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## The 1970's

By Carl J. Frammolin and  
Dominic Moraco

The 1970 decade has been depicted as the golden age. Some have said that all wars would cease and that poverty and sickness would be completely eliminated during this span. Scientists have expressed the hope of harnessing solar energy, of introducing supersonic travel around the world, and of conquering endless miles of outer space to bring the entire universe into closer unity with the earth.

Many somewhat similar predictions to those mentioned may have already been realized, while others remain as yet unattained. It is interesting to note, however, that while many have looked to this period with great anticipation for improving the conditions of mankind, we find very little improvement in the area of human relations, especially among nations. The threat of war has not passed but hangs more heavily than ever, and poverty can be found in many places in the world. Despite the many discouraging and distressing situations, however, there is good reason to possess a great hope for the years ahead; and this hope is very prominent in The Church of Jesus Christ.

### PEACE AHEAD

The Church believes there will be many peaceful strides made in the years ahead. The most prominent exponent of these expectations has been Brother Alma B. Cadman, President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles. In his pamphlet, *The Seventh Day of Rest*, Brother Cadman points to 1970 as being the beginning of that period of time when Zion will travail and bring forth her children. He indicates that we are now nearing the end of the 6,000th year since the creation of Adam described in *Genesis*. He also draws a parallel to show that, as God labored for six days to complete His creation and then rested on the seventh day, mankind has likewise generally labored in its present condition until the sixth day or 6,000th year in its creation. The next day, or the ushering in of the 7,000th year, will bring the establishment of Zion and a "Peaceful Reign" upon this Western Hemisphere. Scriptural references and interpretations are, of course,

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## Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

The General Church Auditorium Committee, the General Board of Trustees and General Church officers met at Charleroi, Pennsylvania in the office of Melvin Bassi, Attorney-at-Law on Tuesday, December 2. They reviewed and discussed the statement which was later submitted to the Greater Pittsburgh Airport Authority in connection with the condemnation or involuntary transfer of real estate owned by The Church of Jesus Christ and known as the Imperial Auditorium site. Figures were agreed upon which represented costs and damages to The Church and which were submitted to Airport authorities.

The preparation of our claim was handled by Mr. Bassi's office and was formally submitted at a meeting held on December 16 by the Airport authority officials to become advised and well-informed about the position in which The Church has been placed. They wanted the appraisers whom they engaged to benefit from the knowledge of all the conditions which resulted from the action taken by the government in claiming our original Auditorium site near Imperial. The Airport authorities stated that they would give The Church special attention because of our unique situation. Mr. Bassi, the General Church President, Brother Gorie Ciaravino, Auditorium Committee members, and the architects (Pellis and Lettrich) were invited and attended this meeting.

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# Types, Shadows And Things To Come

By Alvin Swanson, Evangelist

The honey bee returns home laden with honey and pollen. He does not enter the hive immediately to deposit the nectar in the six-sided cup of wax prepared for that purpose, because there is a ritual to perform first. The other bees gather to watch a dance he is going to perform. Through this dance, the bee will tell the other bees where he obtained the honey. This weaving, circling dance, or drama, goes on and the watchers leave by twos or by groups. They know now exactly where to go for honey.

The Holy Scriptures are designed by our Lord to perform the same functions. The people in the Bible and Book of Mormon enacted their little dramas and we read about their performances; however, reading about their performances is not enough. Proper interpretation is what will lead us to the "spiritual honey."

When I first came into The Church of Jesus Christ, this search for interpretations of spiritual things made me wonder. I asked for and am indebted to Brother Oran Thomas for his help on this matter. I inquired of him why God does not show us openly the meaning of everything. Why does it take constant effort to interpret the meaning of things we see, read, and hear, as well as the things we feel, taste, and touch? He asked me, in reply, whether, when I was in school, my teacher placed a question on the blackboard and then wrote the answer immediately below the question. I could only answer "No," and then I made up my mind to learn by this method of searching.

## CAN SEE IN PART

Now I can see in part the wisdom of God. To get the interpretation of The Scriptures, I must go into prayer and ask God to illuminate my mind, and this counsel with God brings me closer to Him. It brings trust and closer fellowship with my Brothers and Sisters, because they too are receiving experiences and can supply my need for knowledge.

One of the first experiences I had along this line was the story of Isaac and Rebekah. The Lord let me understand some of its beauty. I think everyone knows how Abraham made his eldest servant, Eliezer of Damascus, swear to God to go to the City of Nahor in Mesopotamia and seek a wife for his son among Abraham's people. It was a long hazardous trip with camels laden with gifts for the bride, in the event he was successful in finding one. As the servant came to Nahor, he implored God to use a sign he suggested to verify the intended bride. God allowed this to happen, and the maiden's name was Rebekah. She and her family realized God had planned all of this, so she returned to Canaan with Eliezer. Isaac came out to meditate at eventide and beheld his bride coming to him; and shortly after, their marriage took place. I understood Abraham to represent God's sending out His servant, The Priesthood, to find a wife, The Church, for His

Son, Christ.

The camels laden with gifts represent the gifts for The Church (as listed in I Cor. 12). The servant asked God to verify the bride. Likewise, The Priesthood will only take into The Church those who repent of their sins and are approved of God. Rebekah made the long trip back to the land of Canaan, exemplifying the long history of our Church down to the Peaceful Reign. Next, we see Isaac coming at eventide and he sees his bride approaching. This represents Christ's coming at the end of the Peaceful Reign to claim His Bride, The Church. After this comes the marriage of The Church to Her Lord, or Christ. As Rebekah loved Isaac without ever having seen him, we likewise have a love for Christ without ever having seen Him.

## WHY CITE HONEY BEE?

You may wonder why we cited the honey bee and then mentioned people. It is simply that everything God created is intended to glorify His Majesty and to tell of His plans, whether it be people, birds, trees, insects, plants, even reptiles; in fact, the whole universe. Most birds tilt their heads back and look upward when they sing. Trees struggle for light in the forest; the lower limbs that are denied light wither away and die. Plants turn on their stem to face the route of the sun. The snake we unexpectedly come upon slithering away, his face in the dust, shows evidence of his penalty for his part in sin in Eden. He is hated, distrusted, despised, hunted, and bruised.

We see there is a penalty for sin. Everything we behold is enacting little dramas for us to look at in our everyday life. Everyday the cloud formations are different, never fixed, as is everyday of our natural life, diversified, everchanging, nothing fixed. Alma said in Alma of the Book of Mormon 30: 44. "... The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator."

Now back to types, shadows and things to come in The Scriptures. Almost everyone has heard certain scriptures and their types mentioned over and over by our Elders, and to me these have become classics. A shadow is a representation of something that has happened before. The repetition bears a resemblance to the original but it contains deeper meaning and implications. For instance, Elijah, the Prophet, prayed that it would not rain for three - and - one - half years and God hearkened to him. Three - and - one - half years on the Jewish calendar equal 1,260 days. This was a type of the falling - away of The Gospel of Christ or the time of spiritual drought from the year 560 A. D. to 1820 A. D., or the dark ages.

Another type is Elijah representing Israel in the former days. Elisha, his successor, represents the latter day, or The Restored Gospel. We can see our future will be glorious, because Elisha asked for and received a double portion of Elijah's spirit.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*We must prepare ourselves for the future by putting our trust and confidence in Him, for in Him the past becomes a stepping - stone, the present has real meaning, and the future is filled with hope.*

The Apostle Paul, in **Philippians 3: 13 - 15**, writes, "... but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded . . ." We are to forget things of the past because it is right that we should do so. God forgets them and has cast all of our imperfections behind His back. Our shortcomings are all covered from His sight by the merit of His love for us, by Him who died for us and Whom we love and trust; Him in whose steps we are seeking to walk with more or less imperfection according to the defects we have inherited in the flesh.

We do not mean to suggest that slips or failures should be taken lightly or quickly forgotten. They should be rectified, and divine forgiveness should be sought for these defects daily. The beginning of the year is a good perspective point from which to look at the past, present and future. It is characteristic of some people to delight in the past; in fact, they almost live in the past. This type of people disbelieves the present and also dreads the future; these individuals dwell on "the good old days." Their disbelief in the present makes today meaningless, and their dread of the future causes every day to be dreary.

As I have already indicated, it is good to think of the past in a limited sense; but, while looking, let us make our failures stepping stones to the future. To notice past mistakes should help us win future victories. To draw comparisons of the past with the present can make us "do - nothing" individuals. When we relive the past unnecessarily, we stop living the present.

There are those who spend hours thinking over the past and complain that times are not what they once were. However, you cannot plow a furrow by looking back. Those who live in the past will most always disbelieve the present. They have the feeling that everything is going awry, and well it may be that some things are; indeed there are many things to discourage and depress one. This old world seems to be swinging back to savagery rather than away from it. But he who bemoans the conditions existing today is neither a help to God, to The Church, or to the world. Let us realize that God is very much alive, not dead as some think, and that He is on the throne.

## MUST GUARD AGAINST CONFORMITY

Let us guard against The Church's conforming to the conditions of the age. It is the adversary's desire to cause us to doubt the ability of the God we serve to triumph through every age and condition. He would have us believe the doctrine that "the existing world is the worst of all possible worlds and that all things naturally tend to evil" (the dictionary's definition of pessimism), and that everything depends on man; God is either dead or too slow. But you and I know God is on the throne, and His Son, Jesus Christ, is still mighty to save. It is because the world has lost sight of God that we are so much on edge for fear of what might take place.

We are called to serve this present generation according to the will of God; we cannot live in any other time. We dare not disbelieve and deplore the present until life loses its zest and meaning. As Christians, we see that many things of the past were good because God was there; we also see that many things in the present are good because God is here. Because time passes so swiftly, if you or I intend to be a blessing to this generation, we had better get busy; God deals with us at the present time, or now.

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# M.B.A. Highlights

## Lay Program Latest Project Of Association

By James D. Gibson,  
GMBA Editor

The most recent project undertaken by the General Missionary Benevolent Association is the Lay Missionary Program. There has been much favorable reception to this endeavor which has been sanctioned by The General Church and the General Board of Missions.

As reported in previous issues, the purpose of this activity is to allow our young people to be of assistance to our missionaries during brief tours in the field, as well as to receive first hand information about The Church's missionary work. Basically, this is a valuable opportunity for lay members to be with the Ministers of The Church of Jesus Christ in their missionary efforts and to extend help as they are directed by these permanent laborers.

The Monongahela, Pennsylvania "Golden Rule Sunday School Class" had previously sent young volunteers to the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona to assist Brother Daniel and Sister Dolores Picciuto and their family in manual tasks for the residents there. Reports received from these workers who availed themselves of this chance have been heartwarming and thought provoking. They pointed out that their experience had given them a greater realization and a keener appreciation of the immediate necessity for the propagation of The Gospel of Christ. Observing the actual natural and spiritual needs which are present could not help but stir up their desire to aid those who are less fortunate. Some of these volunteers were so impressed that they moved to Arizona to offer help on a more permanent basis.

### SUB-COMMITTEE FORMED

From this illustration, it is apparent that helpers are required in the missionary fields. The GMBA was therefore asked to incorporate a program to carry on, in essence, the work begun by Monongahela and to expand it as the situations developed. The willingness and interest of the Association members to implement this project have been most encouraging and inspiring, and the administration of this activity has been assigned to a GMBA Activities Sub - Committee. This unit is working in conjunction with the General Church Board of Missions.

The program is designed to permit young volunteers who are desirous of entering lay mission fields (at present only the San Carlos location is open) to fill out an application form, expressing their desires and availability. Other pertinent information and answers to specific questions must also be supplied, after which the applications must be submitted to the Area MBA Activities Committee of the regions in which the applicants reside. From there, the paperwork

is forwarded to the GMBA Activities Committee which will initiate the final processing and approval to be obtained from the General Board of Missions.

The Lay - Missionary Sub - Committee is looking forward to reaping many rewards for both the participants and The Church. While the volunteers are gaining many valuable insights and deeper awareness of the energies which must be expended in assisting others, The Church is benefitting from having additional people laboring to further spread The Gospel as they offer their testimonies and examples. The mutual good realized cannot help but aid both and lead to greater efforts in the future.

### OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES

Other sub - committees have been functioning in the Association, as in the past. These have included the groups for lesson - plans, field trips, and fund - raising drives. All of these units are part of the total General MBA Activities Committee which meets regularly to review progress being made and to suggest future programs and goals which may be incorporated for the betterment of the MBA and The Church. The whole committee is composed of most GMBA officers who are duly elected at each November Conference by the membership. In addition, specifically appointed assistants function with this body to help attain the desired results.

Usually, the General Activities Committee meetings are held in a central location for most members who serve. This allows for better attendance at the sessions, appointed by the GMBA President (the head of the whole Committee, customarily for a Saturday. Many of the problems encountered by the various sub - groups are analyzed and solutions are proposed, as the members attempt to carry out their assigned tasks which have been delegated to them by the general body.

Besides having specific given duties on the GMBA level, the Committee also functions as an aid to the Area and local levels. At the regional layer, there are Area Activities Committees which are composed of Area officers and which carry out the same kinds of duties which are discharged by the General group. The flow of information between the layers helps to transmit the necessary plans and procedures which are essential for the success of the undertakings.

### WORK TOGETHER

The importance for working together is fully realized by all Association leaders. The General MBA Committee is aware of the necessity for having dedicated officers and leaders throughout the organization. Enthusiasm and dedication at each MBA level can be maintained through positive and effective leadership, so these characteristics are cultivated by all people in command. Likewise, the feedback of information from the Locals and Areas to the General MBA is most essential in determining future courses of action. Also, suggestions, news, and projects which come through to the GMBA Activities Committee become the basis for further considerations.

Some worthy goals have been attained and valuable projects completed through the efforts of all our members. Many good results have been

reported in past writings in this column. An example of these accomplishments was found during the past six - month period when donations to the General Church Auditorium were given as in the past even though no goal had been established. The accumulation of over \$2,200 prompted the establishment of a \$3,000 goal for the next semi - annual span. Interest in this project has been maintained since the land - purchasing fund was initiated about a decade ago, and efforts are being earnestly directed toward supplying as much of the funds as possible for this facility.

The sincere desire to carry out Association programs has been demonstrated many times over the years. These have involved the resources and strength of our youth, as well as of the older members. Through their efforts, many endeavors have been brought to a successful and rewarding conclusion.

The Lay Missionary Program is the latest illustration of how the MBA can help The Church, and the Association is most grateful for this opportunity. Its desire is that all young people who are interested in working in this project will follow - up in making themselves available. By so doing, they will further extend the contacts of The Church of Jesus Christ in reaching more people and in exposing them to The Restored Gospel.



**UR WOMEN TODAY**

## Ladies Circle Memorial Fund

A resolution adopted by the Ladies' Circle over nine years ago is called to the attention of readers. The motion passed was to establish a memorial fund for departed loved ones, with the proceeds to be used by The Church of Jesus Christ in the future. The legislation, taken from the General Circle Minutes of June 25, 1960, reads:

"At the passing of Sister Sadie Cadman, our Circle President, many Circles sent money to the General Circle to be used for a tribute to our Sister. Some felt we should have a lasting memorial instead of giving flowers at that time. The General Circle now has a Memorial Fund with Sister Mabel Bickerton, 6 Ronald Street, West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania 15088, as treasurer. Circles or others wishing to contribute may do so in memory of departed loved ones. This money will be used to help The Church, if and when it has homes for the aged or a similar project."

A memorial card is sent to the bereaved family telling of the contribution and from whom it has been sent. The amount is not stated. Also, a card of thanks is sent to the donor. At present, there are approximately \$2,000.00 in the fund.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### JOSEPH'S BROTHERS RETURN

Dear Girls and Boys,

Do you remember in last month's story how Joseph tested his brothers? He had a great desire to see his father, Jacob, and his youngest brother, Benjamin, so he told his brothers of his plan. He said one of them must be bound in prison and the others must return home; but when they returned to him again, they must bring Benjamin with them. If they did this, then Joseph knew he could believe them. You remember he had called them spies.

How frightened and worried they were! They still remembered how they had treated Joseph and left him in a pit and told their father the wild beasts had eaten him. They felt they were being punished for this. As they talked to each other, Joseph heard and understood, and he wept. Simeon agreed to remain in Egypt. Joseph took Simeon and bound him before them.

Joseph commanded his servants to fill the brothers' sacks with corn and restore every man's money into his sack. The brothers started on their way, their animals carrying the provisions. One of them opened his sack to feed his animal and spied his money at the top of the sack. He said, "My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack:". The others were afraid and asked each other, "What is this that God hath done unto us?"

Soon the brothers arrived home in the land of Canaan. They told their father all that had befallen them. Jacob was very happy to have the food but was sad that Simeon had not returned home with the others. As the sacks were emptied, behold every man's bundle of money was in his sack. They were afraid! Jacob said, "Me, have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me." Ruben tried hard to comfort his father.

Soon they must return to Egypt for more food and the only way they could get it was to take Benjamin with them. Poor Jacob, he could not agree to letting Benjamin go. Ruben said they could slay his two sons if he did not bring Benjamin back home. But Jacob was firm and said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave."

The famine continued and grew worse. Soon Jacob's family needed more food. There was only one thing to do: go back to Egypt and ask the governor for more food. They remembered his words to bring their younger brother if they wanted to see him. Poor Jacob! He did not know what to do! His family could not starve. Judah

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understood his father's fears for the safety of Benjamin, and he realized too that they all would die if food was not brought from Egypt. He promised to be responsible for the safe return of Benjamin.

At last their father consented. His family must not starve. Jacob brought gifts to give the governor and gave his sons double money needed to buy corn. He also had his sons return the money that was in their sacks. With a heavy heart, Jacob watched his sons, including Benjamin, leave for Egypt. He said, "If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

What do you think will happen now? Will Benjamin return to his father or will Joseph keep him to test his brothers further? Read next month's story to find out.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

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furnished by Brother Cadman in his inspired writings.

The Church of Jesus Christ believes that The Gospel will be preached in spiritual power to the American Indians, who are the seed of Joseph, and that God will raise up from among these people a "Choice Seer" who will be like the original Joseph. This latter-day Joseph, like his predecessor, will become the deliverer of his lost brethren. Readers will recall that Joseph was sold by his brothers as a common slave. Never did they realize that one day they would meet him again this time as the governor of Egypt. It is believed that, just as Joseph saved his brothers from a famine, so will the Choice Seer be used by God to deliver his brothers, who comprise part of the House of Israel, from their economic poverty, sin, and spiritual famine.

### CHOICE SEER

Through the preaching of The Gospel of Christ, the entire House of Israel will eventually be gathered "home" to accept the teachings and the doctrine of their Saviour whom they vehemently rejected when He was on earth. The Israelites will then claim The Gospel which was originally given to them, and they will adopt the gentiles into the fold of Christ. These beliefs and expectations are based upon the inspired predictions made by holy Prophets about the establishment of Zion upon this Western Hemisphere.

Perhaps the most eloquent of all the great Prophets on this subject is Isaiah who foretold how the House of Israel will be restored. The result of such a restoration will be the establishment of Zion upon this hemisphere. Particularly illuminating is his description of Zion's Hill in his second chapter:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall

flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law; and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Verses 2-4).

### BASIS FOR OPTIMISM

Obviously, this passage presents the basis for the optimistic outlook which is present. It is not humanly possible to press a button and bring peace instantaneously, but it is evident that a sequence of events will begin to occur which will bring about the desirable status. God's hand will move in such a way as to put behind us the calamitous situations which have been and are being faced by nations individually and collectively. The significant thing to be remembered is that we must be prepared to meet the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities as they arise.

The Gospel of Christ must be preached with power to every creature so that God's plan will come to pass. The Church is charged with this great and wonderful mission, and she looks eagerly toward accomplishing this objective as the new decade begins. The future developments will be viewed with great interest and renewed desire as the years and events unfold. Accordingly, best wishes for this year and the ensuing annual periods are particularly noteworthy in view of the things to come!

## Auditorium Progress

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Formal notification was received that our first site was to be included in the land to be condemned for the Greater Pittsburgh Airport expansion. It is understood that the General Church Board of Trustees and Auditorium Committee, along with the legal advisor and architects, will be working closely with County officials to effect the final settlement. The Church Attorney has estimated that this final action with the county may not be reached until the latter part of 1970.

In the three months since the Greater Pittsburgh acquisition plan was announced, over 370 properties have received either one or both of two appraisals. The acquisition agents for the County, Beynon & Company and Bill Green & Company, have been given authority to begin negotiations and purchase of over 50 properties.

A large number of owners have requested "early acquisition" appraisals. Homeowners in this group have had appraisals completed.

Sixteen fee appraisers are now at work in the acquisition area. With two appraisals required for each property, the second appraisal may be assigned to a County Claims, Records and Investigation employee or to a second fee appraiser. A third appraiser may be brought in if the

two parties cannot get together on an acquisition price after the first two appraisals are completed and an offer has been presented to the property owner.

### NO FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

No formal proceedings for condemnation of the Auditorium property have been filed by the County of Allegheny. It is anticipated, however, that, if we are not able to arrive at some agreeable price for the acquisition, the County will enter formal condemnation proceedings.

To date, no government financing or assistance has yet been provided but these may be available during this year. Local financing is a possibility at the present time, however. Measures relative to this alternative are being pursued by the Trustees and the Auditorium Committee.

A more comprehensive report for readers may be included in the next issue if developments have been finalized. In the meantime, donations should be continued so the necessity for borrowing finances at prevailing high interest rates can be minimized, if not eliminated.

Donations should be sent through Branch and Mission Financial Secretaries or may be mailed directly to the General Church Financial Secretary - Treasurer, Meredith R. Griffith, R.D. No. 1, Box 117, Bentleyville, Pennsylvania 15314.

## The American Indian

### WHAT ONCE WAS WILL BE AGAIN

By Thomas Everett

Recently, it was my privilege to spend some time on the White River and San Carlos Indian Reservations in Arizona. Impressions and insights gained there at the locations where The Church of Jesus Christ has full-time missionaries were very valuable and enlightening.

During my stay at these missions and while assisting at the Six Nations and Muncey Indian Reservations in Ontario, Canada, I have been fortunate to have experienced first-hand many of the things which have been written about the American Indian in the *Gospel News*. Problems such as poverty, education, and self-determination among these people are more real and vivid when viewed personally. Obviously, one can read and write about the plight of the Indian people, but their situation does not become meaningful and significant until one actually witnesses the conditions under which many of them live.

### HUMBLE DWELLINGS

One of the first things most noticeable upon entering a reservation is the sub-standard quality of the homes in which the residents live. Some of these humble dwellings barely serve the purpose of keeping out rain and cold. Furthermore, from one to 14 people may reside within their small and limited confines.

The poverty of these people is also portrayed by their dress. Unfortunately, these articles of clothing, or lack of them, have placed them at a

distinct disadvantage. For example, some children in Arizona are reportedly unable to attend school because they do not have sufficient clothes to wear. Under different circumstances, it is certain that only God's hand has been accompanying others as they have overcome the wintry seasonal weather in more northern locations. Many of the children at the aforementioned Ontario reservations have only light jackets to wear in bitterly cold weather, but they seem to have built up a resistance to the cold, otherwise they would surely suffer several repercussions if not dire physical consequences and illnesses.

The water supply which is usually taken for granted by most people is not available for the average Indian on the reservation. Located right next to or within a few feet of the more fortunate houses is a water pump or a well, enabling the immediate inhabitants to have access to a most valued water supply. If the pump should freeze or malfunction or the well should run dry, however, the family may also be required to buy its water at what would be considered to be an exorbitant and almost prohibitive price.

### TRYING TO IMPROVE

It has been stated in previous articles that the Indian people are becoming more involved in dealing with their own problems. They are trying to get factories located on reservations, and Indian organizations are offering scholarships to Indian students so they may further their education. Also, in San Carlos, for instance, the Indians are building their own homes instead of paying the government to do it. This is called the "Self-Help Program" and illustrates the determination which many of these people possess to improve their status.

The subject of building houses reminds me of a city which the Seed of Joseph will construct. The scriptures have explained that this will occur and will indeed return the American Indians to a prominent position. As pointed out in the past, they will build, with the aid of the gentiles, this precious city which will be called the New Jerusalem.

### EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

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The future is dreaded and feared by many people; they do not want to talk about tomorrow. Unless we have hope for the future, however, the present becomes meaningless. The future is faced by many in the way of anxiety and despair. Others face it by doing what they want and living unconcerned with the thought that tomorrow may not come. The other alternative is to walk the way of Christ; in Him we have a hope. He called us not to death but to life. The downward course of our present world is doomed except by Christ. We must prepare ourselves for the future by putting our trust and confidence in Him, for in Him the past becomes a stepping-stone, the present has real meaning, and the future is filled with hope.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous new year.

## Sell Your Garment And Buy A Sword

By John Ross, Evangelist

On one occasion, Jesus said to His twelve disciples, as recorded in Luke 22:55 - 38:

"When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing.

"Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

"For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors; for the things concerning me have an end.

"And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough."

The reply of the disciples is evidence that they had not fully comprehended all of The Lord's previous teachings and instructions to take no thought for their lives or for what they should eat or drink. If they had understood, they probably would have said: "Lord, you previously told us that you would take care of us and that we should lose our lives for thee; yet now you tell us that we need purse, scrip, and even a sword. Lord, what are you trying to tell us now?" Instead they said: "Lord, behold, here are two swords." Further, they were ready to use them in self-defense. Later, Peter proved his complete lack of understanding when he used the sword to smite off the ear of the servant of the High Priest. Jesus had to remind him to "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Christ then rectified the misdeed by touching the servant's ear and healing him.

### WHY BUY SWORDS?

Now the question arises, if the disciples were not to use their swords in defense, why did the Saviour tell them to buy swords? As I see it, Jesus wanted to prove them. Also, he wanted to teach them a lesson in human weakness. Without the Spirit of God, man resorts to violence. Peter, without the Holy Ghost, used the tool of violence, the sword, instead of relying upon God to defend him against the evil doers of his day. The Lord quickly reminded him to: "Put up again thy sword . . ."

To say, in effect, "Sell your garment and buy a sword" and "Put up again thy sword . . ." at first glance seem to be at variance with each other. Analysis finds, however, that Jesus wanted to expose the weakness of man to His disciples by putting them to a test. They failed the test; but we see that, after the day of Pentecost, they had learned their lesson and were willing to lay down their lives for Him.

The Apostle Peter is indeed a prime example of how man, by himself, cannot do anything spiritual or Godly. On the one hand he confessed, by the Holy Spirit, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." On the other hand, the evil

power caused him to rebuke The Lord for telling His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things of the Elders, Chief Priests, and Scribes and to even be killed. We know quite well that what happened to Peter can also happen to others, even though their intentions may be honorable.

Another time, Jesus tested His disciples in another way. In John 6:5, 6, we read: "When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he said unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do." After the huge crowd was fed with the five barley loaves and two small fishes which were abundantly multiplied to feed the 5,000 present, not only Philip, but all of the disciples, must have learned a great lesson to depend upon God for all things both spiritual and temporal. As a matter of fact, there even was a large surplus quantity of food which was left over, leaving no doubt of the magnitude of the miracle which was performed.

### PROVED DISCIPLES

Through His examples, Jesus proved His disciples to see whether they remembered or understood what He taught them previously and to show them their weakness, which is also the weakness of all mankind. The manner in which these great men reacted when they were proven in regards to their knowledge of Christ's teaching at that time is an indication of how all men will react without God's Spirit in them. This also shows the need for all men to learn to rely upon God's Spirit to lead, guide, and direct them at all times.

It is important that all men know and understand that at the day of Pentecost, or after the Twelve had been filled with The Holy Ghost, they were able to understand and do all things The Lord had commanded them to observe in defending their beliefs and The Gospel with their very lives. They proved, however, that they could only do all things through Christ who strengthened them by the gift and power of The Holy Ghost. This gift and power of The Holy Ghost was promised to all those who obey His true Gospel.

Yes, all men must be born again of the water and of the Spirit and must observe all things He has commanded. When all men have been truly and completely converted to Christ, they will then be willing to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and throughout the land of Zion everyone will be heard to exclaim: "Lord, the sword has vanished from the earth, for great is your power and glorious is your name throughout the earth."

In conclusion, in this day of wars and violence, all true followers of Christ must live in peace and complete dependance upon Him who is called "The Prince of Peace." Laying down the sword and lifting up the mantle of Christ is what will remove the use of this weapon, and of others, so that all men can live as He taught them. Threats of battle, strife, and constant conflict will be gone, and there will be no need to "Put up again thy sword . . ." for no man will want to have one to manipulate or use.

# God's Love To Man

By Mark Randy, Evangelist

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God's love to man, and everything that He did portrayed love. The very Angelic message to man was peace on earth and "good will toward men." In every miracle that He performed and in all of His teachings, He showed love, not only for the Jewish people but for all mankind.

When some of the men of Judea felt superior over their surrounding nations, Jesus reminded them that in the days of Elisha, though there were many lepers in Israel, none were cleansed except Naaman, the Assyrian. This He said to show them that God was a lover of all mankind, and He helped any one who had faith in Him.

In the story of the Canaanite woman, Jesus taught a lesson of mercy which stands above tradition. Here, the disciples, being taught from their childhood that the gentiles were inferior in the eyes of the Israelites, could not see why any mercy should be shown to the woman of Canaan. Jesus suffered their tradition for a while and gave no heed to the woman who cried after them, "Have mercy on me, O Lord . . ." Then he stopped and told the woman the manner of the Jewish tradition: "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." She said, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Jesus said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

## LESSON LEARNED

The disciples did not learn the lesson of mercy to all who come to God — and God has love toward all men — until the divine experience received by Peter in the house of Cornelius when the Spirit of God fell on all his household. Seeing this manifestation on the gentiles, Peter was compelled to say, ". . . I perceive that God is not a respecter of persons." It was hard for the Jews to accept the fact that the Gentiles were equal to them. It is still hard for the so-called civilized world, the intellectuals, and certain races to accept the truth that God is no respecter of persons and that He created all men out of one blood.

Love is not shown by words spoken, but by deeds. The love of God through Jesus Christ was typified by the following words of The Saviour: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt: 28:19, 20). On another occasion, Jesus said, ". . . love one another . . . By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one for another." (John 13:34, 35).

Jesus prayed asking, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world

may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:21 - 23).

## DEEDS OF LOVE

According to the words of Jesus, we cannot be perfect until we have first become united with Him, as He is one with our Heavenly Father. His love toward us is that He does not want to have anyone become lost. As a result, we should strive to convince others to obey The Lord. We can help by deeds of love, not by just words. What has man gained through strife, greed, hate, and discrimination toward his fellowmen? We only deprive ourselves of each other's love when we feel we are better than our fellowmen. The love of God toward us is reflected by the fact that He wants us to have life, and life more abundantly.

The Church of Jesus Christ was established by The Saviour to gather all His children into His kingdom and be happy people. His teachings are steps toward happiness. Have you ever seen the face of a repentant soul when he has fully surrendered to Christ? This look of relief, joy, and dedication cannot reflect anything but happiness.

Let us love one another even as God loves us, so that we may be made perfect in one.

Love is beautiful knows no creed;  
Makes me grow younger, and bears no need.

Love does not stand by itself alone,  
Deeds make love sit upon a throne.

Love is wonderful, true, pure, dear:  
Love is a perfect gift, knows no fear.  
Love, faith, and hope are one indeed.  
The Love of God is the Saints' own creed.

If we happen to think that we are better than others, let us show it by the good that we do and not by the words that we speak. In conclusion, it should be remembered that love prevails over hate. To love is life; the love of God means that whosoever believes, repents, becomes baptized, and remains faithful shall never die.

# Meditations

## PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Week Of Meetings Held In Roscoe

A week of Evangelistic Meetings was held at the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch Sunday, October 26, through Saturday, November 1. Guest speakers and visitors from various parts of The Church joined in worshipping with the local group during this period.

On the Sunday morning, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Nicholas Pietrangelo from Detroit, Michigan; Joseph Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio; and Donald and James Curry from Glassport, Pennsylvania were in attendance. Brother Ciaravino, General Church President, opened the service, using St. Matthew 4 as his subject scripture. He spoke on the life of Jesus after His baptism and how The Church began. He told how Jesus was tempted by the devil and how Satan has tried to frustrate the work of God throughout all ages. He also traced the events from the death and resurrection of Christ through the "Falling-Away" to the "Restoration of The Gospel."

Brother Pietrangelo, General Church Secretary, followed, telling what The Gospel means to him, how it is our staff in life, and how it is going to grow, as promised by The Lord. He asked the congregation to review the blessings they have received from God and to reflect upon the chance they have been offered to work out their soul's salvation.

During the week, the Roscoe Branch was blessed with many speakers, wonderful singing of hymns of praise, and visitors from the Pennsylvania locations of Vanderbilt, Aliquippa, McKees Rocks, Imperial, Greensburg, Monongahela, Glassport, and West Elizabeth. The entire week was very successful and uplifting, and the members of Roscoe want to thank all the visiting Brothers and Sisters for their valuable help and participation.

## Baptisms In Detroit And Imperial

Two baptisms were reported recently. One was performed at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2, while the other was carried out at Imperial, Pennsylvania.

Donald Wood was taken into the waters on Wednesday evening, November 19. He was baptized and confirmed by Brother Reno Bologna.

Louis Cimino was baptized on Sunday, October 26. He was immersed by Brother James Moore and confirmed by Brother Jacob Christman at Imperial.

Both congregations have been uplifted by their new additions and are grateful to God for the blessings they have received.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (St. John 3:36).

## Brief News Of Interest

### BRAVERY ACCLAIMED

Readers will recall that it was reported in the September issue that for the first time a Church member who is a medical doctor was the camp physician at the General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip at Camp Radford in California in 1969. It has been called to the attention of the Gospel News that, while this marked the initial time that this occurred on the General MBA level, the same person, Brother Michael Randazzo, was the camp physician for the California MBA Area Campout in 1968. At that time, Dr. Randazzo's bravery in trying to keep Brother Ralph Vega, Indian member of The Church from Phoenix, Arizona, alive until he could reach a hospital by helicopter received widespread attention from the various news media.

Although Brother Vega, who had suffered a heart attack, passed away two hours after arriving at the hospital, Brother Randazzo's attempts and those of the young men whose help he summoned were widely hailed. Brother Randazzo applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage to Brother Vega who was strapped to the side of the helicopter in flight. Observers termed the efforts of Brother Randazzo, while hanging out of the aircraft in mid-air to treat the stricken Brother, as being most risky.

All endeavors to assist in the attempt to prolong Brother Vega's life were carried out precisely as required almost to the point where they appeared to have been rehearsed. Brother Vega, knowing of his condition and of the perils encountered in the mountainous area of this camp, had stated that he would be happy to depart from this life while in the company of the Brothers and Sisters. The combined efforts in prayers and deeds on his behalf, although in vain, illustrated the love and devotion which Brother Randazzo and everyone else possess and stand as tributes for The Church of Jesus Christ.

### LIVES SPARED

A note of thanks for prayers on behalf of their son has been received from the parents of John C. Nusida of Monongahela, Pennsylvania whose life was spared in Viet Nam. John, who is also known as Jack, stepped on a land mine just after being released from the hospital for a previous injury. The land mine explosion threw him 25-feet into a ditch and pieces of shrapnel just missed inflicting fatal damage. Several pieces of shrapnel were imbedded in a Book of Mormon which he kept in his hip pocket, thus averting the possibility of splintering his hip. A piece of metal went up his back and split his flack jacket like it was cut with scissors.

Although his injuries have been of a major nature, Jack has miraculously been able to learn to walk again with the aid of crutches. He has been recuperating at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. Anyone wanting to send best wishes may dispatch them to the address of his parents, Mr. John and Sister Marj Nusida, R. D. No. 2, Finleyville, Pennsylvania. It is certain everyone's

prayers will be directed for him as he continues to look to The Lord for the help he needs to overcome this serious injury and become rehabilitated.

Another young man who suffered a major casualty was John DiDonato of Detroit, Michigan. He was also injured in Viet Nam, receiving severe ear damage, as well as suffering other wounds. He has been able, through the help of God and the prayers offered in his behalf, to recuperate satisfactorily, and, according to latest reports, has renewed his work in the teaching field. He is the son of Mr. Frank and Mrs. Rose DiDonato, who likewise express their thankfulness for the supplications which have advanced for John.

#### PRESENTLY RECUPERATING

Brother Emil Carlini of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 is recuperating from a siege of a serious illness which included major surgery. Prayers are requested on his behalf as he continues through his recuperative period.

Throughout his many years in The Gospel, Brother Carlini has been distinguished by his willingness to travel anywhere in the nation to plaster the interior of new, as well as old, Church buildings. Many Brothers, Sisters, and friends are grateful to him for his skillful and beautiful work, and it is certain that they will want to join everyone else in remembering him in their prayers.

#### RECEIVES NURSING AWARD

Sister Bertha Constantine of the Cape Coral, Florida Mission was selected in 1969 as the Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year for Lee County. By receiving this award, she was also entered as a candidate for the same honor for the entire state of Florida.

Formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, Sister Constantine had worked as a nurse there before moving to Florida with her husband, Brother Joseph, about six years ago. The couple has one son, Brother William Constantine of Youngstown; one daughter, Mrs. Jacquelyn Hickman of Boston, Massachusetts; and two grandchildren.

It is certain all readers will want to join in offering congratulations to Sister Constantine for receiving her most well-deserved award as she attempts to work on behalf of mankind. Her example also speaks well for The Church of Jesus Christ.

#### RETURN TO PENNSYLVANIA

Brother Thurman S. Furnier, General Church First Counselor, and his wife, Sister Birdie, have moved back to Pennsylvania after living in Lorain, Ohio for a period of time. Their new address is R. D. 1, Box 155 - K, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania 15486. The phone number is 529-2475, Area Code 412.

The elderly beloved couple will be missed by the Lorain Brothers and Sisters, but they, of course, are warmly welcomed in Vanderbilt.

#### SAN DIEGO PROJECTS

The San Diego, California Branch has undertaken several interesting projects recently. They occurred almost at the end of 1969.

First, a series of uplifting meetings were held at which Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio spoke. Besides speaking at San Diego, he

also talked at other services on the west coast.

Second, the Branch's Missionary Benevolent Association Local supplied boxes of food for needy families near the Church area. This program was under the direction of Sisters Marlene Ciccatti and Orletta Liberto.

Third, the San Diego Ladies' Circle helped sponsor a trip from Tijuana to Ahome Sevalva, Mexico by Tijuana Elder Brother Vincenzo Arce, his wife, and ten young Brothers and Sisters. They visited the Church members at their destination, approximately 1,000 miles away. The journey was made in Brother Arce's bus station wagon, and it was hoped that some missionary work could be accomplished while there.

The undertakings have been most inspiring and rewarding for the San Diego congregation.

#### FOURTH-CENTURY TREE

A family reunion was held last July 27 in honor of Sister Garnet Marchando of Youngstown, Ohio who was born April 25, 1880 in Pacentro, Italy. She and Brother Thomas Marchando, her late husband who passed away in 1960, were married in 1922 and had ten children, 24 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren. The family tree dates back to the 16th century and there are still 70 of the family living.

Sister Marchando was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on June 23, 1920 by Brother Peter Garafolo at East Riverside, Pennsylvania. As always, she is earnestly and constantly giving her praises to God whom she has diligently served these many years. She has been an asset and inspiration to the Youngstown Branch.

#### BACK IN MIDWEST

Returning back to their home base have been Brother Anthony and Sister Lydia Picciuto, along with their family. They have returned to Ohio from Lindsay, California where they were members of the San Fernando Valley Branch.

Brother Picciuto hails from Painesville, Ohio, and he is a Church Evangelist. He formerly was Presiding Officer of the Kent, Ohio Mission when he was attending undergraduate school at Kent University. He will soon be doing graduate work at the same institution. Sister Picciuto originally comes from Glassport, Pennsylvania.

#### FLORIDA NEWS

Word has been received from the Lake Worth, Florida Branch that a Sunday School room addition on its building has been completed. Both the Branch's Sunday School and Missionary Benevolent Association Local assisted in raising funds for this project. Also, help from the Brothers and Sisters in Miami made the task easier.

The Lake Worth congregation has now turned its attention to the parking lot in front of the building. It is being paved, thus improving the parking facilities.

#### CHANGES IN SCHEDULE

The Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch has announced changes in its weekly schedule of meetings. The new Sunday times are as follows:

Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.

Preaching Service at 11:00 A.M.

Fellowship Service at 1:00 P.M.

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## NUPTIALS

### CIARAVINO—CARROLL

Mr. Gordon J. Ciaravino and Miss Cynthia Anne Carroll were joined in holy wedlock at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4 of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 29. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, father of the groom, performed the ceremony. An unusual respectful honor was bestowed upon the elderly maternal grandparents of the groom, Brother Vincent and Sister Catherine Aquilino, as they were the "best man" and "matron of honor" for the wedding.

The Ciaravinos now reside in the Detroit area.

### HOWARD—WILLIAMS

Mr. James Howard and Miss Jennifer Williams were united in marriage at Englishtown, New Jersey on Saturday, October 11. Brother Matthew Rogolino conducted the ceremony.

## OBITUARY

### VITO LA ROCCA

Brother Vito LaRocca, a long-time faithful member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on November 27. Born on May 13, 1882, he was baptized into The Church on January 1, 1933.

He is survived by four daughters, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Brother Paul Vitto officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brother Louis Vitto.

Our departed Brother will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. His staunch adherence to The Gospel of Christ and his determination to attend as many Church services as possible, even though he was physically ill his last few years, will be long-remembered.

## Brief News Of Interest

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The mid-week meetings have been changed to Thursday night, with the Missionary Benevolent Association classes starting at 7:00 P.M. and the Prayer Service at 8:00 P.M.

Anyone planning to visit at Roscoe should, of course, be guided accordingly.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are extended to the parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been:

Tracy to the Thomas Picinos of Youngstown, Ohio;

Hubert Austin to the Austin Fowles of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania (now reside in Omaha, Nebraska);

Jeana Marie to the Arthur Biagis of New Brunswick, New Jersey;

Tina Marie to the Donald David Porters and April Gay to the Gary Lee Smiths of Cumberland, Maryland;

Cheryl Ann to the Keleb Leggetts, Keith William to the Ishmael Boyd Humphreys, and Edward Wesley to the Edward Gessners of Glass-

port, Pennsylvania;

Gregory William Robert to the Richard Lobzuns of Windsor, Ontario, Canada;

Cassia Lyn to the Robert S. Cralls of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Kelly Renee to the Thomas Botwrights of Imperial, Pennsylvania;

Robert James, Jr. to the Robert James Rigins, Sr. of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Carolynn Ann to the Alex Gentiles of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2; and

Jeffrey Niccolo to the Niccolo Mangiapanes of Detroit Branch No. 1.

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is a six-month list of 1970 Church events of general and regional interest.

### MARCH

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences:

7 — Florida at Fort Pierce, Florida.

11, 12, 13, 15 — Michigan-Ontario at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3.

13, 14, 15 — Atlantic Coast at Hopelawn, New Jersey.

13, 14, 15 — California at Bell, California.

13, 14, 15 — Ohio at Youngstown, Ohio.

— Pennsylvania at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania (date to be announced).

21 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

### APRIL

16, 17, 18, 19 — Semi-Annual General Church Conference at Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

### MAY

16 — Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Michigan-Ontario MBA Area.

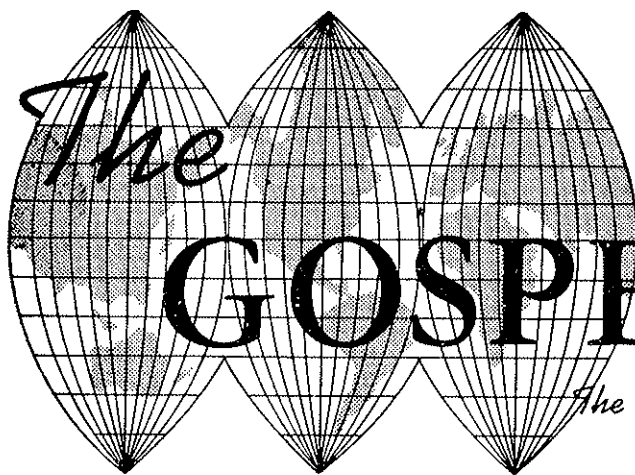
### JUNE

20 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Detroit, Michigan (to mark the General Circles' 50th Anniversary).

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## The Answer

By Carl J. Frammolin

Review of the 1960 decade has found that many monumental achievements were accomplished during that span. Technological advances took place so rapidly during the last ten years that even the most complex computers became almost obsolete before they could be put into full use. The final stroke of resourcefulness was evidenced when man was landed on the moon, heralding an achievement which was almost unbelievable and almost incomprehensible in the mind of the average man.

Despite the great progress which was achieved through the united efforts in the physical sciences, however, other events were occurring which indicated a lack of understanding in the area of human relations and how man treated himself, his loved ones, and his neighbors. Conflicts arose openly and the clamor for reform among the various segments of society was heard in loud and unmistakable terms. Restlessness and demands for changes were reflected in the actions of the United States and in other nations of the world. Uncertainty gripped at the major decisions which were made and at attempts to implement them. As the decade was drawing to a close, humanity, seeking an answer for the dilemma, looked to the 1970's with an apparent desperate hope that some leveling - off of the upheaval or maintenance of order would be established.

### DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED

As the sequence began to unfold in the 1960's, it appeared as though man was determined to assert his dissatisfaction in many ways and on anyone who stood in his path. Even assassination of leading figures was carried out in overt displays to point out that no one would be spared if he stood in the way of the most determined dissident. It seemed like man could not stop from inflicting pain on society in general, his neighbor, and even himself. Violence, crime, civil unrest, opposition to acceptable social behavior, and disregard for good moral living were widely practiced. Once again, as in the days of the cave man, safety, which had been practically

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## Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board Of Trustees

On December 16, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, and Joseph Calabrese and Dominic Thomas, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Auditorium Committee met with the General Church Attorney, Mr. Melvin Bassi, and the Architects (Pellis and Lettrich) at the office of Mr. Sam Kamin in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kamin is the Assistant County Assessor for the County of Allegheny. Also present was Mr. Eric Jones, the Business Manager for the County.

The purpose of this meeting was to present the County of Allegheny with an outline of our Auditorium Construction Program. The entire project was detailed from the time the original site near Imperial, Pennsylvania was purchased, construction was started and stopped there, and the subsequent actions which were necessitated by the government's taking of the land for the expansion of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Of basic importance, a breakdown of the costs and expenses incurred was submitted as a beginning step in the negotiations for settlement of our claim. All negotiations will be carried out with the Allegheny County Authorities.

### WANTED TO BE INFORMED

The County officials wanted to be informed of the predicament in which The Church had

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# Types, Shadows, And Things To Come

By Alvin Swanson, Evangelist  
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Some types are very brief and we tend to overlook them, such as when members of the army of Israel were in retreat and had no time to bury their dead, so they cast a dead soldier into the grave of Elisha. Upon touching his bones, the soldier was resurrected (II Kings 13:21). This is the American Indian coming alive spiritually when he encounters The Church of Jesus Christ in our time, as Elisha represents our latter times. The soldier's death in battle is the "falling away;" his resurrection to life is the restoration in our day.

Probably the greatest one to portray coming events was The Lord. I have only mentioned a few of His types, but every word He spoke, every action He performed, everything He implied is so fraught with meaning it would take volumes to ever begin to consider them.

Many members of The Church of Jesus Christ have had inspired knowledge but never had the opportunity to report it throughout The Church, so I would like to mention a few of them. I am indebted to the late Brother Wilbert Parlor for these first types: The wicked King Saul is a type of the world. King David is a type of The Church in our day. King Solomon is a type of the "Peaceful Reign."

## FIRST TRIAL

Sister Dell Lowther told me she was inspired in the portion of scripture about the first trial Solomon presided over when he became King (I Kings 3:16-28). The two women who each claimed the live baby as her own are representative of our Church and the largest church of the other latter day factions. I have been caused to think a choice will take place in the Peaceful Reign, as Solomon typifies the Peaceful Reign. This will mean a confrontation will occur with this other church to decide who has the true Priesthood and to whom it rightfully belongs. They will claim the baby (priesthood) is truly theirs, and we shall also claim it is ours. You will notice that the one woman won her case by her love for the baby (or the love of The Church for The Priesthood). The woman who lost the case had overlaid her baby and put it to death (smothered by evil doctrines), meaning her priesthood after 1844.

Sister Gertrude Little, my aunt, told me the following types. Goliath, of Gath, the wicked giant who came out and defied the God of Israel for forty days, represents the world since 1830. Forty days represent time, times and half times, or one hundred and forty years (1830 to 1970). David took five stones and put them in a bag at his side. He never took out four of them, as only one stone was required to do what he was about to accomplish. These five stones represented the five dispensations of time. Only one stone was to accomplish this slaying of the giant (the world

of sin), who defied God. This stone represents our dispensation (1830 to the end of the Peaceful Reign). David said it was done so all the earth might know that there was a God in Israel. Does this not compare with Daniel 2:45 which says, "Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." Also read III Nephi 21 in the Book of Mormon.

## FALL OF JERICHO

Another type was the fall of Jericho by Joshua (Joshua 1-6). The procession marched around the walls for seven days. Nothing happened the first six days (6,000 years), but on the seventh day (the beginning of the 7,000th year) the walls of the city fell and Jericho was destroyed. You will notice Rahab, the harlot, was spared. She represents the sectarian churches which have hidden our Church. Everyone believes us to be Protestants, and we are hidden by this fact; therefore, we owe our safety to the fact that we are hidden by these churches.

The late Brother Charles Ashton told me he received the interpretation of the account of the lengthening of Hezekiah's life (Isaiah 38). The Lord sent Isaiah to tell the king to set his house in order for he was about to die. Then the king wept and asked God to remember how he had walked before Him in truth with a perfect heart and had done that which was good in His sight. Then God sent Isaiah to tell him his life was extended 15 years, or 10 degrees by the shadow of the sun. Brother Ashton said this took place in 1844 when The Lord asked "... where is the house that ye build unto me? ..." (Isaiah 66:1). He was going to destroy all the Church because of the errors that had crept in, but, when He was reminded of the good that was done in the past, He lengthened the life of our Church. He raised up William Bickerton, thus fulfilling Isaiah's words: "... but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." (Isaiah 66:2). Also, He spared the Restoration, as predicted by Isaiah. "Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all."

## TO GOD IN PRAYER

We could go on and on, but these few types are enough, I believe, to serve our purpose. Not long ago, I went to God in sincere prayer to ask Him about these matters and to inquire whether every narrative and act is a type in the scriptures. By divine inspiration, I was told this was so. The types portray the time they took place and point to future events. I also asked God why certain people have the honor to perform in the scriptures. There were millions of righteous people, but only a few were ever written about in the scriptures. Under great inspiration, I received the answer that only those who could portray the plans and events of God in time were to be written about in the scriptures. These people lived

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*He who loves God will seek with all his heart to please his Heavenly Father and will labor with all his strength to do that in which our Lord will take pleasure.*

In the epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Hebrews, 11th Chapter, 5th Verse, we find recorded these words, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Within the diction of these verses lies a truth that I believe is seldom thought of and seldom preached, and yet there seems to be no end to its possibilities. This truth is that Enoch was not translated because of his faith alone but also because he pleased God. What a challenge this offers us; and what a blessing to have our lives in tune with God in order to please Him!

What about this thing of pleasing God? This verse to which we have referred leads us to believe Enoch lived on the positive side of life rather than the negative. In other words, he was a positive servant of God. I believe many of God's people rob themselves of countless blessings, satisfying joys, and great satisfaction, as well, simply because they choose to live on the negative side of life. There is a life of committing the sin of omission. In our relationship to each other we realize the value of setting out to please certain individuals. Husbands endeavor to please their wives and wives their husbands. Many employees labor to please their employers; students seek to please their teachers. Paul teaches us, "Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself . . ." (Romans 15:2, 3).

## OUR FIRST CONCERN

Do we, as professing Saints, seek with all our hearts to please God that we may have His smile of approval rest upon us? It would seem to me that, if we really love God, our first concern would be to please Him, even more so than getting to Heaven or obtaining anything for ourselves. He who loves God will seek with all his heart to please his Heavenly Father and will labor with all his strength to do that in which our Lord will take pleasure. Our chief concern should be for God to find a great measure of satisfaction in us.

We have all read where Paul says ". . . how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." (I Thess. 4:1). Paul further states in II Timothy 2:4, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." Also, John records in his writings, ". . . keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (I John 3:22).

Jesus once said, and it is recorded in St. John 8:29, ". . . I do always those things that please him." The Father was pleased with the Son. At Christ's baptism in the Jordan river, a voice from Heaven was heard, declaring, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17). These same words were spoken by the Father at the Transfiguration. At Christ's descension upon the land of America, those who were gathered together around the temple in the land Bountiful heard the voice of the Father speak three times but did not understand the words until the third time when He said, "Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name — hear ye him." (III Nephi 11:7).

There are many ways we can please God. Our prayers for The Church and for the welfare of others are pleasing to Him. Solomon pleased God when he sincerely sought for wisdom. We please God if we place our trust and confidence in Him, because, without faith, it is impossible to please Him. We please God when we permit self to be crucified; when we eliminate every impure motive in order that He may reign in our lives. It pleases God when we set out to improve ourselves, spiritually speaking, or when we give of our tithes and offerings.

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# M.B.A. Highlights

## Learning Checks For MBA Members

As has been reported in previous articles in this column, one of the reasons why the Missionary Benevolent Association Local units in the Branches and Missions around The Church of Jesus Christ were originally founded was to assist the members in learning more about the scriptures, in addition to helping The Church in other ways. In most of these Local groups, which usually meet once a week, therefore, regular periods are devoted to study segments during which attention is placed primarily on thorough examination of the Book of Mormon. Bible study, although also prominent at some of these meetings, is thus reserved for Sunday School classes.

To highlight the significance of these studies, the *MBA Bulletin*, the monthly Association-wide publication, features scriptural questions each month. These queries are designed to allow members and other interested parties to check their knowledge of the scriptures and what they have learned. They are formulated by the *MBA Bulletin* staff, which is comprised of members from the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Local where the periodical is published and from where it is distributed.

Generally, the questions are either direct inquiries, have blanks which must be filled in for omitted words, or offer selections from multiple-choice possibilities. Obviously, the direct questions require direct responses to what is asked. In the second case, questions are prepared in the form of statements with blanks being placed for words required to complete the sentences or verses which are quoted. By inserting the proper words in the blank spaces, the participant can then verify his knowledge of the material he has learned verbatim. The last type, making a selection from the multiple-choice array presented, affords the student the chance to choose the word he feels is correct.

This self-administering kind of quiz, while not new, is certainly worthwhile and beneficial, as it gives the member another dimension in learning about the scriptures. If he cannot supply the answers, he can obtain them from another page where they are printed the same month, thus allowing him the opportunity to further learn at his own convenience.

Following are some of the kinds of questions offered in the *MBA* publication. It may be of interest to try to answer them. (The answers are found at the bottom of page 11).

1. What were the names of King Benjamin's three sons?
2. How many sons did Alma Jr. have and what were their names?
3. The Zoramites "... had a place built up in the center of their synagogue, a place for

standing, which was high above the head, and the top thereof would only admit one person." The place was called by them ..., which being interpreted, is the holy stand.

4. Name the four sons of Mosiah.
5. "And one of the king's servants said unto him, Rabbanah, which is, being interpreted, ... or ..."
6. "But to be learned is good if they ... unto the counsels of God."
7. The Lord God hath commanded His people that they should (force, persuade) all men to repentance.
8. "And we talk of ..., we rejoice in ..., we preach of ..., we prophesy of ..., and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins."



UR WOMEN TODAY

## Meet In Monongahela

### Ladies' Circles

By Sara Vancik

The 198th Quarterly General Ladies Circle Conference was held in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 13, with the members of the two Circles of that Branch as hostesses. Despite the wintry weather, Sisters were in attendance from various parts of the Atlantic Coast, Michigan - Ontario, and Pennsylvania Districts.

At the beginning, the devotional period was turned over to the Monongahela Circles whose program theme was "Share Him With Others." Scriptures were read from both the Bible and the Book of Mormon concerning the birth of Christ. As its finale, the group sang "Joy to the World."

Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, then made a few opening remarks, centering her talk around the program title which was particularly fitting at that time of the year. Also, it was pointed out that this is the theme of the work of the Circles, who by laboring to help The Church in her missionary work are "Sharing The Gospel with Others." Testimonies and the singing of hymns of praise by Sisters present followed.

### OFFICIAL CONFERENCE MATTERS

Official Conference matters were then taken up. Among these were accounts of the response to the Bible project for the White River Indian Mission in Arizona, plans for the hymnal history, and a review of the Nigerian relief situation. It was reported that the required amount of Bibles for The Church's new missionary location in Arizona had been donated by the Circle units so the three-month project was considered completed. The "Hymns and Testimonies of Our People" will

include a history of the composing of 50 hymns taken from the *Saints Hymnal* and the *Saints Favorites*, and a hardback cover has been proposed for this publication. Letters of appreciation forwarded through Brother John Ross, General Church Nigerian Representative, were read from our people in Nigeria for the provisions they were sent from the parent Church and the Ladies' Circles. An analysis of the African situation was also presented by Brother Ross.

Donations were voted to the General Church Indian Mission Fund from the General Circle Indian Mission and Cook Book Funds. Disbursements were also authorized to the African Relief, the Trailer at the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona, the General Church Auditorium and Home Missions Funds from the Circles' General Fund.

Progress on the preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the General Circles was detailed, and the theme of the Conference to mark the event, which will be held this June 20 in the Michigan - Ontario District, was announced as being on The Church's missionary activity. It is hoped to have Sister Evelyn Perdue, who is laboring with her husband at the Tijuana, Mexico Indian Missions, present for the occasion. Circle units are invited to participate in this project for the next three months. All areas will be notified of the plans for the program at the gathering where there will be both afternoon and evening services.

#### NO COOK BOOK CORRECTIONS

It was reported that no corrections have been received for the Ladies' Circle Cook Book. Anyone who knows of any corrections which should be made should direct them to Sister Elsie Enzana, P. O. Box 209, Edison, New Jersey 08817.

Sister Mary Criscuolo of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 related the wonderful experience of how God brought her aunt in touch with The Gospel through her friendship with Sister Anne Pape of Glassport, Pennsylvania and attending the Circle in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Answers to questions assigned for this Conference were given. They were found in *Ether* 4:13-17 in the *Book of Mormon* and *Isaiah* 2 and *Micah* 4 in the Bible.

A motion was passed to offer a vote of thanks to the Monongahela Circles for their hospitality. The next General Circle Conference will be held March 21 at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Brother Nephi DeMercurio of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania addressed the gathering before it was adjourned. He depicted how God works with the Sisters of The Church. He also called attention to the important work the women of The Church of Jesus Christ have in teaching our children the ways of the Lord. Brother William Colangelo of McKees Rocks also spoke, telling of his blessings in The Gospel.

The Conference was brought to a fitting ending when the congregation sang "How Great Thou Art." This hymn summarized the thankfulness which was felt by all who were able to attend the enjoyable and edifying gathering.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### JOSEPH MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

Dear Girls and Boys,

Joseph's brothers, along with Benjamin, left for Egypt. It was very sad for their aged father, Jacob. The brothers were fearful, not knowing how the governor would receive them. They went at once to the governor's place.

When Joseph saw them, he told his servants to make things ready because he would dine with them at noon. When the brothers heard this, they were frightened and thought all this was because of the money that was returned in their sacks. When they met Joseph, they bowed themselves down before him and gave him the presents they had brought. Joseph asked, "Is your father well . . . ?" They replied, ". . . our father is in good health . . ." Then Joseph looked at Benjamin, "Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me?" And to Benjamin he said, "God be gracious unto thee, my son."

Joseph could no longer keep back his feelings. He left his brothers and hurried to another room where he wept. After washing his face, he returned to his brothers and ordered dinner served. Simeon was brought out of prison to eat with them. They were seated according to ages before Joseph.

When Joseph's brothers retired for the night, Joseph commanded his servants to prepare their sacks for the journey home. The sacks were filled with corn and every man's money placed in the top of the sack. Then he took one of his own silver cups and hid it in Benjamin's sack.

Early the next morning, the brothers started on their journey home. They had not gone very far when Joseph sent his servants after them. He was still trying his brothers. When the servants overtook the brothers, they accused them of stealing the silver cup. The brothers were surprised and said they had not stolen anything. The servants began to search their sacks, beginning with the oldest. When they opened Benjamin's sack, there was the cup! The brothers were shocked and afraid. They knew Benjamin would not steal anything. They felt they must protect their younger brother. What would happen now?

They returned to the city to make a plea before Joseph. Judah was the spokesman. He said Benjamin was innocent and that, if they did not return him to their father, their father would die of grief. Joseph could no longer restrain himself. His brothers had learned their lesson. He could see they were no longer selfish and now were very concerned about their aged father.

Joseph ordered everyone but his brothers to leave the room. Then he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. His brothers were troubled at this. What had happen-

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ed? The governor was crying in their presence! Joseph said, in effect, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Come near me. Do not be grieved, nor angry with yourselves that you sold me, for God sent me before you to preserve life. Hurry back to my father and tell him his son, Joseph, is not dead and is lord over all Egypt." Joseph took his younger brother, Benjamin, and embraced him. He kissed Benjamin and all his brothers. What a happy, happy time for all.

Next month there is a happy ending to our stories about Joseph. Don't miss it! This month's story is found in your Bible in **Genesis, Chapters 44 and 45** if you would like to read it.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## The Answer

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guaranteed recently through mankind's general adherence to societal laws, was becoming a prime concern of law-abiding citizens. Is it not understandable, therefore, why man would want to believe that in the 1970's the order of things would reverse itself and hope that peaceful existence would be experienced?

It has been said by some analysts that not all change has been bad or that all thoughts and actions were without merit. Certainly, one can find some elements of courage from the past decade. The fact that young people, who comprise a major portion of the United States population, are basically concerned about their existence is a cause for encouragement. Of course, no one can really condone the unwarranted protests, the resistance to law and order, the use of drugs, and the departure from God to which many have resorted. Extreme opposition cannot solve the problems but will conversely increase the tensions and conflicts in many cases. Furthermore, personal physical harm inflicted by utilizing these terrible drugs unnecessarily cannot be tolerated. It is refreshing to know, however, that not all young people are opposed to the order of things and have become active in their resistance to older people and institutions. Young people of The Church of Jesus Christ, for instance, are prime examples of the peaceful, law-abiding citizens who are credits to their age group.

### BASICALLY CONCERNED

There are definite indications that most younger individuals, as well as their elders, are basically concerned about themselves, issues as they pertain to them, and matters which are important to humanity. The only thing which is lacking in the world is the leadership which they can follow, feeling certain that what is being advocated is just, proper, and worthwhile. Does it not seem ironically unbelievable that, in the midst of all the chaos, they have the answer

available and yet are somewhat oblivious to it — The Gospel of Christ?

Some of the younger set, as well as the older group, have written off Christ as their answer. Yet it is conceivable that they have not even been exposed to any of the power of The Gospel as is found in The Church of Jesus Christ. It would be interesting, for example, to find just how many of them are familiar with the fact that Christ stands for love of mankind. Through Him, it is unnecessary to have a special rally to demonstrate love for our fellowman, because His love is always present among the believers. Also, how one may obtain heavenly eternal life is made clear in the scriptures. Furthermore, the "Sermon on the Mount," if followed in its entirety, is sufficient to permit all mankind to live in peace and to please God.

In the area of alleviating human suffering, Christ has illustrated how, through faith, man can be healed of his many physical and mental illnesses. Also, the stresses of everyday living are minimized as individuals defer to each other when conflicts arise. Attention to the dignity of the individual is paramount and ways to emphasize concern for one another are demonstrated when one serves God. Uppermost, hope for each day's existence is kept at a high level and needless discouragement and resignation to undesirable conditions are removed. Do not these ideals reflect the answers to the anxieties of people today? Are not these insights into better ways to get along with people illustrations of the concerns which many parties have repeated over and over as being the relevant matters to consider, the human aspects which should be analyzed and corrected?

### ANSWER FOR ILLS

That Christ is the answer for the ills of the world is most obvious to the believer. The challenge is to make the solution, adherence to His Gospel, meaningful and significant for those who are seeking answers today. As in all times, God works with sincere individuals who are diligently looking for The Truth, so it appears to be simply a matter of exposing them to The Gospel of Christ. How this can be done realistically and appropriately is then the main concern of all members of The Church of Jesus Christ. God's direction, through The Holy Spirit, will certainly be present as this is attempted in words and deeds, and it is the guidance to be sought when opportunities to do this are encountered.

Readers will recall that the hopes and expectations of The Church of Jesus Christ in the 1970's were presented last month. The ushering in of the Peaceful Reign was explained, and the raising up of the American Indian (the Seed of Joseph) to a position of prominence was outlined. These future events are good starting points for use in establishing a rapport with the many today who are looking for peace and The Truth as they specified repeatedly in the 1960's as being their goals. It seems only fair that they be supplied with the answer and the satisfaction of these quests which they are so steadfastly pursuing. Certainly, peace and hope are the most important elements sought in today's world. The Gospel of Christ through The Church offers both.

# THE AMERICAN INDIAN

## What Once Was Will Be Again

By Thomas Everett

"And it shall come to pass that I (Jesus Christ) will establish my people, O house of Israel.

"And behold, this people (Seed of Joseph) will I establish in this land, 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 will be in the midst of you." (III Nephi 20:21, 22).

In previous articles, it has been stated that the American Indian, or the Seed of Joseph, will one day occupy a prominent position in the Western Hemisphere. We of The Restored Gospel of Christ know that, although they have been driven away from their lands by the Gentiles and were at one time almost completely exterminated, they will once again become a righteous and delightful people.

The above verses, quoted from the *Book of Mormon*, specified that the Indians would indeed not be completely destroyed but that God would reestablish them in this land. During the last few months, it seems as though one cannot pick up a newspaper or a magazine, listen to a radio, or watch television without reading, hearing, or seeing something which pertains to the American Indians. The "Forgotten American" or the "Vanishing American" is a thing of the past.

Again, The Lord said He would establish the Indian people in this land. One of the synonyms of the word "establish" is "firm;" and that is just how the Indians are facing the United States government in their dealings. They are telling the government that they want their problems solved and that they want to realistically take an active part in the solving of these matters themselves.

An example of this determination was encountered in Arizona. The San Carlos Apaches submitted a program to the federal government recently. Washington officials cut the request and notified the residents of their decision. The San Carlos Apaches said "No," and the government countered with an offer to give half the funds requested. Again the San Carlos Apaches said, "No." Finally, the government officials funded the whole original program. This resistance to what had been formerly unilateral decision-making on the part of the government demonstrates that the American Indian is indeed concerned about helping himself. While not trying to become a problem, he is showing passively that he wants to be included in making and carrying out the plans as they pertain to him.

### DISCARDING DIFFERENCES

An anthropologist recently stated that the American Indians are putting aside tribal differences and are becoming a united minority group.

Information received disclosed that Indian tribes from Canada and Maine met recently and formed a non-profit corporation to further independent education for Indian children. This appears to be an appropriate step in breaking down barriers and making the total Indian identity meaningful for all of these people.

It has also been observed that they are gathering from all over the Western Hemisphere and are cooperating with each other so they may become a more united people. One Indian spokesman of the Iroquois nation said that it is their religion which unites the Indians. They are no longer referring to themselves as Sioux, or Cherokee, or Iroquois, but as the "People."

One can follow these unification efforts through the establishing of inter-tribal organizations, such as the National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Youth Council, and the American Indian Movement. By these efforts to integrate among themselves, Indian tribes are striving to solve the common problems which they face.

### HELP IN CITIES

When one thinks of the American Indian, he seems to naturally think of a reservation, because this is where the United States Government had placed them after their defeat in the late 1800's. Today, however, almost one-third of the American Indians live off the reservations, usually in big cities. It is estimated that there are 12,000 Indians in the city of Chicago, Illinois alone.

Indians migrate to the city, as do most rural Americans, to find better jobs to support themselves and their families. Most people who move to the big city suffer dislocation and problems of adjustment to a new way of life. For the Indian, these problems are greatly intensified. They not only leave a home but a way of life which does not exist in the city. They are cut off from their way of life, their people, and nature, for which they have so much reverence.

