypt, they were filled with fear and dread. In the midst of trouble God was making "tracks." He had provided a way and a leader. "Moses said unto the people, fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today." (Exod. 14: 13) The children of Israel were saved, the enemy destroyed, and God continued to lead his people in a pillar of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night. God gave to this nation of people His commandments and His laws—the "tracks" this nation was to follow.

God made a pathway for His Church. He sent His only begotten Son, born of a virgin, in the likeness of you and me, to establish His Church upon the face of the earth. "And He gave some Apostles, and some prophets and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the Saints for the work of the ministry, for edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the

measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Eph. 4: 11-13) "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." (Eph. 2: 19, 20)

In addition he gave His doctrine and His "Gospel" to the Church, His constitution by which His Kingdom was to be governed.

"And how be it my Church save it be called in my name? . . . but if it be called by my name then it is my Church, **if it so be that they are built upon my Gospel.**" (3 Ne. 27:8)

God made "a way" for His Church. He has left tracks for our guidance in these, the last days.

Lastly, for you and me, God has provided a "WAY," a pathway—footprints for you and me to follow that we might obtain salvation and eternal life. The footprints are as clearly visible as the white jet streams against the deep blue of the sky.

David cried, "Teach me thy way, O! Lord. Lead me in thy way everlasting. I love the way of truth, I hate every false way," and finally he says, "Shew me the path of life." (Psa. 16:11)

Thus saith the Lord, "This is the way, walk ye in it." (Isa 30:21)

Jesus Christ set the example. "And He said unto the children of men: 'Follow thou me.' Wherefore, my beloved brethren, can we follow Jesus save we shall be willing to keep the commandments of the Father? And the Father said: 'Repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my beloved Son.' (2 Ne. 31: 10, 11)

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if ye shall follow the Son, with full purpose of heart, acting no hypocrisy and no deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your sins, witnessing unto the Father that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Christ, by baptism — Yea, by following our Lord and your Savior down into the water, according to His word, behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost; Yea, then cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost; and then can ye speak with the tongue of angels, and shout praises unto the Holy one of Israel. And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all be done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay . . . Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have Eternal Life." (2 Ne. 21: 9, 19, 20)

The writer of a popular Gospel hymn has also seen the tracks:

*Footprints of Jesus, leading the way
Footprints of Jesus, By night and by day
Sure if I follow, Life will be sweet
Saved by the prints, Saved by the prints of His
wounded feet.*



UR WOMEN TODAY

—She Hath Done What She Could.

Rose Corrado

I Heard A Symphony.

Following the General Ladies' Circle Conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey, we received this thought.

The Word of God is like a beautiful song. The details of the message are presented in the verse, and the chorus climaxes these details and emphasizes the most important parts. Likewise, when we hear the Word of God preached, the minister reads or outlines his text and presents a message for our instruction, understanding, inspiration, or perfecting. Our thoughts were caused to recall the beautiful morning worship at Edison, New Jersey, Branch where we were privileged to attend Sunday morning.

Brother Rocco Ensana opened by reading the "Twenty-third Psalm." I thought, "It's such a familiar text. Although it's always beautiful and inspiring to read or hear, we won't get a very inspiring sermon from it. 'How wrong I was. Bro. Rocco spoke of experiences both personal and Scriptural wherein he told how the Psalm of David was not David's alone. Often we know the Lord is our Shepherd, for the same blessings which God showed unto David have been fulfilled unto us. At his conclusion I knew that this was not just a beautiful song, but a greater work of art. I had heard a symphony!"

And yet, it did not end. This was only the first movement. In the second half Brother Nathan Peterkin referred to John 13. He told us that since we have such a Great Shepherd, we ought to be good sheep and follow Him whithersoever He goeth, for He, the Lord Jesus Christ, is our example. This, he said, could be accomplished by keeping the great commandment of love.

The works of a symphonic group have always intrigued me even more than that of a vast choir, although they are similar. From the delicate strings of the violin to the bass of the saxophone, we see and hear a beautiful harmony which we know requires precise coordination of many parts and individuals. Yet, with the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit, our brethren were able to accomplish the same work of art. O, certainly the inspiration of that Great Shepherd Conductor gave them the necessary power, and surely we felt He must have smiled upon these two servants for their beautiful presentation of His word.

This was not our first opportunity to witness such beautiful works of God. Nay, our Good Shepherd has led us into the green pastures of Monongahela, Dertoit, Vanderbilt, McKees Rocks, Aliquippa, Glassport, Roscoe, West Elizabeth, Ohio, and elsewhere symphonies of heavenly music were heard; but this is the first time I was inspired to put it into writing. Yes, God has

spoken to me in music many times, for even your testimonies have been as hymns of praise to me. But that Sunday I heard a symphony. Thank God for saving my soul and allowing me to enjoy the finest music of this world, The Pure and Unadulterated Gospel!!!!

Sister Madeline Robinson
West Elizabeth Circle

"And Whosoever shall give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a Disciple, verily I say unto you, He shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matt. 10-42)

While reading the women's column of the March, 1967, issue concerning the efforts and desires of the San Diego Circle to help raise funds for missionary work, a sister who lives in the East was touched by God to send a sizeable contribution to me and to our circle to be used for helping our brothers and sisters in Mexico. She only requested that I let her know, in some way, that the donation was received.

The only way I can let her know is through the same column that inspired her to "do good" in the first place. This unknown sister also requested that we help her pray that God may someday call her husband into the Church.

To a dear anonymous Sister in Christ,

I am writing a few lines in the *Gospel News* "Our Women Today" to let you know I received your wonderful letter and contribution. Words cannot express the joy and blessing I felt when I received it and also presented it to our Ladies Circle that same evening. We have put it to good use, purchasing much needed clothing and shoes for the needy brothers, sisters, and children in Tijuana, Mexico.

All that my sisters and I can say over and over again is, "May God bless you a hundred-fold for your blessed desire to help, and may He grant you your heart's deepest desire." We will help you pray, dear sister. Receive deepest love from me and our Sisters of the Ladies Circle.

Your sister in Christ,
Sister Lena Liberto

Michigan Circles Hold Area Meeting

by Elizabeth Gerace

The quarterly meeting of the Michigan-Canadian Uplift Circles met at Branch #4, Detroit, Michigan, on the evening of April 10, 1967. The group enjoyed a wonderful fellowship, and the program was inspiring and beneficial for all.

After taking care of the necessary business, Sister Rose Milantoni, the Area president, introduced the guest speaker, Brother Dominic Thomas.

The theme of the evening was "What does it mean to choose the better part?" Brother Thomas introduced the discussion with an inspiring talk from the 10th chapter of St. Luke, 38-42. The story of Mary and Martha gave an example of the one who chose the better part. He emphasized that we today have an opportu-

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Westward Go!

Destination: San Diego

"TURN ON THE HIGH BEAM LIGHT."

By Catherine Vultaggio Poma, Editor

San Diego, California

Many, many years before any of our brethren had established themselves in the West, Brother Anthony Lombardo, then of Detroit, had a great desire to visit San Diego. This desire sprang from the glowing verbal picture painted for him by a neighbor who had once visited this lovely city. But, since there was no Church of Jesus Christ there, Brother Tony felt that this would always remain only a fond dream.

One day in 1945 he was told that several brothers and sisters were already in California and that still others were planning to go there. Thus encouraged, in early March he set out with Brother Sam Monterosso, now deceased, and arrived in San Diego, immediately falling in love with it.

He subsequently returned to Detroit with an even stronger desire to make his home in San Diego, but he was ill and therefore doubted whether this move would be wise. He took the matter to the Lord, Who is the fount of all wisdom. "Shall I go Lord, shall I go?"

Does a father give his child a stone when he asks for bread? Neither did God to Brother Tony. He was in darkness as to what he should do, and the Lord enlightened him.

He was given a dream in which he found himself driving along a road. As he came to a fork in the road a man stopped him. "Turn your lights on," the man commanded. Brother Tony turned a switch, but nothing happened. "Turn on the high beam light," the man said. And Brother Tony turned another switch, which immediately flooded the road with a bright light. "Now, go ahead," the man said. And when Brother Lombardo awoke, he knew that God had removed the shadows of doubt from him and given him the signal to proceed guided by the light of His promise, "Lo, I will be with you always."

In March of 1946 he travelled once more to San Diego and in June sent for his companion, Sister Carmella, and their daughter, Sister Mary.

Brother Tony says that he has never regretted the move, and his quiet, unfaltering faith has been an inspiration to all.

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Life In Crete Today

(Following is the third of four articles being written by Walter H. Jankowski II about the island of Crete, where he is presently stationed in the United States Air Force. In the first of this series, the history of this Mediterranean island was discussed, and the religion and government of his location were presented in the second story.—Editor's Note)

While life has changed in many parts of the world, Crete is still the same in many respects as it was centuries ago. Ties and the pace of life have not been noticeably altered, even though there have been some possibilities that alterations could have occurred.

Life in Crete starts with the home, and the family is probably the strongest influence in the culture of the people. The parents have a strong feeling of protection for their children, but they also display strong parental authority. Children are seen and not heard; and they do not argue with their parents. The family works together closely and lives for each other. Events, such as marriages, are extremely important in the family circle; and the responsibility for the care of parents in their old ages rests with the children. Family goals place high priorities on home and land ownership.

With some families, a great effort is made to educate the children, while, with others, the needs for nearness and work are more important than education. The Cretan system of learning encompasses a six-year free compulsory elementary school program. Attendance at this stage is easily accessible, creating no hardships for the families. Here, in these co-educational schools, a wide curriculum is offered, designed to expose the children to as complete a survey as possible. Those who can do so go on to attend a secondary school of six years. This level is comparable to American junior and senior high schools, and the subjects taught in the elementary level are polished and refined. The next is college, which results in more expenses and keener competition. Consequently, the majority of young men and women directly enter the Cretan workforce.

Most of the people are engaged in agricultural pursuits, seeking out a living from the scattered plots of land. There is hardly any awareness of other occupations in and around the village. In the cities, however, there is a wide variety of jobs, and there are a few small factories and business establishments which process foods, produce soap, and make building materials. There are harbor installations to be manned, as well as numerous garages and repair shops in which to work. A stroll through the many side streets and walkways will reveal other trades and crafts from pottery to shoemaking. As Crete advances more into the twentieth century, increasingly more residents, both men and women, find employment in transportation, trade, government, and offices.

The women, who through tradition are not much in evidence, are by far the hardest workers

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on the island, particularly in the villages. They can be seen lurking in doorways, behind windows, or in fields, seemingly too busy to stop for anything. Managing a Cretan home frequently requires caring for children, cooking, cleaning, spinning, weaving, sewing, embroidering, making garments, and helping with farming activities. Women, of course, do the laundry, usually at the village "water-spot." This may be called the women's gathering place, for it is at these water supplies that they exchange news, views, and other general information.

The Cretans have their leisure time, but it is rare and offers little variety in routine. The family, as a whole, usually spends the most part of its leisure time together. Although there are various festivities available, walking is the most delightful of all Cretan activities. It is not the tramping overland to get anywhere, but the very special walking as the promenade, or "volta" as it is termed, which is in vogue. These evening walks, usually twice a week, fill the city streets with people often in a carnival spirit, not unlike the atmosphere in any midwestern American town on a Saturday night. The people put on their finery and stroll up and down the community's main street. It is quite a complex social ritual for those involved, observing who wears what, who is seen with whom, and who looked at whom.

The Cretans are people influenced primarily by tradition, and it is tradition which is holding them back from making great progress. The old ways, however, gradually are dying out, but not without a good deal of delaying action. As has been stated, family ties are strong and in part serve as the brakes for the downfall of traditions. Young men's careers and young women's marriages are still arranged by the parents, and the old customs still prevail in the mountain villages. The people of these villages are surrounded by rituals, superstitions and proverbial ways. As may be expected, though, the cause for tradition-disappearing is taking place mainly in the cities and among the younger generation. This is the most modern element, being strongly oriented toward America: studying the American language, wearing American clothing, and learning the American way of life. Still, the dominant tone of the island is set by conservative, orthodox groups, and the more intelligent and knowledgeable young people do not deem it necessary to turn their backs on all of the old ways. They are the first to appreciate the traditional social and personal relationships. They still love to sing the old songs, take part in old customs, and cling closely to their families.

Many of the men have the benefits of American and Western European industrial societies at first-hand, and they often profess to want these benefits translated back to Crete; but the true Cretan is a reactionary, and few are really willing and prepared to make the basic adaptations and sacrifices necessary, so the old ways prevail. It could be safe to say that it will be some time yet before the washing machine will replace the village "water-spot" and thus make any appreciable changes from some of the kinds

of living patterns which were present even during the days of the Apostle Paul.

(In the next and last article, the author will describe an American's impressions of Crete.)

FIT YOUR LIFE INTO THE CHURCH

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kind in preaching the Gospel as we feel it should be done.

"For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building . . . as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon." I Cor. 9-10. In order for anyone to labor together with God, he must have freedom of action to move at the opportune time. This is where early planning becomes essential to those obeying the Gospel (any age) to avoid becoming captivated by materialism. A certain amount of material things are desirable and essential in our daily living. Man is to replenish the earth and subdue it. But in many instances men have been subdued and brought down even to destruction by not using wisdom and being satisfied with what they could afford.

Is not wise planning necessary for the people of God that they may be able to find their place in His work? For there is a place and a work for everyone in His service. He has given everyone some talents to use in such a manner as would increase their value in the day of accounting before the Lord. Start planning now for the future if you wish to be free to take advantage of laboring together with God for the spiritual needs of mankind. Jesus said, "But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Matt. 20:26-27.

Many souls are waiting and listening to hear about Jesus our Saviour and the way to inherit Eternal Life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNE GRADUATES

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obtain more leisure time than ever enjoyed in the past. The time, however, is being wasted mostly in sin and revelry and is not being used in easing the burdens of the depressed.

Today's challenges will require from all you 1967 graduates the light of Christ as well as the enlightenment of your knowledge. You need not go very far to discover a need for this "dual lamp." The place to start is right in your community, and, as you take your rightful place in the world, do so with a dedication to God and mankind. Place God first in your lives and endeavor to develop strong and unyielding faith and trust in Him. Remember that your faith must be used to guide and direct the course of your entire life. In so doing, I am sure you will be following the correct direction in which to apply your learning.

Again, my sincere congratulations to every one of you and my unending prayer for your success in the days ahead.

OBITUARIES

GERTRUDE GROSSI

Sister Gertrude Grossi of Detroit, Michigan, passed away on Friday, April 7, 1967, at the age of 79. Sister Grossi was born in Sonnino, Italy, on February 9, 1888. She was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ on May 27, 1962. She is survived by her husband, Clemente, three daughters, two sons, ten grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and many friends. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Paul Vitto.

ANNA NASTASI

Sister Anna Nastasi passed away on March 24, 1967, at the age of 61. She was born on February 13, 1906, and was a resident of Niles, Ohio, for 60 years. Sister Anna was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ on November 5, 1922, and remained a faithful member until the end.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, two sons, John and William, one sister, Sister Marietta Giovannone of Vero Beach, Florida, one brother, Sam Toto of Niles, and eight grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Brother Gorie Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan, and Brother Joe Genaro of Niles, Ohio.

JAMES MAFFEO

Our beloved Brother James Maffeo passed away on Sunday, April 2, 1967, while attending services. After he bore his testimony, partook of the Sacrament, and also took part in feet washing, he uttered a few words, "I don't feel well," and slipped away. He had been ill for a long time, and now the Lord saw fit to call him to rest.

His place is vacant now, and we will sorely miss him. May God comfort those who are left to mourn his loss. Funeral services were held on April 5, with Brother Gabriel Mazzeo officiating along with the Lake Worth Branch elders.

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nity to choose the better part by devoting more time to the work of the Church. After the talk each branch presented a skit that demonstrated the choosing of the better part.

The final item on the program was a panel discussion made up of sisters representing each branch. The discussion was based on the theme of the evening. Brother Thomas directed the discussion and brought the meeting to a close with these thoughts. We are in a critical stage in the church, and unless we do something, we will stay just where we are. We should develop large projects to work on. Our role is to keep things alive even when things look discouraging. We need spiritual nerve and courage to talk to others. We must work with all that we have.

Readers Write . . .

Dear Brother in Christ,

Enclosed you will find \$2.00 to renew my subscription to the Gospel News. Since I live far from the

Church of Jesus Christ and from its people, the contact this paper gives me with the activities and preaching of my Church are truly a blessing.

Thank you,

Sister Marlea Bucci Frentyos

Dear Brother Neill,

I am enclosing a check for a subscription to the Gospel News for Brother Melvin Gibson who is in the Sommerset State Hospital. He is being treated for epilepsy. I'm sure he would enjoy the Church paper. I have heard some wonderful testimonies from this brother. Our MBA is sponsoring this.

Sister Margaret E. King

Dear Brother Neill,

I don't suppose you will remember me, but I do remember you as a boy. First I will introduce myself: Flossie B. (Kennedy) Molinatto, Brother Herman's sister. I have been living in Indiana since 1925 and am a member of the Roscoe Branch. I do miss going to my own church and being able to fellowship with the saints of God. I surely enjoy the Gospel News and want to renew my subscription. When I read my Gospel News it does keep me in touch with my brothers and sisters in Christ. (These are excerpts from the letter.)

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Flossie B. Molinatto

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is nice to hear that the Gospel News helps to keep our distant brothers, sisters, and friends in contact with the Church.

San Carlos Saints Enjoy Blessings

I have received word from Sister Margaret Henderson that the Indian brothers and sisters of the San Carlos, Arizona, Mission have been receiving many blessings recently. These include speaking in tongues, healing, and other manifestations of the Spirit. Our missionaries there feel that the Lord is beginning to work with the Indian people.

Speaking of one of their meetings, Sister Henderson wrote:

"We have enjoyed many glorious times together with our Indian brothers and sisters, but never have they or we experienced such power, such completeness, such unity, or such manifestations. These words are insufficient, and words cannot be found to express the experience we witnessed this day. We praise God for His goodness to us all and feel that surely the work of the Lord has commenced in power. Brother Dan expressed himself in prayer that he felt it was a new beginning. Our prayer is that others shall be encouraged and that an awakening shall take place."

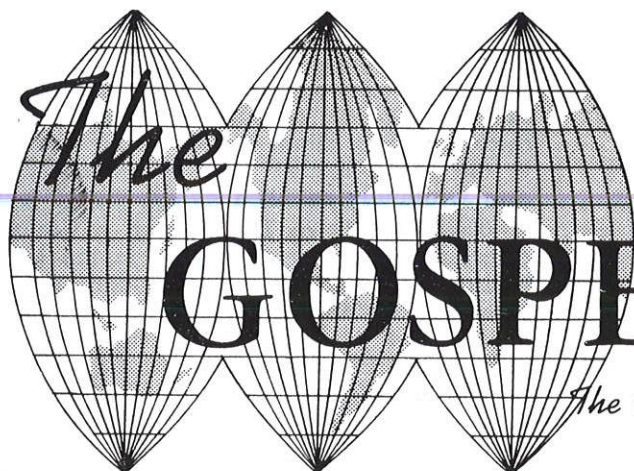
Children of Zion, awake from your sadness,

For soon all your foes shall oppress you no more;

Bright on your hills dawns the day-star of gladness,

Arise! For the night of your sorrow's near o'er.

(Selected by Sister Henderson)
Editor



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President Urges Drive For Auditorium Funds

By Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President

As reported in the May issue of *The Gospel News*, the last General Church Conference retained the services of architects to prepare the necessary plans and supervise the construction of the future General Church Auditorium near Imperial, Pennsylvania. Perhaps a review of the reasons for this step, along with an outline of future expectations, may be in order.

Over the past years, the need for a suitable meeting-place has been expressed by many. Among these, our late President, Brother William H. Cadman, was desirous of seeing the day when we would erect a building which could more adequately serve the total needs of The Church. He envisioned a structure which could be used as our general offices, a library, and an auditorium for conferences. Today this need appears almost mandatory as outside facilities to hold gatherings have become almost prohibitive in cost and are becoming increasingly unavailable in many communities.

Looking back in our history, we recall that the present General Church building in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, was built during the years of the great economic depression. Undoubtedly, there were those who thought it would be impossible to raise funds during a period when people had hardly enough to eat and the membership was small. It is clear that these obstacles were overcome, because the building stands today as a memorial to their efforts and shows what faith in God, unity in a cause, and determination to see it come to fruition can do. In this age of plenty I am confident that we can do likewise. I fully believe in counting the cost as the Bible admonishes; however, I also recognize the value of proceeding once the majority has willingly demonstrated that the cost can be met.

Appeals are being made to branches, missions, Missionary Benevolent Association locals, Sunday schools, Ladies' Circles and individuals

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Nigerian Praises Conference Action

By Amos DiUdo

Please permit me to express my joy about the April, 1967, Conference held on Wednesday, March 29, to April 1 at Monongahela. One reading through the "Conference Highlights" in *The Gospel News* issue of May, 1967, observes at once that the deliberations of the Conference were inspiring and meaningful. The officers to direct the affairs of the Conference from time to time were carefully elected, and more brothers were approved for ordination as elders. This is a glory to God and a blessing for us here.

I was extremely gratified to read that the Conference approved the Board of Missions recommendation to send Evangelists John Ross and Daniel Casasanta to Nigeria for an extended missionary tour of about 12 to 18 months. This is a well selected party of a missionary journey to a far away land like Africa, Nigeria. My hopes are tuned to a high pitch of expectancy in that these two efficient hands will leave no stone unturned during their stay in Nigeria. One old adage says, "Two heads are better than one," and with this I hope much will be accomplished during their stay. The people of Nigeria will be ready to receive and co-operate with the missionaries. Therefore, let them feel at home during their ecclesiastical trip to Nigeria.

Our joy and hope will be tremendous when the projects of the secondary school and the permanent missionary house are accomplished this time. Before I left Nigeria early this year, a vast area of land was set aside for these projects, and a big board was lettered indicating the names of the projects. I hope our dreams will now be materialized and the Lord will continue to expand and add to His work abundantly without end.

To the well fitted and experienced missionaries, I wish you all God's protection and guidance in your preparation as well as in your departure to Nigeria.

"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

By James Curry

A lasting conviction came to me some years ago that the book of "Job" was originally designed as an allegory, which prefigured the righteousness, the fall, and eventual restoration of the House of Israel. My reason for believing this is taken from the many lamentations of Job, of which the following is typical:

"If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to my hands;

"Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out."

This prophetic utterance was literally fulfilled when the Jews rejected Christ. A few years later their children were uprooted from the Palestinian homeland and dispersed to every part of the known world. We need not elaborate upon the story of how the Israelitish harvest was gathered and given to the Gentiles. It is well known to all.

The brutal treatment accorded the seed of Joseph by the Gentiles may also be in fulfillment of Job's dire prophecy. The Lamanite tribes were uprooted and dispossessed of their homelands.

If the Book of "Job" is indeed an allegory, it must follow that the three men who came to reason with Job represent the three great divisions of nominal (in name only) Christianity — the Roman Catholic, the Greek Orthodox, and Protestantism, collectively. Indicating their inferiority, Job said of them:

"But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

"They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

"And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

"They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face." Job 30. 1, 8, 9, 10.

Despite the terrible aspects of the cruel drama as enacted here in America, we detect a golden thread of divine purpose woven into the coarse fabric of our national existence. The **Book of Mormon** informs us that one of the reasons God gave that book to the Gentiles is that "they might show Israel how to come to Christ." This is to say, in other words, that the Church must one day assume a role of intermediary between God and the tribes of Israel. The members of The Church of Jesus Christ know that, apart from being trained as ambassadors to the nations, we are also in training to one day be for servants and for handmaids to the House of Israel. We are not ashamed to serve so noble a cause. It is an honor come to us from the bosom of the God of Abraham.

Enter Elihu

If the three men who reasoned with Job represent the three popular divisions of Christianity, it must follow that Elihu is typical of the

ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ in these last days. When Job and his friends had finished their speeches, Elihu, a mere youth as compared to the hoary-headed men he addressed, arose and wrathfully rebuked every one of them.

The ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ occupies an identical position in the latter day scheme of things. We are a comparative new-comer upon the religious scene. In the role of the youthful Elihu, we shall one day arise, not only to mediate between God and Israel, but to rebuke and silence those who have failed to convince Israel of the error of her way. Thus far, like Elihu, we have stood on the side-lines observing, weighing, evaluating, familiarizing ourselves with the temperaments and needs of those whom we shall one day arise to serve. Until that time comes, we are under the commandment to "Be still, and know that I am God."

As in the case of Elihu, we should be a model of patience, restraint and self-discipline. While "the inspiration of the Almighty" is enlarging our understanding, we should beware of doing anything that might interfere with the delicate artistry of the creative hand. Not until God has worked His full will and pleasure in us shall we qualify to serve in the role of intermediary.

It has been my personal experience that when a brother is qualified for ministerial service the inner pressures of knowledge and understanding become an affliction to him. Elihu described that affliction in these words:

"For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.

"Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

"I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer."

The apostle Peter indicated that he was constrained by those inner pressures when, commanded by the authorities not to preach the Gospel of Christ, he replied: "We cannot help but speak these things." Our ancient brethren have given us an easily-recognized, infallible guide in the matter of who is, and who is not, qualified for ministerial service.

As with the individual, so it is, also, with the Church as a whole. If the Church of today will qualify as Christ's ambassador to the nations, she must grasp the note of urgency and propriety in these eloquently beautiful words from the pen of an unknown poet:

". . . and you must wait

Until life's empty reservoirs fill up,

As slow rain fills an empty, upturned cup.

Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill;
He only asks today that you be still."

In concluding this series of articles, it might be well to refresh our reader's remembrance of the commandment which came to the Church of the 1860's:

"Be ye still, O, my people, for I have chosen you out of the world; and be ye faithful and unshaken, for my promises are to you; and wait with patience and you shall see the mighty hand of God."

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Editorial Viewpoint

"Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law."

In recent years there has been a great increase in delinquency, lawlessness, turmoil, and unrest in the United States. Teenagers and college students have been getting out of hand. Racial groups have become violent. Our literature and dress fashions have seen a shocking decline from established moral standards. Divorce is on the rise, and the home and family life as stabilizing forces are weakening. When we consider all these things, we are moved to exclaim, "What are things coming to!"

There can be no doubt that there is cause for concern, and certainly as a Church we need to ask ourselves the question, "How can we hold the line against these weakening influences that are on the rise in the American society?"

Probably the first thing we need to do is to shake ourselves and awaken to the fact that the changes taking place are definitely exerting pressures on the Church, pressures which we need to be aware of before we can successfully cope with them. I say this because we who are older and more established in the older ways have a tendency to forget that our children who are not so established in these ways are going to be more affected by these changes than we. We also have a tendency to overlook the influences of these pressures because many of them work slowly and gradually.

One answer which I definitely do not subscribe to is a withdrawal. First of all, it would be impossible for us to completely withdraw from life, around us, since we are very much a part of that life, and it is very much a part of us. Even if we could withdraw, if we did so, we could hardly fulfill our mission of taking the Gospel to the world.

Perhaps the best way to find an answer is to consider what is causing this general moral decline. I am sure there are many, many reasons, and a sociologist or psychologist could, no doubt, fill a book with them. There is one reason, however, which I believe stands out above all the rest: **the moral standards of the older generation are not being instilled in the minds of the present generation.** It all boils down to one short phrase — **a failure to uphold the standards.**

To be sure, some of the old standards need changed and improved, but the basic values and standards of what used to be American life are crumbling. These standards which have been the very basic foundation of American democracy might best be expressed by the inspired words of the poetess, Katherine Lee Bates, "Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law." It doesn't matter what kind of culture we attempt to build in America — we can have the tallest skyscrapers, the longest bridges, the fastest space ships, the highest standard of living in the world — if we do not build a way of life based on self control and respect for the law, it cannot survive.

Consider what is happening to our young people today. They have been raised in a period of prosperity unequalled in history. As parents we naturally want to give them the best of the material things of life. The only trouble with this is that American parents have substituted material values for spiritual values. It has become easier to hand our children something we buy out of a store than to spend our time and energies teaching them principles of Godliness and good living.

Consequently too many of our present generation are growing up thinking that the really important things of life are a new car, money, and entertainment.

There can be only one answer for us as a Church. We have to teach our children that a life guided by principles of self control and respect for others is a better way of life than a life of doing whatever one wants in order to get whatever one wants. What is lacking in our young college students who go to places like Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for a vacation of rioting, destroying property, and illicit sex? An even better question is: What is lacking in their parents who permit them to go?

I want to come back to an earlier point, which is that the Church

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cannot protect itself simply by withdrawing. There has been a tendency on the part of some, which is only natural, to teach our young people that the best way to protect themselves from undesirable pressures is to completely stay away from them. This is true in some cases, but in others a direct contact is the best solution.

An example of such avoidance might be something like this. Young people who go to college are getting into all kinds of trouble and picking up a lot of ideas that go against the teaching of the Church. Therefore, it is better that our young people do not go to college. The trouble with this thinking is that it overlooks two very important facts. The first is that everything at college is not bad and that our young people need the benefits they can get from education. Secondly, it is not the college that makes students get into trouble but the students themselves who lack the necessary spiritual values to keep them on the right path. The individual who is well nourished with spiritual values from within can handle himself properly no matter where he goes.

