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New Year's Greetings

By Gorie Ciaravino,
General Church President

I wish to take this opportunity to extend to all readers of the **Gospel News** a sincere wish for a happy and prosperous new year.

In reflecting upon the past year, I can recall many incidents for which I am most grateful. Among the most memorable and vivid events was our week's visit last January to the San Carlos Indian Mission where, together with a small group of Brothers, we were truly blessed. Often in my meditations, I remember the moments we spent upon our knees talking to God in prayer and how wonderfully He blessed our souls, thus accepting our prayers and fastings. The revelations we received were more than enough verification to indicate that The Lord was pleased with our offerings and intentions for the future.

There were many highlights which were not only satisfying but which helped to make us grow in The Gospel of Christ. Gatherings, revival services, and missionary labors offered us, individually and collectively, the opportunities to allow this growth to take place. Each of these occasions had its importance in making our souls rejoice in the fact that we are serving a Risen Saviour upon whom we can always rely and can trust. Even more penetrating is the fact that we are involved in doing the **most important** work in this life.

CAMPOUT, JUBILEE, AUDITORIUM

For many of you, the General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout is a satisfying occasion to recall. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present because of surgery, but, from all reports, it was a marvelous week for those who attended and one they will long remember. The many additions to The Gospel both at this event and immediately thereafter were most welcomed, and we can only say that God has truly blessed us by calling our new Brothers and Sisters into the fold.

The celebration of The Ladies' Circle Golden Jubilee was another memorable event of 1970 on June 20 in Detroit, Michigan. Throughout the last 50 years, our Sisters have made many great contributions to The Church and have greatly en-

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Thank You

As reported in November in the General Church Conference story, our tours of duty on the **Gospel News** are now being concluded. It has been our genuine privilege to have served as Editors of our official Church publication, and we can truthfully say that we have enjoyed the opportunity of serving in our capacities. Our hope is that we may have been of some help to The Church by carrying out our assignments in the publication of our monthly paper.

It is with profound regrets that our schedules as Ministers, along with other responsibilities, made it necessary for us to submit our resignations to the October Conference. We are confident, however, that the newly appointed Editors will discharge their duties outstandingly. In so doing, they will undoubtedly not only publish the latest news from around The Church but will strive to present meaningful and interesting commentaries on The Gospel of Christ and The Scriptures.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the General Church for the confidence placed in us and to express our sincere gratitude to the entire **Gospel News** staff and to everyone who contributed articles or assisted in any way. Without these helps, publication, of course, would have been impossible. We congratulate the new Editors and ask everyone to aid them in whatever manner possible so that this vital link in the communications in our Church may continue.

Carl J. Frammolin and
Dominic Moraco

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Auditorium Progress

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

The General Church Board of Trustees, the Pennsylvania District Trustees, the Greensburg Branch Trustees and the General Church President and Secretary met together during the General Missionary Benevolent Association conference held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on November 14. The meeting was called because the progress of construction on the General Church Auditorium building had reached a stage of completion so far as the general contractor was concerned and it was necessary to make the decisions on how to best schedule use of the building, how it is to be maintained, and how to operate the kitchen, food handling and storage facilities.

It was confirmed that the Greensburg Branch will be holding their weekly and Sunday services in the Auditorium as soon as the pews are installed, along with the other furnishings and carpeting. It was agreed that all other meetings would be handled on a first come, first approved basis. This does not apply, however, to General Church Conferences which have pre-established dates and will automatically be scheduled on those dates unless changed by General Church Conference action.

All requests for use should contain a statement of exact dates (days, month and year) and times (hours daily) that each group intends to use the Auditorium. Included, of course, must be the name of the group, committee, Quorum or Auxiliary unit using the facilities; the name and address of the person or persons responsible for arrangements for the group; and the type of meeting or meetings being held. It should be stated whether meals are required, specifying how many are needed, at what times they must be served, and for how many days the gathering will last.