An organization called "American Indians United" (A. I. U.) hopes to change all this. The organization, encompassing 90 tribes, hopes to serve as a central information and staffing center for urban Indian centers and similar organizations. These efforts will further aid in the total unification of the American Indians.

To accomplish its objectives, the A. I. U. plans to initiate an exchange of talent program whereby an experienced person can be borrowed from an Indian center in one city and sent to another part of the country to lend a hand in setting up programs in other Indian centers. These programs would include pow-wows, crafts classes, and other activities which will strengthen the Indians' cultural pride and their heritage.

In addition, the A. I. U. hopes to obtain for the urban Indian such services that are now provided for the reservation Indian like housing and education. The leaders of the A. I. U. say that the need for unity is great — that it is vital that they become a unified force.

Through the illustrations presented, it can be seen how the Indian is coming alive and it can be observed how God's word is being fulfilled concerning His covenant people.

# God Communicates With His People

By Mark Randy, Evangelist

God communicates with The Church by His Holy Spirit, called the Comforter. Through The Holy Spirit, He reveals and shows things to come.

From Adam to our present day, God has and does now communicate with righteous men. He reveals His will to us.

By divine revelation, Adam was instructed face to face; and Enoch walked with God. Noah was warned about the flood, Moses was directed to deliver Israel, Naaman was led to a fountain of health, Joseph was liberated from prison, Elijah was saved from starvation, and Daniel was protected from the mouths of the lions. Paul was restrained from preaching in Bithynia and admonished to go into Macedonia, was told to stay at Corinth, and was commanded to depart from Jerusalem.

Every successful movement of The Church is, in fact, directed by The Holy Spirit. Today, we also need to be directed by The Holy Ghost. As they needed warning from deceivers then, we need it even more so today.

In earlier times, the Ministry received daily guidance. They inquired of The Lord and received guidance to fulfill their duty. "I am the Lord, I change not." This same direction is also available now so long as our faith and trust are placed in Him.

## AS IN PAST

Today, as in the days of the early Apostles, men are called to serve in The Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ by divine revelation and not necessarily by any stipulated scholastic training. Likewise, The Lord leads and directs just as He did for the Brothers of old, as we depend upon The Holy Ghost.

Some individuals outside The Church of Jesus Christ may oppose the channel of divine revelation and refuse to accept the idea of inspiration from God. Yet, it is the will of God to lead and direct us about where we should go and what we should say, depicted by the following scripture: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . ." (Acts 2:17).

Paul found it necessary to exhort The Church in his day in the following manner: "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation . . ." (1 Cor. 14:26). In another passage, he pointed out "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith . . . to another the gift of healing . . . To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he

will." (1 Cor. 12:8-11).

Some of the ways by which God communicates with the Church are by signs and wonders: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (St. Mark 16:15-18).

This latter quotation is the everlasting covenant which Jesus made with The Church and which will be in effect so long as we are obedient to Him and strive to work with Him. The word of Jesus endures forever. Jesus said, ". . . these signs would follow them that believe . . ." Only unbelief could prevent the signs and miracles from following The Church today.

## STILL ESSENTIAL

These blessings are part of The Ministry of Christ and are essential to the believers today, as they were yesterday. If these signs do not follow, it is evidence that believers have turned to unbelief, since Christ cannot deny Himself or go back on His promise.

John Wesley wrote in his 94th sermon: "It does not appear that these extra-ordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were common in the church for more than two or three centuries." The reason was not, as has been incorrectly supposed, because there was no more occasion for these gifts in view of the world's becoming Christian. This conclusion is erroneous, as not one-twentieth of the world was at that time even nominally Christian. The gifts of The Holy Spirit were no longer found in the Christian Church, because the Christians were turned heathen again and had only a dead form left.

It is God's wish to communicate with The Church of Jesus Christ and to lead both The Ministry and the laity. All who are truly converted to God know and believe this.

Today, it is urged by many leading theologians outside The Church that the learning of man is sufficient and that anybody who seeks after the inspiration of God is fanatical. Such statements against the will of The Lord are certainly in conflict with the scriptures and The Gospel of Christ.

The assurance that God will always strive with His people and will show them the paths to follow is a source of great comfort to all who love and serve The Lord. As Ministers and members of The Church, we constantly await the divine communication so necessary and so sought through The Holy Ghost. Receiving these heavenly directives not only strengthens us but edifies us, as well.

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Paul told the Philippian Church that their offering was a sacrifice well-pleasing unto God. May the Lord help us to be completely yielded to His will; may He help us to understand more of His ways, and, by doing them, to please Him.

## Dream Fulfilled Many Years Later

The dream I am about to relate came to me about thirty years ago when we lived in Glassport, Pennsylvania. In this revelation, Brother Anthony Di Battista and I were starting out on a trip in his (at that time) very old automobile. We started on a road, neither one of us speaking but just sitting there quietly as he drove. Soon I noticed we were not on the road anymore; that we were flying through the air like in an airplane, going over much strange terrain such as mountains and canyons which I had never seen before. After a long time of this flying through the air, I turned to Brother Di Battista and said, "Brother Tony, where are we going?" He answered, "Why, don't you know? We are going to Mexico."

I awoke and was very astonished at such a dream, for, at that time (1939), California was just a place about which we had heard. To us and most people in the east, it was very far away and almost impossible to travel to. I told the dream to Brother Di Battista because he was in it. He, too, marvelled at it, but he said, "Nothing is impossible with God."

I did not tell the dream to very many people because I thought they would laugh at such a dream. I have wished many times that I would have told the General Church then, but it just showed me years later how small the mind and understanding of man is and that no matter how much time elapses (as we count it) God brings to pass all His designs, especially those which seem incredible or impossible to us. How do we know this? In time, God shows us in many ways, as was illustrated to me, for, in 1946, we moved to San Diego, and the following events occurred.

A few years before Brother Di Battista passed away in 1967, God granted him the opportunity to visit us here in our home in San Diego. My husband, family, and I were very close to him (he baptized me into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1932). While he was here, we took him to visit Tijuana, Mexico. I had not thought for a long time about this dream I had had so many years prior, but Brother Di Battista evidently had never forgotten it. As we were walking along the streets in Tijuana, he suddenly stopped, turned to me and my husband, and said, "Sister Lena, part of your dream has been fulfilled today. Here we are, you and I, in Mexico; and I tell you that soon The Gospel of Jesus Christ will be established here, too."

I was astonished and felt The Spirit of God at his words, remembering again the dream very vividly. Truly, Brother Di Battista prophesied correctly that day, for it was not many years after that that God used and sent Brother Edward and Sister Evelyn Perdue to do His work among His chosen people in Tijuana, where the people are so poor and oppressed and need God so very much. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them in their untiring efforts.

We feel very happy when we visit our Mexican Brothers and Sisters. There is always

a special blessing for me when I recall how God revealed that The Church of Jesus Christ would come to Mexico and how it came to pass. I am most grateful to God for this wonderful experience.

Lena Liberto

## Auditorium Progress

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been placed because of the Airport expansion and the loss of our original construction site. They were most interested in learning first-hand the specific items, such as the date construction was started, the date it was stopped, the reasons for our stopping the work, and the affect it had on our project as a whole.

The results of the discussions were most encouraging. The officials requested our Attorney to write a "hardship letter" to Mr. Martin J. Griffin, Director of Department of Aviation, explaining the situation in which The Church has been placed. They also asked the Architects to furnish a detailed breakdown of the costs of the General Contractor (the F. J. Busse Company, Incorporated) at the new site, the cost of changing from one site to another, and any loss of funds incurred as a result of this change.

The representatives of the County were informed that we are going to proceed with our Auditorium project as expeditiously as possible, weather conditions being what they are. They expressed a desire to work with The Church on the matter. While certain requirements and regulations are involved which are necessary and take some time to be satisfied, they stated they would try to modify their procedures to expedite a realistic value with which we could begin negotiations for a settlement. Our claim has been officially submitted to the County of Allegheny and is being given fair consideration.

### MEETING APPOINTED

A meeting of the Auditorium Committee, General Church Board of Trustees, and General Church Officers was called for January 10 in Aliquippa. These officials reviewed the specific details of the builder's change order with Mr. Busse, the General Contractor, and determined subsequent steps necessary to accomplish the ultimate completion of the project. The results of this meeting will be covered in the next report.

We shall attempt to keep everyone informed of the progress in the forthcoming issues of the *Gospel News*. Keep praying that The Lord will be with us in the future. Also, remember the words of Jesus: "Give, and it shall be given unto you . . ." (St. Luke 6:38).

An old friend once said, "The wisdom of The Good Lord placed the givin' afore the gettin'." I have often wondered whether the reason some of my prayers were not answered, or my slowness in spiritual growth in grace, or my failure to receive God's richest blessings might be due to something, real or imaginary, standing in the way of my giving God my best which has resulted in not receiving. According to The Gospel, the giving comes before the receiving.

## Revival Series, Ordinations And Baptisms On Coast

A series of revival services, Priesthood ordinations, and baptisms were experienced in the California District during the last two months in 1969. The blessings received were most plentiful and uplifting.

Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio, who is Vice-President of the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists, was invited to conduct the Evangelistic meetings. Printed invitations were distributed door-to-door to residents of communities, asking them to attend the services at the various Church locations. Fellowship visits were also made by some of the visiting Brothers.

The sequence of meetings began at the Yucaipa Mission, with services on Sunday, November 9; Monday evening, November 10; and Tuesday evening, November 11. Brothers V. James Lovalvo and Mark Randy of Modesto came to take part, as did many others from Bell, San Fernando Valley, and San Diego. The Yucaipa Mission is composed of retired but enthusiastic members. Brother Robert Watson Jr., Presiding Officer at the location, calls them the bridge builders, which they certainly are in every respect.

During the next week, services were held at the San Fernando Valley Branch on Sunday, Monday evening, and Tuesday evening; at Bell on Wednesday evening; and at San Diego Thursday through Sunday. At San Fernando on Sunday, November 16, three Brothers were ordained into The Ministry. They are Brothers Alex Cavalaro, Dwayne Jordan and Del Carnival. Brother Otto Henderson of Bell was also ordained an Evangelist on this memorable and enjoyable day.

Meetings were conducted in Modesto, November 30 through December 7. Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7, were the dates that a California District Gathering was hosted there and Brothers Isaac Smith and Dan Picciuto from the White River and San Carlos Indian Reservations in Arizona, respectively, were in attendance, along with Brother Richard Christman of Phoenix.

In the Saturday morning service, while Brother Joseph Lovalvo, President of the California District, was saying, "We must face 1970 with a new perspective," Brother Smith spoke in the gift of tongues, and the feeling was present that there were more responsibilities to be accepted at home and abroad. The theme was "We must do better for the seed of Joseph." That afternoon and evening, several Elders took part.

The Sunday morning meeting was introduced by Brother Calabrese who used I Nephi 17, the building of the ship to cross the many waters, as his text. He was followed by Brothers Watson and Joseph Lovalvo. As the closing hymn, "Just As I Am" was being sung, Peter Dulisse came

forward and asked for his baptism. After the service, Joseph Randy rendered obedience to the Gospel.

Shortly thereafter, the new Brother Dulisse was baptized by his uncle, Brother John Dulisse, and confirmed by his stepfather, Brother Joseph Bologna. Brother Randy was immersed and confirmed by Brother Daniel Picciuto.

The revival services, ordinations, and baptisms during the period were most gratifying and gave residents of the west coast much for which to be thankful. They brought an edifying end to the old year and much rededication with which to face the new one.

## Six More Baptisms At Freehold, N. J. During Short Span

Six more baptisms were experienced at the Freehold, New Jersey Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ in November. These happy events occurred within a two-week span.

First to enter The Gospel was Thomas Gamble. He was taken into the waters by Brother Cleveland Baldwin and confirmed by Brother Matthew Rogolino on Wednesday, November 5.

Three more converts followed the next Sunday, November 9. They were James Louis and Roberta Crudup and Jennifer Howard, who were all also baptized by Brother Baldwin. The new Brother and Sister Crudup were confirmed by Brother Rogolino, while the new Sister Howard was confirmed by Brother Baldwin.

The last two in the series to render obedience to The Gospel were William Lee and Emma Jean Brown. They were both immersed by Brother Rogolino and confirmed by Brother Nathan Peterkin one week later on Sunday, November 16.

The blessings during this period at the Mission which is under the New Brunswick Branch have added to the many others which have been received there. They have been very edifying and heartfelt to all the members, particularly for the new Brothers and Sisters.

## Glassport Holds Week Of Meetings

The Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch held a week of meetings Sunday, November 23, through Friday, November 28. The services were well-attended, and many Elders and members visited from other Church locations.

Brother James Moore of nearby Imperial introduced the Friday night final meeting. He was followed by Brothers Nephi DeMercurio of Vanderbilt, Anthony Ross of Aliquippa, Robert Bufington of Imperial, and Samuel Kirschner of West Elizabeth. Brother Alma Nolfi, Glassport Presiding Elder, made a few closing remarks.

The meetings were most edifying and inspiring for the Glassport congregation.

## American Indians Subject Presented At Monongahela

Two guest speakers from Detroit, Michigan addressed the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch on Sunday, December 14. They were Brothers Anthony Scolaro and Gorie Ciaravino, who spoke in that order on the American Indians.

Brother Scolaro related many of the experiences he had witnessed while he has labored among the Seed of Joseph. He told of many healings through anointing and of the faith shown to warrant these healings.

Brother Ciaravino, General Church President, referred to the work among the Seed of Joseph as the future of our Church. He spoke of the Indians as being a powerful force and not as members of the vanishing race as was formerly claimed; and he pointed out that they will once again attain their status as God's covenant people through The Restored Gospel.

The insights presented were most enlightening and encouraging. They also reflected the expectations of The Church of Jesus Christ in the days ahead.

## Baptism Performed At Fort Pierce

A new convert was added to the fold at the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch on November 22. The new member is David Weld Clough.

He was baptized by Brother Frank Rogolino and confirmed by Brother Joseph Bittinger.

The Fort Pierce congregation has been most edified by the addition of the new Brother.

## Types, Shadows And Things To Come

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their lives with great concern to portray what God wanted to show the whole human family.

In conclusion, I hope our pursuit of these spiritual things will increase, because the knowledge of God is in them, and I believe the knowledge of God is the keynote in the Peaceful Reign. I know many Brothers and Sisters have received experiences of this kind, but it would be impossible to mention them all. Basically, Brother Alma Cadman has contributed much to The Church in this respect. His pamphlet, *The Seventh Day of Rest*, is a milestone in our Church and is worthy of our study and consideration.

It might be added that the types and shadows described, as well as others, also happen in our personal lives. Accordingly, my prayer is constant to The Lord that His people will continue to receive His richest blessings.

## Brief News of Interest

### INDIAN WORK SELECTION

Brother Richard Christman of the Phoenix, Arizona Branch has been selected to participate in the Eighth Indian Bureau of Field Management Training Program. His selection was made on the basis of employment record with the Bureau, test results, and recommendations by his supervisor and fellow employees. He will be assigned to the Phoenix Area Office in the Bureau of Indian Affairs for six months and will receive training in the areas of the Branch of Education, Property and Supply, Employment Assistance, Tribal Operation and Reservation Program, and the Branch of Personnel.

All readers will, of course, want to extend congratulations to Brother Christman on his most well-deserved appointment, as they recall that he has been laboring diligently among the American Indian people in both South Dakota and Arizona.

### THANKS EXTENDED

The Brothers and Sisters of the Yucaipa, California Mission have sent an official letter of thanks to all who were responsible for the revival meetings held there, as reported on page 10. They pointed out that they were grateful to all who traveled there and who, despite personal sacrifices involved, came to share The Lord's blessings with them. They stated that the much good which was received was most highly appreciated.

It is interesting to note that the General Ladies' Circle, through its Home Missions Program, has been instrumental in helping in many of these kinds of services held around The Church. It once again gave its support to this project which was conducted this time on the west coast.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

Susan Elizabeth to the Leonard James Lovavos, Anthony to the Felice Giulittos, and Faith Marie to the Samuel Randys of Modesto, California; and

Jacqueline Lillian to the A. J. Antunes and Roger Louis Jr. to the Roger Louis Mazzeos, Sr. of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

## Answers To Questions In "MBA Highlights"

1. Mosiah, Helorum, Helaman. (Mosiah 1:2).
2. Three: Helaman, Shiblon, Corianton. (Alma 31:6, 7).
3. Rameumpton. (Alma 31:13, 21).
4. Ammon, Aaron, Omner, Himni. (Mosiah 27:34).
5. powerful, great king. (Alma 18:13).
6. hearken. (II Nephi 9:29).
7. Persuade. (II Nephi 26:27).
8. Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ. (II Nephi 25:26).

## NUPTIALS

### CLOWERS—SHERWOOD

Mr. George F. Clowers and Sister Catherina (Rina) Sherwood were married at the Bell, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 3. Brother Rudolph Meo conducted the ceremony. Brother Ken Jones was the organist.

The groom is an octogenarian and the bride is a septuagenarian. The two witnesses were the groom's grandson and the bride's great-granddaughter.

The elderly couple plans to live in Madras, Oregon.

### MURRAY—CALABRESE

Mr. Hershal Lee Murray and Sister Carrie Calabrese were joined in holy wedlock at the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, December 20. Brother Frank Calabrese, cousin of the bride, conducted the ceremony. Sister Betty Alessio was the organist.

The Murrays now live in Lorain.

### ROSE—LOWDER

Mr. Martin Dale Rose and Miss Linda Joyce Lowder were united in holy matrimony at the Modesto, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Friday, November 14. Brother Joseph Lovalvo performed the ceremony. Sister Rose Lovalvo was the vocal soloist, and Brother Joseph Parravano was the organist.

The newlyweds now reside in Modesto.

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLES BEHANNA

Brother Charles Behanna, an Apostle of The Church of Jesus Christ who was a member of the Erie, Pennsylvania Mission, departed from this life on January 6. Born on July 27, 1879, he was baptized into The Church in 1898.

Left to mourn are two daughters, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Apostle Russell B. Cadman officiated at the funeral services, assisted by General Church President Gorie Ciaravino and Apostles A. A. Corrado and Dominic Thomas.

A true pillar of The Church, Brother Behanna was ordained an Elder on January 10, 1904, an Evangelist in July 1909, and an Apostle on August 4, 1923. His passing leaves a large void in the lives of all those who loved him in The Gospel and who benefitted from his staunch determination in upholding The Faith.

### MAUDE JONES

Sister Maude Jones, a long-time faithful member of the Wichita, Kansas Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, completed her journey in this life on January 5 at the age of 55. She had been baptized in The Church in 1924.

Brother Joseph Bittinger conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Alex Robinson.

Sister Jones, a reserved and gentle person, was a great credit to The Gospel of Christ. Her warmth and pleasant manner were wonderful examples of the ways in which the members of The Church must exhibit the image of Christ.

### DOMINICK D'ANTONIO

Brother Dominick D'Antonio, Presiding Elder of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on December 28. Born on September 20, 1906, he was baptized into The Church on January 27, 1929.

He is survived by his wife, six daughters, and 13 grandchildren.

Brother John Ross conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brothers Paul Palmieri and Anthony Ross.

A long-time exemplary faithful member of The Church, Brother D'Antonio was ordained an Elder on April 21, 1957. His reassuring presence and fervent adherence to The Gospel will be greatly missed by all who were accustomed to his wonderful testimony and steadfastness in the ways of The Lord.

### NICHOLAS IORIO

Brother Nicholas Iorio, an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ at the Bryson City, North Carolina Mission under the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch, went on from this life on December 27. Born in 1896, he was baptized into The Church in 1924.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, one daughter, and two grandchildren.

Brother Dan Casasanta officiated at the funeral services.

Our departed Brother, who took up residence in North Carolina, comparatively late in life, was ordained an Elder on February 10, 1952. He also spent some time in Italy on missionary work. His faithfulness in serving The Lord was of great strength to all who knew him and were enriched by his presence.

## MEDITATIONS

### St. John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

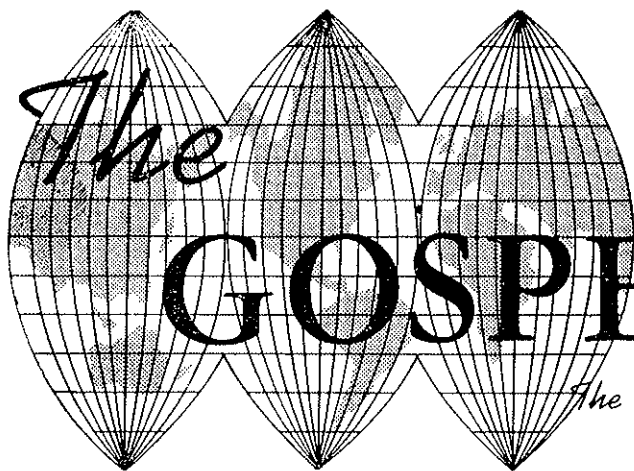
He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of this will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



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## Easter Message

By Dominic Moraco

In gazing out the window this cold and wintry day, it seems a little difficult to prepare an Easter message because this event is usually associated with the warmer weather encountered in the spring. On the other hand, however, the wintry blasts do bring home a more important and deeper realization; and this awareness is that the frigid weather is a representation of the dark, cold, and dreary grave into which all humans must be laid to rest.

The seasonal change from the cold to warmer weather which will soon be taking place in the various parts of the world where some of us are located also portrays another significant event. Suddenly one wants to project himself from the gloom of the grave and into the feeling of the glorious resurrection. He is even more enraptured with this feeling than he is with the anticipation for the winter to pass away and for the beauty of the spring to emerge.

### BLESSED HOPE

The coming of Easter and the memory of the death and resurrection undergone for all mankind renews in all true followers of Christ the blessed hope of heavenly eternal life promised through the sacrifice made by our Saviour. Understanding that the grave is only a bed for the body that will awaken again in the glorious springtime of the resurrection, therefore, is indeed a heartwarming thought for those who live Godly. For them, this thought makes every day worth living, because, to the true Christians, Easter is present every day of the year.

In greeting the spring with her promise of a warm and glorious summer to follow, may we likewise continually possess the hope that the wintry-like grave is not our final resting-place but that it is only the place for a night of slumber. Indeed, to the redeemed, the grave is only a temporary accommodation from which we shall arise and emerge into that blessed land above. It is there where we shall live eternally with Christ, who was the first fruit of the Resurrection.

The warmth of The Gospel of Christ is all we need to live Easter every day.

## GOD SPEAKS

By Gorie Ciaravino,  
General Church President

As we entered the decade of the 1970's, I became deeply concerned about the preaching of The Gospel of Christ, especially to the Seed of Joseph, the ushering in of the Peaceful Reign, and the great work of the latter days which has long been the belief of our Church. After much contemplation on this subject, I decided to appoint a week of fasting-and-prayer on the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona. The purpose of the week-long fast services was to seek God's direction and assistance in this great task.

Unfortunately, it was not feasible for me to invite the entire Priesthood of The Church because of the limited accommodations and facilities at this mission; however, I did invite the two General Church Counselors, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, and a number of Brothers who have been dedicated to the Indian work throughout the years. The week of January 26 - 31 will long be remembered by those present, although only a comparatively few were able to attend.

It would be impossible to capture on paper the spirit that was present. Nevertheless, I feel obligated to share with all readers of the **Gospel News** some of the glorious experiences which we enjoyed.

From the very start, God visited us with a great outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and He

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# Editorial Comment

By Carl J. Frammolin

Last month, it was indicated that the answer to the world's problems, anxieties, and conflicts can be found in The Gospel of Christ. The challenge, it was also suggested, is to present this solution in a meaningful and desirable way for the many people who have been seeking peace and hope amid the chaotic conditions which were carried over from the 1960 decade. It follows thus that how to convey the message of The Gospel and the attendant benefits it offers is, of course, the concern of every true convert.

There are many people searching for The Truth, but, because of the great amount of cynicism they have experienced, they find it most difficult to believe there is a real answer for their dilemma. There are others who have given up hope and do not think there is any reason to seek because they are certain they will not find. Still others have resorted to various methods to find answers which are readily available in The Gospel but which they refuse to accept. How then are the people in each of these categories to be exposed to the true teachings and promises of Christ? How can their interest be aroused sufficiently to stimulate them toward efforts which can lead them to eternal salvation? In short, how does one successfully convey the "answer," the Gospel Message, to others?

Obviously, getting to understand the individuals and their situations is the starting point. It is impossible to work with people unless one can appreciate the positions in which they are found. The facts of the situations must then be considered. Basically, how these factors relate to the entire existence of the individual involved, for example, must also be equated. The analysis will disclose how the person stands in relation to how he would like to improve his life and where he ultimately would like to spend eternity.

## DIFFICULT BUT POSSIBLE

Learning to understand another person may be most difficult, but it is possible. It is also very essential. The only way this can be really done is to put ourselves in the other individual's shoes. Efforts must be expended toward trying to perceive how he feels, where his interests lie, and what pursuits occupy his attention. One should also try to determine the person's goals in life and how he plans to achieve them. In effect, one must ask, "How has the other person reached this point in life and where does he intend to go?"

When one "puts himself in another person's shoes," he is said to be exercising empathy. "Empathy" means to project one's consciousness into another being in an effort to more readily understand the position of the other party. It is interesting to note the relationship between "empathy" and "sympathy." Whereas "empathy" means to feel as another does, "sympathy" means to exercise concern or compassion toward another individual. In viewing the task of leading others to The Gospel, therefore, both must be utilized genuinely.

It has been often said in The Church of Jesus

Christ that it is The Holy Spirit which leads a soul to The Gospel and that individuals are only instruments in bringing the sincerely seeking persons into the fold. Remembering these truths, it must be always kept in mind that The Lord's direction is needed in these matters. As has been emphasized repeatedly, a reverent and responsive rapport must be maintained with God in carrying out this mission and insights must be sought through The Spirit.

## EXERCISING EMPATHY

In exercising empathy, a person must seek to discover what the other individual really feels about the matters at hand. Are the things we consider vital truly valid to him? Do the things we do in life hold the same significance for him? Is he concerned about the life to come? What is his knowledge of the scriptures?

Many times, casual conversation will divulge these details without in-depth discussions. People today have the ability to express their beliefs and thus usually respond to these kinds of interest points without too much prompting. As a matter of fact, many people in the world are proud of their disbelief in God and proclaim their views which to us are invalid. Strange as it may seem, however, it is perhaps easiest to discuss beliefs with members of this group because there is an excellent opening to explain why we believe in God and to present our testimony. Many individuals throughout the history of The Church had professed this non-belief, only to be fully convicted through The Spirit upon hearing The Gospel presented clearly and after seeing it in action. Furthermore, individuals who came from these ranks are fervent and thankful when they render obedience to The Gospel and have a dramatic and moving testimony to present after their conversion. A prime example is our General Church President, Brother Gorie Ciavino, who was raised an atheist but who became a believer and a Christian when he became acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ.

Confidence must be first cultivated before an individual will be willing to talk about himself in many cases. To establish confidence, one must display genuine interest and concern for the other party. Obviously, an individual can portray these with sincerity and warmth only if he really possesses them, as do real believers of Christ. The doctrine of Christ includes them as implicit parts of its contents, and a truly converted member of The Gospel does not have to become deliberate in portraying them as they will become inherent components of his existence and will be readily recognized.

## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS, REWARDS

After gaining the confidence of the other person, the follower of Christ can then point out the essential elements of The Gospel, as well as the eventual rewards available. How they have value in each person's life can also be emphasized. When this point is reached, the other party will know without question whether he is interested and should pursue investigating what he was told. If he is advised to go to God in prayer to verify what he has been told, as we in The Gospel were all counseled to do at one time, he

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*If our Church is to have a place in tomorrow's war - torn world, we will have to see more men and women bowing at the feet of Jesus; we must see mortal souls receiving salvation.*

I am sure most everyone will agree that these are most momentous days in which to be alive, and no one will deny that the day in which we live presents a definite challenge to The Church. Many of us can vividly remember two great world wars, not to mention the present conflict, in which thousands of the cream of American youth have laid down their lives on foreign soil. These thousands are lying still in death awaiting the Resurrection Morning; but, while thousands have died, many others have come as near to realizing the terrors of hell as it is possible for man to do while here on earth.

## PLEASURE— BENT

As we look across this fair land of America today, we see the places of amusement filled to overflowing; we see many automobiles on the highways filled with pleasure-bent people. We see youths and adults, both male and female, staggering under the effects of strong drink. Their boisterous actions and vulgar remarks are evident, and as we watch we see them wend their way across life toward the Great Judgment morning.

As we note the things mentioned in this writing, and the many things not mentioned, and try to comprehend the value of a soul, do not (to use the words of the two with whom Jesus traveled on the road to Emmaus) our hearts burn within us? We seem to tell ourselves it was not planned this way from the beginning and wonder within ourselves, "Is there not something that we can do to stem the tide?" Do we not feel like praying at times: "Lord, grant me the tongue of an angel that I may speak to the lost and perishing humanity?" Let those of us who are in The Church, and who refrain from sinful living, not be satisfied with saving our own souls. Remember Jesus' precious blood was shed to save mankind. Were we not all to some degree children of the wicked one? All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Were we not bound by sin and habits? Were we not traveling the broad way toward eternal destruction?

## DID ABOUT — FACE

Those of us who are in The Church today — and many of us are within only because someone threw a lighted, red torch of warning across our path — did an about - face, thus becoming disciples of our Lord. You and I, then, should throw out the life - line or rope of rescue to those who are sinking in despair. None of us should stop and bask in the ecstasy of our own salvation, for we were not rescued, as it were, to cruise the river of life from here to heaven; we were rescued that we might work and serve. Someone has said, "We are debtors to every man to give him The Gospel in the same measure as we have received it." We can see perishing individuals all around us who have gone down for the second and third time. Can we be content just to cruise along to heaven?

If our Church is to have a place in tomorrow's war - torn world, we will have to see more men and women bowing at the feet of Jesus; we must see mortal souls receiving salvation. It is not enough to attend Church. It is not enough to give of our tithes and offerings. It is not enough to help build new properties or remodel old buildings. These, of course, have their place; but, if we stop there, we shall have failed to accomplish the very purpose for which we were called and that is "to make disciples of all men."

## M.B.A. Highlights

# Field Trip Plans To Be Finalized At March 7 Meeting

By James D. Gibson,  
GMBA Editor

Further plans for the annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip to be taken this year to a campsite near Youngstown, Ohio will be among the major matters to be considered at the next General Activities Committee Meeting at Greensburg, Pennsylvania March 7. Other major items on the agenda will deal with the final mechanics in administering the Lay-Missionary Program for The General Church.

Selection of the field trip location for the week of August 23 to 29 was made at the last GMBA Activities Committee Meeting which was held in Youngstown on Saturday, January 17. At that time, the committee members visited the site and they determined that all the necessary facilities were available for the undertaking. Acceptance was made in accordance with the last November GMBA Conference's direction that the Committee make the decision on the feasibility of obtaining the camp for the 1970 trip.

The sub-committees necessary to plan, organize, and follow-through on the various details which must be put in motion for the event were elected. As in the past, they will deal with publicity, Church services, registrations, accommodations, seminars, and recreational activities for the period together. These arrangements will be reviewed at the meeting in Greensburg so that the appropriate information can be dispatched to the MBA Locals as quickly as possible. All members and friends will then be in a better position to prepare for the occasion in compliance with their vacation commitments.

More information will be presented in ensuing issues, and the entire schedule for the week will be presented at the GMBA Conference in the Michigan-Ontario Area (in Warren, Michigan) on Saturday, May 16.

### MISSIONARY PROGRAM

At Greensburg, as at Youngstown, much of the group's attention will be focused on the Lay Missionary Program which the Association is undertaking at the request of the General Church Board of Missions. The structure, potential, and workability of the program are being evaluated in an effort to make it as practical and efficient as possible.

A sub-committee has been formed to attend to this project. A brochure to publicize this endeavor and applications for young people interested in participating are being readied for presentation to the General Board of Missions for

approval. These two pieces of paperwork were approved by the last GMBA Conference also and will be implemented after they have been accepted by the Mission Board.

Younger individuals will then be in a position to apply for the program after the procedure has been put in operation. Some of these volunteers have already availed themselves of the opportunity of working in the missionary field at the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona, where efforts will be expended to start the GMBA Lay Missionary Program. Earlier workers there were under the direction of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania "Golden Rule Sunday School Class."

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Review of the overall General Association series of projects was also made at the January session which was the first held since some new General Officers were elected in November. The direction of the overall GMBA structure rests upon these officials, almost all of whom are members of the General Activities Committee. Their continued dedicated efforts, as like those on the Area level, will allow all the projects to be successfully completed. Examples of these activities are the Association-wide Fund Raising Drives for the General Church Auditorium and lesson plans for all MBA Locals.

All Association members and friends will be most interested in the progress being made in all endeavors being pursued. Of immediate concern will be the field trip for which many have been awaiting final site action and for which the Committee will be diligently mapping and dispatching plans this month.



## UR WOMEN TODAY

# 50th Anniversary Preparations Made By M-O Sisters

By Josephine D'Amico,  
Program Chairman

Preparations are being made in the Michigan - Ontario District for the 50th Anniversary Conference of the General Ladies' Circle. The event will be commemorated this coming June 20 at Detroit Branch No. 1.

There will be two services, at 1 and 7:15 P.M., and the theme for the gathering will be the Ladies' Circle's contribution to The Church's missionary work. Sister Evelyn Perdue of the Tijuana, Mexico Indian missions has been invited to be the guest speaker. She has assisted her husband, Brother Edward, in his efforts among the Brothers and Sisters there who have received many wonderful experiences from The Lord. Her

account of how both of them have been blessed as they have worked at this missionary location will undoubtedly be of great spiritual benefit for all the Sisters and friends who will be attending.

The efforts of Brother and Sister Perdue to help the indigent individuals of Tijuana have been supplemented by the assistance extended by the Ladies' Circle over the years. The progress which has been made here has been, as reported by correspondence heretofore, made possible by God's help, guidance, and comfort, in addition to the hand given by individuals and auxiliary units, such as the Circle. In the past, the Circle had asked Sister Perdue to keep it informed, in conjunction with the General Church Board of Missions, of the needs at the missions so that it could be guided accordingly.

Over the 50 years of its existence, the Ladies' Circle has endeavored to help in the missionary activities throughout The Church. It is sensitive to the ways it can help, whether it be in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Africa, or wherever else The Gospel is being preached and there are people in need. The Sisters are grateful to the Board of Missions for its direction on these matters.

#### COMMITTEES FORMED

Committees have been formed to carry out the duties necessary for the Conference. Also on the Program Committee are Sisters Antoinette Ciaravino, Mary Criscuolo, and Mary Vitto. The Promotional Committee is composed of Sisters Rose Benyola, Rosalie Campitelle, and Joyce D'Amico. Sisters Angela Scolaro and Angeline Gioia comprise the Food Committee. Trivets to commemorate the 50th Anniversary will be sold, and the proceeds will be donated to the missionary work.

The achievements of the Circle will be reviewed during the day. The contributions made by many of our predecessors who have gone to their reward will also be recalled. Their examples have been inspirational to the Circle and have been the basis for many subsequent endeavors which have been successfully pursued. They, as have we, were fortunate to have enjoyed God's blessings in searching the scriptures, praying for the sick, and contributing to the needy.

A half-century of existence will be climaxed by this wonderful period of time together. There have been many highlights during this span which has seen the Circle gain in its usefulness to The Church as the years went by. Some of our members can recall these significant advancements which have allowed the Circle to improve itself as it has been supportive to the needs of The Church. Undoubtedly many of these memories will be disclosed as attendees get a chance to compare notes of years past. Newer members will also be able to gain more insights into what has transpired in the fifty years since the Circle was organized.

In closing, please allow me to say that all Sisters and friends are invited to these meetings, the same as they are to all Circle services. Everyone will be most honored by your presence and preparations are now being made in anticipation of your arrival.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### THE REUNION

Dear Girls and Boys,

In last month's story, Joseph told his brothers to return to their father and tell him he was alive. They were to bring their father, Jacob, and all their families to live with Joseph in Egypt. Joseph promised to feed and care for them all through the five years which still remained of the famine. They would be given the land of Goshen as a place to live.

When Pharaoh heard about Joseph's brothers, he was very kind. He gave gifts of wagons, animals, provisions and clothing. To Benjamin, he gave 300 pieces of silver and five changes of clothing. To their aged father were sent ten animals laden with the good things of Egypt and ten others laden with corn, bread, and meat.

The brothers arrived home, all safe with the many gifts, but it was hard for their father to believe their story. How happy he was! It was as though Joseph had come back from the dead!

Jacob thanked The Lord for this great blessing and offered sacrifice to God. God spoke to Jacob in the visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." He replied, "Here am I." God continued saying, "I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt: for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will surely bring thee back again . . ." With this promise, Jacob was now ready to leave for Egypt.

Judah was chosen to be the guide of the caravan. It was a long, long journey. As they came near the land of Goshen, Joseph, in his chariot, came to meet them. He went to the group looking for his aged father. When the two met, they embraced each other and wept. What a happy reunion! Jacob said, "Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive." But Jacob was not to die yet; he was to live to enjoy many happy days.

Joseph presented his father to Pharaoh, and the king welcomed him to Egypt. He told Jacob that he and his family could have the best land. Some of the brothers were to have charge of the king's cattle. The king asked Jacob how old he was, and Jacob replied he was 130 years old. Jacob blessed the king and then left for his new home.

Jacob's family grew and multiplied in the land of Goshen. They were very glad. Jacob lived for 17 more years. When he realized death was near, he called Joseph to his side and told him that he was to pass away soon. He made Joseph promise to take his body back to Canaan to be buried with his forefathers. He did not want to be buried in Egypt.

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Jacob called his twelve sons to him and blessed each of them. Then he died in the land of Egypt. Egypt went into mourning for 70 days. Joseph kept his promise and later took his father's body back to his homeland in Canaan. Jacob was buried in a cave which Abraham had purchased for a burying place. Also buried here were Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah and Leah, the wife of Jacob.

Next month, I will tell you about the blessings Jacob gave to each of his sons before he passed away.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## GOD SPEAKS

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spoke to us through the Gifts of Tongues, Visions, and the Word of The Lord. All those present felt that they were unable to contain the blessings of God, which in His mercy He proffered upon us. The last three days were most outstanding, although each day was thoroughly edifying.

### EXPERIENCES RECEIVED

On January 29, while in prayer, the following vision was given to us: "A man clothed in ancient garments appeared. He had flowing hair and a long beard, and it appeared that a gentle wind was blowing his hair and beard. He pointed with his right arm extended to an altar upon which was a human heart. These words appeared above the altar: 'As I, Abraham, offered up my son, so must you offer your hearts upon the altar of faith.'"

On January 30, while in fasting and offering our hearts to The Lord as in previous days, a feeling of discouragement gripped every heart, and we felt downcast. We began asking ourselves whether we had displeased God in some way. Where had we come short? God had blessed us so very much during the previous days by the outpouring of His Spirit, revelations, by many healings among afflicted Indian folks, and in the preaching of The Word.

Being thus troubled, we again resorted to prayer, asking God to forgive us if we had displeased Him. Suddenly, the power of The Spirit came upon us and revealed to us that Satan was trying to deceive us, telling us that we are weak, our faith is in vain, and our hope worthless. Satan was exposed for the liar he is with a great demonstration of power upon The Priesthood. Upon this realization and assurance, the heavens were opened and The Holy Spirit was poured down upon us; and we truly felt a portion of the joy of the Saints. We were compelled to bow in thanksgiving to God, and afterwards, we joined in singing that old familiar Restored Gospel hymn, "The Spirit of God Like A Fire Is Burning."

## FURTHER REVELATIONS

After this great outpouring, a Brother related that he had received the following experience upon arising that morning. The Lord spoke to him, saying, "Thus saith The Lord: As my angel stood between the camp of Israel and the camp of the Egyptians, by night darkness to the enemy and light to my children, so shall I, The Lord, stand between my Church and those who oppose it through the evening hours until the morning comes."

On Saturday, January 31, God again blessed our souls. In our prayers, we began to ask God to speak to us. While the last prayer was being offered, He spoke to us in great power, through one of our Brothers, saying, "Thus saith The Lord, this day have I accepted you as true sons of Levi, for you have come within the tabernacle to purify yourselves and cleanse yourselves. And to Joseph, my beloved Joseph, know this, thus saith The Spirit that from this day on, you shall no longer be called forsaken, but from henceforth, you shall be known as my begotten." At this juncture, tongues were spoken by one of the Indian Brothers, confirming this experience.

The Lord spoke again, saying, that "From this day, this year, God will work among the Seed of Joseph." Again, the gift of tongues was spoken.

One of our Indian Brothers related a vision which he had experienced earlier in the week while at his work. In his vision, he saw three men walking towards The Church building. He knew by The Spirit that they were the three Nephites. He stated that, during this Saturday service, one of the three men he had seen in his vision was in our midst, standing on the rostrum.

### DISCUSS WILL OF GOD

Following each fast - and - prayer service, a discussion period was held by the Brothers regarding the will of God and the latter - day work. In the afternoons, we visited many of our Indian members and friends on the reservation. Each night, services were held in The Church building, and we truly enjoyed a great outpouring of The Holy Spirit.

During the week, we enjoyed a baptism and one renewal. The Church building was filled to capacity every night, and we hoped for many more new converts.

Saturday morning, after our service, two women came to The Church building. One was an undutiful member. She was so determined on being renewed that she prevailed upon the Brothers to restore her to fellowship. The other women wanted to be anointed for her affliction.

I wished every member and friend of The Church of Jesus Christ could have been present to enjoy this great outpouring and demonstration of The Holy Ghost. I realize, however, that God can bless us wherever we may be, and I, therefore, ask all members of The Church to fast and pray for the great latter - day work that is before us.

On behalf of all the Brothers who were present, I want to thank Sisters Dolores Piccuito and Paulette Griffith and the other Sisters of the area for their wonderful hospitality.

# The American Indian

## WHAT ONCE WAS WILL BE AGAIN

By Thomas Everett

The American Indian who leaves the reservation for the city faces different problems and needs than the ones faced by those who remain behind. He lives in a foreign environment, trying to hang onto his Indian identity while attempting to adjust to a different and often frightening way of life. Up until now, the urban Indian has had little or no means of communicating with Indians in his city, other cities, or back on the reservation.

It was discussed in the previous article how an organization called American Indians United (AIU) hopes to establish communication centers and set up programs to strengthen the identity and pride of the urban Indian. The organization has received a \$90,000 grant from a leading foundation to help it get on its feet.

Vocational training and other assistance programs directed toward the Indian while living in the city can benefit his reservation in years to come. By the mid-70's a number of Indian people who relocated to the city during and after World War II and have been living in the city for 30 years will be retiring and heading home to the reservation. These people possess great experience, talent, and skill which can be used in setting up programs on the reservation to provide jobs or job skills.

A few of the urban Indian centers are as follows: American Indian Center, Chicago, Illinois; American Indian Society, Washington, D.C.; North American Indian Association, Cleveland, Ohio; and Phoenix Indian Center, Phoenix, Arizona. The centers hold classes to discuss Indian problems and set up activities to promote togetherness and unity.

In Chicago, programs include a Family Services Program and a year-round Explorers Program which maintains a summer day camp and tutoring for grade school children. Members serve in local youth councils and committees, community agencies, urban progress centers and church organizations.

In Washington, D.C., the American Indian Society serves a special purpose as an Indian host organization in the nation's capitol to both Indian and non-Indian individuals, groups, and dignitaries. A major society goal is the establishment of a scholarship fund for Indian boys and girls.

The Phoenix Indian center was initiated to be of service to the urban and migrant Indian population. Guided by an Indian director, 16 participants, representing 12 tribes, meet daily for panel discussions, Indian culture studies, and field trips.

### INDIAN EDUCATION

#### Utah

There are presently over 300 Indian students, representing 71 tribes or tribal blends, from 27 states and seven foreign countries attending a leading university where officials look for an Indian enrollment of 1,000 by 1975. The academic

dropout rate there of 13½% is 40% to 80% below that of other Indian programs. Officials say that ten years ago their dropout rate was 57%, but, since that time, they have learned a great deal about the Indian people.

The major lesson learned by Indian educators there? Sincerity! One of the officers of the education program stated that Indians have a special sense about sincerity. You must be sincerely and genuinely interested in them. He continued by saying once they accept you, it's almost death to sever the bond. He added that it is a "25 hour-a-day job".

About 50% of the university's Indian students are products of an Indian Student Placement Program. In this program, Indian youths live in private homes during the school year and attend regular public schools, then return to the reservation each summer. Over 4,400 Indian boys and girls are now in the program throughout the United States and Canada.

Some critics of the program say it alienates Indian children from their parents and culture. A former Navajo graduate of the program, however, says that the only hope that many Indians have is alienation from conditions that have contributed to their poverty. He calls it constructive alienation.

There is also an Indian student organization, the Tribe of Many Feathers, which helps to preserve and promote desirable elements of Indian culture and Indian leadership. In February, they sponsor Indian Week. Panel discussions are held, as well as having outstanding Indian guest speakers. Indian crafts are also displayed.

Some graduates of the program have attained leading positions in the government and in organizations dedicated to improving the plight of American Indians. Their efforts are proving of great value to their people, as well as to society in general.

#### Arizona

The Teacher Corps is a \$21 million federally funded teacher - training program, which since its beginning in July, 1965, has recruited close to 6,000 young men and women to teach in the educational backwaters of the country - the Indian reservations, migrant labor camps, and the ghettos.

There appeared recently an article in a newspaper magazine which focused on one of the teachers and his work on the Navajo reservation in Tuba City, Arizona.

When school opened last September, many of the students were not at school: some because they had no school clothes, some because they were needed to herd the sheep, some just because they don't speak enough English.

Of those that did come, some were tired because of the 25-mile bus ride, or hungry from having to share a breakfast of rye bread and coffee with as many as a dozen brothers and sisters.

The teacher found how difficult it can be to be accepted by some of the Indian people. He is studying the Navajo language and culture while teaching on the reservation so he can understand

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# The Missionary Field

## Trip To Ahome, Sinaloa

by Vicente Arce, Elder  
Tijuana, Mexico Mission

The Spirit of God worked in the hearts of the young people, along with mine, in that we desired to make a trip to Ahome, Sinaloa, Mexico where we have three Brothers and a Sister who had been baptized about eight years ago. With the help of the Ladies' Circle of the San Diego, California Branch and some of our own, we were able to make the trip after having to overcome some obstacles that worked very hard against us.

We started on our trip last December 18 early in the morning and we are thankful that we did not encounter any difficulties. I drove the car all the way, arriving safely the next day in the late afternoon directly at the home of Brother Ramon Anaya without knowing this part of the country. They were waiting for us and received us gladly and treated us very politely. We stayed there and ate with them. Then he went to notify the others of our arrival.

Brother Ramon told us that his two eldest daughters for some time desired baptism. I talked to the young ladies, explaining to them thoroughly the step that they were going to take and how they should live from this moment on all the rest of their days. I also told them that this was voluntary and must be without any pressure from their parents or anyone else. I told them to think it over and let me know the following day. Brother Amador Cruz arrived at this moment and we talked for quite a while. He asked many questions about The Church which I endeavored to answer to the best of my ability. We also sang much.

### BAPTIZED ON SATURDAY

The following day was Saturday. I again talked to the young women about their baptism and, after asking them again if they understood the step they were going to take, they answered, "Yes," and were anxious to be baptized. I then told them to get ready, which they did. It was around noon when we went to the waters about one and a half miles from their home. They were very happy about their baptism. Afterward they were confirmed by the laying-on-of-hands.

In the evening, Brother Leonzo Valenzuela came over and invited us to his home, which we accepted. While we were there, we had an opportunity to talk to some of his neighbors. In the meantime, some of the women went out to invite others for the Sunday service.

On Sunday, we had a good service. I spoke on **III Nephi, Chapter 20**. Whatever The Spirit of God put in my heart I preached to them. I explained about The Church. I also presented the new Sisters, Rosa and Marta Anaya Sotelo. We had testimonies and I also prayed for the sick. For the first time in many years, Sacrament was served here. We had quite a nice group of adults and many children. Everyone seemed to be happy.

The people in this area are Mayo Indians. Two of these Brothers seem well-versed on the Bible and Book of Mormon. From time to time they visit The Church in Tijuana and are coming again to Tijuana in March.

On Monday, we departed for home, and our journey of almost 2000 miles was well worth it for the two souls that came to The Lord. We thank God and give Him all the praise and glory.

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has the responsibility for whatever decision he makes. God forces no man and the decision is up to each individual. There are "no strings attached" and at least the party has had the opportunity to do as he chooses. Of course, further explanations, expressions of confidence, and follow-up discussions may be offered as required, but there are, as everyone has discovered who has come in contact with The Church, no high pressure tactics employed.

There are various factors, of course, which must be considered in dealing with other people. To be sure, there are many items which must occupy an individual's attention as he views the plight of the people he knows and for whom he must exercise concern, understanding, and possibly even compassion. This presentation merely mentions some basic points and does not even intend to allude to full exploration of how the "answer" can be exposed to all to whom it can be presented.

In closing, it should be kept uppermost in our minds that "With God's help, all things are possible." This is particularly true in telling and attempting to convince others that The Gospel of Christ can be the "answer" in allowing them to overcome their problems, anxieties, and conflicts.

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the people better, and so they will in turn accept him.

In the classroom he has introduced his own version of "Red Studies." He has invited old Navajo men to lecture on the folklore and history of the area and to recount experience of their ancestors. In one of his science classes, he had his students make models of hogans, the dwellings in which the Indians in this area live.

Since school supplies are somewhat limited, he drives 80 miles to his hometown and collects school supplies, clothing, and books for the Indian children.

He plans to stay on the reservation, he says, because of little things — little things such as a letter from the father of a child for whom he had collected some clothes. It read as follows:

"Writing you a short note. To say hello to you Mr. Gillenwater. To thank you for the clothes you buy for my daughter Alma Jane Stacy. Do not know how to thank you. But thanks again. God will watch over you and take care of you. We will remember you in our prayers. Thanks again. Good bye."

Mr. Jimmie H.

# Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary,  
General Church Board of Trustees

On February 4th, the Auditorium Committee, the General Church Board of Trustees and General Church Officers approved a new change order submitted by the General Contractor, the F. J. Busse Company, Incorporated. The new change order, together with contractual obligations, was cleared and approved for signing by Mr. Melvin Bassi, our General Church attorney.

The acceptance and signing of the change order by the President of The Church of Jesus Christ, Brother Gorie Ciaravino, officially authorized the contractor to proceed with the construction of the Auditorium without further delay. The contractor began moving his equipment immediately and was scheduled to begin construction in earnest a few days later. It is our intention to keep everyone informed of the progress made every month.

Mr. Bassi has officially presented, in writing, the detailed breakdown of costs requested by the office of Mr. Martin J. Griffin, Director of the Department of Aviation. This cost breakdown included all of the amounts presented by the General Contractor in the change order, together with those costs and losses incurred by The Church as a result of the Allegheny County Airport Expansion Program. The "Hardship" letter requested by this office has also been submitted by Mr. Bassi.

The County of Allegheny is continuing to process The Church's claim now that all their requirements have been satisfied. Let us pray that an early settlement might be forthcoming in the next few months.

## FINANCING SOUGHT

The Auditorium Committee is continuing to explore ways and means with which to augment regular donations by the membership through their respective Branches and Missions. The more we can raise between now and the completion of the building the better it will be from the standpoint of costs since it could mean we would need to borrow that much less. The committee will keep a very close eye on the financing from month to month to determine just what steps need to be taken and what amounts are needed.

Various ways and methods of financing were explored and discussed by the committee and board members. It was agreed to write a letter of request for a mortgage commitment and pursue this avenue through our attorney's office. Our request for a mortgage commitment was presented to a local financial institution in the general area. We have received a verbal communication that the amount and terms requested appear to be reasonable and that a formal application would be mailed to us for our signature. Upon presentation to their Board of Directors, we would be mailed a commitment in writing approving said mortgage application.

If everyone meets their financial obligations over the next six-months' period, the funds need-

ed to complete and pay for the Auditorium will be realized. We would like to see additional funds come in from sources outside The Church wherever and whenever possible. Perhaps there are some who would donate some time to explore these possibilities. We encourage everyone to continue to support the efforts of your Church by contributing through the regularly established channels. We wish to thank you all for your past support and the confidence you have placed in the committee together with those who have met with them sacrificially.

## Spared By God

This last December 31, I got up in the morning at 5:30 with a feeling that something was going to happen. Well, I never thought that it would happen to me. Before I left for work, I offered a special prayer unto The Lord, asking Him to watch over me and my family if something were to happen.

The time was 9:45 A.M. and I had just placed a new grinding wheel on my machine. The wheel was 30 inches in diameter, 2½ inches in thickness, and it weighed about 100 lbs. The wheel broke, shattering into many pieces; and the noise was deafening. I was hit in several places, on my legs and chest, and the force of the blow threw me back about 12 feet. "Oh, Lord, help me. Oh, Lord, help. My God! My God!", I screamed over and over.

I was immediately rushed to the hospital. I never thought that I would live to see 1970, but God was watching over me. Brother Paul D'Amico came to the hospital and anointed me. Praise and glory be to God, for He saved me from a sure death. I saw heaven open, and Jesus was standing there ready to take me home; but then He smiled and shook His head, as if to say, "No."

I praise The Lord for hearing the prayers of my Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ. Yes, "He Is A Wonderful Saviour To Me," as the hymn says.

I am now home from the hospital and I expect to return to work some time during the first half of February. Please remember me in your prayers, and I will do likewise.

Salvatore Azzinaro, Sr.

Lockport, New York Branch

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## Former Resident Visits And Speaks At Monongahela

By Richard Scaglione

On Sunday, January 25, the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch was privileged to have had many visitors in its midst. Included were Brothers Isaac Smith, Anthony Piccuito of Perry, Ohio and Alma Nolfi of nearby Glassport.

Brother Smith, originally from Monongahela and now a missionary at the White River Indian Reservation in Arizona, opened the meeting with a few verses of scripture from II Nephi in the Book of Mormon which tell of Moroni's making his standard of liberty from his rent coat. He mentioned the standards of the Gentiles which, for most part, have been rejected by the Seed of Joseph, and he emphasized that we, as a Church, have a standard, The Restored Gospel, to carry to Israel through the Seed of Joseph. The entire world is in need of the standard of Jesus Christ, and a movement in this direction can be seen right now.

Brother Smith continued by saying that God wants His children assembled with Him once more. The kingdom of The Lord will be restored through the Seed of Joseph and in turn will be a standard unto the whole world.

Our Brother then asked the question: "Are we satisfied?" He answered that the younger generation is not satisfied with the material things we have to offer them. Only The Restored Gospel can fulfill their needs and desires. Through The Gospel, we can share the love of God, the greatest gift that can be offered.

In further discussing the subject, Brother Smith said that we must raise The Standard of Jesus Christ in these latter days. Then Israel will be enjoying blessings greater than anything we have ever seen. It was pointed out that the Seed of Joseph, the American Indians, are poor, not having any of the material wealth the Gentile enjoys. This puts them more readily in the position of being prepared to receive The Gospel and be sustained by the hand of The Lord.

Brother Smith stated that God has blessed him in his labors among the Seed of Joseph. He also expressed the satisfaction of being in the position of receiving one of the greatest treasures in The Gospel — the humble testimonies of the Indian Brothers and Sisters. This treasure is ours for the asking, he pointed out.

### **SPEAKS ABOUT CHOICE SEER**

Brother John Bickerton then spoke concerning the scripture about the coming of the Choice Seer. He stated, "I know he is coming; not exactly how, or when — but he will come."

Brother Bickerton related the scripture concerning Christ's coming into the temple and driving out those who were doing evil. He indicated that the Choice Seer may walk into the temple — The Church of Jesus Christ — in like manner, so we

must learn from the mistakes of the early Church and strive to prepare ourselves for his coming. Paul's words were also quoted which warned us to be aware of the day in which we live.

It was mentioned that the spiritual forefathers of our Church had visions of our day. Brother Bickerton described how they would have liked to have been here today to take part in bringing The Gospel to the Seed of Joseph. The time has come when we must be incorporated with Israel, for only through them will we receive the blessings of God.

Brother Bickerton, his wife and their family were leaving at the end of the week for Arizona to assist Brother Smith in the work among the Seed of Joseph there. Brother Smith, his wife and their family had been living there for the past seven months, and the Bickertons were to join them.

The Monongahela congregation extends its prayers in their behalf for giving up their jobs and homes to labor among God's chosen people.

## Over Foot Of Ice Broken For Baptism At Muncey Mission

It was necessary to break over a foot of solid ice to make just enough of an opening to baptize a new convert at the Muncey Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada on Sunday, February 8. Approximately 14 inches of ice were chopped to allow Samuel French to be immersed in the Thames River that day.

The new Brother, who was baptized and confirmed by Brother Anthony Scolaro, had been attending services at the Muncey Mission for over a year. He felt the prompting of The Spirit on the cold February day and heeded the call, thus entering The Gospel of Christ.

Members of the mission, as well as those who travel there to labor on missionary work, were most edified by the entry of the new Brother French into The Church of Jesus Christ.

## Districts To Meet During March

The six Church Districts will be conducting their semi - annual conferences during March. The dates and places for these meetings are listed in the "1970 Church Calendar" on page 12.

Semi - annual reports of District officers and committees will be presented and acted upon. Most of these accounts, which will be forwarded to the General Church Conference in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, April 16 - 19, consist of consolidated reports of Branches and Missions in each respective region.

Proposals referred for consideration to the Districts by the last General Conference in October and possible new proposals which may be initiated by the regions for submission to the April Conference will also be evaluated.

In addition, dreams and revelations submit-

ted by the Branches and Missions where they have been received by the members will be studied. Those deemed pertinent to the General Church will be sent to the General Priesthood, which will act upon them in April the same as it will on all the other important matters mentioned.

## Brief News of Interest

### PASSING ACKNOWLEDGED

Following is a correspondence from Brother Dominic R. Thomas, Secretary of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles:

"The Quorum of Twelve Apostles has lost one of its oldest and beloved members, Brother Charles Behanna, as reported last month in the 'Obituaries'. Brother Behanna, who was in his 90th year of life, passed away on January 6.

"A long-time resident of Pennsylvania, he spent the last years of his life as a member of the Erie Mission.

"Because of his advanced age, Brother Behanna was limited in his ability to attend services or General Church Conferences recently. Nevertheless, his humility and feeling of concern for the welfare and advancement of The Church of Jesus Christ will always be appreciated.

"We who remain will miss Brother Behanna, but there is sweet consolation in the knowledge that his faithfulness to The Church on earth earned him a place of rest with the redeemed of all ages."

### THANKS EXPRESSED

Also received have been letters from the families of two other Brothers whose passing were also presented in February. The loved ones of Brothers Dominick D'Antonio of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and Nicholas Iorio of Bryson City, North Carolina have expressed their thanks to the Brothers, Sisters, and friends for their prayers, flowers, cards, and other correspondence of encouragement during the period of their immediate bereavement.

The departure of these two beloved Brothers has left their survivors grief-stricken. They have been comforted by the knowledge, however, that they have earned their final heavenly eternal resting-place.

Sister Iorio related a dream she experienced in which God showed her where her husband had gone:

"I saw Christ in a beautiful white flowing robe, sitting on an old-fashioned white throne. Around Him were many people. I saw Brothers William H. Cadman and Charles Ashton and others at a glimpse, but I was anxious to see my husband. All of a sudden, he came through a gate dressed in an old-fashioned soldier's uniform, all in white looking like he did when I married him 25 years ago, very handsome. The area was all white, no sun shining but everything glistened like jewels of every color. The rays were beautiful. I wanted so badly for my husband to look at me, but he looked at Christ and smiled; and Christ looked at him."

### INDIAN CENTER ADDRESSES

Brother Richard Christman of the Phoenix, Arizona Branch has courteously sent the addresses of Urban Indian Centers in the various locations in the United States. Following are the addresses of the four such installations in Arizona.

Arizona Indian Association  
3224 West Larkspur Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona 85029

Phoenix Indian Center  
376 N. First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Tucson Indian Center  
120 W. 29th Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85713

Winslow Indian Center  
529 W. Second Street  
Winslow, Arizona 86047

In addition, there are also centers in the states indicated (number of centers in each state listed is in parentheses): Alaska (1), California (11), Colorado (4), District of Columbia (1), Illinois (2), Iowa (1), Maryland (1), Minnesota (1), Nebraska (2), New Mexico (1), Oklahoma (3), Oregon (1), South Dakota (4), Washington (4), and Wisconsin (1).

Anyone interested in obtaining the addresses of any of these other locations may write to either the *Gospel News* or Richard Christman, 8416 E. Piccadilly, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251. Assistance, guidance, and encouragement which may be offered to the indigent individuals whose names may be obtained from the Urban Centers will, of course, be most welcomed.

### BELL, CALIFORNIA NEWS

The Bell, California congregation reports many interesting news items which have been occurring in its Branch. Recently Sister Grace Lavella, with her two daughters, Cheryl and Pamela, and her son, Louis, moved to El Monte, California. Sister Grace and Sister Pamela took up their Church memberships at Bell. They came from the Greensburg, Pennsylvania Branch. Sister Grace is the daughter of Sister Anna Fallavolita in Bell.

Brother Joseph and Sister Concetta Capone entertained Sister Capone's brother and his wife from Italy, and they attended several meetings there also. Other visitors were Brothers Carmine Talarico from the Bronx, New York Branch and Anthony Fiore from Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4. Brother Frank Vitto, Windsor, Ontario, Canada Presiding Elder, was an additional guest.

As reported last month, Brother Otto Henderson was ordained an Evangelist last November 16. A few weeks later, Sister Dorothy Henderson was ordained a Deaconess and Brother Ken Jones was ordained a Teacher.

Each of these events brought its own special blessing to all and helped to make the past few months something for which to truly thank God.

### SAD DEPARTURES

Sad departures were recently encountered at the Lorain, Ohio Branch. First, Brother Thurman and Sister Birdie Furnier moved to Pennsylvania, as reported in December. Then Sister

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## NUPTIALS

### MISKOV—MILLER

Mr. Glenn L. Miskov and Miss Alice Rebecca Miller were united in holy matrimony at the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 24. Brother Frank Calabrese conducted the ceremony. Sister Carla Naro was the vocal soloist, and Sister Betty Alessio was the organist.

## OBITUARIES

### MARIA MOCERI

Sister Maria Moceri, a long - time faithful member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on February 11. Born on December 11, 1899, she was baptized into The Church on May 10, 1936.

Left to mourn are two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Brother Carl Frammolin conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Anthony Scolaro.

Sister Moceri was a most beloved, kind, and gentle person whose humble manner and wonderful deportment characterized her true Christlike qualities. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

### WILLARD GARMOE

Brother Willard Garmoe, a faithful member of the Rochester, New York Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on January 29. Born on February 27, 1899, he was baptized into The Church on May 22, 1960.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, four daughters, 26 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Brother Paul D'Amico officiated at the funeral services.

The passing of our Brother leaves a large void in the lives of all who loved him. Those to whom he was endeared, particularly in The Gospel, have been enriched by his life.

### VINCENZO SCARSELLA

Brother Vincenzo (Jim) Scarsella, a long - time faithful member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, left this life on January 13. Born on May 17, 1888, he was baptized into The Church on May 5, 1936.

Left to mourn are two sons, three daughters, 14 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Brother A. A. Corrado conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother William Gennaro, Sr.

Our departed Brother will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. They will be comforted, however, by his memory and the many benefits he brought to their lives.

### J. WALTER ANDERSON

Brother J. Walter Anderson, an Elder of the Eldora Mission under the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on January 7. Born on January 11, 1896, he was baptized into The Church on April 22, 1925.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and one daughter.

Brother Louis Checchi officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brother John Olexa.

Brother Anderson, who was ordained an Elder on October 9, 1932, was in charge of the Eldora Mission for the past 35 years and was very active in visiting the sick in hospitals and the aged in a local rest home. His faithfulness and dedication in serving The Lord stand as wonderful testimonies of his life for Christ.

### NICOLINA COSTARELLA

Sister Nicolina Costarella, a faithful member of the Bell, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, completed her journey in this life last November 19. She was born on October 4, 1887.

Brother James Scalise conducted the funeral services in El Monte, California.

Although she was unable to attend services late in life, Sister Costarella was a devoted elderly member. She was a dearly beloved Sister in The Gospel.

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is a four-month list of 1970 Church events of general and regional interest.

### MARCH

Semi - Annual General Church District Conferences:

7 — Florida at Fort Pierce, Florida.

11, 12, 13 — Michigan - Ontario at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3.

13, 14, 15 — Atlantic Coast at Hopelawn, New Jersey.

13, 14, 15 — California at Bell, California.

13, 14, 15 — Ohio at Youngstown, Ohio.

14 — Pennsylvania at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

15 — Pennsylvania at Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

21 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

### APRIL

16, 17, 18, 19 — Semi - Annual General Church Conference at Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

### MAY

16 — Semi - Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Michigan - Ontario MBA Area.

### JUNE

20 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Detroit, Michigan (to mark the General Circles' 50th Anniversary).

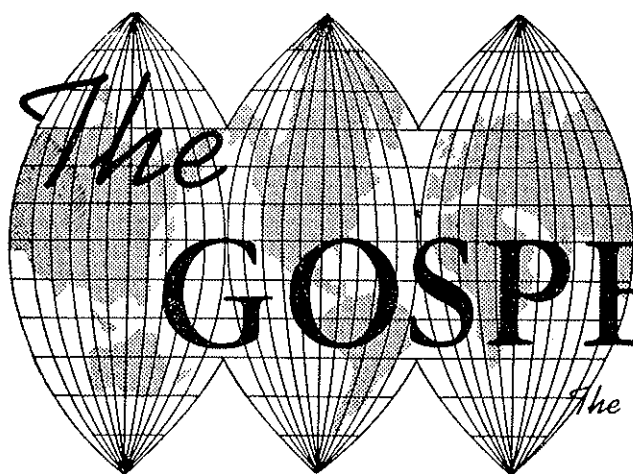
### BRIEF NEWS OF INTEREST

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Cheryl Calabrese left for Arizona at the end of January. Also Sister Mary Cucuzzo and her two small daughters departed for Texas.

The Lorain Missionary Benevolent Association Local, along with members of the Branch, honored all the beloved departing individuals with social hours and gifts by which they may be remembered. They all will be greatly missed by the Lorain Branch which wishes them all well in their new locations.

In addition, the congregation is grateful to God for having been with Brother James Velardi who underwent two eye operations and Sister Lucy Gonzales of the Lorain Spanish Mission who was also required to have surgery.



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## The Written Word

By Robert Watson, Jr.  
California District Editor

We of the California District are proud of the achievements made by the *Gospel News* and welcome this opportunity to make our contribution.

We may ask ourselves the question, "Why do we need a Church newspaper?" This can only be answered by those who envision the vital need of spiritual penetration in the world today. There are basically two methods of penetration at our disposal; namely, they are vocal and written.

The spoken word is powerful and effectual; yet it has an inherent weakness. It is dependent upon biological and pathological limitations; and when the body is stilled in death, the vocal word is destined to a place of permanence only in the memories of those whose ears have responded to the vibrations of sound that clothed themselves with meaningful and purposeful stimuli through the magic of language. The word spoken today, though moving and all encompassing, might appear to be fainter and fainter with the passing of time and people.

### CONSIDER WRITTEN WORD

Let us now consider the written word and its impact. Jesus emphasized its importance when He reprimanded the disciples on this land for not writing the testimony of Samuel the Lamanite regarding the resurrection of many of the Saints, and He concluded by saying (recorded in III Nephi 23: 11-14):

"How be it that ye have not written this thing, that many saints did arise and appear unto many and did minister unto them?"

"And it came to pass that Nephi remembered that this thing had not been written.

"And it came to pass that Jesus commanded that it should be written; therefore it was written according as he commanded.

"And now it came to pass that when Jesus had expounded all the scriptures in one, which they had written, he commanded them that they should teach the things which he had expounded unto them."

I believe we are suffering today with un-  
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## General Conference To Begin April 16 In Monongahela

The General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ will convene on Thursday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. in our General Church building in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday sessions have been scheduled for The Priesthood only.

Official reports, review of the concluded six-month period, plans for the future, and election of officers for one-year terms will occupy most of the agenda during the first three days. Also to be considered will be the dreams and other revelations presented from the Districts for their possible pertinence to the General Church.