Our young people need to be in the stream of life; the Church needs to be in the stream of life. We must teach our children the proper spiritual values and then help them to go out and govern their lives by these values. Only then can they learn to exercise themselves effectively in the society at large as representatives of the Church.

Personally, I expect our young people to accomplish more than we have accomplished. They will take what we give them and add some of their own to make it better. If we instill enough of the good old-fashioned principles of self control, decency, and respect — the principles of Christ — in them, we won't have to worry that they will become part of the lawless element.

I don't know how far the nation will go. Probably things will get worse before they improve. But I do know that if we uphold the standards and encourage our young people to actively face life with these standards, the Church, and the world, will be better for it.

Glassport Has Five Baptisms

By Ishmael Humphrey

The Glassport saints in recent months have enjoyed the blessings of five baptisms, all young people.

On April 16 Alma Nolfi, 16, the daughter of Sister Mary and Brother Alma Nolfi asked for her baptism. Brother Joseph Genero and his family from Niles, Ohio, were visiting, and Brother Genero spoke emphasizing the importance of young people's seeking after spiritual gifts rather than the things of the world.

The following Sunday brought two more conversions: Timothy Nolfi, 22, son of Brother and Sister Nolfi, and Bonnie Sue Nicklow, 12, daughter of Sister Mary and Brother Nicklow.

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An American's Impressions Of The Island Of Crete

Article Written By: Walter H. Jankowski II

(Following is the fourth and last article in the interesting and informative series about the island of Crete by Walter H. Jankowski, II stationed there in the United States Air Force. In the first presentation, the history of this famous place was discussed. In the second, the history and religion were reported; and, in the third story, life in Crete today was described. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the author for preparing this series for *The Gospel News*—Editor's Note)

The previous articles covered the struggles of the Cretan people, their national and religious positions, and their way of life today. Perhaps a few words about the American serviceman's presence on Crete and his personal impressions will be sufficient to complete the analysis of this island referred to so many centuries ago by the Apostle Paul. These impressions may point out how Crete looks in the eyes of the visitor and how the Cretans perceive the foreigners who have occasion to be here.

Crete seems to yield easily to the curiosity of us strangers. The people appear open and spontaneous, and their hospitality encourages one to feel that the surface has been quickly broken; but Crete also has its hidden depths.

Life on Crete is still hard for many residents, and it can appear unrefined, to say the least. Realistically, however, it is a rich, unique, intense way of life which can only be understood when it is looked into more deeply and the sincerity of the people is realized.

Failure to appreciate the life and history here may be caused in part by the fact that there are no strong advertising appeals to learn more about the island. Rather, the people are inclined to leave a visitor in a position of mostly seeking the information in which he may be interested. As a result, the attitude of the service personnel may be negative, and their reactions to the Cretan people perhaps reflect a lack of insights into the real meaning of how the natives perceive their existence.

It would be easy to envision a lack of enthusiasm by Americans, because here there is a lack of the more modern way of life "with all the trimmings" to which we have become accustomed at home. There are no traffic lights, railroads, green lawns, tall buildings, even no smog or pollution, to name a few examples. It is substantially a totally different way of life, but it does lend itself to our learning more about the world and its peoples, while at the same time allowing us to spread some of the American influence. Most important, this tour could provide us with an awareness of things at home which we took for granted before.

The relaxed atmosphere here makes it dif-

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"In the beginning . . ."

Dear girls and boys,

The first book in the Bible is called "Genesis." The word "Genesis" means "The Beginning." This book tells about the beginning of everything, except God, Who is without beginning. He is Alpha and Omega.

Genesis tells how the earth was made, how the sky and seas were formed, how plants, birds, fish, and animals were made, and how God created man from the dust of the earth. It also tells about the Garden of Eden, the home of our first parents. Adam, the first man, and his wife, Eve, were happy in this lovely garden. God told Adam, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die." This happiness did not last long; something came to spoil it.

Among the animals was a serpent who was very sly. One day it came to Eve and said, "You have been told not to eat of the trees of the garden?" "No," replied Eve, "We may eat of all but one. If we eat of that tree or touch it, we will die." The cunning serpent said, "You will not die. God knows if you eat of its fruit, your eyes will be opened and you shall know good and evil." Eve listened to the serpent and ate of the fruit. When she saw that it was good, she gave it to her husband, and he ate also. Everything became different. They were no longer happy. They had disobeyed God and wanted to hide.

In the cool of the day, God's voice was heard in the garden. Adam and Eve hid among the trees. When God called, "Where are you?" Adam replied, "I was afraid and hid myself." God asked if they had eaten the fruit of the forbidden tree. Adam said the woman, Eve, gave him the fruit, and he ate it. The Lord God said to Eve, "What is this that you have done?" She replied, "The serpent deceived me, so I ate of the fruit." They tried to escape blame for disobeying God. The Lord said to the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly thou shalt go and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life."

The Lord told Adam the earth was spoiled because of this sin. Now they must work in sorrow to get food; by the sweat of his brow man must labor. Thorns and thistles now would grow, and they would eat herbs. This beautiful garden would no longer be their home; out into the world they must go. An angel stood at the gate with a flaming sword to prevent their return.

The Lord put Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. He cursed the ground, and thorns

and thistles began to grow. Adam had to work for his bread. How different life was now from the days they spent in the beautiful garden. Sometime after they left, Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain, the elder son, was a gardener, or, as we would say, a farmer, and Abel, the younger, was a shepherd. One day Cain brought an offering to God, and Abel brought a lamb. The Lord was pleased with Abel because he had given willingly, but Cain's heart was not right because he was jealous of his brother. God asked Cain why he was angry, but it was plain to be seen, and God knew. Cain became more and more jealous of his brother and one day, while in the field, killed him. God asked, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain's reply was, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain's wicked deed was known. He could not hide from God. For this crime, he lived a life of exile in the land of Nod, and a mark was put on him.

The first part of the Bible, which started out very happily with joy in the Garden of Eden, had a sad ending. But as we continue reading Genesis, we again read of wonderful promises to mankind, especially the great promises to Abraham that his seed would be as numerous as the stars of heaven and the sands of the sea. Another story with a happy ending is the life of Joseph and God's promises to Israel. We are looking forward to these being fulfilled in our day.

Just as God made a lovely home for the first man and woman in the world, He is preparing a home for us too, if we will serve Him. Our home is for eternity and will never pass away.

Who Am I?

1. My father was Isaac and my mother, Rebekah. I had a twin brother.
2. I acted deceitfully and bought the birthright from my brother.
3. I married Leah and Rachel and became the father of twelve sons.
4. My name is found in "Genesis."

Who Am I?

1. I was one of twelve sons. I was my father's favorite son.
2. God gave me many visions and dreams.
3. My brothers were jealous of me and sold me as a slave. This turned out to be a blessing, because years later I was able to feed my father and brothers during a famine.

(I hope to see some of you children in Kansas on the MBA field trip. We are looking forward to an interesting story hour together.)

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

COOK BOOK PROCEEDS WILL AID MISSIONARY WORK

The Come and Dine Cook Book published by the Ladies' Uplift Circle of The Church of Jesus Christ is now available through your branch librarian. The price per copy is \$3.00. The proceeds from the sale of these books will be used for missionary work of the Church.

M.B.A. Highlights

FAR-REACHING DECISIONS MADE AT GMBA CONFERENCE ON MAY 20

By Carl J. Frammolin
GMBA Editor

Decisions to begin publication of lesson plans, to establish a new fund-raising goal for the next six months, and to begin long range planning for 1968 and 1969 field trips highlighted the General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference held in the Melvindale, Michigan, High School on Saturday, May 20. These three items were the major Association-wide matters on the agenda.

The sanction to print and distribute the lessons was given in a motion to finance the cost to be incurred in the beginning phases of this project. Under the provisions of the measure, copies of the material to be screened by The General Church MBA Lesson-Plan Reviewing Committee, composed of Dominic Thomas and Joseph Milan-toni, will be printed by The General Church Reproducing Staff. The lessons will then be distributed to the various local groups for use on a pilot basis, while work on the other units will continue. The end products are envisioned as encompassing *Book of Mormon* lessons for students generally 10-14 years of age, a course of study on Church history, and an activity book for pre-school children.

Surpassed Goal Again

News that the second consecutive \$3,000 fund-raising drive had officially surpassed the goal by \$858.77 inspired the Conference to establish a new goal of \$4,000 for the current semi-annual period. It was reasoned that, because the two previous drives had exceeded the desired figures, the Association should attempt to lift its sights in order to help The General Church even further in its efforts to obtain funds with which to construct the future auditorium. The disclosure that architects have been retained to make definite plans for the building has given the entire Church an objective for which to work, so the Association felt that it should continue to help as much as it possibly can. The accomplishments towards this worthy cause were discussed, and the resolution to further labor diligently on its behalf was passed in the form of the new goal.

Reports that the week-long 1967 field trip to Arlington, Kansas, at the end of this month was being anxiously anticipated by the many who will be attending were presented. To begin the July 30 through August 6 event, meetings will be held in the new St. John High School on the first Sunday. In an afternoon service at 3:00 P.M. that day, the St. John group will present an historical program about the area, after which a tour of the vicinity, including a visit to the grave of William Bickerton, will be conducted. Dinner snacks will be served by the St. John members, followed by an evening meeting. All persons who are tak-

ing part in the trip are invited to schedule their arrival so they may attend these services and begin the week together if possible. The rest of the stay will include various activities at the campsite reserved exclusively by the MBA.

Tentative plans for the 1968 and 1969 annual trips were made at the Conference. It was decided to conditionally schedule next year's event for a weekend at the future auditorium site near Imperial, Pennsylvania, and to project the 1969 endeavor for California. The latter trip would be planned in conjunction with the General Church gathering proposed for there in the summer of 1969. These two designations will be discussed at the November GMBA Conferences when at least the trip for 1968 must be finalized.

The Conference accepted all officer, delegate, and area reports. Information from the areas indicated that there were various extensive plans being put into effect to serve the needs of the regions involved. These range from actual missionary assistance to the Church to individualized programs for young people. These activities are being provided to supplement local and general efforts.

In disbursements, the Conference donated \$500 each to the General Church Fund and to the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Fund and \$100 to the *MBA Bulletin* Fund to subsidize the printing and distributing of the official Association monthly publication. The contribution to the GMBA Land Purchasing and Auditorium Funds was in addition to the total amount reached during the fund-raising drive.

It was announced that the next GMBA Conference will be sponsored by the Pennsylvania Area on November 11 in the Monongahela vicinity and that the May, 1968, Conference will be held in the Ohio Area.

Evening Program

The Conference extended a vote of thanks to the Michigan-Ontario Area which hosted and totally financed the gathering. The provisions, hospitality, and total concern were highlighted in the resolution. In the evening meeting, the Region presented a program entitled "Let There Be Peace." The Area choir sang appropriate selections in connection with the theme. Narratives and skits also depicted past and present world conditions. The underlying thought was that there are many situations today which reflect un-Christianlike behavior, and, with proper correction, each person can start to bring about peace. Although helpless to change general world conditions, each individual can live a better life daily with the result that the high code of living can readily be expanded to larger situations.

The following morning's service was held in the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium under the direction of the Michigan-Ontario General Church District. Elders August D'Orazio of Nixon, New Jersey, and Louis Ciccatti of San Diego, California, were the principal speakers. The topic of peace was further emphasized, and the passage found in *Mosiah 2:41* pertaining to the words of King Benjamin was used as the text. The peace

which is among the people of God was explained as the kind of peace desired by all mankind, so it was stated that it should be distributed among everyone with whom individuals come in contact. To do this, action and determination were pointed out as being just as essential as the desire to convey this feeling. The combination of the three was emphasized as being necessary to transmit the tranquility sought by humanity. The theme brought the weekend to a fitting finish, as it reflected the serenity of the gathering.

Gratitude Expressed for Thoughtfulness and Prayers

By Joseph Calabrese

Dear brothers and sisters everywhere throughout the Church, I want to thank you through the medium of *The Gospel News* for the many cards and letters you have sent me during my affliction.

Also, I am glad to report that your fasting and prayers have been answered in my behalf. While I am at this moment progressing quite favorably from my surgery, I want to tell how God miraculously came to my rescue, not once, but twice.

First, on the third day after surgery, my eye began to hemorrhage. I was told when this happens, that in nine out of ten cases the eye goes blind. But God provided his servant, Brother Dominic Thomas, to be there at that very moment, and he anointed me. He also called the Lorain branch to pray in my behalf. The next day the doctor was amazed to see that my hemorrhaging had stopped. He said I would be all right if I was careful.

Secondly, three nights after the hemorrhaging, after I had talked to my room mate about the Church for about two hours, it seemed that the Devil surely wanted to destroy me. I fell asleep and started to dream that I pulled my bandage off my eye, and in reality what I was dreaming I was doing. I pulled my bandage off and started to gouge both my eyes with my hands and fingers. I woke myself up from the pain, and, of course, the doctors were called immediately. After a careful examination the doctor said, "Well, it looks as if you didn't hurt it and that you're very fortunate." I give thanks, of course, to God!

A couple days later, I received a card from Sister Carmella D'Amico of Rochester (she did not know what had taken place.) She said, "Brother Joe, while we were having our fasting and prayer meeting for you, I had a vision where I saw Christ walk into your room and operate on your eye." Since this experience I have heard of others in my behalf, all indicating that I was in God's hands.

Again, I say to one and all, "Thank you." The prayers of the faithful availeth much. God is the same today as He was yesterday and will be forever.

Religion Related With Reality

By Pat Marinetti

To be a religious individual does not merely mean that we must be ascetic or move only in a circle with people who are, by our yardstick of judgment, the most righteous element with whom we can associate. We must communicate and transmit our Christian principles into all the arenas of human activities. We can do this by advancing all things which are good. We must be honest, sincere, charitable, and aspire to true humility, which is a constant awareness of one's own limitations. It is only by becoming truly concerned for all people and developing a mutual respect for their needs, that can we manifest reverence for God. This is religion related to reality.

When Jesus explained the question presented to Him, namely, "Who is my neighbor?" He clearly revealed to the presumptuous Pharisees that the good neighbor is not necessarily found only in the sanctuary and atmosphere of the activities centered around the temple.

Jesus revealed, to the shame and uneasiness of the Hebrews, that both the high priest and the Levite, while daily occupied with the duties of the temple, failed to relate their religion to the reality of the bruised and beaten beggar along the roadside. The beggar, in real need of help, symbolized the many crying for aid all around them. These two highly regarded religious leaders, with all their knowledge of religion and God, failed their stewardship.

The Samaritan, who was considered by the Hebrews to be without understanding of God or religion, was exemplified by Jesus as the good neighbor. He manifested completely a real understanding of God and religion, because he gave himself fully to the task of relieving a suffering stranger.

The Samaritan fulfilled the requirements of the two all-inclusive laws: 1. to love God above all things, 2. to love thy neighbor as thyself.

It must have been a very difficult concession for the Pharisees to have to admit to Jesus that the Samaritan, whom they despised and hated, was in truth the good neighbor. When religion is related to reality, it bears its fullest fruit.

NEWS FROM THE PHOENIX BRANCH

By Pat Christman

On Sunday, May 7, Brother Jim Heaps concluded his six weeks speaking tour of the Church here in our branch. Brother Jim preached concerning God's giving His spirit to those who will humble themselves before Him, and he concluded with the parable of the Prodigal Son, giving an invitation to those who had not yet obeyed the Gospel. Brother Ether Furnier spoke in the spirit saying, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord." Brother Ralph Vega who is a descendent of the Yacqui Indians, the tribe living on the border between Mexico and the United States, raised his hand and said he wanted to be converted.

Brother and Sister Lloyd Henderson and family were with us from San Carlos, and we all enjoyed a wonderful blessing.

Light From The Watchman's Lamp

"Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." (Isaiah 21:6)

By Spencer G. Everett

Christopher Columbus, having convinced Queen Isabella that he could find a new route to the East, set sail due west across the Atlantic Ocean. Two months and nine days later he set foot on what he thought was the shore of the Indies, a part of the continent of Asia. It is said that he called the natives of this new continent "Indians."

On this continent there were nearly a million American Indians living, hunting, and worshipping in what is today called the United States of America. They were descendants of a once great and flourishing civilization. By the end of the nineteenth century there remained a little over 20% of that number, or an estimated 235,000.

Since the turn of the century (1900 A.D.) the American Indians have increased to over six hundred thousand in number, and by 1975 it is estimated they will have reached the one-million mark once again. It is a fact that today the American Indians comprise the fastest growing ethnic group in America, and they are scattered throughout every state in the nation.

The Gospel was restored that it might be preached in purity and power to this people whose forefathers had once called upon the "Great Spirit." "Thus saith the Lord, I will purify my Church and my servants shall go and preach the Gospel to the Indians of America." (A History of the Church of Jesus Christ, p. 32.)

The destiny of the American Indian as a nation remains in the hands of a living God. Their destiny as individuals rests with the people of God.

There have been many attempts by Christian churches and individual missionaries to convert the Indian people and promote the Gospel among them. A few may have had some success, but generally all have come short of the goal.

There is one historical fact which haunts mission work among the Seed of Joseph. There are still a few of the wise old fathers of many Indian nations who remember what the white man has done to them and their lands. They remember the incident of General Custer and the 7th Cavalry, the other side of the story of Geronimo, the forced marches westward to the lands where one could scarcely survive. They also remember that the white man's Gospel came with the same color skin as the land agents, the trappers, traders and liquor peddlers. They remember that they and their children were scarcely looked upon or accepted as human beings.

The Seed of Joseph has a heritage to be proud of, but their culture has been looked upon as bad because it is Indian.

It has been said that the only proper way to worship was the white man's way, and no

attempts were made to see if a growing, living, Indian church could develop within the framework of the American Indians' own cultural patterns and traditions. I have read that the priests who accompanied Cortez into Mexico found the Indians with the cross. They also had an ordinance of baptism and sacrament in their native religion. The priests claimed that Satan had preceded them to this land and had established a false religion. As a result they convinced the armies of Cortez to destroy their sacred writings, their libraries, their temples, and their form of worship. This could even happen today in reverse.

Let us suppose an American Indian who had never seen television was to see someone sitting endlessly before his T.V. set. He might assume that he was performing some sort of ritual of adoration worship. Let us suppose that he was served a T.V. dinner while watching. He might assume he was offering a sacrifice to a one-eyed diety.

Standing where we are in time and taking the long look over the years and viewing the attempts made by Christian churches and missionaries to convert the Indian people, we are able to catch a glimpse of some of the reasons their efforts have not met with greater success.

Language was a problem. It became necessary to study their many and varied tongues and print literature and the Scriptures in all these many languages. This is not much of a problem in the United States and Canada today, but it still remains among the Indians of Central and South America. Another language problem existed which is still present. It was brought about by the fact that even though these people, in recent years, spoke English, they failed to understand and grasp the meaning and intent of the sermons and teaching expounded by the missionaries. Even today the average education of Indians on the reservation is less than the equivalent of an eighth-grade education. The failure was in not speaking to them in the style and simplicity to which they were used to from ancient times. Jesus spoke plainly and simply, with the wise use of examples and illustrations, using objects with which they were familiar, as did their wise men and prophets.

Secondly, as missionaries, many failed to lose all feeling of white superiority, and, consequently, they failed to recognize the Indian's right to think and act as an individual and an Indian. Perhaps a study of the background and tradition of the particular tribe or nation would have been of great benefit to those missionaries. At least they would have learned to think as the Indian thinks.

For example, in a school classroom the teacher may call upon a white child to answer a question. He doesn't know the answer. She asks the class. A youngster raises his hand and answers the question. We may say there is nothing wrong with that.

Indian children, brought up in the tradition of their forefathers, would not volunteer to an-

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UR WOMEN TODAY

—She Hath Done What She Could.
Rose Corrado

A Trip to Italy

In October, 1966, the Lord permitted us to visit our brothers and sisters in Italy. At first I wasn't anxious about going because I can't speak the language; but my daughter encouraged me to go, and now I am very grateful to the Lord.

Our first stop was in London, England — then on to Rome, Italy, where we had to go through customs. We went to Naples the same day where my husband's nephew met us and took us to Salerno. We received a very warm welcome at his home and remained there for two days. Then we went to Buccino. Here, too, were a houseful of relatives and brothers and sisters; they had brought us figs, nuts, oranges, apples, grapes, potatoes, etc.

On Sunday we met with them at their meeting place. Although there had been some dis-sention prior to our arrival, we had a very nice meeting and did surely feel God's presence. One brother related that before obeying the Gospel, he was always sick and now he is able to support his family. We stayed in Buccino for a few days and surely got a taste of their kind of living. We slept on mattresses made of corn husks. There was very little water, and it had to be drawn before 9:00 A.M. because at that time all water was shut off until 5:00 P.M. Going along the streets, one would see women washing their clothes on the streets using washboards, or women around the wells washing. The women have a very hard life there. They use oxen or cows to plow, and on small plots women would be turning the soil with huge hoes.

Children go to school six days a week, four hours a day. They all wear smocks. Boys wear black with different colored bows; girls wear white, pink, blue, or black with different colored bows. One could tell the grade they were in by the colors they wore. Catholicism is taught in the schools. Nuns walk along the streets wearing huge crosses, and the children go up to them and kiss the crosses. There is a great fear among the people. My husband's relatives said they would obey the Gospel, but the priests would make it very miserable for them. My sister-in-law gets a pension check from the government, but before she can cash it, she has to have a priest sign it.

Our next trip was to the Island of Ponza. We boarded a boat at Formica and traveled four hours on the Mediterranean Sea. The sister we visited there did not know we were coming, but she was very happy to see us. We had an enjoyable visit there. We got a car to take us to their meeting place which is on top of the mountain. All the homes there are painted white, which make it very pretty against the blue of

the Mediterranean Sea. We stayed for two days. Our room was under a road hewn out of a rock. This sister has her aged mother and another aged woman living with her. She does all her work and even has a large garden plot in the country. The night before we left, the brothers and sisters came to bid us good-by. Next morning at 4:45 A.M., we boarded a boat for our return trip. We were back at Buccino for Sunday meeting.

The following week we made reservations to go to Calabria, and until they came through, we stayed in Salerno with my husband's niece and family. We were sitting in the kitchen one evening singing hymns when her husband returned home from work and excitedly told us of the terrible storm that had taken place. We had never heard a thing. The next morning we went out, and it really was terrible.

Early Tuesday on the following week we went to Naples where we were to get our plane for Calabria. We had a two-hour wait, and during that time another storm came up, and all planes were grounded. We didn't know what to do. Traffic wasn't moving. In my anxiety I said aloud, "Oh, God, you help us and guide us." A young lady came up to us and said in English, "Can I help you?" We told her our situation, and she took us to the train station. While going to the station, we decided to travel North. We thanked the girl and boarded the train for Rome. On the train we thanked God for His guidance.

When we arrived in Rome we found out that the sister we were going to visit had returned to Detroit. We stayed overnight at a hotel and left the next day for Vicenza. It was a long ride on the train, so we saw much of the terrible flood and destruction caused by the storm. Many people were left homeless. We arrived at Vicenza late at night and stayed at a hotel. We arose early the next morning and hunted a brother who lived there. After visiting with him for about twenty minutes we went to the American Post where the son of one of our Cherokee friends was stationed.

They were so happy to see us and did everything possible to make us comfortable. They rented a room for us at a hotel because they had no room for us to sleep. He got off duty to spend some time with us. All the disappointments we had were surely made up for by them. Vicenza is a pretty city — bicycles are used a lot for transportation.

After two days with this couple we went back to Calabria. It took us two days and one night to get to Calabria because of the floods. We arrived there after midnight, and again had to stay at a hotel. It wasn't very nice because our mattresses were made of straw, but we slept, for we were very tired.

Next morning we tried to locate Brother Joe LoRicco and after a little difficulty finally found him. We had a very joyful meeting, and the blessing of God seemed to fall on all of us. Brother Joe who is known as "The Evangelist" reminded me of Brother Dan Casasanta. They did all they could to make us comfortable. Look-

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PRESIDENT URGES DRIVE FOR AUDITORIUM FUNDS

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to join in this endeavor. The Church has always adhered to the principle of free-will donations on the part of everyone. Although this concept may not always prove the best from the standpoint of raising money, it is the approved method of the Church, and we, naturally, endorse it fully, realizing that God loves a cheerful giver. Besides this approved method of giving, however, there are many other acceptable ways of raising finances which are in good taste and have proven highly successful in the past. Some of these are sales, such as bake, rummage, pen and pencil; car washes; paper drives; dinners and socials; penny-saving; and solicitations from philanthropic persons and firms. There are, of course, many other ways of raising funds. In any event, careful thought should be given so as to not bring any reproach upon the name of the Church. It should also be remembered that, while funds are being collected for this project, we should not let it interfere with our responsibility to meet our other General Church budgeted needs.

Some parties and auxiliary units have already begun to raise funds for the new building, and they have given this endeavor the impetus necessary to guarantee that we shall be in a position to begin physical construction in 1970. For example, in addition to the \$23,600.73 in the General Church Auditorium Fund as of the last conference, the GMBA has \$10,400.34 in its fund for this purpose, and the Ladies' Circles are involved in raising money to possibly fill the structure's kitchen with all necessary cooking and serving equipment. Also, the GMBA donated \$5,095.74 which was used to purchase the additional eleven acres of land across from the five acres originally donated by the Imperial Branch. Sketches and drawings are now being prepared from which the design and actual position on the property will be determined by the Church.

The return on this investment will undoubtedly become increasingly obvious over the years when it will no longer be necessary to pay for outside rentals and when all units of the Church will be able to congregate as frequently as required. In addition, there can be no value placed on the freedom and solitude which we will be able to enjoy in our own facility and in the increased efficiency which will be accrued in the overall operation of the Church.

In closing, I wish to state that, as General Church President, I am obligated to honor, uphold, and support those actions endorsed by the General Church Conferences, which are decided by majority vote. I call upon everyone else to do the same, particularly on this matter by the giving of funds and in supporting worthy projects which the branches, missions, and auxiliary units wish to implement. I am sure that if we do so, God will assist us in making this undertaking a success.

I wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation given by many to date. It has been extremely gratifying to be approached by even the very young in their enthusiasm to be a part of this

undertaking, and we hope that they, as well as their older counterparts, will continue to labor diligently for this cause. It is my dedicated prayer that God will bless us in our efforts.

AN AMERICAN'S IMPRESSION OF CRETE

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difficult to project one's self into the daily stream of Cretan life. Although the opportunity is available, there is no stimulus to become involved to the extent that one would feel that he was an integral part of the proceedings. The language barrier, which is true throughout the world, may in part limit these contacts and may help bring about an untrue picture of the island and its people. Besides the unfamiliarity with the language, searching to know more about the Cretans is difficult, because, as previously mentioned, there is not the intense publicity being waved before visitors to lead them to a specific place or product. In America, it is easy for one to follow the advertised leads and thus learn more about the points of interest, because all major points are vividly portrayed and all questions are virtually answered before they are asked. The only thing which remains is for the individual to observe the site, as he has previously been oriented about its significance, its peculiarities, and its benefits. On Crete, however, one must first observe the situation and then seek an explanation or analyze conditions as they exist.

Interest in Crete may also be passive because the stay here is temporary. Although this may be generalizing, it is indicative of many of the individuals to whom I have spoken, as they are keenly awaiting their return home. Similarly, the natives view us perhaps as tourists of sorts, not really interested in becoming fully acquainted and exchanging ideas about culture and other related matters. For people who do bother to learn about Crete, however, they can usually point to many facts which has made their stay rewarding. Their ability to mingle with people almost half a world away and the prospect of having extended come goodwill satisfies their expectations of this tour of duty. They learn about a new life, although foreign and perhaps hard to understand in some respects, while spreading a favorable and envious American image. They return to the United States with a proud, thankful, and fulfilled outlook on their time spent here.

As for myself, I must say it has been a very enjoyable and worthwhile time; however, I am anxious like the others to get home and enjoy the luxuries and other benefits which we Americans share. With me, though, I shall take some wonderful memories and well-learned lessons, while I hope I have helped to leave behind some good impressions of America. Most of us are fully aware that we represent all Americans and that our actions dictate how our country is accepted and viewed. As a result, our responsibility is to uphold those American values gained in a free and productive society.

In thinking of America, I am thankful to The Lord for putting me in a country with such wonderful and interesting people where I do not have to be overly concerned about the bare necessities

of life. Since being here, I have come to realize so much, and I have become prayerful and thankful to God and His Church. I know now how much religion and the Church mean to a person and how wonderful God's people can be. I have become thankful for all that God has blessed me with. I have a very faithful and lovely wife waiting at home who has been an inspiration to me. We have good health and happiness, and we are among The Lord's people of The Church of Jesus Christ. God's influence and inspiration have made me want to meet and understand other people such as the Cretans. More important, He has made me want to meet and understand myself. Perhaps someday I shall be worthy enough for God to take the step forward into His Church and be happy, content, and most reverent to Him for the rest of my life. At least, it is my prayer that I may do so. When I sit and think of the joyful feeling inside me, I often wonder if it was intended that my desire for a rebirth should begin to take place in this area, the cradle of civilization so near the Holy Land and the birthplace of Christ and the place which was mentioned by Christ's early leaders in the Holy Scriptures many centuries ago.

LIGHT FROM THE WATCHMAN'S LAMP

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swer the question by raising their hands because by so doing they would lower the stature of the first youngster in the eyes of those around him. It would make the first child seem stupid and, therefore, would be an unkind act. The Indians have a great inborn kindness.