Requests for using the Auditorium and its facilities should be sent to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania District Board of Trustees, in writing, addressed as follows:

Paul Palmieri
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Scheduled meetings will appear periodically in the *Gospel News*, permitting you to plan well in advance if you are requested or desire to attend the event. These meetings will be designated as to whether they are for Quorums or Committees only or whether they are for general attendance by all. It will be necessary to have all requests for use of the building during 1972 in the hands of Brother Palmieri no later than December 1, 1971. An annual schedule will be composed and vacations may be planned around certain meetings or conferences when this calendar is prepared and is available in advance.

It was agreed that the maintenance and repairs would be managed by the Trustees of the Greensburg Branch. A procedure was established that small items will be completed by the local Trustees and major items will be refer-

red to the General Church Board for disposition. Also, the Greensburg Trustees will try to contract for items such as landscaping, snow removal and janitorial services. The local Trustees will be responsible for knowing the operation of the mechanical, lighting, and sound equipment.

Methods of managing the kitchen, food handling, and storage arrangements were discussed. It was agreed that perhaps the best method of handling and controlling would be by means of a permanent kitchen and food committee of qualified and experienced personnel. As a result, it was decided to appoint a permanent kitchen committee of three Sisters to handle the operational, planning and management aspects under the supervision of Brother Melvin Mountain. These Sisters will co-ordinate all of the food needs with scheduled meeting dates and oversee those who prepare, serve and clean up after each meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is the financial report which shows the Auditorium costs and expenditures as of December 15, 1970:

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| Total cost of Auditorium | \$344,434 |
| Less 10% retainage | \$ 34,434 |
| Amount due by January 15th | \$310,000 |
| Amount authorized for payment as of 12/15/70 | \$299,100 |
| Balance due January 15th | \$ 10,900 |
| Total amount due by February 15th | \$ 45,334 |

(Includes retainage)

The lists of the last items to be finalized are now completed. The carpeting was installed the first of December. The tile floors were cleaned and waxed. The kitchen contractor started his installation in mid-December. The electrical contractors completed their work on the kitchen equipment and sound system. The cornerstone was set and the inside and exterior lettering which go on the walls of the building was installed. The pews are being installed at the time of the writing of this article and the building has been made ready for a final inspection by the local community officials. It appears, at the present time, that we shall be closing our permanent loan with the bank during January or February.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CLAIM

The Church is still awaiting an offer from Allegheny County for our original building site located near Imperial, Pennsylvania and which the County needs to expand the Pittsburgh Airport. They have appraised the property but have not made the Church an official offering price at which they would buy. It would appear that they are holding the largest and toughest acquisitions until the last, since they are working on a total allocation, or money set aside to purchase all the property necessary to extend the airfield.

In view of this lack of response from the County, Mr. Melvin Bassi, the General Church Attorney, has recommended that we employ a "condemnation" attorney to expedite the settlement of our claim.

The General Church Board of Trustees and

the Auditorium Committee, together with the General Church President and Secretary, have agreed to appoint an expert condemnation attorney, Mr. Leonard M. Mendelson of Pittsburgh. His fee is in line with the amount recommended by the State of Pennsylvania Bar Association. We are awaiting a reply from Mr. Mendelson as to his acceptance of our claim and a date by which we could expect our case to be finalized. It is our hope that this claim can be settled prior to the dedication ceremony.

"On Mountain Tops"

By Paul D'Amico, Apostle

"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."

The foregoing quotation from **Isaiah 2:2,3** shows that the Prophet Isaiah beheld a glorious vision of the establishment of Zion in the latter days. The hopes and expectations from this passage are indeed most heartening and allow followers the rays of sunshine so needed in the world.

We are living in a time when we hope to see the fulfillment of this great prophecy. Furthermore, The Church of Jesus Christ believes that the Choice Seer described in the second Chapter of **II Nephi** of the **Book of Mormon** will be instrumental in bringing about fulfillment of this prophecy. It is recorded that The Choice Seer shall come from the Seed of Joseph — the American Indian. Thus, it can be seen that these so-called forgotten people will be the leaders in this movement.

BOTH RECORDS

Through the Restoration of The Gospel, we know that the **Bible** is a record of the tribe of Judah, and the **Book of Mormon** is a record of the tribe of Joseph. It is also known that the ten tribes were scattered by the hand of God and their true identity remains a mystery. Knowing the compositions of these tribes will go a long way toward solving this mystery.