The Quorum of Twelve Apostles is scheduled to meet on April 14 at 10:00 a.m. The Elders of the Pennsylvania District are invited to attend a service with the Quorum that evening.

The following day, the Committee on General Church Affairs will gather at 2:00 p.m. This group will discuss various items regarding General Church projects and prepare a report on these matters for the General Priesthood.

The Sunday meeting will be open to all members and visitors. It will be held in the Clairton High School on Fifth Street in Clairton, Pennsylvania at 10:00 a.m. Everyone, of course, is invited to attend.

Nicholas Pietrangelo,  
General Church Secretary

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# Editorial Comment

By Carl J. Frammolin

What motivates people to react as they do under varying conditions has been the object of much study by social scientists, medical experts, and educators. For example, Industrial Psychologists have made extensive studies to determine how workers may be motivated to produce more material goods. Similar investigations are being explored and applied to nearly every field of human behavior.

It has been established that social scientists have helped to solve problems involving the behavior of people. Pondering these attempts at learning more about man and his behavior, we might ask ourselves, "Of what value are these findings to us in The Church of Jesus Christ? Do they have any relevancy to the spreading of The Gospel? If they do, how can the principles discovered by these dedicated professionals be adapted for our use?" It would appear that these questions are pertinent to an analysis of how The Gospel may be effectively presented to people of various cultural backgrounds.

## NEVER-ENDING

Although many studies about human behavior have been performed, the concept that one never knows enough about a particular individual or situation is true. Consequently, accumulation of facts continues throughout the world. During the past decade, computers capable of studying thousands of pieces of data a second have been used for this purpose, but still the various studies must go on. All is not known and this need for further investigation is mandatory. The quest for knowledge in the field of Social Science, as in other areas, is never-ending.

These studies have, and continue to reveal, whether people react positively, negatively, happily, sadly, actively, passively, listlessly, or enthusiastically to the various situations they face. They help to determine, for instance, that a certain kind of situation and/or action will usually result in a particular kind of response.

It has been found in a large number of cases that an individual will become discouraged after encountering a particular kind of heartbreak and that he will require comfort and compassion to overcome his despondency. Other examples could be cited to illustrate the care and understanding which must be expended, but it is sufficient to point out that there is much benefit to be gained from calling upon the experience of researchers either within or outside The Church of Jesus Christ.

## HAVE RELEVANCY

Knowing that findings about the behavior of human beings are valuable, let us now explore the point as to whether these determinations have relevancy as we attempt to spread The Gospel. The scriptures depict the many emotions felt and exhibited by man. They also disclose the proper way with which to deal with these feelings. Examples of the kinds of emotions are fear, anger, disgust, grief, joy and surprise.

Being aware of what factors influence and rank importantly in the lives of people is the start-

ing point. Using this knowledge judiciously leads to understanding man better. Last month, "Putting oneself in another person's shoes" was suggested as the means by which to better understand the other individual. Feeling as another does allows one to have "empathy" which was explained as "projecting one's own consciousness into another being." This projection permits the door to be unlocked to the mind and heart of the other person and offers the insights as to how he should be approached in regards to The Gospel.

Has the other party's life been marred by sadness, or has he been blessed with favorably pleasant situations as he has progressed to his present status? Have his past experiences and associations tended to orient him closer to Christ, or has he been conditioned toward independence from The Saviour? These inquiries are but two basic considerations which might be appraised in dealing with people and their concern or indifference for The Gospel. In The Church, we would say that one who has had a sad experience might have more of a tendency to desire The Gospel of Christ than one who has not been beset by various trials or tribulations. This is to say that persons who experience heartaches and trouble will have a greater need for Christ than do persons who enjoy the so-called good life.

Christ Himself, perceptive of their plight, made an appeal to those individuals who had been scarred by the infirmities of the flesh or by the acts of their sinful existence. This same invitation is also extended today, even though it was originally tendered almost 2,000 years ago.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (St. Matthew 11:28-30).

While The Gospel was open to all, Christ, in the above appeal, nevertheless pointed out that people in need are usually more desirous of the help and aid He can supply. For those who are more affluent, for the indifferent and the skeptically-minded, He has used different approaches, as enumerated in His parables, to depict the importance of coming to Him.

## USING INFORMATION

In analyzing our need for relevant information about human behavior, it is essential to use appropriate findings wherever feasible. Obviously, much of the research today may not be usable, but there may be some findings which could be applied in dealing with people interested in The Church. Even if just patterns of behavior are more readily learned and become more easily identifiable to us, we can utilize this information to become more proficient in working with others.

Drawing on the knowledge and experience of research based on past findings can be of great benefit as we attempt to point out the value and necessity for The Gospel to those who are searching for guidance and hope for their lives. It may thus be possible to use the information for

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*If springtime, which brings all nature back to life, were to fail for any length of time, mankind would feel a determination to do something about it.*

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;" (Song of Solomon, 2:11, 12).

I believe spring is the most welcomed season of the year. Most of us become weary of winter because it brings hardships such as no other time of the year. We tire of seeing things lying dormant and dead; we do not like being around death any more than necessary. If springtime, which brings all nature back to life, were to fail for any length of time, mankind would feel a determination to do something about it.

Suppose, however, that all mankind were to unite and tackle the task of bringing about spring in the midst of winter by cutting the ice in the rivers and lakes, causing seeds to germinate, warming the earth so that grass and flowers might grow, and capturing the birds and bringing them back. How far could the combined efforts of the entire human race go in such a task as this?

## WOULD BE PRACTICALLY UNTOUCHED

The mission would be practically untouched. But notice how easily and quietly this great task is accomplished when the earth obeys the law of the Creator. The earth tilts on its axis so that the rays of the sun are brought to bear on that portion of the earth that lay cold in death. A mighty thrill begins to vibrate that portion of the earth, tons of ice melt, frost leaves the ground, and millions of seeds germinate. Sap flows up into the trees, flowers appear and grass carpets the ground, the song bird returns, and there is food for man and beast. This brings life and health, and joy as well, because the winter is past. Remember, this all comes about because the earth obeys the law of its Creator. The earth, in doing so, places that portion of its globe into the right position relative to the sun. By such obedience the whole thing is done.

Did you ever think that there is such a thing as human beings getting themselves in the right position relative to the Son of Righteousness? It is from those, and only those who get into the right relationship with God, that the blight of spiritual winter will pass. Life, health, and joy will be experienced. God wants us to be like the birds that sing for joy, like the trees that bear their fruit, and like the flowers that give off their fragrance. All plant life cries, "Sunlight, sunlight, give me sunlight else I die."

## DEPENDENT ON SUNLIGHT

If it were not for the life-giving rays of the sun, all nature would die, including man and beast; therefore, all life is dependent on sunlight. All plants grow facing the light; they will lean toward it. The sunflower follows the sun across the sky, its face always toward it. Of course, vegetation will live for a certain length of time, and even produce some fruit with very little sunlight. These plants are never very healthy, however, and their fruit is never desirable. Let us ask ourselves these questions, "Just how healthy a Saint am I? Am I offering withered fruit and faded leaves or is my fruit to be desired of God? Is His smile of approval upon me?"

All plant life follows the gleam. It would seem to me God has provided a gleam for all creation. What is the unknown thing that guides the birds back and forth from north to south? What is this that guides the

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# M.B.A. Highlights

## Period Following The Restoration

By James D. Gibson  
GMBA Editor

After the Restoration of The Gospel and after many hardships and persecutions of the Saints, God's instrument, Joseph Smith, Jr., was shot and killed on June 27, 1844 in the Carthage, Illinois jail by a mob of men. Naturally, this caused much confusion among the Saints and, unfortunately, ambition for leadership was manifested. At this time, Sidney Rigdon was the First Counsellor, and, as such, the reins of the church government should have fallen upon him, at least until he could have been lawfully elected to fill the vacancy caused by the tragedy at the Carthage jail. Brother Rigdon had a following and refused to be led to Utah, but continued preaching The True Gospel.

In 1845, William Bickerton was baptized by an Elder of Rigdon's following, and later he was ordained into the priesthood. This organization of Rigdon's must have been short-lived, for Brother Bickerton, in his writings, speaks of "The Church's becoming disorganized." In 1847, Brigham Young led a large body of his followers to what is now known as the state of Utah, arriving there in the month of July. Mr. Young was elected as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We, of The Church of Jesus Christ, with the main offices in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, are not in any way affiliated with the church in Utah; we share beliefs only in the **Book of Mormon** and that God used Joseph Smith, Jr. as an instrument in restoring The True Gospel.

### FOUND SELF ALONE

In May of 1851, Brother Bickerton associated himself with a branch of the Utah church or Mormons, as they are called; but this association was very short, for in 1852, he denounced Mr. Young and the Twelve Apostles in Utah for adultery and general wickedness. Brother Bickerton then found himself alone and was given an experience by the Lord which inspired him to continue preaching The True Gospel.

As time went on, members were added to The Church of Jesus Christ, with the organization holding conferences to transact the affairs of The General Church. In 1859, a feeling arose among the Saints that The Church should be set in order, and Brother Bickerton was acknowledged a Prophet at this conference. In the conference of 1861, Brother Bickerton was sustained a Prophet and President of The Church, with Brothers Charles Brown and George Barnes as Counsellors. In the July 1862 conference, an interpretation of a gift of tongues was as follows, "Set apart, set apart and ordain the twelve, set apart and ordain." So then Twelve Apostles and a number of Evangelists were ordained.

It should be clearly understood, therefore, that The Church of Jesus Christ was organized at Greenock, Pennsylvania in July 1862, and incorporated at Pittsburgh on June 10, 1865, and she is not a split off from any other body of people. This church has come into existence by way of a heavenly experience and revelation from God. This July of 1970 will mark 108 years since The Church was officially organized. After the organizing of The General Church, various branches were established at different parts of the country, although the number of members was still relatively small.

### ELECTED PRESIDENT

In 1880, Brother William Cadman was elected as President of The Church, and he, along with two other Brothers, J. L. Armbrust and W. D. Wright, were placed on a publishing committee. These three Brothers were instrumental in the compiling of the Faith and Doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ, which was then published in 1897.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Ephesians, said that there should be one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. Then, as people who believe that there should be no variations in manner of belief, we should be in strict adherence to the teachings and commandments of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

After the death of Brother William Cadman in 1906, Brother Alexander Cherry was elected President. In 1905, the **Gospel Reflector** was first published, and its publication lasted until the year 1910. Its editor was Brother Cherry. In 1904, the MBA was established, and this organization is still in existence in The Church today, with a local unit in almost every Branch and Mission.

### MBA AND LADIES' CIRCLE

The letters MBA stand for Missionary Benevolent Association, and the organization's main objective is to interest the young people in the work of the MBA and The Church.

It is realized that young persons must not only have an outlet for their youthful energy, but must be instructed in the faith of The Church and be prepared to become future members of God's Kingdom here on earth. The MBA meetings are to be conducted by them and belong primarily to them; but, of course, it is definitely realized that older people are very necessary and essential to help guide and assist the young people.

In the April conference of 1920, The Church gave its approval of an organization known as the Ladies' Uplift Circle. This movement of our Sisters resulted in much good for The Church both spiritually and naturally. Sister Sadie Cadman was elected President of the ladies' auxiliary unit and continued on until 1958 when she gave up that office because of illness. Her daughter, Sister Mabel Bickerton, was elected President to succeed her. The Sisters have contributed much in the way of printing church literature and in financing missionary work, especially among the Indian people, or Lamanites as we know them.

Remembering that The Church of Jesus Christ is alive and active, I would like to leave a few thoughts with all of you, primarily the young people as they pertain to your lives and future.

These comments refer to conduct and intentions concerning our obligations to The Church and God.

### LORD WORKS WITH WILLING

We should remember that God will work with us and through us only so long as we keep ourselves ready and willing for him to use. When we are young, uncertain, unsure, and undecided about something, perhaps because of our youth, we should always remember that God, as great as He is, has always been mindful of men. That is to say, He has always helped where help was needed and, of course, requested. So in our youth, let us always be willing to give what we can to The Lord in actions, talk and thought. Some day The Lord may have a use for you in some way, either big or small; but either way, remember that he is mindful of you.

Do you know that we have the power of happiness within us to give to others, to thus bring peace and joy to them in many ways? Why, we have this power of happiness and joy to such an extent that, if we disregard them, we can bring sorrow and sadness before God when we do that which is wrong and evil. This power is ours as free agents, not being forced upon us, but having it left to us to decide if we want to do good or bad. Yes, we can cause the Angels to sing and have rejoicing in heaven when we give ourselves to God. The decision is ours and ours alone. Then, when we become older, we become wise, having wisdom and understanding, if down through the years we have sought the counsel and blessing of God. Our heavenly Father, though being great and Lord over all, has not forgotten man whom He has made in His own image and whom He loves beyond even our own understanding.

We should always remember that God is our all, that God is our refuge and strength, and that God is always present to help in time of need.

## Guests Present As Greensburg Hosts Pennsylvania Locals

On Saturday evening, February 21, the Greensburg Branch was host to the Missionary Benevolent Association locals of the Pennsylvania Area. Among the visitors present were members of the Auditorium Committee, the General Church Board of Trustees and General Church officers.

Outstate guests in attendance included Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President; Dominic Thomas, Apostle and Secretary of the Auditorium Committee; and Joseph Calabrese, Spencer Everett, and Anthony Ensana, who are the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, of the General Board of Trustees. Brothers Ciaravino, Thomas and Everett are from Detroit, Michigan, while Brother Calabrese is from Lorain, Ohio and Brother Ensana is from Edison, New Jersey. These officials had met earlier in the day (as reported in "Auditorium Progress" on page 9) to review the construction on the new facility.

Brother Louis Checchi presided over the MBA

meeting which was spent in singing hymns of praise. The singspiration featured songs by the congregation and by representatives from Aliquippa, Vanderbilt, Imperial, and Glassport, as well as renditions by soloists, groups, and a quartet. Especially enjoyable was the singing of the children who were present.

The five outstate visiting brothers were also asked to sing a selection together, which they did. It was mentioned by one of them that, after looking over the Auditorium site earlier in the day, he was inspired to sing "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

Brother Ciaravino spoke about the week of Fast and Prayer Services which were held at the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona the last week in January, as reported in last month's issue of the *Gospel News*. He told how the power of God was manifested through the Gifts of Tongues, Visions, the Word of The Lord, and Healings. Cited specifically was how a small boy was healed of a kidney disease and of a blood condition. Brother Ciaravino elaborated on Hymn No. 98 in the *Saints Favorites* hymnal, titled "The Red Man Sat Proudly," and he related how he has been inspired to tell the Indian people that, just as the song states, the Gentile missionaries are kneeling in prayer beside the Lamanites. He further explained how our missionaries are not, nor have they been, on the reservations for profit or gain but to bring the Indian people into The Gospel of Christ and to return them to the fold of God.

The meeting was directed toward its conclusion with news about the coming campout which the Area is planning. After this segment, the many young people present sang the beautiful and appropriate hymns, "He Touched Me" and "Follow Me."

The evening was a wonderful, well-spent period of time together in singing praises to God and in enjoying the fellowship of the Brothers, Sisters, and friends from the various localities.

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honey bees back to their hives, and even the fish to their spawning places, as well as other types of creatures down into the earth? Believe me, He has a gleam that will guide your life and mine. He is the Great Light. The poet says we should "Make Him your Theme, He is supreme."

Like the plant we, too, spiritually speaking, may feel we are alive in Christ; still we may not be in the right position relative to God. We may be living too far outside of the gleam. We read of numerous men and women, both in the Bible and the *Book of Mormon* (more than that, we have been permitted to know many who have gone on to their reward) who were guided by this gleam. Let each of us set our objective on things above. Let us look to Him who is the finisher of our faith, for He will take us through both sorrow and loss. He will help us to conquer both sin and strife.

May the Lord help us to bring the whole of our lives under the life-giving rays of God's Son so that His face might shine upon us. We thus shall be assured of that celestial reward which is eternal life.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### "OVER THE WALL"

Dear Girls and Boys,

Jacob lived in the land of Egypt 17 years. His family grew and multiplied exceedingly. Joseph helped them get homes and gave them food until they were able to raise their own. They were all very happy.

Jacob realized his death was near. He called his son Joseph to his side and told him he would soon pass away. He said God had given him the same promise that was made to Abraham and Isaac that they would return to Canaan and inherit the land. Joseph had two sons, named Ephraim and Manasseh, born to him in Egypt. Jacob blessed both the boys, placing the greater blessing on Ephraim, the younger. They would both be destined to be great in the eyes of The Lord and their children were to become leaders of mighty nations in the latter days. We read of them in the **Book of Mormon** as forefathers of Lehi and his family who became the Lamanites and Nephites in America.

Then Jacob called to his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father." To each of his twelve sons he gave a blessing. He said that Christ would come from Judah's seed. This prophecy came to pass. We read of this in the **New Testament**.

When Jacob blessed Joseph, his favorite son, he said that Joseph would become a fruitful bough by a well whose branches run over the wall. Joseph was to be fruitful and his offspring were to go over the wall or over the sea. In ancient times the sea was considered the wall of the earth. In tracing the travels of Lehi and others in the **Book of Mormon** we understand how they went "over the wall." The descendants were found here when Columbus discovered America. Today we know them as the American Indians.

Jacob continued with Joseph's blessing stating, "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel)." Doesn't this explain the plight of the poor Indian who has been driven here and there, living a very meager existence? But The Lord hasn't forgotten them. A Deliverer, or a Choice Seer, will be raised up among them who will be unto them as Moses was to the Children of Israel when he led them out of bondage.

Next month I will tell you a story about this Deliverer or called by some, "Another Joseph."

If you would like to read the blessing on all the sons of Jacob read **Genesis, Chapter 49**.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## The Written Word

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resolved and unanswered questions on the words of Christ because the pen failed to record many incidents that were resplendent with Divine truth. This was verified by John when he stated in John 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

### CAN BE REREAD

The written word can be read and be reread innumerable times; it also permits meditation and study. Timothy admonished us in **II Timothy 2:15** to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Today, there is a deluge of written verbiage directed at obscenity, immorality and civil disobedience. Pornographic literature is big business and continues to flood into American homes with this diabolical evil. I read not too long ago the amount of literature (and the figures were staggering) that the communists were distributing to nations and peoples all over the world. The written word is, I believe, one of the mightiest weapons used to great effectiveness among people of underprivileged nations, as it is being used to penetrate into every part of the inhabited world.

I, therefore, respectfully suggest that we who have the hope of the world and the medium through which peace, both national and international, as well as individual, can be attained embark upon a mission of penetration. Furthermore, it must be remembered that the **Gospel News**, though infinitesimal in size, is yet immeasurable in potential effectiveness in providing a wealth of knowledge and experience for its readers.

The paper can reveal man's relationship to God and the relationship of man to man. We should heed the words of Nephi with great diligence:

"For I command all men, both in the east and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea, that they shall write the words which I speak unto them; for out of the books which shall be written I will judge the world, every man according to their works, according to that which is written.

"For behold, I shall speak unto the Jews and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto the Nephites and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto the other tribes of the house of Israel, which I have led away, and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto all nations of the earth and they shall write it." (**II Nephi 29: 11-12**).

# The American Indian

## What Once Was Will Be Again

By Thomas Everett

There are many theories that have been put forth by different individuals on who the American Indian is, where he came from, and how he happened to arrive on this land of America. The most popular theory, and the one that most of us were taught in school, is that the ancestors of the American Indians migrated from Asia across the Bering Straits.

On the other hand, we who are familiar with and believe in the **Book of Mormon** know that God led the ancestors of the American Indian across the ocean on ships from their homeland of Palestine, and that they are of the lineage of the House of Israel. It is interesting to note how closely the legends and records of the Indians themselves parallel the account which has been given us in the **Book of Mormon**. Let us compare the opinion of qualified men who have studied the American Indian and ancient America with the Indians themselves and the **Book of Mormon**.

### SEED OF JOSEPH

The **Book of Mormon** states that the American Indians are of the seed of Joseph, one of the twelve tribes which constitute the House of Israel.

Lord Kingsborough says in his writings entitled **Mexican Antiquities**, Vol. VI, page 401: "I cannot fail to remark that one of the arguments which persuades me to believe that this nation (Indians) descends from the Hebrews is to see the knowledge they have of the book of Genesis . . ." He further states in Vol. VIII, page 9 that "Original Indian traditions record that the province of Guatemala was in early ages colonized by the Jews, who assumed the name of Tultecas, and established a powerful monarchy in that district of America, which lasted until the arrival of the Spaniards . . ."

Along with this, I would include an excerpt from Page 120 of the **Title of the Lords of Totonicapán**, which is an English translation of one of the sacred records of the Maya Indians. This excerpt is an account of the origin and migration of the early ancestors of the Mayas, written by their kings and dignitaries. "These, then, were the three nations of Quiches, and they came from where the sun rises, descendants of Israel, of the same language and the same customs . . . When they arrived at the edge of the sea, Balam-Quitze touched it with his staff and at once a path opened, which then closed up again, for thus the Great God wished it to be done, because they were sons of Abraham and Jacob."

Lehi and his family were led out of Jerusalem before they were directed to this hemisphere. In the Maya record entitled **Title of the Lords of Totonicapán**, the writers say that their ancestors came from a land "bordering on Babylonia." If you recall your history, you will remember that the Babylonian Empire was located just east of Palestine.

The **Book of Mormon** tells us that all three groups of people whom God led to this land had to cross the ocean, and they were directed to build ships for this purpose. In the writings and legends of Indians from all over North, Central and South America, it is said that their ancestors had to cross a large body of water to get to this land, and, to my knowledge, a land-crossing is never mentioned once.

### AS IF NO SEA

The following account is taken from Page 183 of **Popol Vuh**, the sacred book of the ancient Quiche Maya. "It is not quite clear, however, how they (ancestors of the Maya) crossed the sea; they crossed to this side as if there were no sea; they crossed on stones, placed in a row over the sand. For this reason they were called Stones in a Row, Sand Under the Sea, names given to them when they crossed the sea . . ."

Archaeologist Michael D. Coe, in his book, **America's First Civilization: Discovering the Olmec**, relates an account recorded in the Nahuatl language which tells of the legendary arrival of the ancestors of the Mexican people from across the water.

Page 145 in a book entitled **American Hero Myths**, Daniel G. Brinton states the following: "They (the Mayas) claimed that their ancestors came from distant regions in two bands. The largest and most ancient immigration was from the east, across, or rather through the ocean — for the gods had opened twelve paths through it — and this was conducted by the mythical civilizer Itzamna. The second band, less in number and later in time came in from the west, and with them was Kukul can."

Notice, if you will, that in many of these accounts, the people were led here by their chief god or deity. Herbert H. Bancroft, on pages 19 and 22 of his works entitled, **Native Races**, states that the Toltecs claim to have come to America at the time of the confusion of tongues . . . The Algonquins (of North America) preserve a tradition of a foreign origin and sea voyage. They offered an annual thank offering for a long time in honor of their safe arrival in America."

### SUBJECT SUMMARIZED

The subject is summarized by Alexander Bradford on pages 227-228 in his book, **American Antiquities**: "There is one circumstance, which, as respects the civilized nations of Mexico and Central America, seems to be decisive of the question. In the maps of the migrations of these nations, the first journey is generally represented as having been made over some body of water; and indeed there does not appear to be a single well-authenticated tradition among any aboriginal tribes, civilized or barbarous, of a passage by land . . ."

The words of Lehi seem only too appropriate at this time. "Wherefore, I, Lehi, prophesy according to the workings of the Spirit which is in me, that there shall none come into this land save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord.

"Wherefore, this land is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring. And if it so be that they shall serve him according to the command-

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# Paul, The Apostle

By Dominic Moraco

The Apostle Paul, in addition to being one of the most active and productive missionaries of his day, was also a prolific writer, leaving the Christian world several inspired and instructive epistles. Perhaps his true character is revealed in his shortest letter, his **Epistle to Philemon**.

The communication, covered in 25 verses, concerns a servant named Onesimus who ran away from his master, Philemon, possibly before Philemon's conversion to Christ. Onesimus, while in flight from his master, meets Paul and is converted to The Gospel. Paul finds him so helpful to his Ministry that he is inclined to keep him; however, he realizes that Onesimus should rightfully return to his master.

Paul, in writing to Philemon, stated that, although his rank as an Apostle would permit him to use boldness in Christ and command Onesimus's release from any further obligations, he would rather appeal in the love of God. He wrote, "Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I beseech thee for my son, Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds . . ."

The Apostle then requested Philemon to receive Onesimus, no longer as a slave but as a member of his own household and a Brother-in-Christ: "If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself. If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account . . ."

The comparatively brief letter to Philemon not only reveals the loving compassion of Paul, but more importantly, it depicts the great love and compassion which members of The Church of Jesus Christ should possess toward each other. These qualities are especially noteworthy today when material possessions are sought as never before and when society as a whole is enveloped in much unrest and chaos. By exercising concern for others, in and out of The Church, followers of Christ can exhibit the appropriate spirit and works becoming members of The Gospel.

Of more basic value, the worth of a soul is also demonstrated in this letter. To the Apostle Paul, the saving of souls was paramount. It made no difference to him whether he was preaching The Gospel to a member of royalty like King Agrippa or to a runaway slave like the chattel about whom the **Epistle to Philemon** was written.

It may seem a little ironical that, while King Agrippa was "almost persuaded to become a Christian," Onesimus, the humble slave, was "altogether persuaded" and thus gained both his temporal and spiritual freedom. In both instances, the individuals were given the same opportunity to respond to The Gospel Message. Paul's plea to each, like it was to others, was sincere and illustrated that he had their best interests at heart. He could show no greater concern for them, and he thus displayed his true character.

# Scriptural Emphasis

This issue of the **Gospel News** places emphasis on the 18th Chapter of III Nephi in the **Book of Mormon**. The scripture deals with the administration and meaning of Sacrament, or holy communion, and the importance of prayer.

The Saviour asked His disciples to bring bread and wine and requested the multitude to be seated upon the ground. After the disciples had come with the bread and wine, Jesus broke the bread, blessed it, and asked the disciples to eat of it. After they had eaten and were filled with the Holy Ghost, as described later in **III Nephi 20:9**, He commanded them to administer the bread to the multitude. Jesus repeated the process with the wine and said: "Blessed are ye for this which ye have done, for this is fulfilling my commandments, and this doth witness unto the Father that ye are willing to do that which I have commanded you."

The Saviour also commanded His disciples to administer bread and wine to those who would be baptized in His name. He reminded them to observe this always in remembrance of His body as a testimony unto the Father that they remembered His Son. He emphasized this by saying, "And this shall ye always do to those who repent and are baptized in my name; and ye shall do it in remembrance of my blood, which I have shed for you, that ye may witness unto the Father that ye do always remember me. And if ye do always remember me ye shall have my Spirit to be with you."

Christ also gave unto His disciples a strict command in regards to the sanctity of holy communion. He specified, ". . . this is the commandment which I give unto you, that ye shall not suffer any one knowingly to partake of my flesh and blood unworthily, when ye shall administer it . . ."

The Saviour then proceeded to admonish the multitude to keep His commandments and to watch and pray, lest they should be tempted by the devil and be led away captive by him. Further, prayer in Church by His disciples was stressed. Finally, prayer at home was commanded: "Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name, that your wives and your children may be blessed."

The major points discussed in this month's subject scripture are also emphasized in the **Bible**, of course. The synoptic Gospels of **Matthew**, **Mark** and **Luke** reflect their importance. In addition, the purpose, worthiness, and preparation for the ordinance of Sacrament are detailed in other parts of the scriptures. Prayer and its necessity are emphasized throughout the **Bible** and the **Book of Mormon**.

It is obvious that study and periodic review of these portions of scripture are invaluable for all followers of Christ. They form the basis for other principles which are essential in The Gospel and which were enumerated by The Saviour when He established His Church.

In total, all of the ordinances instituted by Christ were based on the essential commandments He uttered.

# Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

The Auditorium Committee, The General Church Board of Trustees and the General Church President met with the Architects, Greensburg Branch officers and Brother Melvin Mountain at the Branch building in Greensburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, the 21st of February.

The meeting was called for the purpose of bringing those present up to date relative to progress made on the Auditorium and to program future meetings, methods, and procedures necessary to see the project through to its final completion. The Auditorium Committee selected Greensburg as the meeting place so that the officers of the local Branch would be informed since they are involved in the process of selling their Branch property and will hold their services in the Auditorium when it is completed. Secondly, it gave the Committee and those present an excellent opportunity to view the site again and the progress of construction first hand.

The Architects reported that construction had been started and was moving along very smoothly. They reported that shop drawings were being completed by the various sub-contractors. The water permit was taken out and the installation was scheduled to begin the week of February 23rd since water was needed at the site by the masonry contractor. The application for building sanitation facilities was completed and the permit was issued the week of the 23rd. The owner of the sanitary distribution and collection system and the right-of-way stated that he will only charge us a nominal tap fee and will donate an equal amount to the church.

## LESS GRADING NECESSARY

It was anticipated that when the site was graded it might be necessary to remove a fair amount of rock. This did not materialize. Instead, the disturbed soil contained a lot of shale which could be used in the parking lot. An average of five to six feet of earth was removed from the crest or knoll. A change of one foot in the final grade and floor level also resulted in the contractors not having to haul or move large amounts of soil from the site. The site was graded enough to provide a plateau for the building and parking area. These conditions and the change have resulted in the saving of several thousand dollars which will accrue to The Church and will be deducted from the change order amount.

The General Contractor scheduled the excavation for footers to begin on the 25th of February and the footers to be poured the week of March 9th. The masonry work which is the major portion of the Auditorium construction was scheduled to begin when the footers were completed.

A job site meeting between the Architects, the General Contractor, the superintendents and the sub-contractors was appointed in order to establish a construction schedule and arrive at an approximate completion date. Brother Mountain will be our superintendent at the job site and will keep the Committees informed on progress

and he will work with the Architects and approve all requests for the disbursement of funds before they will be authorized for payment by Brother Anthony Ensana, the General Church Board of Trustees' Treasurer.

The writer reported that a verbal mortgage commitment in the amount of \$175,000 had been received from the president of a financial institution in the Greater Pittsburgh area and that a formal application would be filed as soon as it is received in the mail.

## LETTER SENT

The Secretary of the Auditorium Committee, Brother Dominic Thomas, specified that a letter was sent in mid-February to all Presiding Elders from Brother Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President. He requested that this letter be read to all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends of The Church so that they might be well informed regarding the construction and financial progress made relative to the Auditorium.

This letter in brief stated that the amount of the approved change order was \$63,500. The original contract amount plus the change order amount totaled \$343,300. The cost would be reduced by the amount of money received from the government. The Church submitted a settlement claim in the amount of \$186,000. It reported the balance on hand in the Auditorium account as of February 15 was \$70,227.00. It also stated that an additional \$98,000 will have to be raised through personal and other contributions by the time construction is completed. The letter requested that contributions be made through your Branches and Missions to Bro. Ensana, whose address is P.O. Box 209, Edison, New Jersey 08817.

Brother Lou Checchi, the Presiding Elder of the Greensburg Branch, reported that there are some interested prospective purchasers for the present Branch property. These will be contacted by letter in the near future and offers for the property will be accepted in writing and reviewed by the Branch Trustees and officers.

## VISIT SITE

Those attending the meeting then drove out to the Auditorium site. As we approached the site, we all felt that this was truly the beginning of a new era for The Church of Jesus Christ. We could see that the driveway from the blacktop road to the building location, as well as the parking area, was completely graded and the heavy equipment was ready to resume work on Monday morning. We drove to the top of the site and parked in the parking lot area.

As we stood atop the site, where the Auditorium is being constructed and looked around us, we beheld the view was most inspiring. The sun was shining although it was windy and cold. We took a few photographs which will be kept as a visual record of construction by The Church.

I am convinced that this is one of the most beautiful sites in the Greensburg area, and, as I viewed the future potential, I kept thinking of Christ's words to His Disciples "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me." The application of this remark persisted that surely, if Christ will be lifted up in this Auditorium, it cannot fail to draw men and women from every direction.

## Blessing Prayer Asked For Infant; Parents Baptized

On February 22, Duane and Betty Ann Lowe from Greensburg, Pennsylvania brought their new baby, Dana Marie, to the Roscoe Branch to have the prayer for blessings asked upon the infant by Betty Ann's grandfather, Brother Gasper Karelli.

A wonderful feeling was manifested during and after the blessing ceremony, as The Spirit of God was present. Almost immediately following the blessing prayer, Betty Ann rose to her feet and asked for her baptism. Shortly thereafter, her husband, greatly under the influence of God's Spirit, also rose to his feet and stated that he too wanted to be baptized.

The parents were then almost immediately taken to the Monongahela River where they were immersed by Brother Karelli. Upon returning to The Church building, our new Sister was confirmed by her grandfather and our new Brother was confirmed by Brother George Johnson.

Bother Karelli, whose wife Sister Mary had just passed away on February 3, as reported in the "Obituaries" on page 12, was richly blessed in being able to take part on this happy occasion.

## Guest Speaker Discusses Service At Monongahela

Visitors from Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Ohio were present at the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch on Sunday, February 8. Brother August D'Orazio from Edison, New Jersey opened the service with scripture from the **Book of Mormon**.

He related experiences received in The Church which showed that God can preserve our natural bodies through healings. Emphasis was placed on how much more He can preserve our spiritual bodies, or souls.

Brother D'Orazio exhorted the congregation to labor with great determination to preserve the faith and The Gospel of Jesus Christ. He indicated the great need to work harder, in unity and in fasting and prayer, to be "Defenders of The Faith," for God is unchangeable and His gifts are for us today if we seek them with enough diligence and faith.

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ments which he hath given, it shall be a land of liberty unto them; wherefore, they shall never be brought down into captivity; if so, it shall be because of iniquity; for if iniquity shall abound cursed shall be the land for their sakes, but unto the righteous it shall be blessed forever." (II Nephi 1:6,7)

## Brief News of Interest

### SETTLED 95 YEARS AGO

It will be 95 years this April 12 since between 25 and 30 families, which were headed by Brother William Bickerton, wheeled their ox wagons into a camp presently the location of St. John, Kansas. Research reported in newspaper accounts disclosed that "Three of the pioneers brought their families with them, the remainder preparing shelter and sending for their wives and children later in the summer."

The historical report, made in the Sixtieth Anniversary Edition of the **St. John News** in 1940, also disclosed that "When the first Church was established in Stafford county, St. John was a stretch of rolling prairie. The town was not established until three years later." It was also pointed out that the area was then known as Zion's Valley and that the first post office was located in Brother Bickerton's home. The group, which had come from Pennsylvania where The Church of Jesus Christ had been incorporated in 1865, then moved to the present site of St. John and built a Church building there.

Brother Bickerton, the first President of The Church, passed on from this life on February 17, 1905 at the age of 90. He is buried in the southwest corner of the original plot of the cemetery. His grave is of particular interest, especially to visitors and tourists, as it has been referred to as the resting-place of the "founder of Zion City, later changed to St. John . . ."

It is reported that when the first group came to the area, Brother Bickerton asked God in prayer to bless the city so that it might never be destroyed by cyclones. Since then, even though many cyclones have come near St. John, none came into the city, thus preserving the locality.

Incidentally, accounts of Brother William Cadman's labors and how a visitor observed a "Feet-Washing Service" of The Church were also carried in the Sixtieth Anniversary Edition 30 years ago. The Feet-Washing meeting was reprinted from the **St. John Advance**, Friday, August 26, 1881.

### GRATEFUL TO GOD

A letter has been received from Mr. Rocco Loverro of Cape Coral, Florida who has expressed his gratitude to God for helping him through a most serious operation. He wrote as follows:

"About seven months ago, I moved to Cape Coral, Florida with a heart condition. I was going downhill and getting worse.

"I came back to New York to have an operation. We had made arrangements but days went by; in fact, we waited about 20 days.

"One Saturday morning, I called my sister, Fanny, (Sister Fanny Prudenti), because she had told me that Brother Nicholas Zinzi had had a similar case like mine. She advised me to engage his doctor. In ten days, I was admitted to the hospital. It was the will of God that I was to be operated in the same hospital and by the same doctor whom Brother Zinzi had had.

"I want to thank all the Brothers and Sisters

of The Church of Jesus Christ for their prayers that God watch over me when the doctors gave me an open heart operation; and I did not feel a thing . . . I would like to thank each and everyone who prayed for me. Thank you and may God bless all of you. Don't forget me in your prayers, as I will do likewise as God gives me strength."

#### MISSIONARIES ACKNOWLEDGED

It was most gratifying to have a report in the press in Monongahela about the departure around the end of January of Brother John Bickerton; his wife, Sister Dorothy; and their three children, John, Diane, and Leah for missionary work at the White River Indian Reservation in Arizona. In describing Brother Bickerton's new assignment, the account specified that he "has been called as a full-time missionary by the church's Mission Board.

"He will work with the Apache Indians on the White River Reservation, Pinetop, Arizona. Pinetop is Ponderosa country in the mountains near Phoenix."

The article additionally pointed out that Brother Isaac Smith, also of Monongahela, and his family had already moved to Pinetop where they would be working together with the Bickertons at the Reservation.

#### FORT PIERCE NEWS

The Fort Pierce, Florida Branch has reported many wonderful visits and blessings recently. Last December, Brother Joseph and Sister Edna Bittinger were present at Fort Pierce, as well as at all other locations in the Florida District. Thereafter, Brother V. James and Sister Mary Lovalvo were guests, and they were expected to stay in the District, visiting all locations, until the April General Church Conference. The sermons of the Brothers, as well as the fellowship of all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends, were very edifying and enjoyable.

Many dreams, revelations, and experiences have also been received. These manifestations have added to the blessings enjoyed at Fort Pierce and in other parts of the Florida District.

#### CHURCH LITERATURE AVAILABLE

Through the years, The Church has published many tracts and pamphlets covering a wide number of important subjects. Recently, a fresh supply of Faith and Doctrinal pamphlets were printed. This newly designed booklet contains a complete synopsis of the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ. All readers may now obtain copies (at \$.15 apiece) so that they may become familiar with all phases of The Church's beliefs.

Another interesting book, which will eventually become a collector's item, is the *Book of Sermons*. Already, some of the Brothers whose sermons are preserved in this book have passed away. This collection contains many sermons delivered over the radio by many members of The Ministry conversant with "The Falling - Away" and "The Restoration of The Gospel of Christ," as well as many other subjects. The publication is a comprehensive book for any home library, and it offers a cross-section of vital information. (It is priced at \$2.00).

All Church literature may be purchased

through Branch or Mission librarians. Persons not in a position to obtain them from these officials may write to the General Church Librarian, James Campbell, 540 High Street, Monongahela, Pennsylvania 15063, and he will accommodate their wishes. He will also supply a list of the literature upon request.

#### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

Kevin Everett to the Everett A. Jasmins Jr. of Lake Worth, Florida;

Michelle Renee to the Glenn Larimers of Fredonia, Pennsylvania;

Jason Allan to the Robert Siegs of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1;

Vickie Lee to the Robert Quinns of the Perry, Ohio Mission; and

Gina to the Riccardo Pacificos and Suzette Marie to the Donald Ross' of the Bronx, New York Branch.

It was reported in the January issue that Hubert Austin was a new arrival to the Austin Fowles of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania who now reside in Omaha, Nebraska. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Inez (Moore) Fowles had visited the West Elizabeth Branch several times before moving after marriage to Omaha, Nebraska and was desirous of having the Elders of The Church of Jesus Christ offer the prayer for blessings for her son even though she is not a Church member. In this, it can be seen and know that a good desire was fulfilled inasmuch as Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." It is the hope of everyone, of course, that through this prayer offered in his behalf, the same as for all other children, Hubert will bear fruit to the honor and glory of God some day.

Incidentally, the new arrivals are usually reported each month to the *Gospel News* after the children have been brought to the various Branches and Missions for prayers of blessings by The Ministry. The information regarding the beloved youngsters is customarily forwarded by the Branch and Mission Editors where the children reside or are presented for The Church ordinance of blessing of children, in keeping with the commandment of Christ.

## Editorial Comment

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service to our fellowman; and, as King Benjamin stated, ". . . when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17, *Book of Mormon*).

Certainly, in analyzing the help which can be gained from outside sources in leading others to The Gospel, it must be remembered that ". . . he that is not against us is on our part." (St. Mark 9:40). Using this assistance and relying on God's help can aid us immeasurably in fulfilling our mission.

## NUPTIALS

### MCGUIRE-BRIGHT

Brother Michael Ray McGuire and Sister Melodee Kay Bright were united in holy matrimony at the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, February 7. Brother August D'Orazio performed the ceremony, assisted by Brother Herbert Hemmings. Brother David Majoros was the vocal soloist, and the accompanist was Mrs. Marsha Savarino.

The newlyweds now reside in Lorain, Ohio.

### DAVEY-VADASZ

Mr. Paul Michael Davey and Sister Carol Ann Vadasz were joined in holy wedlock at the Metuchen, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 10. Brother George Benyola conducted the ceremony. Vocal selections were offered by Brothers Walter Cihomsky and Joseph Arcuri. The accompanist was Brother Richard Benyola.

The bride is scheduled to join her husband in the Bahama Islands where he is stationed in the service.

### GRAVES-WERGIN

The Gospel News has been informed belatedly that Mr. Warren Graves and Miss Amelia Mae Wergin were married in Wichita, Kansas last August 7.

The couple now lives in Newton, Kansas.

## OBITUARIES

### FRAOLINA DIBATTISTA

Sister Fraolina DiBattista of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch, who was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ for almost 50 years, completed journey in this life on February 27. Born on July 9, 1906, she was baptized into The Church on March 28, 1920.

She is survived by three daughters, one son, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Brother Alma Nolfi conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Raymond Cosetti.

Our departed Sister demonstrated her true Christ-like qualities to everyone with whom she came in contact during her life. Her desires to remain fervent in The Gospel of Christ throughout these many years inspired and encouraged all who knew and loved her.

### MARY KARELLI

Sister Mary Karelli of the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch, a Deaconess and a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ for almost 45 years, passed away on February 3 at the age of 74. She had been baptized into The Church, along with her husband, Brother Gasper Karelli, on June 27, 1925; and she was ordained a Deaconess in 1930.

Survivors are her husband, two daughters, one son, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Brother Samuel Kirschner officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brothers John Olexa and George Johnson.

Although afflicted for the past several years, Sister Karelli had remained faithful in her church attendance and steadfast in her service to God. She has left a wonderful example to all who knew her, who dearly loved her, and who will greatly miss her.

### JULIO ALI

Mr. Julio Ali, a long-time friend of The Church of Jesus Christ at the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch, departed from this life on February 2. He was born on May 24, 1925.

He is survived by his father, four sisters, and three brothers.

Brother Alma Nolfi conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Samuel Kirschner.

Mr. Ali will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Everyone who was enriched by his life will certainly treasure his memory.

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is a two-month list of 1970 Church events of general and regional interest.

### APRIL

16, 17, 18 — Semi - Annual General Church Conference at Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

19 — Concluding General Church Conference Service at Clairton, Pennsylvania.

### MAY

16 — Semi - Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Michigan - Ontario MBA Area.

## MEDITATIONS

### I Corinthians 13:1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and not have charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail, whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

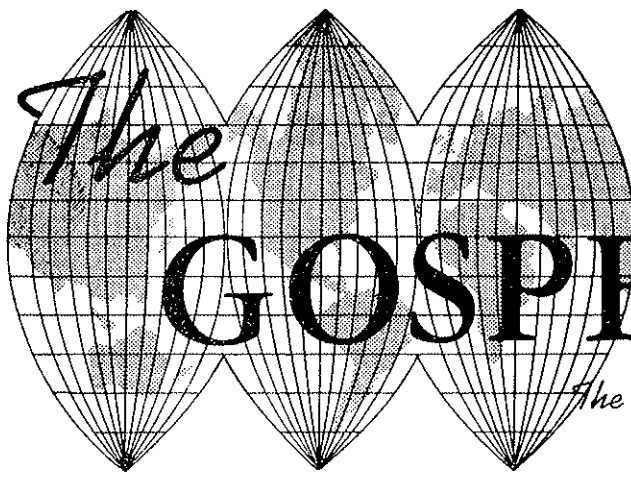
For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.



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## General Conference Held April 16-19 In Pennsylvania

By Nicholas Pietrangelo  
General Church Secretary

The semi-annual General Church Conference was held April 16-19 in Pennsylvania. Sessions the first three days were conducted at the Monongahela Branch, while the Sunday worship service, open for everyone, was convened in the Clairton High School.

Apostles, Evangelists, and Elders from the various Districts, Branches, and Missions of The Church of Jesus Christ were present. Preceding the General Meetings, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, the General Board of Missions, the General Board of Trustees, and the Special Affairs Committee met to finalize their reports to the Conference. Also, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles held a meeting with the Pennsylvania District Elders on Tuesday night, April 14. This service was the same kind of informative session as has been conducted with members of The Priesthood in other Districts of The Church.

The most far-reaching accounts were given at the Conference by the General Board of Missions, Board of Trustees, and the Auditorium Committee. Other General Church Officer and Committee reports, as well as election of General Officers and committees for the next year (see page 7), also occupied significant portions of the agenda.

### MISSIONS REPORT

The Board of Missions reported that the Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria, West Africa held their Conference, which was the first one assembled since the termination of the civil war in that nation. Extensive work has been done among the refugees of the war. The Church is progressing well there, and it was stipulated that it would be appreciated if a missionary would be sent to Nigeria by the parent organization. Membership in Nigeria now numbers over 2,000 and indications are that many blessings are being enjoyed there.

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## Mother's Day

By Leonard A. Lovalvo

Mother's Day, celebrated the second Sunday of May, a day to commemorate mothers, was officially proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson. Even though President Wilson declared this special day, the actual credit goes to a woman named Anna Jarvis.

In 1905, Anna Jarvis' mother died, and, inspired by her mother's life, she began her crusade to establish a "Mother's Day." She felt that the untiring efforts of mothers should be recognized all

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## GMBA Conference Set For May 16 In Warren, Mich.

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference will convene at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, in the Warren Woods High School, 13400 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan. There will be three meetings during the day.

The next morning's worship service will be held at the same location under the direction of Michigan-Ontario General Church District. It will also start at 10 a.m.

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# Editorial Comment

By Carl J. Frammolin

Recently, the author heard a tape made by a young man who shortly thereafter met a tragic end because of drug addiction. In his final statements to this world, he told of how he was very sorry for what he had done to himself, his parents, his brothers and sisters, his other relatives, and his friends. He pointed out that, since he had become addicted, he was unable to discern between fantasy and reality and that he could not determine whether he was sane or insane anymore.

His grieving mother, in permitting the tragic story to be heard publicly, explained that she hoped that other children would learn by hearing about what happened to her son. Her heartbreaking account of how she further hoped that other parents would learn from this experience was most touching and informative. She related how she had not taken the drug problem seriously because she felt that her children would never be victims of this terrible habit. Her plea to all parents was that they take this matter seriously, would police the activities of their children, and would be on guard for this, as well as other perils, which face our youngsters. Her implied but helpless sentiment was, "If I had only become informed on the subject so that I could have recognized the signs and found out what to do." In effect, she was saying, in despair, "If I only knew!"

## FACE MANY PERILS

Today, many people face perils which are far more serious than they appear to be. They are cleverly led into situations from which they cannot easily escape. Innocently and sometimes unknowingly, they become enmeshed in matters which are compelling and forceful. Like the above example of the young man who started out innocently and unaware of what could happen to him, they experiment, become more confirmed in their activities, and eventually find they are unable to extricate themselves from their dilemmas. In these cases, they cannot help themselves; thus, who can help them?

The true follower of Christ may be found working in these problem areas. There he will be found actually in conflict with the forces of evil to reason, plead, and advise the errant party of his necessity for change and improvement. If the help were not available, the victimized individual would seemingly have no chance to remove himself from the environment or activities which plague him. He would not have the courage to throw off the forces which have felled him. As the late young lad described earlier, he will say, "I don't know what to do. I cannot face even the most simple problems. I just can't seem to cope with the events which are taking place around me."

There are many categories of problems and sins. It would be impossible to enumerate all of them. Many of them are obvious and easily identifiable, while others appear casual and almost harmless. In any event, they cause anxieties, fears, and conflicts for the participants who become troubled and unhappy, start to fret and worry, and eventually feel insufficient and unworthy

of being a human being. It takes a strong and reassuring hand to elevate them from their frightful state. It takes a dedicated person, one who is unafraid of facing the facts, to help relieve the pressure of the situation and to assure the sunken individual that there is a hope for him — and this hope is Jesus Christ.

## APPROACHES DIFFERENT

As pointed out last month, each situation will require its own approach. Knowing the behavioral pattern of the party involved and being familiar with his plight and responses to the situation at hand will allow the helper to determine how he is going to confront the matter and under what circumstances he should function. He does not have to be an actual participant in what is involved but he should be sufficiently aware of the facts to be able to deal with the problem at hand.

In working with an individual, of course, one must expect to exercise patience and diligence. One must strive to point out in words and actions that he is certain that the party can improve his lot and what he must do to bring about this improvement. All factors must be so realistically portrayed that the party will be familiar with what could happen. Everything must be so exposed that he cannot say in the future, as the grief-stricken mother was compelled to exclaim, "If I only knew!"

Needless to say, the true follower and advocate of Christ does not handpick the people whom he intends to help. He uses all opportunities presented to him as chances to assist. Whenever a situation or a crisis is confronted, he takes on the responsibility of doing which is right and best. He offers comfort, hope, and encouragement as they are required. Also, he counsels and coaches to bring the individual to a point of self-realization and self-confidence so that he can cope with his problem.

## POSSIBLE PREVENTION

Perhaps even more significant, like in the example of the lad at the beginning of this piece, is the great service which can be rendered in offering preventive assistance. Warning individuals of the pitfalls, such as in the use of drugs, can spare them the anxieties and problems which they would be inflicting upon themselves. Consequently, it is necessary for members and friends of The Church of Jesus Christ to warn and teach their children about the dangers they face, and it is imperative that they pass the word along to all with whom they come in contact. They know they must not choose any favorites but must do this for everyone.

Recognizing the problem is important. It is the point from which to begin to search for solutions. Having the solutions available to offer places the advantage with God's people. With His help and guidance, the lives of the hopeless and the forlorn can take on new meaning, new hope, new courage. These supports can help avert the disastrous ends which have been and are being faced by many people today. They, like the unfortunate young man who became addicted and helpless, do not seem to know to whom to turn; no avenue should be avoided in helping them before it is too late. They must be reached,

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*It is indeed a great privilege to be a citizen of an earthly country, but it is a greater privilege to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God.*

## Citizens Of God's Kingdom

When Jesus began His ministry in Galilee, He called His message The Gospel. As Matthew says in Chapter 9, Verse 35, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom..."

People the world over are citizens of earthly countries, some well-governed and some not so well-governed. It is indeed a great privilege to be a citizen of an earthly country, but it is a greater privilege to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God. How, though, do we become citizens of the Kingdom of God? Christ told Nicodemus he must be born again — born of the water and the Spirit.

One way to become a citizen of the United States or any other earthly country is by being born into her population. We become citizens of the Kingdom of God by being born again spiritually. Regardless of whatever earthly kingdom to which a man belongs, he can become a subject of the one Kingdom of God, the most important kingdom of all.

### EARTHLY CONSTITUTIONS DIFFERENT

People living under different constitutions in various countries have different obligations and rights: but all those who are born into the Kingdom of God live under the same spiritual constitution, and they all have the same obligations and enjoy the same rights. The constitutions of all earthly countries, or kingdoms, are composed by man. Not so with the constitution of the Kingdom of God; it was composed by the King of that Kingdom — Christ Himself. While man had no part in composing the constitution of God's Kingdom, man has been used by God to proclaim it to mankind.

In perusing the scriptures, we find holy men of God were used to proclaim parts of the constitution. The Apostle Peter (writings found in I Peter 3:8-15) said, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

"Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

"Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Let us take a look at a few obligations outlined in this scripture.

### NO EVIL FOR EVIL

(1) Not rendering evil for evil (Verse 9). This basic obligation we have to discharge is in relation to the world, to those not yet citizens of God's Kingdom. It seems we are living in a world that is hostile to Christ and His way of life. It seems also that we have a cross to carry as a result of those not yet in the Kingdom. Those hostile to Christ and those who are participants in the Kingdom of Christ have little in common, and they sometimes clash.

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## M.B.A. Highlights

### GMBA Committee Seeks To Direct Efforts Of Youth

By James D. Gibson  
GMBA Editor

The General Missionary Benevolent Association Activities Committee met at Greensburg, Pennsylvania on March 7. As pointed out in past issues, the main objective of this Committee is to find ways and means to direct the energies of the group in a meaningful and organized manner. Uppermost in the minds of all Committee members is the desire to provide and plan worthwhile projects and goals for implementation by the MBA at all levels.

It is known that young people have boundless energy and potential. How and where to channel these drives become the concern of the GMBA Officers and of the entire Committee. The good accomplished by the young people in the past serves to inspire those in the Activities Committee and in associated levels of the MBA to assist them to aspire to higher goals. The young persons of today are the leaders of tomorrow and the responsibilities of facing future problems and decisions will also become theirs. The MBA is a good starting place for children and young people to gain a deep religious experience to use in the adult world of tomorrow.

The Lay Missionary Program as proposed under the direction of The General Church Board of Missions was discussed at the meeting. The Committee felt that this program holds much promise in the future for young persons willing to assist our field missionaries, especially on Indian Reservations. The Committee hopes to conduct a successful recruitment program to obtain the names of interested young persons willing to serve The Church in this capacity.

#### 1970 CAMPOUT

The GMBA Campout will be held the week of August 23 in the vicinity of Youngstown, Ohio. An application form is being developed and will be distributed in the near future. As usual, the application will contain all necessary information, such as exact location, cost per person, camping facilities and related information. The **MBA BULLETIN**, the Association's monthly publication, will keep Locals advised of all future developments.

In another phase of activity, it was disclosed that additional MBA Lesson Binders are available at \$1.50 each. The sturdy binders are embossed with the Association Emblem and make attractive folders in which to contain the lesson plans which have been prepared by the MBA for private and/or class study. They may be obtained by contacting Brother Joseph Draskovich, 527 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania—

15601, who is the GMBA Librarian.

The remainder of the lessons have been finished and made available to all MBA Locals. The group members who labored so long and diligently on this project should indeed be commended for their efforts. This project was under the guidance of Brother Joseph Milantoni, GMBA Vice President until last November, and, judging from the finished product, he had some capable and dedicated workers who assisted him on this gigantic task. These lessons provide fine teaching materials for teachers and students and all Locals should avail themselves of this teaching help.

#### GMBA EQUIPMENT

The Committee has specified that it is in the process of conducting an inventory to determine exactly what is owned by GMBA. As a result, all officers and former officers are being asked to send in a list of any equipment now in their possession. This inventory will provide the GMBA with an up-to-date listing of all fixed assets and the name of persons holding them so that, in the event of changes in office personnel, the equipment may be transferred to the appropriate officers or committees.

As in the past, the entire Association again solicits the help and moral support of all members in helping to build up the organization as a whole and make it a credit to The Church.

A complete current report will be presented by the Activities Committee to the GMBA Conference this May 16 in Warren, Michigan. Everyone, of course, is invited to attend so they may be completely informed of the progress being made by the Association. At the same time, all attendees will enjoy the fellowship of all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends with whom they will certainly be anxious to assemble.



UR WOMEN TODAY

### General Circle Meets In Penna. On March 21

By Mary Tamburrino

The General Ladies Circle Conference was held in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania on Saturday, March 21. This was the 199th Quarterly Gathering of the General Circle.

The Sisters of the McKees Rocks Circle presented a program titled, "Service," to begin the day's proceedings. They sang a few songs and read the scriptures from I Peter 4:11 and Mosiah 2.

In her opening remarks, Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, stated that we are interested in the service of the King and for others, especially for the covenant people. The testimonies of Sisters Eva Moore and Edna Bitteringer who recently took a trip to Arizona and California

were then given.

Most of the officers were present. Minutes of the last meeting were read, and the delegate reports were given. A highlight was that a new Circle unit was organized at the White River Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Under correspondence, a letter was read from Sister Evelyn Perdue, who is making plans to meet at the 50th Anniversary meeting in Detroit, Michigan; from Brother John Ross, who urged the Sisters to continue sending clothes and finances for the African needs and also complimented the Circle Sisters for all they do; and from the General Church Mission Board.

#### PROJECT SUCCESSFUL

The Auditors' report for the year of 1969 was read. The project for the last three months, that of having Sister Evelyn Perdue meet with us at the 50th Anniversary meeting, was successful. A special collection was made to help defray the cost of an organ bought at the White River Reservation. The project for the next three months will be to provide food and children's clothes to the same Reservation.

Donations were made to the General Church Indian Missionary Fund, to the trailer fund at the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona, to the African Relief Fund, to the General Church Auditorium Fund, and for food for the White River Reservation.

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION

The answer to the question, "It was prophesied that the people would not be destroyed by a flood, but by what three things?", was answered in **Alma 10:22** in the **Book of Mormon**.

Sister Josephine D'Amico of Detroit, Michigan, Chairman for the Ladies' Circle 50th Anniversary, gave a progress report on this event which will be held in Detroit Branch No. 1 on June 20.

A special prayer was offered in behalf of the sick. Brother Joseph Bittinger, General Church Second Counselor, spoke to the Sisters and told how he enjoys meeting with the General Circle and to hear of the projects it has undertaken in supporting The Church.

A vote of thanks was given to the McKees Rocks Circle for its splendid hospitality. The next General Business meeting will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania on September 19.

A special blessing was felt when the congregation sang the hymn "He'll Hold My Hand." It brought the wonderful day to a fitting end.

## Our Ministers

By Mary Lovalvo

My husband recently called a meeting of the membership of a certain Branch of The Church in Florida and asked them to write five things which they expected of their Ministers. The consensus was that they wanted their Ministers to be a leader, a father, a counselor, a help, and an example, so they could "look up" to him for their spiritual guidance.

As I sat there and listened to their com-  
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## The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

#### ANOTHER JOSEPH

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you about another Joseph. This Joseph is a "Choice Seer" or a "Prophet" who will be prominent in the latter-day work. He is prophesied of in both records, the Bible and the **Book of Mormon**. He is a leader who will come forth to his people from the Indian Nation here in the land of America.

Our Church, The Church of Jesus Christ, believes the Indians are descendants of Joseph, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. He is the Joseph whose posterity was to "run over the wall," as we read in our story last month. He was the Joseph who was sold by his brothers to merchantmen going to Egypt and later became governor during the seven years of famine. The origin of the American Indian is a mystery to many people but not to us who believe the **Book of Mormon**.

This wonderful record, the **Book of Mormon**, relates the travels of a group of people led by a Prophet named Lehi. Lehi left Jerusalem about 600 B.C. and came to America. Another group came here about the time of the building of the Tower of Babel. These people were known as the Jaredites. A third group arrived here and lived during the reign of King Zedekiah.

This latter-day Joseph, the Choice Seer, will come from among the American Indian. The prophecy states, "Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded . . ." (**II Nephi 3:14**). His name will be Joseph and his father also will be named Joseph. He will be like unto Moses. The scriptures continue, . . . and I will give power unto him in a rod; and I will give judgment unto him in writing. Yet I will not loose his tongue, that he shall speak much, for I will not make him mighty in speaking. But I will write unto him my law, by the finger of mine own hand; and I will make a spokesman for him." (**II Nephi 3:17**). He will convince his people of the truth of God's word which already has gone among them.

Our mission is to take The Restored Gospel to God's chosen people who are scattered on many reservations. We are looking forward to the day when this other Joseph, the Choice Seer, will be among his people and tell them the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ are true.

This story finishes the series about Joseph. I hope you have enjoyed them and we must thank one of our little readers of THE CHILDREN'S CORNER for asking for them.

Next month I shall tell you a story about "Happiness Is ?". How would you complete the title? Be thinking what happiness is in your life, and I shall tell you what I believe it is, using God's Word.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## General Conference Held April 16-19 In Pennsylvania

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Reports were received from our Indian Missions located at Tijuana, Mexico; Pine Top, Arizona; San Carlos, Arizona; Wapala, South Dakota; and Muncey and Six Nations in Ontario, Canada. Good attendance at Church and Sunday School services have been experienced. The Church is most grateful to our missionaries in the various fields. Their dedicated efforts and labors are, we are sure, most appreciated, and we pray for the success of their endeavors.

The missions in Italy have again expressed a desire to have missionaries there from the parent body. The local Elders are pursuing their tasks as best they can under the circumstances.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees presented the total evaluation of real estate and properties which belong to The Church. Current land and buildings reflect the net worth of the total holdings which are presently owned or being purchased.

The necessity and procedures in the appraisal of properties were also discussed. The needs which must be satisfied for proper reporting and accounting, primarily to government agencies, were enumerated.

In conjunction with the Board's report, the Auditorium Committee outlined the progress which has been made for the new facility, as well as reflecting the financial picture as of Conference time. (See "Auditorium Progress" on page 9.)

The Conference then gave the Committee the mandate to work out ways to discharge the indebtedness which will be incurred by the time the Auditorium is completed. Individual contributions will continue to be sought as in the past. In addition, The Church's auxiliary units, (the Missionary Benevolent Association, the Ladies' Circle, and the Sunday Schools), will be advised of their option to participate in equipping the Auditorium with the furnishings it will require. These Church units had asked whether they could seek to provide these items for the facility. Further information on the particular furnishings involved will be available in the very near future.

### SPECIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Special Affairs Committee reported that Apostle V. James Lovalvo had completed his latest assignment in the Florida District and had decided to make his home in Florida. His assignment was thus terminated by the Committee, which expressed its gratitude to him and his wife for their labors.

During the past two years, Brother and Sister Lovalvo spent considerable time among the Brothers, Sisters, and friends of the Atlantic Coast District, the Florida District, and the Lockport-Rochester, New York area. The tours of duty included two stays in Florida, one in the New Jersey-eastern New York sector, and one in the Lockport-Rochester vicinity. Many wonderful

services were held and the Spirit of God was manifested on many occasions.

Accounts received from the areas visited indicated that Brother Lovalvo accomplished much good and strengthened The Church wherever he went. His almost four decades in The Church proved of extremely invaluable aid as he worked with members and friends of The Gospel, as well. Best wishes are extended and continued good works in The Church are expected of our Brother and Sister as they take up residence in the Florida District.

Other Conference reports were also presented by General Church Officers and Committees. Among these was an account by the General Church Librarian, James Campbell, about a future reprint of the **Book of Mormon**. The Conference passed a motion, authorizing Brother Campbell to negotiate the best price available for comparable quality in both printing and binding to that which have been obtained in the past.

The Spirit of The Lord was most prevalent as the dreams and revelations were read and evaluated on Saturday morning. These experiences reflected current conditions and future expectations of The Church of Jesus Christ, as well as being edifying and refreshing. Many insights were gained into the Will of God in these revelations, which will be read from the Conference Minutes in all Branches and Missions by the Presiding Elders. It is certain that all Brothers, Sisters, and friends will be most uplifted by hearing these experiences.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO SEVENTIES

The Conference accepted the recommendations of four Elders into the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists. They are Brothers Thomas Liberto of San Diego, California; Spencer G. Everett of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1; Elmer Santilli of Perry Ohio; and Vincent Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio. These Brothers will be ordained into their new offices as soon as possible.

Incidentally, Evangelist Clifford A. Burgess of Bell, California, who had served as the Quorum President for 20 years, resigned from that position. The Seventies acknowledged his many years of service in that capacity, as they elected Evangelist Dominic Moraco of Detroit Branch No. 4 to replace him.

In closing financial reports, budgeted figures and receipts to date were analyzed. It was also indicated that funds for the General Church Budget should be forwarded by District Treasurers to the General Church Financial Secretary, Anthony Ross, every three months. His address is No. 3 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001. Finances for the General Church Auditorium, however, must be submitted without delay to the Treasurer of the General Board of Trustees, Anthony Ensana, P. O. Box 209, Edison, New Jersey 08817.

The next semi-annual General Church Conference was appointed for October 15-18 in the Michigan-Ontario District.

A vote of thanks was extended by the Conference to the members of the Monongahela and adjoining Branches for their hospitality. The accommodations and facilities, primarily provided by

the Monongahela congregation, were superlative.

The Saturday evening session was devoted to hearing a report from some of the Brothers who attended the Week's Fasting and Prayer Service in San Carlos, Arizona to usher in the year 1970.

Brothers V. James Lovalvo, Gorie Ciaravino, Joseph Bittinger, Daniel Picciuto and Joseph Calabrese related that God did truly bless them and crowned their fasting with a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

The blessings of God were truly felt as our Brothers recalled the blessings and gifts which attended them.

### THE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Sunday Service was held in the Clairton High Schol Auditorium with an overflowing crowd of Brothers, Sisters and friends from the various Districts of The Church present. Congregational singing, solos and choir renditions preceded the opening of the service.

Brother Alvin Swanson from Florida introduced the Service by reading from the second chapter of the Book of Daniel relative to the works of King Nebuchadnezzar, when he acknowledged the God of heaven. Brother Swanson elaborated on the forming of the great image which represented various wicked Kingdoms which God permitted to exist until the "little stone," which Daniel saw, would strike the image at its feet and destroy it. The "little stone" was not built with hands as was the King's Kingdom but was cut out of the mountain without hands; yet it grew until it filled the whole earth.

Brother Dwayne Jordan from the California District followed exhorting the saints to step out in great faith and trust in God to do the great work of our day.

Brothers George Timms of Maryland and Joseph Lovalvo of California also spoke. Brother Lovalvo stated that God is a revealer of secrets and he related two divine healing experiences showing how God works today.

The blessings of God were felt during the Service and it was good to greet the Saints from far and near.

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is a four-month list of 1970 Church events of general and regional interest.

### MAY

- 16 — Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Michigan-Ontario MBA Area.

### JUNE

- 20 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Detroit, Michigan (to mark the General Circles' 50th Anniversary).

### JULY

- Missionary Benevolent Association Area Conferences.

### AUGUST

- 23 — General Missionary Benevolent Association Annual Field Trip to Youngstown, Ohio vicinity (through August 29).

## General Church Officers

Following are the General Church Officers who were either reelected or newly-elected at the General Church Conference in Monongahela, Pennsylvania in April. All officials, with the exception of the member of the Board of Trustees who is elected for a five-year term, serve for one year. (\* Denotes newly-elected.)

PRESIDENT: Gorie Ciaravino

FIRST COUNSELOR: Thurman S. Furnier

SECOND COUNSELOR: Joseph Bittinger

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nicholas Pietrangelo

ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARIES:

Dominic Moraco, Michael Piacentino

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Anthony Ross \*

TREASURER: J. Fred Olexa \*

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meredith R. Griffith (Chairman), Joseph Bittinger, Anthony Scolaro, Anthony Ross, Paul P. Whitton, J. Fred Olexa, Anthony Ensana \*, Dominic Thomas \*

MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Melvin Mountain \*

HISTORIAN: Donald J. Curry

ASSISTANT HISTORIAN: Idras Martin

DISTRICT REPORTS CUSTODIAN: Paul Palmieri

LIBRARIAN: James Campbell, Jr.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN: Glenn Collins

AUDITORS: John Olexa, John Griffith

MISSION BOARD: Joseph Bittinger (Chairman), Rocco V. Biscotti, Clifford A. Burgess, Joseph Calabrese, James Campbell Jr., Anthony A. Corrado, Paul D'Amico, August D'Orazio, Spencer G. Everett, Meredith R. Griffith, Joseph Lovalvo, Joseph Milantoni, Dominic Moraco, John Ross, Paul Palmieri

GOSPEL NEWS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Carl J. Frammolin

ASSISTANT GOSPEL NEWS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Dominic Moraco

BALLOTING COMMITTEE: Frank Giovannone, Vincent Gibson, James Grazan, Richard Lawson, Joseph Perri, Paul Vitto

QUORUM OF TWELVE APOSTLES OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, Alma B. Cadman

VICE-PRESIDENT, Rocco V. Biscotti

SECRETARY, Dominic Thomas

QUORUM OF SEVENTY EVANGELISTS OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, Dominic Moraco \*

V. PRESIDENT, Joseph Calabrese

SECRETARY, John Manes

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

ATLANTIC COAST, Dominic Rose

CALIFORNIA, Joseph Lovalvo

FLORIDA, Alvin Swanson

MICHIGAN-ONTARIO, Nicholas Pietrangelo

OHIO, A. A. Corrado \*

PENNSYLVANIA, John Ross \*

## Mother's Day

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over the world. She wrote many letters to Governors and other important people, made speeches, and toured the country in her efforts to promote the establishment of Mother's Day. She urged that the white carnation, her mother's favorite flower, be made the emblem of Mother's Day and that messages of love be sent by card or telegram.