A third hindrance to success was the failure to recognize, or at least to admit, and realize that the spiritual potential of the Indian is as great as that of the white man. When they obey the Gospel they have all the spiritual potential of the Gentiles. They need to be given responsibility and authority as they are called and their potential develops. This potential can best be developed, it would seem, through training them to do the job of spreading the Gospel among their own people.

They are indwelt by the Holy Spirit — they have the Gospel but someone must show them the way. A man may be given a beautiful set of carpenter's tools and may even know all the carpenter's terminology, but he does not become a carpenter until a skilled and experienced carpenter instructs and shows him how to use the tools he has been given.

The Indian does not carry the stigma of a white skin. They do not face cultural or language barriers. They follow tribal protocol automatically. Even their tempo of living is to their advantage. The white-man is always in a hurry. The Indian worker will accommodate himself to the timing of Indian life.

The setting of the Book of Mormon is the ancient record of the ancestors of this people, the Seed of Joseph, the American Indian. Theirs is a heritage of which they can be proud, to know that this record was written and kept by their

ancestors. It is a record of the word of God, their "Great Spirit."

The prophecy in this book declares that **these first Americans will one day be taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ back to the white man**, and perhaps before the close of this century.

"But behold, the life of my servant (Joseph, the choice seer) shall be in my hand. Therefore it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, which the father will cause him (the choice seer) to bring forth unto the gentiles (the white man) and shall give unto him (the choice seer) power that he shall bring them forth unto the gentiles, they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant. (3 Ne. 21: 10, 11)

"And behold, this people will I establish in this land (America) unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem. And the powers of Heaven shall be in the midst of this people; Yea, even I, (Jesus Christ) will be in the midst of you." (3 Ne. 20:22)

Church Purchases Microfilm Reader

The General Church has recently purchased a microfilm reader at a cost of \$300.00. The reader, which has been placed in the General Church office in Monongahela, will be used chiefly for viewing the Church records.

In the past few years Brother Donald Curry, General Church historian, has had the old records of the Church microfilmed. The purpose of this is to help preserve the records of the Church and to make them easily accessible for use in research.

Brother Curry and his assistant, Brother Idris Martin, plan to use the microfilm and reader as tools for research to supplement and update the historical literature of the Church.

Brother Curry hopes eventually to have all the important records of the Church microfilmed. This means that such records as conference minutes from the oldest to the most recent would be available on microfilm.

It is hoped also that the present microfilm will serve as a nucleus for a future microfilm library containing a wide range of material on the Restoration Movement.

NEWS NOTES . . .

WEST ELIZABETH, PENNSYLVANIA

West Elizabeth has had three baptisms in the past six months: Brother and Sister Thomas and Charlotte Tassone. Charlotte is the teenage daughter of Sister Nancy and Brother Rocco Tassone.

LOCKPORT, NEW YORK

Timothy Azzanero was baptized on April 16.

Brother Salvatore Azzanero, Jr. spent a couple weeks with the saints at Lockport before departing to the West Coast to embark for duty in Viet Nam.

MONONGAHELA, PENNSYLVANIA

Brother John Grimes, son of Sister Grace and Brother Donald Curry, departed on May 13 for a tour of duty with the Air Force in Athens, Greece. Brother Grimes will spend two and a half years in Greece working in data processing.

OBITUARIES

FLAVIS TROIANI

Sister Flavis Troiani of the Lockport Branch died Wednesday, May 10, in the Lockport Memorial Hospital. She was born on February 23, 1898, in Italy. On August 26, 1945, she was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ.

Funeral services were held at the Lockport Branch on Saturday, May 13, at 2:00 P.M. with Brother Paul D'Amico officiating. Family and friends mourn her death.

VIOLA MAE JOHNSON

Sister Viola Mae Johnson, 71, died Thursday, March 16, 1967, in the Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Hospital. She was born May 21, 1895, and was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ for 42 years.

Sister Johnson leaves her husband, Henry H. Johnson, two sons, George, of Grindstone, Pennsylvania, and Earl of Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. Carrie Keller of Smock, Pennsylvania. She also leaves seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe, Pennsylvania, with Brothers Joseph Shazer and Thurman Furnier officiating. She was buried in LaFayette Memorial Park.

Hopelawn Has Ordination

By Dottie Benyola

On April 16, 1967, Brother George Benyola of Hopelawn, New Jersey, was ordained into the ministry as an elder. Brother Paul D'Amico, visiting from Lockport, New York, exhorted many wonderful words to us.

The church was filled to capacity with the many visitors from New Jersey and Brooklyn, New York.

May God bless Brother George in his ministry.

GLASSPORT HAS BAPTISMS (Cont. from page 4)

ter of Sister Nancy and Brother Robert Nicklow.

Robin Diann Nicklow, 11 year old daughter of Brother and Sister Nicklow, requested baptism on June 4.

The next Sunday, June 11, Kenneth Staley, 13, son of Sister Elizabeth and Thomas Staley was baptized. We were pleased to have Brothers Rocco Biscotti and Frank Calabrese, both from Ohio, share the afternoon service with us.

Brother Alma Nolfi, presiding elder, officiated at the baptisms.

We feel to say it's good to be a saint of latter days.

NUPTIALS

SUTY - MOSS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suty of Finleyville, Pennsylvania, announce the marriage of their son James to Miss Linda Moss, daughter of Mrs. Anna Moss of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. The ceremony took place on December 28, 1966, in the Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, Pennsylvania, with Brother Melvin Mountain officiating.

The couple has been living in Pensacola, Florida, where the bridegroom has been stationed with the U. S. Navy. He has just received his orders to ship to Okinawa.

May God bless and guide them in their future together.

Griffith - Vancik

On June 3rd in The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, Pennsylvania, Sister Paulette Vancik and Brother Joseph Griffith exchanged vows at a very impressive wedding ceremony performed by the groom's brother, Brother Meredith Griffith. Paulette is the daughter of Brother and Sister Paul Vancik, and Joseph is the son of Brother and Sister Clarence Griffith both of Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

After a trip through Virginia, the happy couple is now residing at 34 1/2 Decker Street, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

May God bless them in their life together.

A TRIP TO ITALY (Cont. from Page 9)

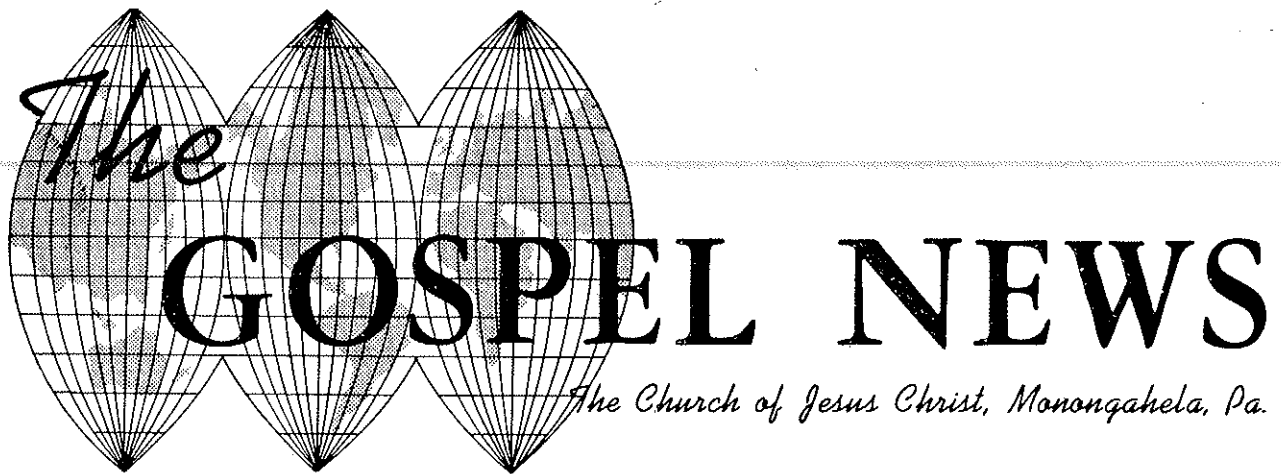
ing out from their porch, one can see Messina, Sicily, across the sea. Many sisters came to visit us, and we went to see Brother Todaro. That evening we had a meeting, and my companion was annointed for his afflictions. It was a very nice meeting, all bearing testimony to the goodness of God. We stayed with Brother Joe and Sister Lena.

The time came for us to depart — we wanted to get back to Buccino to have a last meeting there. The next day with much sorrow we bid them goodbye at Buccino. I felt sorry for them because of the conditions and because there was no shepherd to help them. However, they do have a strong desire to serve God.

We went to Salerno and then on to Rome. There we boarded a plane and were on our way home to this blessed land of America. I thank God for giving me the privilege of meeting those whom I never would have met if it weren't for this Gospel of love.

Sister Margaret Iorio

(Editor's note: The storms and floods referred to by Sister Iorio were the ones mentioned in the news that damaged many old, valuable paintings and other pieces of art, chiefly in Florence.)



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The Word Of God

By Mark Randy

Is the word of God any longer effective to guide or even to change people's lives? We often quote it listlessly as though it were only a story with very little meaning or effect. How much of the word of God truly does effect our lives? Or does it effect us at all? Let us consider the facts and give an honest appraisal.

In the epistle of "James" (1:5) it is written, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Have you ever put these words to a test? It would be worth your trying. Joseph Smith was 14 years old when he read them and felt the need to know which church he should join. He loved his father and mother, who were of different faiths. He felt, therefore, that if God would choose a church for him, he would be making both parents happy.

Joseph's testimony was that never before had any passage of Scripture come with more power to his heart. He reflected upon it again and again, knowing that if any person needed wisdom from God, he did. He says: "I retired to the woods to make an attempt. It was on a beautiful, clear day in the spring of 1820. It was the first time I had made such an attempt. I had never prayed vocally before. I had scarcely done so, when I was immediately seized upon by some power which completely overcame me and had such an astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction. But just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, and above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me. When the light rested upon me, I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spoke unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other, 'This is my beloved Son, hear Him.'"

Joseph then inquired about church member-

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Nigerian Missionaries Delayed By Civil Strife

By John Ross

Brothers John Ross and Dan Casasanta, who have been waiting for their visas to Nigeria, Africa, will be indefinitely delayed from going on their missionary journey because of civil strife in that nation.

Brothers Ross and Casasanta were elected by the April, 1967, Conference, through recommendation by the Board of Missions, to serve as full-time missionaries to Nigeria.

These brothers have volunteered to retire from their jobs with reduced pensions to enter the missionary field. The Church will provide financial assistance until they reach social security age.

Both brothers immediately made the necessary provisions to go to Africa while waiting for the Consulate General of Nigeria in New York to issue their visas. (They will not retire, however, until the trip is certain.)

On April 18, 1967, a letter was received from the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Immigration Division, Lagos, Nigeria, stating that visas would be approved on payment of a cash deposit covering the cost of their eventual repatriation to their homeland.

On May 22, 1967, the President of the Church in Nigeria, Brother E. U. A. Arthur, notified and advised our missionaries not to attempt to enter Nigeria due to international trouble between the Eastern Regional Government and the Federal Government. The center of the Church in Nigeria is located in the Eastern Region, and with the exception of the few members we have in Lagos all our Church people reside in the Eastern Region.

The letter of May 22, 1967, was the last correspondence we received from the Centre or Eastern Region due to all communication being cut off, because the Eastern Region seceded from the Federation, calling itself the Republic of Biafra. Presently civil war is raging in Eastern

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"What Is Man That Thou Art Mindful Of Him?"

By James Heaps

In order to fulfill my destiny as a child of God, I must find a new identity. In order to become what I would, I must cease to be what I am. In order to live, I must die. The more I die, the more I live. When I am born again I become a new creature in Christ. Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." The new creature, it seems, thrives upon the death of the old. We become dead to sin, but alive to God.

David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." I was born in a world of sin. Paul said, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. For sin is dead without the law."

When I compare myself to the properties of the law, I compare myself to God, because, as John Wesley said, "The law is a picture of the High and Holy One that inhabiteth eternity." When I discover the nature and properties of the law, I discover the nature and properties of God. Because I fall short of what I see in God, I stand condemned. The only escape I can find from the wrath of the law is Christ. I therefore fly to Christ, who, through grace, makes allowance for my shortcomings. But everytime my shortcomings exceed His measure of grace, He sends me back to the law. Beholding the wrath of the law, I escape once again to Christ. Christ is continually sending me to the law, and the law to Christ.

Sin is dead without the law. Where there is no knowledge of the law, there is no condemnation, but once I had seen myself in that mirror known as the law of God, sin sprang to life, and through the command of Christ sin became exceedingly sinful. I, of course, did not know what I was doing until Christ spoke to me. Then I said, "What will you have me do?" and the commandment which was designed to bring life to me brought death. I died to sin, which created in me the capacity to receive the gift of life.

Sin had found its chance and had deceived me. By means of the commandment sin killed me. This does not mean that what is good brought about my death. It only means that, in dying, I had found life. The apostle could therefore say, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

The man that lives selfishly is dead while he lives. Lost in a realm of unreality, the person he believes himself to be is a bad dream. When Paul began to be old he looked at himself as he once was and said, "I thank God, but I did what I did ignorantly." Speaking to the Ephesians, he said, "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

There is a spiritual pride which might be called a disease of the soul. After having done great things by the gift and power of God, there are those persons who foolishly attribute it all

to themselves. They tend to destroy God's grace and clothe themselves with that mantle of values which belong to God. This sickness is most dangerous when it is disguised in a cloak of humility. When a proud man believes he is humble, his case is hopeless. The man that does difficult things and succeeds in doing them well may tell himself, "I am pretty good." Observing that others admire him, his pleasure becomes as a sweet, devouring fire, the warmth of which feels very much like the love of God. Having access to Godly virtues, his ego feeds upon them. He burns with self admiration and believes his own pride is the Holy Ghost. In admiring himself and his own works, he relishes those acts which tend to exalt himself in his own eyes. He is driven by a perverse spirit to off-beat acts and beliefs, and there is no limit to how far he will go to get glory and praise. He is so pleased with himself that he cannot take advice from others. When someone opposes him, he seems to humbly fold his hands, but he does not change, and in his heart he does not forget the affront to his ego.

It is presumption in man to think that he can reform the world, leaving God out of the picture and taking the glory to himself.

The Prodigal Son was an example of true humility. He said, "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." The humble man sees himself as he is and how he relates to God and his fellowman. He is glad to be a saint not because his sanctity might be a source of admiration to others, but because the grace of God which abounds in him makes it possible for him to admire, love, and serve others. The truly humble man looks for good and never judges his brother. Quick to judge himself and slow to condemn others, he earns and enjoys real peace of mind.

When virtuous men nurse and defend their weaknesses, they inadvertently sow the seeds of unhappiness and bitterness in their own natures. True humility delivers us from self. Perfect joy is made possible by self forgetfulness. When we forget our own excellence and reputations, we are free to serve God in perfection. Moroni says, "I exhort you to come to Christ and be perfect in Him." A man who is not stripped and poor and naked within his soul will unconsciously tend to glorify himself rather than God. He will become bitter and frustrated unless he can appear in public wearing a dazzling halo. Seeing himself as he was, it is no wonder the apostle groaned and said, "Oh, wretched man that I am."

James and John wanted to sit one on the left and one on the right hand of Jesus when He came into the Kingdom of Heaven. The desire was evil because they thought to exalt themselves above their brethren. When the Apostle John would have bowed to an angel, the angel said, "See that ye do it not. I am thy fellow servant."

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Editorial Viewpoint

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

Recently the world has witnessed a reliving of history when the tiny country of Israel administered a sudden and stunning military defeat to the Arab world which had arrayed its combined forces in an attempt to destroy Israel. These Israelites are descendants of the same people who almost 3500 years ago crossed the Jordan into Canaan and against superior odds wrested the Promised Land from its inhabitants. But in a truer sense it was not so much a reliving of history as a continuation of history, for the same spirit that moved the Hebrews to cross the Jordan and just recently to defeat the Arabs is a spirit that has been with the Israelites down through the long centuries.

This spirit is Israel's desire to see the fulfillment of God's covenant which promised to give them the land of Canaan as their own and to make of them a mighty nation through which all mankind will be blessed.

This, indeed, is a great covenant, but it is not the covenant itself which has made the Hebrew people the singular people they are. It is, rather, their great faith in the covenant and their unbending determination that they shall some day see its fulfillment that sets them apart as an outstanding people.

Israel did not begin its history with a great purpose and faith. For over 400 years they were slaves in Egypt, and the covenant, never having gotten beyond the word stage, meant little to them. Even though they had a menial existence in Egypt, they had to be uprooted in order to start their journey to the Promised Land. The ten plagues were more for their benefit to shake them from their complacency and to show them what God could do than it was to force the Egyptians to let them go. Now they had a covenant of action and not just a covenant of words to look back upon and remind them of their goal. This was the first true planting of a purpose in them. This was the beginning of their tradition.

The early history of Israel serves to show us that a strong purpose does not just spring up spontaneously in a people. Purpose beyond that of everyday existence must be forged in the white heat of discipline. And so Israel had to learn under the stringency of the law what kind of people God expected them to be and what He expected them to accomplish. It took Israel forty years to develop enough purpose to reach the point of crossing the Jordan. And even when they reached its banks and could see Canaan on the other side, they were afraid to cross over.

We all know the story of Israel's success after they crossed into Canaan. The world has never seen the like of such brilliancy from such a small people. They conquered every people that stood in their way. They produced such notable men as David and Solomon. They gave the world a great set of laws and a lasting concept of God that later helped to shape the religion and morality of the Western World. They built and dedicated a magnificent temple to God and prophesied of a coming Messiah. Surely they had reached new heights of greatness to make the Queen of the South exclaim, "The half has not been told."

Though it seemed that Israel had achieved its purpose at this point in its history, this golden age did not reveal the true strength of this people who were soon to fall from the grace of God because of their idolatry.

Now the strength of the Israelitish purpose was to be put to the test. They could have faded out of the scene to become only a story in history books, but this was not to happen, because God had built in them a purpose that must be fulfilled according to the covenant — a purpose that was to preserve the Jews as a people down through the centuries in the face of impossible hardships.

In 588 B. C. the Babylonians marched on Israel and carried the people away captive. For many people this would have been the end, but the Hebrews never lost sight of their purpose to possess Canaan as their homeland. The great temple that Solomon had built was destroyed, and the

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Israelites longed to return to Palestine and rebuild this structure which symbolized to them their past days of grandeur.

Ezekiel, who had prophesied of the downfall of Jerusalem, now gave new hope to the exiles: "And the bones came together, bone to bone . . . and the sinews and the flesh came upon them . . . and the breath came into them and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."

Their determination to survive as a people and to maintain their purpose while in exile was exemplified by Daniel and the three Hebrew children who refused to bow before the king's idols. Daniel came unhurt from the lion's den and the three Hebrew children walked out of the fiery furnace to prove the strength of their faith.

There can be no doubt that the Israelites while captives of the Babylonians never intended to give up their purpose of returning to the Promised Land. As the psalmist wrote, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

They did return to possess the land, and they did rebuild the temple.

But the Jews were not to find peace. They came under the dominion of one conquering kingdom after another — Persia, Macedonia, Egypt, Syria, Rome. A study of the 400 years of Jewish history between the Old and New Testaments shows that only their strong tradition preserved the Jews as a people. Antiochus, the Syrian ruler, sacked Jerusalem, pillaged the temple, killed 40,000 Jews, sold that many into slavery, and deprived them of their religious liberties for three and a half years. Daily sacrifice was suspended, and the temple was dedicated to the pagan god Jupiter. The worship of God and the observance of the law were forbidden. Every copy of their sacred writings that could be found was seized and burned, and the people were required under pain of death to sacrifice to idols. Yet some remained faithful, and the Jewish faith, tradition, and purpose survived.

When Christ came, the Jews, under the subjection of Rome, were still motivated by their traditional purposes — to possess the Promised Land, to worship in the temple, and to see the coming of a Messiah. They possessed their land but longed to live in freedom from under the Roman yoke. They worshipped in the temple but under a corrupt priesthood. And they rejected the Messiah when He came. It would seem that the Jewish purpose at this point had failed. The rejection of Christ was the greatest failure of the Jews, and with what followed it would seem that the Jews would now fade from history into oblivion. In the year 70 A. D. the prophecy of Jesus that the temple would be destroyed came true. Not only was the temple destroyed but also Jerusalem was taken, and the Jews were dispossessed of their land and dispersed throughout the nations.

Now came the greatest test to which any people have ever been subjected. For almost 2000 years the Jews have been wanderers in strange lands, hounded and persecuted because of their beliefs, but they could not be shaken from their purpose. Six million Jews were killed in the Nazi gas chambers — men, women, and children — but they would not deny their God and give up their faith. The living purpose that God had placed in them still burned brightly and preserved them as a people yet to struggle to see the fulfillment of the covenant.

In 1948 through the United Nations the Jews repossessed their homeland which today they are still struggling to preserve against the hatred of their enemies. They have recently retaken Jerusalem, the Holy City. They have yet to rebuild the temple, and to find their Messiah, but, make no mistake about it, they will. No people has ever had a stronger purpose which has lived for so many centuries and overcome such great obstacles. Such purpose cannot easily die.

The Church of Jesus Christ has gained special inspiration from the Jewish people. First of all, we believe Israel to be God's covenant people, and we believe the Jews will see the fulfillment of the covenant along with the other tribes of Israel. Secondly, we take inspiration from the Jewish determination of purpose that serves as a guide to us all that if we persevere in our purpose, we cannot ultimately be defeated. Thirdly, we believe that the Jews will bring to the Gentile Church the benefits of their great spiritual heritage and strength when they accept Christ as their Messiah.

Let us keep our attention on the Jews of today and join them in saying, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

President Lauds Work Of Editors

By Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President

Many times a job well done goes unheralded simply because it has been performed so efficiently that it becomes natural to take it for granted. A prime example of this truism was the job done by Brother George Neill as editor of *The Gospel News*, and I am certain all readers will want to join me in extending our thanks to him for the superb manner in which he carried out his assignment.

It was announced in the April issue that Brother Neill had resigned primarily because of ill health. The last General Church Conference accepted his resignation with great regret but was fortunate to have Brother Donald Curry to turn to as his replacement. Brother Curry's splendid qualifications for this post were enumerated in the April article, so it appears needless to repeat them here. Suffice it to say that the smooth transition in editors speaks well for both

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters and thou hast changed my wages ten times."

Genesis 31:41

Dear girls and boys,

I want to tell you an interesting story about two sisters. They were Leah and Rachel, the daughters of Laban. Laban and his family lived in Padanaram. Laban was the brother of Rebecca. Do you remember the story of Isaac and Rebecca and their two sons, Esau and Jacob, and how Jacob obtained his father's blessing deceitfully? Rebecca did not want Jacob to marry a girl whose people did not believe in the true God of Israel. She and Isaac decided he should go to Laban's home where he might find a suitable girl for a wife.

The journey to Padanaram was long. When night came, Jacob had not yet reached Laban's home, and he lay down upon the ground to sleep. The Lord spoke to him and told him he would be blessed as was Abraham, his grandfather. He would have the promised land of Palestine to live in, his children would be many, and through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. Jacob rose up early the next morning and placed a stone, he had used for a pillow, to mark this place where the Lord had blessed him. He made a promise to the Lord that if he would bless him with food, clothing, and shelter, he would worship Him and pay tithing on all he owned.

Jacob continued on his journey. Soon he met some shepherds with three flocks of sheep being watered at a well. He asked who they were. "We are of Haran," they replied. Jacob asked, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They answered that they knew him and said, "Here comes Rachel, his daughter, with the sheep." Jacob ran to the well and rolled the stone away for her to water the sheep. He told her who he was, and she ran home to tell her father.

When Laban heard the news of his sister's son, he brought Jacob into the house. Jacob stayed with his relatives a month and then offered to work for his uncle. During this time Jacob had fallen in love with Rachel. She had an older sister named Leah. Rachel was a beautiful girl, and the scripture states that "Leah was tender eyed." Laban felt it wasn't fair for Jacob to work for nothing, so he asked him what he wanted. Jacob answered, "I will serve you seven years if you will let Rachel be my wife." Laban agreed to this. Seven years is a long time, but to Jacob they seemed but a few days, because of the love he had for Rachel.

The time came for the wedding. In the East the bride is sometimes completely covered during the ceremony so that the bridegroom cannot see her face. After the wedding service was over, Jacob found he had married Leah, not Rachel. He was angry and went to Laban. He told him they had agreed that after seven years Rachel was to be his bride, but now Laban had not kept his promise. Laban explained by saying, "It must not be so done in our country to give the younger before the first born." Jacob still loved Rachel. Laban told him that in a week he could have Rachel also, but he must promise to serve him another seven years. It was the custom in some parts of the East for a man to have two wives, and Laban knew this. This made Jacob work another seven years.

Jacob lived in Haran twenty years. The Lord blessed him with twelve sons. Of these only two were the sons of Rachel, Joseph and Benjamin. Of all his sons, he loved these two the best because of his love for Rachel.

Finally the time came for Jacob to return to his homeland. He had come to his uncle a poor man but was returning a rich man. He had riches, cattle, and many servants. God had richly blessed him, and his love for Rachel had stood the test.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read of Jacob's wonderful experience, wrestling with a man on his journey to his homeland. Genesis 32:24, 32.

1. How long did they wrestle?
2. Why didn't Jacob let him go?
3. What was Jacob's name changed to?
4. What did it mean?
5. Did the man tell Jacob his name?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Rochester - Lockport Gathering Held

By Carmella D'Amico

The Rochester and Lockport Branches met on May 28 at a planned gathering at Rochester, New York.

They were privileged to have with them Brother Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, Brother Nick Pietrangelo, General Church Secretary, and Apostles Rocco V. Biscotti, Anthony Corrado, Frank Calabrese, William Genaro, and Paul D'Amico.

There was community singing before the opening of the morning service.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino led the service, using as his text the Parable of the Good Samaritan. His theme was "Who is our Neighbor?"

The other brothers of the ministry followed, bringing forth many good thoughts on the theme.

A light lunch was served, ending a most edifying day.

M.B.A. Highlights

July and August Busiest MBA Months

By Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

July and August have been the busiest months for many members of the Missionary Benevolent Association as, in addition to their regular local meetings, they first attended their area Association conferences and are now taking part in the General MBA Field Trip to Arlington, Kansas, the week of July 30 through August 6. This pattern was the same as last year when many were active in their regional conferences and then later journeyed to the second annual field trip site, the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada.

The heavy July and August Association concentration has increased the tempo of MBA activity and can best be explained by analyzing why the functions have been scheduled for these months. An appropriate starting point in this evaluation may be to review the importance of the area organizations, as well as presenting why July was chosen for these assemblies.

Selection of the month in which to hold area conferences was given much thought because of the significantly greater responsibility allocated to the regions. When the MBA **By-Laws Revision**, adopted in November, 1964, was being formulated, the area structure was expanded to allow the regional organizations to better serve the needs of their members. To do this, it was proposed that at least one area assembly be held in each sector every year so that proper direction and leadership could be incorporated. Obviously, this proposal was logically accompanied by the suggestion that annual planning and election of officers be conducted, thus giving these gatherings the sound operational necessities upon which to proceed with their future actions. Also, because the constitutional order of official matters was perceived as not usually taking more than one session, it was thought that additional meetings could be devoted to fellowship, offering individuals from the different member units the opportunity to spend some valuable time together.

Expectations Fulfilled

An appraisal of the first three such area conferences has found that the expectations have been fulfilled. The official area matters have been discharged within a minimum of time, and the remaining segments have been spent in worship-type services. In some regions, the host local units have presented programs similar to those given on a larger scale at General MBA conferences. At other such meetings, special guest speakers from the ministry addressed the membership, resulting in edifying and enlightening benefits.

The plans for the regions have been, of course, adapted to the particular needs at hand. Projects to help The General Church, as well as the MBA and its members, have been instituted and are being carried on. These have ranged from individual local efforts as part of regional undertakings to area-wide projects at which members assembled for specific reasons. Admittedly, it will take more time for these activities to become fully integrated into the Association's overall picture, but they have become highly beneficial in many ways already.

From the foregoing account, it can be seen that many factors were considered in deciding upon the month for the area conferences when many members could gather and thus put the program into proper practice. In examining the situation, July was chosen as the month for these meetings primarily because it does not conflict with other events on the Church calendar and, therefore, more people would be available. It was noted that the General Church holds conferences in April and October; that Church districts conduct their conferences in March and September; that the General Ladies Circle schedules its gatherings quarterly in March, June, September, and December; and that the General MBA conferences are held in May and November. A tabulation disclosed that only January, February, July, and August were not occupied, so July was chosen from the four as the most desirable for both travel and weather comfort.

The reasons cited for selecting July to hold area conferences also applied in choosing it, along with August, for making the yearly field trip. The first such venture, to the Muncey Indian Reservation in 1964 was scheduled for late in August, while last year's event, as mentioned, was at the Six Nations Reservations during July.

Vacation schedules of participants, naturally, play an important role in determining when events may be planned. Most people prefer to take their vacations from work during the summer, with a seeming majority of them being arranged for July and August. Short week-end projects, such as area conferences and some Saturday-Sunday field trip events, do not pose travel and time problems unless great distances must be covered to reach them. On the other hand, weeklong excursions involve the utilization of normal working periods. This year's trip to Kansas, conditionally arranged over twelve months ago, falls into this latter category and illustrates the long-range planning necessary to allow parties desirous of taking part to schedule their vacations far enough in advance to reasonably assure themselves of having the time off.