During World War II while stationed in the Philippine Islands, I had a strong feeling that the Filipinos, along with many of the other inhabitants of the various islands, are a representation of The House of Israel. Of course only God knows whether this is so. To us it remains a hidden mystery for the present. As a matter of fact, any hypothesis about the composition of the tribes cannot be proven until God unravels the groupings and discloses what He caused to come about. The day will soon come, however, when Israel will be gathered again and shall be made to sit in the house of the God of Jacob, on "Mountain Tops".

We are also satisfied that The Church of Jesus Christ possesses that true and everlasting Gospel which is capable of making Jacob's face shine again. What a glorious event this will be! It certainly will be beyond description and will be most edifying for the people of God.

Many experiences have been given concerning the future position of The Church of Jesus Christ and her important role in the latter days.

As I write this article, I am still recovering from being hospitalized over a physical illness. The Lord has been blessing me with a gradual recovery and healing of the body, but more importantly, He has blessed me with Divine inspiration as to the things that have transpired in the past and some of the things which shall come to pass in the future. I feel that the time is drawing nigh when God is going to perform His work in establishing Zion upon this promised land as foretold by the Prophet. The significant thing for us to remember is that we must strive to stay close to The Lord so that we can be in position to assist in this mighty effort which will be forthcoming.

DREAM RECALLED

As I reflect upon this subject, I recall a dream experienced by a young Sister of Rochester, New York in 1933. In her dream she was looking for The Church of Jesus Christ. She saw two other churches and, in her dream, she began praying to God to show her His Church. As she prayed, a mountain appeared and on "The Mountain Top" she saw a beautiful marble Church. It was very large and was founded upon twelve pillars. It was so white and pure that she could not look upon it steadily because of its brightness.

At the top of the building, in golden letters was written "The Church of Jesus Christ". She longed to enter the building, but, all at once she found herself in a beautiful large room and heard Brothers and Sisters singing a melodious hymn. In the hallway she saw her mother and Brother Ishmael D'Amico. Seeing a fountain, she took a drink, and while drinking, Brother D'Amico spoke in tongues. She looked up and saw a crown of light upon his head.

The young sister later related that upon awakening the blessing of God remained with her throughout the day.

Indeed, we look to the day when this dream and the words of the Prophets will be fulfilled and The Church of Jesus Christ will truly be upon the mountain tops. When this time arrives, we shall be most grateful for the forewarning scriptures and for the experiences which alert us to the role we are to play and how we should be prepared to perform our tasks when The Church will be elevated and be prominent in the eyes of the world.

Until this great event takes place, however, each of us must labor for the building of Zion and the expansion of The Kingdom of God upon the earth. There can be no greater reward than to be instrumental in helping in the work of The Lord. No other endeavors can be so satisfying and enduring both for this life and in the life to come.

Editorial Comment

A New Year, A New Start

By Dominic Moraco

The passing of the old year and the ushering in of the new one provides everyone with a chance to look back upon the events and personal experiences of the past year and then to establish goals for the coming twelve months. This period of time for reflection on the past and planning for the future presents everyone with a new start or a fresh approach to the same old problems which will almost certainly follow him into the new year.

In looking back, we find many deeds left undone or incomplete, many things said which would have been better unsaid, and perhaps our failure to fulfill the goals which we established at the beginning of the last year. At the first glance, this may prove a little discouraging or demoralizing; however, upon further examination, we can overcome the discouragement with the thought that we can now begin anew to pursue these objectives until they are attained.

SET GOALS

Now that we are beginning 1971, what would you like to accomplish in your personal life? What particular projects, tasks, or functions would you want to complete? Why not establish now a worthwhile and meaningful goal or goals, for the next twelve months and say, "With the help of God, I hope to achieve this objective or objectives!"? Before you establish a goal, however, make certain that it is truly worthwhile and productive.