After campaigning many years, Mother's Day was established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1925; and it was officially proclaimed by President Wilson that Mother's Day should be observed on the anniversary of Anna Jarvis' mother's death.

Anna Jarvis continued her campaign throughout the world, and during her lifetime 43 countries adopted Mother's Day. She died in 1948, but before her death she had regrets that Mother's Day had been established because it had become so commercialized. Anna Jarvis intended Mother's Day to be a day of sentiment.

It is appropriate that a day has been established to remember mother, in spite of its commercialization. Hopefully, our love and kindness shown on this day would be exhibited every day of the year. As children grow from birth, they have many needs that must be fulfilled; and often the mother is the person who satisfies these needs. Children cannot completely remember or appreciate the efforts of their mothers because children live in a world of their own. Until they themselves become parents, they cannot realize the effort, sacrifice, patience, understanding, and love that a mother must give. We shall always be indebted to our mothers because they have felt it their duty to teach and train, to counsel, and raise us in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We owe all of our success to mother. It is reported that Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my dearest mother."

The following poem, written by Miriam Hol-deman Mason on May 9, 1917, best sums up my feelings:

### MOTHER'S DAY

Who rocked you to sleep at the close of day  
In the old armchair in the dear old days  
When you were so tiny you did not know  
How tired she was as she rocked to and fro?  
That dear one was mother.

Who mended your clothes you tore while at play,  
Who wiped the childish tears away,  
Who tucked you in bed at close of day,  
When your evening prayer she had heard  
you say?  
That dear one was mother.

Who helped you to bear the greater trials  
When you were grown up, no longer a child,  
Who helped you to say "Thy will be done"  
When the greater sorrows of life had come?  
That dear one was mother.

Let's make each day a Mother's Day  
Help wipe the tears of sorrow away  
Take care of her if she's old and gray  
As she cared for us in the dear old days  
Think every day of Mother.

## Our Ministers

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ments, I felt that our Ministers have these qualifications, and more. I, therefore, began to search for words that would describe our Ministers, who have dedicated their lives to the service of Our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ.

### A DEDICATED MINISTER

The following, I believe, describes our ministers. When people call him, he is there to answer the call. He has a sympathetic ear, an understanding soul, a friendly smile. He also has the knowledge, gained over the years, that the real hope of the world is in Jesus and in His Love, in understanding others and in faith in God. He is a man who accepts responsibility, no matter how great, in time of need, and, as one writer says, "He cushions sorrow, repairs souls, lights the way, sells hope, and dispenses brotherhood."

I believe a Minister is strong when there is a need for strength; he is compassionate when there is a need for compassion; and, as another writer says, "He is part teacher, part spiritual adviser, part builder, part dreamer, part family friend, and part philosopher."

A Minister is a man who waits for the beckoning call of his people: night and day, winter and summer, and at any hour, like a servant on duty ready to serve in time of need. He is a spiritual servant to his congregation. He has warmth, and he seeks to build for tomorrow with energy and enthusiasm. Another writer says, "He is a friend, companion, host, fund-raiser, mortgage expert, public relations man, recreation director, music expert, speaker, and a strong arm to hold onto in time of trouble."

### TOLERANCE, DIGNITY

I believe a Minister has tolerance, believes in the dignity of all races, and continuously prays for the serenity of our souls. Some additional appropriate quotations also help to characterize good ministers:

"The preaching that comes from the soul, MOST works on the Soul." (Fuller)

"The Preacher, like a candle bright, consumes himself in giving others light." (Ben Franklin)

"The test of a Minister, after preaching to his congregation, wants to hear them say, 'I will do something for Jesus,' not 'What a lovely sermon.' " (Unknown)

"The Ministry is the worst of all trades, but the BEST of all professions." (John Newton)

How often I have seen our Ministers handle with efficiency and willingness the thousand and one things that go for a successful organization. It is most gratifying to know that our Ministers fill all these roles depicted, as they seek to do God's work. They form our strength, guide, and inspiration as we strive to save our souls.

## Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

Weekly reports are being received from Brother Mel Mountain, who is doing an excellent job of supervising the construction of the Auditorium for The Church of Jesus Christ. He has reported the grading is about 98% completed. Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of fill dirt and 5,000 cubic yards of top soil were relocated.

The plumber has installed the water line from the building to Country Road No. 136. The water company had made the tap, and the meter has been installed.

Permits were taken out and the West Penn Power Company has installed its power lines to the building location.

The footings and foundation have been completed and the masonry contractor is beginning the block work. The materials, such as window and door frames, are being delivered to the site and are being protected for ready availability as needed. Construction has been slow to this point because of inclement weather at the site during March. According to the daily reports, the subcontractors have only been able to work about two full days a week. The month of April should have shown some improvement, and the project should move ahead at a more rapid rate.

The road and circle drive on the site are completed, and four inches of crushed stone have been installed to give it a hard surface.

The work completed to this March 15 amounted to a total cost of \$29,720 which was authorized for payment by Brother Mountain, the Architects' office, and Brother Anthony Ensana, Treasurer of the General Church Board of Trustees.

### APPLICATION FOR MORTGAGE

The application for a mortgage has been signed and returned to the financial institution together with a financial statement, a cash flow chart, a copy of the approved change-order, and an up-to-date cost and financial analysis. A mortgage in the amount of \$200,000 has been approved verbally and was presented to the institution's Board formally on April 9. A written commitment was to have been then mailed to The Church during the month.

Mr. Melvin Bassi, The Church attorney, is in contact with the Allegheny County office which is processing The Church's claim for the first Auditorium site. That office has received the change-order, together with the other letters the officials requested, and it is processing our claim. We hope to have a more detailed report for next month.

The Auditorium Committee and the General Church Board of Trustees reviewed a list of kitchen equipment recommended by the Architects and suppliers. The list of equipment discussed was comprised of the following items: a walk-in cooler, dual-temp refrigerator-freezer; a 6-burner range with grille, broiler, oven and storage; a floor model fryer; canopy with filter banks; exhaust fan; pot sink; clean-dish table; auto dish-washer with booster; pre-rinse sink; soiled-dish table with scrap block; dish pass-thru-window; separation rail; tray and silverware pickup-count-

er model; serving counter; tray slide; heat strip (overhead); work table with hand sink and overshelf; steam table with cutting board and overshelf; rack shelving; coffee and waitress station; kiddie fire-prevention system; blower coil; pot rack (wall-mounted) ice machine and flaker with stand; ice storage bin; and 1/2-horsepower compressor.

The kitchen layout was approved as submitted, subject to the deletion or addition of other equipment at a later date.

## Day To Remember

By Anthony Gerace, Evangelist

Saturday, January 31, 1970 is a day that will go down in the annals of Church History. On this day (as reported in "God Speaks" in the March issue), the Lord spoke to us as we were assembled in The Church building on the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona. After a glorious week of fasting and praying, the word of the Lord came to us under the powerful manifestation of the Spirit.

"Thus saith The Lord, this day have I accepted you as true sons of Levi, for you have come within the tabernacle to purify yourselves and cleanse yourselves. And to Joseph, my beloved Joseph, know this, thus saith The Spirit that from this day on, you shall no longer be called forsaken, but from henceforth, you shall be known as my begotten."

The gift of tongues was spoken and a vision was seen, and the glory of the Lord was upon us.

When I began to meditate upon these words, I wondered about the true Sons of Levi. My mind was directed to the time when the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in May, 1829. He laid his hands upon them and he said: "Upon you my fellow servants in the name of Messiah, I confer this priesthood, and this authority, which shall remain upon earth, that the Sons of Levi may yet offer an offering unto the Lord in righteousness."

I was also directed to read from the Prophet, **Malachi 3:3**.

"And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

We thank the Lord and praise his High and Holy Name for He has accepted us as the true Sons of Levi through the medium of The True Priesthood, the only authority established in these latter days. The Restored Gospel is to be brought to the Seed of Joseph. Thus we are instruments in the gathering of Israel that an offering of righteousness may again be offered to God.

In my opinion, Saturday, January 31, 1970 ushered in the Era of the Peaceful Reign. I truly feel that today we are living in the evening time before the dawn of this great event. We shall first pass through the evening of tribulation before we enter the morning of peace and tranquility with the Saints of God.

The Lord is about to do a mighty work among the Seed of Joseph and blessed are they who are chosen to serve in the vineyard of the Lord.

## Three Baptized, Deaconess Ordained At Detroit No. 1

Three converts came into The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 15, at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1, as over a foot of ice had to be broken for their baptisms in Lake St. Clair. Rendering obedience to The Gospel were Evelyn (Johnson) Dalfovo and Robert Joanne Pickett, husband and wife.

Brother Louis Vitto had introduced the service, speaking on **Romans 6**. He was followed by Brother Paul Vitto; and just before he concluded his exhortation, Sister Dalfovo and Brother Pickett asked for their baptisms. Sister Pickett requested to be baptized after the service. The Spirit of God permeated the meeting and the blessings were bountiful. Incidentally, Brother and Sister Pickett are former residents of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Sister Dalfovo was baptized by Brother Carl Frammolin, while the other two new members were taken into the waters by Brother Louis Vitto. The three were confirmed as follows: Sister Dalfovo by Brother Anthony Pietrangelo, Brother Pickett by Brother Paul Vitto and Sister Pickett by Brother Spencer Everett.

Three weeks later, on Sunday, April 5, Sister Mary Dichiera was ordained a Deaconess. Her feet were washed by Sister Mary Johnson and she was ordained by her brother, Elder Norman Campitelle.

The Detroit No. 1 congregation was greatly blessed by the addition of the new members and by the calling and ordination of their new Deaconess.

## Visits Windsor; Is Then Called Into The Gospel

Lena (Pallante) Ciaglia, who had been attending Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1, was called into The Gospel while visiting the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Branch on Sunday, April 5. She was baptized by Windsor Presiding Elder Frank Vitto and confirmed by Brother Clifford A. Burgess, from Bell, California.

Brother Burgess had introduced the service, speaking on **John 3:16**. He elaborated on the necessity to have faith and works besides believing in order to obtain salvation. Brother Anthony Enzana, visiting from Edison, New Jersey, followed on the same subject. Brother Spencer Everett from Detroit No. 1 spoke at the afternoon confirmation meeting.

Sister Ciaglia called for her baptism during the testimony part of the service. She later recalled how she had been directed to Windsor and that her strong desire to be there culminated in her baptism.

Branch No. 1 where she is now a member, and the Windsor congregations were most edified by Sister Ciaglia's addition.

## Two Converted At Six Nations On April 12

Two more souls were converted to The Gospel at the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada on Sunday, April 12. The two new members are Susan Wray Hill and Elijah Mitchell Hill (not related).

Both were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the Grand River by Brother Norman Campitelle. Sister Hill was confirmed by Brother Anthony Lovolvo, while Brother Hill was confirmed by Brother Campitelle.

Brother Campitelle had introduced the service, speaking on the Creation as related in **Genesis 1**. Brother Lovolvo then followed, reflecting on the infinite goodness of God as portrayed in **Psalms 8:3-9**.

Just as Brother Lovolvo was completing his talk, the new Sister Hill, who is 75 years old, asked for her baptism. Immediately thereafter, Brother Hill was greatly touched and made his decision to be baptized.

The baptisms highlighted a day during which The Spirit of God was most prevalent and evident.

## Two New Deacons Ordained April 5 At Detroit No. 3

Two new Deacons were ordained at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 on Sunday, April 5. Called into their new offices were Brothers Attilio Trovarelli and Adam Coppa.

Brother Trovarelli's feet were washed by Brother Mario Coppa, and he was ordained by Brother Nephi DeMercurio. Brother Coppa's feet were washed by Brother Patsy Conti, and he was ordained by his brother, Elder Silverio Coppa.

The Branch No. 3 congregation has been blessed and edified by the ordination of the two Brothers into their new callings.

## Editorial Viewpoint

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Our cross is a result of our participation in the Kingdom of Christ, so we need a special attitude in relation to those who are not yet citizens of the Kingdom of God. True enough, we shall not lay our cross down, and, true enough, we need weapons with which to fight; but what are the weapons with which we must fight? What do the citizens of God's Kingdom need most in this world which is seemingly so hostile to Christ and His followers? Let us not forget that mighty things are accomplished through faith and prayer, also by being meek, gentle, patient, kind, and having the manifestation of love. It has been said, "Love is the weapon with which to battle evil without increasing it."

We should be very careful how we discharge

our obligations to those outside the Kingdom of God. How did Christ discharge His obligations? Peter stated in **1 Peter 2:23**, "... when he (Christ) was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:".

Christ overcame His enemies when He was on earth by just being the Lamb of God. The citizens of God's kingdom conquer their enemies by simply following the Lamb of God. Jesus once said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." (**Matt. 5:5**).

### SANCTIFY GOD

(2) "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." (**Verse 15**). Reverence Christ as Lord. Back in **Old Testament** times, it was a solemn duty of the Children of Israel to reverence God as their King in their own midst as well as among their heathen neighbors. God spoke to Moses once, telling him to tell Israel they were to be unto Him a Kingdom of Priests and a holy nation — a peculiar treasure unto Him above all people (**Exodus 19:5, 6**). Whenever the Israelites revered or sanctified God in their hearts, they received blessings in abundance; but, when they dishonored or disobeyed Him, their blessings ceased, and sometimes they were punished. This obligation to sanctify God and reverence Him in our hearts through Jesus Christ is carried over to the **New Testament** Saints of God, and it also extends down to our day. It is found in the constitution of God's Kingdom.

Peter says they (Israel) stumbled because they disobeyed the word. "But ye are (and this is applicable to the citizens of God's Kingdom) a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:" (**1 Peter 2:19**). Those outside the Kingdom and hostile to Christ do not reverence Christ as King. On the contrary, these people say openly (or perhaps silently in their hearts), "... We will not have this man to reign over us." (**Luke 19:14**).

The obligation facing all citizens of this kingdom is to help restore honor for Christ, since everything Christ did was for us. He suffered for us, died for us, and was resurrected for us. Surely He is entitled to receive glory and honor from us. We must respect and reverence Him in our hearts for what He is — Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

### BE OF ONE MIND

(3) "Finally, be ye all of one mind. . ." (**Verse 8**) In other words, have unity and harmony of spirit. This third obligation we have to discharge is in relation to our fellow citizens of the Kingdom. Hymns No. 23, "Unity," in the **Saints Favorites** reads in part "... If we are to face the tempest and for Jesus' kingdom fight, In our words, our thoughts and actions we must for the Lord unite. Unity, unity, There's strength in unity, If we're to face the tempest United we must be."

Not only Peter, but Christ Himself admonished His followers to stand together in brotherly love and in unity of spirit. The forces of evil are at work today trying to divide the good forces of the Kingdom. Divide is the enemy's motto, so it becomes necessary for the citizens of God's King-

dom to close the ranks and extend their hands to each other in the spirit of Christ. You will recall Jesus prayed fervently for unity of His followers. I am sure disunity among the citizens of God's Kingdom must grieve His heart.

In closing, a quotation from Psalm 133 is most appropriate:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

"It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard . . ."

This unity comes not by organizing, but it is realized as the citizens live and work together under the one Lord and King of the Kingdom.

## Brief News of Interest

### RETIRES FORM WORK

Readers will be interested to learn that Brother Rocco V. Biscotti, Vice-President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, has retired from his natural occupation after 38 years. He had been self-employed as a barber in East Cleveland, Ohio for the last 35 years.

In an interview printed in the local press, Brother Biscotti pointed out how he was grateful for the chance to spend more time to work on behalf of The Gospel. It was also pointed out in the article that he has been in The Ministry since 1923.

Everyone will certainly want to acknowledge this commendable milestone reached by Brother Biscotti and wish him even greater success in the future as he strives to labor even more diligently for The Church of Jesus Christ.

### CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

The evening of this last March 13, exactly 50 years to the day, members of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2, relatives, and friends met at the home of Brother Emil and Sister Anna Carlini to celebrate their half-century of married life. Although both of them had been born in Italy, they did not meet until they both moved to Detroit where they were married in 1920.

Their family has grown over the years. It now includes one daughter, three sons, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sister Carlini was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on November 25, 1928, and Brother Carlini entered The Gospel on February 25, 1930. Their faithfulness and service throughout the years have been witnessed by all who have known them.

Many of the Brothers and Sisters can see Brother Carlini's expert plaster and cement work in their Church buildings, as he has traveled extensively to donate his time and labor. Sister Carlini's talents in music and cooking have been widely recognized in and out of The Church. Her cooking has won many awards, but she really has done her best when she cooked for the children of The Church.

Of the many things Brother and Sister Carlini are noted, perhaps the most outstanding is their hospitality. Their home was open for the Brothers and Sisters. Very often it was used as a

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## NUPTIALS

### NUZZI - GENARO

Mr. Michael Paul Nuzzi and Miss Barbara Jean Genaro were joined in holy wedlock in Warren, Ohio on Saturday, April 4. Brother Joseph Genaro, uncle of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. Sister Phyllis Koon was the vocal soloist, and Mrs. Mildred Perkins was the organ accompanist.

The newlyweds now live in Warren.

### BUKOSKI-LOCKWOOD

Mr. Daniel Richard Bukoski and Miss Sheryl Eileen Lockwood were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, March 21, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Brother Delbert Lockwood, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Brother Harold Burge.

The couple now resides in Georgia.

## OBITUARIES

### KURT R. TIEDTKE

Brother Kurt R. Tiedtke, a faithful member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on March 24. Born in Germany on December 19, 1906, he was baptized into The Church on October 25, 1964.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.

Brother Peter H. Capone conducted the funeral services.

Prepared to meet his Maker, Brother Tiedtke repeatedly stated prior to his death how good God had been to him, especially for allowing him to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. His testimony and good works will long be remembered by all who have known and loved him.

### JULIA SHANKLE

Sister Julia Shankle, of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch who had been baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ last August 17, passed on to her eternal reward on February 13. She was born on September 5, 1927.

She is survived by one son.

Brother Anthony Corrado conducted the funeral services.

Although just recently baptized into The Church, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She had been preceded in death by her mother, Sister Carmella, last May 31 and her father, Brother Vincenzo Scarsella, exactly one month prior on January 13. Condolences are extended to the family on their comparatively recent triple loss.

### CATHERINE FEILER

Sister Catherine Feiler, a faithful member of the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, completed her journey in this life on February 10. Born on January 28, 1888, she was baptized into the Church on August 28, 1966.

Brother Frank Rogolino officiated at the funeral services.

Our departed Sister was ill the last several months of her life. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, had learned to love her, and were enriched by her presence.

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be made aware of the Gospel, and be assisted before they fatalistically state, "If I only knew!" Through faith, trust, hope, courage, and charity, they can be saved from this sad last lament.

## BRIEF NEWS OF INTEREST

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place to meet while the Branch was being built or repaired. Through their testimony, many of their friends were converted to Christ.

Fittingly, Branch No. 2 accorded the beloved Carlinis their thanks on this memorable occasion, as appreciation for their many years of dedication, kindness, and consideration was expressed by all present. Readers certainly will want to join in sending their congratulations and best wishes to Brother and Sister Carlini.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been:

Jonathon Patsy to the Patsy J. Fallavollitis of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

Karen Lee to the Gary Kimmels of Glassport, Pennsylvania;

Kelly Lynn to the Robert Sutchs and Faith Ann to the Herbert Hemmings of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Vickie Lee to the Robert Paul Quinns of Perry, Ohio;

Eugene M. to the Even Daleys of Erie, Pennsylvania; and

Chistos George to the George Frentzos of Youngstown, Ohio.

## Meditations

Psalms 5:1-12

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

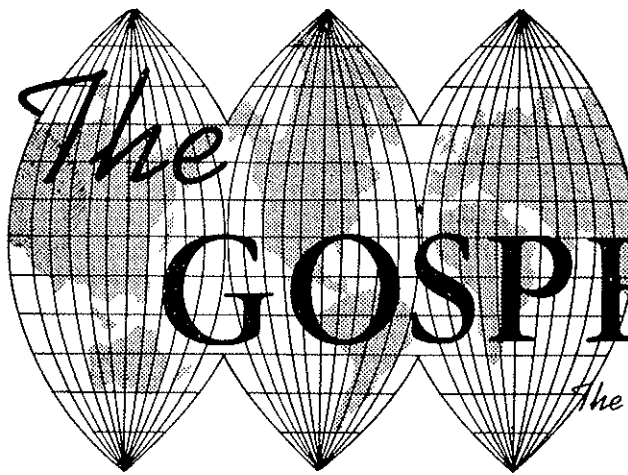
Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.



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## Celebrate 50th Year Of Ladies' Circle June 20 In Detroit

A memorable anniversary takes place this month when the General Ladies' Circle celebrates its 50th year of existence. The "Jubilee" Conference to commemorate the event will be held at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 on Saturday, June 20, in two services starting at 1:00 and 7:15 P.M.

As has been reported in past months, committees of Sisters have been working diligently on the program and accommodations for the special occasion. Now all is in readiness for the long-awaited day when one of the dedicated and useful auxiliary units of The Church of Jesus Christ can celebrate its many years of service to its members and to The Church.

The guest speaker will be Sister Evelyn Perdue of the Tijuana, Mexico Indian missions. She has been assisting her husband, Brother Edward, in his labors at that location. Her account of how God has worked with them at Tijuana is greatly anticipated.

Other parts of the day's agenda will deal with reflections on significant events of the past half-century. Besides an overview of the accomplishments of the General Circle and of the member units, efforts by various Sisters will be recalled as the history and growth of the organization are traced. Reminiscing about the many cherished occurrences of the past will certainly lend distinctive and unforgettable characteristics to the day.

Since its inception, the Ladies' Circles have helped in The Church's missionary activities. These aids, in addition to the functions of offering scriptural study classes for the Sisters, their daughters, and their friends of the distaff side, have been extremely beneficial over the years. Also, prayers and support they have extended in other areas have been invaluable.

All women members and friends of The Church are invited to attend the 50th Anniversary Gathering. Preparations have been well made and an enjoyable and purposeful time is assured.

The Gospel News is proud to offer the Sisters congratulations on behalf of all its readers. May The Lord continue to bless them as they strive to continue their good works in the future.

## Father's Day

By Nephi DeMercurio

*(The author became a father for the first time just prior to writing this article. His comments will undoubtedly be of particular interest. — Editor's Note)*

Father's Day has a new meaning for me. I now approach Father's Day in a dual capacity, as both a father and a son. Obviously, this time I think of the future of my son and what affect I will have upon his life.

The most profound thoughts concerning the future of our child predominated when he was yet unborn. While awaiting his arrival, I began to more fully understand the desire that Abraham had for his posterity. His concern for his seed — that they might be blessed by God — reflects the same feelings that loving parents possess for their children. In order for Abraham's seed to be blessed, however, it was necessary for him to be first blessed by God.

### LIFE OF ABRAHAM

It is noteworthy to first examine the life of Abraham and why he and his posterity were given a blessing. The obedience and example that Abraham had exhibited were most important. Because of Abraham's obedience, God made a covenant with him, specifically that from his seed all the earth would be blessed. As Abra-

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## Editorial Comment

### REBELLION GONE WHEN TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST FOUND

By Dominic Moraco

Millions of young people have in recent years become disillusioned with Christianity and with the church systems in particular. Their cry against the church establishments expresses the feeling that they have seen the hypocrisy and contradiction of these religious systems. They cannot accept the huge multi-million dollar edifices whose steeples are lost in air polluted skies, the clergy spending thousands of dollars on gorgeous gowns of red and purple, and churchmen accepting millions into church coffers, while the poor go naked and hungry.

Many years ago, a visitor walked through a large church complex. Seeing its grandeur, he later noted, "They have furnished their ceilings with gold, their walls with silver, and their floors with the finest marble, but their sons and daughters they have left naked."

#### BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

The young people have also expressed the opinion that many ministers are nothing more than sycophants living off the people. Their eloquence is beyond the understanding of the common people. There is the story of a preacher who would stand in his steeple high above the people and deliver his sermons. One Sunday, he heard a voice saying: "Mr. Preacher, standing high up in your steeple handing out the word of the Lord upon the heads of the people, come down from your lofty steeple." The preacher asked in great surprise, "Where are you Lord?" The answer was, "Mr. Preacher, come down from your steeple. I'm down here among the people."

This revolt has not stopped with the church but has touched every strata of life; however, we are concerned here with the religious unrest that is continuing in this decade. In the past 10 years, unprecedented changes in religion have been generally experienced. People, especially the young, are expressing a desire for still greater changes.

The great prosperity enjoyed in the past ten years does not seem to satisfy humanity. Dostovsky prophesied what would happen when the dream of universal prosperity was realized, as it has for many middle class Americans in the 1960's. "Men would suddenly realize that they have no life anymore. No freedom of spirit, that somebody has stolen all that from them. People will become depressed and bored." This boredom, however, is not merely the result of prosperity but of spiritual emptiness. Perhaps nothing may be more boring than the absence of God; and most of this discontent among the youth is basically religious, although they may not recognize it as such.

#### WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

To find the answer to the question "What is The Church?" we must refer to the **New Testament**. The scriptures show that The Church is composed of the people of Christ. Further, The Church is a

real and visual organization with officers, laws, and ordinances. Christ is the head of The Church, which is His body. Christ gives life to The Church. In Christ, The Church, composed of people from different races and cultures, is one. Christ, the head, depends upon The Church, the body, to accomplish His purposes. The **New Testament** makes it clear that any individual who is not a member of The Church is not in the body of Christ.

To be the body of Christ, The Church today must resemble The Church of the first century. That church was based on man's love for other people and even love for his enemies. The members were called Brothers and Sisters, or Saints, and they possessed a great love for each other. They cared for the poor, they attended to the sick, and they had all things in common. It is easily understood how the members of that first Church were truly happy and dedicated in their service to God.

Nineteen centuries have passed, and many changes have taken place in the manner of worship and in religious beliefs. The simple form of worship found in The Church of the first century has long disappeared from most churches and great emphasis has been and is being placed on buildings, clerical attire, ritualism, and programs.

#### RIGHT TO REBEL?

Do the young people have a right to rebel against these modernistic religious institutions? We believe they do if their dissent is peaceful. In so doing, however, they should not rebel against the teachings of Christ as presented in the **New Testament**. These teachings have remained the same whether religious leaders of today implement them or not. The Sermon on the Mount, for example, contains sufficient wisdom to allow successful living if it were followed.

Today, we of The Church of Jesus Christ are proud to advise all young people that we still believe and practice the principles laid down by Christ to His Church in the first century. Anyone who is unaware of The Church's beliefs is invited to learn more about Christ's teachings while worshipping with us. We are certain that you will find solace, peace and joy for your lives. Also, your hope of eternal life is offered.

The Church today teaches the same simple doctrine taught by Christ, the head. That doctrine includes faith, repentance, and baptism and the method to walk in a newness of life. Adhering to these principles and abiding in the love of God, the lives of the true followers of Christ in this age, as they did in days of old, reflect the joy found with The Lord. No further rebellion is then necessary when the ideals and principles for true Christianity are found and practiced.

Even though it may be thought that change may reflect progress, it must be realized that Christ, the head of The Church, is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Since Christ is unchangeable, therefore, His Church of today must remain the same as it was when founded. The true Christians must dwell on being honest, pure, and of good report. They must esteem everything that is virtuous, praiseworthy, and upright. In so doing, they find no reason to rebel but instead they revel in peace and joy with the Saviour.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*Representing Christ is a full-time job, not just Sunday work. Anyone attempting to be His representative ought to be so challenged and impressed by the dignity of it that he keep always at his best.*

## Ambassadors For Christ

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ. . ."(II Cor. 5:20). If we, as Christians, could keep this thought always prominent in our minds, what dignity it would add to our character! What a transforming power it would be! What an assistance to the new nature in its battle with the low and groveling tendencies of the old! It is believed that, where Paul the Apostle stated that our conversation is in heaven, he meant that our citizenship is in heaven.

While still living in the world, we are not of it but have transferred our allegiance and citizenship to the Kingdom of God. Now, as appointees of this kingdom, although still living in the world amongst aliens and strangers, we, as representatives and ambassadors, should feel both the dignity and the honor of the position, as well as the weighty responsibilities. We should ever keep in memory the Apostle's words, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus . . ." (Col. 3:17). We should walk circumspectly, seeking as far as possible to bring no dishonor to that name, but rather to honor it in every thought, word, and deed.

### WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

Many times when businessmen enter an office, they are asked, "Whom do you represent?" The dictionary's interpretation of the word represent is to stand and act in the place of; to speak and act for by delegated authority. Shortly before Jesus ascended into heaven, He commissioned His disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). He was saying, in effect, "Go be representatives of My Gospel."

The Book of Acts gives various accounts of these early representatives of Christ. In Acts 3, a great excitement was created one day by the healing of the lame man at the gate Beautiful. This poor man was laid there daily to ask for alms and was undoubtedly known by many people. As Peter and John approached him, Peter said, "Look on us." This the man did, no doubt expecting to receive something from them. Peter told him they had no silver or gold, ". . . but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." He took the man by the hand and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. The man leaped for joy and walked into the temple with Peter and John. When the people gathered around, Peter preached a straightforward sermon, touching on repentance. This resulted in the arrest of Peter and John, and they found themselves in prison. The next day there was a trial, and, at this trial, both Peter and John gave a bold declaration of the power of Jesus whom the people had rejected. They declared Him to be the only ". . . name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Seeing the boldness of Peter and John (they perceived that both were unlearned), they marveled, took knowledge of them, and realized they had been with Jesus.

### CHRIST, THEIR TEACHER

Peter and John had never attended a University, but for three-and-a-half years they had been pupils in the school of Christ, and He was their teacher. The most important thing was that they had accepted His message with full heart. It had become a part of their lives; thus, in preaching, witnessing, and healing, they were able to serve as true, capable representatives of Christ. They could act in His place and convey His good qualities. Those who brought Peter and John to trial fully realized that these men had been taught by Christ. You can always tell one who has attended the school

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# M.B.A. Highlights

## GMBA Conference Held In Michigan On Saturday, May 16

By Carl J. Frammolin

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference was held in the Warren Woods High School in Warren, Michigan on Saturday, May 16. Reports of the Association's past six month's activities and plans for the future occupied the agenda during the morning and afternoon sessions, and a program was presented by the host Michigan-Ontario MBA Area in the evening.

The lay - missionary program, the annual GMBA Field Trip, and lesson plans were among the major items discussed. MBA fund - raising plans for the General Church Auditorium, now under construction near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, also comprised a significant portion of the meetings.

### LAY-MISSIONARY PROGRAM

In the lay-missionary program, the newest Association activity being undertaken, the specific procedure for volunteers to follow in order to become involved in this work was detailed. These young people who want to labor at the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Arizona this summer are to obtain the appropriate forms from their local MBA representatives. The forms, after they are completed, must be returned to the representatives who will forward them to their Area Activities Committee for processing. The Area Committee will then send them to the General MBA Activities Committee which will further process, schedule, and submit the list to the General Church Board of Missions for final approval. The GMBA Committee will make the plans for the placements and will arrange the itinerary for the volunteer workers. It was advised that all young people should start making application as soon as possible so their paperwork can be speedily processed.

A brochure to be distributed to all interested parties is being readied. This publication presents the objectives and values of the project. Also, the accomplishments of the individuals who have worked on the reservation in the past are enumerated.

The lay-missionary program, begun by the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Golden Rule Sunday School Class, has been in effect for several years, but the GMBA has now begun to administer it at the request of the General Board of Missions. This endeavor has been most successful, which prompted the suggestion that it be adopted on a permanent basis. The long-range hopes are that it will be expanded to other reservations in the future.

The field trip, which will be the sixth such annual event sponsored by the GMBA, will be

taken to a campsite a few miles from Youngstown, Ohio in Canfield the week of August 23 through 29. Rates for the accommodations have been developed on facts sheets, and these informational pages have been distributed to all local units. All available data are included on these forms. Anyone desiring the facts sheets may obtain them by writing to Brother Anthony Santilli, 6924 Summit Drive, Canfield, Ohio 44406. Incidentally, registrations must be returned to Brother Santilli by July 15.

The Youngstown group and other volunteers who are assisting them in the activity have been busy preparing for the 1970 GMBA week. They are attending to the many details necessary to insure an enjoyable time for everyone. Once again, Church services, recreational segments, seminars, and free periods are being planned.

Previous trips have been taken to the Muncey Indian Reservation in 1965; to the Six Nations Indian Reservation in 1966; to Arlington, Kansas in 1967; to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1968; and California in 1969. The first two excursions, to Muncey and Six Nations which are both in Ontario, Canada, were taken over a weekend, while the other three were for a week's duration.

### LESSON PLANS

A report on the MBA lesson plans indicated the last part was in the final stages of completion. These materials, prepared from the *Book of Mormon*, have been readied for use in folders that have been procured by the MBA. The folders are available on an individual basis at \$1.50 each, and they may be obtained from the GMBA Librarian, Brother Joseph Draskovich, 527 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601. The plans offer class members the opportunity to learn either individually and collectively in a way that is most expedient. Besides the lessons which are presented, questions and suggested projects are included.

In discussing fund-raising projects for the Auditorium, the Association established a \$3,000 MBA-wide goal for the next six months. All Locals and Areas are being asked to help raise the finances so necessary to pay for the much-needed building. The MBA has supported this project with much dedication in the past, as have other parts of The Church, and it is most desirous of continuing these efforts during this period in which construction is taking place.

Disbursements were made from the GMBA General Fund by the Conference to the General Church Missionary Fund and the General Church Auditorium Fund. The amounts donated are to assist The Church defray the expenses that will be incurred in spreading The Gospel of Christ in the various mission fields and to help, in addition to the fund-raising drive, in the costs of the new General Church Auditorium.

A vote of thanks was also expressed by the Conference to the Michigan-Ontario Area for its hospitality. In addition to the accommodations provided, the M-O Area underwrote the entire costs of the gathering. The next semi-annual GMBA Conference will be held in the Pennsylvania Area on November 14.

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# Message To Graduates

By James D. Gibson

Congratulations to all High School and College graduates! Yours has been a long and sometimes arduous journey along the road of education. You have no doubt at times felt that the ultimate goal was far off into the distance. From the first day you entered school at the start of your primary grades, your parents and loved ones have known a sense of pride. This was the beginning of your first venture into a different and strange environment.

As the years receded and you grew in stature and knowledge, you came to realize that you had obtained understanding of those things that before were mysterious. Above all, you received the enlightenment that there was so much more to learn and understand. This is why some of you went on to higher levels of learning after your secondary years of schooling. Others through choice or necessity went on to make their mark in the world sooner, but they were nevertheless impressed with the fact that the learning process continues throughout life.

Whatever the case may be with you as an individual, you have now reached a very essential step in the field of learning. Now responsibilities will grow but apprehension will be overshadowed by maturity and basic knowledge. Young adult womanhood or manhood is now yours. It is a precious and real part of your life. Some decisions you make and goals you set can and will have a definite effect on your future years. If I may, I would suggest that you seek the counsel of the wise. Many who are older and well-experienced in life and fields of endeavor can suggest and caution as you face future situations.

It has been said that "A word to the wise is sufficient." Wisdom is gained by heeding the counsel of those who are deemed to be knowledgeable and prudent in their own particular field or quite possibly in many aspects of life. The Apostle Paul in his young years sought the advice and teachings of Gamaliel. Timothy sought and adhered to the teachings of Paul. And so it goes, you must rightly divide the word of truth. You must know what rings right within your own heart and soul.

There is a strength that we all must seek, and, when found, we must hold on to it with determination. This is the spiritual strength that man needs and must have to sustain him through the years. Without it, no matter what goals you may have set or what heights you hope to reach, all is in vain.

Truly, the peace that passes all understanding is the peace that God alone can give. Take it with you in life and pass it on to those with whom you come in contact. Show the world that you are unique because of your spiritual background and future hopes.

The Church can and will be the most important part of your existence if you make her the central point of your life. By allowing The Gospel to be your guide and director, you will have peace, joy, and true inspiration as you pursue your areas of concern.



# The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

## HAPPINESS IS SHARING

Dear Girls and Boys,

I am glad you enjoyed the stories about "Joseph." I hope they will help you to understand the Latter Day work of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Do you know what happiness is? Have you been thinking about it? When are you the happiest? Many wonderful things make us happy and sharing is one of them. I want to tell you a story about a little boy who shared his lunch with many, many people.

One day long ago a little boy took his lunch and went with the crowd to see Jesus. Everybody seemed to be going. Jesus' disciples were there, too. How they all loved to listen to the words of Jesus! No one wanted to go home.

No one thought about food, but, as Jesus looked over that big crowd of people, He thought about it. The day was drawing to a close and the people were still there. Some of the disciples came to Jesus and said that this was a desert place, that evening was coming, and that the people should be sent into the village to buy food. Jesus told the disciples to give them food; He did not want them turned away hungry.

Philip wondered how they could buy food with only two hundred pennies, for this is all the money they had. Andrew had noticed the boy with his lunch. He said to Jesus, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?"

Jesus turned to the disciples and told them to have the people sit down on the grass. What a crowd there was! More than five thousand men, not counting women and children. Jesus then took the bread and fish from the boy and said grace, thanking God for the food. The food was given to the people. The disciples went up and down the rows until everyone was served.

When they had finished eating, Jesus told His disciples to gather up what was left, so that nothing be lost. What a surprise! There were twelve baskets full of food left over. What a great miracle! What a happy little boy to have helped Jesus! This is happiness — SHARING. Do you know why? Have you ever experienced sharing? What can you share to make people happy?

In Proverbs 16:20 we read a good verse about happiness. It states that "... whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."

Next month, I shall tell you about a little maid who was far away from her loved ones but she trusted in the Lord; and the Lord blessed her.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## Today's Graduates More Sensitive To Human Problems

By Patsy Marinetti, Evangelist

We are approaching that time of year when thousands of young people face a vital turning point in their lives, namely graduation. It is a very exciting and important moment in the student's life and is certainly one which is most noteworthy.

Many outstanding leaders in schools throughout the nation will endeavor at the commencement exercises to inspire the youthful graduates to greater heights of achievement. Some of these distinguished speakers will stimulate thousands receiving diplomas and degrees to establish and pursue constructive objectives. Many other graduation speakers will fail to even communicate with their listeners.

Today's graduates are more sensitive to human problems and the vital necessity of resolving these problems for the purpose of developing better human relations with all people. The times in which we live have disrupted many long established standards. As a result, we now face a disruptive, restless, soul-searching and highly charged new generation. The materialistic or social ambitions for which many former students had set their future objectives have changed to a great degree. Human relations, dedication to solving the world's problems, and unselfish service to a variety of causes have replaced many of the limited objectives of materialism.

### MORE REALISTIC, DURABLE

A larger majority of the graduates now set their sights on more realistic and durable achievements. Our youth today are exposed to more provocative and challenging thinking. This advanced approach on various facets of knowledge can be used either constructively or destructively. The choice and the ultimate result of the decision rests primarily with the individual. The majority of the young people who have completed their prescribed courses of study are better prepared to cope with the many new responsibilities which they must face. Each one's future direction and decision will be affected by the values that he has set for himself as a standard of moral conduct and thought.

The suggestion that one would offer the graduates is that in all their projected plans for the future it would be wise to relate their major activities of life to the divine principles set forth in the **Ten Commandments**. The moral issues of our times have become so vague that courageous young people with good moral fiber are a crucial need to help many people discover new stable values by which to live.

Because there are so many sinister forces that are misguiding many young people, it becomes that much more imperative that the new graduates concentrate their constructive talents for potential good. They might often feel powerless in a confused world, but vital persons count. Men and women of integrity and rectitude are

the strong nails that hold the best that is in the world together. We never see the truth in history or in our daily lives until we see behind the mass and bulk of huge affairs and recognize the real importance of individuals. The large forest depends upon the vitality of its individual trees. The over-all functioning of a nation in the long run can do no more than express the quality of its individual citizens.

### LIKE LEAVEN

As each graduate walks into the wide open arena of human activity in all its complexity, he should recognize that he is like leaven: small in appearance but vital when active. He should embrace the truth that the unforeseeable, the unexpected can happen. Vitality is mightier than size. If the new graduate is to understand the abiding forces which will dominate the future, he must believe in something germinative, often very small and inconspicuous.

The world is passing through a laboring stage in order to give birth to a new day of human relations. The combined forces of science, politics, education and every phase and branch of learning are powerless in their efforts to stay or control the world-wide human upheaval that is rapidly gaining momentum daily.

In conclusion, God has a major area of activity for the young graduates who can become stimulated with ambition to serve in a very unique field. Serious thought should be given to become more involved in this sphere where there is a challenge to measure up to the responsibilities and stature of becoming forceful leaders, who can harmonize the objectives of their lives, particularly upon graduation, to blend with the purposes of a higher Intelligence.

## MEDITATIONS

I Corinthians 15:50 - 58

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

# Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

Now that the weather has improved and the season has changed, the work on our General Church Auditorium is picking up momentum. The masonry contractor's crew began the brick work on April 13th. To date, the walls adjacent to the multi-purpose area, the kitchen, the office and the mechanical room are erected to roof level and the door and window casings have been installed. This brings those walls to a height of about ten feet. The brickwork has now been started on the main auditorium walls. In addition, the block and brickwork has been started on the interior partitions.

The plumbing contractor has installed the underground lines and the "tap-in" to the main line has been completed. The electrical contractor's crew has been working along with the masons to install electrical conduit and outlet boxes in the exterior walls, partitions as well as in some floor areas.

## AMOUNT OF WORK

The work completed to April 15, 1970 amounted to a total cost of \$47,223.00 which was authorized for payment by the architects' office and the General Church Board of Trustees. The financial progress to-date is as follows:

Contract Total .....	\$343,300
Less 10% hold-back .....	34,300
Amount due by completion of building .....	309,000
Amount authorized for payment to-date .....	47,223
Contract balance due at completion of building .....	\$261,777

Confirmation has been received from the financial institution that we have a mortgage commitment in the amount of \$150,000 at 8½% interest with a 15 year amortization. This means the total amount can be borrowed or the mortgage can be closed at any lesser amount when the time comes that the money is needed to meet our payments to the general contractor. We would like to find ourselves in a position where we would not need to borrow any of this money.

It has been decided to use all of the money in the Auditorium Fund first and then revert to borrowing money if and when needed. In order to do this, it is being asked that the money for the Auditorium be forwarded to Brother Anthony Ensana, Treasurer of the General Board of Trustees, no later than the last day of each month. His address is P.O. Box 209, Edison, New Jersey 08817.

The amount and frequency of your donations will determine how soon it will be necessary to close the mortgage, or if indeed it will be needed at all.

## SENT TO BRANCHES, MISSIONS

At the April conference the Priesthood suggested and gave the Auditorium Committee permission to ask the Branches and Missions if they had money in building funds they would like to loan to the General Church for a short period of

time. A letter has been prepared and has gone out to the Branches and Missions on this matter.

Several Sunday School units have approached the General Church Auditorium Committee relative to doing something in the way of a lasting contribution towards the Auditorium construction. They have been informed by letter that they may contribute towards the furnishings. Since the General Missionary Benevolent Association was instrumental in purchasing land and contributing towards the cost of construction and because the General Ladies' Circle is providing the funds to completely furnish the kitchen, the Sunday Schools can share, of course, in this joint venture by contributing towards the purchase of furnishings, such as pews, tables, chairs, the organ, and the piano.

The General Church attorney has written a letter to the Allegheny County officials relative to the progress of our claim resulting from the Government's acquisition of the Imperial site where construction on the Auditorium had originally started. A reply from the County officials is presently being awaited. As soon as this reply is forthcoming, you will be advised of the progress which is being made.

## MBA Highlights

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At the Saturday evening service, the M-O Area presented a program entitled, "In the beginning God. . ." In both choral and narrative segments, the power and glory of God were described. How God and His Son, Jesus Christ, have been compassionate and understanding toward mankind was emphasized. Additionally depicted was the story of how heavenly eternal life can be achieved. The sacrifice paid by the Saviour and the resultant hope that it afforded were summarized by the wonderful expectation of meeting Him at the right side of God in the life to come.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

The next morning's worship service, also conducted at the Warren Woods High School, was under the jurisdiction of the Michigan-Ontario General Church District. A period of enjoyable community singing preceded the talks given by four visiting members of The Ministry.

The speakers were Brothers Paul D'Amico from Lockport, New York; James Scalise from Bell, California; and Dominic Rose and James Link from Bronx-Brooklyn, New York. The theme was the protectiveness of God, taken principally from Psalm 23. Individual experiences were related to further show the care, compassion, and comfort which The Lord has extended to those who love and serve Him. Specific examples on how God had protected the Brothers in their times of peril were also given.

The beloved Psalm left everyone in attendance content that God would continue to watch over all assembled, as well as others who trust in Him, until the next time they meet to fellowship and sing His praises.

# Father's Day

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ham portrayed this obedience, his son, Isaac, followed his example and displayed obedience to him. When Abraham was commanded by God to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, he did so without question. In turn, Isaac submitted to the will of his father and was obedient to him.

The question might be asked at this point, in verification to what has already been said: "What was the primary factor which accounted for the obedience that Isaac showed toward his father?" The scriptures clearly show that Abraham was a man who was used as an example to his seed, and, because of his example, they patterned their lives and teachings from his illustration.

Perhaps the answer about how I can be of most benefit to my son besides providing for his needs lies in how successfully I can be a good example to him. If I can strive to be the kind of father Abraham was to Isaac, I can then carry out my major responsibility to him. Teaching and showing him how to live properly are the greatest assets I can offer him.

## WORDS OF HELAMAN

Another important illustration of the value of a true father is shown by the words that Helaman spoke to his sons, Lehi and Nephi:

"Behold, my sons, I desire that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God; and I would that ye should declare unto the people these words. Behold, I have given unto you the names of our first parents who came out of the land of Jerusalem; and this I have done that when you remember your names ye may remember them; and when ye remember them ye may remember their works; and when ye remember their works ye may know how that it is said, and also written, that they were good.

"Therefore, my sons, I would that ye should do that which is good, that it may be said of you, and also written, even as it has been said and written of them." (Helaman 5:6, 7.)

In my own life, I found that "example" was the primary communication I had with my father. He had come from a foreign land and thus was not well-versed in the language here. He spoke very little English, and I was not very proficient in his native tongue. Consequently, many of the things I learned from my father were communicated to me through example. I remember my father would not ask me to do anything that he could not and would not first do himself.

## WORDS, ACTIONS DIFFER

Many times, fathers will tell their children not to steal but will themselves take small items from their places of work. These actions are enough for the child to assume that it is permissible to take these kinds of items and possibly even larger ones if they have the opportunity to do so. Children will imitate behavior more quickly than they will heed what they are told. It is important, therefore, that fathers, and mothers as well, be concerned with the lives and futures of their children. This concern, as previously stated,

begins with the parents setting the example.

There are various factors which I must consider in providing the proper example. Will I be able to appropriately offer the pattern as a God-fearing man before my son? Will I be able to teach my child to have faith in God? Will I be able to instill honesty in him? Will I be able to inspire him to have love for his fellowman? Will I be able to instruct him on how to do things for others?

Perhaps, I may be able to start from today as he begins to grow. I may thus be an example to him, that he may be proud someday to say that I am his father. Most of all, it is my hope and prayer that he will be obedient to God, who is his Heavenly Father.

Best wishes to all fathers on our day, June 14. Sincerest thanks to our wives who have presented us with our wonderful children and who also share the responsibility for raising them properly.

## Editorial Viewpoint

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of Christ; he is happy to take up the responsibility of being His representative.

The head man of any nation is a very busy person. It is impossible for the President of the United States to be in all the places he is needed. Therefore he many times sends a personal representative to take care of his duties. In America, the Vice-President and sometimes the Secretary of State are called upon to represent our President, the Government, and the administration in power. You can be sure anyone fulfilling this position must meet some definite and trusted qualifications. For one thing, he must know the mind of the President, and in turn be known by him. Our President, and our government as well, must be sure of his integrity and his good judgment. This man representing our President must be strongly in favor of him, must believe as he does on certain issues, and must be firm enough in this belief to stand up under all sorts of pressures. Another requirement of a representative is to keep in constant touch or contact with the President. He should know him and the situation well enough to be able to make the right decisions. Yes, acting as representative for the President is an important and responsible job and should inspire him to keep alert.

## SHOULD APPLY DILIGENCE

Should not the ambassador or representative of Christ apply the same diligence to spiritual matters as is applied to physical and material matters? While a man will become thrilled and excited over the opportunity of being an ambassador or representative for the President, we, in God's Kingdom, seem to take somewhat for granted the great privilege and duty of speaking and acting for our leader, Christ the King. It is the responsibility of every ambassador to show the likeness of Christ. This is by far a higher calling than that of serving as personal representative for the President of the United States. Can we lay claim to the label of a representative of Christ? Do we look and act the part necessary

to hold this label? One must meet definite requirements and reach a high standard of righteousness; and just as the President's representative must know his President, so we must know Christ.

Jesus once said, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." (John 10:14). Also just as important is what we believe concerning the doctrine of Christ. Paul wrote on one occasion, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them . . ." (I Timothy 4:16). I believe it is possible for individuals who are endeavoring to represent Christ to be careless about their doctrine. They may not know exactly what they believe, and one who is not stable in doctrine is not a good representative. One must study the Word of God, know it, and believe it. If one is to represent Christ accurately one must, as Paul says in his writings to Timothy (II Timothy 2:15), "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Anyone who wishes to represent the King of Kings must keep in close contact with Him and know His doctrine. One must, as the poet says, "Live closer to Jesus each step of the way." Stay within the reach of that still, small voice.

Representing Christ is a full-time job, not just Sunday work. Anyone attempting to be His representative ought to be so challenged and impressed by the dignity of it that he keep always at his best. Let each individual ask himself, "Can I lay claim to the label of a true representative? Am I spiritually fit to qualify for such a high position?"

### Three Guests Talk; Three Ordinations At Glassport, Penna.

Three guest speakers addressed the congregation and three new Deacons were ordained at the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch on Sunday, April 12. Brothers George Timms from Washington, D.C.; George Fuller from Vanderbilt; and James Curry from Monongahela talked while Brothers Edward Donkin and Alfred and David Nolfi were ordained Deacons.

Brother Timms opened the morning service, giving an inspirational discourse on obedience to The Restored Gospel. He was followed by Brothers Fuller and John Ali.

In introducing the afternoon meeting, Brother Curry spoke about the return of the ten tribes of Israel. The ordinations were then performed.

The new Deacons' feet were washed as follows: Brother Donkin's by Brother Alma Nolfi; Brother Alfred Nolfi's by Brother Curry; and Brother David Nolfi's by Brother Ali. Brother Ali ordained Brother Donkin; Brother Curry ordained Brother Alfred Nolfi, and Brother Peter Deperio ordained Brother David Nolfi.

The Spirit of God continued to be manifested in the testimonies which followed. These evidences of what God has done for His people ended another enjoyable and unforgettable day spent in the service of The Lord.

### Many Visitors Present As Guests Speak In Washington, D. C.

There were many visitors in attendance as guest speakers from various parts of The Church addressed the Washington, D.C. congregation on Sunday, May 3. Among the Brothers who spoke were Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President from Detroit, Michigan; Joseph Shazer from Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania; and Joseph Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio.

Brother Ciaravino introduced the service, using John 16 as his text and elaborating on the coming of the Comforter. He discussed how the disciples were changed, in that they were filled with the Spirit that they were willing to take on any challenge for The Gospel. He illustrated how these followers of Christ performed miracles, underwent hardships, and faced physical perils to carry on the work of the Saviour.

Brothers Shazer and Calabrese followed, further pointing out the power of the Spirit and the blessings it brings.

Other speakers at the edifying service were Brothers Oran Thomas, formerly of Vanderbilt who now lives in Washington, and George Timms Washington Presiding Officer.

Testimonies of those present added to the enjoyable and inspirational service.

### Seeking Perfection Subject Discussed By Former Resident

Ways to strive for the perfection exemplified and requested by Jesus Christ were discussed at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 on Sunday, April 26, by Brother Rudy Meo, visiting from Bell, California. Formerly of Detroit, Brother Meo was returning for his first visit in 26 years.

The fundamental living habits and behavior which must be cultivated in seeking to "Be ye therefore perfect. . ." as Christ taught were enumerated. Love, faith, hope, and charity were depicted as being the qualities which are essential in observing this commandment of the Saviour.

Personal experiences portraying the very basic ways in which God's people are dedicated to striving for the desired perfection were cited. How both small and large courtesies are extended and sacrifices are made by true followers of Christ were related. These incidents were also used as bases for showing how these Christians are blessed.

The sermon was both illuminating and inspiring. It characterized superbly the very fundamental things which must be done to strive for this perfection.

Of added significance, Brother Meo's return and words also represented the love found in The Gospel even though its adherents may not see each other for many years.

## Baptism, Ordination Performed Recently At Imperial, Penna.

Another soul was added to the flock and a Deacon was ordained at the Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch recently. The new Sister, Edna Tucker, was baptized on Sunday, May 3, while the new Deacon, Jack Rosemeier, was ordained on Sunday, March 22.

Sister Tucker, who had been attending services at Imperial for several years, was baptized by Brother Robert Buffington. She was confirmed by Brother Jacob Christman. Her entry into The Gospel was a great blessing, as she decided God's Way is the best way, yielded to the Spirit of God, and went into the waters for baptism.

Brother Rosemeier's feet were washed by Brother Buffington, and he was ordained a Deacon by Brother Christman. The new Deacon is well-known for his congenial smile and friendly assistance to everyone, particularly the young people of The Church.

The addition of our new Sister and the ordination of our new Deacon have been most edifying to the Imperial congregation.

## Evangelist Ordained At Detroit Branch 1 On Sunday, May 10

Brother Spencer G. Everett of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 was ordained into the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists on Sunday, May 10. His feet were washed by Evangelist Nicholas Pietrangelo, and he was ordained an Evangelist by Evangelist Peter Capone.

Many visitors were present at the service. Those who spoke, all Evangelists, were Brothers Dominic Moraco (President of the Quorum of Seventies), Ralph Leet, Anthony R. Lovalvo, and Capone.

Brother Everett was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on November 2, 1958 and was ordained into The Ministry on October 18, 1964. Previously, he had been ordained a Teacher on October 29, 1961. He has also served in various General Church, District, and Branch offices and on various committees.

There was a wonderful spirit at the meeting during which Brother Everett was elevated into the Seventies.

## Remembering God While In Youth Apostle's Theme

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. . .", as quoted from Ecclesiastes 12:1, was the subject presented by Brother Rocco V. Biscotti, Vice-President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles from Cleveland, Ohio, when he spoke to the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Missionary

Benevolent Association group on Sunday evening, April 12. He exhorted all the young people assembled to serve the Lord and work for The Church while they possess the bodily strength and vigor of youth.

The theme of the talk was that one should not wait until he is too old and feeble and then want to give God whatever remainder there is of his life. It was pointed out that today is the day for everyone, regardless of age, to labor for God. Tomorrow may be too late.

Brothers Samuel Kirschner, Apostle from nearby West Elizabeth, and Herbert Hemmings of Monongahela extended this theme. Their words, along with those of Brother Biscotti, were encouraging and uplifting to those present.

## Apostle Takes Lead At Two Services On Weeknights

Apostle V. James Lovalvo, who is presently residing in the Florida District, took the leading part in services at the Greensburg, Pennsylvania Branch on Monday and Wednesday evenings, April 20 and 22. He talked at the first meeting, and he answered questions asked by the Branch members two nights later.

His preaching on Monday emphasized the necessity for trusting in God for all things. He reminded all in attendance that, without God, we mortals are nothing. Also, the responsibilities to stand firm in our dedication to God were stressed.

The questions asked at the Wednesday service covered many points of interest. The answers given on the many subjects explored were most enlightening.

The visit of Brother Lovalvo, although brief in duration, was most appreciated and served to inspire everyone even further in their service to God.

## Brief News of Interest

### WORST TRAGEDY

The Church of Jesus Christ was called upon to open her heart at the time of the worst tragedy in the history of Lockport, New York when six young children, all under seven years of age, perished in a house fire on Saturday morning, April 4. Apostle Paul D'Amico, of Lockport, and Elder Harry Robinson, of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, were asked to officiate at the indescribably sad funeral for all of the youngsters who were swept from this life in the pre-dawn blaze which took place in the city's ghetto area.

Sister Rosa Robinson Williams of the Lockport Branch compassionately had asked the parents whether The Church could be of any assistance. They responded that they wanted The Church to attend to the funeral.

The mothers, each of whom lost three of the children, are sisters. They are Mrs. Yvonne Ninham and Mrs. Connie White. Mrs. Ninham's

youngsters were Ginger (5), Cinday (4), and Kellea Lewis (20 months). Mrs. White's children were Elizabeth (6), James (4), and Pamela (2). The only child spared in the inferno was Vernon Ninham (3). The White children were spending the night with their cousins at their aunt's home.

The hearts of all who knew about the terrible tragedy were broken on behalf of the grief-stricken parents. The loss of these six lovely children, who are precious and sinless in God's sight, cannot be replaced, but The Lord's help in comforting the bereaved families was and is being requested.

Readers will want, of course, to join in praying on behalf of those who are left in this life to mourn their losses. These prayers will undoubtedly serve to console in some measure the heavy mournful hearts and to somewhat fill with comfort the void created in the lives of those who adored and treasured these wonderful children, particularly the crushed and overcome mothers. Only through these prayers will they be able to bear their pain.

#### ATTENDS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Brother John Ross, representative for The Church of Jesus Christ's missions in Nigeria, West Africa, has reported that another Nigerian Brother is now studying in the United States. Brother Bernard S. Idiong of Obio Akpa in Abak arrived in the U.S. last February 16 to attend Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Reflecting the sentiments of all members and friends of The Church, Brother Ross stated: "We welcome our Brother and wish him success and God's blessings while he is here in America. Our hope is that, when he and other Brothers from Nigeria return home, they may be a blessing and an asset to The Church of Jesus Christ and to all their people."

#### FITTING TO BE PRESENT

It seemed most fitting that Brother Clifford A. Burgess of Bell, California was present to confirm Lena (Pallante) Ciaglia when she was baptized on Sunday, April 5, in Windsor, Ontario Canada, as reported last month. He had performed her marriage ceremony about twenty years prior when he resided in Windsor, and appropriately he was at the service when the new Sister Ciaglia made her decision to enter The Gospel of Christ.

Both Brother Burgess and his wife, Sister Mae, who had moved to California after Brother Burgess retired from his lifetime occupation, were visiting in Windsor on the Sunday Sister Ciaglia was directed to also go there. She had been attending services regularly at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1.

All present were greatly edified as Brother Frank Vitto, Windsor Presiding Elder, took the new convert into the waters on the cold day. Speakers at the services were Brothers Burgess, Anthony Ensana, also visiting from Edison, New Jersey, and Spencer Everett, from Detroit No. 1.

Incidentally, as stated in last month's General Church Conference story, Brother Burgess, who had served as President of the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists for 20 years, resigned from that post. Thanks are extended on behalf of all members and friends of The Church to both

Evangelist and Sister Burgess for their dedicated efforts in the past and best wishes are sent for their continued beneficial endeavors in the future.

#### EXPERIENCE RELATED

Following is a dream experienced by a young Sister, Debbie Sgro, of the Edison, New Jersey Branch.

"About a month after Brother Nathan Peterkin (an Elder of the Edison Branch) was put into the hospital and was in a very serious condition, I had a dream.

"In the dream, I was in the Edison Church building and we had a lot of visitors. The door opened and in walked Brother Peterkin. He had a smile on his face, and he looked so happy and healthy that we all just looked at him and smiled. It looked like he was telling us that God had sent him back to us.

"It was only a few days later that we heard how God had saved his life and did bring him back to us."

Brother Peterkin was truly spared from his serious illness, and, although hospitalized for sometime, has been able to attend the meetings in Edison once again. Continued prayers on his behalf are requested, as he progresses through his recuperative period.

#### MEETS SON FIRST TIME

An almost unbelievable meeting took place recently when Brother Vincent Mercuri (81) met his son, Dominic (61), for the first time. The joyful event occurred at the Youngstown, Ohio Municipal Airport as Brother Vincent of Warren, Ohio greeted his son who had come by airplane from his present home in Australia on March 28. Understandably, both were speechless but extremely happy at the occasion.

Brother Vincent had left Italy in 1909 six months before his only son was born. He came to the United States to earn a better living. The years passed and eventually Dominic, who has a family of five children (two are still in Italy and three are in Australia), moved to Australia in 1938 followed later by his wife. He now owns a small farm at Liverpool near Sidney.

After working in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, Brother Vincent retired in 1954. He came to live with his brother and sister-in-law. Brother Ilario (James Smith) and Margaret who are members of the Niles Branch, in 1968. Brother Vincent was baptized in March 1969 at the age of 79.

Over the years, father and son corresponded until they lost touch with each other in 1962. Sister Margaret then wrote to a sister-in-law in Italy to obtain Dominic's address. The letter was forwarded to Dominic by one of his daughters who had stayed in Italy. In 1967, Dominic called his father, urging him to come to Australia. Subsequently, he planned the trip which culminated in the happy meeting and a return trip to Australia, this time accompanied by his father.

On Wednesday evening, April 8, the Niles Branch held a farewell gathering for both father and son and a gift was presented to each. They were touched immensely by this gathering, and Brother Vincent found it particularly hard to depart from the Brothers and Sisters.

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## NUPTIALS

### RABOLD - ALTOMARE

Mr. Ronald Lee Rabold and Miss Frances Joann Altomare were united in holy matrimony at the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, April 25. Brother John Buffa, uncle of the bride, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Brother Frank Calabrese. Sister Carla Naro was the vocal soloist, and Sister Helen C. Tisler was the organ accompanist.

The newlyweds now reside in Lorain.

### GENSBURG - GIOVANNONE

Mr. Bart Gensburg Jr. and Miss Judi Giovannone were joined in marriage at Newton Falls, Ohio on Saturday, April 25. Brother Gorie Ciaravino officiated at the wedding.

The couple now lives in Newton Falls.

### JENKINS - COCCO

Mr. Timothy Jenkins and Miss Deborah Cocco were sealed in holy wedlock at the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, March 21. Brother Alfred Dominico conducted the ceremony.

The Jenkins now reside in Akron, Ohio.

## OBITUARIES

### MARTIN MICHALKO

Brother Martin Michalko, a long-time faithful member of the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, left this life on May 3. Brother Michalko, who was 61 years old, was baptized 30 years ago.

He is survived by his father and mother.

Brother James T. Moore conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother George Ondrasik.

Our departed Brother manifested charity, as he served God first, man second, and himself last. His example was certainly a wonderful testimony to how he lived The Gospel of Christ.

### VIOLET SARVER

Sister Violet Sarver, a faithful member of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ for over 50 years, completed her journey in this life on April 30. Born on July 30, 1891, she was baptized in 1919.

Surviving her is one son.

Brother Herbert Hemmings officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brother John Olexa.

Sister Sarver was a charter member of the Ladies' Circle and was inspired to suggest the name which officially was adopted as the title of the auxiliary unit. Her dedication and efforts in the Circle will undoubtedly be recalled as that unit celebrates its 50th Anniversary this month, as reported, and her inspiration to The Church will be remembered by all.

### PETER GENARO

Brother Peter Genaro, a faithful member of the Modesto, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on April 12. He was born on June 29, 1889, and baptized into The Church on December 23, 1928.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, four sons, 19 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Leonard Joseph Lovalvo conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Mark Randy.

Brother Genaro will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Everyone who was enriched by his life will certainly cherish his memory.

### MARGARET C. TWOMBLY

Mrs. Margaret C. Twombly, daughter of Brother Alma B. Cadman, passed away on April 7. She was born on November 23, 1909.

Brother Rocco V. Biscotti conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brothers Anthony A. Corrado and Raymond Cosetti.

Mrs. Twombly attended meetings at the Fredonia, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She will be greatly missed by all who were accustomed to her valued presence.

### BRIEF NEWS OF INTEREST

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Members of the Niles congregation and relatives accompanied them to the airport as they departed on Friday, April 10. Before leaving, however, Brother Vincent had endeared himself to all the Brothers and Sisters, especially by his frequent expressions of thankfulness that God had brought him into The Church of Jesus Christ.

### SAN DIEGO NEWS

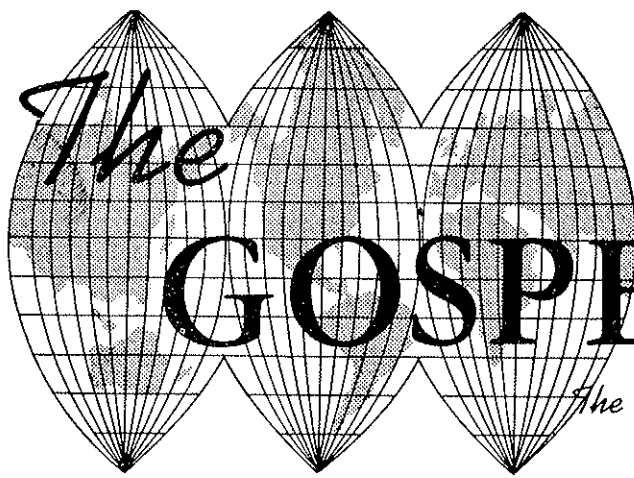
The San Diego, California Branch has reported various activities recently. They covered the April-May period.

On Sunday, April 25, the Branch's Sunday School young people conducted a field trip to the Tijuana Mexico Indian Missions. Singing by all and recitations of memory verses by the Tijuana younger children helped to enrich the day. Also, Elder Louis Ciccatti of San Diego spoke inspiringly on **Matthew 15**. He pointed out that "There is a great day coming," in which the language of God's love will be understood and spoken by all.

A luncheon was served in May to honor the Mothers of the San Diego Branch. Proceeds are being used to help in the Tijuana Missions. Incidentally, a "Babies Shower" for the many Tijuana infants will be held in July. June and July are being devoted to collection of clothing for these needy youngsters. Anyone interested in assisting in this project may forward the gifts, which would be most appreciated, to the San Diego Branch 3830 39th St., San Diego, California. 92105.

Brothers Chris Thomas and Steven LaCommare of San Diego have been ill. It has been requested that all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends remember them in their prayers. The supplications, letters, and cards which have been submitted in their behalf have been most gratifying and encouraging for them. Thanks have been sent for these remembrances.

Two Golden Wedding Anniversaries were also observed recently at San Diego. Brother LaCommare and his wife, Sister Lena, and Brother Michael and Sister Filomena Coppa are the couples who have completed 50 years of marriage. The LaCommare have three children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The Coppas have six children and 18 grandchildren. Congratulations are in order for these wonderful older members of The Church of Jesus Christ.



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## Independence Day: Its Meaning For Today

By Patsy Marinetti, Evangelist

This Day of Independence has always stirred the hearts and minds of men who cherish the God-given rights of freedom. The desire to be free from oppressive forces goes back to man's earliest days. The deep love for freedom has always been man's most intense and fervent struggle.

The price to be free always runs high, and it can never be taken for granted. Millions of people that have moved across the stage of history have paid the supreme sacrifice in their struggle to achieve freedom for themselves and for others. The forces which seek to deprive every man of his precious liberties are always present. Therefore, the preservation of freedom requires every man to be constantly alert.

As freedom-loving people reflect upon the purpose or meaning of this national holiday, one's thoughts are focused on that stormy period in history when the creation of Independence Day was to awaken and set into motion the dormant capabilities of a new nation yet untried.

### EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE

During the confusing days of indecision which kept most of the colonists uncommitted, a very effective influence occurred. Thomas Paine's fiery pamphlet, **Common Sense**, helped to crystallize America's decision to act. His burning words permeated the minds of all Americans for freedom's cause. **Common Sense** cried out boldly what many Americans had been feeling but not saying. Paine's words burned themselves into the colonial American conscience. Motivated by Paine's words, Jefferson, Washington, Patrick Henry, John Adams, Madison and other brave

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## 50th ANNIVERSARY MEMORABLE OCCASION FOR LADIES' CIRCLE

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## Need For God

By Paul D'Amico, Apostle

Cries of rebellions, riots and wars are heard throughout the world today, and these terrible conditions make us realize that there is a spirit of division and strife upon the face of the earth. The Word of God declares that nations and kingdoms would fight against each other and that wars and rumors of wars would take place in the latter days. These, we are told, would be only the beginning of sorrow.