Probably Remain Pattern

The pattern of heavy July-August MBA activity will probably continue unless it is decided to take excursions to localities where it is more advantageous to visit during different seasons of the year. This probability seems unlikely within the near future, but it is a nevertheless, a distinct future possibility.

Looking ahead to the next two annual trips,

the last General MBA Conference in May tentatively scheduled the 1968 trip for over a weekend at the auditorium site in Imperial, Pennsylvania, and the 1969 journey to California for a longer duration. The West Coast trip would be in conjunction with a proposed General Church gathering for there during that summer. The November GMBA Conference will have to make definite decisions on these two preferences before final planning can be made for them, however.

In the final analysis, the emphasis on area matters and field trip endeavors makes the July-August period distinctive in the MBA and allows participants to look to this span for greater involvement in these situations vital in the Association as a whole. At the same time, use of this interval of the year makes it possible to follow through on these activities without interfering with the periods used by other parts of the Church in the performance of their functions, thus making it more convenient for all parties concerned and enhancing the chances for greater overall participation.

Fredonia Hosts MBA Pa. District Outing

By James Gibson and Martha Kelly

On Saturday, July 1, the Fredonia Branch played host to the Pennsylvania District MBA locals at a planned outing.

Over a hundred MBA members turned out on a beautiful day to enjoy the event. Throughout the day there were games for the children and food in abundance.

After a wiener roast and a hymn-singing session in the evening those who had to return home were on their way. Nearly fifty, some with tents and trailers, stayed to enjoy the Sabbath with the Fredonia saints. Visitors from New Jersey and South Dakota were also present.

Brothers August D'Orazio, Isaac Smith, and Russel Cadman offered the message in the Sunday morning service. One thought brought out was that the saints of various periods of time in the Church had their days, but this is our day, and we must make the best of it.

Erie Has Five Baptisms

By Chetta Sechez

The Erie, Pennsylvania, Branch was blessed on April 30 with five baptisms. The new converts are Brother Harold and Sister Bernice Burge, Brother Delbert and Sister Meridith Lockwood, all from Erie, and Sister Sandra Beradino from Youngstown, Ohio.

Bother and Sister Burge and Brother and Sister Lockwood had previously been members of another Latter Day Saint faction.

The Burge's were convinced through several experiences that they should join the Church of Jesus Christ.

Visiting that Sunday were Brothers Beradino, Frank Calabrese, and Rocco Biscotti.

Ladies' Uplift Circle Meets in Lorain, Ohio

By Mary Tamburrino

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Lorain, Ohio, on Saturday, June 17, 1967. The building was filled to capacity with sisters from Canada, California, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

The sisters of the Lorain Circle sang a few hymns and read the Scripture from the 46th chapter of "Psalms." Sister Mabel Bickerton remarked that it is wonderful to see so many sisters from various places who have chosen the better part and have done what they could. We were happy to have Mr. Bickerton in our midst.

It was announced that a new circle was organized in San Carlos, Arizona.

All officers were present, and the delegates gave their reports.

The Come and Dine Cook Book has been completed and is being distributed to the area librarians. The proceeds will go to the General Church Missionary Fund. A vote of thanks was given to the Michigan-Canadian District for the work they have done towards this project.

All officers were re-elected.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in group singing and testimony. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the Church, commended the sisters for their excellent work in supporting the missionary field.

The Circle extended a vote of thanks to the Lorain Circle.

The next General Circle meeting will be held in Detroit, Michigan, Branch #1, on September 16, 1967.

Monongahela Has Recent Baptism

By Joseph Griffith

On Sunday, June 11, 1967, Brother Malcolm Paxon submitted to the will of God and asked for his baptism. Malcolm had belonged to another church in Monongahela, but because of his association with the young people of the Church, he began to attend our meetings frequently. In the past several months he attended our Sunday meetings and became active in our program of youth activities.

Malcolm was present that Sunday afternoon when several elders went to his home, upon request, to annoint Betty Wragg, Malcolm's mother, because of her illness. During the anointing Malcolm was touched with the spirit of repentance and asked for his baptism.

The baptism was performed at 5:30 P.M., and he was immediately confirmed, because he had to return to his airforce base at Dover, Delaware.

Greensburg Celebrates Twenty-fifth Anniversary

By Anne Fair

From June 4 to June 9 we enjoyed a week of meetings to commemorate the dedication of our church building twenty-five years ago. The announcement was placed in our local newspaper, and many outsiders attended.

There was a good representation of the different branches in the Pennsylvania District, especially elders. We were very happy that Brother Tony DiBattista felt well enough to visit with us three or four evenings.

I can speak for our entire branch when I say these meetings were very beneficial and spiritually uplifting. I believe this is the first time in the twenty-five years that a week of meetings of any kind have been held here, and I must say the Spirit of God was felt by everyone all week long. Each day we looked forward to meeting again.

The Aliquippa Branch chartered a bus to attend this special event. What great love we must possess for one another when we are willing to travel miles to enjoy the fellowship of our brothers and sisters and to receive just a small portion of His Holy Spirit.

All in all we can truly say we had a good week, and it was truly good to be there.

Lorain Enjoys Visitors

By Betty Alessio

The Lorain, Ohio, Branch has enjoyed the visits of many brethren and their families in the past few months. Such visits provide wonderful fellowship and opportunities to hear many fine sermons.

Brothers Anthony Lovalvo and Isaac Smith from Detroit, Michigan, and Monongahela, Pennsylvania, respectively, visited us one Sunday. Brother Lovalvo spoke of the persecution he had to endure when he first came into the Church, and Brother Smith spoke on the desire and belief of Nephi.

Brothers Vitto and John Buffa from Detroit, Michigan, spent a Sunday with us and spoke on subjects from the **Book of Mormon**.

We also enjoyed this past year the visit of Brother Louis Ciccatti and his family from San Diego, California. Many good memories come back when someone visits the place of his natural and spiritual births.

The June Conference of the General Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Lorain, and some of the brothers and sisters remained for the Sunday services. Instead of having our regular Sunday school classes, we devoted the time to singing and testimony. Brothers Domenic Thomas and Gorie Ciravino from Detroit, Michigan, Brother Domenic Giovannone from Florida, and Brother Chester Nolfi from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, all gave inspirational talks.

In the evening meeting we were happy that two souls who had left the Church expressed their desire to be reinstated into fellowship.

Fredonia Has Baptism

By Ethel Cadman

Sunday, June 4, 1967, was a day of blessing at the Fredonia, Pennsylvania, Branch when Ellen Cadman Larimer, daughter of Brother Russel and Sister Ethel Cadman, asked for her baptism. She was baptized at 6:00 P. M. by her father and was confirmed by Brother A. A. Corrado, who had been invited to be the guest speaker for the MBA meeting.

Since 1956 Brother Russel has baptized our four daughters, and we feel blessed in having three sons-in-law also in the Church. Ellen's husband, Glenn, is serving in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Tiawann.

Sunday, May 28, 1967, we enjoyed the visit and fellowship of Brother and Sister Bittinger and Ralph Nellis and family.

Monongahela Holds Tenth Vacation Bible School

By Ethel N. Crosier

The Monongahela Branch held its tenth Vacation Bible School from June 12 to June 23. The session ran for ten days, and the theme for the lessons and handwork was "Miracles."

The subjects for the ten daily lessons were: 1. Jesus' First Miracle, 2. The Lepers Healed, 3. Take Up Thy Bed, 4. The Pool of Bethesda, 5. **Book of Mormon** Miracles, 6. Living Water, 7. Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, 8. Jesus Walks on the Water, 9. Lazarus Raised from the Dead, and 10. The Greatest Miracle.

As in previous years Sister Mabel Bickerton was our director. Sister Mabel wrote the lessons and composed all the music for the Bible School.

The handwork for each class was the responsibility of each teacher. The children learned the first six verses of the fourteenth chapter of St. John and a memory verse for each day. Each morning as we assembled for our devotional period, we sang our theme song, "The Stories of Jesus."

As in previous years our children were again given the opportunity to show their love and concern for others less fortunate than they. This year we learned through a United Fund nurse of the great need for pads and bandages for invalids and aged patients. The children made seventy-six pads and bandages which they presented to the nurse when she visited the Bible School. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the children for their efforts and told them she knew that "they would all have a much better summer because they had helped someone else."

The senior high project for the last three years has been to make a quilt and present it to one of

our missionaries. This year they made another beautiful quilt, and it was presented to Brother Dan Picciuto who was visiting us from the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona. The theme of the quilt was "Peace Be Still," depicting the miracle performed by Jesus when He rebuked the winds and the sea and caused them to be calm. Brother Dan and his wife visited the Bible School. He gave a very interesting talk to the children and sang them a song in the Apache language.

We had a program on Friday evening at the close of our sessions and were pleased to see so many parents and friends of the children present.

We thank God for the opportunity to plant the Gospel more firmly in the hearts of our children.

Visitors Bring Fellowship And Good Meetings To Bell

By Ken Jones

The month of May was the beginning of another session in Bell, California, of visiting brothers and sisters and wonderful meetings.

We were happy to have with us on Sunday, May 14, Brother Joseph Lovalvo and his wife, Sister Virginia, from Modesto, California. Brother Lovalvo taught our Sunday school class and also opened our morning meeting, bringing forth many wonderful thoughts.

The next Sunday afternoon, May 28, was another happy meeting as Brother James Lovalvo and Sister Mary paid us a visit from the San Fernando Valley Branch. Brother James opened the meeting and truly did stir up a spark within us.

The following Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we had evangelistic meetings with visiting elders from the different branches throughout the West Coast. Friday evening Brother Bob Watson gave an interesting talk on baptism, proving its necessity with many Scriptural references. Brother Ben Ciccati spoke at the Saturday evening meeting and gave some very interesting points concerning the **Book of Mormon** and its purity.

Sunday morning we had saints from all over the West Coast to hear Brother James Lovalvo preach about the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This truly was a wonderful weekend. We hope the evangelists will continue to hold meetings in all our branches.

The visiting continued as the following Sunday brought us Brother Tom Liberto and his family from San Diego. Brother Liberto also brought forth many things that were food for thought concerning not sayers of the word, but doers of the word.

The members in Bell feel very privileged to have Brother James Lovalvo with us once a month to teach us step by step the Restoration of the Gospel.

What Is Education?

Condensed from "Back to School," The Gospel News, September, 1964, by Ruth Mountain

What is education? Is it just learning "readin', writin', 'rithmetic," or just cramming our minds with facts to be remembered only while needed and then forgotten? No, if this were true surely it would not be worth all the money and effort spent. Education is a preparation for life; it is living itself; it is a doorway to a more abundant life.

Schooling and education are not synonymous. It is possible to complete twelve or more years of schooling but lack an education. On the other hand, some who have attended school only four or five years have become truly educated. A truly educated person never ceases to study and learn. He has acquired an open, broad-minded attitude which reaches out to grasp new ideas, then follows Paul's admonition to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." Each accomplished area of learning only opens up new vistas to be explored. The more he learns, the more he realizes how little he knows and how much more he needs to learn. It is a lifetime process, and even that period is so short to explore all the interesting learning adventures available to the human mind.

Nowhere in the Scripture are we instructed to avoid or despise learning. We are warned about becoming wise in our own conceit, and being wise in our own eyes. This kind of blind, self-righteous wisdom can only destroy and confine us in narrow alleys of mental and spiritual darkness. All through the Scriptures we read of the value of wisdom and understanding. Solomon, who prized wisdom above all else, wrote extensively of the desirability of wisdom and the danger of despising the gift of God and the rewards to those who treasure it. Read the second chapter of Proverbs.

How shall we attain this learning or wisdom? Some say we should think only of the dangers of becoming deceived by things we don't understand and acquire learning only about spiritual things. This may be safe, but it is almost impossible to follow consistently. The wonders of our world are so interwoven with Bible truths, it is almost impossible to separate them. Shall we then try to find this wisdom and understanding by pursuing only secular learning and agnostically ignore the great truths of the ages as recorded in the word of God?

The logical answer seems to be a unity of all learning into one great harmony of truth. The great scriptural truths and the great discoveries of man can and sometimes will fit together as a jigsaw puzzle, each segment in its proper place, completing the picture of the awe-inspiring majesty of the mind of God. This is what Solomon meant when he said, "Get wisdom, get understanding." This kind of education, learning, or wisdom will bring us closer to God and to a better understanding of His ways.

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WHAT IS EDUCATION (Cont. from Page 9)

We study History, not just to learn of isolated events, dates, and great people, but to see in a long-range view of how man has emerged from a fallen creature and has tried through the ages to regain his rightful relationship with God. When he has tried by his own efforts, he has floundered and suffered; when he listened for God's voice, he came a step closer to his ultimate goal of happiness on earth. We must play our part in this struggle, not by our own wisdom but by showing our understanding of man's dependence on God. How much greater our understanding can be if we have a more complete knowledge of the history of civilization. If we know where we have been, we can better see where we are going.

Man is now reaching out into space. New knowledge is rapidly being added to the learning accumulated during the ages. Is this wrong? Not if with this learning we also get understanding. Astronaut John Glenn stated that while in space, he felt such a wonder and awe at this pristine view of God's earth that he was almost overcome with reverence for His supremacy. We, as the people of God, should receive these discoveries in the same attitude and thus come closer to realizing the glory of God and His universe.

We could continue examining each segment of learning and in each find something of the great love of God for man. He created man in His image and gave him intelligence to have dominion over all things of the earth. Is it not our duty, then, to use this intelligence to learn all possible of the wonders of His creation? If we refuse to study or despise the idea of learning, how can we justify the waste of talents God has given to all? We of The Church of Jesus Christ should be serious students, ever learning and ever coming closer to a complete knowledge of eternal truth. Truth will never pass away, whether it is truth revealed in Scriptures or whether truth discovered by man. Man has really never invented anything. He has only discovered more of God's bounty and used his God-given genius to put it to use.

Before our students re-enter school, they should read thoughtfully from the Book of Proverbs, then strive to face each day's lessons with the attitude that all learning must be gained with the aim of coming closer to the complete and eternal truths of God. Teachers among us know we cannot teach doctrine, but we can teach conduct controlled by the Golden Rule; we can teach Christian relationships; we can try to inspire our pupils with a reverence and respect for learning as a part of the never-ending struggle of man to find his place with God.

Is your subscription payment overdue or nearly due? If so, drop a check in the mail right away. Payments have been coming in very well the last few months, and I want to thank those who have been prompt. Remember, the continuance of *The Gospel News* depends on your patronage. Editor

**NIGERIAN MISSIONARIES
DELAYED BY CIVIL STRIFE**

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Nigeria in the battle to reunite by force Africa's most populous nation.

In the meantime no visas were granted to Brothers Ross and Casasanta, and both brothers are waiting for peace to return to that nation, so they will be able to fulfill their appointed mission.

We request our people to remember Nigeria in their daily prayers that God may intervene and establish peace there again for the good of the entire nation, which includes our people who have obeyed the Restored Gospel.

**"WHAT IS MAN THAT THOU ART
MINDFUL OF HIM"**

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To say that I am created in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. This is my true identity and my proper relationship to God. If I do anything that is not motivated by the love of God, it reflects my own ego and my self esteem.

Left to my own resources, I am a bundle of frustrations, insecurities, and fears. The love of God casts out these fears, and I am said to be strong in the spirit. "Perfect love casteth out all fear." If we will preserve the right attitude, we become windows through which the light of God shines back into His own house.

"The fruit of the spirit is first love, joy, peace, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Against such there is no law."

**PRESIDENT LAUDS
WORK OF EDITORS**

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brothers, as well as for the entire editorial staff, and further strengthens our appreciation for all their abilities.

Brother Neill took on the difficult task of publishing our monthly paper after the passing of Brother William H. Cadman, our late General Church President and first *Gospel News* editor. Realizing fully the magnitude of replacing such a capable and informed person as Brother Cadman, Brother Neill reorganized the editorial staff to gain the assistance he required and a publication without interruption. At the same time he managed to retain the many favorable qualities which had made *The Gospel News* an international medium for spreading the Gospel and for keeping all subscribers informed about news of the Church.

Besides managing all the affairs of the paper, Brother Neill, a longtime Church elder, wrote many wonderful articles. I am certain that everyone enjoyed his words of wisdom and enlightenment, especially in his editorials, and it is my hope that he can in some way continue to write for our publication.

In thanking Brother Curry for accepting the editor's position, I wish to stress that I realize the great amount of work involved in this kind

of undertaking and that I am indeed appreciative of his efforts, as well as those of the editorial staff, in getting out the paper each and every month.

Once again, let me reiterate my appreciation to our Brothers Neill and Curry for their labors and express a sincere hope that they will be richly blessed, along with their co-workers, for their wonderful efforts.

THE WORD OF GOD (Cont. from Page 1)

ship and was advised to join none of them. At some time in the future he was told he would be instructed what to do.

The vision caused him many troubles. One preacher advised him that it was of the Devil because, he said, God finished His work with the Apostles. Others mocked him as a visionary man. Yet he could not deny that he had actually seen a vision.

Will God answer such a prayer today? Does the word of God hold true to us now? Have you given it an honest trial in your life? These are vital questions which can only be answered by us individually.

I have prayed all my life, and I have felt answered many times. Whenever I have felt unanswered, I have tried to find the reason why.

I remember very well being ill some years ago. I was left at home on Sunday with a very sick boy while his parents went to church. I naturally missed the service, and I turned to the little fellow and said, "Dennis, Uncle Mark is so used to being at church on Sunday that I think the two of us ought to have church here." "Yes," he said, "I would like that." "What would you like to read?" I asked him. "I love two stories most of all," he said. "One is the story of Joseph in Egypt, and the other is the story of David and Goliath." "If you had a choice of the two, which would you pick?" I asked. He chose the story of David. So that is what we read.

After reading, I suggested that we pray together, but first I said, "Dennis, you know that you are a very sick boy." "Yes," he said, "I know that I have cancer and that I am not expected to live." This shocked me very much because I didn't know he knew about it. He told me, "While in the hospital I heard a doctor say it. They thought that I didn't hear it, but I was not asleep. And one day at church a boy told me." "Is that why you wanted to hear about David?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "You do not want to give up, like David, is that it?" "Yes," he said. "Then you pray first," I told him. The poor little boy rolled out of his chair (though I asked him not to), knelt down, and prayed as I had never heard anyone pray before — not for himself, but for his father and mother. I was astonished at his prayer — not a word was said on his own behalf. After I prayed, I asked him why he had prayed for his father and mother and not for himself. In his childish manner he said, "I prayed like you said — from the heart and whatever came into my mind."

The boy finally died. But I see now that his parents have been blessed with two more boys. Would they have had two other boys if Dennis had lived? Dennis lives ever with God, and that is what really counts.

On my recent trip to our missions I prayed for guidance. As I traveled, my prayer continued until suddenly I felt the presence of God's Spirit within my life. He spoke, saying, "Teach my people to be a busy people and to remember that idle hands are the Devil's tools, but busy hands are angel's wings." These words have created a new idea in my life. They have strengthened my spirit. While I have not truly seen anything new happen, I know that it will, inasmuch as we are doers of the word. We ought to be a busy people. We will be with the help of God.

In my travels I have noticed that many of our elders are looking forward to becoming pastors. This is good, for the word of God does say that the desire to be a bishop is good. But it is creating a problem, because once some become pastors, or presiding elders, as our people call them, they do not live up to the full potential or responsibility of the office. They ought to bring new life, new progress, and even new activity.

One morning I prayed, asking God's counsel for my address to a group of ministers among whom this very problem prevailed. As I knelt praying, I felt the presence of God's Holy Spirit. He said as follows: "My people desire positions and gifts, but ask them if they will assume the responsibilities that go with such positions." That night I spoke of that glorious voice of God which had spoken to me earlier. We were all made to realize that we have not truthfully assumed the full responsibility that goes with each office. It was truly a glorious evening.

The word of God can, and will, become an effective guide for us today when we prove it with our lives because it is the Spirit to us who believe. Will you try it today? The results will surprise you. It is alive in you as God lives. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

I wrote these above words about a month ago shortly after I had a heart attack and spent nine days in Memorial Hospital. The first two days I felt that whatever would be, I must make myself ready — to live or die. I had written a letter to the Ladies' Uplift Circle and was ready to spend the rest of my days with the Church, breaking every other natural interest.

Strange as it may seem, in the same room at the hospital lay an old man. When Brothers Tony Piccuito and Joseph Lovalvo came to visit me, I asked them to pray for that poor man. After Tony prayed for him, he immediately felt better, and the next day he said, "God sent you here for us." Both he and his wife are very interested in living for God.

I am very much better, and I want to thank everyone who has prayed for me and sent the many wonderful cards.

OBITUARIES

ROSE KENNEDY JACOBSON

Sister Rose Kennedy Jacobson, 68, of the Glassport Branch died on Friday, June 30, in the Chicora, Pennsylvania Medical Center. Daughter of the late Brother Charles and Sister Alice Kennedy, she was born August 9, 1898, in Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Sister Jacobson is survived by her husband, Andrew Jacobson; three sons, William Staley of Evans City, Thomas Staley of Elizabeth, and Alvin Jacobson of Butler; 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

Services were held at the Lorenzo Funeral Home, Glassport, Pennsylvania, on Monday, July 3, with Brothers Alma Nolfi and Anthony DiBattista officiating.

Vows Exchanged

MAZZEO - RENDA

Brother Pat and Sister Geneva Renda wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sister Anna Marie, to Brother Roger Mazzeo, son of Brother and Sister Anthony Mazzeo of Arizona.

The double ring ceremony took place on Saturday, June 24th, 1967, at 3:00 P.M. in the Church of Jesus Christ, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The ceremony was officiated by Brother Dan Picciuto of Arizona, assisted by Brother Frank Mazzeo of New Brunswick.

After an evening reception the couple left for a tour of the western states.

They plan to make their home in Phoenix, Arizona.

May God bless them abundantly in all their endeavors.

CIAROLLA - DARBEY

On June 3, 1967, at an afternoon ceremony, Carol Darbey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Darbey, and Dick Ciarolla, son of Victor Ciarolla, were united in holy matrimony in the Nazarene Church.

Brother Joseph Gennaro of the Church of Jesus Christ officiated at the double ring ceremony. A reception followed for friends and relatives.

Carol and Dick are residing on Adelaide Avenue, Warren, Ohio.

We are happy to wish them a great deal of happiness and God's blessing in their life together.

God Gives What We Need

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve—
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things—
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy—
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men—
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life—
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for—
But everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.

—Author unknown

News From Cherokee, N. C.

Dear Brother Editor,

Greetings from this part of God's country. We do hope this finds all well in the Church. Enclosed you will find a check to cover our subscription to The Gospel News. We enjoy reading it as it helps us know what is going on throughout the Church and among our brothers and sisters.

Recently we had visitors from Florida, Brother and Sister Mazzeo, who go out of their way to visit us.

Watty Chiltosky, an Indian at whose home we hold Sabbath school, was ill. Jonathan, Brother James Campbell, and Nick annointed him, and, although he isn't cured, he is much better. He has even done some carving which he couldn't do before.

This is the tourist season now, and one would be amazed at the number of tourists going through here. During the month of May 440,000 tourists passed through. At the end of the season several million will have gone through, and this is what the Indian looks forward to. Many people come up here for their vacations from the hot weather.

We do hope all our brothers and sisters are well. We feel very sad when we hear any are ill, especially Brother Martin Michalko. May God help him.

Our love and regards to all.

Brother and Sister Iorio
Brother and Sister Molinatti

The Home Beyond

*There is a home not made by hands.
Beyond the golden door
Awaits the one who's now away;
Not gone — just gone before.*

*And in that home not made by hands
The Master will prepare
A place for you,
And when He calls,
You'll meet the loved one there.*

Wanda Johnson
Roscoe Branch Editor

News Notes . . .

WARREN, OHIO

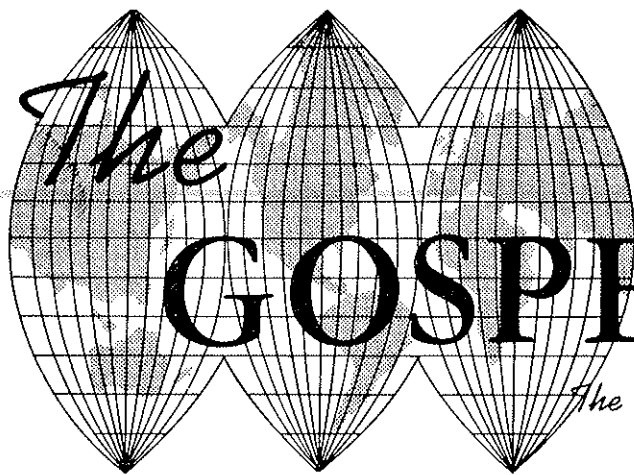
John Gennaro, the son of Brother Armand and Sister Jean Gennaro, has left for the armed services.

KENT, OHIO

The Kent Mission had a special meeting on the evening of June 11. The branches and missions of the Ohio District were invited, and there were seventy in attendance.

VERO BEACH, FLORIDA

Brother and Sister Domenic Giovannone celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 27.



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Eleven Baptisms Typify Spiritual Feast At GMBA Field Trip In Arlington, Kansas

By Dominic Moraco, Rose Corrado, and Carol Pusateri

The eleven baptisms would have been enough to satisfy all travelers to the General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip to Arlington, Kansas, the week of July 30 - August 6; but, as it turned out, every undertaking during the period proved to be indescribably wonderful. The heavenly atmosphere permeated the entire gathering, and, when it was time to leave, all participants just did not want to depart.

The trip's schedule officially began on Sunday, July 30, with a 3:00 p.m. service in the new St. John High School Auditorium. The St. John MBA Local presented an historical program concerning the Restoration, the life of William Bickerton, and the settlement of the Kansas Colony. Highlight of the well-organized service included testimonies of two aged sisters, Rena Sherwood, a resident of Compton, California, and Jane McFetus, now a member of the Bell, California, Branch. These Sisters were dedicated to God as infants by Brother Bickerton, and they testified of the many blessings shared under his leadership. They especially noted his sincere love of singing — singing from the heart. The four Cadman daughters (Sisters Mabel, Sarah, Ruth, and Grace) were asked to sing since this was the first time in 48 years they were all in St. John at the same time. They chose for their selection, "O Paradise," a hymn composed by their late mother, Sister Sadie, while living in Kansas.

After this service, a long caravan of automobiles led by Brother Alex Robinson of St. John took a tour of such interesting sites as the valley known as "Zion's Valley," over which Brother Bickerton prayed to ask that no more destruction from storms occur there; Brother Bickerton's homesite; his grave; the spot that was dedicated for a church building and upon which the first structure was built; and finally the present church building where several ancient documents are on display, along with pictures of our predeces-

sors in the Gospel. The group then returned to the school for lunch and a brief recess.

At a following evening meeting, Brother Dominic Thomas spoke briefly on the activities planned for the week and reminded all to work together to leave a lasting impression to all regarding The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother V. James Lovalvo talked to the young, using for his theme, "Consider the Lord in the days of thy youth." He admonished all, especially the young, that the answer for all things is to be found in Christ, and he compared similarities between vocations in our natural and spiritual lives. He emphasized that, to become an expert in our chosen field, we must possess a love for our work. Likewise, if we wish to become experts in the service of God, we must love The Lord and His Holy Word — the Bible and the Book of Mormon — and must be willing to devote, without reservation, our talents and energies to this spiritual vocation as well.

Brother Jim also expressed his feelings concerning the week in Arlington. "What are we going to remember about this week at camp?" he asked. "Will we remember meeting old acquaintances, the recreational activities, and relaxing; or will we also remember that THIS is where we met Christ, where we felt a personal experience with Him?" In conclusion, he said "Let us hope that, for those who are baptized, it will be a week of renewing our faith and dedication to those principles we have accepted as true and divine. For those not baptized, let us pray that this will be a week which shall be remembered as the one in which you surrendered your life and talents and dedication to Christ." Brother Lovalvo's sentiments set the tone for the entire week.

After a few closing remarks by GMBA President Isaac Smith, the meeting was dismissed,

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My Neighbor's Bible

By George A. Neill

I am my neighbor's Bible; he reads me when we meet. Today he reads me in my home—tomorrow in the street. He may be relative or friend, or slight acquaintance be. He may not even know my name; yet he is reading me. Dear Christian friends and brothers, if you could only know how faithfully the world records just what we say and do! Oh, we would make our record plain and labor hard to see our worldly neighbors won to Christ, while reading you and me. Selected

This poem brings to mind the words of the Apostle Paul found in "II Corinthians," chapter 3, verses 2 and 3, wherein he says, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men. Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us; written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." It seems to me that Paul, in short words, is suggesting that these Corinthian saints are his epistles. He had taught them concerning the new life in Christ, and now they are translating his message in terms of everyday living. I am sure we all know what the word epistle means, but for clarity I quote from my dictionary: "An epistle is a written communication; a letter, an extract."