Let us look at some goals which could bring true happiness both from a temporal side as well as spiritually. Jesus encouraged everyone, and especially His Disciples, to search the scriptures. If you have not searched the scriptures on a regular basis, why not set a goal for doing so? How much of the scriptures would you like to study this year? A suggestion would be to select a number of books from the Bible or the Book of Mormon and methodically search and study them. Do not set a goal too high or extensive which would be impossible for you to reach. Setting an unrealistic goal would only tend to frustrate and discourage you, whereas an attainable goal would encourage and stimulate you.

As you read and study the Word of God, remember to pray for understanding so that God's Word will have a purpose in your life. Throughout the year, make a periodic evaluation of your progress. If you are satisfied, continue at the same pace. If you feel that you are not making the progress which you desired to achieve in the beginning, however, reevaluate the whole pattern of your study habits and see whether they can be improved. As an added note, reading and meditating on the scriptures first thing or early in the morning can prove most advantageous. If this is not possible, study at night just before retiring may be very helpful when no period of solitude may be available during the day.

OTHER WORTHWHILE GOALS

There are many other meaningful goals

which you can set for yourself and which will enrich your whole life. For example, if you can spare the time without sacrificing your regular Church obligations, you may wish to become a volunteer worker at the school for the handicapped or at a children's hospital. You may want to visit a convalescent home on a regular basis to encourage and help the aged in their moments of distress.

Other goals, such as visiting the sick in homes and hospitals and attending to their needs, are truly worthwhile and rewarding and will add much to your life. These are only a few suggestions relative to selection of a rewarding objective for the year just beginning. I am certain that each of you can think of many more. Above all, however, please let me encourage you to set a quota of how many people you will want to hear your testimony of The Gospel of Christ. This can be an allocated on a daily, weekly, monthly, or annual basis. Telling others of The Gospel should be our foremost goal and one which should be sought on every occasion possible. Even better, try to bring your friends and acquaintances to Church so that they may be exposed to the offer of salvation in the House of God.

After selecting a goal, there remains the important step of implementation. Remember, the goals you set for yourself will not just arbitrarily be met. You must make them happen by your own action. Unless you do so and strive to reach your objectives, months will pass rapidly and you will become discouraged and lose complete sight of what you had so diligently set for yourself on January 1.

Basically, you must resolve within yourself that nothing will stop you from achieving your aims or objectives. Remember, though, that suddenly out of nowhere you will find many obstacles in front of you. The kind of obstacles you will confront were never there before, but they will suddenly face you. The devil will always seek to stop or slow your good efforts, and he will not overlook and chances to disway you from your path. It will be up to you to turn these stumbling-blocks into stepping-stones and through dedicated work achieve the goals to which you aspire.

In closing, may I not only wish you the traditionally "happy and prosperous New Year" but, more importantly, a very productive and useful one for yourself and The Church of Jesus Christ.

It's a new year and a new start for each of us.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

Our hearts are like molten metal which can be easily molded when it is warm.

"Come Before Winter"

"Do thy diligence to come before winter," were some of the last words Paul wrote in a letter to Timothy whom he affectionately called "my son." These words were written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome.

Certainly, there was a great friendship existing between Paul and Timothy, the youth who was half Hebrew and half Greek. We do not know just how long Paul and Timothy had been separated or how long it had been since they had seen each other, but the friendship and love that existed between them were apparent when Paul wrote: "Do thy diligence to come before winter." Yes, Paul wanted Timothy to come and be with him. He told him to pick up his cloak in Troas at the house of Carpus, as well as his books, and especially the parchments, and bring them with him.

NEEDED TO KEEP WARM

Paul needed his robe to keep him warm, for it was beginning to get cold in Rome. The summer was gone and Paul knew that, if Timothy did not come before winter, he would have to wait til spring; and it seems that Paul had a premonition that he would not last the winter, for he said, "... the time of my departure is at hand." Without a doubt, Timothy did not wait a single day longer than necessary after receiving Paul's message to set out for Rome, picking up his robe and books in Troas.

Those who live in parts of the country where there are seasons like summer and winter know full well there are things which must be done before winter or they will not be accomplished. With many things, it is "before winter or never." We must have, as at this time of year, taken advantage of the autumn season to take care of such things as outside painting, roof repairing, and storm window installation; in other words, preparing for winter before it arrives.