From the foregoing, it can be seen that there is a need for The Gospel of Jesus Christ to be preached to all men because it is necessary for the peace that passes the understanding of men to enter into their hearts. It is a known fact that this peace of mind and heart has been given the Saints of God through obedience to The Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no other way that this peace can be obtained.

During World War II, I was assigned to General Headquarters, Manila, Philippine Islands. At the end of this conflict when the Japanese delegation came to Manila by orders of General Douglas MacArthur to discuss the peace terms for surrender, I had a remarkable experience. While on an assignment, I passed the conference room where the delegation had met to discuss the surrender terms. I noticed a vacant chair in the circle; and, while thinking about this chair, I heard a voice but saw no one. The voice said "These men (officials) have met together to discuss peace terms; but how can peace ever come

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# Need For God

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to the world when the Prince of Peace is absent from their conference?"

The following words then came to me. "In The Church of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Jesus) is invited to take the chief seat among us in all of our conferences. We want Him to be in our midst for, without Him, we are lost; and, without Him, we can do nothing."

Throughout the ages of time, some men and women have doubted the Truth and have denied the existence of a Supreme Being. It has been known also that many men and women have had all they required in life and have found very little need for God. Yet, as soon as these same individuals have been visited with poverty, affliction, and dangers, they have turned to God for help and refuge.

Let us recall, for example, the people in the days of Noah. Noah preached repentance to the people for many years, warning them to draw nigh unto God for, if they did not do so, they would perish in the flood which God was about to send upon the earth. Did they accept his words? Did they repent and make themselves right with God? They did not! When the flood came, there were only eight souls (Noah and his family) saved in the ark.

The incident of Noah and his people typified the reception of the mission of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Very few obeyed the Saviour in His day and at the time of His crucifixion when the terrible destruction occurred. Many were sorry for having killed the Prophets who foretold of His coming. Yet Christ, while on the cross, said, "It is finished." In other words, the prophecies concerning His coming, His life, and His death had been fulfilled. Did the Jews and the Roman soldiers know what they were doing? Did they believe that God existed and that it was His Son whom they were putting to death? These and other questions flash through my mind when reflecting upon the great plan of salvation which God has wrought about so that men might be freed from the burden of sin and cling unto Him for eternal life.

I am quite certain that the majority of the world today will admit there is a Supreme Being. On the other hand, there are those who are skeptical and who find very little time to investigate the Holy Scriptures, applying faith in that which the Word of God offers to mankind.

## MET GOD

It might be well to mention here the experience of a World War II soldier who acknowledged the existence of God before facing death on the battlefield. This poor soul had never known God before and had not even believed in His being. After having talked with God in his own way, he summarized his poetry with the following last 12 lines.

"I guess the 'zero hour' will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid God, since I know you're near.  
The signal - well God, I'll have to go.  
I like you lots, this I want you to know,

Look now, this will be a horrible fight,  
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight,  
Though I wasn't friendly to you before,  
I wonder God if you'd wait at your door;  
Look: I'm crying — me shedding tears!  
I wish I had known you these many years.  
Well — I have to go now God — Good bye.  
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die!"

Thus it is evident that in time of need and in time of danger, God's name is remembered. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone would remember His name all the time, whether it be in sickness or in health, in poverty or in wealth, or in sunshine or in storm?

In the **Book of Mormon (Alma 46:12)**, Moroni, a man of God, "... rent his coat; and he took a piece thereof, and wrote upon it — In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children — and he fastened it upon the end of a pole." To the understanding reader, it can be observed that Moroni put God over and above everything else. Here is a pure example of faith. Have we achieved sufficient faith to put God over and above the cares and trials of life? If we have, we can say without doubt that the poet has well-penned the chorus:

"We're marching to Zion  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God."

The young people of The Church have an important part to perform in The Church of Jesus Christ, while we, who are getting older, have the responsibilities of leading the way and of being examples for them to follow. Therefore, both young and old must realize the importance of living closer to God and closer to one another.

## NEW ERA

A new era of time — 1970 — has arrived. If there ever was a time when unity and a need for God existed, it is now! United we shall go forward, but divided we shall go backward, as did the ship of Nephi that kept going backward for four days. Let us, thus, go forward in anticipation of the crown which awaits us. There is no doubt that great destruction will occur in the latter days; and, if what we are witnessing today is only the beginning of sorrow, what will the end be like?

There are also glorious hopes and expectations which we hope to see and enjoy. The coming of the Choice Seer, the gathering of Israel, and the peaceful reign shall be enjoyed by the Saints of God while still in the mortal body. In addition to this, if we remain faithful to God's commandments, we look forward to the Millennial Reign with Christ in the immortal body during which time He will teach His Saints for 1,000 years. Certainly, all of these blessings are worth seeking and awaiting. May God give us strength to endure to the end.

Knowing then that God is about to perform a marvelous work and a wonder, let us take time to prepare ourselves and let us be one in Christ, for this is His will. There is a need for God; and this want can only be satisfied by being more appreciative of His manifestations and awaiting His commands.

# Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

The General Church Auditorium construction is moving along at a rapid pace. Following is the progress made as of June 6.

The masonry walls and partitions have been completed. The rough plumbing has been installed, and the electricians have completed the installation of receptacles for all wall outlets and the control panels. The gas and telephone companies have completed their installations to the building area. Of importance, all construction to date, as pictured below, has been paid in full.

The structural steel was scheduled to be delivered to the site the week of June 8, and the steel roof decking was scheduled for delivery the week of June 15. Immediately following the roof installation, the contractor will pour the concrete floors.

It appears at the present time that the building will be completed about the middle of October if the present rate of construction can be maintained. The pews and other furnishings can be installed immediately thereafter. At present, it would appear that the property could be dedicated sometime during November or December if the General Church officers feel the time is appropriate.

## MET JUNE 6

The Auditorium Committee held a meeting on Saturday, June 6, at the Greensburg, Pennsylvania Branch building. A decision was reached on the wording and names to be inscribed on a wall plaque which will be mounted in the entrance room. It was also decided that a "cornerstone" would be set at the time the dedication ceremony is held.

The financial report at the Committee meeting indicated the following progress has been achieved:

Contract Price of the Auditorium .....	\$343,300
Less 10% to be retained until completion of building .....	\$ 34,300

Amount due by completion of building	\$309,000
Amount authorized for payment to date	\$ 78,993
Balance due by completion of building	\$220,007

Also on June 6, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President; Nicholas Pietrangelo, General Church Secretary; and the writer met with the loan officer and manager of the financial institution from which The Church has negotiated a loan and signed the papers permitting us to draw construction money up to \$150,000 as needed. This is a loan at 8½% interest. We will make interest payments only from the time we take our first "draw" until the building is completed. After completion, The Church must repay both principal and interest based on a 15-year term. The money is available at any time it is required.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute now as generously as possible, so that we will not have to draw on the available mortgage funds and thereby save the interest.

A letter was also mailed to all Branches and Missions requesting the loan of idle funds. Some Branches and Missions have responded quickly and they have forwarded their money to Brother Anthony Ensana, Treasurer of the General Board of Trustees. If your Branch or Mission has funds it desires to loan but has not yet done so, the Committee would like to encourage you to forward these funds as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary use of mortgage money.

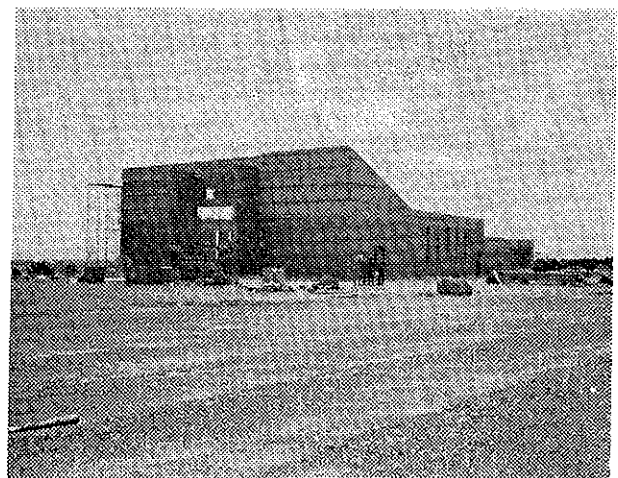
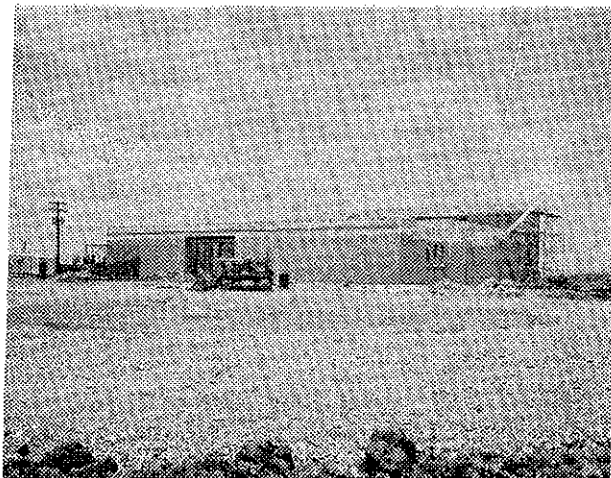
Branch donations should continue to come through Branch or Mission and District Treasurers.

## WRITER'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS

We also visited the Auditorium site after leaving the financial institution on June 6. As we approached the site from a distance, the Auditorium building just seemed to explode into view. As we drew nearer, the building seemed to grow larger and larger, and its majestic appearance seemed to fill all my vision. Everything else around it seemed to become secondary and to be shut out. The thought occurred to me after parking and getting out, "What an impressive building and site; and it is ours, yours and mine."

Not realizing at the moment that I was in for an even greater experience, we walked through

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The progress of your General Church Auditorium is pictured from two views. All the costs of construction in the above photographs taken on June 6 have been paid in full.

## Editorial Comment

### NOBLESSE' OBLIGE'

By Dominic Moraco

The term **NOBLESSE' OBLIGE'** expresses the thought that having nobility obligates and the saying is used to denote the obligation of exercising honorable and generous behavior associated with high rank or birth. In olden days, kings who observed the principle of **NOBLESSE' OBLIGE'** would fight at the heads of their armies. Expressed another way, **NOBLESSE' OBLIGE'** connotes that to whom much has been given, much is expected in return.

All those who have been truly converted to The Gospel Restored will not deny the fact that God has entrusted The Church of Jesus Christ, in this age, with the path to heavenly eternal life for all mankind. He will, therefore, expect from us no less than the utmost effort in spreading The Gospel and in bringing to mankind as large a measure as possible of consolation and happiness which we have found since rendering obedience to The Master's Call.

The question may be asked, "Exactly what can one do to carry on The Lord's work and to bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of others?" It was this question nurtured in the minds and souls of some of the Detroit Brothers of The Ministry of Christ which caused them to begin a search in the hopes of discovering a new way to answer the inquiry. The search resulted in finding a need for Church services in convalescent homes in the greater Detroit area. Presently, meetings are being held on Sunday afternoons in two homes.

Because the majority of the people in these establishments are elderly or afflicted, it was the intent of the Brothers to simply bring them together to sing hymns and to hear a simple gospel message. It is difficult to express in words the joy and satisfaction derived from seeing people's faces change from sadness to gladness. Many come to the assembly room in wheelchairs, on crutches, and even on beds. Their faces brighten as they sing the hymns they learned in their youth. A number have asked for prayer because of sickness or of feeling sad and neglected.

Serving among the elderly, many of whom have become forlorn and despondent because of the conditions of life, is indeed a rewarding experience. For the Brothers who are serving in this program, the participation fulfills for them, in a small way, the words of Christ in regards to serving mankind: "...I was sick, and ye visited me..." (Matt. 25:36). The blessings received in doing this kind of work far surpasses whatever effort may be expended, and the cheer returned many times exceeds the cheer given.

There are possibly similar programs being followed in various Districts of The Church. Perhaps others will be also stimulated to institute these kinds of visitation endeavors to serve not only members of The Church of Jesus Christ but mankind everywhere.

To all willing workers, we must encourage you to find a way to serve, however humble. The words of King Benjamin in the *Book of Mormon*

should be remembered, "...when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17). Your rewards will be great as you discover never-ending needs existing right in your own communities. Fill your empty hours with a labor of love and you will indeed be blessed.

Remember, **NOBLESSE' OBLIGE'**. You have a lot to give for you have been given much.

## Scriptural Emphasis

This issue's "Scriptural Emphasis" is taken from the scholarly pen of the Apostle James, as recorded in the **Second Chapter** of his *Epistle*. The subject scripture shows how important it is for the true Christian to display impartiality towards all mankind, as indicated in the following:

*"My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.*

*"For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;*

*"And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:*

*"Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?" — Verses 1-4.*

Choosing the more well-dressed individual, or more affluent, without looking to the heart and soul of the person, is most difficult. In effect, the Apostle has taught that appearance is not all that counts. For what the individual stands and what he does characterize his worth.

Further, James stresses the importance of backing-up our faith with works. He emphasizes that what we actually feel and do are much more important than what we say we feel and do.

*"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?"*

*"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,*

*"And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"*

*"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." — Verses 14-17.*

Millions today profess a belief in God. To them, James says: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (Verse 19) From this, it must be concluded that believing alone is not sufficient to assure our salvation; but, as another Apostle, Paul, states in *Philippians 2:12*, "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Summing up his teachings, James concludes the whole matter by saying in Verse 26: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

This chapter reminds every member of The Church of Jesus Christ that he must possess both faith as well as works in order to please God today.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*Man must discover the true majesty and glory of the Creator and, like Moses, stand in awe before the burning bush and take off his shoes, trembling with the knowledge that God is a great God.*

## Man's Concept of God

Deuteronomy 10:17 reads, "For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God..." One of man's greatest needs today is a more accurate concept of God. I believe man's future life, and even his very salvation depends upon it. It seems to me that the scientific studies made by man today have a tendency to secularize the minds of men; and, instead of man's giving "Glory to God in the highest," he has a tendency to give glory to man in the highest. This, of course, inflates man and overrates his opinion of himself.

To the Christian who should know a little more about God, every scientific discovery which reveals mysteries of the unknown enlarges the power of God. Remember that what we think about God shapes our lives, and even determines our destinies. Was there ever a nation in history that rose higher than its concept of God? When Israel worshipped God and was loyal to Him, the people rose toward nobility; but when they chose to worship the ignoble gods of evil, they sank into depravity. Today, therefore, one of man's most urgent needs is to find out more of what God is like. What is He doing, and what are His attributes?

### IMITATE WHAT IS KNOWN

Man will, to a degree, act like or imitate what he knows and admires; but, if God is unknown, how can He be imitated? Naturally we can never know God fully, but God has revealed enough about Himself so that man, if he knows Him, can be lifted up; he can be changed, he can be blessed. Remember, our God is a great God, and provides great things for His people. The greater the Christian's concept of God, the more elevated his life becomes.

He who lives in violation of moral and spiritual laws certainly has a false idea of God and has lowered God to his own level. The image of God in an immoral heart will bear no likeness to the true God. God, speaking through David (Psalm 50:21, 22) to a wicked man said, "...thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you to pieces, and there be none to deliver."

### POOR VISION AND UNDERSTANDING

Paul speaks of a people who "...changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts..." (Romans 1:23, 24). What an effect this poor vision and misunderstanding of God had on their lives!

Man always becomes somewhat like whatever he worships. Worship the beast and you become beastly. If people live degenerated lives, their concept of God is very low and they reduce Him to the status of man; but God is not man, not even the greatest of men. He is God infinite, omnipresent; the imagination of man cannot encompass God. The finite mind of man can never fully comprehend the infinite God. Yet God is within reach and man can learn what God is like, even though He does remain beyond our full understanding, and, as Isaiah saw Him, "high and lifted up." Man, instead of reaching for Him, would rather reduce Him to human dimensions. Man wants a God he can control rather than being willing to yield himself before a God who wants to control him. Yet a God made in the image of man is not great enough for man's needs.

Man must discover the true majesty and glory of the Creator and, like Moses, stand in awe before the burning bush and take off his shoes, trembling with the knowledge that God is a great God.



## OUR WOMEN TODAY

# 50th Anniversary Memorable Occasion For Ladies' Circle

By Sara Vancik, General Circle Secretary

An unforgettable milestone was reached in the history of The Church of Jesus Christ as the General Ladies' Circle celebrated its 50th Anniversary at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 on Saturday, June 20. Many Sisters, representing Circles throughout the land, gathered to join in the "Jubilee" Conference and to reflect upon the blessings of The Lord upon them and His Church.

The gathering was divided into two meetings. The afternoon service included the welcome from the Michigan-Ontario District, the missionary review from the Ohio District and the memorial service by the Pennsylvania District. In the evening, the Atlantic Coast District offered the "mystery presentation."

Sister Josephine D'Amico, chairman of the "Jubilee" celebration, set the tone for the gathering when she greeted all attendees at the landmark event. She recalled how The Lord had blessed the Sisters since 1920 when The Church officially sanctioned the formation of The Ladies' Circle as an auxiliary unit. This was the result of the great desire Sister Sadie B. Cadman had to draw the Sisters closer together in studying the Word of God and helping The Church in her missionary work.

### HOST REGION EXTENDS WELCOME

The Michigan-Ontario District, in extending the welcome as the host region, asked Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of The Church, to invoke the blessings of God upon our gathering and upon those afflicted who were not able to be with us. Sister Mary Criscuolo read the Levitical law from the scriptures concerning the 50th Jubilee. The same thoughts were brought forth in a song, "Jubilee", sung by a sextette.

Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, also welcomed the Sisters and friends, some who had traveled many miles to meet with us. The Conference was especially happy to see those in our midst from the California District of The Church. This happiness was expressed in song as Sister Sadie Jamieson and her granddaughter, representatives from the Six Nations Reservation in Canada, rendered the beautiful hymn "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful."

During this part of our service, letters were read from Sisters who sent their best wishes but were unable to attend. Among these was a letter from Sister Mary E. Wilson of West Elizabeth, Pa., the only Charter member left. Sister Wilson held the office of General Secretary for 45 years. Unfortunately, Sister Violet Sarver, the other Charter

member who had been inspired with the official name for The Ladies' Circle, passed away April 30, 1970, as reported in the June issue of the Gospel News.

### MISSIONARY WORK

The Ohio District, in reviewing the missionary endeavors of The Circle, showed that it was in the hearts of our Sisters 50 years ago to help promote the missionary work of The Church.

This work had its beginning (in The Circle) with a five dollar donation to the General Church Indian Mission Fund. Sister Margaret Behanna was the first Treasurer of the General Circle Indian Mission Fund. During the past five years over eighteen thousand dollars has been given The Church for missionary endeavors. Four thousand dollars of this amount were the proceeds from the sale of the "Come and Dine" cook books which were compiled and published by The Circle. Brother Dominic Moraco, President of the Quorum of Evangelists, in behalf of The Church expressed their appreciation for this financial help. He stated that "should The Circle withhold its support of missions for even a month, The Church would feel the effect in a short time."

The Pennsylvania District had an impressive part in the service in which they honored the memory of each of our Sisters who passed away during the past five years. Several of their favorite hymns were also sung. This segment of the program was concluded with the reading of a poem dedicated to the memory of our founder, Sister Cadman.

### GUEST SPEAKER

The highlight of the day was the testimony of Sister Evelyn Perdue, the guest speaker, who has been instrumental in missionary work with her husband, Brother Edward, in Mexico. She told of her own experience how she had been so afflicted but she felt that The Lord had a purpose in allowing this that she might be more able to sympathize and love the down-trodden of Israel. God has blessed her with strength to help these people. They are so poor. Through the interest and help of The Circle, many have been clothed and fed. One group of people were found living under a tree — no place to call home. Obedience to The Gospel of Christ has instilled HOPE, both naturally and spiritually, in the lives of these people. All the gifts of The Gospel have been manifested during their labors there. Calls have come to the Perdues from many other areas but the work in Tijuana is so great they have not been able to expand from the two missions. Both Brother and Sister Perdue speak Spanish fluently which has helped much in their work for The Church.

Sister Evelyn is of the Seed of Judah and her husband, the Seed of Joseph. God has blessed their efforts as they labor to take the True Gospel to the Mexican Indians, part of the House of Israel.

The afternoon meeting was brought to a close by all singing "A Song of Welcome" and prayer by Brother Nephi DeMercurio.

### PRESIDENT HONORED

After dinner was served, the evening meeting was begun with the "mystery presentation" by the Atlantic Coast District. During the service,

Sister Mabel Bickerton was surprised by the announcement that she was being honored. After some interesting facts of Sister Mabel's life were revealed, she was presented with a book representing her life and a lovely lapel watch inscribed appropriately for the "Jubilee" occasion. Sister Mabel thanked the Sisters and spoke of how she has been blessed in The Gospel.

#### A WONDERFUL DAY

As a climax to a wonderful day — a day long to be remembered — the Sisters retired to the basement where a film of the missionary work being carried on by Brother and Sister Perdue was shown. This enjoyable time was brought to a close by the congregation singing "Praise Ye the Lord" and prayer by Brother Anthony Picciuto.

Fifty years of progress has been completed. The Sisters are looking forward to the many more years of service which they can offer The Church of Jesus Christ in the future.

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1970 Church events of general and regional interest.

### JULY

- Missionary Benevolent Association Area Conferences.

### AUGUST

- 23 — General Missionary Benevolent Association Annual Field Trip to Youngstown, Ohio vicinity (through August 29).

### SEPTEMBER

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences:

- 12 — Florida at Lake Worth, Florida.
- 12 — Ohio (place to be announced).
- 12, 13 — California at San Fernando Valley, California.
- 16, 17, 18 — Michigan - Ontario at Detroit Branch No. 4.
- 18, 19, 20 — Atlantic Coast at Edison, New Jersey.
- 19 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Erie, Pennsylvania.

### OCTOBER

- 15, 16, 17, 18 — Semi-Annual General Church Conference in Michigan-Ontario District.

### NOVEMBER

- 14 — Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Pennsylvania MBA Area.

### DECEMBER

- 12 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS

Dear Girls and Boys,

Another thing that makes us happy is helping others. Many times we feel sad, but, the next time we feel that way, let us think of others. Let our frowns be changed to smiles. Try to be happy all the time; it is contagious.

This story is about a happy little girl found in II Kings 5. She trusted in God. She lived with a man named Naaman and his wife. She was far away from her home in the land of Israel. These people were very kind to her, just like a mother and father; but she missed her own mother.

Everyone was sad because Naaman was very sick, being a leper. The little maid knew how to help him get well. She said that God could help Naaman. She stated she knew a Prophet in Israel who would ask God to help. Elisha was the Prophet.

Naaman and some of his servants went to the land of Israel to Elisha. Elisha did not come out of his house to greet Naaman, but he sent a messenger to tell Naaman to go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Now Naaman did not want to hear this and became angry. He said that the Jordan River was dirty. He would rather wash in a river nearer his home, where he knew it was clean. His servants reminded him that he should obey the Prophet if he wanted to be well; that, if the Prophet had told him to do some great thing, he would have done it. Naaman listened to the men.

Naaman went to the River Jordan. The Prophet's words had been, "... wash ... and thou shalt be clean." So down went Naaman into the dirty river. He dipped himself one, two, three, four, five, six, then seven times. When he came up the seventh time, he was well. Naaman and his company of men went to Elisha, and he said, "Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant." He offered a gift, but the Prophet refused it.

Naaman returned home. How happy he was for the Prophet of God and the little maid who told him about God. How happy the little girl was for having told him about the God of Israel! So happiness is HELPING OTHERS. — Don't you agree? The Psalmist David said, "... happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 144:15).

Next month I will tell you about OBEDIENCE.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

# Independence Day: Its Meaning For Today

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men combined their talents and energies in a common purpose. These men, with moral dedication and courage, responded effectively in a crucial time in American history to help shape the course of a unique nation.

## DREW RESOLUTIONS

Thomas Jefferson was admired for his "peculiar felicity of expression." When it came to drawing up resolutions or penning declarations, Jefferson was a natural choice. Therefore, this "Demosthenes with a pen" was selected to frame the historic declaration that was to launch the colonists toward independence. Fifty years after writing the Declaration, Jefferson said: "Neither aiming at originality of principle or sentiment, nor yet copied from any particular and previous writing, it was intended to be an expression of the American mind."

The colonies' political organization was an embryo; its military personnel without much experience. To write lofty phrases about liberty and concentrate rational arguments against tyranny was one thing. The realistic responsibility of carrying out those ideas advanced in the Declaration of Independence was soon to be tested under fire. History long confirmed that with God as their primary assistance, the colonists finally freed themselves of the British yoke.

Of all the great leaders that America has produced, Abraham Lincoln's great vision recognized the all-inclusive range of the Declaration of Independence. His observation was as follows: "I have often inquired of myself what great principle it was that kept this Confederacy so long together. It was not the mere matter of separation of the colonies from the motherland, but the sentiment in the Declaration of Independence which gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world for all future times."

## FREEDOM VALUED?

How is freedom valued in our land today? Throughout the nation we are viewing the aftermath of riots, demonstrations, dissent, discrimination and protests of all types. The grievances are many. While some of these upheavals have justifiable grounds for redress, some are outwardly disguised as worthy causes. We recognize many of these groups are deceptively geared toward the long range objective of undermining and dividing our nation.

When freedom lacks discipline, responsibility and respect for law and order, it eventually leads to excessive abuses. This twisted permissiveness also infringes on the rights of all people. Such uninhibited license is as bad and sometimes worse than tyranny because it promotes disorder and strife. Liberty in its fullest meaning maintains a stable central course allowing all people to share in its unlimited opportunities. Only when these

opportunities are given a chance to blossom normally can men reach their fullest expression and creative growth.

Those forces which seek to deprive or regiment men's lawful liberties have always been destructive to his happiness. Likewise, these forces which abuse liberties and disregard proven standards are detrimental to man's efforts to achieve a productive happy life.

How can these complex problems be solved? If there is a prescription for the many conflicting human problems, it rests within the borders of the two greatest, yet simplest, declarations ever created, namely: "To love God above all things and thy neighbor as thyself." In obedience to these laws man can find freedom from his most perplexing conflicts and his deepest fears. He can discover the truest dimension of independence.

## MUST REACH HIGH PLATEAU

When the human family reaches the high plateau in understanding his relationship to these two laws, then we shall all develop the highest possible degree in human relations and behavior. Today we are faced with what appears to be unsurmountable barriers in the structure of human affairs. However, these obstacles can dissolve completely when every individual will blend his daily living with the two above-mentioned laws.

With fearless conviction, the courageous founders of this new nation emphatically declared that only God would be their king. This allegiance to a Divine Power was the initial step which was to move America toward that ultimate historic hour with destiny when America shall "confirm its soul in self control" and when "all success shall be nobleness and every gain divine."

# Auditorium Progress

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the foyer into the entrance room. An aire of excitement seemed to prevail as we approached the Auditorium room doorway. We stepped through the threshold and were caught by a moment of awe inspired silence. I was speechless. I do not believe I have been so impressed over two or three times in my life. I have been in many churches and cathedrals in both the United States and the famous edifices in Europe, but none gave me the feeling prevailing here at the moment. I had the same experience on one other occasion, when I stood in "the grove" outside of Palmyra, New York where Joseph Smith had had his vision. It was a blessing just to stand there.

I could see the "up and away" slope of the Auditorium ceiling line as if it were reaching right into Heaven. A voice seemed to say "When My people hear My voice, and are united, and put their trust in Me, then there will be nothing impossible before them; and I shall remove all obstacles."

Your assistance in this endeavor at this time can help bring one of these expectations to pass.

# The American Indian What Once Was Will Be Again

By Thomas Everett

A new program has been introduced into the early elementary school grades of the Gallup-McKinley School District on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. It is called the English as a Secondary Language Program (E.S.L.). It is a bilingual approach to Indian Education.

The program carries the stipulation that the Navajo children are to be taught in their own language, then they are taught to communicate in the English language, so that in time teaching can take place in either language. The bilingual approach has the advantage of permitting teaching to take place immediately in all skill areas while the child is learning a second language. The Navajo child maintains the feeling of self-worth and can take pride in his native language and customs. He is not asked to give up anything, but rather to share ideas and understanding with his friends. One teacher stated, "The children can understand more and learn English faster when using Navajo to teach English." Others feel that, when both languages are used and respected in the classroom, they minimize conflicts between the two cultures. This allows for a better situation that permits one to choose the best of each culture.

One educator states that banning a people's language from the classroom or attacking a people's culture and language only creates distrust and discord. As one school teacher put it, "Bilingual education actually means . . . we are preventing his (the child's) educational retardation while reinforcing his language and his culture . . . It is possible to have cultural contact without conflict."

## ANOTHER INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

Mr. Jim Lotz, a Professor and head of The Canadian Research Centre for Anthropology at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada, has submitted a proposal for the establishment, organization and operation of an Indian Community College in Canada. Mr. Lotz says that the college "Could become a place where young Indians could go to obtain an education that would suit them to take their place, as Indians and as Canadians, in the future." It would be a place that would preserve but not embalm the traditional culture, that would help both Indians and whites to understand and be proud of a heritage and a culture that had its own integrity.

There is currently an Indian community college operating here in the U.S. It is the Navajo Community College, run by the Navajo Tribe, located at Many Farms, Arizona. The college had an enrollment last fall of 272. This is just another step forward for the Indian people.

## LEAVING RESERVATION

In previous articles, we have discussed the plight of the American Indians who leave the reservation to find a better life in the city, and we have seen the problems they face in such an undertaking. In a recent article in one of the lead-

ing newspapers in Detroit, a specific example was given on what happens when Indians come to the city.

The Indians leave the reservation because of limited job opportunities or because they want to better themselves. Some leave other parts of the country in order to escape discrimination. When they arrive at the big city, such as Detroit, they look for relatives or other Indians in order to be with their own people. In Detroit, they are located in a particular area. There are old houses, boarding-houses, and places of merriment in this general vicinity. Many of the Indian inhabitants say the streets are unsafe even in daylight.

The majority of the 3,000 Indians in Detroit are Ottawas, Chippewas and Potawatamies. Today there are only four tracts of land belonging to Michigan Indians, the reservations at L'Anse, Mount Pleasant, Bay Mills, and Hannahville. Over 90% of the Indians on Michigan reservations are unemployed or underemployed. The high school dropout rate is 85%.

In Detroit, there are no agencies dealing specifically with Indians. The North American Indian Association, with a membership of about 100, holds weekly meetings.

The Indians in Detroit would like to have an Indian Center similar to the one in Chicago where counseling along with other activities is available when needed. They would also like scholarships made available to Indian youths to further their education, which along with their religion, are the two bases upon which rest the Indians' only hope for survival.

## San Diego Branch Has Ordination Of Evangelist

A new Evangelist, Brother Thomas Liberto, was ordained at the San Diego, California Branch on Sunday, May 17. There were many guests in attendance as he was elevated into the Quorum of the Seventies.

The ordination took place during the afternoon service. Brother Liberto's feet were washed by Evangelist Richard Christman of Phoenix, Arizona, and he was ordained an Evangelist by Evangelist Leonard Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California.

Brother Liberto was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on November 24, 1954. He was ordained a Deacon on February 25, 1960; a Teacher on September 22, 1963; and an Elder on May 21, 1965. He has served, since his entry into The Ministry, as the San Diego Presiding Elder for a time.

Brother Joseph Lovalvo, Church Apostle and President of the California District who is also from Modesto, was the principal speaker at the morning meeting. He preached inspiringly on putting on the full armor of God and on being dressed to battle for the cause of Christ. His words were most enlightening and encouraging.

The entire day was one most beneficial and edifying as Brother Liberto was ordained into his new office.

## Three Baptized Consecutive Weeks In New Jersey

Three new members entered The Church of Jesus Christ on consecutive Sundays in May in the New Brunswick-Freehold, New Jersey area. The baptisms occurred on May 3, 10, and 17.

The sequence began on May 3 when Wilma M. Watson obeyed The Gospel at the Freehold Mission, which is under the jurisdiction of the New Brunswick Branch. She was baptized by Brother Dominic Rose of Bronx-Brooklyn, New York and confirmed by Brother Cleveland Baldwin.

The next Sunday, Butler Fitzpatrick Jr. entered the fold, also at Freehold. He was immersed by Brother Baldwin and confirmed by Brother Matthew Rogolino.

On May 17, Louise Marie Stepp declared her intention to become a member of The Church at the New Brunswick Branch. She was baptized by Brother George Benyola and confirmed by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr.

In belatedly reported news from New Jersey, it was learned that two baptisms were performed at the Hopelawn Branch on Sunday, March 1. Entering The Gospel that day were Jo Anne Benyola and Deborah Jo Persico, who was each baptized by her father, Brothers James Benyola and Nick Persico, respectively. Sister Benyola was confirmed by Brother Eugene Perri Jr. and Sister Persico by Brother Paul J. Benyola.

The baptisms have been most edifying to the New Jersey congregations and have added immeasurably to the blessings received at these locations.

## Baptism Performed; Visitors Address Youngstown Branch

A baptism was performed and visiting Brothers of The Priesthood addressed the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ recently. The new member, Henry Cardillo, was baptized on Sunday, May 24, while the guest speakers talked on Sunday, May 10 and April 26.

Brother Cardillo was baptized by his father-in-law, Brother Ralph Berardino, and he was confirmed by Brother Anthony A. Corrado. The new convert felt the spirit of repentance at home as the morning service was being conducted. He proceeded to The Church building, made his intentions known between the services, and was baptized before the afternoon meeting was begun. Understandably, his entry into The Gospel was most edifying, as he made his touching decision to join the fold.

On May 10, Brothers Elmer Santilli of Perry, Ohio and Jerry Giovannone of Warren, Ohio spoke in that order. They talked about the love of God and how it is present in The Church of

Jesus Christ.

Two weeks before, on April 26, Brother V. James Lovaivo from the Florida District introduced the service after singing a beautiful solo entitled, "I Asked The Lord." His talk was based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Brothers Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio and Anthony Picciuto of Perry followed him on the subject, with Brother Picciuto depicting himself as a Prodigal Son.

The Spirit of God was felt profoundly in all the services, and the fellowship of the many visiting Brothers and Sisters was most appreciated by the Youngstown congregation.

## Cleveland Branch, Others Join Perry For Ordinations

Two new Evangelists of The Church of Jesus Christ were ordained at the Perry, Ohio Branch on Sunday, May 24. Members from the Cleveland Branch, other nearby locations, and Detroit, Michigan joined with the Perry congregation as Brothers Vincent Gibson of Cleveland and Elmer Santilli of Perry were elevated into the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists.

Brother Gibson's feet were washed by Evangelist Frank Giovannone of Warren, Ohio and he was ordained an Evangelist by Evangelist Timothy D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio. Brother Santilli's feet were washed by Evangelist Anthony Picciuto, Perry Presiding Elder, and he was ordained an Evangelist by Evangelist Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio.

Both newcomers to the Seventies have labored diligently in The Gospel. Brother Gibson, who was baptized March 24, 1957, was ordained an Elder on April 13, 1958. Brother Santilli, baptized November 10, 1956, was ordained an Elder on April 12, 1964.

Speakers at the morning service had been Brothers Tullio LaCivita from Detroit Branch No. 4, Gibson, and Giovannone. The text was taken from the 14th and 15th Chapters of Alma in the Book of Mormon. Discussed were Alma and Amulek and the conversion of Zeezrom. How Zeezrom's life was changed from one of hatred and rebellion to one of love was traced.

Apostle Rocco V. Biscotti from Cleveland opened the afternoon meeting, basing his talk on St. Luke 10. The passage deals with the calling and sending forth of the Seventy Evangelists. As Brother Biscotti was preaching, he spoke in the gift of tongues. Brother Bucci followed, using Ephesians 4, concerning the offices of The Church including Evangelists, to supplement the introductory passage. Brother Calabrese later reviewed the duties of Evangelists from The Church's Law and Order Book.

During the ordinations, the gift of tongues was again spoken. The interpretation was given as, "Thy will be done."

Many blessings were experienced at the services and at the calling and ordinations of the two new Ohio Evangelists.

# Brief News of Interest

## GO TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Brother Anthony Brutz, his wife, Sister Grace, and their son, James, have left the San Fernando Valley, California Branch to work at The Church's Wakpala, South Dakota Indian Mission. Although the San Fernando congregation was sorry to see them depart, they have sent word that they know the Brutzs will be big assets in their new endeavors.

Prior to their departure, the San Fernando group gave a dinner to honor them and to express their sadness at their leaving. Many visiting Brothers and Sisters from Bell, Anaheim, and San Diego joined in honoring the Brutzs. This heartfelt tribute was greatly appreciated by the departees.

Certainly, The Church is thankful for having the new workers at Wakpala and particularly for having Brother Brutz, who has been in The Ministry many years, available for duty there.

As an added note from the west coast, the California Sisters met to organize their District Ladies' Circle at San Fernando on Saturday, May 16. A program, prepared by Sister Elaine Jordan of San Fernando, was presented that evening. The entire day was most enjoyable and placed the Sisters in a better position to aid the efforts of the Ladies' Circle and The Church.

## DIFFERENT, ENJOYABLE MEETING

A very different and most noteworthy recent meeting was reported by Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1. The service, a regular Wednesday evening meeting, highlighted the many years which older members of The Branch have devoted to The Church.

First, the Brothers over 60 years of age were invited to come forward and sing two hymns for those assembled. After they concluded their singing, each Brother was asked to tell how many years he has been in The Gospel.

Next, the Sisters in the same age bracket were requested to also come before the congregation and sing two hymns. They were then asked to likewise disclose how many years they have been members in The Church of Jesus Christ.

It was most edifying to view these many faithful older Brothers and Sisters sing so enthusiastically and recite most proudly how long they have been in the fold. Their examples have been most inspirational to the many people with whom they have become acquainted over the years. In addition, their giving of their testimonies to anyone who would listen to the glory of The Restored Gospel provided the vehicle for introducing many individuals to The Church. As Presiding Elder Paul Vitto pointed out, these introductions later led to the entry of many souls into The Gospel.

The service offered many insights into the history of the Branch, as well as being most uplifting. Thankfulness for having had these pioneers and elder Church statesmen was also expressed.

## SAN JOSE MISSION

In another item received from a Branch, the

Modesto, California congregation has sent word that it is most grateful for the opportunity of continuing to service a Mission in San Jose. As submitted by Brother Mark Randy and Sister Louise Dulisse, the brief history recalls how this mission was started in 1954.

At the beginning, some of The Church members who were either in the Armed Forces or at the University at Berkeley, along with their families, resided in the area and attended services temporarily. The Modesto Branch Elders traveled the approximate 80 miles there to hold meetings for them. Eventually, a few others were baptized and a Mission was established.

When the war ended, some members returned to their home states, but the Modesto Branch continued to hold meetings for the remaining members. Although there is some sacrifice involved in traveling to and from the Mission, the Branch is most pleased to continue the work there. Brothers Joseph and Leonard Lovalvo have been most instrumental in maintaining the San Jose location. In 1969, Brother Leonard was elected to take charge of the Mission, which he is still doing.

The meeting place in San Jose is in the Nordahl Hall on West Parr Avenue. All visitors are, of course, invited to attend services there whenever they are in the San Francisco Bay area.

## FAST AND PRAYER EXPERIENCES

Several edifying experiences were received and the whole Branch was greatly blessed at a wonderful Fast and Prayer Service held at Windsor, Ontario, Canada recently. Two visions, indicated as follows, were reported.

While a Sister was praying, Sister Vincenza Onorato heard the door open and the Lord came in. He was dressed in white. He stood at the double doors and spread His arms. He was smiling and said, "I am in your midst," three times.

In another vision, Brother Kenneth Wright saw many glorious signs and disclosures. Among them was the announcement, "Praise God, Hallelujah, The Church is preparing for The Bridegroom."

The Windsor Branch was greatly enriched by the experiences it received, as well as by the fasting and prayer which it observed.

## PHOENIX DESIRES

With the recent influx of members transferring to Phoenix, that Branch has been stirred up and is full of enthusiasm and high hopes for the future of our Church in Arizona.

From the very beginning, those who moved there filled with desire to work for the Lord have maintained that Phoenix would one day become a hub for the Indian work in Arizona. Statistics show that the largest population of Indians in the United States is located in Arizona. With the established Mission on the San Carlos Indian Reservation and the Mission on the White River Reservation, the hope is that soon there will be other effectual doors opening for The Gospel to spread and take root.

At the present time, the task at hand is one of dire necessity, that of building a new Church building. For six years, members have been meeting in a converted home and it has been sufficient for their needs. With the increase in membership

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## NUPTIALS

### McLAUGHLIN - NELSON

Mr. Michael Joseph McLaughlin and Sister Pat Ann Nelson were united in holy matrimony at the San Diego, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 23. Brother Thomas Liberto officiated at the ceremony. Sisters Diane Surdock and Donna Ciccati offered the musical selections.

The newlyweds now reside in Portland, Oregon.

### PERKINS - CRUMB

Mr. David W. Perkins and Miss Mary Ann Crumb were joined in wedlock at the Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 16. Brother James Benyola officiated at the ceremony. Brother Philip Benyola was the organist.

The Perkins now live in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

### DiFEDE - OLIVER

Brother Joseph DiFede and Sister Mary Oliver were married at the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 9. Brother Carmen Sgro performed the ceremony.

The couple now resides in Somerset, New Jersey.

## OBITUARIES

### AGNES (ANNA) PASINI

Sister Agnes (Anna) Pasini, a long-time faithful member of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on May 25. Born almost a century ago on January 21, 1872, she was baptized into The Church on May 7, 1939.

She leaves a daughter and several grandchildren. Brother Idris Martin conducted the funeral services.

Sister Pasini, although elderly, always had a song of praise on her lips. She constantly strengthened all Church members in The Gospel whenever they visited her, remaining a pillar to the end of her days on earth.

### PEARL GABUSI

Mrs. Pearl Gabusi, a close friend of The Church of Jesus Christ at the Monongahela Branch, left this life in May also. She was born in 1896.

Brother John M. Olexa conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Gabusi was a faithful member of the Monongahela Sunday School. She will be greatly missed by all who had become accustomed to her presence.

### HELEN NUMKENA

Sister Helen Numkena, a faithful member of the Phoenix, Arizona Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on May 13. Born at the San Carlos Indian Reservation on August 8, 1921, she was baptized into The Church on May 5, 1963.

She is survived by her husband and two sons.

Brother Daniel Picciuto conducted the funeral services at San Carlos, assisted by Brother Ether Furnier.

Sister Numkena, who was the first one of the Seed of Joseph to embrace The Gospel in the Phoenix Branch, lived in that city most of her life. A humble Sister who gave her testimony to all whenever the opportunity presented, she will be greatly missed by all who knew and learned to love her in The Gospel.

### ROSALIA GABRIELLA TRIANA

Rosalia Gabriella Triana, an 11-year-old child who had been blessed June 23, 1963 in The Church of Jesus

Christ and who attended the Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch, completed her comparatively brief journey in this life on February 24. She was born on September 13, 1958.

Survivors are her father, mother, and three sisters. Brother James Benyola presided at the funeral services, assisted by Brothers Paul J. Benyola and Dominic Rose.

A very likeable youngster, Rosalia was active in Sunday School and always had a wonderful smile for everyone. She will be missed by her peer group as well as by all the rest of the individuals who had become acquainted with her.

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and with hopes for more to come, the Branch decided, after approval from the General Church, to proceed with building a new and larger building. The hope is to break ground just as soon as the City of Phoenix approves the plans.

The Phoenix congregation solicits the prayers of the Saints throughout The Church that God will bless their efforts so that His work might grow and prosper in Phoenix and throughout Arizona.

Of further interest from Phoenix is the information that Brother Gary Damore of that Branch has been awarded a large scholarship from the newspaper company where he has been a newsboy for six years. Brother Damore was the President of his high school senior class and he is an honor student. Hats are off to him for his wonderful achievement.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

Sheryl Lorene to the Norman Gimpels of San Diego, California;

Timothy Scott to the Eugene Cramers and Mary Renee to the Clifford Noels of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

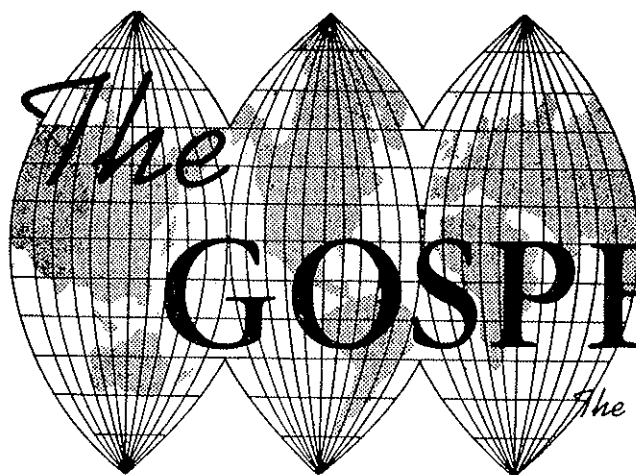
Terry Lee to the Anthony Vadaszs of Metuchen, New Jersey;

Brian Patsy to the Matthew Rogolinos, Elizabeth Rebecca to the James Howards, Glenn Arncz to the Willie Browns, and Catherine Chairoulette to the Thomas Gambles of Freehold, New Jersey;

April Lee to the Ronald Kinkelas of Youngstown, Ohio;

Terri Lee to the Louis Alma Palenos and Thomas David to the Nelson Croters of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1; and

Nephi, Jr., to the Nephi DeMercurios, Sr., and Lisa Marie to the James Krotzers of Detroit Branch No. 3.



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## Science And The Scriptures

By Thomas Everett

As a college student, I, along with many of the young people in The Church, have heard some of our teachers, professors and fellow students claim that the Bible is an out-dated book made up of the views of archaic writers who were uninformed and superstitious. The accounts of Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, and Moses and the Ten Commandments are fairy tales, so they say, and were simply attempts to explain something the people back in those days did not understand. In addition, many non-scholars have also indicated their scriptural skepticism.

Within even more recent years, with the increase in man's knowledge and new scientific break-throughs, the claim is made by many that there is a conflict between The Scriptures and science, thus seemingly discrediting the Word of God even more. They infer that, since there exists a conflict between the two, science must be right. "Who in their right mind would deny the proven facts of science and choose to believe in an archaic book of fairy tales?" they ask.

### INSPIRED BY GOD

In II Timothy 3:16, the Apostle Paul states emphatically that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . "The five English words "given by inspiration of God" are required to render one Greek word which, if literally translated, would be "God-breathed" or "breathed out from God," indicating that The Scriptures came from God Himself and did not originate with the writers.

Another verse which strongly bears out this point is II Peter 1:21, where Peter says "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The word "moved" is more accurately translated "borne along." When writing The Scriptures, these men were so under the control of the Holy Spirit that they were literally "borne along by the Spirit." Thus we see that The Scriptures originated with God and were revealed by His Spirit to men who wrote them down.

Expressions such as "God said," "The Lord spake saying," "The word of the Lord," and "Thus

saith the Lord" are found repeatedly throughout both the Old and New Testaments. Our Lord Himself revealed the historical accuracy of events, such as the creation of Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, and Jonah when he quoted from the Old Testament Scriptures. He believed in the authenticity of the writings and that the characters and events really existed and took place.

What about the problem of the so-called conflict between science and The Scriptures, however? If we study The Scriptures as the Apostle Paul admonishes us to do in II Timothy 2:15, we find that there is no conflict between the proven facts of science and the Bible. On the contrary, we discover that what man has learned through observation, experimentation, and instrumentation over the last few hundred years was revealed by God through inspiration to the writers of the Bible more than 2,000 to 4,000 years ago.

### ANCIENT BELIEFS

Plato, who lived about 400 B.C., conceived of the world as a vast and visible animal, and the people of his day believed that earthquakes resulted from the creature shaking itself!

The ancient Greeks believed that a giant, called Atlas, stood at the border of the earth and upheld the heavens with his tireless head and arms. The Hindus believed that the earth was

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# Hope Of His Coming

By Roland Paleno

Studying the Word of God, we read of the many men and women in different ages of time whose lives reflected great faith and dedication in serving God. It was through their faith and firm beliefs that they were able to withstand the many temptations and persecutions they encountered.

The Apostle Peter, speaking of the Saints preceding his day, spoke of them in the following manner:

*"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the Prophets:*

*"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*

*"Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.*

*"Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection.*

*"And others had a trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment;*

*"They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;*

*"(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." (Hebrews 11:32-38).*

It was this hope for a day of resurrection and steadfast belief in God's promises that drove them to the point of even sacrificing their lives when necessary rather than to recant their testimony for Christ. It is my conviction that the **New Testament** Saints were just as steadfast and faithful as were those of the **Old Testament**. In reading of their beliefs and attitudes, I believe one of the motivations contributing significantly to their dedicated lives was the fact that they were living with the hope and expectation that the Lord Jesus Christ's second coming would occur in their day and time. Not knowing when Christ would return in power and great glory, they lived with that great anticipation and hope each day that He might appear. Also, they envisioned that, if they were ready, they would become part of that glorious kingdom that was promised.

## PROMISE GIVEN

This promise had been given to the Disciples by the two angels who spoke to them as Christ was ascending into heaven. The Angels said "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11). In actuality, as He was making His departure from this earth, He shall also make His return.

Since that day, the true followers of Jesus have been awaiting anxiously for the arrival again of the day of the Lord. They were not told when that event would occur, only that it would

happen. The Apostle Paul said, "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." (I Thess. 5:2). A thief who acts under the cloak of darkness does so to completely conceal the moment that he strikes. Likewise the hour and the day of Christ's coming shall be at a time which is completely unknown to us.

Perhaps the purpose for His unexpected return in the Plan of God is intended to primarily make us condition ourselves to lead better lives. Not knowing the precise time of his return, we must live each day with the expectation that He might possibly appear; thus we must live in such a way as not to be ashamed at His coming at any time. This hope draws from us a far more greater endeavor in serving God daily than if we did not have this possibility. Without hope, our spiritual lives could become lifeless and we could become prone to complacency. Speaking of this hope, the Apostle John says, "... when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (I John 3:2,3). Notice the use of the word "we". It indicates they expected His return in their day. As they lived in anticipation of Christ's return, so likewise we in the latter days should have the same hope and expectation.

## ISSUED 1900 YEARS AGO

It has been over 1900 years since the promise of His coming was issued. Yet our hopes and dreams have not faded over this period of time. The Bible foretells of those in the last days who will lose faith and hope in His promise through the fading of time. They shall say, "Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (II Peter 3:4). They will scoff at the promise of His coming and think that things will go on as they always have since the beginning of creation, with one generation following another without any change. Nevertheless, we know that the Word of God will not fail.

Our constant prayer is that we might contain the same spirit as the Apostle John while on the Isle of Patmos. He was shown the glories of this era of time. Viewing this glorious event caused him to fall at the feet of the angel to worship him for showing him this event (Rev. 22:8). Verse 20 of this great book specified, "He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen." The Apostle John answered, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

The main thought which I am sure we all possess is that we should be fully prepared for His coming. Our hopes and expectations reflect the depth and glory of this event. Our prayer is that we may each be able to have such a close association with the Lord that we may be able also to say "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25, 26).

# AUDITORIUM NEWS

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

The latest reports received from Brother Mel Mountain indicate the following Auditorium construction progress:

The contractor states he is having problems getting delivery of the steel for the roof. Four delivery dates have been promised and not met. This could cause some slight delay in the completion of the building. Most of the concrete floors have been poured. The masonry work is finished except for two interior walls that cannot be completed until the structural steel arrives. The brickwork has been cleaned and washed.

The rough grading around the building has been completed and is ready for topsoil. The parking lots are down to specific grade levels and are ready for crushed stone.

The electricians and plumbers have completed all the work they are able to do prior to the installation of the roof.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is a tabulation of the financial progress relative to the cost of Auditorium construction:

Contract price of the Auditorium	\$343,300
Less 10% to be retained until completion of building	\$ 34,300
Amount due by completion of building	\$309,000
Amount authorized for payment to-date	\$131,463
Balance due by completion of building	\$177,537

We would like to advise all concerned that the financial institution with which we have our mortgage has given the Church a donation of \$4500 by cancelling their usual mortgage fees. Our thanks go to the officers and the Board of Directors for this unexpected action.

We have not found it necessary to use any of the mortgage funds thus far, but it may be necessary to draw on some of the money when the next "certificate for payment" is received. We would urge all Treasurers to continue to forward donations and loans to Brother Anthony Ensana, Treasurer of the General Board of Trustees, as soon as they are received.

## IMPERIAL SITE NEGOTIATIONS

A meeting was held with Mr. Eric Jones, the Business Manager for the County of Allegheny on June 17. Representing the Church were Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President; Dominic Thomas, Secretary of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles and the Auditorium Committee Secretary; and Mr. Mel Bassi, the General Church Attorney.

Mr. Jones stated that "The appraisals have been received and they are in the process of evaluating the data in order to submit a formal offer to The Church."

It can be expected that this figure will be low and will reflect the value of the Imperial site and construction only. We shall be entitled to receive this amount right away. We shall then

enter into negotiations and condemnation proceedings to recapture the amount of the "change order" and the cost of moving to the new site.

Mr. Bassi has recommended the following course of action. He will make arrangements for a conference with a noted real estate condemnation expert from the City of Pittsburgh for an opinion regarding the position of The Church and the amount of the claim we have submitted. Secondly, he will seek a meeting with congressmen of the areas to receive any help they can give. Thirdly, upon receipt of the formal offer from Allegheny County, it will be reviewed; and, if the amount is acceptable, we shall settle and eliminate condemnation proceedings. However, we may receive a lower preliminary offer and cash payment and have to negotiate the balance. This will probably result in an October or November hearing before the Board of View which will produce a verdict.

## GENERAL CHURCH TRUSTEES

The General Church Board of Trustees met with the Trustees of the Greensburg Branch and the Pennsylvania District at Greensburg in June and discussed thoughts and ideas relative to the operation and maintenance of the General Church Auditorium. The following items of business were discussed:

1. Establishment of priorities for scheduled meeting.
2. Method of scheduling other meetings at Auditorium.
3. Special use by groups by application.
4. Publishing a schedule of meetings one year in advance.
5. An outline of needs and responsibilities for the operation of the kitchen facilities.
6. Methods of handling janitorial, repairs, and maintenance services.

No final decisions were reached during this discussion; however, a meeting will be called later this year with the Officers of the Ladies' Circle, General Missionary Benevolent Association, and the Branch and District Boards of Trustees to formulate these items into a workable program which will be made available to all Branches and Missions of The Church.

## AUXILIARY ASSISTANCE

Donations are being received weekly from the Sunday School units as their contribution towards furnishing the Auditorium. This money will purchase items such as the pews, tables, and chairs.

The Ladies' Circle has turned over to Brother Ensana its fund which was collected by the General Ladies' Circle. This fund will be used to pay for all the kitchen equipment. They have also been granted permission to start a fund to buy utensils such as dishes and silverware.

## WRITER'S COMMENTS

This article is intended to give you the most accurate and most recent information which is presently available. It is hoped that The Church's members and friends are pleased with the results.

The Auditorium project has been a long, hard struggle for all of us; but, though there is still much to be done, we can begin to see the dawning of the sunlight of a new day. This day

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# Editorial Comment

## GOD HATES EVIL

By Dominic Moraco

The Holy Scriptures declare that God despises all forms of evil and that He cannot look upon and tolerate it with the least degree of allowance. The significance of this is further made evident in that all followers of God are instructed to live righteous and holy lives before Him. Certain acts which God hates are presented in both the Bible and Book of Mormon, among which King Solomon was inspired to identify seven specific evils as being especially detestable to God. In Proverbs 6:16-19 he states:

*"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:*

*"A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

*"An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,*

*"A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."*

At first glance it would appear that Solomon was describing our present generation. It is known from history, however, that evil has prevailed upon the earth since the fall of Adam. It is particularly unfortunate for all of us that the general condition of waywardness should be so prevalent today among both old and young.

In the foregoing scripture, we are told that God hates a proud look. This countenance may be best described as a look of arrogance and evil pride. The display of this kind of pride is generally found among persons who have a feeling of superiority. They seem to possess that "I am better than you" look, an appearance of unnecessarily inflated self-esteem which God truly hates. Such people also seem to have very little need for God in their lives; and, if they do, they may feel it is below their dignity to ask for His assistance. This is not to say that one should not display satisfaction in his achievements or to "take pride" in his God-given talents. The key is to not forget God's supremacy and the reliance which must be placed upon Him for all things.

## LIES COMPOUND

A lying tongue is abhorred by God because the devil is the father of lies. Nothing good has ever been accomplished by a lie. Usually, one lie leads to many lies as a cover-up for the first untruth. Some believe in degrees of lies with some thought not to be as severe as others. It should be noted that nowhere in The Scriptures are any forms of lies justified.

Hands that shed innocent blood or the act of murder is also obviously hated by God. These violent acts by their very nature break all laws of human love and compassion. It is indeed regrettable that we hear and read of so many murders today, especially among young people who many times act impulsively or under undue influence. The killing of innocent men, women, and children in Viet Nam is an example of the shedding of innocent blood.

That God cannot tolerate a heart that devises wicked imaginations is easily understandable. Wickedness is like a seed planted in the heart.

If nurtured, it will grow and expand, eventually affecting everyone with whom it comes in contact. Personal peril and destruction are possible for all who indulge in these endeavors. Because of wicked imaginations, God was once compelled to destroy the world by water.

The spreading of mischief is greatly disliked by God because persons so inclined are either unaware of the beauty and boundless mercies of God or scorn them. Rather than living serenely under God's laws, they partake of the things to which they have been forbidden. Mischief may be defined as harm done intentionally or unintentionally. Certainly, no servant of God would want to be guilty of mischief or of harming any individual because realistically he will want to do good under all circumstances. He will want to extend a helping hand instead of offering a moral or physical setback.

## FALSE WITNESS

A false witness who speaks lies does not have God's approval. One can quickly perceive the indignation which this behavior arouses. Of added consideration, bearing false witness can be especially harmful to an innocent person and may even place a stigma on him for life. Bearing false witness may result in the conviction of the innocent party while the guilty individual is made to go free. Thus, those who bear false witness are partners in crime for they have condoned the act of the guilty party. Today, even guilt by inference can be most damaging. Many lives have been ruined by a sly comment or by the alluding to a possible fact or to hearsay evidence. Character assassination can therefore be just as severe as can be actual presentation of false witness.

Finally, he who sows discord among brethren also has God's condemnation. This last act can be accomplished in a very subtle manner, but its effects upon a group or an individual can be most devastating. Discord separates and divides friendships faster than anything else. What confidence may have taken a long period of time to cultivate can be destroyed over alleged differences which have been introduced by an unthinking or maliciously-minded person. The hurts and strained relationships which result can cause dire consequences, unwanted by any right-thinking individual.

In the final analysis, God does not change. Neither do His commandments. What was true in the days of King Solomon is true for us today. Assuredly, God still hates these seven things today as He did in Solomon's day.

Customs and traditions may change, but people still behave in the same manner as they have from the beginning of mankind. No matter how plainly and compassionately God extends His arm of mercy, man still seems desirous of destroying himself through unsanctioned behavior as discussed above. All humble followers of Christ will want to and do make every attempt to avoid these hateful acts, of course. Righteous parents should, therefore, teach their children the things which are displeasing to God and encourage them to try to please Him in all their actions. Loving God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves would thus be fulfilled.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*We owe it urgently to ourselves and others, as well as The Church, to find our faults, face them, and forsake them. There are no unpardonable faults.*

## Facing Our Faults

Many times we advise individuals to overlook the faults of one another. No doubt many of us have had the occasion to speak such words to someone, and I believe this is good advice because all of us have faults. We may take comfort in the thought, "Well, that's a fault I have and people will just have to look over it." However, we should never overlook our own faults, but rather, I believe, we should remember them. We have all noticed how easy it is to remember someone else's faults. I think it would do us all good if we would try to forget other people's faults and begin to remember our own.

I am impressed with this thought from reading about a man away back in the Old Testament Scriptures. I don't know his name, but he was a butler serving time in jail. He made the statement, "I do remember my faults this day:".

The incident referred to has its background in the following account. Joseph is sold into slavery by his envious brothers. The Midianites who bought Joseph for twenty pieces of silver took him into Egypt and sold him to an army officer by the name of Potiphar. The Scriptures say the Lord was with Joseph and made all that he did prosper in his hand. He found grace in the sight of his master and was made overseer of his house. The Lord blessed this man's house, and even his fields, for Joseph's sake. Something happened, however, which brought trouble to him. This officer's wife, who was a woman laden with silly sins, made advances to Joseph; such advances a gentleman like Joseph resisted. Eventually, though, she trapped him and he was unjustly sentenced to prison; but the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy. He found favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison and was soon business manager of the prison.

### ALSO IMPRISONED

About this time Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker offended him in some way and they too landed in prison. While there, they both dreamed troublesome dreams which Joseph interpreted for them. The baker was to be hanged and the butler was to go free. As the butler left the prison, Joseph said, "But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon."

The butler, however, forgot Joseph. He forgot a friend; he neglected to carry out a promise, an obligation, until one day Pharaoh dreamed a dream that troubled him. The butler, upon learning of this and that no one could interpret it, went to the King and burst out with these words, "I do remember my faults this day:". Even though God intended to use Joseph as an instrument in His hands to help His people, a man had to undo a fault before the grand process could get underway.

### NOT NECESSARILY SINS

Faults are not necessarily sins. A willful transgression of God's law is sin, but faults are destructive and can prevent things from being accomplished. Homes are broken up simply because of faults. It is my honest opinion that someone always suffers from our faults; on the other hand, someone is always blessed when we remember them and come to grips with them. The Church suffers because of faults. I'm afraid much of God's will in The Church and for The Church is held up, perhaps even prevented, because we, as Saints, refuse to come to grips with our own faults.

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# M.B.A. Highlights

## Pennsylvania Area Holds Campout; One Baptized

By Mark Landrey,  
Pennsylvania Area Editor

The Pennsylvania Benevolent Association Area held its campout from June 10 to June 14 at Jennerstown, Pa. Approximately 200 persons were registered at the camp, and around 250 persons were in attendance for the Sunday morning meeting. The attendance included persons from Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio and Washington D.C., along with an excellent representation of all the M.B.A. locals in Pennsylvania.

Camp was started June 10 at noon with the people getting established in their bunkhouses or tents. The majority of the day was spent in socializing and getting acquainted or reacquainted with each other. After the evening meal, an evening worship service was held, with a campfire following the service. Wonderful singing and music was heard each night at the campfire meetings.

The schedule for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday was breakfast, morning chapel, recreation period, lunch, seminars, supper, evening service and campfire. Free time also existed throughout each day.

Saturday's evening service was turned over to the young people, and it was used as a testimony meeting. The Spirit of God was felt in this wonderful service and Jeannine Davis from Roscoe, Pennsylvania requested baptism. After the evening service, another testimony meeting was held at the campfire. It was wonderful to see the Saints sitting around the campfire during the midnight hours singing praises to His name and testifying of His great love.

### BAPTIZED IN MORNING

Sunday morning following breakfast, a long line of cars could be seen winding to a nearby lake where the new Sister Davis was baptized by Brother George Johnson, Sr. Following the baptism the Saints returned to camp for the worship service during which Sister Davis was confirmed by Brother Paul Palmieri. Brother Isaac Smith, missionary to the White River Indian Reservation in Arizona, made a surprise visit to the gathering that morning and he gave a wonderful talk about the Indian people and on serving God. After the morning service, the final meal was eaten, and the Saints reluctantly left for home. We all are looking forward to the next campout.

Much thanks and credit must be given to the committees and officers who made the camp a big success.

At every campout, there is a song which is more prominent than the others. At the Pennsylvania event at Jennerstown last year, it was "He Touched Me." This year, the song which touched

the hearts of many was "What A Savior." This hymn had previously been sung by the Michigan-Ontario Area Choir at the last General MBA Conference in Warren, Michigan on May 16. It touched all who heard it then, and the same feeling was just as prevalent at the Pennsylvania gathering.

The words of this hymn are printed below:

"Once I was straying in sin's dark valley,  
No hope within could I see;  
They searched thru heaven and found a Savior  
To save a poor lost soul like me.

"He left the Father, with all His riches,  
With calmness sweet and serene,  
Came down from heaven and gave  
His life-blood,

To make the vilest sinner clean.

"Death's chilly waters I'll soon be crossing,  
His hand will lead me safe o'er;  
I'll join the chorus in that great city,  
And sing up there forevermore.

### Chorus:

"O what a Savior, O hallelujah,  
His heart was broken on Calvary;  
His hands were nail-scarred, His  
side was riven,  
He gave His life-blood for even me."



## UR WOMEN TODAY

## SISTER LOUISE MADONIA

By Mary Lovalvo

*(The following is a tribute written about our late Sister Louise Madonia by a person who knew her many deeds and her faithfulness in The Gospel of Christ.)*

— (Editor's Note)

How does one begin to write about a wonderful woman, her attributes, her determination, her sacrifices, her unwavering faith, her devotion to God, and above all, her unfailing service to The Church? I can only begin by saying, "She was a Saint!" There are so many good things I remember about her that I know I shall not find either the space or ability to describe her.

Among the many vivid recollections I have of her is one about her coming to our home when I was very young and, as yet, not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. It was a very cold winter day in Detroit, Michigan when Sister Madonia arrived at our house, and immediately she began to speak to my family about the Lord and His Church. Although I was not a member of The Church, I marveled at the depth of her faith and knowledge. After visiting for a few hours, and seeing that she was ready to leave for her home, my mother told her that my brother, Mark, would drive her home. She replied, "No, please don't, as it is too dangerous to drive a car in this weather." She was determined to walk home!

I remember speaking to her one day concerning the absence of idols and religious pictures in her Church. (I was raised a Catholic and considered myself a very devout person.) She, very

meekly, yet with an assured air replied, "If one of your loved ones had been killed with a sword, would you reverence that weapon?" Her reply motivated me to start praying directly to God, rather than to anyone else, or anything made of hands. She was a woman who lived solely for The Church, regardless of time, weather, or sacrifice.

Sister Madonia was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the month of March, 1928. Her baptism was enhanced by the fact that her late husband, Joseph, who likewise was a staunch adherent of The Faith, was also baptized the same day. After accepting The Gospel, she became a very zealous person, whose ultimate pleasure was to tell others about The Restored Gospel. She dedicated herself to the service of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in that she was tireless in seeking out her neighbors and friends and telling them the story of Jesus. She spoke to her relatives unceasingly of her testimony, and she sought out the members of her former church, to tell them also of The Restored Gospel. God used this wonderful Saint as an instrument in His Hands to spread The Gospel, and surely she responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit without thought to her own welfare, but seeking rather the welfare of others. No one can say just how many persons were baptized because of her efforts, but suffice it to note that many were the ones she was able to help convert to the Lord, by His Grace.

I learned from reliable sources that Detroit Branch No. 3 grew from her efforts. When Branch 3 was established, she was the first Sister there ordained as a Deaconess, and she truly magnified the office by her good works. There is no question of the faith she possessed, as she laid at the feet of Jesus all her heart, mind, and strength. She was interested in all people, especially the poor and needy, who received her uppermost affection. I also understand that, before she died, she distributed all of her substance to the poor of The Church.

Hardly had a year passed from the day of her baptism when all of her six children and their husbands were baptized also: Frank and Josephine Palermo, Emil and Anna Carlini, Frank and Rose Ferrante, John and Pauline Dulisse, Jerome and Providence Palermo, and Barney and Louise Leto. Rose and Louise have also passed away from this life to go to their reward in heaven.

Sister Madonia moved to California in 1953, where she abode until God called her home to Him on Christmas Day in 1965. She left a heritage of faith and perseverance that will be difficult to equal.

We did not only wish to speak of her after her death, but some years ago in California it was the desire of many to compliment her while she was still alive. A special evening was devoted to her and the events of her life were recalled. This tribute was enjoyed immensely by all. After the program, she was presented with a lovely pair of slippers to remind us all that her feet had been shod with the preparation of The Gospel of Peace.

One cannot say "Goodbye" to such a beautiful person, but rather "We'll meet you again in God's tomorrow."