It's true a great many people do not read the Bible, God's great epistle or letter to man, but they do read the lives of every professing Christian, and, I might say, they have every right to do so. After all, we read their lives too. Jesus taught in His day that His followers were to be the light of the world, and that this light should not be kept under a bushel but set out where it could be seen. There is a universally accepted principle or truth that is older than any of us, that "action speaks louder than words," and this still remains true. It certainly is and should be applied to church people. Those who do not go to church expect more from those who do because they profess to have more. Paul says, "No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." Someone has declared this a little more picturesquely when he said, "Every step we take, every move we make, we press keys and strike chords which sound and resound throughout the vales and dales of heaven or the corridors of hell." If these words be true, and I'm sure they are, it's high time all professing Christians begin translating the Scriptures into terms of everyday living if we want to be faithful children of God.

Let us read, study, and meditate upon the message found in the Epistle of God, the Bible—then translate what we find into terms of practical living, all of its commandments and admonitions alike. May the message we read penned in ink be transposed upon our hearts because God's message must **step out of the Book**. When we receive this message in our hearts, we shall find a great spiritual blessing in our own lives which will flow into the lives of others as we walk in

the light of them.

Just suppose our getting to heaven depended upon the testimony of our neighbor or those we work with in the shop or office; do you think we would make it? Remember the servants of Cornelius how they testified to Peter about their master, saying that he was a "just man, and one that feareth God, and of a good report among all the nations of the Jews." I believe when our fellowman testifies that way concerning us it is proof we are living epistles of God. It is possible to preach greater sermons by conduct than by words delivered from a pulpit, no matter how eloquent they may be. Let us remember also that this type of living must come from the heart. Let us go back to our text, "Written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in the fleshy tables of the heart." God wants our hearts. He has more use for them than for our hands and our feet. God wants our hearts that He may inscribe or engrave His message there.

Job must have been thinking the same way when he said, "Lay up His word in thine heart." Yes, religion is indeed more of the heart than of the head; there is danger of having all our religion in our heads rather than our hearts. It is our heart that Christ seeks to win, for it is from the heart that flows all the issues of life. I believe Christianity is as much internal as it is external, but there isn't too much outward evidence until there is an experience of the heart. "My Son, give me thine heart."

When the executioner was placing Sir Walter Raleigh's head on the block, he asked him, "Does your head lay right?" Raleigh answered, "It matters little, my friend, how the head lies provided the heart is right." What does your heart speak? How does your heart lie? If Paul, in our text, declared the Corinthians to be epistles of Christ, known and read of all men, are not these words appropriate for us today? It is nice to read that Christians in Paul's day became living epistles. Would it not be just as nice for us to become living epistles in our day?

*You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faulty or true.
Say, what is the gospel
According to you?*

Selected

California Holds MBA Gathering

By Sharon Parravano

The California Area MBA Gathering was held in Modesto, California. It was wonderful to see so many young people from various parts of the state.

Business was conducted in both sessions on Saturday. Our new Area officers are:

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Editorial Viewpoint

"The position of leadership the Church must assume is to lead people to want what they need."

I believe that basically there are two types of leaders, those who give the people what they want and those who give the people what they need. It is possible that wants and needs may be the same, but very often we are motivated by our wants more than by our needs.

The most common type of leader is the one who gives his followers what they want. He usually succeeds in being recognized as the leader because he knows what people want and promises them the same. Every good politician knows that to be elected he must promise the voters something they want and condemn or avoid talking about things they don't want.

Such a leader derives his power from a large following, and he can only remain in power if he pleases them.

In the latter 19th century Bonaparte Napoleon, who is considered to have been a great leader of men, led a huge army across Europe and was well on his way to becoming a world conqueror before he was defeated at Waterloo. The interesting part about Napoleon's conquests is that the great armies he led were not conscripted armies, that is, they were not drafted or forced into service. Napoleon's soldiers followed him because they wanted to follow him. In this case the desires of Napoleon and his men were the same, and Napoleon only had to organize that desire into action.

Hitler is a classic example of such leadership. In World War I Germany had been thwarted in her desire to conquer her neighbors to gain more land and resources for herself. After her defeat a democratic type of government was imposed upon her, she was forced to pay reparations, and she was not permitted to re-arm. By the time Hitler came on the scene, Germany was ripe for bursting out and striking back to assert her national pride. Hitler led the people exactly where they wanted to be led — a direction they eventually would have gone even if Hitler had never lived as an individual.

The Bible gives us an excellent example of such leadership when Aaron had the people cast and worship the golden calf. He simply gave them what he knew they wanted.

My selection of examples may leave the impression that this type of leadership is always bad. Such is not the case. Many popular movements sparked by the wants of the people have led to great improvements and progress. However, all too often, such leadership follows a harmful path because, as history has proved, the mass mind is not always motivated by the highest and noblest principles. High ideals and principles are usually first generated in the minds of individuals who must then convince the masses to accept them.

This brings us to the second type of leader, the leader who strives to give the people what they need. One of the best examples of such a leader is Moses. (How often we use Moses and the Israelites as examples!) From the very time they left Egypt until they reached the banks of Jordan, the Children of Israel did not want to make this difficult excursion in a harsh land. Some might say that Moses was a poor leader because he did not inspire his people to rush out of Egypt and swarm immediately into the Promised Land. Such inspiration would be wonderful, indeed but there can be no inspiration in men's minds until there is understanding. Men must first be taught the basic values before they can reach heights of inspiration. Moses' job as a leader was to teach his people something better than they already knew. To do this he had to drag them, threaten them, and punish them, but, above all, he had to set the standard before them.

Leadership that attempts to lift people up, to improve and make them better, is a difficult type of leadership. Such leadership seldom gets willing followers and almost always meets strong opposition from the very ones it is trying to help.

There can be no greater example of this than the leadership of Jesus Christ. He came to teach a better way of life, to lift up fallen humanity, and even to redeem mankind; but how many followed him? Instead of follow-

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ing Him, they crucified Him.

There are many examples in history of people who tried to lead men into something better who were killed for their efforts. Lincoln was almost completely unappreciated in his day and met death by an assassin's bullet. Joseph Smith was shot by a raging mob. In the 16th century William Tyndale was burned at the stake because he translated the New Testament into English to remedy the ignorance of the clergy.

Such leadership, however, goes beyond the lives of individuals because it leaves behind truths and principles that neither time nor death can destroy.

Certainly the Church of Jesus Christ must assume a position of leadership that seeks to give men and women what they need, not necessarily what they want. This does not mean that we can force the Gospel on others, for the principles of Christ must be wanted before they can be put into practice by the individual. We could say that the position of leadership the Church must assume is to lead people to want what they need. Such leadership is not easy because, as I have attempted to point out, it is difficult to lead people to improve themselves. It is always easier to become a leader who gains power through the desires of the people or to assume a position of no leadership at all. But if we are truly the emissaries of Christ, we must become leaders for Christ.

A Son's Letter To His Father

By James Curry

In the second of the series of articles written under the title "Be Still, and Know That I Am God," I made two statements to which my son, James R., took exception. He wrote:

Dear Father,

"I have read your latest published article and I think it is excellent. I should like to share the thoughts it aroused in me.

"Though I know your way of thinking better than to suppose you meant to convey it, I got the impression that if a man has a desire to do some good work he need only be patient, and sooner or later God will use him to carry out that work. I quote: 'If he would patiently allow God's creative hand to have its way in him, the time would come when he would have the capacity — the knowledge — the power — the authority to achieve the object of his desire.' This is all very true if the desire itself is of God. Unfortunately too few of us can discern between God-given desires and our own. Many persons have died wondering why God allowed them to pass from this life without fulfilling the desire to do some particular work. I suggest that you change the word 'would' in the quote to something like — we may one day reach the position where God can use us to perform the work.

"You contrast two types of learning — inner learning and knowledge acquired from without. This only feeds the already hot fire against 'worldly knowledge.' I contend that all knowledge is an acquisition from without. It comes from the experiences of generations of men and is passed on to other men. The difference between Christ and the doctors of the law was that Christ was an intellectual genius. Whereas their knowledge consisted of mostly of information, His was an insight into the very core of the subject. True genius lacks the restraints of education and is free to go much farther than those who would teach it. The biggest task of an educator is to define limits and develop methods of reviewing the environment and experiences of man which the mediocre mind can grasp. In so doing he often stifles creativity and punishes those who dare to transgress the set boundaries. This is why persons of average intellect and creativity can always surpass the intellectually gifted in school. The exceptions are those persons of high intellectual capacity who willingly submit to the boundaries of the system. These 'Whiz Kids,' however, very rarely amount to anything of consequence because they have, in a sense, relinquished their creativity and 'play only by the rules.'

"The man of genius needs very little in the way of information because in many instances he develops his own insights into the matter and sees the mathematical or scientific law before it is ever pointed out to him. This does not mean that he needs no knowledge from without, but only that he needs less. Suffice it to say that if Albert Einstein had lived during the stone age, when there was little knowledge in the external environment, he would never have produced his famous equation and would have been extremely ignorant by today's standards.

"It is said that Leonardo DaVinci was the greatest natural genius of all time. To paraphrase the lyrics of a popular song title, his genius was 'a many splendored thing.' Like the many facets of a cut diamond, his genius reflected light from first one angle, then another. Painter, sculptor, architect, scientist, musician, and natural philosopher; if you could name it, DaVinci could do it. It is regrettable that his genius was hampered by a lack of knowledge in the external environment. Had he lived in today's top-heavy world of knowledge, what wonders would he have called forth?

"Divine processes or not, knowledge cannot come only from within! God's revelations supplement our knowledge and thereby enable us to see farther.

"In spite of all I have said, I really did enjoy the article, and I agree with it for the most part. This letter attests to the fact that the article has the very best quality any written paper can have — it has stimulated both thought and comment."

With love from your son,
James R. Curry

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"They were instruments in the hands of God in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth."

Mosiah 27:36

Dear girls and boys,

I want to tell you one of the stories that was used on the MBA Field Trip during Story Time. Our theme was "Heroes." This hero was Mormon.

Long, long ago in America lived two groups of people called Nephites and Lamanites. They had become very wicked. Among the Nephites was a boy named Mormon. He was a very good boy and loved the Lord. The prophet of God at this time was Ammaron. He had all the sacred records. One day the Lord told him to take the records and hide them in a hill called Shim, so the wicked people could not destroy them.

When Mormon was ten years old, he met Ammaron. The prophet saw that Mormon was a bright boy. He told him many wonderful things that would happen in the future. One was that when Mormon would be twenty-four years old, he was to go to the hill Shim and take only the plates of Nephi and read all the things about the people. Mormon listened to Ammaron's message and remembered it.

When Mormon was eleven years old, his father took him to Zarahemla. There he saw many buildings and many, many people, almost as many as "the sands of the sea." Later that year war broke out between the Nephites and Lamanites. It didn't last long, but after this the people became more wicked. They were so bad that the Lord took his disciples away, and there were no more miracles performed there.

When Mormon was fifteen, the Lord visited him. After this he tried to preach, but because of the wickedness of the people he was forbidden. The prophets no more worked among the people; therefore, sin spread rapidly.

Mormon was chosen general of the Nephite army when he was sixteen years of age. He was a large, strong boy, and he was dependable. The people knew he loved the Lord. He organized the soldiers, armed them well, and went to battle against the enemy, the Lamanites. Mormon had 4,200 men, and King Aaron of the Lamanites had 4,400 in his army. Mormon's army won the battle, and the king's army fled. Many times the Lamanites came to battle against the Nephites. The Nephites fought bravely. They knew the Lord had given them strength, but they felt they were not worthy of it. At last, tired of war, they moved northward, and the Lamanites took the south country. After this there were ten years of peace, and Mormon went among the people preaching repentance.

The Lord had planned that all the records

should be written in one book. Mormon was chosen to do this work. He engraved upon plates of gold the history of the Nephites. He also included the small plates of Nephi. He wrote many of his teachings and the revelations of God. He had a son named Moroni, and he planned later to give the records to him for safe keeping. The record prepared by Mormon and his son is the Book of Mormon.

Would you like to be a soldier for the Lord? The Apostle Paul in writing to the Ephesians tells how to be a soldier. You must have the whole armor of God. The breastplate must be of righteousness; the shield, faith; the helmet, salvation; the sword must be of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; your feet are to be shod with the preparation of peace and your loins girt about with truth. Mormon, a great hero and a true soldier of the Lord, wore this wonderful armor.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Who am I?

I, too am a Book of Mormon hero. I lived in the days of King Noah. I came prophesying, "Unless this people repent and turn unto the Lord, they shall be brought into bondage." The people were angry at this message and tried to kill me. Even the king wanted to take my life. I left the country and did not return for two years. This time, I disguised myself. Again I told them God's message. This time they bound me and put me in prison. Then they burned me at the stake. My prayer was "Receive my soul." I suffered this awful death rather than deny the commandments of the Lord. If you do not know my name, you can find it in the book of "Mosiah," chapters 11 to 17.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Student Shares Mexican Experience

By Samuel Ciccati

(This article is the first of a two-part article in which Brother Samuel Ciccati from San Diego, California, tells of his visit to Mexico. Editor)

I would like to share with you one of the most satisfying experiences I have had in my life. For some time I have had the desire to learn the Spanish language and haven't had the opportunity to put all my effort into it due to having to go to night school for other required courses. However, last year I completed my master's degree and other credentials that I wanted and decided to try again to learn Spanish. I hired a Spanish teacher at the school in which I work as a tutor last November, and he started tutoring me an average of two days a week until June of this year. One day he mentioned that he had gone to school in Mexico and suggested that I go during the summer if I had the opportunity.

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M.B.A. Highlights

FIELD TRIP COMMENTS CONFIRM SUCCESS OF THE KANSAS EVENT

By Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

As can be assumed by the great success of the General MBA Field Trip to Arlington, Kansas, described on preceding pages, the comments by participants at this event were extremely complimentary and enthusiastic. Everyone expressed satisfaction verbally, and many documented their remarks by writing them and presenting them for evaluation. Some of these reactions are discussed as follows.

Basically, it was agreed that the week had passed too quickly. Most felt that they would have liked to have stayed under the heavenly influence which was present. Of course, this was impossible because of occupational demands, but some did specify that they wished the outing could have been extended for at least one more week. One person compared it to leaving the table when half full. Others stated that they would like to have another such gathering within the near future when perhaps even many additional people from around the Church could get together and spend more time in fellowship. As a matter of fact, some wrote that they would indeed highly recommend the undertaking to anyone for the next time.

Overall enjoyment experienced during the week was crystallized in terms such as "Wonderful"; "Never enjoyed anything so much"; and "I feel that we should have a campout like this every year, (or every other year) in various parts of the country." One party stated emphatically, "From the first moment of our arrival . . . I have been overjoyed with the love that was displayed for each other . . . I'm looking forward to other gatherings of this nature." A West Coast resident emphasized, "I've really enjoyed my stay. It has been an uplifting to me spiritually. I've enjoyed meeting everyone."

Evening Meetings Outstanding

The evening meetings were especially praised. The opportunity to spend more time than usual in Church services was outstanding to most who commented. The many blessings received could not be condensed in brief comments, even though some tried. Succinctly summarized, the following two seemed to illustrate the sentiments of the entire group. "Nothing could be better than having baptisms," said one, while the other stated, "The meetings were very inspiring."

Starting the day with a short service consisting of hymns, prayer, and the daily announcements was also cited as desirable. It was noted that this helped to keep everyone united and in the same spirit.

The seminars, which were divided into age groups, received many compliments. Representative of the declarations about this phase was the observation that, besides everything else, "I en-

joyed the seminars very much, except that I feel the time should be extended from one hour to two hours." A Church Evangelist stipulated, "The seminars were of great interest, as well as of great value. It gave all young people from all over the Church the chance to express their thoughts and views on different subjects." An almost identical statement was made by a young person who stated, "I feel it is of tremendous benefit for the people of the Church to divide into age groups and discuss problems pertinent to their interests." On the subjects and implementation of the seminars, one individual observed, "The seminars were well organized, with meaningful topics being discussed. I was impressed with the participation of almost everyone involved, which contributed greatly to the success of this program."

The recreational aspect was also well appreciated. The comments indicated that it was felt that the coordinators were excellent and interested in the jobs they were doing. Their sense of humor was highlighted, and their congeniality was specified as being particularly appropriate. "There seemed to be something for all groups to do . . . Things were not over organized, which was good because it left time to do things on an individual basis," was the reaction of one writer commenting on the recreation.

Problems Solved

The problems encountered in administering to the needs of a large gathering of this size were readily solved, as GMBA laborers, camp officials, and participants worked in unison on the accommodations, food, and activity space allocations. One analyst noted, "The camp help has been extremely kind and courteous." Another individual specified, "Living accommodations have been very pleasant. They seem to suit all individuals." Still another remarked, "I was pleased with the living accommodations."

Major comments on the location included observations that the site in the middle of the United States was excellent and that all the facilities were present to make the event the success it was. In summary, one party said it all when he stated, "The camp is nice — good location."

Recommendations for future such endeavors were also given. These are being reviewed for possible inclusion in the next ventures, and the Association has expressed pleasure at receiving them. They were constructive, of course, and were intended to aid in future improvement. In offering suggestions and in pointing out that everyone was adjusting to any inconveniences, one person explained, "After all, this is our first."

Most people thanked the GMBA Activities Committee members for having made the entire project possible and for their preparation. As has been reported in previous months, the trip has been planned for some time, and many parties have been looking forward to it since the November, 1966, General MBA Conference approved the trip. One person emphasized, "I have been overly excited about this Kansas outing ever since the decision was made that we were going to come here."

Perhaps the major contributing factor to the success of the undertaking, however, can be traced to those who took part. Their excellent behavior and attitude were greatly appreciated by everyone, especially the Activities Committee which was directing and coordinating the outing and the camp officials who were attempting in every way to make things pleasant. Also, it is certain almost everyone came spiritually prepared to have the greatest amount of blessings possible. The entire perspective was possibly best summarized by a young sister who stated, "Because this was a Church activity, I knew I'd enjoy myself spiritually and temporally."

Kansas Youth Testifies Of Conversions At Camp

Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to take this opportunity to thank God for making the GMBA Field Trip to Kansas possible. For myself and ten others it was the changing point in our lives.

Before I was baptized, I felt that everyone was placing pressure on me to become a member of the Church. Now I can understand that the brothers and sisters saw all the good in the Church and were merely trying to help us so we too could share with them the goodness of the Gospel.

August 4 on Friday night we held our last official meeting at the camp. After a program by the Ohio Area the meeting was turned over to testimony. For the second time that week (and I might also add the second time in my life) I witnessed speaking in tongues. It was interpreted that Brother Ike had said, "God loves you."

Before the meeting closed, all who weren't baptized and desired to have Elders pray for them were asked to come forward. The Elders encircled hands, and we stood in the center. After their prayers my younger sister, Lana, asked for her baptism. Though it was late, it was decided not to wait until morning, as many of the Saints were leaving early.

As we gathered at the river, the words to Hymn 227, "Why not accept Him now?" kept going through my mind. I had been praying to God that He would give me an experience so I would know that He wanted me in His Church. I was uncertain as to what I should do. Suddenly it was as though a fog were lifted from my mind. I can't explain how I felt, but I knew that when Brother Ike had spoken saying, "God loves you," that He did. My doubts were gone because I was sure that God loved me also.

Always I had assumed that when I was ready to become baptized, everything would be easy, but Satan was trying hard to discourage me. The night before I had caught a cold and was now a victim of laryngitis. I had no voice above a whisper, but I was able to ask for my baptism.

Let me tell you who have never been to a midnight baptism that it truly is a wonderful experience. It was a beautiful Kansas night. Every star in the sky shone brightly, and, as I came

up out of the water, such a comforting feeling of peace filled my soul. I know I shall never regret the decision I made at the water's edge.

After Lana and I were confirmed, my sister Jan asked for her baptism. We all rejoiced as we gathered at the river again.

Earlier in the day we young people had decided to have a hay ride after our evening service. Throughout our entire service the hayrack with the mules were outside waiting, but none of the would-be passengers preferred it to the saints' fellowship. Time was passing so fast, and we wanted our fellowship to last as long as possible. A group of us young people decided to stay up the rest of the night. Though I was unable to sing, I never will forget the joy we felt as we marched around the campsite singing hymns unto the Lord.

The MBA has surely proved to be a blessing in my life. Just to know that there are young people who are interested in the Church, who believe the way I do, and are doing their best to serve God will help me to conquer each day's battles.

Remember us new sisters and brothers in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Sue Rich, St. John, Kansas

Historian Begins Taped Series

By Donald J. Curry

On July 7 I met with Brother Alma Cadman and recorded the first of a series of interviews I plan to have with him in which he will recall many past events he has experienced in the Church.

The tapes and their contents will be the property solely of The Church of Jesus Christ, and they will be part of the historical library of the Church.

Their main purpose will be to record and preserve certain historical details of the Church that might otherwise be lost when such patriarchs as Brother Alma Cadman are no longer with us. Taping this historical information in Brother Cadman's own words will give it a special flavor that the written word alone cannot capture.

I want to thank Brother Cadman for agreeing to cooperate in this effort, for I feel that not only we but also future generations will find this type of historical document especially valuable and interesting.

In this issue of *The Gospel News* I am publishing Brother Cadman's account of how his mother and father found the Church and some details of his life in Kansas on the colony. The listening time is 17 minutes. I have edited it only where necessary in order to give the reader the fullest possible effect of Brother Cadman's own words. All material will be taped at a recording speed of 1 7/8.

In the next issue Brother Cadman tells about how he first met Brother William Bickerton.

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Alma Cadman Recalls Early Life

My father and mother were married in England in the year 1856. They went to Liverpool to get a boat to come to America. When they got on the boat, a fear came over my father. He said to my mother, "If I ever go to America, I'll not go on that boat." They got off and went down the wharf a little way and found another boat going to sail two or three days later. They got on that boat, and they felt perfectly safe. So they bought their ticket to America on that boat.

Crossing the seas, they got into a great storm, and an awful fear came over the people. They were all down on their knees praying. The sails were all blown down, and people were working to fix them up. My father was lying down at a porthole looking out and laughing at those people. They seemed like monkeys jumping around to him. The captain came along and swore at him. He said, "You ought to be down on your knees praying. We're liable to go down any time." Finally they got through the storm and landed in New York City. A little tug boat came out selling supplies. All my father wanted was a newspaper. He threw a coin and a string down to the boat. They tied the newspaper on, and he pulled it up. Right on the front page of the newspaper was the ship that my father was first on. It had gone down, and all were lost.

My mother had three uncles living in the Monongahela Valley, one down at South Side, Pittsburgh, one at Coal Valley, and one at Monongahela. That is the reason they settled here. In 1857 they met our Church people. They heard of them and wanted to go to hear them. There was a man working in a saloon in a hotel in West Elizabeth (that building is still standing). My parents were standing by the door listening to them talking about our Church. My father said to him, "If you know of a church like that, why are you in there dishing out liquor?" "Well," he said, "I did something wrong, and they put me out." But he was still upholding the Church. My father wanted to know where they were holding their meetings. William Bickerton was in charge at that time. William Bickerton was born in 1815, was baptized in 1845, and was made presiding elder in West Elizabeth about the year 1850. By this time they'd become quite a branch of the Church.

My father heard William Bickerton preach, and he never heard anything like that in all his life. And he wondered. Tears of joy ran down his cheeks. He had never felt like that in all his life, he said. His brother-in-law, Joseph Whirl, was there. He looked over to him, and tears were running down his cheeks too. After the meeting was over, my mother's brother said to him, "I'm not coming back here any more because they'll catch a fellow." My father said, "Well, if there's anything good here, I want it." But he thought they couldn't be right in everything. He thought if he had some of those great preachers from

England over here, they might prove them wrong in some things. He was on a boat one time, and he saw a preacher and a few men sitting around on the deck talking. He got a chair and got in with them, and he found out that that preacher was just as helpless of contradicting him and the things that he was teaching about our people as people in England would be.

He followed up our people for two years from 1857 to 1859, and he and mother were baptized in the year 1859. They cut the ice in the Monongahela River and baptized them. I don't know whether this was in the first part of the year or the latter, but I believe it was in the first part of January, 1859. He was ordained an Apostle in 1862.

In 1880 there became a division among our people. Our people migrated to Kansas in the year 1875. I don't know how many, but there were many who went at that time. My father was elected President of the Church. He held that position till he died on November 6, 1905. The twelve were re-ordained in 1904. I was present at that conference. There were people there from Kansas. There was quite a little difference in their ideas about whether they should be ordained Apostles or Disciples, and one of the greatest things that I ever saw in my life occurred. Six men, prominent men, were on the floor speaking in tongues all at one time, and the Power of God came down accepting the Apostleship as it originally was in this Church. They were ordained there, started by the hands of my father, the only one of the original twelve who was left. Then Alexander Cherry joined in with him in helping to ordain after he had been ordained. To me that building shook with the Power of God. It was one of the greatest things that I ever saw or heard.

My father died in 1905. I went to Kansas in 1906 with my wife and three children. We were out there for about eleven years — four years in St. John, five years on the Colony, and two years down in Arkansas. While we lived in St. John, Alexander Cherry, who was then President, wanted three brothers, as it were, to look around for a place of gathering. I discovered in the newspaper about a ranch for sale, and I gave it to them. When they went down there to see the ranch, I went along. They were appointed by the Church to go — Charles Tickle; my brother, William H. Cadman; and Cochran Lynch. Those two were then living in St. John. I went down there with them, and we found the place — 1920 acres of land — \$10. an acre. We bought it, and a few months later Brother Alexander Cherry wrote me a letter to put up my place in St. John for sale and get ready to go to the Colony. I put it up for sale and sold it right away.

About May of 1910 I moved to the Colony. There were no houses there; we were just building them. Our families had to stay in Coldwater thirty miles away till we got a house built for them. I lived there, and Charles Tickle, a cousin of mine, was in charge of the Colony when I went there. He was there for a year and a half

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UR WOMEN TODAY

— She Hath Done What She Could.

Rose Corrado

A Circle Sister's Diary

Have you ever heard of an experience which extended into a full year?

It is now a year since I visited the East. Before starting, I asked the Lord to make it a blessing, never realizing how He would extend this blessing.

I made a complete diary of my trip — every little visit with whom I spent time, the ministry's preaching wherever I went, and experiences so that when I came home, I would have exact events to share with those who could not have such an experience. Many nights I pick up and read my diary and feel a blessing. One night I went through all the sermons I had heard and the towns I had heard them in and condensed each into a thought. The evening I did this was a Saturday night, and the Sunday following there were very few in our branch for Sunday school. We had one class, and our teacher was not prepared for a lesson. So he suggested we each read a favorite proverb. I raised my hand and asked if our teacher would like to hear some "modern-day proverbs" from our very own ministry. The class and the teacher enjoyed them.

Sister Violet Thomas
San Diego, California

(And here is where I took the liberty to share this sister's letter to me, Rose Corrado, for all to enjoy. I'm sure she will be pleased.)

OUTSTANDING THOUGHTS OF OUR MINISTRY

From My Diary, Summer, 1966

"The Gospel is not a way of life — but is our life." — Brother Alfred Dominico, Detroit, Michigan

"Each soul is a part of God's plan—the weight and responsibility placed that we may fulfill His plan." — Brother Frank Calabrese, Indian Reservation

Two questions asked by our Elder Brother: 1. "Are you satisfied with the race you are running?" and 2. "What hinders you to begin?" — Brother Dominic Thomas, Lorain, Ohio

"As Moses went to King Pharaoh to ask him to let his people go, so shall Joseph (the Choice Seer) go unto the Gentile Nation to plead to let His people go." — Brother Paul D'Amico, Indian Reservation, Canada

"How blessed are the brothers and sisters who have passed on and left spiritual bridges and foundations to help others to cross over and to build." — Brother Louis Ciccati, Lorain, Ohio

"A sick Ladies' Circle, a sick MBA, a sick Sunday school display a sick branch." — Brother Joseph Milantoni, Detroit, Michigan

"The enthusiasm of the light of the Restored Gospel radiates in one's eyes." — Brother Joseph Milantoni, Detroit, Michigan

"Glory in tribulation creates patience; patience creates experience; experience creates hope." — Brother Gorie Ciaravino, Detroit, Michigan

"Prayer uttered by the lips are prayers; but prayers from the heart are the ones heard." — Brother Nick Pietrangelo, Warren, Ohio

"Buildings, apparel, and languages could not separate us from the love of God." — Brother Isaac Smith, Indian Reservation, Canada

"It matters not what you are, but what you can be." — Brother Everett Spencer, Warren, Ohio

"Unbelief takes gifts away." — Brother Everett Spencer, Warren, Ohio

"The Gospel compares to an insurance policy; in this policy the individual is his own beneficiary." — Brother Nick Pietrangelo, Warren, Ohio

"There are no short-cuts to Heaven. The Book of Mormon and the Bible are the road maps used to show us the direction to take to lead us to Heaven." — Brother Gorie Ciaravino, Warren, Ohio

"It's not a question of how many ways there are to serve God. There are two definite ways — a right way and a wrong way." — Brother Anthony Scolaro, Warren, Ohio

"Comparing the Gospel to 'panning' for gold — there is fool's gold and there is pure gold, and the proper tools are needed. The tools are the Bible and the Book of Mormon." — Brother John Buffa, Detroit

"No one stubs his toe on a mountain, but he stubs it on a small object." — Brother Tom Liberto, Lorain, Ohio

"Life in the Gospel is a race — a race against the evil power. Every race has its rules to follow." — Brother Tom Liberto, Lorain, Ohio

"A prize makes a race worthwhile." — Brother Dominic Moracco, Lorain, Ohio

My favorite one:
"Faith" is like unto a muscle and must be exercised daily to be able to be conditioned for use." — Brother Sam Ciccati, San Diego, California

Sister Violet Thomas
San, Diego, California

Note:

God's promises are true. If we ask not for ourselves, but to share His goodness with others, He is always there. Sister Violet spent some of her time in the Warren, Ohio, area, and I was privileged to hear some of these "proverbs" with her. But she has certainly made me re-live them. "The Lord is a wonderful traveling companion — take him with you wherever you go."