WONDERFUL SEASON

Autumn is a wonderful season, with its cool mornings and days of sunshine and with its fields strewn with the last of the wild flowers such as the goldenrod. After the first couple of frosts, the trees take on their variety of colors — yellow, orange, light and dark reds intermingled with the green that still lingers. All this beauty is just for a short time, however. Autumn passes so quickly; we saw the forests in all their beauty and splendor yesterday, but today they have all faded away. Today the winter winds blow briskly, and the trees have become stripped and barren. This is a perfect parable telling us all things fade and die, even our lives. Every autumn should bring home to us, therefore, the thought of how precious are life's opportunities, including its beauty; but, above all, it should impress us with life's brevity.

The opportunities that were open to us this past autumn may be forever shut out a year from now. The voices we heard speaking to us yesterday may be forever silent by springtime. Let us take a lesson from Paul's message in the prison at Rome to "... come before winter." and listen to those voices telling us what we should do.

Our lives can be amended and improved but not just at any old time; there are favorable seasons. *Our hearts are like molten metal which can be easily molded when it is warm.* Come before the heart is cold; come while the desire is there; come before life's probationary period ends. There are precious and crucial moments in our lives, and if God has awakened your conscience and given you a feeling of contrition and sorrow, heed Paul's message, and "... come before winter."

Remember, the season of the year is not important. It is used simply to show that decisive action should be taken in the summertime of life. Come while the warmth and glow of the Holy Spirit beckons for it is written: "My spirit shall not always strive with man . . ."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

Why The Sun Stood Still

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you an interesting story about the sun. This is found in the **Book of Joshua**.

After Moses died, Joshua was chosen to lead the Israelites. The people obeyed him as they had obeyed Moses. God gave Joshua wisdom, and he was able to guide and teach the people as Moses had done.

The Lord helped Joshua as he and his army defeated their enemies and took their cities. The walls of the city, Jericho, had fallen, and they were able to take it. After several attempts, they took the city of Ai and set it on fire. The people of Israel took the gold, silver and cattle in Ai for their own.

When the kings in Canaan heard how Joshua and his army destroyed Ai, they decided to join together and make war against him. The people in one of the cities didn't want to join the others, however, for they knew the Lord would give Joshua the victory. Instead, they sent messengers, who wore very old clothes and worn out shoes and carried provisions of dry moldy bread. They pretended they had come from another country and had been traveling a long time. They entered the camp and came up to Joshua. They said, "We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us . . ." Joshua asked, "How?" They replied that they wanted to be servants. They said they had come from a very far country and had heard of all the great things God had done for Joshua. Joshua granted a treaty to these men.

Joshua was completely deceived. Three days later he learned that these men had not come from a far country but from nearby Gibeon and were among the wicked nations the Israelites were commanded to destroy. The men were held as slaves and their lives spared.

The people of Gibeon united with the Israelites and this angered the king of Jerusalem and four other Canaanite kings. They sent a great army to destroy Gibeon. The men of Gibeon asked Joshua to send help. Joshua sent a strong army against the five kings. Joshua and his army marched day and night and took the kings' armies by surprise. God sent help to Joshua by causing a great storm of huge hailstones which destroyed more of the enemy than Joshua's soldiers did.

Night was coming, and the enemy hoped to escape in the darkness. Joshua prayed to God and called out so all the people could hear, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou Moon, in the valley of Ajalon." The sun stood still and the moon stayed; and the light helped Joshua's army win the battle.

During the flight, the five kings hid in a cave. Joshua ordered the cave sealed with heavy stones. After the battle was over, Joshua had the kings brought out and told each of his captains to place his foot on the necks of the kings. Joshua said, "Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."

The five kings were hung on five trees and left there until the evening. Then their bodies were put in the cave where they had hidden and great stones were placed at the door of the cave.

This was a great day when the SUN was commanded to stand still.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

How many degrees did the sun go backward for a sign to Hezekiah? What was the sign? Read II Kings, Chapter 20.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel



OUR WOMEN TODAY General Circle Meets December 12 In Aliquippa, Pa.