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### HAPPINESS IS OBEDIENCE

Dear Girls and Boys,

When we obey our parents, we are happy and they are happy too. It is the same when we obey God. When we do wrong, we are very, very unhappy. There is a story in the Bible about a big man who did not obey God, and he was very unhappy. This man was Jonah.

Jonah was one of God's messengers, and he was told to go to the city of Ninevah to preach. The people there were not good and Jonah was to tell them to repent. But Jonah did not want to go. Do you know what he did? He ran away. He thought he could hide from God! He went to the sea where he saw a big ship ready to go far away to Tarshish. He paid his fare and got on the ship.

He went down in the ship, thinking this was a good place to hide. Soon he was fast asleep. God knew where Jonah was hiding. No one can hide from God. God wanted Jonah to obey Him so He sent a strong wind. It blew and blew! Higher and higher went the waves against the ship! The sailors and people were frightened. They said, "Let us pray." The shipmaster went down to waken Jonah. The sailors asked Jonah who he was, where he came from, and what was his occupation. He said, "I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord . . ." He said that, if they threw him into the water, the storm would stop. The sailors took Jonah and threw him overboard. Jonah knew why the storm came. Do you?

The wind stopped blowing. The Lord was good to Jonah. He was safe. God had a great fish there to swallow Jonah. He stayed inside the fish for three days. Then the fish took him safely to the shore.

Jonah went to Ninevah as fast as he could. He gave God's message. He told the people that in 40 days an enemy would take Ninevah because the people were not good. They listened to Jonah. They were sorry for all the wrong they had done. God forgave them. How happy they were that Jonah had obeyed God! Do you agree, HAPPINESS IS OBEDIENCE?

Here is another riddle from a reader in Florida:

"Another story that we do read

A lesson it teaches us too,

For this one man great trials he had

Could we bear what he went through?

"His children he lost, his flock, his herd,

His body was racked with pain,

With patience he won a victory,

With faith, a crown he did gain."

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

## MISSIONARY FIELD

### New Muncey Brother Gives His Testimony

By Joseph Milantoni, Evangelist

To us who have attended the Muncey Mission over the years, we have considered Brother Sam French's conversion as something of a miracle. Although he, his mother, Sarah, and younger brother, Lloyd, attended the Muncey Mission in Ontario, Canada for approximately three years, he indulged in much of the sinful activities that is found everywhere, including the Indian Reservations of the United States and Canada. A few months prior to his baptism, he began to pull himself away from those habits that kept him removed from God and His Church.

He would come to Church and periodically ask the Ministry and Saints to pray that someday God would set him completely free from sin. That day finally arrived on February 8, 1970 and Brother Anthony Scolaro baptized him in the Thames River. We thank God for this young Brother and our prayer is that God will overshadow him constantly with His Spirit. Perhaps someday, like the Prophet Samuel of his forefathers, Brother Sam will declare the message of Christ and His Latter Day Gospel to the Lamanite Nation who await that day of liberation from darkness and sin we all know will come.

Following is Brother Sam's personal testimony:

"My name is Samuel French. I was born in London on January 3, 1947, but I grew up on the Muncey Indian Reserve. Through the years I lived a life of sin and drunkenness but this day I am grateful that Christ came into my life through the Restored Gospel. I was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on February 8, 1970, and I pray to the Heavenly Father that I will remain faithful to the end. (He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved). My prayer is that many of my people, the Indian people who are the Lamanites, a remnant of the House of Israel, will turn from their ways and come into the Restored Gospel, and serve Him in spirit and in truth.

"My prayer be with you all. God bless you.

Brother Samuel French  
Muncey Indian Reservation"

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will be one in which the rich heritage of The Church, coupled with the vibrant zeal of today's Church youth who are sparked with the sense of accomplishment, acting in unity, and armed with the "Restored Gospel" will make a tremendous impact on a world filled with sin. The Church of Jesus Christ, with its headquarters in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, can now say to the world, "Here is that light set upon a hill." She can now say, in the words of the Saviour, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." We will no longer have to depend on the world to dictate the time, frequency

or place of meeting. We can relax and enjoy God's blessings together. May God bless all your efforts.

## Editorial Viewpoint

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Let us go back to Joseph in prison. Even though God intended to use Joseph as an instrument in His hands, to help His people, a man had to undo a fault before the grand process could get underway. Thus, as a result of the butler's remembering his fault, Joseph was freed from prison and became the King's Grand Vizier, which placed him in a position whereby he could perform the work God had designed to be accomplished.

*We owe it urgently to ourselves and others, as well as The Church, to find our faults, face them and forsake them. There are no unpardonable faults. Again I say, "Someone always suffers from our faults and someone is always blessed when we remember them and do something about them."*

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supported on the backs of elephants, which stood on the shell of a great turtle which, in turn, swam around in a cosmic sea.

Science today tells us that the earth is suspended in space, with nothing holding it up. Yet Job, over 3,000 years ago, was able to declare that "He (God) stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." (Job 26:7).

During the time of Christopher Columbus, it was a popular belief that the earth was flat, and that, if a person sailed far enough out to sea, he would fall off the edge. In about 250 B.C., Eratosthenes discovered that the earth was of a spherical shape. Even before then, between 700 and 800 years before Christ, however, Isaiah wrote, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth . . ." (Isaiah 40:22). The Hebrew word translated "circle" refers not to a flat circle but a sphere.

### TWO GREAT LIGHTS

In Genesis 1:16, as part of the account of the creation, Moses wrote, "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also." Moses here declares the sun to be greater than the moon, which is accurate. Some ancient observers thought the moon was bigger than the sun because it appears bigger at times. Moses did not make this mistake. He avoided further error, for he did not say "the greatest light to rule the day." There are numerous stars far bigger than the sun, although they look like specks of light in the sky. Moses had no telescope, but he was scientifically accurate.

The Apostle Paul had no telescope either, yet in I Corinthians 15:41 he says, "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory." Astronomers know today that stars are of different colors and

have different degrees of brilliance.

The hydrological cycle of evaporation and precipitation is described in *Ecclesiastes 1:7*. Many of our current food laws and medical treatments are taken from the books of *Leviticus* and *Deuteronomy*.

Significantly, in *Leviticus 17:11* God told the Israelites, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood . . ." This medical fact was discovered within the last century. If George Washington's doctors knew about this verse, they would not have bled him to cure his cold.

## Observe Ordinance Of Feet-Washing At Joint Meeting

An inspiring day was spent together on Sunday, June 28, in Cleveland, Ohio as The Church's East Side Branch hosted the West Side Mission in observing the ordinance of feet-washing.

Brothers Rocco V. Biscotti, who was leaving for a visit to California, Vincent Gibson, and Mario Milano were the speakers.

The presence of the Lord was greatly felt during the testimonies of the Brothers and Sisters, the anointing of the ill and afflicted, and the washing of feet. At the close of the service, the children sang the inspiring hymn, "What A Day That Will Be."

All children of the Lord long for that day, realizing that blessings such as felt by the Cleveland congregations at the feet-washing service are but samples of what will be experienced in eternity with God.

## Ordain Deaconess At White River Indian Reservation

A new Deaconess was ordained at the White River Indian Reservation, Arizona on Sunday, June 28. Called into her new office was Sister Bonnie Smith, who had moved to the new Church Mission from Monongahela, Pennsylvania with her husband, Evangelist Isaac Smith, and their family one year ago.

Sister Doris Metz, Deaconess from Monongahela who had also taken up residence near White River, washed Sister Smith's feet. Evangelist Joseph Calabrese, Sister Smith's father, ordained her a Deaconess.

The blessings of God have been plentiful at White River at the calling and ordination of Sister Smith and at other manifestations of The Spirit which have been experienced there.

Incidentally, Brother Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio also attended services and spoke, in addition to White River during his western trip during June, at Church locations in St. John, Kansas; San Fernando Valley and Yucaipa, California; and Phoenix, Arizona.

## Visitor Speaks; Bible School In Aliquippa

A guest speaker addressed the congregation and the Branch's fifth annual Vacation Bible School was held at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania beginning during the third week in June. Apostle Rocco V. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio was the visitor who spoke on Thursday evening, June 18, while the Bible School was conducted June 20 through July 3.

Brother Biscotti, in talking to the members and visitors at Aliquippa, read from King Benjamin's address in the *Book of Mormon*. He also elaborated on a dream his wife, Sister Angeline, had in May 1967, which has been accepted by the General Church and is on record. Speaking with much liberty, Brother Biscotti exhorted all to live righteously and not to conform to the things of the world. He stressed the importance of living according to God's way, thus being more fully prepared for The Lord's work.

The theme of the scriptural classes was "Saul of Tarsus." There were 31 children who attended regularly. Each Wednesday was "Missionary Day," and the money collected on those days was sent to the White River Indian Reservation in Arizona.

The teacher-in-charge of the school was Sister Mary Tamburrino. Teachers for the sections were the following Sisters: Junior Class, Philomena DeLuca and Eleanor Palmieri; Intermediate Class, Joan Gibson and Patricia Giannetti; Primary Class, Josephine Ross and Diana Gula; Kindergarten Class, Sara Palmieri and Victoria D'Antonio; and the Nursery Class, Mary Ross and Sabina D'Antonio. The music was played by Brother Pete Giannetti.

A program, highlighting the instruction given to the students, was presented the evening of July 3.

The Aliquippa Branch had a most enjoyable period, both in hearing the important words of Brother Biscotti and in conducting its most beneficial Vacation Bible School.

## Teacher Ordained At Edison, N. J.

A new Teacher was ordained at the Edison, New Jersey Branch on Sunday, May 24. Called into this important position was Brother John D'Orazio.

Brother D'Orazio's feet were washed by Brother Anthony Ensana, and he was ordained a Teacher by his brother, Brother August D'Orazio.

All members of the Edison Branch were blessed at the calling and ordination of their new Teacher.

## Two Baptisms; Vacation School At Detroit No. 3

Two baptisms were performed and the Branch's fifth annual Vacation Bible School was held at Detroit, Michigan No. 3 within a two week span as summer began. The baptisms occurred on two consecutive Sundays, June 21 and 28, while the summer scriptural classes were conducted June 22 through July 2.

On June 21, Kathleen Cundiff made her decision to become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was baptized by Brother Peter H. Capone and was confirmed by Brother Nephi DeMercurio. Brother Anthony Picciuto, visiting from Perry, Ohio, had introduced the service, using *James 1:5* and *Hebrews 5:6, 7* as the passages for his text. He spoke on the goodness of our Heavenly Father in referring to the day designated as Father's Day, and he related his testimony and how he had come into The Gospel. He also pointed out the wonderful example his father had set for him. Sister Cundiff made her intentions known at the conclusion of the service.

Entering the fold the following Sunday was David Andruccioli, who also made his decision at the end of the meeting. The speakers had been Brothers Silverio Criscuolo and Peter H. Capone, and the topic covered the scriptural urging of "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." The new Brother was taken into the waters by Brother Silver Copp, and he was confirmed by Brother Mario Copp. Blessings were greatly felt during this day (which was further enriched by the Branch's observance of feet washing ordinance), the same as had been experienced the previous Sunday.

The Bible School was directed by Sisters Angeline Trovarelli and Mary Copp who, along with Brother Paul Whitton, formed the committee for the project. About 65 children were present each day, many of whom came from the immediate community in which the Branch is located.

The youngsters were divided into several classes, and they studied lessons on the "Parables of Christ." The groups and the instructors were as follows: Nursery, Marjorie D'Amico and Michael Capone; Pre-schoolers, Sister Violet Quinlan; Primary No. 1, Sister Kathleen Furitano; Primary No. 2, Sister Harriet Francione and Shirley Carrato; Intermediate No. 1, Sister Almerinda Kaczmarek and Timothy Capone; Intermediate No. 2, Sister Mary Copp and Argia Whyte; and Junior, Sisters Lorraine DeMercurio and Mary Criscuolo.

In addition to the basic parables, the children were taught hymns, various crafts, and memory verses. Also quizzes related to the subjects were given. The Sisters who participated in teaching the crafts were Frances Capone, Ruth Copp, Arline Whitton, and Olura Paravano.

A program was presented on Thursday evening, July 2, highlighting the proceedings which had taken place during the two weeks of instruction. The young students sang, recited memory

verses, and reviewed each day's work. A social period followed the program, and all assembled were able to fellowship together and observe the crafts which the children had completed.

The two-week period at the start of summer certainly brought many rays of heavenly sunshine at Detroit No. 3.

## Stationed On Coast, Detroiter Baptized At San Diego

Samuel Richard Taormino of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 was baptized at the San Diego, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday, June 21. He is stationed in the service at San Diego, which enables him to attend meetings in that city.

The new Brother was baptized by Brother Thomas Liberto, and he was confirmed by Brother Allen Henderson, who was visiting from the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Branch.

The entry of Brother Taormino into The Gospel was a blessing not only to the San Diego congregation but also to his home Branch in Detroit, where other baptisms occurred the week before and on the same day, as reported above.

## Brief News of Interest

### MISSIONARY FILMS SHOWN

The Michigan-Ontario District was most privileged to have seen some films of The Church's Indian missionary work in Arizona and Mexico. The pictures were taken and narrated by Brother Jan Van Buren of San Diego, California, and they were made available for Sister Evelyn Perdue who had brought them to the Ladies' Circle Jubilee Conference, as reported last month.

Depicted were the San Carlos and White River Missions in Arizona and the Tijuana, Mexico Missions. The work done at these locations was realistically portrayed and reflected the enthusiasm and zeal which are being expended at these locations.

Full-time missionaries are laboring at the sites. Brother Dan Picciuto, along with his wife, Sister Dolores, and family, has been at San Carlos for some time. Brother Isaac Smith, his wife, Sister Bonnie, and their family, and Brother John Bickerton, his wife, Sister Dorothy, and their family have moved to White River during the last year. Brother Edward and Sister Evelyn Perdue have been involved in the endeavors at Tijuana for many years.

For those who have been unable to make the trip to either of the featured places, the films were most informative as well as being most interesting.

Branches No. 2 and 4 viewed them together at Branch 4, while Branches 1 and 3 and the Windsor, Ontario, Canada members saw them at Branch 1.

Many thanks are being sent by the Michigan-Ontario District to Brother Van Buren and Sister

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## NUPTIALS

### LENHART-WARD

Mr. Robert Lenhart and Miss Katherine Ward were joined in wedlock at the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 27. Brother John Ali conducted the wedding ceremony.

The Lenharts now live in Clairton, Pennsylvania.

### DAVIES-ABBOTT

Mr. Philip Davies and Miss Kathleen Abbott were united in holy matrimony at the Cleveland, Ohio East Side Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 6. Brother Vincent Gibson officiated at the ceremony. Sister Betty Santilli was the pianist.

The newlyweds now live in Euclid, Ohio.

### KENDALL-SPRABERY

Mr. Robert James Kendall and Miss Vicki Lynn Sprabery were married at the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 6. Brother Idris Martin officiated at the ceremony. Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky was the vocal soloist.

The groom is presently in the service, while the bride awaits him at Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

### RICHARDSON-LOVALVO

Mr. Stephen Richardson and Miss Faye Marie Lovalvo were joined in holy wedlock at the Modesto, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 23. Brother Leonard Lovalvo, brother of the bride, presided at the ceremony. Vocal soloist was Sister Rose Lovalvo, sister of the bride.

The Richardsons now reside in the Santa Cruz area.

## OBITUARIES

### STEPHEN LACOMMARE

Brother Stephen LaCommare of the San Diego, California Branch, who was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ for over 37 years, completed his journey in this life on June 23. Born on May 3, 1885, he was baptized into The Church on May 21, 1933.

He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Brother Benjamin Ciccati presided at the funeral services, assisted by Brother Thomas Liberto.

A wonderful example for everyone who knew him, Brother LaCommare was a devoted and very beloved member of The Gospel of Christ. His fervent desires in serving The Lord reflected the qualities necessary in following The Master.

### ANTONIO MASSARI

Brother Antonio Massari, a faithful member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 of The Church of Jesus Christ for almost two decades, passed on to his eternal reward on June 19. Born on December 18, 1884, he was baptized into The Church on September 10, 1950.

Brother Paul Francione officiated at the funeral services.

Our departed Brother, who seldom missed a meeting and who enjoyed the fellowship of all the Brothers and Sisters, will be missed by everyone who was accustomed to his presence. All who knew him found him to be most humble, kind, and generous.

### SEBASTIAN PICCOLO

Brother Sebastian Piccolo, a long-time faithful member of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch of The

Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on June 9. Born on December 17, 1885, he was baptized into The Church on April 1, 1928.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother John Ali, assisted by Brother Peter DePiero.

A Deacon for many years, Brother Piccolo was a great asset to the Branch. His example, determination, and steadfastness in The Gospel for over 42 years stood as tributes of his labors for The Lord.

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Perdue for the showing of these valuable pictures.

### CALIFORNIA CAMPOUT

The California Camp '70 will begin at Camp Forest Springs on Friday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m., and it will end on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. Meals will be provided, beginning with breakfast on August 22 and continuing through the evening meal on the 25th.

Anyone interested in attending the event, sponsored by the California Missionary Benevolent Association Area, may contact Sister Judith Calabrese, 23979 Via Bocina, Valencia, California, and she will dispatch the appropriate information and forms for registration.

Another enjoyable and memorable time is anticipated at this gathering, which has become an annual part of the California MBA Area's schedule. Last year, the west coast Area managed the General MBA Campout which was held in California. In previous years, as now, the region has conducted its own outing. At each of these times, the blessings of God were most prevalent and many souls were called into The Gospel.

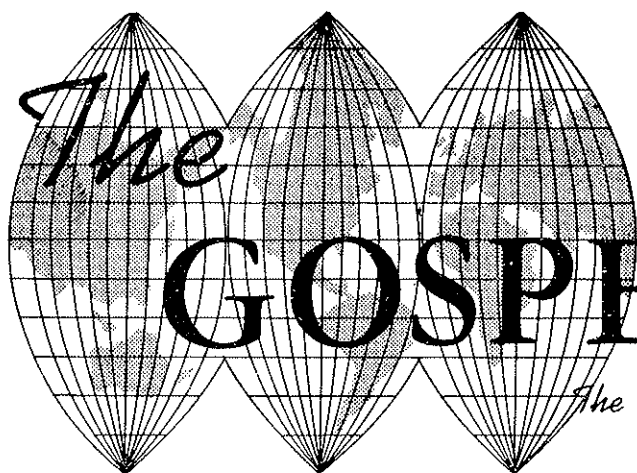
### EXPERIENCE BEFORE BAPTISM

An experience was received prior to the baptism of the new Sister Jeannine Davis of Roscoe, Pennsylvania, who came into the fold at the Pennsylvania MBA Campout (reported on page 6 in "MBA Highlights").

A week before the gathering, one of the Sisters of the Roscoe Branch dreamed she had given birth to a baby girl. She was a lovely baby. The Sister saw some of the Brothers and Sisters there who were happy over the arrival of the baby. She also observed Sister Ruth Akerman, GMBA Corresponding Secretary, in the dream, and she understood that Sister Akerman was like a nurse to the baby.

The dream was fulfilled, and Sister Akerman, who is very active in the MBA, was present at the campout and the baptism.

Obviously, the Roscoe Branch is overjoyed at the addition of our new Sister Davis.



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## INSPIRATION:

### Its Hidden Power

By Patsy Marinetti, Evangelist

Inspiration is an intense and bursting force seeking a medium of expression. As one reaches out for expression, he is instantaneously and overwhelmingly enveloped by feelings that are as virgin and fresh as the first budding flowers at springtime. Sometimes inspiration is supernatural; it has purity of purpose and no self-interest.

Under the power of this inspirational force, man reveals as well as conveys through various media — such as art, poetry, science, religion, and music, — feelings, thoughts and truths never before touched upon by previous mortals. The vast area from which inspiration can draw its resources is unlimited. The creative possibilities of man — which are his most significant contributions in this life — are inexhaustible. For example, in the field of the written or spoken work, the words may be old, but the new feelings of sensitivity when expressed in new phrases and interwoven with original thoughts and sentiments can radiate a new crystallized light of truth.

With assistance from the Almighty, the soul and mind of man have been given the privilege to pioneer the heights of a new and elevated plain, transcending into heights that few individuals experience. This elevated plain at times borders on a proximity and fellowship with that which is divine.

#### SOMETHING NEW

Inspiration creates something new; it cannot imitate. The individual who is moved by pure inspiration creates a specific standard of identity, which although unique in style, adheres to long-tested principles of moral soundness.

By observation, prayerful study, and meditation man, through his initiative, gradually comes to discover that vein which eventually leads him to that fountain from which many have derived the crystal insight of pure inspiration. Once the avenue of inspiration is discovered, man develops new creative powers. He cannot be satisfied any longer with the horizons or ranges of thought to which the minds and efforts of others have brought him. He now launches out to find new horizons of thought, of vision, and of expres-

sion. He finds a new plain of activity.

The recipient of inspiration is not always aware of his audience, observers, admirers, critics or his enemies, for he must obey and render allegiance to pure truth. He has become responsible to a cause. He feels deeply the surging force which propels all of his faculties and energies towards a concentrated objective which is the core of his deepest feelings and convictions.

#### SPONTANEOUS EVIDENCE

Like a flash of lightning in the heavens, so likewise is the spontaneous evidence of inspiration when it envelops an individual. Its brilliant flashing light holds people spellbound in its power. That which is created by inspiration moves people in all walks of life. Pure inspiration has one language which is akin to all races of people.

Under the full sway of inspiration, man blends harmoniously the characteristics of the spirit, the sensitive emotions of the heart, and the faculties and energies of the mind into a tangible or visible manifestation of creative power that is recognized by many people as reaching the heights of the sublime.

One of the greatest demonstrations of inspirational power manifested by one man was visible on the day of Pentecost, when Peter's words interwoven with the Holy Spirit fired the minds of 3,000 individuals from every social strata to grasp the truth which liberated men's souls.

In conclusion, there are thoughts yet unborn, feelings still seeking expression, songs and poetry yet to be written, beneficial discoveries for man yet to be ushered in, and spiritual reserves still dormant — all of these sparked by inspiration — which must yet see the light of day that will touch new heights and depths of the human spirit.

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# God's Plan Of Salvation

By Paul D'Amico, Apostle

The greatest true story that has ever been told is the story of God's plan of salvation for the human family. As a result of its importance, all men and women should know how they can save their souls in the kingdom of heaven.

The scriptures tell us that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were cast out of the Garden of Eden because of their disobedience to God's commandment. This disobedience resulted in the fall of man from the presence of God. In order to redeem man from the fall, God instituted His great plan of salvation.

At first, God spoke to man by the holy Prophets. In the fullness of time, however, He spoke through His Son, Jesus Christ, as Paul states in Heb. 1:1-2.

*"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

*"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"*

Many Prophets foretold of the coming of Christ. From **Genesis to Malachi** in the Bible and from **I Nephi to III Nephi** in the **Book of Mormon** we read of these righteous men who prophesied concerning His coming. Moses told the children of Israel that among their brethren The Lord God would raise one who was greater than He and that they were to hear him. Christ fulfilled the many prophecies when He took His journey from Jordan to Calvary. He was the infinite atonement who came to redeem fallen man. Christ died on the cross and resurrected from death as the supreme sacrifice so that the plan of salvation could be put into operation.

## PLAN REVEALED

During His earthly ministry, He set forth the plan of salvation for man to follow if they desired to be redeemed from the fall and be saved in His eternal kingdom. To follow and qualify under this plan, man must repent of his sins, be baptized by immersion, be confirmed for the reception of The Holy Ghost, and endure faithfully to the end of his mortal days.

It was God's great love and mercy for mankind which motivated Him to send His Son, as John said: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

The plan of salvation is a great mystery which must be accepted by faith. Suffice it to know that man is saved only by grace in the final analysis. One poet described this plan of salvation in the hymn, "The Mystery of Grace," as follows:

"Deep within the heart of God before the dawn of time,  
Formed a mighty plan, a wondrous mystery sublime;  
Long before foundations of the universe were laid,

Long before the earth and they that dwell therein were made;

We may never know the length and breadth of such a plan,  
But we know it brought redemption unto man.

"We may not unravel all the mystery of grace

That would cause the Son of God to leave His holy place,

Coming unto earth to suffer death with all its loss,

Laying down His regal crown to bear the shameful cross,

We may never know the length and breadth of such a plan,

But we know it brought redemption unto man."

Man could do well to remember that our stay on earth is temporary. A **Book of Mormon** writer calls it a probationary period.

## PERMANENT HOME

There is a permanent home of quiet rest prepared for the souls of the righteous, as stated in **John 14:2**. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." During our temporary stay on earth, we must prepare ourselves for our spiritual home through obedience to The Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the power of God unto salvation. It must be understood that salvation is free. It cannot be purchased but can only be obtained through obedience and complete surrender to the will of God.

In considering the plan of salvation, a number of questions come to mind. Do we desire to reign with Christ? Have we been motivated by God's spirit to be born again by water and the spirit and to be obedient to His commandments until the end? Are we willing to bear one another's burdens? Are we willing to take upon us the name of Christ, to be called by His name at the last day?

I appeal to those who have not, as yet, obeyed The Gospel to think of it seriously and prove God. Open your heart to Him and let Him spread some of that heavenly sunshine into your soul. Come to the Lord while it is day, for when the night cometh, it may be too late.

Are you ready to take out insurance for your soul? The benefits belong only to those who obey, because they alone are the beneficiaries of that heavenly policy.

Christ is calling all mankind to insure their souls with Him. The saints of God have a blessed insurance and a blessed hope for eternal life. Won't you join us and walk with us to Zion, the beautiful city of God?

Unto those who have made the covenant, and have taken out insurance with Christ, I say, "Sail On," for after the storm, comes the peace and happiness of the soul.

Again, unto those who have not experienced this new birth and have not taken out this insurance policy, I say, "Come Unto Christ, lay down your burden of sin, and He will wash your sins away. Today is the day of salvation."

## EXPERIENCE RECEIVED

Permit me to relate an experience in the

form of a dream which was given to me several months after my father passed away in 1962, and less than two years since the passing of my brother, Alfred.

One night I dreamed that I was alone at home when suddenly I heard a knock at the front door. I went to the door and saw my brother, Alfred, standing on the porch. In his hand he was holding a book all made of gold. I invited him to come in and as I saw the book I could read the cover which read, "The Holy Bible."

My brother appeared to be well and was dressed in a fine suit of clothes. We began conversing on many things, and he took great delight in unfolding many passages of scripture unto me. As he was speaking, I had something on my mind to ask him, since I was well aware that he had passed away from this life. Therefore, I politely interrupted him and said, "Fred, I have something to ask you." He said, "What is it, Paul?" I said, "Fred, have you seen dad where you are?" He said, "Yes, he is there," I then asked him, "Have you seen my mother-in-law?" I named several brothers and sisters who had passed away, asking Alfred if he had seen them and to each of my questions he would answer, "Yes, he is there. Yes, she is there." Yet, I was not quite satisfied. I wanted to hear more from him. So I said, "Fred, you keep saying there, but where are they?" He looked at me very seriously and said, "They are in the paradise of God awaiting the resurrection as Alma tells us in the *Book of Mormon*." He then added, "I belong there, too. But I was given special permission to come to pay you a visit." I then awoke from my dream feeling thoroughly convinced that this is The Church which will lead our souls to God's paradise after our journey here on earth is ended.

Let me conclude this message with the words of Alma, "Unto you of the church I speak by way of command, and unto you who are not of the church I speak by way of invitation."

Come and hear The Gospel preached in truth and power; come and partake of God's great plan of salvation. God bless you all is my prayer.

## Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Board of Trustees

The weekly progress reports received from Brother Melvin Mountain have certainly been missed, as well as his assistance at the Auditorium project, during his stay in the hospital. He has been doing an outstanding job for The Church at the site. We are all praying God will grant him a rapid and complete recovery.

Having been in the area on July 26th with the members of the Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 male quartet and a group of young people from Detroit, we visited the Auditorium and the following report is of that date.

The exterior grading, walks, parking area and drives have not been completed and there was no significant change from the last report. The roof has been installed on the building, and the

masonry work is now completed. The heating contractor was installing the sheet metal ducts for hot and cold air runs. The plumbers are completing their inside work except for the fixtures which have not been scheduled for delivery to the site as yet. The electricians are running cable and wire to outlets and receptacles. No fixtures have been installed. The rostrum at the front of the Auditorium meeting room is being constructed on the job.

### NO CHARGE FOR DESIGN

A sound system throughout the building was designed for the Auditorium by a Detroit sound specialist at no charge to The Church. The system, together with the specifications for equipment was turned over to the Architects for analysis after a discussion by the Auditorium Committee and the Board of Trustees. The installation of the wiring for the equipment will be started immediately. A versatile system has been designed which should meet future demands with a minimum of problems from both operational and maintenance standpoints.

The contract for the pews and rostrum furniture has been signed. These items are being constructed by Graber's Cabinet Shop located in Hartsville, Ohio. These are Amish people who are craftsmen. Their workmanship is excellent. The pews are constructed of solid oak with curved backs and nylon padded seats. Several Brothers have visited their shop and have seen samples of the workmanship. The contract was signed at a very reasonable price for such fine quality. They were the lowest of all the competitive bidders. The Auditorium furnishings are scheduled for delivery and installation during the month of November.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The following financial report is designed to keep everyone informed regarding Auditorium costs and expenditures:

Contract price of the Auditorium .....	\$343,300
Less 10% Retainage .....	34,300
Amount due by completion of building	\$309,000
Amount authorized for payment to date	171,729
Balance due by completion of building	137,271
Balance due plus retainage (completion plus 30 days) .....	\$171,571

We are starting on the downhill slope of the financing picture now. We have paid in more than the cost to complete. It looks as though we will start the new year with our own place to meet. There is the possibility of holding meetings earlier than January of 1971, however.

### IMPERIAL SITE NEGOTIATIONS

There is not much to report relative to our claim with Allegheny County in settlement of the government's taking the first site for expansion of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. We are still awaiting a formal offer from the county in writing before we can take any action whatever. We are also planning for a meeting with the Congressmen of the two geographical areas involved. Further information will be given in ensuing issues.

It will be appreciated if all of you would continue to forward your generous donations through your Branches or Missions and Districts. In this way, obligations can be met.

## Editorial Comment

### Conversion Necessary

In reading The Scriptures one is impressed with the Christ-like character of the believers. As they became converted to The Gospel, a great change took place in their lives and they sought to obtain the righteousness which The Saviour possessed and advocated.

The Apostle Paul is a prime example of an individual truly convicted and changed by The Master. Once a persecuter of the saints, he accepted persecution for the cause of Christ after he was converted. In accepting Jesus as his Saviour after His great experience on the way to Damascus, Paul became a dedicated worker and a well-adjusted and contented person regardless of the conditions around him. He quickly learned to be content with his lot, as long as Christ dominated his life. Once he was a man who imprisoned believers, now he had become a "prisoner of Christ" and attempted to do everything possible to bring as many people as he could to the knowledge of The Truth.

#### WOMAN AT THE WELL

The woman at Jacob's well is also a vivid testimony to the meaning of true conversion. She had led a life of sin. She had been divorced five times and was living common-law. One encounter with Christ, however, changed her entire life. Unashamedly, she returned to her hometown and told everyone she knew how Christ had changed her life. She was so enthusiastic and exhilarated that all her acquaintances recognized her sincerity and were challenged to learn more about this Master who had performed this almost unbelievable change in her existence.

Today, conversion to Christ should bring the same dramatic change. This same feeling of joy, exuberance, and freedom from previous sins should be immediately discernible. It must be remembered that Christ came to change and improve the life of man and this evidence of alterations must be present if a rebirth has really taken place. Of what value is conversion if it does not change a man's life? If one's life is filled with strife, sin, and hate, he should have these liabilities to his soul's salvation lifted from him in order to gain a newness in The Gospel. Strife should be replaced by peace, sin by righteousness, and hate by love. These changes can only be effected when one is willing to completely surrender himself to Christ and will portray in words and deeds that he will follow, to the best of his ability, all the commandments of The Saviour. Then and only then can one exclaim, as the poet penned in the beautiful hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," the admission "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart." This statement will then have the meaning in depth which is so necessary to illustrate that The Saviour has indeed been granted His rightful place in the life of the newborn servant.

As is true in individual lives, it is through conversion to Christ that the world will be changed. Countless wars have been fought, and mil-

lions have died. After these wars, however, nations remained with the same desires to conquer each other. These unfortunate and needless conflicts did nothing more than serve to further polarize the differences which existed. Still worse, hate became further imbedded, forcing participants to ask themselves, "What has really changed?" Perhaps some degree of freedom was preserved or a new ideology imposed upon the defeated, but the war did not bring about any beneficial alterations, least of all any personal changes. Strife, sin, and hate had not been erased, and there was no hope that they would be eradicated.

#### ATTEMPTS FOR CHANGE

Education has attempted to bring about change, and much good has resulted from educating people around the world. Industries and businesses have brought changes improving the economic lot of man, eliminating much poverty and human suffering. All these changes have brought about many advances for the good of all of mankind. Unless these material changes are accompanied by a deep spiritual change, however, the world will never realize the great improvements its statesmen seek. Being suspicious of each other as individuals and having no trust in any other nation certainly do not foster the unity to bring about the changes so needed.

The late President John F. Kennedy advanced the hope of a New Frontier. President Lyndon B. Johnson envisioned a Great Society, where poverty would be eliminated and man would live in peace. Other world leaders desire the same kind of peace and tranquility for all. Unfortunately, these are great dreams which have remained unrealized from one political administration to another, from one generation to another, simply because there has not been an international spiritual rebirth.

The Book of Mormon tells us that, after the coming of Christ, the Nephites became fully converted to Him. It was this conversion which brought about a total change in the status of the people. This renovation touched every phase of their beings. The government was changed from a democracy to a theocracy. Poverty was erased, prisons were eliminated, and peace and freedom reigned supreme. Mormon states that there was no happier people upon the earth since the days of Adam. What was responsible for this change? Total and complete surrender to Jesus Christ. There was a universal understanding of the laws of The Saviour, and all men found peace, joy, and contentment in their estate. Aggression was stopped by the very nature of their new way of life.

In the last ten years, the world has undergone more change than in any other decade, but the world has only become more complex and chaotic. Peace is still not a reality, poverty is everywhere, and crime and violence are ever-increasing, threatening man's well being.

The followers of Christ know they have the solution and, therefore, must redouble their efforts toward advancement of the cause of Christ. They realize that only through more conversions to The Saviour can the world become a better place.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By Carl J. Frammolin

## Church Thankful For Laborers

The first Monday in September has been designated legally in the United States as "Labor Day" each year to honor workers for their contributions to society. On this holiday, the economic attainments which have been accomplished by all laborers are enumerated and objectives for the future are outlined. While these temporal achievements are outstanding and commendable, they make one totally aware of the greater labors which are expended for The Gospel of Christ.

If one were to recall the many acts which have been performed by dedicated members of both The Ministry and the laity, he would have to acknowledge that they have fallen within many classifications. Just as there are many kinds of occupations in the business world, there are many diverse tasks which must be fulfilled by those who labor for Christ. Review of these endeavors reveals that they are not only necessary but are intended to enrich the lives of others and to ultimately bring them to the knowledge of The Truth.

Categories into which most of the labors fall may be grouped under ordained and elected offices. Besides these are many other unofficial volunteer efforts which are performed as additional brotherly and humanitarian acts.

### ORDAINED AND ELECTED OFFICES

Ordained officers of The Church of Jesus Christ are, of course, members of The Ministry (Apostles, Evangelists, and Elders), Teachers, Deacons and Deaconesses. Obviously, because these officials have accepted their callings and have specified that they will discharge their duties to their utmost, their dedication and perseverance are most understandable.

Workers who expend their energies in the elected offices carry on the administrative functions of The Church. These positions, while not being the kinds which deal with administering ordinances of The Gospel as do ordained offices, are necessary to maintain the far-reaching activities of The Church as she grows in size. International in scope, The Church of Jesus Christ has missions in various parts of the world, and it is a matter of time until the Restored Gospel Message permeates the other sections of the globe.

Elected officers are found at the General Church, District, Branch and Mission levels. Each of these units requires a full complement of officers to handle the necessary operations. Secretarial tasks, as well as board members, are examples of the kinds of duties which are essential.

### AUXILIARY UNITS HELPS

The auxiliary units also have many excellent volunteers who have greatly assisted the overall efforts of The Church. The Sunday Schools, the Ladies' Circles, and the Missionary Benevolent Association units have worked diligently to be assets and helps to The Gospel.

There are many workers who have advanced the cause of Christ as teachers in each of these units, for example. The guidance and direction which are afforded, particularly to the young people of The Church, cannot be minimized. The early instruction received by some of these parties has proven to be the foundation which has guided most of them throughout their lives.

In addition to furnishing means for spiritual growth and development, the Sunday Schools, Ladies' Circles, and MBA units have helped The Church financially as she seeks to spread The Word in the mission fields and to help mankind through benevolent acts. These aids cannot be slighted in presenting this analysis, because many times they have been the sources so necessary to carry on some important endeavors.

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# The American Indian

Submitted by Richard Christman

*(Following is the first in a series of articles on the American Indians which is being submitted by Evangelist Richard Christman of Sells, Arizona. This initial presentation deals with the Papago Indian Reservation where Brother Christman has been appointed as the Administrator of the educational system. Editor's Note)*

The main Papago Indian Reservation stretches 90 miles across Pima County in south-central Arizona, is bounded on the south by the Mexican border and extends north to within 10 miles of Casa Grande, Arizona. In addition, there are two separate smaller reservations: San Xavier near Tucson, and Gila Bend, directly north of the community of Gila Bend, Arizona. These three reservations in combination cover a total area of almost three million acres. The main Papago Reservation is about the same size as the State of Connecticut.

The total Papago Indian population now living on or adjacent to the Reservation was estimated to be nearly 10,000 as of April, 1970. An even more accurate figure will be established when the 1970 National Census Data is publicly released. About 4,690 Papagos reside within the bounds of the main reservation. Gila Bend residents now number about 245 and San Xavier contains a population of approximately 575.

Many Papago Indian families live outside the reservation in nearby cities such as Tucson, Ajo, and Casa Grande. About 40 families live in the Sonoran Desert of Mexico and, although they maintain close cultural ties with their Papago relatives in Arizona, they are Mexican citizens.

## TOPOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

The Papago Reservation lands lie in the Sonoran Desert and consist of wide arid valleys and plains interspersed with mountain ranges which rise abruptly from the valley floors. The elevation varies from 1,378 feet on the northern boundary in the Santa Rosa Valley to 7,730 feet on Baboquivari Peak on the eastern boundary. The valleys range from 1,378 feet to above 3,000 feet in elevation, and the mountains generally rise about 2,000 feet above the valley floors.

The vegetation is typical of the southern desert shrub region with the dominant shrub being creosote bush. Associated species are the various cacti, bursage, and burroweed. The bottom lands and plains are characterized by common mesquite and screwpod mesquite with annual grama and three-awns or saltbush in areas of saline soil. In the foothills and mountainous areas with higher rainfall, the various perennial grama grasses and curly mesquite are found with traces of other grasses typical of the high desert.

Wildlife on the reservation includes mountain sheep, desert muledeer, whitetail deer, javelina, antelope, jackrabbit, blacktail jackrabbit, gambel's quail, and doves. Predators are the coyote, bobcat, fox, and an occasional mountain lion.

Average mean temperature in Sells, (elevation: 2,360 feet) is 68 degrees. The maximum temperature recorded was 116 degrees and the minimum was 16 degrees. Rainfall varies from an

average of six inches per year on the northern and western portions of the reservation to 20 inches per year in the vicinity of Baboquivari Peak on the eastern side. Average mean precipitation at Sells is 11.4 inches. Snow falls occasionally in the higher mountains during the months of January through mid-April but generally melts in several days. There are no live streams traversing the reservations. Humidity is generally very low except during the summer rainy season (July and August). Humidity then rises quite sharply.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

The basic political document governing the Papago Tribe is the Constitution and Bylaws of the Papago Tribe, Arizona, ratified by the tribal members on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937. The governing body of the tribe is an elected tribal council consisting of twenty-two members. Regular council meetings are held each month. The council is presided over by a chairman selected by the council members. Other tribal officials include a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer.

For purposes of tribal administration, the main reservation is divided into nine districts — Baboquivari, Chukut Kuk, Gu Achi, Gu Vo, Hickiwan, Pisinimo, Shuk Toak, Sells, and Sif Oidak. The Gila Bend and San Xavier Reservations (each comprising a district) bring the total to eleven. Each district is a local governing body, selects its own local council and elects two delegates to the tribal council.

Tribal government is presently financed by royalties and bonuses from copper mining leases, a tax on cattle sales, income from land leases, licenses and fees paid by traders and hunters, court fines, and proceeds from the annual Papago Rodeo. The tribal council is actively at work attempting to bring about optimum economic development on the reservation. The tribe is also working toward providing adequate college scholarship funds for its young people.

## BUREAU'S PAPAGO AGENCY

The Papago Agency, located at Sells on the main reservation, has a staff of approximately 100 employees engaged in providing services to the Papago Indians. Most of these employees reside in the community of Sells, tribal and agency headquarters. The agency organization contains the branches of administration, education, social services, employment assistance, law and order, range conservation, soil and moisture conservation, irrigation, plant management, roads, reservation programs, and real property management.

Briefly stated, the basic aims of the Bureau of Indian Affairs are: (1) maximum Indian economic self-sufficiency, (2) full participation of Indians in American life, (3) equal citizenship privileges for Indians, and (4) Indian self-determination.

Present day BIA policy encourages Tribal governments to assume increasing responsibility in the management of reservation affairs. BIA is now evolving into the role of a technical service organization supervised by Indians to accomplish Indian goals.

The Federal Government, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, functions only as a trustee of Indian property and not as a guardian of the person of the Indian; Indians are not "wards of the Government." The Secretary of the Interior is authorized by law in many instances to protect the interests of minors and incompetents, but this protection does not take the status of guardian or ward. Indians are not forced to remain on reservations, but are free to move about as unrestrictedly as any other citizen of the United States. All Indians are entitled to vote on the same basis as other citizens of their respective states.

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## Editorial Viewpoint

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### SACRIFICES INVOLVED

Many times the sacrifices involved in carrying out the responsibilities of all workers go unnoticed, but they, nevertheless, are deeply appreciated by all who are concerned with the welfare of The Church. No rewards are asked for these efforts, and, furthermore, most laborers would rather be unheralded, knowing full well that God must be given the honor and glory for what is accomplished.

Because workers, with the exception of some missionaries who are not in a position to support themselves, serve without recompense makes the contributions extended even more appreciated. In the business world, for instance, it is assumed that a man will be paid commensurate with his abilities. In The Church, workers know that their payment will come from The Lord in the form of blessings, protection from daily perils for themselves and their loved ones, and the most important item — the hope of heavenly eternal life. These receipts from the Saviour are far more satisfying and rewarding than any monetary amounts which may be gained.

Undoubtedly, the real motivation for the willing and enthusiastic workers in all phases of activity was specified by the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 5:9. While it is satisfying to work on behalf of our fellowmen and to help lead them to their soul's salvation, the Apostle has emphasized why there is an even greater incentive. He wrote, "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him." Knowing that faith without works is dead, as stated by the Apostle James, the quoted passage has real important meaning for all who seek to further God's kingdom. In fact, it may be said that both the worker and the recipient stand to gain measures even beyond expectations when the labor is performed.

In view of the greater wealth which is realized in working for The Lord, it may appear needless to accord recognition to the many laborers who give their time and services for The Gospel. It is appropriate, however, for the Gospel News to officially express its thanks to these workers, noting with certainty that all members and friends of The Church concur with this recognition, not only on Labor Day but every day.

It is most deserved!



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### HAPPINESS IS FOLLOWING JESUS

Dear Girls and Boys,

This is our last story of HAPPINESS IS? stories and I like this one the best. Jesus is our very best friend. He loves us. We like to follow those we love. Our Heavenly Father wants us to be happy.

There are many things on this earth to make us happy. From the very beginning, things were made for the happiness of God's children. The Bible tells us, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." It took six days to make our wonderful world, and on the seventh day He rested. He looked at all He made and said, "It is good."

We love the Lord because He is good. He made the sky with the sunshine bright and the white clouds, the moon, and the twinkling stars to shine at night. He made the green grass and lilies, daisies, buttercups, tulips and many, many beautiful flowers too numerous to name. The trees with fruits were made by God and the lovely birds build nests in their branches. God made the waters, little brooks, wide rivers, beautiful lakes and large seas, where big and little fish can live. In our gardens, we have vegetables that God has given for food. In our large fields, grain is being harvested for food for man and animals. We have wild and tame animals, each living in their proper homes. All things were made to make people happy and to thank the Lord for these great blessings.

God made you and me. He is the Heavenly Father to everyone in the world, the Africans, Chinese, Indians and all. He wants us to love all people. We are one in His great big family. Jesus came to tell the people about God and His great love. He said, "Follow me." Don't you want to follow Him and keep His commandments? I think following this good leader will keep us happy. Let us wake in the morning with a prayer and a smile. He wants us to be happy so, HAPPINESS IS FOLLOWING JESUS. Don't you agree?

### Search the Scriptures

What Bible animals do you know?

1. The S ..... tempted Eve.
2. The great f ..... swallowed Jonah.
3. What animals were in the den with Daniel?
4. What little animals were the images that were returned with the ark? (golden m ..... ) (I Samuel 6:11)
5. What mother b ..... s ate 42 children in the story of Elisha?
6. What animal does the Bible tell us about in regards to going through the eye of a needle?
7. What animal was Absalom, the son of David, riding when his hair caught in a tree?
8. What is the Bible word for cows?

Sincerely, Sister Mabel

## A Tribute To A Beloved Brother

By Juanita Rogolino

Brother Patsy Rogolino passed away on July 9 (see "Obituaries" on page 12) and his departure leaves an emptiness in the lives of all who knew him and especially in the Fort Pierce Branch where he served as Presiding Elder for many years. He was truly a spiritual father to each and every one of us. He was filled with the love of God and was a just and upright man. He truly walked in the way of righteousness and loved his fellowman.

Brother Rogolino was a peace-maker and was one who was concerned about other people. He had a ready smile for everyone and worried constantly lest any action or word of his might offend or hurt anyone, particularly his Brothers and Sisters in Christ. This realization made him truly humble and kind to all.

His teachings and the example he set have influenced my life in many ways. I know that my life has been made richer by knowing him. I thank God for the privilege of being his daughter-in-law because it brought me in closer contact with this wonderful man whom I loved as my own father. When I was in sorrow, Brother Patsy sorrowed with me, and when I rejoiced, he rejoiced with me. He was a true friend and Brother in The Gospel.

We shall miss him greatly here in the Fort Pierce Branch, but we know that he has gone to a better place and is now enjoying the rest and the reward he has striven for all these years. Some day, if I prove faithful, I know I shall meet him on that far distant shore and talk with him again of the glory and beauty of God.

## Teacher, Deacon Ordained Same Day At Monongahela

Two ordinations provided a fitting climax to the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch's recent Quarterly Feet-Washing Service. Brother David Majoros was ordained into the office of a Teacher, and Brother William Chepanoske was ordained a Deacon.

After their ordinations, both Brothers expressed themselves and requested prayers that they might fulfill their positions to the utmost degree and work for the glorification of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Majoros was baptized on August 7, 1966, and Brother Chepanoske rendered obedience to The Gospel on May 5, 1968. Brother Majoros had been ordained a Deacon on March 22, 1969.

The Monongahela Branch has been greatly blessed by these ordinations and is honored, along with the Brothers, by the new callings.

## Guests Visit, Speak At Rochester, N. Y.

The Rochester, New York Mission has been most honored by the visits of many Brothers and Sisters during this summer. Brothers and Sisters came from many parts of The Church during this period.

The sequence began on Friday evening, June 12, when Brother Rocco V. Biscotti, Apostle from Cleveland, Ohio, visited and spoke. Brother Biscotti talked about his early days in The Church and of his desire and determination, still the same today, to serve The Lord.

Two weeks later on June 28, Brothers Norman Campitelle and Nicholas Pietrangelo from Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 addressed the Rochester congregation. Brother Campitelle spoke on the creation of the world, the wonderful wonders of God, how great God is. Brother Pietrangelo, an Evangelist, followed on the same subject.

On Sunday, July 19, Brother Emanuel Palazzo of Rochester was ordained a Deacon. This ordination was performed during the Mission's feet-washing service, and there was a most wonderful feeling in Brother Palazzo's calling into his new office.

Two busloads of visitors, one from Lorain, O. and the other from the Muncey, Ontario, Canada, came to Rochester on Sunday, August 2. Brothers Joseph Milantoni, Evangelist from Detroit Branch No. 2; Frank Calabrese, Apostle from Lorain; and Joseph Calabrese, Evangelist from Lorain spoke in that order. The text was taken from **Mosiah 2** in the **Book of Mormon**, and the theme was how God blesses His people naturally and spiritually when they obey and keep His commandments. How we should proclaim our thankfulness for The Restored Gospel and how fortunate we must consider ourselves for having a spiritual eyesight to understand this Gospel were emphasized. Rochester Presiding Officer, Brother Ansel D'Amico, concluded with remarks in Italian, summarizing the value of the words of the Brothers.

The host Mission was most enriched and edified by the visits of all the guests.

## Visiting Evangelist Speaks In Wichita

Evangelist Allen Henderson of Windsor, Ontario, Canada addressed members and friends of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Wichita, Kansas area on Sunday, June 28. In attendance at Wichita were visitors from St. John, Great Bend, Lincoln, and White Water, Kansas.

Brother Henderson spoke on his experiences in The Gospel. He elaborated on how God had blessed him and how he has been most grateful for the opportunity of devoting his life for The Master.

The testimonies of those assembled further reflected the wonderful feeling present, as everyone told of the love and goodness which The Lord had extended in their lives. The young peo-

ple also spoke of their desires towards The Saviour and of their happiness to be in The Church.

All present were grateful for the words of Brother Henderson and for the comparatively large congregation at the edifying service.

## Five Baptized At Six Nations Sunday, August 2

Five new members were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ at the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario, Canada on Sunday, August 2. The Spirit of God was most prevalent on this unforgettable and most edifying day, as Donald and Patricia Green, husband and wife; their parents, Gordon and Eva Green; and Beatrice Page came into The Gospel.

Donald and Patricia had previously asked for their baptisms, and it was planned to take them into the Grand River on August 2. The others made their intentions known during the service.

Brother Norman Campitelle opened the service, speaking on **II Nephi 31:3-15**. He spoke on the importance of being baptized, enduring to the end, and of believing that Jesus Christ is the way. The Spirit of God was felt by all attending. He spoke on why The Church of Jesus Christ believes it is necessary to be immersed just like Jesus Christ was baptized.

Brother Anthony Lovalvo followed and, under the Spirit of God, invited Donald and Patricia to stand to reaffirm their desire to be baptized. They immediately arose and stated that they wanted to be taken into the waters. Brother Lovalvo then asked if there was anyone else who wanted to come into The Gospel. Eva Green and Beatrice Page, sisters, then arose. Then Brother Lovalvo said, "Do not let Jesus pass you by," and he invited Gordon Green to join the fold. Gordon subsequently rose to his feet, making his choice. God thus called five members of one family into The Church of Jesus Christ at the same time. The blessings of God continued to flow as they did throughout the day, as was also evidenced in the singing and testimonies praising God.

The candidates were taken to the river and baptized after the service. Donald was baptized and confirmed by Brother Lovalvo. Patricia was baptized and confirmed by Brother Campitelle. Gordon was baptized by Brother Campitelle and confirmed by Brother Lovalvo. Eva and Beatrice were both taken into the waters by Brother Lovalvo and confirmed by Brother Campitelle.

At the conclusion of the service, the young baptized Brothers, along with the other Brothers, sang, "He Touched Me." The whole congregation joined in. The blessings of God were so great it seemed no one could leave at the end of the meeting.

The efforts of the Sunday School had resulted in the bringing in of the five new souls at Six Nations. Joe and Anne Green have been attending Sunday School regularly for at least five years. As a result, the Brothers and Sisters had

a chance to visit their parents (Gordon and Eva) and to speak about The Gospel. Brothers Lovalvo and Campitelle invited them to attend our services. They started coming regularly, enjoying the meetings and the fellowship.

In the meantime, The Church members did their best to encourage them along. The children took part in all programs at Church and it was evident that the Spirit of God was drawing their parents closer. Donald Green (son of Gordon and Eva Green) had attended Sunday School when he was a boy. Donald started reading the **Book of Mormon** with his wife, Patricia, and he had a desire to attend the meetings. On July 26th, Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York visited at Six Nations and gave an inspiring talk on the **Book of Mormon** and on Joseph of Egypt. After the service, Brothers Campitelle and Gerald Benyola invited Donald and Patricia to continue attending our meetings. Donald replied "I believe in the **Book of Mormon** with all my heart and soul and I would like to be baptized." His wife's statement was the same. They were advised to pray about this desire and to plan on being baptized at the first opportunity. During the intervening time, The Lord was working with the other three converts, preparing them for their baptisms.

All the Brothers and Sisters at Six Nations, as well as those who go there on missionary work have been most rewarded and overjoyed at the addition of the five new members. Besides Brothers Lovalvo, Campitelle, and Benyola, Brothers Thomas Everett and John Veltman, and Sisters Anna Lovalvo, Mary Dichiera, Jesse Veltman and Rosalie Campitelle have been traveling from Detroit to carry on this work for The Lord.

## Three Join Fold At Niles Branch Sunday, August 2

Three new members came into the fold at the Niles, Ohio Branch on Sunday, August 2. The converts were Gloria Slick and Richard and Wanda Pandone, husband and wife.

Sister Slick was baptized and confirmed by Brother Joseph Genaro. Both Brother and Sister Pandone were taken into the waters by Brother Joseph Manes. Brother Pandone was confirmed by Brother Dan Corrado, while Sister Pandone was confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto of Perry, Ohio.

Brother Manes had opened the service, speaking on **Alma 34:17-32** in the **Book of Mormon**. The passage deals with Amulek's teachings concerning repentance, prayer, and salvation. The Lord greatly seasoned Brother Manes' sermon with His Spirit and it penetrated the hearts of the three new converts.

The new members were confirmed Sunday evening, and The Spirit likewise prevailed in the joyful singing and in the many heartfelt testimonies.

The Niles Branch is certainly thankful for the new additions to the flock and has been greatly uplifted by the blessings it has received.

## Two More Baptisms At Detroit No. 3

Two more souls were added to The Church of Jesus Christ on July 26 at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3. The new converts are Richard and Elizabeth Loffredo, husband and wife.

Both made their intentions known before the morning service. First, Brother Loffredo told the Presiding Elder, Brother Peter H. Capone, that he wanted to be baptized. Sister Loffredo then was also touched and she asked to be taken into the waters. They were subsequently taken to Lake St. Clair after the meeting where they were baptized by Brother Nephi DeMercurio.

After returning to the Branch building, Brother Loffredo was confirmed by Brother Silverio Crisuclo and Sister Loffredo was confirmed by Brother Paul Whitton.

The two new additions were the third and fourth baptisms at Detroit No. 3 in five weeks (the other two were reported last month). The blessings have been most plentiful at this Branch of The Church.

## Songs Of Praise Sung At Service In McKees Rocks

The McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch welcomed many guests Saturday evening, July 25, at a service which primarily consisted of singing praises to The Lord. Soloists and groups from various parts of The Church participated at this most enjoyable meeting.

Among the singers who took part were a Young Ladies Octette from Detroit, Michigan; a male quartet from Detroit Branch No. 1; and soloists Brothers David Majoros of Monongahela, Pennsylvania; Spencer G. Everett and Benjamin DiPronio of Detroit; and Panfilo DiCenzo of McKees Rocks.

During a brief talk, Brother Louis Vitto of Detroit related his testimony of how he came into The Church of Jesus Christ.

The time spent in singing and hearing praises offered to the glory of God was most inspiring and uplifting to the McKees Rocks Branch and to all in attendance.

## Brief News of Interest

### RETIREES FROM WORK

Brother John Ross, Church Evangelist, retired from his work this past June 20 after 44 years and four months service with his employer in the steel industry in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. His retirement now allows him to devote more time to endeavors for The Church.

Baptized in 1928, Brother Ross was ordained an Elder in 1944 and an Evangelist in 1957. He has a wonderful testimony which was printed

in the July 1962 issue of the *Gospel News*.

The much-respected and humble Brother Ross has been most active in the African mission field. He has served three tours in Nigeria, West Africa and he is presently The General Church's representative for the African missions.

All members and friends of The Gospel will want to send their congratulations to Brother Ross on his retirement from his natural occupation and will want to send their best wishes through this publication to both Brother John and his wife, Sister Mary, as they seek to serve The Church even more in the future.

### MOVES TO RESERVATION

In additional news from Aliquippa, Brother John Ross, Jr., his wife, Sister Connie, and their family have moved from Pine Ridge, South Dakota to the Papago Indian Reservation in Southern Arizona, where Brother Ross has accepted a position as a Teacher Supervisor. There he joins Brother Richard Christman who preceded him to the location, as reported later in this column.

The two families who have moved to the Papago Reservation are most happy to be able to be among the covenant people, the Seed of Joseph, and enjoy doing this work. They felt they wanted to do something for The Lord and this is one way that they are able to do so. They extend an invitation and will welcome anyone to visit them.

Prior to moving to Arizona, Brother Ross Jr. attended school in Pennsylvania for six weeks to obtain further credits towards his Master's Degree. Everyone with whom the Ross' have been associated in both South Dakota and Aliquippa, although losing their presence, wish them well in their new venture.

Incidentally, there have been some welcomed guests and speakers at Aliquippa lately. Among them were Brothers Dominic Giovannone of the Florida District and Melvin Mountain of Monongahela, Pennsylvania who were present on Sunday, July 19, and Brother Anthony Ensana of Edison, New Jersey who was there the next Sunday. Brother Ensana, who had attended a meeting of the General Church Finance Committee the day previous, emphasized in his talk that we must become as little children so that The Lord can work with us, thus it is most advisable to continually seek more of the spirit of humility. The Spirit of God prevailed on both of these occasions.

### WENT TO SOUTH AMERICA

Brother Gary Damore of the Phoenix, Arizona Branch has recently returned from Guatemala where he spent 3½ weeks as a volunteer with the Amigos de las Americas program. The purpose of the trip was to take health care to the backward areas of Central America.

Prior to leaving, Brother Damore trained at a local hospital for six weeks, learning to give immunizations and vaccinations and simple first aid. The course of study also taught "how to live in Central America".

Having learned the Spanish language in school, Brother Damore volunteered for the program so that he, along with other young people, could offer real help to these people in distress.

As reported in the local press, it is indeed noteworthy and encouraging to have these young volunteers lend their assistance. All who participated, of course, must be commended for their wonderful efforts.

#### APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR

Another notable achievement has also been reported from the Phoenix, Arizona Branch. Brother Richard Christman has been selected as the Education Program Administrator of the Papago Reservation. He will be responsible for three day schools and one boarding school. His duties will include the direct supervision of the Principals and their education staffs, along with all education programs.

The Papago Reservation is the second largest reservation in the United States: the total land area including San Xavier and Gila Bend is 2,855,732 acres. The Papago Agency is located at Sells, Ariz., 62 miles west of Tucson. Brother Christman, his wife, Sister Pat, and their family are residing in Sells. Their mailing address is Box 206, Sells, Arizona 85634.

Brother Christman has graciously accepted the request by the *Gospel News* to write about the Seed of Joseph, starting this month. He will supplement the accounts of Brother Thomas Everett, who has written many superlative articles on THE AMERICAN INDIAN which have been printed under that heading.

The Phoenix Branch will certainly miss the constant fellowship of the Christmans, but all its members, along with everyone else around The Church want to congratulate Brother Christman on his new appointment and will pray that the continued good works will prove most fruitful in the future as they have in the past.

#### DEPART FROM LORAIN

The Lorain, Ohio Branch has been saddened by the recent departures of five members who moved to other Church locations. Brother James Velardi, who has been in The Ministry for many years, his wife, Sister Jeannette, and Sister Carmella Alessio have transferred to Cape Coral, Florida. Both of the Sisters are Church Deaconesses. Brother Michael and Sister Melodee McGuire, recently married, have moved to the Monongahela, Pennsylvania area. Heartfelt good-byes and best wishes were extended to each of the departees.

It is noteworthy to recall that Sister Alessio had served as a Deaconess for many years in Lorain and that first Church services in that city were held in her home in the early 1920's.

Brother Louis and Sister Adeline Ciccatti and their family, formerly of Lorain, and now of San Diego, California, visited their former Branch prior to the departure of the three bound for Florida. Sister Ciccatti is the daughter of Brother and Sister Velardi. The many years of fellowship together with the three were recalled by members and friends after a Friday night MBA service before they left.

Guests in Lorain recently have also been members of various Church Board and Committees. Their visits have been most appreciated.

#### FIRST AT MUNCEY

The marriage of Mr. Wayne Terry Moskokomon and Miss Nancy Abrams reported on Page

12 was the first wedding officiated by an American Minister of The Church at the Muncey Indian Mission in Ontario, Canada. Brother Joseph Milantoni of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 conducted the ceremony.

The father of the groom is presently the Chief of the Chippewa tribe on the reserve. The bride, from the Onaita tribe, has faithfully attended Sunday School since she was a small child, and she has assisted the teachers of the primary class for the last few years.

#### RETURN FOR VISIT

Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 was most honored with the recent visit of Brother Leonard and Sister Mary Pietrorenzi of Italy after an absence of four years. The Pietrorenzis, who were baptized and attended regularly at Detroit No. 1 before their return to their native land, spent about a month reviewing acquaintances and reminiscing about God's blessings. They also related how The Lord has been with them and of the blessings they have received during their absence.

Before they left, the Branch's Ladies' Circle held a social for the Pietrorenzis during which the participants were able to express their thankfulness for having been privileged with their presence even though for a brief period.

#### LEAVES FOR SERVICE

Almost about the same time as the Pietrorenzis were leaving to return to Italy, Brother Peter Scolaro of Detroit Branch No. 1 was departing for service in the U.S. Army. A young Brother who has worked very diligently in The Gospel, he was inducted for a two-year tour of duty.

The Branch, while saddened at his departure, wished him God's speed and assured him their prayers will accompany him. His return will be much awaited by not only his comparatively new bride, Sister Marilyn, but by all who are strengthened and enriched by his fellowship.

#### SERVES AS LIASION

The Phoenix Missionary Benevolent Association local welcomes all lay-missionary volunteers to Arizona. The unit has announced that it is happy to serve as liaison and host between Phoenix and the San Carlos Indian Reservation where the workers will toil.

It is suggested that volunteers inform the unit as soon as possible about the details of their arrival in Phoenix so that proper arrangements and accommodations may be made. They may call Brother Stephen Saffron, MBA President, at (602) 949-5515, or Brother Dennis Damore, Vice-President at (602) 946-7697.

#### 50th ANNIVERSARY

Word has been received that Mr. Fred and Sister Domenica Tamburino of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this last June 20, the same day as the General Ladies' Circle observed its Jubilee in Detroit. The couple were married in Montenerodomo, Italy, a half-century ago where the groom had been born in 1889 and his bride had been born in 1898.

Mr. Tamburino had first come to the United States in 1914. He met his future bride upon returning to Italy. The newlyweds then came to America on October 15, 1921 and settled in West

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## NUPTIALS

### DYER-KUZMIN

Mr. Robert Mark Dyer and Miss Diane Christine Kuzmin were joined in holy wedlock at Erie, Pennsylvania on Saturday, August 15. Brother T. D. Bucci of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch performed the ceremony. Sister Florence LaRosa was the vocal soloist and Brother Eugene Amormino of Detroit, Michigan was the accompanist.

The couple now live in Navato, California where the groom is presently stationed in the service.

### COPPA - MCDONALD

Mr. Donald Coppa and Miss Susan McDonald were married at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, July 18. Brother Mario Coppa, father of the groom, conducted the ceremony. Brother Eugene Amormino was the organist.

The newlyweds now reside in Detroit.

### MICALE - STEPP

Mr. Rocco Micale and Miss Louise Stepp were united in holy matrimony at the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 27. The ceremony was conducted by Brother Carmen Sgro.

The couple now live in New Brunswick.

### MOSKOKOMON - ABRAMS

Mr. Wayne Terry Moskokomon and Miss Nancy Abrams were joined in holy wedlock at the Muncey, Ontario, Canada Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 20. Brother Joseph Milantoni performed the ceremony. Sister Donna Taormino was the vocal soloist, and Brother Eugene Amormino was the organist.

The Moskokomons now reside in London, Ontario.

## OBITUARIES

### BAMBINA CASASANTA

Mrs. Bambino Casasanta passed away from this life on July 26. She was born in 1882.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, three sons, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Brother John Manes conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Casasanta attended meetings at the McKees Rocks, Pa. Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She will greatly be missed by those who were accustomed to her presence.

### EMIDIO DIMELIS

Brother Emidio DiMelis, a long-time faithful member and a Deacon of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 of The Church of Jesus Christ, left this life on July 15. He was born on December 5, 1896 and was baptized into The Church on January 21, 1934.

He is survived by one daughter, three sons and seven grandchildren.

Brother Reno Bologna officiated at the funeral services.

Brother DiMelis went out of his way to help others and was a great credit to The Gospel of Christ. He was ordained a Deacon on October 22, 1950. His warmth and pleasant manner will surely be missed by all those who loved him in The Gospel.

### ANNA ANERINO

Sister Anna Anerino, a devoted and humble faithful member of the Niles, Ohio Branch of The Church

of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on July 10. Born on October 12, 1907, she was baptized into The Church on July 15, 1934.

Left to mourn are two daughters, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Brother Joseph Genaro conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Russell Martorano.

The passing of our Sister leaves a large void in the lives of all who loved her. Those to whom she was endeared, particularly in The Gospel, have been enriched by her life.

### PASQUALE ROGOLINO

Brother Pasquale Rogolino, an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ at the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch, passed on to his eternal reward on July 9. He was born on February 7, 1893 and was baptized into The Church on September 23, 1928.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters, six sons, 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Brother Rocco Ensana officiated at the funeral services assisted by Brother Eugene Perri.

A long time faithful member of The Church, Brother Rogolino was ordained an Elder January 11, 1931. His leadership in helping to establish The Church in Florida will never be forgotten, and he will be greatly missed by all who were accustomed to his wonderful testimony and steadfastness in the ways of The Lord.

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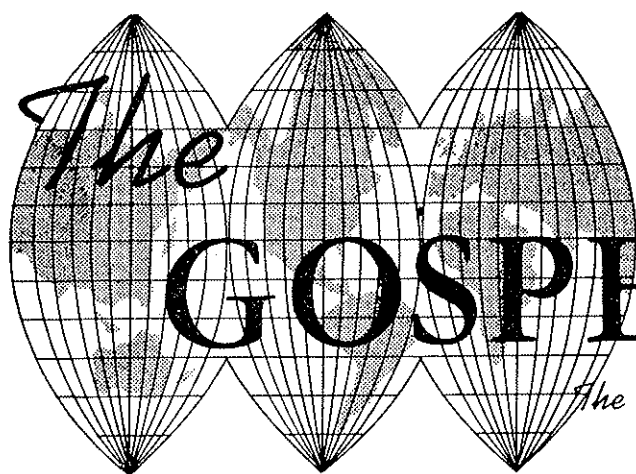
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania where Sister Tamburino was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ three weeks later on November 6. They lived in Aliquippa until 1958 when they moved to Detroit.

The Tamburinos have one daughter, Sister Mary Brown of Detroit No. 3, one son, Brother Dan of Aliquippa, and four grandchildren.

The Detroit No. 3 Brothers, Sisters, and friends gave the 50-year newlyweds a surprise luncheon get-together at which congratulations and best wishes were extended. The Aliquippa congregation, as well as all other individuals throughout The Church, express the same sentiments to the beloved Tamburinos.

### FILMS SHOWN

The Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch members were most pleased to have had Sister Evelyn Perdue in their presence earlier this summer for a short time. The highlight of her visit came on Wednesday evening, July 1, when Sister Perdue showed a film concerning the work that her husband, Brother Edward, and she have been doing at The Church's Tijuana, Mexico Indian Missions. Besides the two Tijuana locations, other scenes were shown of other labors being done by Brothers and Sisters with the Seed of Joseph in the western part of this country. Sister Perdue was also asked to tell of the events leading to the decision her husband and she made to labor in Mexico and the hand that God had in this choice. Her sincere testimony was enjoyed by the large gathering and was an inspiration to all present.