Sister Rose Corrado

This above all — to thine own self be true;
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.
— Shakespeare

ELEVEN BAPTISMS IN KANSAS

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and the group began to make its way to the spot in Arlington where it was to be joined by others arriving.

The campsite, the Young Men's Christian Association's "Y" Ranch, was an ideal spot for relaxation. Tucked away behind the trees and a rolling stream, it afforded a retreat from the busy life and rush of urban living to which most were accustomed. Another welcomed relief was the absence of television and newspapers. This added to our seclusion from the turbulent world conditions.

After breakfast on Monday morning, we went to the little chapel for a few moments of prayer and meditation. We then began to follow our pre-arranged schedule of recreational activities, seminars, and evening services. The seminars were divided into five different age groups. Each group discussed topics appropriate to the needs of the age level. For example, the 21-30 age group discussed such topics as marriage and parenthood. The seminars became the talk of the camp. During the evening the young people met informally to discuss what had been learned at their seminars; thus, the various age groups received the benefits from the other seminars as well as their own.

On Monday evening the Atlantic Coast MBA Area and the General Ladies' Circle presented an excellent program. Following this, the young people were asked to sing hymns and to bear their testimonies. The Spirit of God filled the room, and eight young persons asked for baptism. They were Marietta and David Robinson and Deanna Hart of Kansas; Pati Ackman, Dolores and Jessica Wooley, and Mark Landry of Monongahela, Pennsylvania; and Barbara Chambers of Detroit, Michigan. The Spirit of God affected everyone present, and all went to their respective sleeping quarters rejoicing.

On Tuesday morning after breakfast, everyone gathered at a little river within the camp grounds to witness the baptisms. After the baptisms we met for the confirmation services. As the first convert was being confirmed, Brother Smith spoke in the gift of tongues, and he saw a vision of Christ standing by the converts, saying, "These are my children." The interpretation of the tongues was given by two as being: "Thus saith The Lord." The baptisms and confirmation service replaced the usual morning recreational activities, of course. The Tuesday evening meeting was highlighted by a program by the Michigan-Ontario Locals and the Monongahela choir.

On Wednesday the usual schedule of devotion, recreation, seminar, and leisure time was followed. In the evening Brothers Jim and Joseph Lovalvo spoke on the talents the young have to give to The Lord and related experiences of the wonderful workings of God. Many of the young people followed with their testimonies, and Brother Thomas concluded with an inspiring exhortation.

On Thursday the regular schedule was again followed. In the evening the California Locals presented a program. It was entitled "The Church in the West." It consisted of a slide presentation of the branches and missions in California, Mexico, and Arizona. Much time was devoted to the Indian work. Brother Samuel Cicatti made some comments in Spanish to show us what it was like when visiting Tijuana, Mexico. We also sang a number of hymns in the Spanish language. Brother Sam then showed slides taken during his trip to Mexico where he studied Spanish. After the interesting service an informative film on the **Book of Mormon** was shown. Upon retiring, everyone realized that the wonderful week was fast drawing to a close, and they did not look forward to Friday.

Nevertheless, it arrived much too soon; but we took advantage of every moment, beginning with our devotional hour which immediately took on the feeling of sadness as a few of the saints began to depart. After the day's recreational activities, seminars were again held, and they extended beyond the usual hour, as all classes realized, "This is the last."

On Friday evening, the assembly heard a summation from the various seminar chairmen and our recreational coordinators. The remainder of the evening was given to the Ohio Area which presented a singing program on the Church's hopes and expectations on gathering. Some of the young people expressed themselves before the final parting, thanking God for the opportunity of coming to this field trip. A young man working the "Y" Ranch, David Spencer, stated that the experience of meeting the People of God would be the turning point in his life. Upon hearing these words, Brother David Cicatti was compelled to exclaim, "By this love shall the world know that ye are My Disciples!" Brother Smith again spoke in tongues, and Brother Anthony Brutz gave the interpretation as "God loves you."

As we began to close the meeting, two members of the Rich family from Kansas asked for baptism, and we gathered at the river with flashlights and lanterns to watch these two young sisters being baptized. While confirming them, a third member of the family requested baptism, and it was back to the river where her baptism was performed about midnight. The new convert was confirmed immediately following. The names of the three new young Sisters are Sue, Lana, and Jan.

Many of the remaining parties left on Saturday to return to their homes many miles away. Others stayed behind to attend the regular Sunday service at St. John, which was certain to be another memorable segment when Brother Jim's opening wishes for the group were recalled and their fulfillment was reviewed.

CAL. HOLDS MBA GATHERING (Cont. from P. 2)

President	Brother Ben Ciccati
Vice President	Brother Tony Piccuito
Chaplin	Brother Tom Liberto
Secretary	Sister Lena Liberto

Treasurer Brother Tom Jones
 Auditor Brother Del Carnival
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The evening service was held in an outdoor auditorium. A question and answer period on the Restoration was given along with music provided by the Modesto Local. Brother Anthony Piccuito was the guest speaker for the evening. His topic, "Youth and the Restoration," was attentively received and appreciated.

Brother Frank Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio, opened the Sunday morning service. His text was "Isaiah" 6:8. Brother Joe Perry of Hopelawn, New Jersey, followed. The meeting was then left open for testimonies. Many young people expressed in their testimonies a desire to do more for the Church and asked the brothers and sisters to remember them in prayer.

The two day conference was an inspiration for all who attended. The next Sunday in Modesto we had three baptisms. Brother and Sister Sam Randy and Brother Michael Wolvin, nephew of Brother and Sister Joseph Bologna, were the converts. During the confirmation service Sister Louise Dulisse was reinstated in the Church.

Our next area gathering will be held in San Fernando Valley on July 6 and 7, 1968.

A SON'S LETTER TO HIS FATHER

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Dear young people,

I submitted my son's letter for publication not because he is my son, but because the spirit of his letter is in keeping with American tradition, which, in the language of Liebman, "has ever made a virtue out of individual initiative and outstripping the father in achievement."

Be self-reliant and confident. Build on the idea that all good future things have their roots in the past, but beware of seeing everything as through the eyes of your fathers. If you will proceed on this basis, God will lead you into new and greater truths, and show you new and greater things to come.

ALMA CADMAN RECALLS EARLY LIFE

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and left, and they put me in charge. We had a lot of work there to do, building houses and barns and growing wheat, corn, capricorn, milomaize, all kinds of vegetables, everything to eat. There was a wonderful time. There arose, however, many conditions there, such as people who didn't know how to do any farming. It caused me so much trouble that I didn't know what to do. I had to decide, as it were, and I made a proposition to the Church that I would keep certain brothers there who were capable, and we'd build up that place and pay off the debt because I hated to leave and cause the Church to lose it. I knew what was going to happen.

The Church refused me, and in the fall of 1914 I left and went down to Arkansas. I was down there two years. I bought a forty acre farm

— a peach orchard, apple orchard, and so on, with a house on it for \$1500. But there was no money down there hardly at all. You worked for a dollar a day. So I decided I was going to come back home. I wrote to a man who used to work for me at the Safe Works in Elizabeth when he was just a boy. He didn't want to go to school and his mother said, "Well, you've either got to go to school or go to work." He came down there, and I gave him a job for fifty cents a day. That was before I went West, of course. I wrote him a letter at Monongahela, but he didn't happen to be there. He'd moved to Youngstown, Ohio. He answered me from there and told me to come — he had a job for me. I moved to Youngstown, Ohio, and by that time I had eight children.

I was in Youngstown four years, and I wanted to get on the farm. I went over to Greenville, where my brother-in-law, Robert Love, was living at that time. I bought a farm over there — a hundred acre farm — a fine farm. I went into the dairy business — peddled milk — delivered that milk from house to house. I got along very well. Finally my children practically all got married off, and I had so much work to do. I was always a man who liked to work, but I had so much work to do that I got disgusted with work. So I quit and sold my farm for very little money, \$5,000, to my second son. He's still living on it today. I moved to Monongahela thirty years ago in 1937. This fall I will be 89 years old, and I'm living pretty well. I'm getting around and going places. I have a sister, however, who is 95 years old last February 16.

STUDENT SHARES MEXICAN EXPERIENCE

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That started me thinking, and as my interest in the language grew, I applied to the Inter-American University in Saltillo, Mexico. I was accepted and definitely made up my mind to go.

I left San Diego on Friday, June 17, at midnight. It took me 22 hours and seven changes in transportation to get there, but I finally arrived in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, at 11:00 p.m. Saturday. I met many very friendly people on the way. On the flight from Nuevo Laredo to Monterrey, I sat next to a very attractive Mexican girl. We talked a mixture of Spanish and English, and when we landed, even though she was going on to Mexico City, she got off long enough to make sure I got my luggage all right. I was waiting at the airport when a man asked me where I was going. I said to Saltillo, and he said he would drive me there for \$12.50 U.S. currency. I declined his offer and decided just to wait a while. A little later I overheard a man saying that he was the doctor from the Inter-American University in Saltillo and that he was looking for a certain person. He didn't find the person he was looking for and was about to leave. I approached him and told him that I was going to be attending the Inter-American University, and he invited me to ride back with him to Saltillo about 50 miles. It was getting near nightfall, and I didn't know where to go in Mon-

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Obituaries

VIOLET RIGGEN JOHNSON

Sister Violet Rigger Johnson, 40, died July 6, 1967, in the Deaconess Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, following a lingering illness. She was a member of the Cleveland Branch and formerly was a member of the Roscoe Branch.

Sister Johnson leaves her husband, Earl Johnson, and a daughter, Aloma Richnofsky. She also leaves two grandsons and several brothers and sisters.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe, Pennsylvania, with Brothers Joseph Shazer and Thurman Furnier officiating. Interment was at Lafayette Memorial Park.

PASQUALE FALLOVOLLITA

Brother Pasquale (Patsy) Fallovollita, 82, of South Greensburg, Pennsylvania, died July 19, 1967, at the Monsour Hospital, Jeannette, Pennsylvania. He was born in Eagle Province, Italy, July 13, 1885. Brother Patsy was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on October 12, 1924, at Glassport, Pennsylvania, and was later ordained a teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Mary Anne; seven children; sixteen grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren. Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, South Greensburg, with Brother Paul Gehly officiating. May God bless and comfort his family.

ALICE GRIFFITHS

Sister Alice Griffiths, 77, of Jefferson, Pennsylvania, died on August 5, 1967, at the Memorial Hospital, New Eagle, Pennsylvania. She was born November 7, 1889, in Jefferson, a daughter of the late Griff and Sister Ruth Cadman Griffiths.

Sister Griffiths was a member of the Monongahela Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors include sisters, Sister Mary Wilson of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Anne Dias of Flushing, Ohio, Sister Cora Fowler of Fairmont, West Virginia, Sister Ruth Porter of Pleasant Hills, Pennsylvania; brothers, William W. Griffiths of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and Glenn G. Griffiths of Pompano Beach, Florida; and nieces and nephews.

Brother Meridith Griffith officiated at the services which were conducted at the Monongahela Church of Jesus Christ.

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terrey. So I feel that God provided for me. Dr. Fuentes took me to his home, where his wife fixed us something to eat. Then he took me to the home I was to stay in while in Saltillo.

Saltillo is the capital of the state of Coahuila and was once a part of the state of Texas. It is situated about 1,500 miles southeast of San Diego and about 250 miles south of Laredo, Texas, at an altitude of a little more than 5,200 feet. It is a town of approximately 100,000 people and was known at one time as the largest all adobe city in Latin America. Almost all the buildings except those built in recent years are made of adobe. In recent years the people who could afford it have plastered over the adobe or have bricked up the front of their homes.

It is very common, however, to see buildings from which large areas of plaster have fallen away, leaving the adobe exposed. The homes are built one against another for the entire block and are built right up to the sidewalk. A lawn is a very rare sight in Saltillo! In most cases, except for the very rich, there is no distinction in areas in which homes are built, and it is common to see a very nice brick-front home next to a very poor adobe home. With the exception of the main thoroughfares, the streets are very narrow. One day we were going home on the school bus and going down a narrow street. Someone had parked more than a foot from the curb, and the bus couldn't get through. So several of us men had to get off and bounce the car over to the curb so the bus could pass.

Saltillo, like every city, has its rich and its poor. One day I walked up to the hills at the south end of the city where the poorest people live. Many lived in such poverty and filth that I didn't even want to take pictures of their homes because I thought they would be embarrassed. The very poor work for as little as seventeen to twenty-five pesos a day (\$1.50 to \$2.00 U. S. currency). Maids can be hired for a dollar a day. (A guide I met in Mexico City had two maids which cost him \$32.00 a month for both of them). But others naturally make much more.

Appreciation Extended

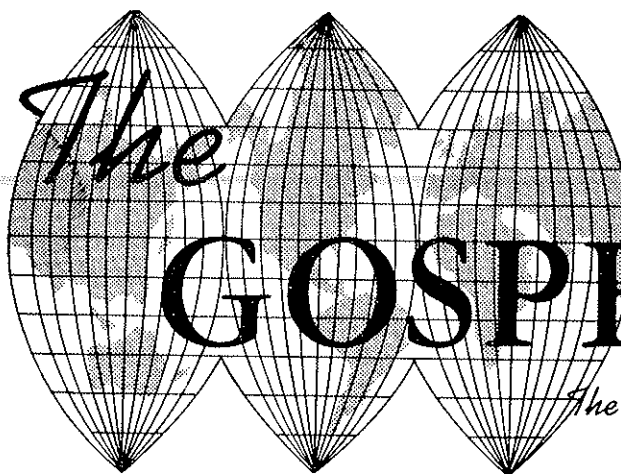
Dear brothers and sisters,

My Brother Sam and I want to take this opportunity to thank the brothers who visited him in his hour of need and grief and also those who sent cards extending their sympathy in the death of his wife. Sam said they were just wonderful, and it meant a great deal to him to know that even people he had never met would take time to send cards. The brethren were more than kind, and Sam wants to say thanks along with me for everything they did.

It meant a great deal to me as well and reminds me of the Scripture where Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

Thanks again, and God bless you, everyone.

Your sister in Christ,
Margaret Heaps



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MBA President Visits New Kansas Converts

By James P. Crosier

On September 1 Brothers Isaac Smith, Joseph Calabrese, James Crosier, Kem Metz and David Majoras made a follow-up trip to St. John, Kansas, after the MBA Field Trip. The purpose of the trip was to instruct the new converts who had been baptized during the MBA gathering at the "Y" Ranch in Arlington, Kansas.

A meeting was held Saturday evening in the church. Brothers Smith and Calabrese explained to the converts their duties in relation to the Church and points of our faith and doctrine. The young people were then given the opportunity to express themselves and ask any questions that might be on their minds. They responded very readily, showing much enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. This was very gratifying to us.

On Sunday, September 3, we again met in the church for Sunday school and fellowship services. It was very well attended, and we felt the presence of God in our midst. During the service Brother Alex Robinson's son, Charles, rose to his feet and asked for his baptism. We closed the meeting, and all gathered at the water's edge where Brother Smith performed the baptism. The little stream winds through a very beautiful setting, and a feeling of quiet peace and reverence prevailed. Even the fish in the stream gathered around Brother Smith to witness the birth of another child of God.

We then returned to the church for the confirmation and administering of sacrament, after which many rose to their feet to express themselves in words of testimony. We can truly say it was good to be there.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Brother Alex, his family, and all the saints in Kansas for making our visit so very enjoyable. They were so happy to have us, and we surely received a blessing just being there.

We would also like to ask all of the saints in the Church to remember those in the St. John

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Anaheim Saints Blessed In Missionary Endeavors

Tijuana Mission Gets New Car

By Santina M. Mercuri

On Sunday, August 13, 1967, our Brother George Heaps, accompanied by several other members of the Anaheim Branch, delivered a new 9 passenger car (truck) to Brother Edward and Sister Evelyn Perdue, our Tijuana missionaries. Special parts for the car were ordered so as to enable it to endure the rough terrain and weather (tires, motor, air conditioner, etc.). Brother and Sister Perdue, needless to say, were overjoyed at the presentation. Those of us who knew how they have had to travel all these years up and down those rocky, pitted dirt roads can appreciate their feelings. This car was a well deserved donation, and we know that it will make their workload a great deal lighter as well as more pleasurable. We also wish to sincerely thank the Missionary Board for having purchased this vehicle.

We at Anaheim feel a special blessing in Brother Mark Randy's article of August, 1967, "The Word of God." We like his words concerning God's wish that we be a "busy people and remember that idle hands are the devil's tools, but busy hands are angel's wings." There are many blessings in store for any and all who desire to help others. In our branch we are continually "busy" with various projects for the benefit of our Tijuana and San Carlos Missions. For example, our Sister Margaret Heaps recently contacted a canvas shoe company for their donation, and this company alone donated over 600 pairs of canvas shoes with slight flaws but still of excellent quality. The shoes were not matched when we received them (actually 1,000 pairs); therefore, it took several sisters a few weeks to match them and sort them. Many of the shoes had no mates. These are stored away for our next shipment of shoes, which we hope to receive at a later date.

Working together on these projects for food,

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Christ Foreshadowed

By James Heaps

We learn from the Bible that the Jews had a strong inclination to observe the law of Moses. Although the prophets who lived under the reign of law had spoken of the coming of a Messiah, the Jews of Christ's day could not accept Him as such because the details of His coming were not written out in plain words. For example, the Jewish records did not give His name, His mother's name, and just exactly what His mission would be and how He would carry it out.

The circumstances of Jesus' birth was a stumbling-block to them. How could one born in a manger arise to become King of the Jews? His passivity was another stumbling-block. How could a King who taught that they should "turn the other cheek" deliver them from the military might of Rome? Their minds were on the natural things of life, and they did not understand that Christ came to establish a spiritual kingdom. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth by Jesus Christ." John 1:17

Moses prophesied of the coming of Christ as follows: "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me (a law-giver); Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you.

"And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which shall not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3: 22, 23

Referring to Moses' prophecy, Jesus said to the Jews: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5: 46, 47 The peculiar attitude of the Jewish people is shown also in verses 39 and 40 of the same chapter. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me that ye might have life."

Had they been spiritual they would have seen Christ in Moses' writings, but being natural, they could not see the truth. They could not see in Him the tender plant and a root out of the dry ground. There was no beauty in Him that they should desire Him. Meek and lowly, the natural man was unable to see any good in Him. The natural man looks for greatness, not meekness and humility. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not.

"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matt. 23: 37, 38

Men are prone to look on the natural side of life. The method by which Moses wrote of Christ was and still is a puzzle to the natural man. He said nothing directly about Christ in his writings. If Christ is to be found in the writings of Moses he must be spiritually discerned. We read in Exodus 33: 9, "And it came to pass that as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy Pillar descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle,

and the Lord talked with Moses." (It might be said at this juncture that when God talks to anyone He always exalts Christ, as follows:)

"And the Lord spoke face to face with him as a man speaketh to his friends: (18th verse) And he said unto the Lord; I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And the Lord said thou cannot see my face and live. And the Lord said, there is a place by me and thou shalt stand upon a rock, and it shall come to pass while my glory passeth by that I will put thee in the cleft of the rock, and I will cover thee with my hand while I pass by, and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back parts, but my face shall not be seen."

The reader will of course understand that this little drama was enacted to show Moses that the human family would see God in Christ.

Rock of ages, cleft for me.

Let me hide myself in thee.

Nephi said, "We talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophecy of Christ, we write of Christ, we speak concerning the law that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins, that they may know the deadness of the law and look forward unto that life which is in Christ."

Why could the Nephites see so much in Christ when they had the same law that was given by Moses? They were able to see Christ because they were spiritual, and everything that is spiritual, everything that God gave to man from the beginning, points to Christ.

Do we want life or death? Paul in the 8th chapter of Romans said: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Christ is the Holy One of Israel. Moses was of Israel, yet they could not see Christ in his writings. They held Moses up as their standard, but they did not believe him. Jesus said: "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me." John 5: 45. Skeptics have objected to these words that Moses wrote of Christ on the ground that he never mentioned His name.

To those Jews who clung stubbornly to the law, the written word of the Old Testament was like a veil from behind which they could not see the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

"And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

"But their minds were blinded: for unto this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

"But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

"Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away."

The disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Why speakest thou in parables?" He answered them, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." Matthew 13: 10, 11 The disciples'

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Editorial Viewpoint

"Jesus was intolerant of sin, but He was not intolerant of people."

One of man's greatest problems has been to learn better human relationships. War, slavery, hate, selfishness, injustice, exploitation, and all manner of crimes against humanity have caused more suffering and misery for the human family than all the harsh forces of nature combined. If we were to trace the progress of human relationships through the centuries since the time of Christ, we would have to conclude that under certain conditions men have markedly improved their ability to get along with each other, while under other conditions they have made no improvements at all. The more progressive, civilized parts of the world, such as our own American culture, have learned to place a high value upon individual rights, life, and happiness, while at the same time other cultures esteem these as having little value. International relationships, despite the efforts of the United Nations, have hardly improved at all, as evidenced by the fact that nations are still warring against each other.

Every sincere Christian of today certainly would be in the category of those who have improved in their ability to treat others well. He has learned to apply the Golden Rule in his relationships with people and to love his neighbor as himself.

But wait! Are we as professing Christians really applying all that Jesus taught about human relationships? Do we even understand all that He taught? On what level are we relating with our friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, and fellow church members? I dare say that none of us could claim there is no room for improvement in this most important part of our lives — how we treat other people.

In one way of looking at Jesus' life, we could say He related poorly with His contemporaries. Our idea today of a person who relates well with others is one who gets along with most people and adjusts his life to eliminate as many conflicting situations as possible. We find, however, that Jesus often came in direct conflict with those who disagreed with Him. In fact His life was filled with conflict which He did not always try to avoid. He was a radical and a non-conformist according to the standards of His day, and for this reason He was feared, misunderstood, and considered by the officials to be a law breaker. While people followed Him in droves because He performed miracles and healed them, all of them, even His closest friends, deserted Him when their friendship was put to the test. If Jesus lived today, He would not be thought of as a person who relates well with others.

This, however, does not negate the fact that He did know how to treat others and treated them on a very high level. He was not accepted as a person and a messiah by His own people because what He had to offer was too high for them to grasp.

The fact that He did not turn away from the people who so greatly wronged Him even when He was trying to help them is the strongest proof that He knew how to treat others well. He fulfilled the standard He set to love even your enemies when He gave His life as an atonement even for the sins of His enemies.

Getting back to the question — are we applying all that Jesus taught about human relationships? — a close look at the attitude Jesus had toward people is the best guide we have to teach us how we should think about others. I think the greatest error we commit in our treatment of others is the intolerance we show toward them. By this I mean that we often reject people because they are not as good as we think they should be or because they are different from us in some way.

Jesus was intolerant of sin, but He was not intolerant of people. He associated with sinners (for which He was criticized) and with all levels of people — the ignorant, the learned, the rich, the poor. He did not condone the wrongs that men committed, but, in spite of their sins, He loved them. The greatest example of this was when He forgave the adulterous woman. "Go, and sin no more," He told her. He condemned the sin, but through an act

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of love He spared her life and gave her a chance to redeem herself.

This does not mean that Jesus passively accepted all the wrongs that men committed. He sharply criticized the Pharisees and others for their evil ways, calling them a generation of hypocrites and vipers, among other things, because they made no attempt to repent or improve.

How tolerant are we of others? Do we reject certain individuals because of certain traits in them that rub us the wrong way? Do we overlook their good points because we can see their weaknesses? Are we unfriendly with them because their ways of looking at things do not quite agree with us? Maybe we have singled out a select few who are good enough for us to respect or be friendly with and hold everyone else politely at arms' length.

I believe that Jesus was referring to our everyday lives when He taught us to "judge not, that ye be not judged." There must be judgment from those who have authority when violations of the law threaten our security. But the judgments we pass on others through our intolerance — the rejecting of others through intolerance — is what He has warned us against.

If we will be true Christians, we will take the matter of human relationships very seriously. We will try to learn the best ways to treat others. We will try to see every man and woman, regardless of his or her station in life, as an individual of some worth who has as much right to life and happiness as we have. We will try to be fair, just, and impartial in our dealings with every person, no matter who he is. We will try to be tolerant of the weaknesses of others. I say we will try to do these things, and with the help and love of God we may succeed in creating better human relationships and a better world in which to live.

Cumorah Pageant Brings Visitors to Rochester

By Carmela D'Amico

Four carloads of saints from Vanderbilt and Bitner, Pennsylvania, made a field trip to Hill Cumorah and spent Sunday with us. Also four carloads from Lockport, New York, were present. Brothers William Bailey and Oran Thomas of Pennsylvania gave good talks, followed by Brothers Paul D'Amico who read from "Moroni" 10:4 and Perry Simone who testified of how the Church started in Rochester. A number of testimonies were given, a handkerchief was anointed, and a sister was anointed.

On July 9 Bruce Large was baptized, and on July 19 we had a surprise visit by Brother Rocco Ensano and his wife from New Jersey.

On July 30 several carloads from Erie, Pennsylvania, Detroit, Michigan, and Youngstown,

Ohio, attended the pageant at Hill Cumorah and fellowshiped with us on Sunday. Brother Anthony Pietrangelo of Detroit used for his text "Acts" 3. He also related many experiences he received in the Church. He was followed by Brother Nick Pietrangelo, and Brother Ansel D'Amico concluded the service.

Lockport - Rochester Gathering Is Held

By Rosa M. Williams

The Lockport-Rochester Gathering was held on Sunday, August 18, 1967, in Lockport, New York. Elders present were as follows: Brother Corrado, from Youngstown, Ohio; Brother Biscotti, from Cleveland, Ohio; Brother Gennero, from Warren, Ohio; Brother Sam D'Amico and Patsy Marinetti from Rochester, New York. In addition to the saints from the various branches mentioned above, we were happy to fellowship with brothers and sisters from Aliquippa and Erie, Pennsylvania, and Detroit, Michigan.

Brother Biscotti, President of the Ohio District, opened the meeting, choosing his text from "St. John" 6:66-71. He warned us of the perilous times in which we are living and asked us where we shall stand when we are confronted with the question, "Whom do you say that I am?"

Brother Corrado followed on the same subject. He told of an experience in which he inquired of God how the people of God will meet the rising opposition. The words he heard in answer were, "My power will come down among the people of God."

Brother Gennero followed, testifying to the joy he experiences knowing he is still found in the service of the Lord.

Brother Marinetti then elaborated on the Scripture found in "St. John" 6:68, "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Brother Marinetti pointed out that Peter was an ordinary man who went through a process of change in which he discovered his source of strength to be in the Lord. He spoke of Peter as an ordinary man denying Christ and showing his fear upon the waters and then of the new man Peter after his conversion analyzing himself and his statements, feeling ashamed of his actions, and seeking a source of strength in Christ.

Brother Sam D'Amico spoke of an incident at his work for which he received a reward for loyalty to his company and likened such loyalty to our loyalty to God for which we will receive the gifts of God.

Brother Paul D'Amico summarized the meeting by once again pointing out that Peter had human frailties as a man, but he took up the challenge when he became a man of God. He exhorted us to remain on the rock in times of trouble and tribulations that in the end we may say like Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20 : 3

Dear girls and boys,

Since many of you could not attend the MBA Field Trip in Kansas recently, I want to tell you another story we used there. Our theme was "Heroes," and we enjoyed hearing about heroes in God's Word, the Bible and the **Book of Mormon**. This story is about three heroes, and it is found in the Bible in the book of "Daniel," chapter three.

Once there were three very brave young men who were determined to do what was right, regardless of what happened to them. When we put God first, everything will come out right, just as it did for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

The king at this time was Nebuchadnezzar. He made a great golden image over one hundred feet high and ten feet wide. This idol was in the plain of Dura. The king sent for all the princes, governors, captains, sheriffs, and rulers to come to the dedication of the image. A herald went through the regions crying aloud, "O people, nations, and languages, when you hear the sound of the cornet, flutes, harp, sackbut, psaltry, dulcimers, and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Those who do not fall down and worship it at that hour will be thrown into a burning, fiery furnace."

When the time came for the music to be sounded, the people fell to their knees and worshipped the idol. Do you think everyone did? No, there were three who remembered one of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Can you say their names? The king had given them work to do in his kingdom, and when he heard they had disobeyed his command, he was very angry. He ordered them brought to him. He asked, "Is it true you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image I have set up?" He continued, "When you hear the sound of music again and are ready to fall down and worship the image, all will be well, but if you do not, you will be thrown into a burning, fiery furnace. Then who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not afraid of the king. This was their answer, "Oh King Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer you. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us out of your hand. But we will not serve your gods nor worship this golden image you have set up." The king's face changed when he heard these words, and he was furious. He commanded his mighty men to bind Shad-

rach, Meshach, and Abednego in their coats, hats, and other garments. Then he told the men to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it had ever been heated. The three young men were thrown into this hot fire. It was so hot that the flames killed the king's men who threw our three friends in. The king watched them fall, bound, into the raging fire. He cried out in astonishment, "Did not we cast three, bound, into the fiery furnace?" His servants replied, "It is true, O King." "But I see four, loose, walking in the fire and they are not hurt. The fourth one is like the Son of God," said the King. He went closer to the furnace and called, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth." The three came out of the furnace. All the king's officers and people gathered there saw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The fire had not blamed their bodies! Not even a hair on their heads was singed, and the smell of fire was on them!

These are the words King Nebuchadnezzar spoke to all the people, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. He has changed the King's words and yielded their bodies that they would rather serve their own God; therefore, I make a decree that all the people, nations and languages which speak anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut to pieces

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Monongahela Choir Sings At Neighboring Church

By Joseph Griffith

The Monongahela Branch and Choir were invited to attend the homecoming held by the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Monongahela on Sunday afternoon, August 20, 1967.

The meeting consisted of introductions and short speeches by prominent men and women of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, the business world, and other churches of the Monongahela Valley. The sermon was presented by a bishop of the Bethel A. M. E. Church. Three choral groups, including our own choir, sang.

We who attended felt the sincerity of worship of the Negro people in the sermon presented, the selections of the two choral groups, and the spontaneous reactions of the congregation.

Those who represented The Church of Jesus Christ at this meeting are now much more aware of the difference between our Church and others.

The members of the Monongahela Choir openly desire to express their thankfulness to God for having the privilege of singing during this program. They feel that this is their way of doing missionary work at home.

We all pray that through this type of activity God's love and blessings may be manifested to others.

M.B.A. Highlights

SEMINARS AT MBA FIELD TRIP PROVE TO BE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

By Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

As reported in the last issue of *The Gospel News*, one of the most interesting, educational, and enjoyable features of the Missionary Benevolent Association week-long field trip to Arlington, Kansas, recently was the regularly scheduled program of daily seminars offered for people of all ages. These discussion groups, which were part of the successful and edifying event, were available for all parties to allow them the opportunity to analyze basic problems and living situations important to all segments of The Church.

The seminars were planned for various age levels, and the topics selected by the leaders of each group were carefully considered in order to obtain the maximum participation from everyone. The groupings ranged from little three year-old children to older adults over 45.

The first section was the 3-14 category, which was further subdivided into smaller age spans. The youngsters were taught songs, arts, and crafts; and the major theme was "Heroes of the Bible and the Book of Mormon." Teachers were Grace Brutz, Betty D'Orazio, Carol Pusateri, and Mabel Bickerton, group leader who was assisted by Virginia Carlini. The benefits of one continual week of scriptural learning cannot be overemphasized, as was displayed at the Friday evening service during which the children gave a program on what they had learned during the week.

The second unit consisted of persons from 15-20 and was under the tutelage of Joseph Milantoni, Chairman, and Richard Christman, Assistant Chairman. This group discussed such topics as spiritual delinquency, dating and marriage, social responsibility, the "Falling-Away and Restoration of The Gospel," and Indian missionary work. The latter subject was especially fitting since it represents a major portion of The Church's missionary endeavors and also because both of the group leaders, as well as their assistants, have been engaged in Indian mission work. The helpers were V. James Lovalvo, Isaac Smith, and Frank Morle.

Benjamin Ciccatti, the Chairman, and Samuel Ciccatti, his assistant, headed the age class of 21-30. Discussed by this group were marriage, parenthood, acceptable social activity, youth and the future of The Church, our financial responsibilities to The Church, and methods to present The Gospel to others. As can be assumed, this age bracket had some extremely beneficial discourses on each subject.

The fourth group, 31-45 years of age, was directed by Anthony Brutz. At the opening session, members of this class were asked to give a brief history of their lives in The Church, which served to let everyone become better ac-

quainted. Topics analyzed by the group were parent-child relations, "The Church Then and Now," and the effect of Christ on everyday living.

The final seminar classification consisted of persons over 45 and was led by Dominic Moraco. Different Brothers taught such subjects as the gift of the Holy Ghost, "How we can best serve The Church," and Indian missionary work. The final day was spent in a review of the week's activities.

The various classes were visited by Apostles Joseph Lovalvo, V. James Lovalvo, and Dominic Thomas, who was the director of the entire week's seminar program. Also present were evangelists and elders from the different parts of The Church. These Brothers were of invaluable aid to each chairman and added to the enlightenment of all present.

Typical of the many interesting discussions which took place was the one on the question asked by the oldest group, "How can we best serve The Church?" In synthesizing the answer, Brother Joseph Lovalvo told those assembled that their greatest contribution would be to live a Godly life on a consistent and daily basis. He stipulated that, by so doing, the older segment would not only be doing its duty but would be giving a good example to the young and thus help them to lay a solid Church foundation.

Success of the seminars was strongly indicated when it was suggested that areas could benefit by scheduling them at their level and therefore offer more frequent exchanges on important matters. These discussions could keep all participants more aware of significant problems and solutions and serve as forerunners for future general sessions as took place in Kansas. The California MBA Area has already embarked on this program and has reported that it has been well-received. If other areas follow, a pattern may have been developed for the future.

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Special mention for their efforts should also be made on behalf of Joseph Carlini and Harold Batalucco, recreational coordinators at the Kansas Field Trip. Their well-planned and efficiently handled program added immensely to the event. In addition, their cordiality was well-suited for the occasion and drew many warm compliments.

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Following are the names of the area officers who were elected at the recent MBA regional annual conferences.

Atlantic Coast: Joseph Perri, President; Dominic Rose, Vice-President; James Benyola, Chaplain; Anthony Vadasz, Corresponding Secretary; Michael Feher, Treasurer; Norbert Schmitt, Auditor; and Theresa Vadasz, Editor.

California: Benjamin Ciccatti, President; Anthony Piccuito, Vice-President; Thomas Liberto, Chaplain; Leana Liberto, Corresponding Secretary; Thomas Jones, Treasurer; Del Carnaval, Auditor; and Sharon Parravano, Editor.

Michigan-Ontario: Dominic Moraco, President; Silverio Coppa, Vice-President, Paul Vitto, Chaplain; Jane Elzby, Corresponding Secretary; Kath-

leen Scioraro, Assistant Corresponding Secretary; Peter Scioraro, Treasurer; David DiBattista and Roland Paleno, Auditors; and Paul Whitton, Editor.

Ohio: Fred Musolino, President; Sam Costarella, Vice-President; Raymond Cosetti, Chaplain; Cheryl Calabrese, Corresponding Secretary; Anthony Santilli, Treasurer; Thomas Giovannone, Auditor; and Mary Cosetti, Editor.

Pennsylvania: Paul Palmieri, President; Chester Nolfi, Vice-President; John Manes, Chaplain; Joseph Ross, Corresponding Secretary; Anthony Ross, Treasurer; John Rosemeier, Auditor; and James Gibson, Editor.

Other matters at the conferences included the review of past regional activities and plans for the coming year.

Student Shares Mexican Experience

By Samuel Ciccati

(This is the second of a two-part article in which Brother Samuel Ciccati from San Diego, California, tells of his visit to Mexico. Editor)

While in Saltillo I lived with the family of Senor Parales, the sub-director of the transit authority for the state of Coahuila. They were a middle class family. The home was modest but clean and comfortable, although it was not comparable to our homes here in the United States. The family was very friendly and treated me wonderfully. The food, surprisingly, was excellent. We had breakfast at 7:00 a.m., which consisted of carrot or mango juice or sliced cantalope, eggs and ham with "frijoles," or hot cakes or cereal, toast and coffee. Our main meal was at 1:30 or 2:00 in the afternoon. Generally it consisted of soup, a dish of rice or spaghetti, then the main course of meat and potatoes or another dish of meat and vegetables, and dessert. With this we would have tortillas with avocado or a hot sauce. Our evening meal was at 8:30 p.m. We would have refried beans with some type of tacos, or enchiladas. The Mexicans fix tacos as many different ways as Italians do spaghetti, and they are delicious! If one goes out to eat, he can get delicious filet mignon for 20 to 25 pesos (\$1.60 to \$2.00 U. S. currency). I did not get sick at all during my six-weeks stay except for one day when I ate some stuffed peppers which were too picante (hot). Other than that I felt fine the entire time.

The school which I attended (do not think in terms of an American university) was small, about 500 students. The classrooms were small, poorly lighted, and furnished with very old furniture. I even had one class out on the patio and one in the garden of the university! We had classes every day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and then again from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The later time was spent with our individual tutors. The time from noon to 4:00 p.m. was for eating and siesta. (Many businesses still close from 1:00

until 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., but this practice is fading out in all of the larger cities in Mexico.) All the instruction except in the beginning classes is carried on in Spanish which made it a little difficult at first, but one catches on rapidly especially when he has to. It takes about a week to find out what they are talking about.

The school is not run like American schools. There is a lot of confusion, and things generally are very poorly organized. But the Mexicans are unconcerned and take life as it comes and do not get too excited about anything. Classes are available in almost all areas: grammar, vocabulary, phonetics, composition, conversation, Mexican history, philosophy, arts and crafts, and guitar instruction. Living with a Mexican family helps tremendously because it forces one to use what he has learned, especially when they do not speak English as was true in my case. It also affords a wonderful opportunity to learn first hand about Mexican customs, attitudes, and daily life.

I spent five weeks in Saltillo going to school, and since I was already in Mexico, I decided to travel around for a week before returning home. After school was out, I took a bus south to San Luis Potosi, where I stayed one day, then on to Leon for a day, two days in Guanajuato, and three days in Mexico City. I saw many very interesting sights too numerous to mention here. Guanajuato was at one time the capital of Mexico and was the most typical Mexican town I saw. It is small and has many narrow streets, many too narrow for even one car to pass through. In Guanajuato I saw the place where the Mexican revolution began, statues of the leaders of the revolution, and the Alhondiga (the building from which the leaders of the revolution—Allende, Jimenez, Hildago, and Aldama—had their heads placed in cages after they were killed and displayed on the four corners of the building for eleven years). I also saw the statue of "Pipila," the man who burned the door of the Alhondiga, which started the revolution.

Mexico City and its surrounding area has so many interesting and historical sights that one could not do justice in seeing them all in three days. I saw the pyramids, the temple of Quetzalcoatl (the legendary white god), the private chapel and the home that Cortes used when he was conqueror of Mexico during the Spanish Inquisition, the home of Maximillian, and so many others. I saw a demonstration of how the Aztecs used the maguey plant (a type of cactus) to make paper and also to get needles already threaded for sewing. A most interesting sight! They also used the same plant for making a potent drink.

I also saw the University of Mexico City, which is the largest in the world in terms of the number of students on a single campus—87,000. On several buildings are mosaics which indicate the beliefs of the ancestors of the Mexican people. One mosaic depicted the end of the world, which they believed would be by fire, but the mosaic showed that Quetzalcoatl, or the white god, would save the people and bring them back

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STUDENT SHARES MEXICAN EXPERIENCE

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to a better life. Another was entitled "The Return of Quetzalcoatl." They believed that this white god came from Europe, but since they didn't know where, they showed him on a ship accompanied by men of various nations. Their belief was that he would one day return! What a blessing it was to listen to the guide tell us these things, knowing the **Book of Mormon** as we do! I prayed in my heart to God when I saw and heard him tell us of their beliefs. How grateful we should be for the knowledge that we have! The thought struck me as he spoke to us, "We know more about the history of these people than they know of themselves!"

We also saw another mosaic which depicted the three cultures that populated Mexico in the past. They know them as the Teotihuacans, the Toltecs, and the Aztecs, but through the **Book of Mormon** we believe them to be the people that God led to this Promised Land as therein described. There are so many things that coincide with our belief in the **Book of Mormon**. It was a thrill to see these sights with our knowledge of their real history! The pyramids were built, according to the guide, about the time the Jaredites and the Nephites were here (1,000 B.C. to 600 A.D. is the estimated time of construction). It was exciting to walk through the square at Teotihuacan, to see the temple of Quetzalcoatl, and to climb to the top of the Pyramid of the Sun (the third largest pyramid in the world). As you see these ancient things and touch them, so many thoughts race through your mind! Lord, whose hand fashioned these things? Did Nephi or Moroni or Alma once walk here? Was this once where your chosen people worshipped? Are these the remains of that once mighty nation? It was a blessing just to be there! Even the guide stated that their ancestors who lived here many years ago once had a highly cultured civilization. Archaeological findings are bearing this out also.

It was most interesting to note the response of the guide when I asked, "Do the people consider themselves Spanish or Indian?" Without a moment's hesitation he replied, "Indian." What a blessing it will be when these people will come to the knowledge of who they really are and the scales shall fall from their eyes! Now the scales are heavy because that great church has blinded them from the truth, but God has promised that one day He will remember His covenant with them, and they once again will be His people, and He will be their God.

Approximately ninety-seven per cent of the Mexicans belong to one faith, but only a small percentage of those I talked to attended regularly or took an active interest in the church. Many question why the church has so much money and yet the people are so very poor. I saw churches with several altars all overlaid with gold and with other very precious implements used in their religious services. All of them are very, very rich. I attended services at three different churches while in Saltillo. It was interesting to see how others worship, but I came away more convinced

that we do have the truth in The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Since returning home, I have tried to go to our mission in Tijuana as much as possible so that I might practice my Spanish and also assist Brother Edward Perdue in what little way I could, especially since Brother Toribio (our Mexican elder) is so critically ill. I cannot speak fluently by any means and cannot preach a sermon entirely in Spanish yet, but I can make myself understood. With God's help and your prayers I hope to continue studying until I am able to speak fluently.

I would encourage young people throughout the Church to take a language in school — Spanish, Italian, French, or any language. I think that one could use his knowledge of a foreign language to assist the Church. If you have the opportunity to go to Mexico to study, go by all means! I saw many young people, even of high school age, in Mexico studying Spanish. One of the questions all the students at the school asked each other was, "Why are you studying Spanish?" Several of the people I asked said they were doing it so they might help their churches translate literature into Spanish, or they were interested in missionary or other church work.

Brothers and sisters and young people, if we truly believe that this gospel is going to the seed of Joseph, then we must prepare ourselves so that when the times comes (I feel it has already come a long time ago), we will be able to do the work! If we are not able or willing, God will use others, but His work will be done. I saw so many young people who are endeavoring to learn, and the thought came to me that if we are not willing to take up the challenge of the Restored Gospel, and if we are not willing to prepare ourselves, all God has to do is pour out His spirit of repentance upon those in the world who have prepared and who do know the language, and quickly He will have His workmen. Then we will be left still unprepared. I sincerely hope that young people throughout the Church will be stirred up to equip themselves with the natural and spiritual tools necessary for present and future missionary work. The fields in Mexico and I am sure in all of South America are ripe, and workers are needed. How do you know that one day it might not be you who will be speaking to the Choice Seer about The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Readers Write

Dear Brother Curry,

I am enclosing \$2.00 for the renewal of my subscription to The Gospel News.

I am so amazed at such a small paper that carries so much — and does so much.

To me it's a "binding form" in print. It's letters from home. It's a form of encouragement. It's inspiring. It's a comfort (that we really aren't too far away). It's educational — most of all it's appreciated. We can appreciate the hard work there is behind it to make it so rewarding. God bless each of you.

Your Sister-in-Christ,
Violet Thomas



UR WOMEN TODAY

—She Hath Done What She Could.

Rose Corrado

At the recent GMBA sponsored field trip in Arlington, Kansas, the General Ladies' Circle desired to cast in their "two mites," and for the benefit of all readers who could not enjoy it in person, it will be presented exactly as given in Kansas in this and the next issue of *The Gospel News*. The program was written by Sister Ethel Crosier from Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

"GIVE" — A BIG LITTLE WORD divided into three parts: Give In — Give Out — and Give Up. Part I — "GIVE IN!"

Matthew 16: 24-26 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

God is pleading with us. We do not admire surrender on the battlefield, but there is nothing cowardly about surrendering one's self to Christ. "Not as I will, but as thou wilt," Jesus prayed. Can you pray this same prayer? Will you give in to God?

There was a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple and a native of the city of Thyatira, famous for the dyes used for the robes of kings and princes. Because Lydia was a seller of purple, we naturally conclude that she was a successful business woman possessed of considerable wealth, which would be necessary to carry on a business such as this.

This certain woman, being a Gentile, must have been a seeker for truth, in that she worshipped the one God of the Jews, while all about her the Gentiles were worshipping many gods.

It seems that there were not enough Jewish people in the city of Philippi to afford a synagogue, but the women who loved God had made a place by the river where they met to worship on the Sabbath Day. It was to this place that Paul came to speak of Jesus to these faithful women.

It must have taken several hours for Paul, in his matchless way, to tell the wonderful story of the Gospel. The Lord opened the heart of Lydia who had been seeking for that which would satisfy her longing, and she must have listened with the growing conviction that at last she was about to drink of the the water of life. Yes, Lydia heeded. May it be said of us who worship the true God that we too give heed.

This certain woman, trained as she was in her business to recognize value and truth, made her decision promptly. She did not say, "We shall talk it over and let you know in a few days

what we shall do." Immediately she knew that her search was ended. In all probability she was baptized that very hour, for, accustomed in her position as an executive to have obedience, she was ready to obey her Lord in baptism.

Under the influence of Lydia, her household was baptized when she was. What was back of this influence? Her household had long before this learned to depend upon Lydia's judgement; they knew that she could instantly discern the true from the false in any teaching. And when she accepted Jesus as the Christ, they immediately wanted to follow her example. Such is the reward of being dependable.

Truly there is no garment that becomes the Christian as the robes of humility. These robes Lydia wore with great honor. This is one of the traits which made her a woman of great influence. Christian women everywhere could be the recipients of that great promise, "God giveth grace to the humble," if they would but clothe themselves with humility.

There can be no doubt that Lydia was a woman of courage, for in the opening of her home to these strangers who were preaching an unpopular religion, she would not only be criticized and her business endangered, but her life might be taken. But none of these thoughts daunted Lydia as she made them her honored guests. And when Paul and Silas were taken from the prison, where they had been placed because of their teaching, the Scriptures tell us they went directly to the house of Lydia, where they were comforted. Lydia was indeed a courageous witness for the Gospel.

The Detroit, Michigan, Sisters sang "Why Not Accept Him Now?"

PART II

Part II — "GIVE OUT!"

Matthew 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

A candle is useless until a match touches it. Electric bulbs are worthless until current passes through them. A Christian doesn't "light up" for Christ until the current of the Holy Spirit passes through him. You can become the light of the world.

In the city of Joppa lived Dorcas, a disciple, a believer, a follower, a learner. She believed that Jesus was the Christ and, believing, she must have said with that other disciple, "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." A disciple is a learner. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Matthew 11:29 The works of this disciple testify that she had learned of Him; She had "maintained good works" and had learned the real meaning of "Love one another as I have loved you." She learned that her Master came to minister to the needy. That was enough for Dorcas. She was a follower in deed and in truth.

MBA PRESIDENT VISITS KANSAS

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Mission in your prayers that they may continue in their enthusiasm and eagerness to serve a living God.

We left St. John on Sunday evening for home. We thank God for his watchful care over us and our safe return.

ANAHEIM SAINTS BLESSED

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clothing, and other material needs for our needy Indian people has created a closer tie to one another and a greater love. Whatever is done, we do both willingly and cheerfully. This, too, brings greater blessings. Also, when we meet in fasting and praying, we seek to analyze our personal situations before God and often discuss our spiritual needs and ways to become more righteous in God's sight. We are continually being encouraged by our ministry to "strive" for righteousness and to keep busy in different ways to help others. We are told that only in giving can we hope to receive, whether our giving be of ourselves or our substance.

We are presently constructing a new kitchen and hope to have it completed in the next couple of months or so. We hope to make good use of it in the future for our many missionary projects.

Brother James and Sister Mary Lovalvo visited us this past Sunday, and Brother Jim delivered a most uplifting sermon on the position of our Church in these latter times and how we shall lead the world to God. What a blessing it is to be members of this great and wonderful Church — the family of God!

Also in the way of news, a baby girl was born to Brother Frank and Sister Sharon Ciotti the latter part of July. The baby was blessed last Sunday by her grandfather, Brother George Heaps.

(Good reporting, Sister Mercuri! We like to hear what is happening in our missions throughout the Church. Editor)

CHRIST FORESHADOWED

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eyes had been blind, but Jesus said, "Blessed are your ears and your eyes, for the vail is taken away through the spirit of Christ."

Man is as superficial today as he was in the days of Christ. He sees only surface truth or none at all. The natural eye cannot discern spiritual truth. It is even as Jesus said: "Unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God." Paul said in I Corinthians 2: 14, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him. Neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned and are hidden from the world. But God has revealed them unto us by His spirit, for the spirit searcheth all things — the deep things of God that are under the cover of the letter."

When Jesus walked with the two men on the way to Emmaus, He said to them, "Oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and have entered into His glory." Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets he expounded to them the scriptures and things concerning Himself. Their spiritual eyes were opened. They saw the kingdom of God.

When a child is born into the natural world it has eyes with which to see the things of the natural world. When we are born again of the water and the spirit, we have eyes which see the things of the spiritual world. The physical eye cannot see the things of God; nor can the physical ear hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear." Dead things do not correspond with an environment which nourishes and sustains life; and living things which fail to correspond with their environment soon wither and die.

The first man Adam gave natural life to all men. Christ, the second man Adam, gives the gift of eternal life to men. It is written, "The first Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."

"As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." I Corinthians 15: 45, 47, 48

Paul intimates that all that happened to Israel was an example for us and was written for our instruction. He said, furthermore, that "Israel was a type foreshadowing the future."

Adam sinned, and his sin made all men sinners. Christ obeyed, and His obedience and righteousness will make all righteous if they will obey Him.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5: 17

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:19

The second death has no power whatever over those who have been redeemed. God through Christ reconciled the world to Himself. Adam's sin was imputed to all and imparted to all generations. Our Lord's righteousness is imputed to all through the atonement which delivers us from the bondage of corruption.

OUR WOMEN TODAY

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This disciple believed in the teaching of the Master so much that she was not content to be a passive follower, but she felt she must put His teachings into action. She desired to show her love in a practical way and found a great joy and peace in obeying the Master's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40 She consecrated herself and her

talents to the Lord. Her work was not done in a half-hearted grumbling way, but cheerfully and sincerely as unto the Lord. She had "arrayed herself with good works." There were not a few things to her credit, but so many that the Scripture account says she was "full of good works."

Evidently Dorcas did not aspire to be a social climber — to give to those who could return the favor. She was full of almsdeeds — literally meaning giving and working for the poor. The psalmist was thinking of just such persons when he wrote, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Psalms 41:1

The disciples of Joppa were grief-stricken and bewildered when Dorcas, a pillar of the Church, died. She was so important they felt they could not do without her. They sent two men to Peter (who was at Lydda) and urged him to come to them immediately. Doubtless, they wondered "if Peter could not restore her, who among them would visit the sick, poor, hungry, and discouraged; and who would sew and cook and do all the other things that Dorcas counted a privilege?"

Peter realized the perplexity and the grief of the disciples at Joppa, for he immediately returned with the two men. What joy must have reigned in the Church at Joppa when Peter called the saints and the widows and presented Dorcas alive! They must have felt that God recognized her great value to them and their great need for her in giving her back to them. Once more her nimble fingers would fashion the needed garments, once more her loving Christian care would cheer them. And now they would resolve to be more thoughtful of her. Yes, it was a day of great rejoicing.

This miracle performed by Peter must have been the chief topic of conversation in Joppa for many days, since it involved Dorcas, known and loved by so many. Once again the attention of those who had not believed was arrested that they might consider Him who has the power to give life. Dorcas' life had preached a powerful sermon, for many believed. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 Many saw the light that Dorcas held up before them.

And two thousand years after, the influence of Dorcas is still felt, for Christ-loving women all over the world have "taken up the needle that fell from the hand of Dorcas," and it has proved to be a mighty instrument for the Church.

The General Circle Sextet sang "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

CHILDREN'S CORNER (Cont. from Page 5)
because there is no other God that can deliver such as this." The King gave the three Hebrew children higher positions in his kingdom. How happy they were that they had obeyed God. They were willing to suffer death if necessary, rather than deny their God.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Do you know these heroes?

1. This hero played a harp. As a boy he was anointed to be king. He cared for his father's sheep. Once he killed a bear and a lion. Later he fought a big giant. His name begins with D
2. This hero prayed to God morning, noon, and night. He would not deny Israel's God. He was thrown in a den with lions. Get sent an angel and closed their mouths. Because of this man's faith and this great miracle, the king told his people to serve the living God. This hero was D

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Living History

Alma B. Cadman Reflects on Trip West and Meeting Wm. Bickerton

(This is the second of a series of taped recordings in which Brother Alma Cadman recalls events of his early days in the Church. The listening time is nine minutes at 1 7/8 speed. Editor)

Brother Curry: Brother Al, would you tell us something about Brother William Bickerton. You remember him, don't you?

Brother Cadman: Yes, I knew William Bickerton, and I'm going to give you a little outline of how I first met him. In 1902, the early part of 1902, about the month of May, two other young men and I started out West on bicycles. The other two young men were from Greensburg. One was Harry Wright — his father and mother belonged to Church — the other man did not belong. I met them at the Union Depot, and we rode down Smithfield down to the river to see a boat that was going to leave.

We found out when the boat was going to leave, and we started out about 8:00 o'clock that night on the boat. The fare was \$7.00. That included meals and bedding and everything.

We were all dressed in our bicycle clothes, and everytime the boat stopped to leave off freight for two or three hours, we would get off with our bicycles and ride all over that city and see it. All day long we spent looking over the sights; it was all new to us. I mind particularly when we came to Wheeling, we even rode over on Wheeling Island. Finally we landed in Cincinnati. We got off there and rode all over the town and crossed the river into Kentucky. Then we started down through Kentucky for miles and miles and miles. We stopped at different places to put up for the night.

We were in Louisville, Kentucky, one time on that trip, and we went to a restaurant to get a meal. In those days they didn't have menus like we have today, but they had big, long tables filled with food. I often said that was the greatest meal I ever got in my life. We were riding bicycles and we could eat. When we were through,

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND GIOVANNONE

Raymond Giovannone, son of Sister Marietta and Brother Dominic Giovannone, met with an accident which took his life on August 9, 1967. He was 26 years of age.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Barbara, and two daughters, Marcia and Beth Ann, his parents, and five brothers and one sister.

Brother Ralph Berardino of Youngstown, Ohio, officiated, assisted by Brother William Gennaro. May the Lord comfort the hearts of the bereaved family and friends.

ANNA NOLFI

Sister Anna Nolfi of the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, Branch died on August 28. She was born December 9, 1885, in Italy and was baptized into the Church on June 3, 1934.

Services were held at the McKees Rocks Church on Friday, September 1, with Brother John Manes officiating.

LIVING HISTORY

LIVING HISTORY (Cont. from Page 11)

one of the ladies came out and wanted to know if we wanted some ice cream. Well, two of us said, no, we had had enough. The other one said he'd take some ice cream. Then he had a big laugh on us because what do you think that meal cost us? 15 cents apiece. He had a big laugh on us because he got the ice cream in with it.

We finally landed in St. Louis — also Kansas City. Finally we reached Kansas, and we rode down to St. John thirty miles south. I had an uncle living down there, and he took us in a horse and buggy down to see a couple of his sons living in Oklahoma.

I visited William Bickerton. He was then living in St. John and had been there for many, many years. I talked to him. The reason I went to see him was because his wife took care of my mother when I was born, and I got the name of Alma Bickerton Cadman. He wasn't connected with the Church at that time, but Brother Alexander Cherry went out in the fall of that same year and got William Bickerton and his people reconciled with the Church again.

So many great changes have taken place. I met George Barnes, one of the counselors to William Bickerton, up in Roscoe at a Church conference in 1905 after my father had died. I had never seen him before. He left our people and joined the Utah people many, many years before. All of the Apostles died but my father (except some who had left the Church), and they (other Apostles) were re-ordained in 1904. So the Church today has its Quorum of Three, the Quorum of Twelve, and the quorums of evangelists and elders. And we're established in various places.

I went out to California in 1948 — my first

trip out there — and I was wonderfully taken. We had a Church newspaper at that time called *The Gospel Reflector*. I wrote a letter to it from out there and likened it to the Land Bountiful. There were orchards everywhere. All that was there was wonderful for me to behold. Why, I didn't know how I was going to get out of there because I couldn't make any time on the highways.

We finally got off the highway, Brother Heaps and I, and we went to the airport to get a ticket to Pittsburgh. I only made one stop on the way back in a jet, and that was in Chicago. What a wonderful trip it was way up above the clouds! I looked down and saw a blue spot showing right down to the earth. I marveled at it. When I made my trip out to Kansas in 1902, there was not an automobile on the road, and I was told that the first automobile on the road was in 1903. Today I wouldn't want to take another trip like that on a bicycle.

NUPTIAL

MAZZEO-CIOTTI

On August 19 Sister Nancy Ciotti, daughter of Sister Nancy and Brother Joseph Ciotti, and Brother Barry Mazzeo, son of Brother and Sister Anthony Mazzeo, were united in marriage at the Church of Jesus Christ, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Brother Rocco Tassone officiated at the ceremony.

The couple are now residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

May God bless them in their life together.

Appreciation Extended

Dear brothers and sisters,

I was so sorry to miss meeting and visiting with you who attended the GMBA Field Trip at Y Ranch, Arlington, Kansas.