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## Healing Miracles, 14 Are Baptized At GMBA Campout

By James D. Gibson,  
GMBA Editor

Healing miracles, 14 baptisms, and a great out-pouring of the Holy Ghost highlighted the 1970 General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip at Camp Stambaugh in Canfield, Ohio during the last week of August.

The camp officially opened at 6:00 P.M. August 22 with the arrival of many members, friends, and children from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Florida, and Canada. Total registrations for the week exceeded 400.

The campsite, completely surrounded by pine trees, provided a pleasant and quiet retreat for Brothers and Sisters in Christ where the cities. Ideal weather prevailed throughout the entire week.

A very large crowd gathered for the Sunday Morning Service which was introduced by Brother Dominic Moraco of Detroit, Michigan. He read the words of Jesus, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another . . ." (John 13:34). Brother V. James Loyalvo of Florida followed and both Brothers emphasized the importance of possessing the love of God. The theme was especially fitting at the start of the camp-out as everyone present was encouraged to continue to practice, as always, the full meaning of the love of Christ during the stay.

As the week progressed, it was indeed inspiring to witness a plain camp become a gathering of Brothers and Sisters in Christ where the Love of God was truly displayed.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

Just as at past campouts, each morning started with a chapel hour, an appropriate passage of scripture as a thought for the day, and a briefing on the day's activities. The highly successful seminars, recreational periods, nightly services, and a bonfire rounded out each day's schedule.

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## General Conference To Convene October 15 In Detroit, Michigan

The semi-annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ will convene on Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 P.M. at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3, 13430 East Seven Mile Road. The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday sessions have been scheduled for The Priesthood only.

Official reports, review of the concluded six-month period, and plans for the future will occupy most of the agenda during the first three days. Dreams and other revelations presented from the Districts will also be considered for their possible pertinence to the General Church. Of added interest will be the setting of the date for the dedication of the new General Church Auditorium near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, now approaching its final stages of completion.

The various Quorums, Boards, and Committees will meet either before or during the Conference. Among these will be the Committee on General Church Affairs. This group will discuss various matters regarding General Church projects and prepare a report on these items for the General Priesthood.

The Sunday morning meeting will be open to all members and visitors. It will be held in the Warren Woods High School, 13400 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. Everyone, of course, is invited to attend.

General Church Secretary  
Nicholas Pietrangelo

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The seminars have become a vital part of our campouts. Many topics and subjects are discussed and reports indicate that they are greatly enjoyed by all age groups. Because of the many non-members present, it was suggested that a seminar for this particular group be held. This section was of great value, as it provided participants with an opportunity to ask questions about the various beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ and other points pertinent to themselves. Brother V. James Lovalvo, Church Apostle, took charge and we are happy to report that nearly every student of this class was baptized by departure time.

### HEALING MIRACLE

On Wednesday afternoon a wonderful healing miracle took place. Harold Batalucco of Detroit dislocated his shoulder. Many present saw the huge bulge and they summoned Brother V. James Lovalvo who was nearby and Harold was anointed. Following the prayer, a Sister who is a registered nurse, started to apply a sling and make preparations to take Harold to a hospital. This was not necessary, however, as his shoulder snapped back into place and he needed no treatment or medication immediately after the prayer. The fact that he felt no pain so impressed Harold that he immediately requested baptism. Following is an account of the nurse, Sister Margaret Donkin, of Glassport, Pennsylvania.

*"I was called to see whether I could be of any assistance. As I approached Harold, there was no doubt in my mind of a dislocation because of the protrusion of the bone. Prayer was offered by Brother Anthony Lovalvo and Harold was then anointed by Brother V. James Lovalvo. Brother James then began to adjust a sling to support the arm. At this time, someone suggested that I, being a Registered Nurse, make a readjustment to the sling before his being transported to the hospital. At this time Harold freely raised his arm and exclaimed 'It's back in place.' At this time, I would like to state, 'I believe in miracles.' Harold immediately asked for his baptism. The group there assembled knelt in prayer for thankfulness to God. For a number of years it has been a great desire of mine to witness a miracle of healing. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to witness this one."*

Everyone gathered at the camp's lake to witness Harold's baptism. He was immediately confirmed at the water's edge and God truly poured out His Holy Spirit upon everyone. Just as prayer ended, eight other young people came forth requesting baptism. They were baptized by various Elders and confirmed at the evening service which was truly blessed by God's Spirit.

Besides the new Brother Batalucco, the other eight included: Mark Kovacic of Erie, Pennsylvania; Leona Nardoza and Arda Jean McGuire of Lorain, Ohio; Sandy Calvarese of Cleveland,

Ohio; Ruth Laird of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania; Marilyn Fortunato of Youngstown, Ohio; Billie Jo Duckworth of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania; and Donna Palmieri of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

On Thursday evening just before the start of the service, Victor Pastorelli of Detroit requested baptism and everyone joyfully returned to the lake at the bottom of the long hill where he was baptized. Again, the Spirit of God prevailed, and, before leaving the waters, Cindy Gibson and Jamie DiTomaso of Cleveland were also taken into the waters.

### ANOTHER HEALING

The evening service resumed and was highlighted by the confirmations and the anointing of many Saints who requested prayer for various ailments. In this service, another marvelous healing miracle was witnessed. During the day, Brother Dennis Moraco accidentally ran into a tent rope, severely injuring his neck. By evening, the injury had become so aggravated that he could hardly walk or move his neck. He requested prayer, and, upon arising, he testified that the pain and soreness had departed and he was able to walk normally and move his neck.

On Saturday morning, everyone gathered at the Chapel to express their sad and tearful good-byes. Sadness was soon turned into great joy as George Siddall and Joseph Carlini, both of Detroit, requested baptism. Everyone happily delayed their departure to witness the baptisms and confirmations.

While all of the baptisms were gratifying and brought joy to all present, the baptisms of Harold Batalucco, Victor Pastorelli, and Joseph Carlini held a special significance for the many present from Detroit. These men have been associated with The Church for many years and their wives have been members since their teens. To see these three families complete in the service of God afforded a great blessing, especially to our three Sisters.

Although the many baptisms and manifestations of The Spirit were the prominent items at the campout, there were many other enjoyable experiences. Some were turned into profitable ventures for The Church. Among these were a number of fund-raising activities throughout the week and a considerable sum was raised for the new General Church Auditorium near Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Also of special interest was Sister Darlene Large's arts and crafts classes. This provided many of The Sisters with an interesting project during the recreational periods and taught them many resourceful and interesting things.

The huge bonfire in the center of camp also provided another most pleasant activity. It created an inspiring setting for singing hymns late into the night. It was refreshing to awaken each morning surrounded by Brothers and Sisters in Christ and to retire at night with the sounds of hymn singing by our untiring young people from various points in the camp.

There were many members of The Priesthood present at this campout. Each morning following the seminars, they resorted to a quiet place in the woods where they spent some time

in fasting and prayer. This brought about a spirit of oneness which was evident throughout the week.

Words are inadequate to describe the peace, joy and contentment which the week afforded. It is our prayer that God will richly reward our GMBA officers and all those willing workers from local MBA units who spent many hours of advance planning and in hard work for the annual event.

Perhaps the reward for the hard work may be found not only in the conversion of 14 souls, but also in the great help this campout presented our young people. For them, the campout provided a means of renewing their faith in Christ. We believe our young people went away with a feeling of rededication and are looking forward to next year when they can meet again in an atmosphere of love and mutual understanding.

All who could not attend this year will want to consider seriously the wonderful benefits they will receive if they are able to participate in future such undertakings. They, we are sure, will be just as edifying and unforgettable as all the others have been to date.

## Old Law Makes New Policy For Indian Bureau

"ZUNIS TAKE OVER BIA" said the headline in the local newspaper.

The event was not an insurrection or a sit-in on the part of Zuni Indians from the historic New Mexican pueblo, one of Coronado's seven cities of Cibola.

It was a proud and peaceful demonstration of tribal initiative under a new Federal policy which encourages tribal governments to direct the activities of Bureau of Indian Affairs employees on their reservation.

The actual takeover was officially ratified at Zuni on May 23 when Assistant Secretary of the Interior Harrison Loesch and Zuni Governor Robert E. Lewis signed two sets of documents — one set in English, the other in Zuni — giving Lewis the responsibility for directing Bureau activities at Zuni.

Legal authority for the takeover was discovered when Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce ordered an extensive review of Bureau policy to find ways to create more Indian involvement in Federal policies and more Indian control over Indian community affairs.

In the 1834 legislation creating what is now the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the following appears: "Where any of the tribes are in the opinion of the Secretary . . . . competent to direct the employment of their blacksmiths, mechanics, teachers, farmers or other persons engaged for them, the direction of such persons may be given to the proper authority of the tribe." The Indian Affairs Office was originally located in the War Department, and was transferred to the Department of the Interior when the latter was created in 1849.

To the Zuni Tribe, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel will give the responsibility for

directing Bureau programs and employees on its 405,000 acre reservation which has a population of 5,000.

Commissioner Bruce said the Zuni agreement "will be just the first of many. Each will be tailored to meet the specific needs of the tribe involved. In some cases only specific functions will come under tribal direction as a tribe assesses its needs and its capabilities.

"We are determined to carry forward President Nixon's pledge to give Indian communities a far larger voice in determining their futures," Bruce said.

"We may not find any more old legislation to help us out, but we will be ready to meet Indian initiative with the flexibility and quick response necessary to get the job done. We will not force initiative on any tribe, but we will be ready when they are."

At Zuni, tribal Governor Robert E. Lewis will direct the activities of Bureau employees, fulfilling the function now carried out by the Bureau Superintendent. Federal employees will be given the option of staying at Zuni and working for the tribe or working on another reservation. Those who stay will retain all Federal civil service protections and pay.

Those Federal employees working under tribal direction, carrying out the responsibilities of local governments, will at the same time be training a Zuni replacement. Eventually non-Indians will be employed by the tribe only at its discretion.

The turnover agreement includes all the functions the Bureau normally performs at Zuni but it does not change the Secretary of the Interior's trust responsibility for Zuni land. Further, Bureau consultative services, such as real estate and community development advice, will be available from nearby Bureau offices.

The agreement provides that either party can cancel the arrangement on 180 days notice and the reservation would revert to its former management set-up.

## Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Church Board of Trustees

We are pleased to have Brother Mel Mountain actively engaged in the supervision of construction at the Auditorium site once again. He is looking after the important building details and his reports are coming to us at regular intervals.

Your Auditorium committee is well pleased with the progress of construction to-date. A recent check indicated that similar-sized projects throughout the country are taking from 12 to 24 months of actual construction time to complete. We have had a minimum of delay because of weather and strikes, and we were fortunate to have started construction as soon as we did.

Perhaps it would be appropriate at this time to give you a more detailed report on the percentage of work completed listed as follows, as

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## Editorial Comment

### Top Of The Mountain Beautiful Position For Church Building

*"Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob . . ."*

In a very small but joyful way the foregoing words of the Prophet in Isaiah 2:3 came to life recently as I drove up the hill near Greensburg, Pennsylvania to view our new auditorium under construction. As I walked around the partially completed building, I was able to see the valley, below beneath the blue summer skies, and I felt the peace and quiet away from our busy cities.

While I stood gazing at our future house of worship, many thoughts rushed through my mind. I thought of our little children who will receive Sunday School and Missionary Benevolent Association tutoring, and of our older Brothers and Sisters who will find it a quiet and peaceful place of meditation and prayer. Both old and young will be most pleased to have their own building which can be the source of strength and encouragement. I thought of the Priesthood and how much our Brothers will enjoy preaching and proclaiming The Word of God from the pleasant hilltop. There they will find it possible to have the solitude and attention of all listeners, uninterrupted by any outside noise distractions. Also, they will feel an even closer communion with God because of the tranquility found only in such a pastoral setting.

Last, and very importantly, I thought of our young people with their enthusiasm, energy, and determination to follow the course prescribed by The Saviour. This hilltop location can indeed be a place of joyful gathering for them away from the evil influences of a sinful and troubled world. It is very imperative that our young people have a place where they can come together to sing and pray and exchange ideas and personal experiences. This fellowship can strengthen their ties in The Church and can give them added stimulus to carry on in The Gospel with exuberance and real meaning. They can then aspire to be better examples to all whom they encounter.

#### CREDIT TO CHURCH

Our faithful young people have, by their behavior and attitudes, been a credit to The Church and they are truly deserving of a place such as the new auditorium will provide. Besides being the kinds of exemplary individuals of whom we all can be proud, they have worked diligently, along with their older counterparts, to raise the funds so necessary for the building. As a matter of fact, they are still pursuing projects to raise finances which are needed as the work progresses.

The auditorium will be a place of gathering for many years to come. Furthermore, our conferences and gatherings will no longer be rushed for time as has been true in the past years when meeting in public facilities. There is nothing more

damaging to the movement of The Spirit than having a time deadline which must be met. The services which are most edifying and memorable are the ones which follow the dictates of The Spirit. Under these conditions, the liberty and joy of The Spirit are most prevalent and the blessings cannot be contained or measured. After meetings of these kinds, the feeling of communion through The Spirit lingers for many days and actually provides for the sustenance so essential for our daily living. The field trips and gatherings which have been held recently are examples of the blessings which are received when the Brothers and Sisters spend uninterrupted time together. Surely, these times, typified by the calling of many souls into The Gospel as reported in this issue at the General MBA Field Trip, cannot be compared to any worldly occasion.

It is certain that, when the long-awaited auditorium dedication day finally comes, all parties who will be privileged to attend will feel reward for their efforts. Understandably, they will know that their donations have made the building possible and their presence there will help make the benefits visualized become a reality. Then all the sacrifices involved and the many years of waiting for our own General Church building will be ended and all thanks can be given to God for what has been achieved.

#### IS POSSIBLE

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity, as one deeply interested in this project, to encourage everyone to give for this worthy cause. How marvelous it would be, if through additional self-sacrifice and generosity, we would have the building fully paid by dedication day. How impossible this thought seems at first, but we recall the words of Jesus that "what is impossible with man is possible with God." A little more effort by everyone can allow this goal to be achieved. A united approach, as has been true in the past, can conquer the most difficult and seemingly unattainable objective.

Tremendous indeed would be the pride and feeling in our hearts if we could present the building to our great Creator without the thought that it is not completely ours. Collectively, it would be most encouraging to know that there is no deficit involved and that the situation contains no conditional ownership. Not having any contingencies on the property and structure would be an appropriate beginning when we ask God's blessings on the building.

Can such a feat be accomplished in so short a time? Perhaps, you might say I am an optimist, but I believe it can be done if we will unite and re-double our efforts. If we all make it a point to contribute just a little more, we shall be able to make this condition a reality.

May God bless all of our readers with the desire to be a willing and full participant in the building of The House of God through their generous contributions. All endeavors will, we are sure, be looked upon with favor by Him and should serve to refresh us after the sacrifices have been made and what they have accomplished can be observed at the top of the mountain.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

## What Does Mankind Require?

By Carl J. Frammolin

What inducement must humanity receive before it will heed the Word of God? Even more fundamental, what must be done to motivate individuals to even want to hear the Word of God which offers eternal life?

These questions have been paramount among Gospel workers for some time. They have become even more important as we view the deviant behavior being exhibited in the world today. Many youthful and older people appear to be intent on pursuing objectives which are in conflict with the principles of Christ rather than seeking to implement what they know about His Gospel and striving to learn more about His teachings. Of deep concern is how they have forsaken and turned away from true Christianity and have become seriously engrossed in finding their solace and hopes in some other way.

A constructively inquiring mind is an admirable asset. On the other hand, an inconsiderate thinker who destroys himself and others through curiosity or despondency is one who usually finds he is hopelessly devoid of the very faculties with which he started. Deterioration of mind and body accompany this latter pattern of behavior. Repeated warning of the undesirable results which will be realized are not heeded, and, in fact, are flouted in such a way as to exhibit complete unconcern about what can happen.

### MANIFESTED IN MANY WAYS

Unrest has been manifested in many ways, thus it is difficult to point to just one facet of behavior or to highlight one specific issue to dramatize the upheaval which has taken place. It would be more pertinent, perhaps, to analyze the group activities in which these individuals have participated. Gatherings attended by thousands of these people, particularly the younger ones, offer the best examples.

On these occasions, use of drugs and promiscuous behavior have been reported as being prevalent and have become causes of real concern to all people who have become alarmed over the trend of the times. Furthermore, the music which is offered at these gatherings is described as being conducive to the setting and the behavior reported. Astoundingly, these events attract people not only in unbelievably large numbers but from many distant points. Sacrifices are made to attend and to partake in the proceedings.

Viewing this stampede toward these kinds of mass meetings, civic and political leaders have encountered many anxieties in determining how to deal with these situations. What can be done to stem the tide? How can these festivals, as they are called, be stopped? The dilemma is further complicated by obstructions to law enforcement attempted to thwart the get-togethers, which are evidences that young people are searching for something they need in their lives.

The very state of mind they are seeking—that of escaping from the problems and cares of the world—is not attainable because in their frenzied condition these helpless people resort to actions which they would not otherwise consider. The very escape attempt results in a capture from which there appears to be little if any chance of freedom. Simply stated, whatever peace could be obtained by trusting in God is lost because of a dependence on drugs and behavior which in the end is completely destructive and merciless.

### PROBLEM OFFERS CHALLENGE

The problem is one which should challenge all persons who are interested in the plight of mankind. It should be sufficiently significant to force each individual to ask, "How can I help stem this tide which seems to be engulfing many disoriented and inquisitive parties? How can I provide them with something meaningful and good?"

In analyzing the predicament into which mankind is plunging itself, it becomes most obvious that it is time for the true followers of Christ to take

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### THE SOWER

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I have for you this month is the sowing of the seed. Jesus used this in one of His parables when He compared kinds of soil and seed to our lives in hearing His Word. Sometimes we get on the "wrong track" because we don't nourish the seed. Jesus told this story to show that His words are like the seeds the farmer sows and the people are like the soil. After you have read this story, see which person you want to be like.

One day Jesus sat in a ship beside the Sea of Galilee. Many, many people sat on the shore to hear the story. He said, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow." The sower, or a farmer, had a large bag of grain hanging over his shoulder. As he walked back and forth across the fields, he threw handfuls of grain upon the ground.

Some of the seed fell upon hard ground by the wayside. The birds came and snatched the seed. The seed is the Word of God, and the hearts of some people are hard like hard ground. These people will not let God's Word take root in their minds and hearts. Satan comes and takes it away.

Some seed fell on rocky ground where there was not much soil. When the seeds began to grow, their roots were not strong and they withered in the sun. There wasn't enough soil for them to sink deep. They are happy to hear Jesus' teachings, but their faith isn't deeply rooted enough to last. There are others whose hearts are like thorny soil, where weeds choke out good plants. These people try to obey but soon let carelessness, greed, or selfishness crowd out the good word.

The fourth group is quite different. These are people who are like good soil. They hear the Word of God and welcome it into their hearts. They want to follow Jesus and tell others. It is like watching a rich and beautiful harvest. In this good soil, the seeds grow into a big crop of grain. They gladly receive the seeds of truth in Jesus' teachings and let them grow in their minds and hearts. Isn't it wonderful that most of the seed fell upon good, soft soil and grew into healthy plants? When the sower came to gather the grain, he found a great increase, some thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold. After Jesus told the parable, He said that he "who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Do you understand it?

#### Search The Scriptures

Find the answers in word bank below.

1. Jesus told stories called .....
2. The name of this one is called .....
3. Jesus sat in a ship and the people sat on the .....

4. The Sower is a .....
  5. The seed is the ..... of .....
  6. The ground is men's .....
  7. There were ..... kinds of plantings.
  8. The good seed yielded ....., ..... and some ..... fold.
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|--------|-------------|-----------|
| Hearts | Shore       | The Sower |
| Farmer | Ship        | Parables  |
| Four   | Word of God | 30-60-100 |

I want my heart like (the wayside, stony ground, thorns, good ground). Choose the one that best suits you.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

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their stand more emphatically so that they may lead their fellow human beings away from the undesirable end they are bringing upon themselves. It is now that a superior effort must be made to offer the compassion and mercy so needed by these floundering individuals. The dynamic testimonies for Christ, the prayers which can be offered, and the examples which can be set are of the greatest importance today.

No ideal setting must be awaited for the workers for Christ to begin laboring in this cause. As have been done in the past, testimonies, prayers, and examples must continue to be offered. Today, however, it is imperative that a more profound rededication be made so that these fruits of The Gospel will be more available. It would almost seem that redoubling of efforts is needed and that a concerted campaign to spread The Word must be undertaken.

### MODERN THINKING

"Science and The Scriptures" in the August issued synthesized the trend which has taken place in the thinking of the world today. The author, Brother Thomas Everett, pointed out most precisely how people have turned from the Scriptures in guiding their lives and have substituted, sometimes irrationally, the authority assigned to science as the force upon which to base their hopes. Realistically, the article illustrated how the Word of God actually gave answers to physical and metaphysical forces many years in advance of their discovery by science. The conclusion drawn was that, even though scientists may be noble and knowledgeable persons, they do not possess the divinity and hope held by the Scriptures. The challenge now, therefore, is how can this sovereignty of God be restored in the hearts of those who have left it and how can it be placed in the lives of those who have not ever ascribed to it?

This challenge, in short, raises anew the question of what inducement must mankind receive before it will heed the Word of God? It appears that when self-preservation takes precedence over self-destruction there is a hope that The Gospel Message will be heard and accepted. Making individuals aware that self-preservation, particularly in the Kingdom of Heaven, is possible is the starting point. From there, with the help of God, further evidences and roads to follow

will become apparent.

The pleading voice of The Saviour is directed toward all people. Whether individually or collectively, this sound of The Shepherd should be identified for the lost sheep who are looking for a meaningful discovery. Furthermore, these searchers should be impressed with the fact that He is real and receptive to their needs. When they understand these teachings, they will have been provided with the inducements to come to The Master, and they will know their salvation is available through The Church of Jesus Christ and The Restored Gospel. They will then be motivated to trust in God and His Son, who died for them, and they will find the peace, contentment, and hope they so require.

## The American Indian Papago Indian Reservation

*(Following is the second in a series of articles on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona. The writings are being submitted by Brother Richard Christman, who has been appointed the Administrator of the educational system at the location. —Editor's Note)*

The Federal Government makes no payments to a person merely because he is an Indian. Payments made to a person of Indian blood may represent income from his property collected for him by an agent of the United States. Other payments may result from compensation for losses incurred when lands are required in connection with Federal projects. Payments may represent the Indians pro rata share of property belonging to the tribe of which he is a member. In each instance, money available for payments belongs either to the tribe or to an individual and is held in trust by the U. S. Government. Therefore, Government checks are issued in making payments to individuals and to tribes.

For many years, the Papago Tribe has ranked among the lowest in income of any tribe in the Southwest. The principal livelihood on the reservation is cattle raising. Livestock were introduced by the Spaniards around 1700 but the herds have remained relatively small because of the general lack of natural surface water and the sparse vegetation cover which is typical of this Sonora Desert region. The Bureau of Indian Affairs began the drilling of water wells and the construction of dams and charcos (water collection pits) during the CCC days of the 1930's. Since that time, an extensive water development and maintenance program has been carried out on the reservation to support the cattle enterprise there. Most of the reservation is now used for rangeland, a square mile of natural forage supporting less than three heads of livestock per year. However, stock water is being increased by adding new wells and improving water catchment structures on the reservation. Also, new clearing and seeding techniques now being used hold promise for upgrading range capacity. Cattle land management instruction and training are regularly provided in summer youth camp and at special agricultural courses.

The tribe collectively owns a small registered

herd of Hereford cattle which is under professional management. Two specially seeded pastures are used to support the herd. By selective purchase and rotation of quality bulls, both the tribal herd and privately owned herds on the reservation are constantly being improved.

### NO EXTENSIVE FARMING

Generally, there is no extensive farming because of a lack of an adequate water supply. Some of the Papagos do have small garden plots on which they raise native corn, beans, and other vegetables depending upon run-off water from washes during the rainy season for moisture. Approximately 1200 acres of irrigated land have been developed at San Xavier where the water table is relatively shallow and a system of electrically powered wells has been installed.

The Papago Indians are now entering a new stage in their development progress. Two large mining companies have each discovered significant deposits of high grade copper ore in the northern part of the reservation and are now preparing for full mining operations there. Training of Papagos for this kind of employment has begun and several hundred individuals will eventually be hired as regular full-time workers receiving full-scale wages. A third mining company will soon begin copper mining operations at San Xavier near Tucson.

More jobs and land lease income will be generated by the opening of the San Xavier Industrial Park in 1970. Funded by a loan/grant from the Economic Development Administration, the 40-acre park is expected to quickly attract several light industries to the San Xavier Reservation. Additional industrial acreage will be developed at San Xavier to match demand.

A planned earth dam and reservoir, to be built by the Corps of Engineers, has been approved. The project will provide run-off control and a means to irrigate many thousands of acres in the north section of the main reservation. Campgrounds, fishing, and a recreational park are being planned in conjunction with this water project.

Old traditional skills, however, are still being practiced among the Papagos. Interest in the famous Papago baskets has increased to the extent that nearly 3000 are marketed annually through the tribal arts and crafts program at rodeos, crafts shows, county and state fairs.

Average annual per capita income on the Papago Reservation is now estimated to be about \$700. Federal employment comprised 62 percent of all wage income in 1970. Self-employed earnings totaled almost one million dollars in Fiscal Year 1970, practically all resulting from livestock sales. Current total tribal income from all sources is approximately \$300,000 per annum but this figure is expected to increase substantially during the next two years as a result of mining royalties and various commercial lease fees. Despite a potentially bright future, unemployment and underemployment among the Papago Indians is still unacceptably high. Many persons must leave the reservation each year to seek work elsewhere. There are permanent colonies of Papagos living in Tucson, Ajo, Casa Grande, and a number of other southern Arizona communities.

## Brief History Of The Church's Yucaipa Mission

By Mary Spata

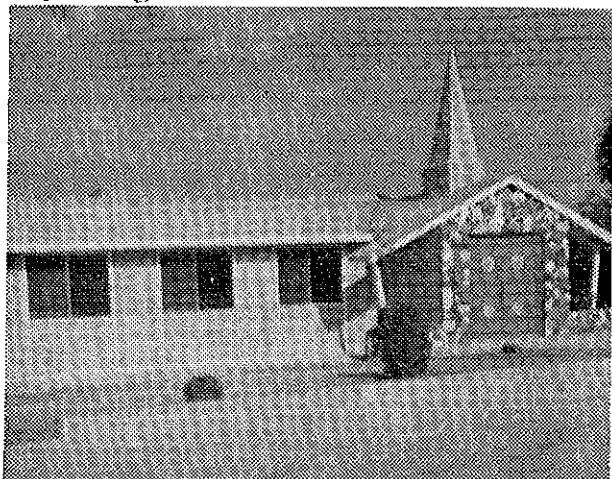
The city of Yucaipa, California consists of approximately 27,000 residents most of whom are retired people. In the ebb of life many find themselves alone. In their old age, many of them seek peace and love, but know not where to find it. We know that they will find it in The Church of Jesus Christ.

Yucaipa is an Indian word meaning the green valley. Indeed it is a vast valley about 6,000 feet above sea level at its highest point. At this elevation during winter, one finds snow, while below in the valley are roses, flowers and vegetable gardens in full growth. God has truly blessed this wonderful place. Orange blossoms fill the air while there is snow only six miles away.

Our Church building (pictured below) seats 100 people, and we feel that God was truly with us in obtaining this 2½ acre site. The property was purchased at below market value and so many helped us with the erection of the building that we are certain God had a hand in this matter, for we could not have done it without His help. Typical of the many who assisted us was Brother Mark Randy of Modesto, California. Despite a heart condition, he labored many hours in the building of God's house.

### GOD'S PROTECTION

In one instance when we first started to work on the structure, we recall, with grateful hearts, how God watched over the building. To save costs, it was decided to use the new roof off the old building. Brother Mark jacked the roof up on stilts about 12 feet high and began to lower it over the new building. It became too late to finish the work that day and the roof was left on stilts unanchored by nails until the next morning. That evening a high wind of approximately 80 miles an hour developed over the area. It blew down trees and roofs from various homes and we were all, of course, concerned about our



Pictured is the new Church building of the Yucaipa, California Mission.

Church roof on stilts. We all spent the night in prayer, each not knowing that the others were also in prayer to God asking Him to protect our building. In the morning all the members came to the Church building to find the roof just as we had left it. All of us had come with the assurance that God had heard our prayers. Many of our neighbors also came and told us that they too had prayed during the night. To our joy, God had tried our faith that night and found it not wanting.

It was necessary to wait two years to raise the required funds to purchase this property during which time the owner decided to wait for us even though he could have sold it to others. It is certain that God wanted His Church at this location. The influx of younger people and families raises even greater hopes for the future.

### THANK EVERYONE

We wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped in erecting our building and all of the Branches and Missions throughout The General Church who sent donations. Also, Brother Robert Watson, Jr., of San Fernando Valley, has been our Presiding Officer and we appreciate his wisdom and guidance.

It is our prayer that God will help us to find many souls, especially among the lonely older people who may desire to give of their last years to The Lord. We ask everyone to remember us in prayer that God's House may be filled.

## Auditorium Progress

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of September 1st.

Excavation .....	100%
Footers & Foundation .....	100%
Rough grading .....	100%
Remove top soil .....	100%
Replace top soil .....	50%
Concrete floors, walks, slabs .....	100%
Brick & Block .....	100%
Doors, etc. ....	100%
Windows .....	100%
Hardware .....	50%
Roof Joists & Bridging .....	100%
Roof Deck .....	100%
Structural steel .....	100%
Heating Trunk lines, Furnace, etc. ....	70%
Carpentry .....	60%
Suspended ceiling hardware .....	75%
Skylight .....	98%
Lathers .....	30%
Plumbing .....	80%
Electric .....	35%
Facia .....	40%

It can be seen that the building is nearing completion. The lathers and plasterers are completing their portion of the work. The painters have started their finishing. The heating contractor has installed and hooked up the furnace. The electricians are installing fixtures. The facia around the exterior is being installed. The folding partitions for the all purpose room have been ordered. The remainder of the top soil is being spread and preparations for seeding have been made. The completion of the above items will

complete the Auditorium building. The installation of equipment for the kitchen, the pews and the sound equipment and furnishings will then commence.

The manufacturers of the pews are giving priority to our order and have been working diligently in order to finish them as soon as possible. They will be installed in the Auditorium as soon as the clean-up by the General Contractor, the F. J. Busse Company, Inc., has been finished.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The following financial report is presented to show the Auditorium costs and expenditures as of September 15, 1970:

Contract Price of the Auditorium	\$343,300
Change order #2 approved (Roof screen for Mech. equip.)	1,134
Total Cost	\$344,434
Less 10% Retainage	34,434
Amt. due by completion of building	\$310,000
Amt. Authorized for payment as of Sept. 15, 1970	205,011
Balance due General Contractor upon completion	104,989
Balance due plus retainage (completion plus 30 days)	\$139,423

We are still awaiting an offer in writing from the County of Allegheny officials for the first Auditorium site which was taken for the expansion of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. There is nothing new to report on our claim with the County at the present time.

Please continue to send your contributions through your Branches and Districts. We shall soon be able to meet in our new Auditorium. Funds will be needed to repay the mortgage after the building is completed, until we receive our funds from Allegheny County.

## Missionary Field

### Sad Occasion At Tijuana

By Evelyn Perdue

*(Following is an account of a sad occasion at Tijuana, Mexico where Sister Perdue is assisting her husband at the two Church Indian Missions.)*

—Editor's Note

For many of us who have enjoyed the luxuries of our wonderful country, what I am about to relate may be hard to believe; but it is nevertheless true.

Yesterday, as on many other occasions, I was deeply touched. My husband and I entered the home of a young couple. The woman is a loyal and faithful Sister in The Church of Jesus Christ and is truly a wonderful worker. On the table in this small room was a plain wooden box and in that box lay a beautiful child around five years of age. Around and inside of this so-called casket were strewn weeds and wild flowers, gathered by friends and neighbors, which had wilted with the heat.

The child had been sick for a week and, be-

cause of lack of funds, did not get the proper care. The mother was exhausted from not having eaten or slept for the entire week. We had seen her on a Tuesday. She got off the bus, carrying the child; and, having seen our car, she decided to get off. She had been to some doctor who prescribed some medicines without really knowing what was wrong.

Thursday night the child became unconscious and was rushed to the Red Cross emergency hospital, but at 6:30 A.M. he passed away. We had heard about it but could not locate the parents until we got to their home at 5 P.M.

At this emergency hospital, they told the parents the child died of meningitis. Our Sister was overcome with grief and the pain she felt was agonizing. She told us that she was sitting down with her head resting against the wall. She went into a kind of sleep when she heard a voice say to her, "Don't cry, my child, he is mine." With these words all the agony she felt seemed to disappear. She also told us that during the week the child told her he wanted to die so that he could be with Jesus and also asked his mother, brother and sisters to pray for him.

The parents did not have the means to bury this child although the grounds, which are just a rock pile where children are buried five deep and one on top of the other, would be donated by the government.

It is at times like these that we feel so grateful that through The Church we can help such worthy cases. On many other occasions, we have entered various homes and on the table lay a lifeless form even without a box because there were no funds to purchase the lumber to make one.

We have encountered many, many sad things in our travels which I shall not go into at this time, but I would urge that you remember to help whatever you can by forwarding through the Missionary Board of the General Church.

Above all, please remember to pray for those in the field, as well as those who are being served.

May God bless all our Brothers and Sisters everywhere.

### Visits Windsor, Renders Obedience To The Gospel

Touched with the spirit of repentance, Salvatore Vitiello, visiting from Sudbury, Ontario, rendered obedience to The Gospel of Christ at the Windsor, Canada Branch on Sunday, August 23. He was baptized by Brother Samuel Cuomo and confirmed by Brother Don Collison.

The baptism was a fitting climax to a highly edifying service during which the blessings of God abounded. The new Brother heeded the words of Windsor Presiding Elder, Brother Frank Vitto, who exhorted all assembled to stay close to The Lord. Concluding his exhortation, Brother Vitto invited those not baptized to take the step toward The Saviour, whereupon Brother Vitiello made his most important decision.

## Five More Baptized Sunday, After Trip At Perry, Ohio

The Spirit of God continued to manifest itself abundantly the Sunday after the GMBA Field Trip, August 30, as five more individuals made their covenants at the Perry, Ohio Branch. The blessings were overflowing as the new members entered The Gospel, further perpetuating the wonderful time experienced at the campout at nearby Canfield, Ohio where 14 souls came into The Church of Jesus Christ.

Taken into the waters were Frank and Mary Ann Volpe of Cleveland; Janet Marie Manes and Karen Lee Pandone of Youngstown; and Deborah Jean Brumagin of Perry.

Both Brother and Sister Volpe were baptized by Brother Vincent Gibson. Brother Volpe was confirmed by Brother Richard Santilli and Sister Volpe was confirmed by Brother Mario Milano. Sister Manes was baptized by Brother Anthony Picciuto and confirmed by Brother Jerry Giovannone. Sister Brumagin was baptized by Brother Eugene Kline and confirmed by Brother Santilli. Sister Pandone was baptized by her father, Brother Don Pandone, and confirmed by Brother Picciuto.

The meeting was one which will not be forgotten by any in attendance, being a service which put the final edifying touch on a week of worship and fellowship together, not only by those who reside in Ohio but from around The Church. The theme of the Love of God could not have been more beautifully portrayed than by having 19 converts called into The Gospel.

## Two New Members Added To Fold In New Mexico

The request of two souls in Sante Fe, New Mexico to become members of The Church of Jesus Christ was honored on Monday, July 20, when Apostle Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York baptized them in the Chimata River in San Juan, approximately 35 miles from Sante Fe. The two new Sisters, also confirmed by Brother D'Amico, are Sally Howell and Lucille Renshaw, daughter and granddaughter of Brother John and the late Sister Anna Cerame of Sopris, Colorado.

Although away from an established Church location, the Sisters had retained their interest in The Gospel of Christ, subsequently contacting Brother D'Amico, who along with his family, made the journey west to fulfill their request. Sister Renshaw is very afflicted, and it is being asked that the entire Church pray in her behalf.

Also visited on the trip were Sopris and St. John, Kansas. At Sopris, which is near Trinidad, time was spent with Brother Cerame, Church pioneer member who is 88 years old, and Sister

Maria D'Angelis. These faithful members were most appreciative and uplifted by the visit. Unfortunately, the visitors were unable to go to Denver to visit the faithful members there.

The Sunday prior to the baptisms, Brother D'Amico addressed the St. John, Kansas congregation. The blessings of God were manifested, as they were at the other places where Church members were visited.

All Brothers, Sisters and friends are most grateful for the addition of our two new Sisters. Their prayers and hopes are that, as in other part of the world, other souls may also be called into The Gospel in the Colorado-Kansas area and that future trips there by other members of The Ministry will result in further conversions.

## Decision Made During Weekday To Enter Gospel

Called into The Gospel of Christ while at work, Louis Ross of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania was taken into the waters the next Sunday, August 16. He had felt the spirit of repentance on Tuesday while laboring on the afternoon shift whereupon he contacted Brother Paul Palmieri, Aliquippa Pastor, and made his decision known.

The most-welcomed convert was baptized by Brother John Ross, Sr. He was confirmed by Brother Anthony Palmieri.

The new Brother Ross had been introduced to The Church over 22 years ago. Although he had experienced the blessings of God for many years, he stated that he had come closer to The Lord since the Pennsylvania Missionary Benevolent Association Area Campout in Jennerstown this last June 10. He had been most affected at that gathering.

All the Brothers, Sisters, and friends of The Church, particularly of Aliquippa, are most overjoyed at the entry of Brother Ross into The Gospel.

## San Diego Branch Holds Vacation Bible School

The San Diego, California Branch held its second annual Vacation Bible School August 10-14. The theme for the highly successful series of classes was "Providing God's Promises."

The staff for the undertaking was as follows: Minister, Brother Benjamin Ciccatti; Co-Leaders, Sisters Marcia Liberto and Irene Dulisse; Pianist, Sister Diane Surdoch; Crafts, Sister Lorraine Morano; Historian, Larry Ciccatti; and Hostess, Lynn Liberto.

The teachers were: Intermediate Class, Sisters Violet Thomas and Dulisse; Junior Class, Sisters Orletta Liberto and Francine Saczko; Primary Class, Sister Donna Ciccatti and Larry Ciccatti; and Kindergarten Class, Sisters Debbie Liberto and Francine Ciccatti.

Arts, crafts and lesson books were on display

during the last day of the Bible School. The parents viewed their children's work, as well as the handiwork of the youngsters at Tijuana, Mexico which had held its first Vacation Bible School. The efforts at both San Diego and Tijuana were most revealing, as the children utilized their talents splendidly.

The learning of all the children not only was enjoyable but will serve as another solid basis for their later years in life.

## Couple Enters Gospel At Imperial, Penna.

Word has been received belatedly from the Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch about the baptisms of a newly-wedded couple, Harrison and Alice D. Bittinger who came into The Gospel on Sunday, July 19. Both the new members were baptized by Brother Robert J. Buffington and confirmed by Brother Jacob Christman.

The new Brother is the nephew of Brother Joseph Bittinger, General Church Second Counselor. The young couple were most blessed in entering the fold together and in having God as their pilot in life.

The Imperial congregation has been most uplifted by the addition of the new members, as well as the other blessings received from God.

## Two Baptized In Bronx, N.Y.

Two new members have been added to the Bronx, New York Branch, according to belated news received from that location. The additions have been Michele Sandola and Silverio Mazzella, who were baptized on June 11 and July 25, respectively.

Both new members were taken into the waters by Brother Attilio Romano and were confirmed by Brother Salvatore Feola.

The baptisms were very edifying to the Bronx Branch and have added to the numerous blessings received at this part of The Church of Jesus Christ.

## "Turn Them . . ." Theme Presented At Monongahela

"Turn them, O, turn them again, Lord, And cause Thy face to shine:". These words are in the chorus of a hymn written by the late Sister Amy Martin and are based on the 80th Psalm. These words also refer to the plea of the Seed of Joseph to the Good Shepherd of Israel, and they are crying for joy divine instead of the sad tears they have had for bread.

Brother John Bickerton used this hymn and Psalm in his sermon at Monongahela, Pennsylvania on Sunday, August 2, and he applied them directly to his work, along with Brother Isaac

Smith, among the Indian people on the Fort Apache Reservation in Arizona. The Brothers and their families are in Pine Top serving as missionaries in the area.

Experiences were related concerning the work among the Indians and the need for more laborers in these ripe fields. Prayers were requested on behalf of the Seed of Joseph, so that they will allow themselves to be brought into direct fellowship with their Good Shepherd through the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother John, and his wife, and family, and Sister Doris Metz, also residing at Pine Top, spent several days at Monongahela, from where they hail, traveling primarily for the funeral of Sister Cora Fowler (reported in "Obituaries" on page 12), Sister Metz' aunt.

On August 16, Brother Dominic Moraco of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4 addressed the Monongahela congregation. He spoke on Psalm 148 and exhorted on the importance of giving praise to our Creator. All things — mountains, trees, beasts, birds, and elements of the weather — are told to praise God. This Psalm, in its contents, requires celestial, terrestrial, and rational creatures to recognize the only excellent name that is worthy enough to praise—the name of The Lord. If these creatures should praise their Maker, indicated Brother Moraco, then how much more should man praise God?

The sermons were certainly enjoyed by all present.

## Brief News of Interest

### SEND THANKS

Brother Salvatore Azzinaro, Sr. of the Lockport, New York Branch has sent his thanks to everyone around The Church for their many prayers, cards, and remembrances during his recent illness. He has been suffering from an injury which, after a prolonged period of time, required surgery on August 4. He has been recuperating at home since then.

Brother Azzinaro has requested further prayers so that his affliction may be healed.

### ERIE MISSION GRATEFUL

The Erie, Pennsylvania Mission has been most appreciative for the many Brothers and Sisters who have visited there recently. Of particular note have been the talks of various members of The Ministry from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Working temporarily in Erie has been Brother Chester Nolfi of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. He has traveled there frequently, accompanied on many occasions by his wife, Sister Phyllis, and other members of his family.

The Erie group is most thankful for Brother Nolfi's help, as well as of all the other visitors, and it requests that the entire Church remember them in prayer, as they reciprocate by offering their supplications to The Lord on behalf of all other Branches and Missions of The Church.

### TIJUANA BAPTISMS

News has been received that five more new members have been baptized recently at the  
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## NUPTIALS

### DZVONICK-ANTHONY

Mr. Darrell W. Dzvonick and Miss Margaret M. Anthony were united in holy matrimony at the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 22. Brother Alma Nolfi conducted the wedding ceremony. Sister Anna Pape was the soloist.

The couple resides in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

## OBITUARIES

### ANTHONY MORONE

Brother Anthony Morone, a Deacon and long-time faithful member of the Phoenix, Arizona Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ departed from this life on August 26. Born on August 24, 1888, he was baptized on August 22, 1926.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Brother Ether Furnier conducted the funeral services.

Our departed Brother fulfilled his office of Deacon with much dedication and perseverance and was a wonderful example to all. He is sadly missed by all who knew and loved him, particularly the members of the Phoenix Branch.

### CORA E. GRIFFITHS FOWLER

Sister Cora E. Griffiths Fowler, a long-time faithful member of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on July 30. She was born on March 28, 1897.

Survivors are her husband, two children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Brother John Bickerton conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother James Grazan.

A native of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, Sister Fowler lived in Fairmont, West Virginia for the past 50 years. Although she had a lengthy illness, she never complained but instead she gave encouragement to those who visited her, giving a true example of faith and patience.

## Brief News of Interest

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Tijuana, Mexico Indian Missions and that two more have asked to come into The Gospel. The Lord has truly been blessing the members at Tijuana.

Incidentally, Sister Perdue has sent her thanks to the Ladies' Circles in the East for sponsoring her trip to the General Circle's 50th Anniversary Conference in Detroit, Michigan on June 20. She specified that she cannot adequately express her gratitude and that she never thought such a wonderful thing would happen to her. On this trip, she was able to renew old acquaintances and to meet many new members she had not met before and the hospitality she, as well as all other visitors who attended, received was superlative.

### TRIP TO KANSAS, COLORADO

While traveling to New Mexico to perform the two baptisms reported earlier in this issue, Apostle Paul D. Amico, his wife and family had an opportunity to spend some time with Brothers, Sisters, and friends in St. John, Kansas; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Sopris, Colorado. The Visitors send their thanks for the kind hospitality and the wonderful welcome they received at all locations.

### SAN DIEGO PROJECTS

The San Diego, California Ladies' Circle is in the midst of various projects. First, a shower was held successfully for the Tijuana infants. Second, a Mexican Dinner open to the public to raise funds for Missionary work will be served on October 10. Third, the Circle unit is sponsoring the sale of gifts—arts and crafts—on November 14.

All of the activities are most commendable and certainly will aid The Church in her efforts to help as much as possible.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

Thomas Lloyd Jr. to the Thomas Bourn Srs. of Fort Pierce, Florida;

Deanna Lynn to the Herschel Murrays of Lorain, Ohio.

Susan Renee to the Wilbur Beams and Dena Louise to the Louis Checchis of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Corine Elaine to the Henry Koplinskis of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania;

Paul Michael to the Paul Michael Daveys of Metuchen, New Jersey;

Christopher Jordan to the Michael Bilardos of New Brunswick, New Jersey;

John Edgar Jr. to the John Edgar Moore Srs. of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania;

Daniel Aaron to the Louis Parravano of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3;

Alissa Ann-Marie to the Daniel Leikers of San Diego, California;

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is a list of remaining 1970 Church events of general and regional interest.

### OCTOBER

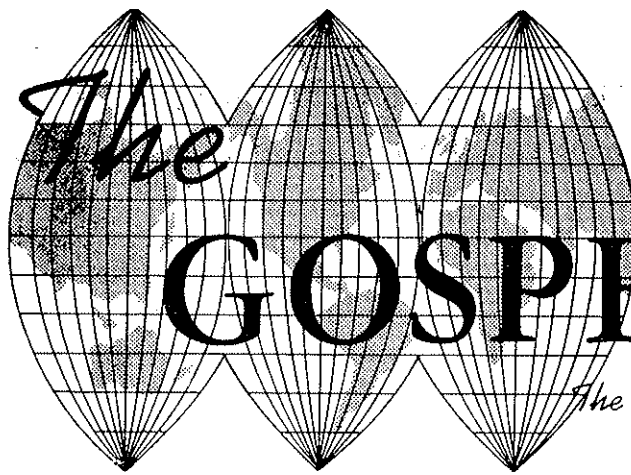
15, 16, 17, 18 — Semi-Annual General Church Conference in Michigan-Ontario District.

### NOVEMBER

14 — Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference in Pennsylvania MBA Area.

### DECEMBER

12 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.



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## Thanksgiving Day

By Paul Palmieri

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is set apart to give thanks for the blessings of the year. It is the one holiday that has maintained a semblance of a religious feeling with the day.

The original Plymouth Thanksgiving was held under peculiar circumstances in 1621. The first corn crop had been gathered and Governor Bradford decided to have a feast of ingathering — a day of thanksgiving. To help celebrate, he invited the friendly Massasorte Indians.

The Indians brought venison and wild turkeys and the surrounding woods yielded the wild fruit and the waters supplied fish and clams. Tables were set under the pine trees because of the large group. There were 90 of the Massasorte and 55 English-speaking people present. What with the preaching, feasting, talking and games, the exercise lasted three days. Sickness had told heavily on the colony. Over 40 of their band lay under the sod. Of the group that had assembled, there were but four women. These, with the young girls and one servant, prepared for all that large company.

### THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

As new colonies settled in the land, the custom of a yearly Thanksgiving Day spread throughout the country. In 1789, President George Washington expressed the spirit of his day.

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits and humble to implore His protection, aid and favors . . . . Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty sixth day of November next to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us".

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation appointing Thanksgiving Day as a Holiday on the fourth or last Thursday of

November.

### STILL BLESSED

Three and a half centuries later, we are still enjoying the blessings of the "Almighty God" in this land of these United States. So blessed are we that limitations must be set on the bountiful supplies to stabilize our economy. Reports are compiled every year that, with the production in this country, we could feed half of the entire world. It is only with the fear of wrecking other countries and their governments' restrictions that the surplus in this country is not used to help

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## GMBA Conference To Be Held Nov. 14 In Pennsylvania

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference will convene at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, in the Hopewell Senior High School, three miles south of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. There will be three meetings during the day.

The next morning's worship service will be held at the same location under the direction of the Pennsylvania General Church District. It will also start at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend both days.

(See related story in "MBA Highlights" on page 6.)

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## Dedication Date, Reports, Ministerial Callings Acted Upon By October General Church Conference

By Nicholas Pietrangelo, General Church Secretary

The date for dedicating the new General Church Auditorium, officer and committee reports, and the calling of new Elders and Evangelists were among the most prominent issues acted upon at the semi-annual Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ which met in Detroit, Michigan October 15-18. The sessions the first three days were conducted at Detroit Branch No. 3, while the Sunday Service was held in the Warren Woods High School in the nearby suburb of Warren.

The blessings of God were experienced during the weekend, as all assembled attended to the matters pertaining to the welfare of The Church. The prayers offered by all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends around the world for this gathering were felt, and the Conference was indeed thankful for these supplications, as well as for the mercies of The Lord which were received. A highlight of the sessions was a period of time devoted to prayers for the sick on Friday morning. The solitude and communion with God experienced during this time was reflected throughout the balance of the proceedings.

### GOSPEL NEWS CHANGES

Of immediate interest for Gospel News readers was the acceptance of the resignations with regrets of the current Editor-in-Chief and the Assistant Editor-in-Chief, effective with the January 1971 issue. Brothers Thomas Ross and Paul Palmieri of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania were appointed to fill the positions of Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Editor-in-Chief, respectively. The outgoing Editors expressed their gratitude to The General Church for the privilege of serving in their capacities and indicated their intention to work with their successors to bring about the smooth change in leadership.

Information on publication of various pieces of Church literature was also presented to the Conference. Among the measures adopted was one on reprinting of the **Book of Mormon** in the same format and type face as in previous Church printings. The price at which individual copies will be sold was established at \$2.25. Progress on review, research, and preparation of other literature was carried over to next June's Conference.

As reported on the next page, the Auditorium is nearing completion and Conference set a tentative date of April 17-18 for the dedication. Official confirmation on this event will be sent to all Branches and Missions by the writer. The next General Church Conference which would have been held in April was moved back to June 24-27. In the meantime, it was requested that all who possibly can do so plan to be in attendance for this memorable occasion at the Auditorium. The committee also made a plea for continued funds to help meet monthly payments which must be made to discharge the obligation.

The Board of Trustees reported the items per-

taining to Church real estate, as processed by the various Districts. These matters involved the transactions and construction on the pieces of property being purchased and/or being improved.

### BOARD OF MISSIONS

The General Church Board of Missions, which met on September 26 in Aliquippa, submitted the following report to the Conference.

The Nigerian part of The Church made another plea for missionaries from the parent organization; however, at present the Nigerian Government is not granting visas to missionaries. The Church in Nigeria is progressing quite well despite the lack of emissaries from the parent Church. The Board expressed its gratitude to Brother John Ross of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania for his untiring efforts in corresponding with our Brothers in Nigeria.

Our missions in Italy are being pastored by local Elders, but they, too, desire missionaries from The General Church.

The Indian missions in Arizona, Mexico, South Dakota, and Canada report good meetings and many blessings from The Lord. It was reported that Brother Anthony Brutz has moved from San Fernando Valley, California to Wapala, South Dakota where he is laboring at that Reservation's Mission. For some years, The Church has desired to have an experienced missionary at this Mission. Brother Brutz satisfies this need as he brings with him a history of having served for a number of years at the Muncey Mission in Ontario, Canada. He has a great love for the Indian people and will be filling an important requirement in the Indian heartland at South Dakota.

A continual need for welfare assistance exists at all Missions and the Board is grateful to everyone who has donated used clothing, food, and funds to help the indigent members and friends at our Missions. Donations and continued prayer by everyone are needed because missionary work is the most essential part of The

### QUORUM OF SEVENTIES

The Quorum of Seventy Evangelists recommended the ordination of the following Elders as Evangelists, and the Conference concurred: Matthew Rogolino, August D'Orazio, and Cleveland Baldwin of the Atlantic Coast District and John Azzinaro of the California District.

The Quorum of Seventies asked for a segment of time during each future General Church Conference to discuss The Church's missionary work. This request was granted.

The Quorum of Seventies also announced it is planning to sponsor an Evangelistic Conference during the week-end of July 4, 1971 at the new General Church Auditorium. Seminars to discuss ways of spreading The Gospel will be conducted during the day on Saturday with regular Evangelistic services on Saturday eve-

ning and on Sunday. Everyone will be invited to the services.

In addition, the Evangelists will conduct a survey as a means to find further ways to spread The Gospel. A Church census of members, friends and their families will be included.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee presented the financial status of the General Church budget for the fiscal year 1970 to date. In addition, recommendations on methods to handle the allocation of the General Church budget in the future were offered, and a motion was passed to send the alternatives to the District Elders and members for discussion. One of these proposals will be adopted at the next Conference.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Michigan-Ontario District, particularly to Branch No. 3 for the superlative hospitality extended over the weekend.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

There was large attendance at the Sunday morning service in Warren at which two new members were added to the fold. The new additions are Dorothy Miller of Omaha, Nebraska and Mary Jane Taormina of Detroit No. 3 who were taken into waters for baptism in Lake St. Clair and were confirmed at Detroit Branch No. 1.

Speakers at the meeting were Brothers George Heaps of Anaheim, California and Harry Robinson and English Webb of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. The subject was taken from Psalm 148, dealing with praising our Creator.

Numerous musical selections were sung before and during the edifying service. These included songs by the Michigan-Ontario District Choir, singing groups, and soloists.

## Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Church Board of Trustees

A meeting of the Auditorium Committee and the General Church Board of Trustees was held in Greensburg, Pennsylvania on September 19. At that time, the Architects gave an up-to-date report on the construction progress of the Auditorium. They reported that the total project as of September 1, was 72% to 75% completed. They estimated the date of completion at about December 1.

After some discussion, it was agreed by the Church representatives to ask the October General Church Conference to set a date for dedication of the Auditorium. This date is reported in this issue's conference story.

#### INSTALL SYSTEM

At the September meeting, the sound system was discussed and it was agreed to install the system which was specified because of the electrical contractor's position on the matter and it was decided to rough in an alternate system for completion at a later date if desired or needed.

The Architects reported that it is impossible

to completely furnish the kitchen for the sum of \$8,500 which we had asked them to do. They stated that an additional \$3,000 would be needed to complete the kitchen as specified.

The Architects were authorized to proceed at \$11,500. The Ladies Circle is being asked to raise the additional \$3,000 since the Sisters undertook the kitchen project and raised the original \$8,500. This total figure of \$11,500 is about \$3,500 under the bids originally obtained for furnishing the kitchen. By electing to wait, we were able to save a considerable amount.

It was announced that the ground was ready for seeding and that the Brothers and Sisters in Pennsylvania were going to see that this was done shortly. By the time you read this report the grass will no doubt be growing, or lying dormant through the winter months.

The next item of business was the selection of finish and upholstery for the pews. It was agreed that the pews would have a light natural oak finish and that the seats would have nylon upholstering in a "Paprika" pattern.

A meeting was scheduled for November 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Auditorium. Church officials and the Architects will review the situation which should be about finalized at that time.

A report from the job site on September 24 indicated that the electricians are installing the lighting fixtures. The concrete walk from the building to the parking lot is complete. The slate window stools are installed. The quarry tile floors are complete with the exception of final cleaning. The lathers and plasters are working on the interior.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The following financial report is designed to keep everyone informed regarding Auditorium costs and expenditures:

Contract price of the Auditorium	\$343,300
Change order #2	1,134
Total cost to date	\$344,434
Less 10% retainage	34,434
Total cost less retainage	\$310,000
Amount authorized for payment to-date	\$242,496
Balance due by completion of building	\$ 67,504
Balance due plus retainage (Completion plus 30 days)	\$101,938

The Auditorium Committee and the General Church President will work out a program for the week-end of the dedication. It is their desire to use talent from various areas of The Church and to develop the type of meetings that will remain in the minds of the Saints for a long time to come. It is anticipated that it will be possible to make this dedication a Saturday and Sunday event and it is the hope that all will be able to attend. You will be receiving notice in your Branches and Missions of the exact date and meeting times from the General Church President and Secretary or the Auditorium Committee after General Church Conference.

Please keep your donations coming in through regular channels as we are getting near the completion of the building. May God continue to bless all our efforts and direct us in the days ahead.

## Editorial Comment

### Reflections On Campout

By Dominic Moraco

Words are inadequate to describe the blessings of God which were proffered upon those assembled during the annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip as reported in the last issue. The campout afforded not only a time of relaxation and rest, but, more importantly, a time of spiritual revival and rededication.

Witnessing the conversion of 14 persons for whom we had fervently prayed was satisfying to our souls. Many who were at the campout for the first time stated that they profited a great deal from the experiences and were looking forward to next year.

The experience of seeing people made completely whole through the anointing with oil by The Priesthood was also indeed edifying to all present. These manifestations strengthened immeasurably the faith and trust which are placed in God.

In addition to the edifying and enjoyable week together, the event was also a time for learning. The highly successful seminars which have been a part of the campouts since they were begun again proved highly profitable to all age groups. The exchange of ideas and thoughts on many important subjects helped especially the young people who were eager to learn the beliefs, hopes and expectations of The Church of Jesus Christ.

#### HARD, DEDICATED WORK

These campouts are testimonials to the hard and dedicated work of our GMBA officers, both present and past. For them the campout represents work throughout the year in making all of the necessary preparations. They are required to locate a site and analyze it as to suitability, cost, distance, and many other pertinent factors. Often, they must make several trips to the site to make final arrangements. Registration notices must be sent to all units and replies must be tabulated in order to notify the camp officials about numbers expected, food which will be required, as well as many other matters. Finally, during the actual week of the campout, these officers are busy handling all of the various items which arise, delegating jobs, conducting meetings, and following through on many other tasks. Scheduling must be properly arranged, but changes must be made as the occasion arises. Baptisms and other similar blessings must be given preference, of course. Thus, for officials the campouts demand a great deal of effort, labor and personal sacrifices, which tax them far beyond what is normally expected when a "vacation"

is taken.

Possibly the greatest rewards for these officers lie in learning that everyone has a wonderful and enjoyable time, both temporally and spiritually. As they have expressed, the hard work and the resultant fatigue are minimized by knowing that God has been served and His people have been uplifted. I am certain that I speak for everyone who has attended any of the campouts thus far when I say that we deeply appreciate the hard work put forth by our GMBA officers and others delegated by them. Also, this appreciation is offered to all Area officials who conduct similar outings for people in their respective regions.

The fact that our deserving young people are the main concern of these campouts is also rewarding to many parents. The security and fellowship experienced are incomparable in today's world. The get-togethers solidify what will be life-long acquaintanceships which will be sources of great inspiration in the years to come. Youths thus afforded the privilege of spending a week together in an atmosphere of love, understanding, and mutual respect gain insights they will always remember. Where else can these virtues be found to a high degree in our home communities?

#### TOUCHING SCENE

I shall never forget the touching scene on the last day of camp when many of our children approached each other in a fond but tearful goodbye. To me this communicated that they indeed had enjoyed the week to the highest degree. They realized that a lasting bond in Christ had been made and that they would await anxiously the time they could meet once again under similar conditions.

Perhaps it is in campouts where our young people find the greatest involvement by interacting with one another. Unfortunately, one week out of the whole year is not enough to keep energetic youth satisfied; thus, there is a real challenge in utilizing the enthusiasm and potential of our young people to a greater extent. Their vitality and drive must not be limited to such a brief span of time but must be channeled on a continuous basis. Along these lines of greater utilization, it may possibly be more advantageous for the GMBA in the future to suggest a program involving our young people more deeply in the work of The Church at the local level. In this way, not only more productivity may be realized but more "grass roots" participation can strengthen the member units even more.

It may be that the time has come to supplement the usual MBA weekly meetings with humanitarian programs which would involve our youth in working with the underprivileged, the helpless invalids, the forgotten children in detention homes, and wherever there is a need for benevolence. There are many persons in need, and they appreciate any little consideration they are shown. Many of them are also searching for Christ, so these contacts could prove to be door openers for The Church.

Idleness is a terrible thing because it represents a loss in utilization of human talent and God

#### Name Omitted

Regrettably, the name of the author of "Editorial Comment" for September and October was inadvertently omitted. The writer of these articles was Brother Dominic Moraco. — Editor's note.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*The heart needs the touch of God; and, once it experiences that Divine touch, it is changed.*

## Touch Of His Hand

We sing a hymn titled "The Touch of His Hand on Mine." I remember hearing the Saints sing this hymn when I was a small boy, and they seemed to sing it with so much feeling it almost appeared to be a reality. Even now, as I look back with my mind's eye, I seem to hear them sing these words, "There is grace divine in this trying hour, By the touch of His hand on mine." As I ponder over this hymn, I am impressed with the many ways we are affected by the touch of Christ's hand.

During Christ's ministry here upon earth, He touched many things as well as people. By the touch of His hand, individuals received various blessings. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up into the mountain and was transfigured before them. Moses and Elias appeared and talked with them. While Peter gave vent to his feelings and expressed himself, "Lord, it is good for us to be here...", a cloud overshadowed them and voice of the cloud spoke, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." The disciples, hearing this voice, became frightened and fell on their faces. Jesus went to each of them and touched them, and said, "Arise, and be not afraid."; thus the reassuring touch.

### ILLUMINATING TOUCH

The two blind men who were sitting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Thou son of David, have mercy on us." Jesus touched their eyes and immediately they received their sight; thus the illuminating touch.

On one occasion they brought a young man to Jesus who was deaf and dumb (we would call him a deaf mute today). Jesus put His fingers into his ears; He spit and touched his tongue, and looking up into Heaven He said, "Ephphatha," which means "Be opened." The man's ears were opened and his tongue was loosed; thus the liberating touch.

A leper came to Jesus beseeching Him and knelt down, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched him and said, "I will; be thou clean."; thus the cleansing touch.

### HEALING TOUCH

When the soldiers, along with Judas Iscariot, came into the Garden of Gethsemane to take Jesus, Peter, realizing why they had come, thought first to defend Jesus. He drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of the servants of the High Priest by the name of Malchus. Jesus told Peter to put his sword back into its sheath, saying that He would drink of the cup His Father had given Him. Then Jesus touched Malchus' ear and healed him; thus the healing touch.

We could even say that the touch of Jesus, on one occasion, turned common water into superior wine.

When Jesus climaxed the plan of salvation with the cry, "It is finished;" and then rose triumphant from the tomb, He conquered the last and greatest enemy. We can say Jesus touched death and it became life everlasting.

The imprint of the touch of God can be seen everywhere: in the beautiful flowers, the meadows, the running brooks, forests, silvery moon, the golden sunset, and even in the break of day. Everywhere we see the touch of God, portraying a picture of beauty. However, the most beautiful picture of all is to be seen in the lives of men and women whose hearts have been touched by God. The great men and women of history who have been used by God for His Church were a band of people whose hearts God

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### A TIME FOR THANKS

Dear Girls and Boys,

The month of November, with the holiday, Thanksgiving, is a time for our nation to give thanks for the many blessings we have received throughout the year. In Psalm 105:1, David has written, "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." In reading God's Word, we find God told His people, the Israelites, to have special feasts. This was a special time to worship Him. Our Thanksgiving Day should be special also.

The first feast was called the Passover. The Passover was held in memory of the time when the Lord smote the firstborn in the Egyptian homes but passed over the houses of the Israelites where there was blood on the door. The blood on the door was according to the instructions God had given Moses before Pharaoh finally let the Hebrews leave Egypt.

The Lord said the people should remember this great event once every year. They ate lamb in the night as they did then and for seven days ate unleavened bread. All those seven days were great times to remember how the Lord had punished the great Pharaoh and set them free. The Jews still keep this feast.

Another great feast was the Feast of the Tabernacles. This was to last seven days. At the end of the year when all the grain had been gathered in and the fruit and grapes had been picked, they held this special feast.

The Lord told the Israelites to cut off branches from palm trees, boughs from thick trees and willows by the brook and make booths or tents. They left their houses and lived in these booths for seven days. This helped them remember how God had taken care of them when they traveled through the wilderness.

At each of these feasts every man had to visit the tabernacle and give an offering to God. They worshipped Him and thanked Him for His care. They gave thanks for their homes, families and food.

Once in fifty years was the year of Jubilee. This was a happy time, a very special year. On the first day of that year, trumpets were blown throughout the land. The people did not plant or reap in that year. The Lord promised He would give them enough food the year before to last through this year of Jubilee. Many wonderful things happened! If any man had been a slave, he and his family were set free. If anyone was poor and had been forced to sell his land, in the year of Jubilee he was to have it back.

God told the people if they obeyed Him, He would send rain on their land, the crops would grow, trees would bear fruit, and they would have plenty of food. The Lord promised to care for

them even by driving away the wild beasts: but, if the people did not keep God's commandments, they would have sickness and trouble. They would plant grain but there would be no crops. Their enemies would come upon them and there would be few left. Disease and famine would be sent upon them.

The people listened to God's law. He wanted them to hear His law and to never forget it. When they obeyed Him, their blessings were great, just as it is with us today

### Search the Scripture

Fill the blanks, using **Luke, Chapter 15.**

A woman lost ..... pieces of silver. She ..... a candle and ..... the house. When she found the silver she called her f ..... and n ..... They rejoiced together. Why did Jesus tell this Parable?

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

*M.B.A. Highlights*

## GMBA Conference

On November 14

## Very Important

By James D. Gibson  
GMBA Editor

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference will arrive soon. It will convene on November 14 at the Hopewell Senior High School in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, as reported on Page 1.

The day will be spent in old and new business transactions, and it will be concluded with an evening program. Also, it is at this Conference that officers are elected to serve a one-year term.

The need for your attendance to make this and all meetings a success cannot be overstressed. It is here you can exercise your individual prerogative as a member to vote and suggest as you see fit. Various items of business will arise, and some of them must have immediate disposition.

The General MBA organization has fostered and completed many worthwhile projects. Recently, a Lay Missionary Program has been initiated. Some individuals have and are making use of this program, and it is hoped that others will avail themselves of this golden opportunity to labor at the San Carlos Indian Reservation. It becomes evident that such a program not only reaps rewards for those who participate but also for the parent Church. Such a stimulated response as has been received from lay members tends to reveal their genuine interest in others. Granted that not all who would desire can fulfill their wish to be involved in this project but other channels and fields might well be available for them in the future.

The GMBA has afforded each and every

member an opportunity to act and react within his confines. Just by everyone's attendance and sincere interest can each group gain a closeness and affinity for the entire organization's welfare.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS

The Local units of the MBA will send in their semi-annual reports to the Conference. These accounts will inform the GMBA of their financial status, their membership, the types of lessons they studied, their meetings, and any suggestions they have to offer. A delegate from each Local present will be given the opportunity to read his unit's report.

It is expected that the GMBA Activities Committee will have already met by Conference time. Its meeting was scheduled for the latter part of October in New Jersey. This group meets to consider many items of interest to the entire Association. Some of these will necessitate their being forwarded to the General MBA Conference for approval or rejection. This Committee comprised of most GMBA Officers acts as an intermediate and/or screening group, keeping the best interests of the National and Local units at the foremost of its thinking.

The recent successful campout at Canfield, Ohio demonstrates the results of the combined efforts of all interested individuals. The untiring efforts of organization officers and all who assisted them contributed immensely to the wonderful time together. Furthermore, everyone who attended pointed out the value of taking active part in all the activities of the Association.

At the campout, questionnaires were distributed to learn more about what the membership desires. The participation and reaction to the inquiries were most enlightening. It was found that there is definite interest in continuing the annual General MBA Campout. The past gatherings were a success, and, with God displaying His power in our midst, as at all of these events, our enthusiasm has multiplied.

#### REACTIONS INDICATED

The reaction of the young indicated their desire to be in each other's company, as well as with those who are older. Also finding much favor with all who have attended have been the seminars presented, reflecting the mutual respect established between all age groups. Of particular note, The Priesthood is to be complimented on its efforts to establish a spiritual atmosphere at the undertaking.