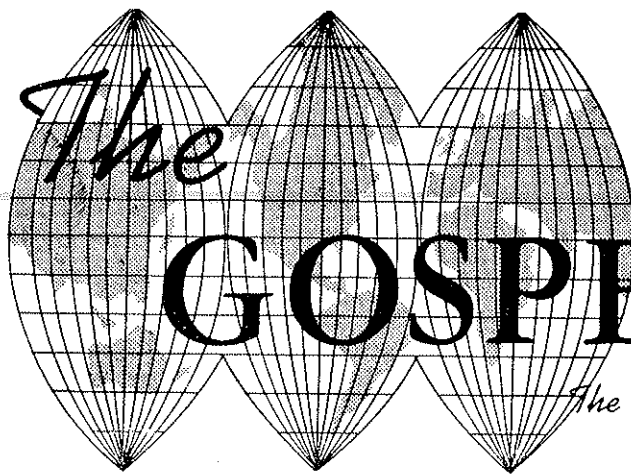
I do appreciate the card sent from the camp and also the cards sent from the General Ladies' Uplift Circle, the Monongahela Circles, and the Class of Ruth of the Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

I'm home from the hospital and feeling much better, but I'm still quite weak. The prayers of the saints offered in my behalf were truly answered. I would be so happy to write each one of you. However, through *The Gospel News*, I thank you, and may God bless each one of you.

Sister Maude Budge
St. John, Kansas

Our own method of worship, or habit of life, may be to us as a cherished staff on which we have long leaned, and which we have learned to love; let us not use it as a sword with which to vex and slay.

Thomas Lynch



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Conference Meets In Youngstown, Ohio

By Dominic Moraco

A good representation of the priesthood from the various districts of The Church of Jesus Christ met in Youngstown, Ohio, for the semi-annual October conference. The members of the Youngstown Branch and surrounding locals welcomed the brothers into their homes during the four-day event. Their hospitality during the conference was appreciated, and before adjourning, the conference entertained a motion thanking the saints for their kindness.

Minister's Manual Approved

On Thursday the Quorum of Twelve, the Quorum of Three, and the secretaries met to review suggested changes to the **Minister's Manual**. The completed handbook was later submitted to the priesthood, who sanctioned its printing and distribution to the members of the priesthood. It is hoped that this manual will aid especially the newly ordained elders in discharging their duties. The priesthood also passed a motion thanking the committee responsible for compiling the manual.

Friday Sessions

On Friday the conference began by reviewing various unfinished business reports pending from the last conference and also heard the usual financial, membership, and committee reports.

Auditorium Committee

The Auditorium Committee had arranged to have the architects present at the Friday evening session for a progress report. They presented sketches to show that the erection could be accomplished in three phases. The first phase will include the sewage disposal unit, the chapel for the Imperial Branch, and other spaces needed for the eventual auditorium. The second phase will cover the erection of the actual auditorium and eating area. The third and final phase will cover an expansion section as an enlargement to the

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Editors Hold Meeting

The Gospel News editors held a meeting on Saturday, October 7, at the Youngstown conference. The meeting was held in the Youngstown Church basement between the morning and afternoon conference sessions.

Present were Brother Donald Curry, editor, Brother James Grazan, assistant editor, Brother George Neill, retired editor, Brother Spencer Everett, Michigan-Canadian District editor, Brother Timothy D. Bucci, Ohio District editor, Brother Paul Benyola, representing the Atlantic Coast District editor, and Brother Samuel Sierrochi, representing the California District editor. Brother Eugene Perri, Jr., Atlantic Coast editor, Brother Otto Henderson, California District editor, and Brother C. W. Holmes, Pennsylvania District editor, were unable to attend.

The topics discussed dealt mostly with the subjects of editing on the district and Gospel News office levels and reporting news on the branch level.

There was a valuable exchange of ideas between Brother Curry and the district editors which should help the editorial staff to improve **The Gospel News**.

As a result of this meeting all district and branch editors will receive a guide sheet which should assist them in better understanding and discharging their duties. An expression of thanks goes to Brother Spencer Everette for his work in preparing most of this guide sheet.

GMBA Conference Scheduled For Clairton, Pennsylvania

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference is scheduled to be held in the Clairton, Pennsylvania, High School on Saturday, November 11, starting at 10 a.m. There will be three meetings during the one-day gathering, which is being hosted by the Pennsylvania MBA Area.

The following morning's regular service will also be conducted at the same location at 10 a.m.

Our Mission Today

By Dominic Moraco

The covenant which God made with Abraham, "Through thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," remains, to a large extent, unfulfilled, even though Christ, the promised "seed," came to earth. This unfulfilled covenant provides us with a measure of comfort as we face the threat of man's total destruction by atomic warfare.

Although such a war would bring terrible death to millions and complete devastation to major cities around the globe, it cannot mean the total destruction of man because God's promises must come to pass before the end of the world.

The House of Israel, beginning with the Seed of Joseph, must be brought to the knowledge of the truth so that God's promise may meet with complete fulfillment.

Speaking of Israel, the Apostle Paul said, "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?"

When we consider the present plight of the Seed of Joseph, we can realize that their return will indeed be as one returning from the dead. Deprived of their lands, their possessions taken by force and relegated to unfertile reservations, they have been dismissed as dead by the Gentiles. Yet God's promise is that they shall rise again! When shall this rising-up take place? The answer to this question is dependent upon the willingness of the Gentile Church to become their nursing mothers and fathers.

With the Restoration of the Gospel and the re-establishment of the Church of Christ in 1829-30 came the **Book of Mormon** to tell us that here on the land of America was indeed a lost tribe of the House of Israel. The commission to the Church in that day was to bring this record to them so that they might know their true identity and obey the Gospel of Christ.

Based on the present status of the Seed of Joseph, it must be concluded that this mission was not fulfilled by the Church of that era. Consequently, this same mission looms before us today. Shall we try to fulfill this great mission, or shall we leave it for our children or for another people to fulfill? To do the latter would be shirking our responsibility before God. Since this is a dangerous path to pursue, there remains only one path open to us—accept the commission! In accepting it we must dismiss all notions that in due time the job will accomplish itself. This will never happen. The task will only be accomplished by the labor, sweat, and prayerful tears of everyone in the Church.

The Board of Missions is greatly concerned with the preaching of the Gospel to Israel. It calls upon everyone to assist in this effort by generous donations, prayers, fastings, and volunteering their time to serve whenever and wherever possible.

Currently the Board operates Indian missions in Tijuana, Mexico, San Carlos, Arizona, Wak-

pala, South Dakota, and two missions in Ontario, Canada. Thousands of the seed of Joseph await the Gospel message in reservations across the land.

Seeing then this great unfinished work before us, let us appeal unto God for assistance and wisdom required to finish this task. Let us learn from history that idleness is Satan's tool to frustrate the work of God.

Again, everyone is urged to give, to pray, to fast, and to labor with patience until we see "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven."

Gospel News Reader Shares Experience

By Fannie Prudenti

Upon returning home from work one day, I looked in my mail box and found what I had been waiting for, **The Gospel News**. I went upstairs and placed it on the table, but being too exhausted from working to start reading it, I prepared myself for bed.

When I lay down, my head began to ache so that I could not go to sleep. Suddenly the room lighted up as if it were morning, but even brighter. My heart began to pound, and my headache left me. I had a desire to go into the living room because I felt there was something I had forgotten to do. It was dark again, but as I walked past the table, the light I saw in the bedroom rushed up to me, halting my progress. I stood staring, and when it reached my face, my attention was drawn to something that was on the table. I knew then what I had forgotten to do. I picked up **The Gospel News**, and my tiredness was forgotten. Without realizing it I was able to read without turning the lights on because the light that had appeared was enough to read by. There I was, reading and crying with joy as I read of the eleven baptisms in Kansas. I was so happy to share in that spiritual feast! Before I knew it, I had finished reading every page of **The Gospel News**.

Niles Branch Has Baptism

By Lou Pandone

On Sunday, September 11, Sister Alma Molinato, Brother Pete Molinato's wife, was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ at Niles, Ohio.

The spirit of God was with us throughout the day, beginning with our Sunday school lesson. Brother Russell Martorana read from Psalms 145 and 148 in the morning service, using as his theme the necessity of praising God.

In the afternoon service the spirit of God was so great that none could refrain from testifying to His Glory. This is when Sister Alma rose and requested her baptism.

She was confirmed in an evening meeting, in which were present visitors from Youngstown and Warren.

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Editorial Viewpoint

It is coming; we shall see

A great battle between the East and Christianity.

War clouds are already black,
Even as Washington saw in his dream,
Hordes from across the sea,

Advancing like a never-ending stream.

It is coming; we shall see

A great battle between the East and Christianity.

The enemy camp has gathered for years,
Even before it aroused our fears.

Now it is plain to be seen,

We're already at war,

And nothing can help us,

Save we prepare more.

The enemy camp has gathered for years,

Even before it aroused our fears.

Now the challenge is recklessly hurled,
Free nations, rise, your standards unfurled!

Rise to meet the threat of great power,

Rise to answer might with might,

Rise to save the world from slavery,

Rise to arms, rise to fight.

Now the challenge is recklessly hurled,

Free nations, rise, your standards unfurled!

Never has the machinery of war

Held such destructive power before.

The atom, its fury and power unleashed,

Germs can millions destroy in a moment,

Missiles fly faster than sound round the globe,

And space paves the way for each warring proponent.

Never has the machinery of war

Held such destructive power before.

This is a struggle of ideal and mind;

Shall our principles wane or new proselytes find?

The dignity of the individual against

The right of the state to use one as a tool.

Can honor and justice and truth withstand

The code of the Godless who know no rule?

This is a struggle of ideal and mind;

Shall our principles wane or new proselytes find?

What holocaust shall o'er shadow the earth?

Shall we afterward find a chance for rebirth?

The cities shall level, the world shall be drenched,

With a stream of fire and death like a flood,

The cries of the people will rise from the smoke,

And millions of victims shall bathe in their blood.

What holocaust shall o'er shadow the earth?

Shall we afterward find a chance for rebirth?

Hear now the voice that will stand for a light,

In the name of religion we'll rise to unite.

We'll realize our one last hope,

And join all our forces—a mighty crusade,

The power of which has ne'er been seen,

To make our last stand for our mutual aid.

Hear now the voice that will stand as a light,

In the name of religion we'll rise to unite.

And shall our foes o'er us prevail?

Nay, the power of Christ shall never fail.

Though we give our lives down to the last,

The truth of Christ shall stand forever,

To be taken by our sons and theirs,

To yield the victory never.

And shall our foes o'er us prevail?

Nay, the power of Christ shall never fail.

And when this terrible time is past,

The world will find its peace at last.

And vow no more to raise the sword,

Lest all of life should disappear,

The flag of peace will here be raised,

And hope shall vanquish every fear.

And when this terrible time is past,

The world will find its peace at last.

Written April 18, 1961

Monongahela Has Seven Ordinations

By Joseph Griffith

Through the inspiration and direction of God, the Monongahela elders chose seven to serve in the offices of teacher, deacon, and deaconess. James Crosier, John Bickerton, Jr., and Joseph Griffith were ordained as teachers. The office of deacon was confirmed upon Arthur C. Landrey and George Seighman. The deaconesses ordained were Diana Seighman and Charlotte Olexa.

The ordinations took place after the feet washing service on September 10, 1967.

All felt the spirit of God that confirmed the ordinations.

After the ordinations each of the seven ordained testified to the goodness and mercies of God. Most prominent in every testimony was the desire expressed to serve God and the thought that it was a privilege to do so. They also asked for the prayers of the congregation that God may be their constant guide.

Let us all pray that God may fill those ordained with His love and wisdom.

Glassport Ordains Three Deaconesses

By Ishmael Humphrey

On September 25 the following sisters were ordained as deaconesses in the Glassport Branch: Geraldine E. Lenhart, Norma Wirbicki, and Charlene L. Metzler.

We were pleased to have visiting that morning Brothers Peter Molinatto from Warren, Ohio, Ralph Berardino from Youngstown, Ohio, and George Ondrasik from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

On October 1 we were pleasantly surprised when the saints from Erie paid us a visit and spent the day in fellowship with us.

Warren Has Ordinations

The Warren Branch has recently ordained a teacher, a deacon, and two deaconess. Those ordained were Brother Jerry Giovannone, teacher; Brother Thomas Giovannone, deacon; and Sisters Ina Miller and Vera Edwards, deaconesses.

There were visitors present from the Youngstown Branch, and Brother Dominic Giovannone and his wife from Florida were still with us. Brother Timothy D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio, was our first speaker, using as his theme "The Church is set up today as it was in the primitive Church." Brother Giovannone followed with a few comments, urging us to be prisoners of Christ. Others spoke briefly, and some testified of the goodness of God.

Detroit Sisters Host Ladies' Uplift Circle

By Mary Tamburrino

The general meeting of the Ladies' Uplift Circle was held in Detroit, Michigan, Branch #1, on Saturday, September 16, 1967. There were sisters present from Canada, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

The sisters of the Detroit area sang a few hymns and read Scripture from III Nephi, chapter 16, and I Corinthians, chapter 13. In her opening remarks, Sister Mabel Bickerton stated: "We should make our circles a blessing to us. We get our blessing by the work we do for the Lord. Many do good works, but it can not be as rewarding as when we do the Lord's work." She related a verse she found among her mother's things that comes to her many times as she does her housework:

Away with work that hinders prayer,
Twere best to lay it down
For prayerless work, however good,
Will fail to win the crown.

Sister Josephine D'Amico led us in a special prayer for the sick.

Most of the officers were present, and the reports were read. Sister Ethel Crosier, who was in charge of the circle program at the GMBA Field Trip in Arlington, Kansas, told us how everyone enjoyed the gathering. She said they especially enjoyed the fellowship of meeting with brothers and sisters whom they had never met before.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in testimony and singing. We especially enjoyed the singing and testimony of Sister Alice Garcia, our Spanish sister of Lorain, Ohio.

The next meeting will be held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, on December 9, 1967.

A vote of thanks was given to the sisters of the Detroit area for their hospitality.

It was truly a blessing to be in the General Circle meeting.

Aliquippa, McKees Rocks Fellowship Together

By James Gibson

On Sunday, September 24, 1967, the Aliquippa and McKees Rocks Branches met together in Aliquippa.

Brother Dick Lawson from New York opened our morning meeting, and the theme of the day was "The Rock of Christ's Church." Our brothers told how this Rock is the foundation, strength, and power of our people and the faith we should exercise day by day.

We spent the afternoon in a feet-washing service. It was a good day as are all days which we spend in service to God.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"Hear me when I call, O God; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer." Psalms 4:1

Dear girls and boys,

Another hero story we used at camp was about Abinadi, a brave prophet. He was a Book of Mormon hero, who lived here in America many years ago.

Prophets are sent to save the righteous and to warn the people before the Lord sends destruction upon the wicked. This was true during the reign of King Noah, a wicked man. The Lord saw the wickedness of the people and sent Abinadi to them with this message, "Unless this people repent and turn unto the Lord, they shall be brought into bondage." The people became angry with Abinadi and tried to kill him, but the Lord protected him. When king Noah heard what Abinadi was preaching, he ordered the guards to bring him to him. He wanted to take his life. Abinadi knew the king's plan and hid.

Abinadi did not return to King Noah's kingdom for two years. This time he disguised himself and came among the people again with the same message. He also told them if they did not repent, their enemies would come upon them, kill many of them, and make slaves of the rest. He said hailstorms and insects would destroy their crops. This made the people very angry. They caught Abinadi, bound him, and took him to the king. Noah put him in prison and then called his priests together to decide what should be done with Abinadi.

Abinadi was brought before the king and the priests to be questioned. They thought they could trick him into answering their questions and he would say something against their law. But when they questioned the Lord's prophet, he spoke with wisdom, confounding the priests. Abinadi rebuked them and preached to them. The king said, "Away with this fellow and slay him." The priests tried to take hold of Abinadi, but he cried out, "Touch me not, for God shall smite you if you lay hands upon me, for I have not delivered the Lord's message yet." This frightened the priests, and they did not touch him.

The spirit of the Lord came upon Abinadi, and his face shone with a great light. Again he spoke; this time the king and the people listened. They were afraid! Abinadi knew they worshipped idols. He repeated the teachings of Moses about worshipping idols, honoring their fathers and mothers, stealing, killing, keeping the Sabbath Day holy and taking the name of the Lord in vain. He turned to the king and the priests and asked if they had taught all these commandments to the people. If they had, the Lord wouldn't have sent Abinadi to warn them.

Abinadi told the people about the coming of Jesus Christ, of His miracles, His death and resurrection. As Abinadi finished speaking, King Noah commanded his priests to kill him. He was put in prison for three days while they decided what to do with him. Abinadi was not afraid to die, for what he had said was true, and he knew the Lord had sent him. King Noah was very frightened! He was a coward! Now he wanted Abinadi released, for Abinadi had told him he would die for his sins. But the priests said, "No, he has reviled the King." King Noah then ordered Abinadi put to death.

Abinadi was bound and whipped. A fire was made around him. As the flames began to scorch him, he cried, "As you have done to me, so shall you be taken by your enemies and then suffer as I suffer the pains of death by fire." As he fell into the fire, he prayed, "Receive my soul." Like many other brave prophets, he was loyal to the Lord to the last. He died this awful death rather than deny the commandments the Lord had given. Abinadi was a wonderful man of God, a true hero.

Here is a little poem about Abinadi. Can you write one about him or another hero? Send it to me.

ABINADI

Abinadi, a prophet brave
Sent forth the Gospel call;
Many souls he wanted to save,
But they did not heed at all.
"Repent now," cried Abinadi,
"Come, come unto the Lord."
Soon in the fire, he did die,
For preaching the good Lord's word.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Hopelawn Has Baptism

On Sunday, September 3, Sister Ethel Nagy, daughter of Brother and Sister Steve Nagy, was baptized. She has been attending our branch regularly and had an inspiring dream in relation to her getting baptized. The dream in part was, "Don't wait until the troubles of this world enter into your life before you make your covenant with God." Our young sister felt that she should be baptized and let Jesus guide her life.

Appreciation Extended

We wish to thank all of you who by various ways expressed sympathy during our time of sorrow. Your prayers have helped us immensely, and your visitations and cards have given us great comfort. Thank you once again from the bottom of our hearts, and may God bless each of you.

Brother Dominic and Sister
Giovannone and family

M.B.A. Highlights

NOVEMBER 11 GMBA CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER MAJOR MATTERS

By Carl J. Frammolin, GMBA Editor

The General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Clairton, Pennsylvania, on November 11 will be asked to consider important MBA matters.

Among these will be the selection of the sites for the next two annual field trips, plans for raising funds, and future projections for Association lesson plans. Election of officers for the coming year will also occupy a significant segment of the agenda.

As has been reported previously, tentative choices for the next two field trips were made at the May Conference; however, final action was deferred until this gathering. The suggested plans included visits to the future General Church Auditorium near Imperial, Pennsylvania, in 1968 and to California in 1969. The latter event was proposed as an added feature to a contemplated General Church gathering in California during that summer.

The recent success of the 1967 field trip to Arlington, Kansas, may have a bearing on perhaps modifying the suggested plans. It is possible that an event patterned after this year's weeklong endeavor may be once again designated to fill the needs of the Association. In any case, this experience will undoubtedly have an overall effect on the course to be pursued.

For Auditorium

Fund-raising has been a concern of the Association for the past year-and-a-half, as efforts have been directed toward obtaining finances for the future General Church Auditorium. The first two six-month drives proved to be successful, as the goal which was set at \$3,000 each time was easily surpassed. The current figure, however, was set for \$4,000, and this has offered a greater challenge to all MBA units. The result of the present drive will not be known until the Conference, but indications are that many groups are involved in last minute endeavors to help raise the total desired amount. Whether the goal is achieved or not, it is certain the Association will want to continue to help in this worthy project for the new structure.

Lesson-Plans

Lesson-plans have been in the process of preparation for a period of time, but no distribution of the materials to local groups has been made to date. Because no circulation of the class presentations has been started as yet, the project is in arrears. Lack of staff and time have been the main obstacles to this segment, so a reappraisal of the progress must be made so that necessary adjustments may be incorporated. The lessons are for pre-school, early school, and adult classes, and they are intended to offer knowledge of the Scriptures and the Church.

Area Projects

Another interesting feature at the Conference will be the reports of the MBA Areas, which have been taking on increasing importance in the activities of the Association. Efforts to supply the various regions with appropriate projects have been undertaken in all five areas, and the significance of these offerings will be realized more fully when the programs become more permanently affixed.

The activities have been adapted to the needs of the regional locations involved. These have included such diverse undertakings as additional worship services, outings, study classes, and work projects. For example, last year the California MBA Area had an outing in the Yucaipa Mountains over a weekend. At this event, young people of the region had an opportunity to discuss problems and life situations about which they needed guidance. The discussions were highly beneficial to the participants, and another similar event is being considered for 1968. Worship services were also presented during the two days, and they were in great measure responsible for the edifying time had by those who attended.

Daylong outings have also been held in the Ohio and Pennsylvania Areas; and, because they were scheduled for Saturdays, the parties from different locations who could stay over on Sunday were in a position to be with the hosts for the Sabbath day services. By so doing, the entire weekends proved to be completely satisfying.

Election of officers will also be of great Conference concern, as the direction for the overall Association rests with these officials. Besides functioning in their various capacities, most of these leaders must work as a group on the General MBA Activities Committee. It is this unit which plans, coordinates, and directs the larger undertakings, such as field trips, fund-raising, and lesson-plans.

Periodic meetings of the GMBA Activities Committee are held to reappraise the activities being pursued and the resultant adjustments which must be made on these projects. The most recent such meeting, on October 28 in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, undoubtedly was responsible for many recommendations on Association-wide projects which will be made at the Conference. The people at the gathering can either accept or reject any suggestions which may be offered, but they will have the satisfaction of knowing that careful study has been made of the situations and that possible solutions have been presented for evaluation. Regardless of the decisions, the magnitude of the matters which must be considered at this Conference cannot be minimized, as the far-reaching effects of the Association's actions become more increasingly important to all MBA members.

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UR WOMEN TODAY

(This is the second and final part of the Ladies' Circle program that was presented at the Kansas Field Trip in August. It was written by Ethel Crosier of Monongahela, Pennsylvania. Editor)

Part III

GIVE UP! I Timothy 6: 17-19

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

Paul charges the Christians. For every good thing in life, you have to give up something. You give up a certain amount of freedom and leisure to make the team. You give up years of your life to learn a profession. You give up sin to enjoy salvation. Aim high when you give up. Make your sacrifices count for good!

Mary Magdalene was one of the devoted women who followed Jesus and ministered to Him. Scripture identifies her as one of various women who had been cleansed of evil spirits—"Mary, called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils." Though there is nothing in the Scriptures to warrant it, she is often also identified with the sinful woman who anointed Jesus, washed His feet with her tears, and dried them with her hair at the home of the Pharisee. Others think that the woman in question was Mary of Bethany.

The incident provided Jesus with an opportunity to teach an important lesson. Simon the Pharisee objected to Jesus' attitude toward this woman, a public sinner. In Simon's view He should have had nothing to do with her; the whole thing was scandalous! In reply Jesus contrasted the sinful woman's deep affection with Simon's frigid hospitality. "Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much—but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little."

Whether or not Mary Magdalene is the sinful woman mentioned in this incident is not important. What is important is that Mary had been a sinner, turned from her sin to Jesus, and loved Him deeply thereafter.

Mary Magdalene becomes eventually a prominent figure in the legends of medieval mythology. A long history of missionary labors and enthusiastic preaching of the Gospel in distant regions of the earth is ascribed to her. Churches arose that bore her name, hymns were addressed to her, and frequent pictures of her have been painted by noted artists.

Mary Magdalene was granted one of Jesus' greatest privileges. She received the first record-

ed appearance of the Master after His resurrection. Jesus saith unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, saith unto Him, "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus saith unto her, "Mary."

Mary Magdalene's privilege shows us the depths of Jesus' forgiveness. He does not ask us about what we have been in the past; that He knows, and that He will forgive if we repent and love Him with our whole heart.

The California Group sang "Is Your All On The Altar?"

Conclusion

Within each of us are hidden powers, mightier in their possibilities for good than the hidden forces of the atom. Some may have more talents than others. It is not the number of talents that matters, but how we use them.

Some talents in all of us have been discovered and are being used, while others are lying dormant, waiting to be called into action. Timothy was told to "stir up" the gift he had for fear it might wither and die.

If all the gold, silver, and precious stones of the world were gathered into one place, they would not equal the value of our God-given talents. It is not enough to have talents, but to be of any value, they must be used. Of what good would be the power of Niagara Falls if unharnessed? Talents cannot be laid away to be used in an emergency; they must be used every day.

The greatest things ever done have been done little by little with everyone using his own particular talents, filling his own place in life while saying, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do? Guide me and show me Thy will for my life."

In conclusion, I would like to say that, as a member of the Ladies' Circle of The Church of Jesus Christ, I am pleased and proud to be associated with such Christ-loving sisters who are giving of their talents daily in administering to the poor, the needy, and the sick and endeavoring to be of some service to the Church.

We can also truly say that they have "given in" and accepted and surrendered their lives to Christ. They are "giving out" like a candle that their light might shine wherever they may go. And last but not least, they have "given up" much and made many sacrifices in their lives so that they may help someone else. I'm sure their prayer must be, "God, help me to manage my talents wisely that I may help make this world a better place."

Sister Requests Prayer

I have received word that Sister Nellie Jones of Columbus, Ohio, is very ill. She has an enlarged heart with complications and must constantly have an oxygen tent by her bed. She has requested that the saints pray for her. May God bless you, Sister Jones.

Editor

OBITUARY

ROBERT LEE WILLIAMS

Funeral services were held in Youngstown, Ohio, for Mr. Robert Lee Williams, son-in-law of Brother Anthony LaCivita. He passed away on July 19, 1967, following a truck accident.

Mr. Williams leaves his wife, Ann LaCivita, his mother, one son, four daughters, and three grandchildren.

The services were conducted by Brother A. A. Corrado. May the Lord bless all those who are bereaved.

JOSEPH KREMPA

Brother Joseph Krempa of Metuchen, New Jersey, passed away after a short illness on September 9, 1967, at the age of 53. He was born March 9, 1915, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Brother Krempa became acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ approximately five years ago and was baptized on May 22, 1967.

Besides his wife, Sister Julia, and a son, David, he is survived by his mother, one sister, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held in the Metuchen Church with Brother J. Joseph Perri officiating, assisted by Brother Carmen Sgro.

CLARENCE T. GRIFFITH

Brother Clarence T. Griffith, 63, of Allenport, Pennsylvania, died Saturday, September 16, 1967, in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Roscoe, Pennsylvania, and in Arizona.

He is survived by one brother, James Griffith, and five sisters: Lorraine and Irene Griffith, Mrs. Josephine Jaris, and Mrs. Bessie Checci, all of whom reside in Allenport, and Mrs. Emma Aquila of Lakeland, Florida.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe, Pennsylvania, with Brother George Johnson officiating. Interment was at the Monongahela Cemetery.

ARCANGELA POMA

Sister Arcangela Poma passed away September 16, 1967, at the age of 82. Sister Poma was born in Italy on August 30, 1885. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on July 24, 1932.

She is survived by two daughters, three brothers, six grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1, Detroit, with Paul Vitto and Tony Pietrangelo officiating.

JOHN KURIA

Brother John Kuria passed away on September 21, 1967. He was born in Bosarabia, Romania, on May 6, 1891, and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in April, 1936.

His survivors include three sons, two daughters, nineteen grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral services were held at the Hopelawn Branch with Brother James Benyola officiating, assisted by Brother Paul Benyola.

BENJAMIN G. FOXALL

Brother Benjamin G. Foxall passed away early Friday morning, September 22, 1967. Our late brother was past 88 years of age. He came in contact with the Church through association with Brother Daniel Tamburrino at their place of work, and he was the only one of his family in the Church.

Brother Ben was a good and faithful servant and a credit to our branch. We pray to God that He will bless our brother's family in their bereavement.

JOHN E. MOSAKO

John E. Mosako of Warren, Ohio, passed away on September 8, 1967, in the Veteran's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of 71.

He attended The Church of Jesus Christ in Warren, Ohio, when health permitted.

Mr. Mosako was a brother to our late Sister Katie Thomas.

Services were held at the MacFarland Funeral Home on September 11, 1967, with Brother Frank Giovannone officiating, assisted by Brother William Genaro.

The committal service in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, was held by Brother Frank Giovannone.

NUPTIAL

HOUGH-BERESH

On August 26, 1967, Thomas George Hough and Peggy Ann Beresh exchanged marriage vows at the home of the officiating elder, Brother John Olexa. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hough of Fayette City. Peggy Ann is the daughter of Nicholas Beresh and Sister Harriet Beresh of Monongahela.

Thomas and Peggy are now residing at 319 Second Street, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

May they walk together throughout life with God as their guide.

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auditorium to accommodate larger crowds.

In a later session the priesthood passed a motion requesting the Committee to have the architects provide alternate plans to make sure the Church will obtain the maximum benefits for any eventual investment. The Committee members have worked very hard over the past several months, and enough could not be said for their splendid efforts in this work.

Board of Missions

The Board of Missions reported that due to civil war in Nigeria, correspondence with the Church in this country has come to an almost complete halt. Our missionaries have been unable to make their proposed trip, and there was little to report. Reports were also heard from our various Indian missions in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Donations in support of the Church's missionary efforts are appreciated, and the Church asks all to continue giving as generously as they can.