With the mandate described above, the plans for the GMBA Campout next year will be begun at this Conference. A time and a place must be selected. Various committees must necessarily be formed and immediate efforts put forth for the camp's success.

Among other items of interest to be discussed at the Conference will be the Auditorium Fund which, of course, is still in existence and still requires our utmost attention. Many MBA Locals have and will institute a variety of projects to raise funds for the new building near Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Here again is an immediate outlet for the energies of the young people, and it also is of real assistance to The Church. Past efforts of many MBA Locals have proven

profitable in obtaining funds through various projects, and as always, our combined efforts have propelled us toward the ultimate goal established. In most of these GMBA Conferences, six-month quotas have been set for the entire Association, and all the amounts raised by the member units have been applied to this overall goal.

It is hoped that this Conference will foster new and constructive items and projects for every one's consideration. The separate subcommittees have initiated plans and in some instances have begun work to insure the Conference's success. Further information concerning this gathering was published in the October MBA Bulletin, the Association's monthly publication. Included were directions to the Conference meeting place. Copies of the MBA Bulletin may be obtained at the Local units.

A report of the GMBA Conference will be given in a future issue of the *Gospel News*. In the meantime, please attend if at all possible.



## UR WOMEN TODAY

### Ladies' Circles Hold Quarterly Meetings In Erie

By Sara Vancik,  
General Circle Secretary

The General Ladies' Circle held its 201st Quarterly Conference in Erie, Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 19. A good representation of Sisters, principally from Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan and various parts of Pennsylvania, was in attendance.

At the beginning, the devotional period was led by a group of young people from the Erie Mission. The theme was "Love" as portrayed in scripture and song. The closing thought was, "Nothing is impossible with God".

Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, then officially introduced the service, using the same theme of "Love", which as had been mentioned had been so prevalent at the last General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout. Time was then given for testimonies and songs of praise by those in attendance.

#### OFFICER, DELEGATE REPORTS

Officer and delegate reports were presented. A new question for the next quarter, given on one of the delegate reports, was also assigned. It was "What chief captain said he did not seek for power or honor of the world but for the glory of God, freedom and welfare of country?" The answer is in the *Book of Mormon*. At the same time, it was announced that the answer to the March General Circle question was found in *Ether 2:10* in the *Book of Mormon*.

Financial accounts revealed the receipts into  
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the General Circle General Fund, the Indian Mission Fund, the General Church Auditorium Fund, and the Cook Book Fund. Disbursements reflected donations were made from the Circle Funds to the following General Church Funds: African Relief, Auditorium, Italian Reflectore, Home Missions, and Indian Missions. Amounts were also given for the Tijuana, Mexico Church Building and the General Church Conference.

The total in the Circle Memorial Fund is now \$2,180.65, with contributions having been made in memory of Sisters Cora Fowler and Anna Anerino and Brothers Dominic Scala and Nicholas Iorio. The proceeds from this fund are being earmarked for a home for older Brothers and Sisters.

A sample of silverware for use at the new General Church Auditorium was shown and a motion was passed that the Circle order sets to service 200 people. The amount is to be paid from the Circle Auditorium Fund.

A report was also given on the General Circle's successful 50th Anniversary Celebration held at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 last June 20. A vote of thanks and appreciation was also extended to all Committees who worked so diligently to make the event so wonderful.

A letter of appreciation was read from Sister Evelyn Perdue of the Tijuana, Mexico Indian Missions, who had been privileged to be the guest speaker at the Jubilee Conference. Sister Arline Whitton of Detroit reported in person on the success of the Anniversary trivets, the proceeds of which were turned over to the Home Mission Fund.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Two other interesting and important pieces of correspondence were read at the Conference. The first was from the California Ladies' Circles concerning their organization under a District Circle, and the other was from Sister Grace Brutz of Mobridge, South Dakota, who is laboring among the Seed of Joseph with her husband, Brother Anthony, at Wakpala. Member Circles may forward any of the items required at Wakpala, as specified in the Conference's Circle minutes, to Sister Brutz at 314 First Avenue East, Mobridge, South Dakota 57601.

General Circle Officers were elected for the next year, as follows:

(\* Denotes newly elected)

President: ..... Mabel Bickerton  
 Vice-President: ..... Ruth Akerman  
 Secretary: ..... Sara Vancik  
 Treasurers:  
   Indian Missions Fund ..... Clara Stevens  
   General Fund and Home  
   Mission Fund ..... Irene Griffith  
   Cook Book Fund ..... Betty DiAntonio  
   Memorial Fund ..... Mabel Bickerton  
   Auditorium Fund ..... Ethel Crosier  
 Financial Secretary-Treas.: .... Ethel Crosier\*  
 Gospel News  
 Ladies' Circle Editor: .... Mary Tamburrino\*

Historian: ..... Mary Criscuolo\*

Three dates were suggested for General Circle Conference Meetings in 1971. They are March 27, July 24, and October 2, with the July gathering to be held at the General Church Auditorium. The next General Circle Meeting will be conducted at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania this December 12.

After some additional edifying testimonies which further portrayed the Love of God felt at the GMBA Campout, Sister Florence La Rosa of Erie sang, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." This brought the Conference to a fitting close.

## The American Indian Papago Indian Reservation

Submitted By Richard Christman

(Following is the third in a series of articles on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona. The segments are being submitted by Brother Richard Christman, Church Evangelist, who is the Educational Administrator at the location. — Editor's Note)

Educational facilities are provided on the reservation by public, parochial, and federal government schools. The Sells public school (Indian Oasis School District No. 40) offers elementary and secondary education.

The federal government provides elementary education at day schools in three isolated villages and a boarding-day school near Santa Rosa Village. Four parochial schools are also maintained. High school education is available at federal Indian schools throughout the country. Some students attend public high school in Tucson.

Adult education classes are conducted in several villages through the cooperative efforts of the tribal government, the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Construction of a new public high school at Sells is to begin in late 1970 and a new BIA elementary boarding-day school is now being planned for San Simon about 30 miles west of Sells.

The PHS Indian Hospital at Sells (50 beds) provides medical and dental care, both inpatient and outpatient to the Papago people. Referral services are available in Phoenix and Tucson. The Santa Rosa Health Center provides daily general and monthly diabetic clinics. Average daily visits are expected to increase. A general clinic is held bimonthly at Pisinemo. Possible future expansion of community health services may include additional health stations or a strengthened transportation system.

Influenza, pneumonia, gastroenteritis, and colitis were the most frequent diagnoses among hospital patients for the past three years. Injuries have declined. Discharges from Sells Hospital have increased during the past three years with a decrease in the average length of stay. Outpatient visits fluctuated from 1963 to 1970 with a total increase of about 1,600 visits. Leading notifiable diseases during the same seven-year period were consistently gastroenteritis, otitis media, pneumonia, and trachoma. Diabetes also is still

quite prevalent among the Papagos.

Future emphasis will be placed on participation of the Tribe in their own health care, health education, improved quality of care, expanded preventive health, including immunizations, and increased case finding. Stepped-up training of community health representatives is being undertaken by the Public Health Service at their Indian Health National Training Center in Tucson.

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had touched; today they stand as monuments to the result of the touch of the Master's hand. It seems to me that all the operations of the human life are centered in the heart.

### HEART NEEDS TOUCH

The prophet, Jeremiah, claims the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Christ says, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornicators, murders. . . ." *The heart needs the touch of God; and, once it experiences that Divine touch, it is changed.* A Brother years ago used to testify, "I was changed from a lion to a lamb; from a raven to a dove." The touch of the Master's hand causes the heart of stone to disappear and become instead a heart of flesh. The Scripture says that Saul was "turned into another man" and in another place, "God gave him another heart."

Man is out of harmony with God and can be restored only by the touch of the Master's hand. The beauty of it all is that, when man's heart has been touched by God, he is then in a position to touch the heart of God. It is impossible for us to realize the number of individuals who have touched the heart of God. If you search the Scriptures and then inquire of those who have lived in our day, you will find that every person whose heart God has touched can in turn touch the heart of God.

*"Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea;  
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold  
As Thou, dear Lord, on me."*

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given gifts. Putting these virtues into use benefit not only the receiver but also the giver. Unused they soon become lost. Furthermore, keeping everyone employed in a useful and meaningful way is vital to the welfare of The Church.

In closing, we urge our young people to be faithful to their Branches, Missions and local MBA groups, as well as to The Church's other auxiliary units, by steady attendance and enthusiastic participation. They are also encouraged to give their testimonies to their friends and bring someone to Church with them. In this way they can have the inner-satisfaction that they have made a lasting contribution to The Church of Jesus Christ. Obviously, they will also be thanking God for allowing them to meet with His people at get-togethers, such as the recently concluded GMBA Field Trip.

# Thanksgiving Day

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underdeveloped countries and feed the millions starving. Duplication of our corn from the corn belt regions has been tried by many countries, but all have been unsuccessful. Is it our **know** how or the blessings of God? The **Book of Mormon** states that this land is choice above all others and would remain as such as long as the people would live righteously. Our role to feed the world and make countries free has undoubtedly found favor in the sight of God. Nephi, speaking in the **Book of Mormon**, says: "And it came to pass that I beheld that the Gentiles who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord, and the power of the Lord was with them".

We are recipients of His blessings to this day. Winston Churchill termed the United States as the "Arsenal of Democracy" when we entered World War II to stop the tyranny of the conquering enemy. God has kept his promise to bless this country above all others. It is our responsibility as people who have received so much to offer thanks unto such a Benevolent Provider.

Thanksgiving Day gives us an awareness of the riches of this country, not only in life's sustenance, but in the rights of an individual to be himself and pursue his own happiness. Our forefathers were thankful for little; let us be thankful for so much.

## Apostle Speaks At New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch

Brother A. A. Corrado, Apostle from Youngstown, Ohio, addressed the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch on Sunday, September 6. The Spirit of God prevailed as Brothers, Sisters, and friends from the Freehold, New Jersey Mission and from other locations of the New Jersey area also visited at New Brunswick during the day.

The topic presented by Brother Corrado was taken from **St. John, 14 Chapter**, and he elaborated on God's love and peace and the unity found in The Gospel. The visiting Apostle called the hymn, "The Last Mile of The Way," to be sung by the congregation, and thereafter he spoke in the gift of tongues. Brother Louis Benyola received the interpretation, "If we walk the last mile, we shall receive our reward."

The day was typified as being as the words in the hymn, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning. The latter day glory begins to come forth . . ." The many wonderful testimonies of the Saints later in the day reflected the blessings which were felt.

The time spent together in hearing the words of Brother Corrado and in praising God was unforgettable and edifying.

## Many Blessings As Six More Baptized At Niles, Ohio

Six more new converts were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ at the Niles, Ohio Branch on Sunday, September 6. This made it nine baptisms in five weeks at the location.

The new members are Ronald J. Genaro, Mary Jane Slick, Julie and Judith Salerno, Carolyn S. Martorano, and Susan L. Pandone.

The new Brother Genaro was baptized by his father, Brother Joseph, and he was confirmed by his uncle, Brother Russell Martorano. Brother Joseph Genaro also baptized the new Sisters Slick and Salerno, and he confirmed Sister Judith Salerno. Sister Slick was confirmed by Brother Martorano, while Sister Julie Salerno was confirmed by Brother Joseph Manes, who also confirmed the new Sister Pandone. The new Sister Martorano was baptized by her father, Brother Russell, and she was confirmed by Brother Donald Pandone of Youngstown, Ohio, who also baptized the new Sister Susan Pandone, his niece.

Brother Manes had opened the morning service, reading from **Mosiah 18:5-11** in the **Book of Mormon**. These verses deal with the desire of a person's heart to be baptized. Brother Manes' sermon was inspiring and well-seasoned with the Spirit of The Lord. He also spoke of the baptisms (14) at the General Missionary Benevolent Association Field Trip to Canfield, Ohio (August 22 through 29), and of the five baptisms the previous Sunday at Perry, Ohio, which was the day after the field trip was concluded. (All these baptisms were reported last month.)

The next speaker was Brother Joseph Genaro, and he said, "I feel the presence of The Lord here." He talked briefly concluding by asking with the force of The Spirit, "Is there anyone here who wants to be baptized?"

One by one, the new converts came forward, filled with repentance and joy, gloriously blessing all present. All the newly baptized members were confirmed in the afternoon service. As a fitting climax to the day, all the newest members (the nine from Niles and three visiting from Youngstown) were requested to sing, "Jesus and Me," after the confirmations were completed.

Understandably, all present were filled with the glory of God and the many blessings He had bestowed upon them.

## Deacon Ordained At Detroit No. 2

Brother Malcom Paxton was ordained a Deacon at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 on Sunday, September 27. His feet were washed by Brother John Romano and he was ordained a Deacon by Brother Joseph Milantoni.

A former resident of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, Brother Paxton was baptized on May 28, 1967.

## Former Resident, Evangelist Speaks At Youngstown

Evangelist John Manes of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania was the guest speaker at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch on Sunday, September 20. Brother Manes hails originally from Youngstown.

The text for the sermon was taken from **Alma 5:14** in the **Book of Mormon**. To those who have not yet rendered obedience to The Gospel, Brother Manes asked, "Have you been spiritually born of God?" He explained that to be born of God one must feel the need for God in his life, he must communicate with Him in prayer with a fervent desire to be His, and he must be born of the water and the Spirit. After baptism and with the experience of this rebirth, he elaborated, comes the conviction of responsibility to one another and to The Church, thus improving understanding and communication between each other.

After a mixed quartet sang, "Until Then," Brothers Richard Pandone and Ronald Genaro and Sister Wanda Pandone, all three of Niles, Ohio who were recently converted into The Gospel, were asked to give their testimonies. Their proclamations had the ring and sincerity of those who had truly been reborn, exemplifying the words of Brother Manes.

Brother Joseph Manes of nearby Niles followed, exhorting all baptized to continue to be alive and vibrant in The Gospel and advising all unbaptized to draw closer to God and He will draw closer to them.

All Church members and friends were most inspired and uplifted by the service.

## Rochester Hosts Both District And Lockport Meetings

The Rochester, New York Mission hosted the Ohio District Conference and its periodic gathering with the Lockport, New York Branch the weekend of September 12-13.

Brother Joseph Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio introduced the Sunday morning service, reading **Matthew 7:24**. The theme was based on the Parable of The Saviour on the wise man who built his home upon a rock.

Other speakers were Brothers Joseph Genaro of Niles, Ohio; Rocco V. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio; and A. A. Corrado, District President from Youngstown, Ohio. Their talks continued on the same subject, stressing the importance of our building our lives upon the doctrine of Jesus Christ, the solid rock.

The sermons and the entire weekend were most beneficial and enjoyable for all at Rochester.

## Another Member, Many Visitors At Muncey Mission

Another member was added to the fold at The Church's Muncey, Ontario, Canada Indian Reservation Mission on Sunday, September 13, when Ellen Fisher rendered obedience to The Gospel of Christ. She was baptized by Brother Joseph Milantoni and was confirmed by Brother Anthony Gerace.

The spirit of repentance came upon our new Sister Fisher while Sacrament was being dispensed to members of the Mission. She made her decision known immediately thereafter.

On Sunday, October 4, there were many guests at the Reservation for the service. Included among the visitors were Church members and their families who came in a busload and by automobile from Pennsylvania as a project of that District's Missionary Benevolent Association Area; Brothers and Sisters from Cleveland, Ohio; and representatives from all Branches of the Michigan-Ontario District. They joined with the many who attended from the Reservation in a wonderful service, which was spent primarily in testimonies and praises to The Lord. The blessings of God were indeed felt on this occasion.

Incidentally, the Saturday evening before the visitors traveled to Muncey, they assembled at Detroit Branch No. 2 to participate in a gathering with the Michigan-Ontario MBA Area. This service was also most edifying and encouraging and afforded all present with the additional opportunity of fellowshiping together in the service of God.

## Apostles Visit At Glassport; Convert Baptized

A new member was baptized at the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch on Sunday, September 27, during a service at which three visiting Church Apostles spoke. Florence V. Barbetta, who asked for her baptism after the introductory prayer offered by Apostle A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio, was taken into the waters by Brother John Ali and was confirmed by Apostle Frank Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio.

Brother Corrado, in speaking after the new convert had declared her intention to enter the fold, told of his early days in The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Calabrese followed him, after which Apostle Rocco V. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio spoke in the Italian Language for the benefit of those in attendance of that extraction. Brother Alma Nolfi gave the concluding remarks.

The afternoon service was also most edifying as it was the Branch's feet washing meeting. The observance of this ordinance added immeasurably to the many blessings experienced during the day at the addition of our new Sister

and at hearing the wonderful words of the three Apostles.

## New Sister Added To Detroit No. 1 Sunday, October 4

Another Sister was added to the Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 congregation on Sunday, October 4, when Janet DiFalco made her decision to enter The Gospel of Christ. She was baptized by Brother Michael LaSala and confirmed by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo.

Brother LaSala had introduced the service, speaking on **Matthew 11:28-30** which contain The Saviour's words: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. . ."

Brother Spencer G. Everett, Branch Presiding Elder, followed on the same subject. The new Sister DiFalco asked for her baptism just after he concluded.

## Two More Souls Come Into Flock At Windsor, Ont.

Two more souls were added to the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Branch on consecutive Sundays, as Lloyd Elzby and Melissa Mathew rendered obedience to The Gospel on September 13 and 20, respectively. The new Brother Elzby was baptized by Brother Don Collison while the new Sister Mathew was taken into the waters by Brother Louis Vitto. Both were confirmed by Brother Collison.

Visiting Brothers from Detroit, Michigan were also present on these dates. On the first Sunday, Brother Dominic Moraco from Detroit Branch No. 4 addressed the congregation. His talk was based on the love of God.

The following week, Brothers Louis Vitto from Detroit Branch No. 1; Frank Morle from Detroit Branch No. 2; and Anthony R. Lovalvo from Detroit Branch No. 4 spoke in that order. The subject was the Parable of the Rich Young Ruler as related by The Saviour.

## Comes Into Gospel At Lorain Mission

Many blessings were experienced at the Lorain, Ohio Spanish Mission on Sunday, October 4, when Raymond Garza came into The Gospel of Christ. He was baptized by Brother Joseph Calabrese, an old-time acquaintance, and he was confirmed by Brother Frank Calabrese.

Brother Garza had worked with Brother Joseph Calabrese 18 years ago and since had seen him on several occasions. After hearing the testimonies of the Brothers and Sisters over a period of time and while being visited during the week by some Brothers of The Church, the new Brother felt The Spirit of God come upon him and he asked for his baptism.

## NUPTIALS

### GRAY-TRIPOLI

Pfc. Charles Gray and Miss Carmelina Tripoli were joined in marriage at the Cleveland, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Tuesday, August 25. Brother Rocco V. Biscotti conducted the wedding ceremony.

The groom is presently serving a tour of duty in Viet Nam, while his bride is living in Cleveland awaiting his return.

### DZIAK-NARO

Mr. Ronald P. Dziak and Sister Carla Jo Naro of the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ were united in holy matrimony in Lorain on Saturday, August 15. Brother Joseph Calabrese performed the wedding ceremony.

The newlyweds now live in Lorain.

### LAMBERT-LADOSINSKY

Brother Timothy Lawrence Lambert of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 of The Church of Jesus Christ and Miss Marcla Jane Ladosinsky were married on Saturday, June 20. Brother Alex Gentile conducted the wedding ceremony.

The couple now reside in Wyandotte, Michigan.

## OBITUARIES

### FLORENCE LEONA IMES

Miss Florence Leona Imes, a friend of the LaVale Mission in Cumberland, Maryland, departed from this life on September 17. She was born on September 13, 1931.

She is survived by her mother, four sisters, and one brother.

Brother Idris A. Martin of Monongahela, Pennsylvania officiated at the funeral services.

A dear friend who was very interested in The Gospel, the deceased was gravely ill with a terminal illness. She will be greatly missed by all who have known her.

### CHARLES TRIPOLI

Brother Charles Tripoli, a charter member of the Cleveland, Ohio West Side Mission, passed on to his eternal reward on August 29. Born on November 20, 1894, he was baptized into The Church on September 12, 1937.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, seven children, and two grandchildren.

Brother Rocco V. Biscotti officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brother Vincent Gibson.

Our deceased Brother will be greatly missed by all who knew him, particularly the Brothers and Sisters of the Mission. His unwavering faithfulness in The Gospel of Christ was a wonderful testimony of how he always was desirous of serving his Creator.

## Brief News of Interest

### VISITS APPRECIATED

Members of The Church's Atlantic Coast District were most fortunate to have had many visitors recently, particularly during the month of September. As reported in another story of this issue, Apostle A. A. Corrado of Youngstown,

Ohio spent some time there, and God's blessings were evident at the meetings where he related many wonderful experiences he has had throughout his many years in The Gospel. These experiences were strengthening spiritually and are certain to linger for some time in the memory of all who were present.

Two other Apostles, Rocco V. Biscotti from Cleveland, Ohio and Samuel Kirschner from West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, were in the Atlantic Coast the week prior to and during that District's semi-annual Conference the weekend of September 19 and 20. The theme of their talks was, as a question to everyone, "How can I help The Church to prosper and grow?" They portrayed the Love of God they have in their hearts as they spoke, and they demonstrated their great regard for the spiritual welfare for all assembled.

The Brothers and Sisters of the Atlantic Coast were most thankful that God paved the way for the visits of our Church Apostles and expressed that they wanted all readers to know how much these visitors meant to them.

### SERVICE ADDRESS

As reported in the September issue of the **Gospel News**, Brother Peter A. Scolaro of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 has been inducted into the U. S. Army for a two-year tour of duty. His address, for those who would like to correspond with him, is as follows:

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Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

It is certain that he would be most pleased to hear from the many Brothers, Sisters, and friends of The Church. In a message from the **Gospel News**, all readers will want to send him their best wishes.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

Scott Ryan to the John R. Griffiths of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Jody Alan to the Jerry Raos of Roscoe, Pennsylvania;

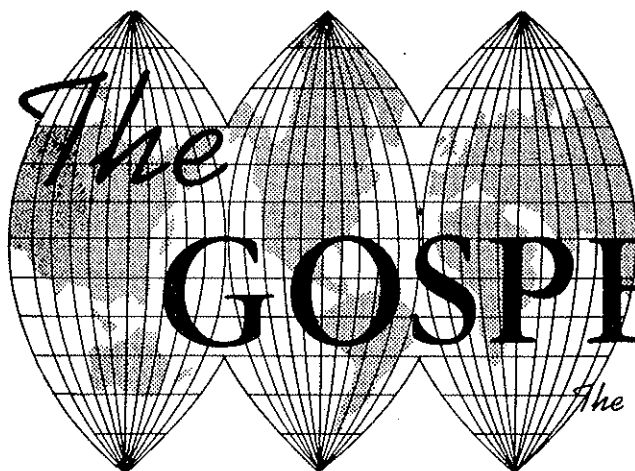
Nello Jr. to the Nello Colecchi Srs. of Niles, Ohio;

Dawn to the Donald Kings of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Tonya Lynnette to the Harold D. Borders of the Homewood Chapel Mission, LaVale, Maryland;

David Roger to the Roger Surrenas of Youngstown, Ohio; and

Susan Marie to the Paul DiRados of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2.



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## April 1

By Alvin Swanson, Evangelist

All was in readiness. The stage we call the world was ready. The actors were poised and each knew his part. There was no hesitation; the pendulum swung and the curtain ascended upon the great scene. The audience had waited four thousand years. Prophets had gone out before to herald the great event. This was the moment, the place, a stable in Bethlehem. The time, comparable to our calendar, was Saturday night, April 1. A virgin had just given birth, a miracle never to be repeated in history.

The Christ Child lay in the manger, the Spirit of God within robes of flesh, the High Priest of the Eternal Priesthood brotherhood of man. Angels were proclaiming to shepherds in the hills, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." It was He who would make possible the deliverance of mankind from sin. Legions of Angels stood ready in His army, held in reserve for His command. But it was not yet His day; it would come later.

The heavens were lighted up at night and a star stood over where He lay. The shepherds found Him and marveled. Wise men from the East, observing His star, had followed it to Jerusalem. Herod, the King, told them to go to Bethlehem and when they had found the new King to bring him word. The star appeared to them on the way, and they followed it to where Christ lay. The world had no better to offer. Men of science and worship, master of Kings, their mission was to surrender their priesthood. The Oriental priests recognized the King of Kings. Kneeling in submission, pontifical robes in the dust, they presented their gifts: Gold, tribute to those we recognize as our rulers; Frankincense, a sweet savor burned on altars to the one we call God; Myrrh, to be saved to embalm Him at His death. Being warned by God in a dream, they departed another way so that Herod might be confounded.

So expired a priesthood, the lesser giving way to the True one. Herod, being driven by fear of losing his power to a new King of the Jews, ordered all children from two years of age and under to be slain. These children gave their

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## Auditorium Progress Dedication Plans

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary  
General Church Board of Trustees

The October General Church Conference selected April 17th and 18th, 1971 as the dates for the dedication of the new General Church Auditorium, as reported last month. These dates were selected because the spring weather should permit easier and more convenient travel than would be usually found during the winter months. It was felt that it would also give more time for persons to plan and save funds for the trip, especially those coming from distant points. It also would give ample time to prepare a program with all its necessary duties and obligations.

The General Church has asked the General Board of Trustees to outline the program and handle the arrangements for notifying people of the coming important event. In addition to Church membership and friends, invitations will be sent to residents, local churches and government officials in the Greensburg, Pennsylvania area. Local newspapers, as well as radio and television stations, will be notified. Of added interest, plans for possibly arranging a means of bringing the Seed of Joseph and others to this event are being studied, as well as for having representatives from throughout the land in attendance.

Preliminary planning calls for four scheduled meetings. Three of these will be held on Saturday, the 17th with one meeting on Sunday, the morning of the 18th. The hours, which are not yet

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# Auditorium Progress

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final, but which have been suggested are as follows:

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It is our desire to try to combine the formal acknowledgements necessary with the spiritual dedicatory prayers and sermons at the first two meetings on Saturday. The Saturday evening and Sunday morning meetings will be fully spiritual with no acknowledgements or dedicatory sermons being scheduled. Of course, all the services will be directed in such a way as to allow the freedom of The Spirit to be prevalent so that the greatest benefit and edification may be gained by all in attendance.

The General Church Board of Trustees has scheduled a January meeting to put the weekend program together and notify those who will be called to help make this dedication the success it should be. Of course, everyone will be active in some respect, even if no official part is taken in the proceedings. Just being present for any or all of the meetings to offer silent prayers to The Lord for the dedication and to fellowship with others will be a significant and wonderful contribution in itself.

A notice has been sent to all District Presidents, as well as auxiliary unit officers and Quorum Presidents, requesting the submission of thoughts, suggestions, and ideas they may have which can be worked into the two-day program. Each meeting will require its speakers, choirs, singing groups, duets, soloists, and congregational singing selections to make it most rewarding. With fervent unity of purpose, all efforts will be expended to praise God and to thank Him for having permitted our building to be completed and readied for use by the entire Church.

In addition to soliciting direction from the individuals and groups mentioned above, the Board would welcome suggestions from you, the reader, in the form of ideas and names of talented persons in your Branch or Mission who may be called upon to participate. Please send your suggestions to the writer at 22400 Alger Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080, prior to January 1, 1971.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

At the same time as explaining the dedication thoughts and plans now underway, it may be of interest to review the financial and construction progress to date. Following is the financial report which shows the Auditorium costs and expenditures as of November 15, 1970:

Contract Price of the Auditorium	\$343,300
Change Order #2 approved (roof screen)	\$ 1,134
Total Cost	\$344,434
Less 10% retainage	\$ 34,434
Amt. due by completion of building	\$310,000
Amt. authorized for payment as of 11/15/70	\$268,541
Balance due by completion of building	\$ 41,459

Balance due plus retainage (completion plus 30 days) \$ 75,893

The Auditorium is almost completed at this time. The roadway and parking lot are completed. The grounds were seeded and the green grass is growing. The exterior of the building is completed except for the light fixtures. The interior is completed except for some varnish on the rostrum. The tile floors have been installed and there are only a few odds and ends to do besides the clean-up. It was estimated at the beginning of November that the General Contractor would have all his work completed by November 15 except for the minor follow-up list which he would have to finish.

The pews are being installed, and, as soon as this is completed and the carpeting installed, the Auditorium will be ready to house meetings. The kitchen equipment is being installed by the supplier.

The building as a whole was about 98% completed as of November 1st. Soon it will be 100% finished and be ready for the dedication which it is hoped everyone will attend.

## City Of Corinth

By Donald Ross

A glance at the map of Greece will show that Corinth was made for greatness. The southern part of Greece is very nearly an island. On the west the Saronic Gulf deeply indents the land, and on the east lies the Corinthian Gulf. All that is left to join the parts of Greece together is a little isthmus only four miles across. Corinth stands on that narrow neck of land. Such a position made it inevitable that Corinth should be one of the greatest trading and commercial centers of the ancient world.

It has been said that, if a man stands long enough in Piccadilly Circus, he will in the end sooner or later meet everyone in the country. Corinth was the Piccadilly Circus of the Mediterranean world. To add to the concourse which came to Corinth, it was the place where the Isthmian Games were held, and these games were second only to the Olympic Games in the ancient world. Corinth was a rich and populous city with one of the greatest commercial trades in the ancient world.

There was another side to Corinth. She had a reputation for commercial prosperity, but she was also a by-word for evil and immoral living. The very word *korinthiazesthai*, to live like a Corinthian, had become a part of the Greek language, and it meant to live with drunken and immoral debauchery. The word has actually penetrated to the English language, and, in Regency times, a Corinthian was one of the wealthy young men who lived in reckless and in riotous living.

## HISTORY IN TWO PARTS

The history of Corinth falls into two parts. She was a very ancient city. Thucydides, the Greek historian, claims that it was in Corinth that the first triremes, the Greek battleships, were built. Legend has it that it was in Corinth that the Argo was built, the ship in which Jason sailed the seas, searching for the golden fleece.

In 146 B.C., however, disaster befell her. It

was at that time that the Romans were engaged in conquering the world. When they sought to reduce Greece, Corinth was the leader of the opposition and the champion of the Greeks.

The Greeks could not stand against the disciplined Romans, and in 146 B.C. Lucius Mummius, the Roman general, captured Corinth and sacked her and devastated her so completely that he left her a desolate heap of ruins. The geographical situation of Corinth dictated she would not remain a devastation. Almost exactly 100 years later, in 46 B.C., Julius Caesar rebuilt Corinth and she arose from her ruins. Now she became a Roman colony. More, she became a capital city, the metropolis of the Roman province of Achaia, which included practically all Greece.

Corinth was in every respect except educationally (Athens being the leader in learning) the most important city in Greece in Roman times. Within the city was at least one Jewish synagogue a fragment of whose inscribed lintel still bears the letters AGOGEEBR, obviously part of the title, "Synagogue of the Hebrews." In those days, and those were the days of Paul, her population was very mixed.

(1) There were the Roman veterans whom Julius Caesar had settled there.

(2) When Corinth was rebuilt, the merchants returned, for Corinth's situation still gave her commercial supremacy.

(3) There were many Jews among the population. The rebuilt city offered them commercial opportunities which they were quick to grasp.

(4) There was a sprinkling of Phoenicians and Phrygians and people from the east, with their strange exotic customs and their hysterical ways.

Corinth was in fact a colony "without aristocracy, without traditions and without well-established citizens."

Paul stayed longer in Corinth than in any other city, with the single exception of Ephesus. He had left Macedonia with his life in peril and had crossed over to Athens. There he had little success. He went on to Corinth and remained there for 18 months. Luke compressed the whole story of those 18 months into 17 verses. (Acts 18: 1-17).

When Paul arrived in Corinth, he took up residence with Aquila and Priscilla. He preached in the Synagogue with great success. With the arrival of Timothy and Silas from Macedonia, he redoubled his efforts, but the Jews were so stubborn and hostile that he had to leave the Synagogue. He then resided with one Justus who lived next door to the Synagogue. The most notable convert was Crispus, who was actually the ruler of the Synagogue, and amongst the general public Paul had good success.

In the year A.D. 52, there came to Corinth as her new governor a Roman called Gallio. Gallio was famous for his charm and gentleness. The Jews tried to take advantage of Gallio's newness and good nature and brought Paul to trial before him on a charge of teaching contrary to their law. Gallio, however, with impartial Roman justice, refused to have anything to do with the case or to take any action, so Paul completed his

work in Corinth and moved on to Syria.

### AS YET UNCHANGED

The majority of the Christians at Corinth were Gentiles. We know The Church organization and structure was as yet unchanged, for we read of Apostles, Prophets, and Teachers. The Saints were also enjoying the divine gifts of God. The occasion of the Corinthian letters is a series of questions addressed to the Apostle Paul by the congregation and a private report which had reached him orally. The inquiries concerned moral and legal scandals, questions of marriage, social questions, Sainly worship, the resurrection of the body, and Apostolic authority. In answer to all these questions, Paul wrote **First and Second Corinthians**.

The result of the letters was that things became worse than ever; and, although we have no direct record of it, we can deduce that Paul must have paid a personal visit to Corinth. In **II Corinthians 12:14** Paul writes, "Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you . . ." In **II Corinthians 13:1-2**, he says again that he is coming to them for the third time. Now, if there was a third time, there must have been a second time. We have the record of only one visit, the first visit whose story is told in **Acts 18:1-17**. We have no record at all of the second visit. However, Corinth was only two or three days sailing from Ephesus and Paul apparently paid a brief visit to The Church.

Remember the background of Corinth. Remember her name for wealth and luxury, for general unrighteousness, and the immoral behavior of the population, and then read **I Corinthians 6:9-10**.

In this environment of vice, in the most unlikely place in all the Greek world, some of the greatest work of the Apostle Paul was done and some of the mightiest triumphs of The Church of Jesus Christ were won.

## Meditations

### Psalm 146:1-10

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

The Lord preserveth the strangers; he releiveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

## Editorial Comment

### The Privilege Of Testifying

By Dominic Moraco

"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely." (Psalm 147:1)

The scriptures are full of exhortations reminding us to praise God and to give thanks unto Him. The above scripture is a good example of how King David felt about praising God.

Through the years, The Church of Jesus Christ has reserved the Sunday afternoon services as a time for testimony and praise by the Saints. I believe that God finds great delight when the Brothers and Sisters praise His name in public.

A testimony is a true expression of how we feel about The Restored Gospel and all that God has done for us. A testimony does not have to be lengthy nor does it require fancy words. More often than not, the briefest and simplest testimony may create and stimulate a spirit of praise in the meetings. Furthermore, as one listens to the beautiful words describing what God has done for others, he recalls the good things he has experienced and wants to make them known. The inner satisfaction experienced after having publicly disclosed the workings of God strengthens and edifies him, as well as others in the congregation.

#### DESIRE TESTIMONY

Every member of The Church should desire possession of a good testimony. A strong testimony is not only prominent during his lifetime but usually remains in the hearts and souls of those who survive him. Reflection upon this thought brings to mind the testimonies of many departed Brothers and Sisters. Though many of them passed away many years ago, we can still recall their expressions of praise in the congregations. Their references to The Lord's mercies were many times thrilling and lasting and corroborated the testimonies of the New Testament Saints. Indeed, their testimonies live on and shall never die because they were genuine and true and were etched indelibly on the hearts of the listeners.

Someone may ask, "How does one obtain a good testimony?" This can be achieved through having a desire to praise God and in giving such a desire oral expression.

It is amazing how an individual can find words to thank God even if when he begins he intends to just say, "I want to thank God for what He has done for me." On many occasions, after making this initial statement, the speaker is inspired to recall some significant event or experience which edifies and makes the others present realize more profoundly the greatness of God. Almost instantaneously, the testimony has become most meaningful and adds deeper spiritual depth for all concerned.

One should never quench the Spirit by re-

fusing to participate, if he feels prompted by the Holy Spirit to praise God. The prompting of the Holy Spirit comes when one keeps alert through the services and possesses a willingness to take part. A lively testimony is also stimulated through meditation during the service. The meditation allows one to become in concert with The Spirit and to allow God to use him.

In Psalm 148 David calls upon the angels, sun, moon, stars, the heavens, the waters, the dragons and deeps, fire, hail, snow, vapour, the winds, mountains and hills, the beasts, the kings of the earth, the old and the young and he concludes in Psalm 150:6 by saying, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Although God finds great delight when nature praises Him, it must be remembered that perfect praise comes only from angels and men. Their audible statements are thus fulfillment of their physical capacities to articulate their inner feelings as well as their hopes and expectations in serving and receiving rewards from The Lord.

#### TIME TO TESTIFY

Perhaps it would be advisable to explain to readers who are unfamiliar with The Church or who have never attended a testimony service that members are extended a period of time to testify. Descriptions and impressions of God's goodness through either everyday living situations or through experiences, sometimes in the forms of visions, healings, or other heavenly visits, are a sound basis for thanksgiving. Preaching or exhortation by the membership, however, is not permitted because this is a Priesthood function.

It should also be pointed out that, although testimony services are usually conducted on Sunday afternoons, testimonies can be included as part of any meeting as the Holy Spirit may direct The Priesthood whether to sing, pray, preach or testify.

There can be no doubt that all people can be thankful to God for the things in their lives. However, members of The Church of Jesus Christ should possess a sound testimony to The Restored Gospel reflecting a deep conversion. It is a most precious privilege — one which is seized with great reverence and respect.

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blood for Him, who in turn was to give His blood for everyone.

In a dream an angel appeared to Joseph and warned him to flee to Egypt with the Child and His mother. Another time, another deliverer had fled the same path. Moses, with the House of Israel, had fled Egypt to the land of Caanan.

This event, the coming of Christ, was to upset the world. It brought the hope of eternal life. Hardly understood in His day, He is still quite a mystery to our present materialistic world. How wonderful to those who would follow His footsteps!

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*We must continue to walk in the light and be constantly obedient to all the will of God if we wish to retain the victory.*

## "Continue" Is Our Keyword

The other day I opened my Bible and the first words my eyes rested upon were in red letters; they read, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples. . . ." The word **continue** seems to project itself above all other words contained in the above sentence, even to the word **disciple**; this truly is a significant word. The dictionary defines it as follows: "To go forward or onward in any course or action; keep on, to go on after suspension or interruption."

Jesus came and established a plan of salvation; this we often speak about. But He also established a plan of preservation. One is as important as the other, and you cannot have one without the other. It is to the latter plan just mentioned that the word **continue** is associated.

The most important word for all of us today is **continue**, even if there have been suspensions or interruptions. To the young Christian, **continue** is the keyword. While it took aggressive action on your part to gain the experience, it also takes a sustained attitude and endeavor on your part to preserve the experience. In other words, now that you have taken initial steps to become a Christian, you must follow through. To follow on or keep on is advice, I believe, which is as old as The Church. Paul admonished the Saints to continue in the grace of God. No doubt this is your desire and intent, as well as mine.

### SAVIOUR'S ADVICE

Upon what points are we to do this continuing? Jesus advises us to continue in His word. This is really a requirement; and He promises that by so doing we shall be classed as His disciples. We shall know the truth and this truth will make us free. He also said, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. . . ." Let this sober thought sink deep. One does not survive very long as a Christian if he refuses to obey God's commandments. I believe salvation and obedience were linked together back in the days of Adam and Eve and have continued to remain linked to this day.

Any Christian who will not keep the commandments of God is on the outs with Him, and the most detrimental thing a Christian can do is argue with God. When in the state of being a candidate for baptism or of being a convert for Christ, most people would willingly do anything God commands, and then some. After becoming a full-fledged Christian, we might sometimes tend to argue or rationalize about our behavior. Because of this, it has been said some people walk straighter to their baptism than they do from it, which simply means they were more subjected to God's will when seeking salvation than they were after receiving it. *We must continue to walk in the light and be constantly obedient to all the will of God if we wish to retain the victory.* It is one thing to make our promises to God at the water's edge and another matter to live to the terms of the contract we made. Someone once said religion might be summed up in two words: revelation (by God) and response (by the individual).

### HOW DO WE RESPOND?

Just how well do we respond to the will of God? Spiritual survival demands that we continue in the faith and doctrine; Paul says in so doing ". . . thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." The new-born babe in Christ should remember that the enemy of our soul employs every technique possible. He may even try to persuade some that their baptism

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### "THE STORY OF THE WISEMEN"

Dear Girls and Boys,

Another year has almost gone and we hear again the Christmas carols sung and the old, old story told of Jesus' birth. It never grows too old for us, however.

I want to tell you about the wisemen. The Bible describes these men as, "wisemen from the east." They studied the stars and had seen a specially bright star in the sky. From their knowledge they knew it meant a new king had been born, a King of the Jews. They understood this star was a sign from God and they must follow it and worship this new king.

They started on their long, long journey. They wanted to honor this new King by taking costly gifts. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they went to the palace of King Herod. He was not a good king. They asked, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." When Herod heard this, he was troubled. He was fearful that this new-born king would take away his throne. All Jerusalem was troubled, too. The Jews were expecting that someday One would come to deliver them from their enemies.

Herod called his chief priests and religious leaders to his palace. He demanded that they should tell him where Christ should be born. They replied, "In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

Herod talked privately to the wisemen. He wanted to know about the exact time the star appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem and told them to search diligently for the young child and then he too would go and worship him.

When the wisemen left the King's palace, there was the star to still guide them. They followed it until it stopped over the place where the Baby Jesus lay. When they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with his mother, Mary. They fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and they gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were royal gifts, gifts for a King.

The wisemen did not return to tell King Herod they had found the new King they had been searching for. God warned them in a dream about Herod's wicked plan to destroy all the children in Bethlehem and all the nearby coasts, from two years of age and under. The wisemen returned to their own country by another way.

### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

We shall soon be starting a New Year so let's see if you know these "new things" found

in the Bible.

1. There is no new ..... under the sun.  
Ecclesiastes 1:9
2. "A new ..... I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you . . ."  
John 13:34
3. "Sing unto the Lord a new ....."  
Isaiah 42:10.
4. "And he hath put a new ..... in my mouth . . ."  
Psalm 40:3.
5. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new ....."  
II Corinthians 5:17.

Merry Christmas,  
Sister Mabel

## M.B.A. Highlights

### GMBA Conference

Held November 14

### In Pennsylvania

By James D. Gibson,  
GMBA Editor

The semi-annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference was held at the Hopewell Township Senior High School, just outside Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 14. Official reports, plans for the future, and election of officers occupied the first two sessions, while the installation of the officials for the next year and a program were the major items during the evening meeting.

Reports were presented by delegates from the member units, General MBA Officers, and the GMBA Activities Committee. These accounts reflected what had transpired during the last six months and what is being planned for the future. Many interesting and important developments were disclosed, and the Conference accepted these matters by motion.

The MBA Locals reported on their membership and financial status. In addition, they stated their procedures on lessons, projects, and pertinent plans for their units.

The General Officer reports concerned the fixed operating segments of the Association. These pertained to the administrative and financial operations. The accounts were given by the GMBA Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Editor, Auditors, Organizers and the Area Presidents.

### AREA PROJECTS

The Area Presidents stated what had transpired in their regions during the last six months. They also outlined what was being planned for the future. The range of Area activities included field trips, seminar days, lesson plan preparation, visitations among Locals, chartered transportation to GMBA and Area events, choirs, the publishing of District Directories, and various fund-raising projects. The regions, besides carrying-on the overall events for their parts of the

structure, are obligated to assist the units within their boundaries in maintaining and improving membership interest and attendance whenever possible and practical.

The General Activities Committee reported on the four major undertakings now in the Association. These are the lesson plan, field trip, fund-raising, and lay-missionary programs.

The lesson plan sub-committee is in the final stages of preparing general instructional lessons from the **Book of Mormon**. Folders for these materials are available on an individual basis for \$1.50 each and may be obtained from the GMBA Librarian, Brother Joseph Draskovich, 527 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601. At the Conference, the lesson planning section was also given some material readied by the California MBA Area for primary classes. These lessons will be reviewed by both the GMBA lesson-plan sub-committee and by The General Church prior to release for use.

The field trip sub-group reported on last year's annual event which was held successfully at Canfield, Ohio, as reported in past issues. Of added interest, the Conference established a "Campout Fund" into which was placed the substantial amount left over from the 1970 Campout, and this money was earmarked for use for future such events. Thanks was extended to all who worked so diligently to make the trip a success. Additionally, we would like to thank Brother Anthony and Sister Mary Santilli and Sister Minnie Di Piero of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch for their untiring efforts for the campout.

A group of Brothers was appointed by the Conference to find and obtain a site for next year's field trip. It was necessary to form this ad hoc group because arrangements for a previously recommended location did not materialize. These Brothers were not only empowered to finalize the 1971 Campout selection but were asked to suggest sites for 1972 which will be presented for evaluation and decision at the next semi-annual GMBA Conference on May 15 to take place at the General Church Auditorium.

The gathering also considered the food and accommodations which may be available at the new Auditorium. The feasibility of asking the General Church to erect water and electric stations at the site for use of campers and trailers was discussed. The suggestion will be pursued by the General Activities Committee and reported upon at the next GMBA Conference.

The Association established a six-month, \$3,000 fund-raising quota for the General Church Auditorium. This was the same goal which was set and exceeded during the just-concluded semi-annual period for the facility which is almost completed.

The lay-missionary work was detailed, along with the experiences received in these labors, and a proposal on a request to the General Church Board of Missions by the Association to expand the program was presented. This expansion would permit more people to participate in helping out at other reservations besides San Carlos in Arizona where the system is now being used. An example of how an itinerary can be

established at each of these additional places was offered, after which the Conference passed a motion authorizing that this request be sent to the Board.

A vote of thanks to the Pennsylvania MBA Area, particularly to the members of the Aliquippa-McKees Rocks-Imperial vicinity, was extended by the Conference for the superlative hospitality received. Also passed were donations to the General Church Missionary Fund, the General Church Auditorium Fund, and the MBA Bulletin, the Association's monthly publication.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following General MBA Officers were elected and installed for the next year. (\*Denotes newly-elected.)

President .....	August D'Orazio
Vice-President .....	Paul Palmieri
Chaplain .....	Joseph Milantoni*
Corresponding Secretary .....	Ruth E. Akerman
Assistant Corresponding Secretaries .....	
Rose Mary Furitano and Betty D'Antonio	
Financial Secretary .....	James R. Link
Treasurer .....	Joseph Perri
Librarian .....	Joseph Draskovich
Editor .....	James D. Gibson
Assistant Editor .....	Charles Jumper, Jr.
Auditors .....	Donald Ross* and John D'Orazio*
Organizers .....	Nicholas Liberto, Charles Curry, Leonard J. Lovalvo, James Sheffler, Dominic Rose, Paul D'Amico, Norbert O. Schmitt, Chester Nolfi, Robert Nicklow, Anthony Santilli, Vincent Gibson, Daniel Parravano*, Alex Gentile, and Alex Robinson.

The host Pennsylvania MBA Area presented a program entitled, "Let's Talk About Jesus," after the Officers were installed in the evening. In song and recitation, the significance of the Saviour in the life of the "newborn creature in Christ" was explained. The well-prepared and well-presented program also outlined the hope, comfort, and help which Jesus represents in the hearts and souls of all His people.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

The next morning's worship service was conducted by the General Church's Pennsylvania District at the same location. Speakers were Brothers Nephi DeMercurio of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3, Joseph Milantoni of Detroit Branch No. 2, and Leonard Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California.

The talks were based on Nephi's writings in the **7th Chapter of Helaman** in the **Book of Mormon**. The authority of God found in The Church of Jesus Christ was explained and ways in which this authority must be used by the people of God were offered. The enlightening and inspirational comments were most beneficial to all present.

## 1970 Church Calendar

Following is the last 1970 Church event of general interest.

### DECEMBER

12 — Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

# The American Indian Papago Indian Reservation

Submitted by Richard Christman

*(Following is the fourth in a series of articles on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona. The segments are being submitted by Brother Richard Christman, Church Evangelist, who is the Educational Administrator at the location—Editor's Note.)*

There are about 980 houses in the reservation, but almost 65% of these are considered below minimum standards. Many of the Papago houses are built of sun-dried mud adobe brick which is quite vulnerable to hard rains lasting 48 hours or longer. The side walls and roof will often erode and collapse under such conditions. The BIA and the Papago Tribal Housing Authority are working in close cooperation with HUD to obtain modern, durable housing for the Papago people. Present construction planning calls for 500 new housing units by 1975.

Some 149 separate and distinct locations on the main reservation have been identified as settlements. Of the 149 settlements, 74 are currently inhabited. Nine of the communities are considered as major villages with populations of more than 100. The major villages include Ali Chukson, Topawa, Quijotoa, Gu Achi, Gu Vo, Pisinimo, Gu Oidak, Sells and Chuichu.

Sells is the largest of the villages and is the major center of Papago activities. It is the Papago "capital", the location of the Tribal headquarters. In addition to the Papago Agency of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the reservation officers of the U.S. Public Health Service are located in the community. Major public facilities in Sells include the USPHS Indian Hospital opened in 1961, a municipal center built the following year and a tribal arts and crafts shop dedicated in 1964. The hospital is a modern 50-bed installation, well-equipped and staffed. The municipal center houses the tribal court, office of the police department, jail and living quarters for the captain of police. The tribal government maintains offices and a council hall in Sells.

There are six trading posts on the reservations, two at Sells which carry a variety of clothing and food lines. There are five auto service stations, two in Sells, two west of Sells on Highway 86, and one on the highway north to Casa Grande. Two restaurants are located in Sells. There are no lodging facilities located on the reservation proper. Other community facilities at Sells include a laundromat, a post office, and a youth club. Approximately 15 miles west of the reservation in the community of Ajo and approximately 10 miles north of the reservation in the town of Casa Grande, there are facilities available such as lodging, restaurants, photographic shops, sport shops, and service stations.

The Papago Indians are members of the Piman family, racially distinct from the other Indian groups of the United States. Linguistically, the Papago dialects — still spoken in a majority of Papago homes — are classified with the Pima-Papago division of the Piman language. The latter is a subdivision of the Uto-Aztecan linguist

stock, which is made up of Indian languages spoken from southern Mexico to the borders of Montana and Wyoming. Culturally, the Papagos are related to the desert tribes of northwestern Mexico, western Arizona, southern California, and Nevada.

## Editorial Viewpoint

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is not valid because they are still tempted by evil.

It is true temptation can lead to sin if entertained, but temptation in itself is not sin. Remember Jesus was also tempted. Paul says that Christ was "... tempted like as we are, yet without sin." If the young convert should fall, let him get up and try again. I am reminded of a story of a mother and her little four-year old who were walking to Church. The little boy fell in a mud puddle dressed, of course, in his Sunday clothes. The mother angrily said, "Now, what are you going to do?" The little fellow answered, "Get up and walk."

Timothy was told by Paul to continue in The Doctrine. It is really a sad thing when new converts get tangled up in false doctrine just because they failed to learn The Truth. Let us acquaint ourselves with the doctrine of our Church and why we believe in this doctrine. The secret to the strength of the early Church following Pentecost was that they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship.

We all know that Martin Luther had a "thesis"; how many I don't recall. We as a Church have our "set of beliefs" and the easiest way for our Church to lose her identity would be for her members to fail to learn and abide by this thesis. We must continue in prayer as we are admonished by Paul. Jesus also advised us to watch and pray. The more constant and fervent our prayers, the more assurance we have that we shall be able to stand up to the pressure to which we are subjected. If the prayer life in our Church breaks down, everything else will soon fall apart. I repeat, the keyword today for all of us is **continue**: "... continue in my word ..." and "... continue ye in my love." are the words of the great Teacher, whose birth we celebrate this month.

## Makes Decision At Detroit No. 3 Sunday, November 8

Making his decision to enter The Gospel of Christ after the conclusion of the afternoon meeting, Joseph Furnari entered the fold at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 on Sunday, November 8. He was baptized by Brother Peter H. Capone and confirmed by Brother Silverio Coppa, Presiding Elder.

The Branch was most edified by the addition of the new Brother, who had been attending services regularly and who was touched by the spirit of repentance after having made an investigation of The Gospel.

## Six Baptisms, Other Blessings At Vanderbilt

Six baptisms, one ordination, a healing miracle, welcomed guests and Vacation Bible School have been reported by the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch. The blessings of God have been most prevalent for these events.

Baptized first in the sequence were Taylor and Allena Barricklow who were both taken into the waters by Brother Joseph Shazer. Brother Barricklow was confirmed by Brother Shazer and Sister Barricklow was confirmed by Brother Thurman S. Furnier on June 4.

On September 1, a young couple, Danny Paul and Lois Jean Conn, along with Brother Conn's sister, Shirley Ann Overly, were baptized by Brother Shazer. Brother Conn and Sister Overly were confirmed by Brother Thurman S. Furnier, while Sister Conn was confirmed by Brother Shazer. Incidentally, Brother Conn is stationed in Viet Nam and, of course, needs all the prayers of the Saints.

The last new member reported as being added to the fold was Charles Hiller, age 62. He was baptized and confirmed by Brother Shazer on October 11.

The ordination of a new Deacon, Brother Emmett Dale, was performed on Sunday, September 20. His feet were washed by Brother Furnier, and he was ordained a Deacon by Brother Nephi De-Mercurio, visiting from Detroit, Michigan. Brother Dale was baptized on September 16, 1940. He had a strengthening experience in which The Lord spoke to him about his new calling.

The day before, Carry Keller, daughter of Brother Henry Johnson, was anointed by Brother Shazer prior to being hospitalized for surgery. Upon subsequent confinement for the operation, it was discovered that the affliction had been removed and there was no need for surgery.

On Friday evening, September 25, Apostles Rocco V. Biscotti from Cleveland, Ohio and Samuel Kirschner of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania were guests at Vanderbilt. The following Sunday, Brother August D'Orazio from Edison, New Jersey visited the Branch. The visitors spoke many enjoyable and profitable words about The Gospel of Christ which were most beneficial for all in attendance.

Several months earlier, the Branch held its Vacation Bible School during June 1-5 in the evenings. Average attendance was between 65 and 70. The Chairmen were Sisters Newanna King and Donna Fleming. The theme was "Saul of Tarsus," taken from material written by Sister Mabel Bickerton for Church Vacation Bible Schools. Crafts were chosen for each class, and each teacher and her helpers were responsible for craft instruction as well as teaching the basic subject contents. An outing was held at the end of school. A Sunday evening program was prepared by each teacher and her pupils, working together to illustrate to parents and visitors what had been

learned during the course.

All the reported events were most edifying to the Vanderbilt congregation for which it has been most grateful.

## Another Member Added To Fold At Detroit No. 1

Another new member, Daniel Castelli, was the second addition to the fold at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 on successive Sundays when he entered The Gospel on October 11. He was baptized by Brother Anthony Scolaro and was confirmed by Brother Spencer G. Everett, both uncles of the new Brother Castelli.

Brother Dominic R. Thomas, visiting from Detroit No. 2 had introduced the service. He spoke inspiringly on the necessity and mode of baptism in The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo followed on the same subject. While he was speaking, Brother Castelli was touched with the spirit of repentance and asked for his baptism. Further adding to the significance of the day was the observance of the feet-washing ordinance in the afternoon service during which the convert was confirmed.

The week before, as reported last month, Sister Janet DiFalco was baptized at Detroit No. 1. The Branch is most thankful for the additions and the other blessings it has received.

## Hopelawn Branch Has New Sister

The Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch had a new Sister added to its number as Linda Allen was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 18. She was baptized by Brother James Benyola and confirmed by Brother Paul Benyola.

The congregation has been most pleased and blessed by the addition of the new Sister Allen who felt the spirit of repentance and entered The Gospel Of Christ.

## Two More Souls Enter The Gospel At Lorain Mission

Ten days after Raymond Garza entered The Gospel of Jesus Christ at the Lorain, Ohio Spanish Mission as reported last month, his wife, Rosemary, and his daughter, Olivia, entered the fold. They were both baptized by Evangelist Joseph Calabrese and confirmed by Apostle Rocco V. Biscotti on October 14.

The Lord has worked most compassionately with this family which had been troubled with severe affliction. Being delivered from this troubled condition, they have acquired a living testimony of how their Creator has come to their rescue.

## Baptism Performed At Youngstown; Dream Fulfilled

The blessings of God continued to flow at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch on Sunday, October 25, when Elaine Klein entered The Gospel to complete a revelation received the night prior. She was baptized by Brother Donald Pandone and confirmed by Brother Travis Perry.

The morning service was introduced by Brother Richard Santilli who related his own personal experience in coming to The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Pandone followed, reading from James 1:5, 6: "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. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering..." He stated that we must come boldly before the throne of God in making our desires known to Him. Evangelist T. D. Bucci concluded, following on the same thoughts. The new Sister Klein then asked for her baptism at the close of the service.

In the fellowship service, Sister Jean Pusateri related that the night before she dreamed she held two babies very beautiful and exact in age. This was fulfilled as Sister Elaine and her husband, Brother Martin, had brought their newborn baby to be blessed this same morning.

The Youngstown Branch is most grateful for the baptism and for the revelation before the event, thus bringing further edification to all present.

## Three Evangelists Ordained On Nov. 1 In New Jersey

The New Brunswick Branch and Freehold Mission visited the Edison, New Jersey Branch on Sunday, November 1, for the ordinations of three new Evangelists. The overflow attendance at both services on that day was most appropriate for the elevation into the Quorum of Seventies of Brothers August D'Orazio of Edison and Cleveland Baldwin and Matthew Rogolino of the Freehold Mission, which is under the jurisdiction of the New Brunswick Branch.

Two guest speakers from outside the Atlantic Coast District were also present. They were Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President from Detroit, Michigan, and Paul Palmieri from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Brother Palmieri introduced the morning meeting, his text being taken from Romans 12:1-2. During his sermon, he also referred to his conversion into The Gospel of Christ. Brother Ciaravino followed on the same scriptural discourse. He exhorted all that "The choice is up to you."

The Spirit of God was evident from the beginning of the meeting. As the congregation was singing, "What A Savior," Sister Rose Rogolino, visiting from the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch, re-

ceived a vision. She stated she saw the rostrum filled with beautiful flowers and a personage in white standing in the middle, holding a lamb under one arm and a staff in the other.

The same wonderful spirit was prevalent in the afternoon service, as was evidenced by the beautiful testimonies which were given. Thereafter, the ordinations were performed.

Brothers Ciaravino, Dominic Rose, and Rocco Ensana washed the feet of Brothers D'Orazio, Baldwin, and Rogolino, respectively. By request, Brother Ciaravino ordained all three as Evangelists.

Two of the new members of the Quorum of Seventies, Brothers D'Orazio and Rogolino, were ordained Elders at the October 1956 Conference. Brother Baldwin was ordained an Elder in April 1962. Incidentally, both Brothers Rogolino and Baldwin were originally from the Edison Branch, but they are now in charge of the Freehold Mission.

During the ordinations, another vision was experienced. In this one, a large star appeared and covered all three Brothers.

The ordinations, visions, and fellowship of all present made the day most memorable and edifying.

## Brief News of Interest

### SEND THANKS

Brother Armand and Sister Jean Genaro of the Niles, Ohio Branch have written to thank all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends throughout The Church of Jesus Christ for the many prayers, cards, and letters on behalf of their son, John, who was in an accident on August 24. John was transferred over a month later to the Cleveland Clinic with a compound fracture of the left leg above the ankle and with his right hip and socket being crushed. As of the time of the correspondence, the doctors stated the injuries were unusual and they were undecided about what to do.

In expressing their gratitude to God, Brother and Sister Genaro said that they, along with John, have put their trust in the greatest physician, our Lord, for with Him, if it is His will, all things are possible. They are most thankful to God for the loving comfort and spiritual strength they received through all the prayers and remembrances, and they indicated they would like to be continued to be remembered in prayer.

Anyone wanting to write to John may do so at the Cleveland Clinic, 2020 E. 93rd St., Room 743, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

### ANAHEIM BLESSINGS

The Anaheim, California Branch has been most blessed recently as indicated in a recent communication received from that location.

All there have been encouraged by the Anaheim Pastor, George (Rusty) Heaps, to become even more involved in the work of The Church particularly in rendering aid to our Missions, which is pleasing to the Lord, as stated in Alma 34 in the Book of Mormon. Fasting and praying

for the Branch, for the souls of those who have not rendered obedience to our God, and for The Ministry have been urged. Also, the Branch has continuously collected food and clothing and other items for the Indian people in Mexico.

The Sunday services have been filled with the blessings of God. For example, on October 11, the glory of God was so prominent that four teenagers who just happened to drop in because they were seeking The Truth were also blessed. They each stood up, giving thanks to God, tears streaming down their faces, and saying they had never felt anything like this. One of them was so filled that he could barely speak. With arms stretched up to heaven, he expressed his thankfulness to God, stating that he had never felt such love as this before in any church. Another of them stood up, filled with the blessing of God, saying she had never before met such people or felt such love and that it was like a family. From the moment they entered the building until they left, they were filled with the blessings of God, as were all of the Brothers and Sisters.

The same day, three young converts were baptized, two 18-year-olds and one 21-year-old. Obviously, they also were blessed by God. During this Sunday, two of our Elder Brothers, Vincent Scalise and Otto Henderson, of the neighboring Bell Branch and their families were also present. Brother Scalise was blessed in his exhortation by our Ministry was well-seasoned, typifying the blessings received at Anaheim.

In a later arriving additional note from Anaheim, news has been received that Sister Margaret Henderson has been ill and the Branch has been in fast and prayer for her. Prayers are requested by all Brothers, Sisters, and friends in her behalf.

#### DAY TO REMEMBER

A day which will be long-remembered occurred at the Greensburg, Pennsylvania Branch on a recent Sunday. The subject of "Faith" was the theme for the day during which an edifying vision was experienced.

Brothers Paul Gehley and Louis Checchi spoke concerning the importance of having and exercising faith. An uplifting spirit was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon, after Brother Gehley's further exhortation on faith, the service was left open for those who wished to express themselves in testimony. It was very evident from the very first testimony that the Spirit of God was being manifested with all present.

A young mother who had been attending the meetings but was yet unbaptized testified that she had been asking God to reveal to her in a dream, vision, or whatever experience He desired whether this was The True Church. She stated that, as she was heeding Brother Gehley's words at the beginning of this service, she saw a vision in which a bright light was outlining the chairs which the members of The Ministry were occupying as well as surrounding Brother Gehley as he spoke. She stated she was most blessed by the fact that God was answering her request and that He was telling her something

which was very significant.

This testimony, along with all the others given, was certainly blessed by The Lord. The wonderful feeling throughout the day to that point served as an inspiring way to begin the hortation, and everything that was brought forth Branch feet-washing service which followed.

#### HONORED PRESENCE

The Niles, Ohio Branch was honored with the stay of the beloved Sister Josephine Genaro from Modesto, California for a period of four months. Formerly of Niles, she was a blessing to all with whom she came in contact and was a valuable asset in the meetings with her beautiful, thankful testimonies.

Many Brothers and Sisters and a few friends gathered for a farewell social for Sister Josephine, who is almost 80 years young. A few of her favorite Italian hymns were sung, and the Sisters of the Branch supplied the refreshments. The Sunday School class presented her with a beautiful gift.

She is greatly missed by all in Niles, where the prayers are that God's blessings will always rest upon her.

#### THANKFUL FOR SERVICES

Word has been received from the Meaford, Ontario, Canada area where meetings are being held periodically by Elders of the Michigan-Ontario District. Members of the Ministry who have traveled there, some with their families, have been Donald Collison of Windsor; Mario Coppa and Nephi DeMercurio of Detroit Branch No. 3; and Anthony Gerace and Anthony R. Loyalvo of Detroit Branch No. 4. Brother Richard Elzby and his wife, Sister Jane, from Windsor have also visited frequently.

Brother Douglas Ford has been transferred by his employer from Meaford to Petawawa, Ontario where he and his wife, Sister Bertha, presently reside. They still attend the Meaford services, and they along with everyone else are most grateful for the many blessings they have received and wish to thank all who have labored in their behalf. They are certain God will continue to be with them, as He has been in the past.

#### ADDRESS CHANGE

Brother Rocco V. Biscotti, Vice-President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, has moved to the following address. 10409 Almira Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. His phone number is 216-941-1187.

#### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

John Edward to the Frank Ellis Lamberts and John William to the John Peter Buffas of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2;

Bonnie Kay to the Martin Klein Jrs. of Youngstown, Ohio;

Michelle Stephany to the Gary Leuschens of Erie, Pennsylvania;

James Jr. to the James DiFalco Srs. of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1; and

Jessica Ann to the George Mayfields of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

## NUPTIALS

### AMORMINO-TAORMINA

Brother Eugene F. Amormino and Sister Donna Taormina were united in holy matrimony at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday evening, November 28. Brother Dominic Thomas, uncle of the bride, performed the marriage ceremony, assisted by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo. Miss Julia Young was the soprano soloist, accompanied by Sister Kathleen Scolaro at the organ.

The newlyweds now reside in Detroit.

### COOK-DIBATTISTA

Mr. I. Michael Cook and Miss Kathleen DiBattista were sealed in marriage at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 21. Brother John Griffith of Monongahela, Pennsylvania conducted the ceremony.

The Cooks now live in Lansing, Michigan.

### YOUNG-MANTZ

Mr. Roger Thomas Young and Miss Linda Lee Mantz were joined in holy wedlock at the Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, October 10. Brother August D'Orazio performed the ceremony. Sister Mary Feher was the vocal soloist.

The Youngs now reside in Somerset, New Jersey.

### RANKER-GORDON

Mr. Robert Harvey Ranker and Miss Marilyn Lee Gordon were united in marriage at the LaVale Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ in Cumberland, Maryland on Saturday, October 10. Brother Henry A. Border conducted the marriage ceremony.

The newlyweds now live in Cumberland.

## OBITUARIES

### GERTRUDE PASTORELLI

Sister Gertrude Pastorelli, a long-time faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1, passed on to her eternal reward on October 25. Born on September 11, 1894, she was baptized into The Church on April 29, 1934.

Surviving her are one son, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Michael Lasala conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Anthony Pietrangelo.

Our deceased Sister was afflicted for some time. She was a wonderful example in her steadfastness in The Gospel, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

### LARRY PAUL ROSSI

Mr. Larry Paul Rossi, who had been blessed in The Gospel at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ and who attended services there, departed from this life suddenly on October 24. He was born on January 14, 1945.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers, and one nephew.

Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York, uncle of the deceased, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brother Paul Palmieri.

All loved ones and friends of the departed will greatly miss him, as he was most-respected and well-loved. His departure through an unexpected accident has left a void which only The Lord can fill.

### WILLIAM A. SUMNER

Brother William A. Sumner, a faithful member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed away on October 24. Born on

January 21, 1896, he was baptized August 25, 1968.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Travis Perry conducted the funeral services.

Although he did not render obedience to The Gospel until late in life, he was always a great asset to The Church and his family. He will indeed be missed by all who knew and loved him.

### MAE GARRATT

Sister Mae Garratt, a long-time faithful member of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, ended her journey in this life on October 20. Born on February 10, 1888, she was baptized into The Church in March, 1936.

Left to mourn are her husband, one son, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Brother B. Teman Cherry officiated at the funeral services.

Sister Garratt, although afflicted for many years, attended Church services as frequently as possible. She had a wonderful, heartwarming testimony for The Gospel at all times.

### HERMAN F. KENNEDY

Brother Herman F. Kennedy, an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ from the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch who spent approximately 68 years in The Gospel, departed from this life on September 25. Born on October 13, 1886, he was baptized into The Church on March 30, 1902.

He is survived by four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother George Johnson Sr., assisted by Brothers Henry Johnson and Joseph Shazer.

Ordained an Elder in 1905, Brother Kennedy has been very faithful in The Gospel of Christ. Although very afflicted during his last years, he was always desirous of being in the service of God. He will be sorely missed.

### LUIGI FEOLA

Brother Luigi Feola, a Deacon and faithful member of the Bronx, New York Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on September 21. Born on January 7, 1892, he was baptized into The Church on November 14, 1948.

Left to mourn are his wife and two sons.

Brother Dominic Rose officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brother James R. Link.

Our departed Brother led an exemplary life and will be missed by all who knew him, particularly by the Brothers and Sisters of the Branch. His unwavering testimony in The Gospel was a source of inspiration and encouragement and will be long-remembered.

*Best Wishes  
For A Happy  
And Joyous  
Holiday Season  
From The Entire  
Gospel News Staff*