By Mary Tamburrino,
General Circle Editor

The Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference was held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 12. A fair representation of Sisters was present from Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

The Sisters of The Aliquippa Circle sang "The Birthday of A King," read the passage of Scripture from **St. Luke 2:1-20**, and sang "Joy To The World" in the Italian language. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, remarked that even though some did not understand the words, it was known that praises can be given in any language. Some wonderful testimonies praising God for all His goodness were then given. A special prayer was offered by Brother Herbert Hemmings of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch in behalf of all those who have heavy burdens, heartaches and illnesses that only The Lord can help alleviate.

The Conference matters were then taken up with the roll call of officers, the reading of the last conference minutes, and the presenting of the delegates' reports.

There are normally 35 reports delivered either by delegates or by letter. From these reports are learned how many members are in the Circles, where they meet, what scriptures are read, what projects were undertaken for the quarter, the financial status of the units, and the answer to the question.

During the past quarter, most of the Circles met in their Church buildings, while a few

gathered in their different homes. They read from either the Bible, the Book of Mormon or the Church History Book. The projects were sending layettes, food and soap to Wakpala, South Dakota, and Pine Top, Arizona; clothes to Africa; candy for the Indian children in Sells, Arizona; packages for the men in the Armed Services; and money and baby clothes to Mexico. (What is taken for granted by our children who have so much is very precious to those who have very little).

Funds were received for the General Fund, Missionary Fund, Auditorium Fund and the African Relief Fund. The answer to the question, "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?", was found in Alma 60:36 in the Book of Mormon. Among the projects of units were a field trip to the Muncey, Ontario, Canada Indian Mission and the gathering of 200 drinking glasses for the new Auditorium.

Donations were made by the Circle to the Indian Missionary Fund, African Relief, (for mailing clothes) and the Auditorium Fund (for the kitchen facilities). A motion was passed to offer a vote of thanks to the Aliquippa Circle for their hospitality. The calendar for the next year includes the following General Conferences: March 27 at Imperial, Pennsylvania; July 24 at Greensburg, Pennsylvania in the new General Church Auditorium with the Greensburg Circle as Host; and October 2 at Edison, New Jersey.

There will be a new "Law and Order Book" printed with a few revisions being made. Sister Bickerton will be in charge of this project.

Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio told about the kitchen facilities, being sponsored by the Circles of The Church, that are being installed in the new Church Auditorium. He personally thanked the General Circle for their contribution in behalf of the General Church Auditorium Committee and the General Church.

The Sisters of the Michigan-Ontario District explained how the Indian Children at the Muncey and Six Nations Indian Reservations in Canada enjoy Christmas time. May God bless the Sisters along with all the others, who are able to help in this work by offering gifts and food to those in need.

The Conference day was best summarized by a Circle Sister who said, "I like to meet whenever possible to receive The Lord's blessings."

Youngstown Sisters Observe Their 25th Anniversary

By Florence Pezzenti

On Saturday, November 7, the Ladies' Circle of Youngstown, Ohio, observed its 25th Anniversary by holding a meeting at the Church building. All circles from the Ohio Area were invited, as well as all past members. Our visitors came from Kinsman, Lorain, Erie, Niles and Warren.

After the congregation sang several hymns, our President, Sister Ann Fortunato, welcomed our visitors and introduced our Branch Presiding Elder, Brother T. D. Bucci, who spoke on women of the Bible. He expressed words of encouragement to the Sisters, stating that The Lord would bless us in our efforts to assist the Church spiritually and financially.

The theme of our program was "Circle of Sisters". A poem was read by Sister Minnie DiPiero of "Heart's Gifts". The Youngstown Circle has three charter members, Sisters Dorothy Damore, Irene Perry and DiPiero.

Our meeting was closed in prayer by Brother Donald Pandone, and thereafter we spent some time in social fellowship. An enjoyable time was experienced by all in attendance. We are truly thankful to God for the love displayed among our Circle Sisters.

Edison Circle Celebrates Its 35th Anniversary

By Mary Tamburrino

On November 10th, the New Jersey Circles met in the Edison Branch Church building to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the organization of the Edison Ladies Circle. In attendance, besides those from Edison, were members of the New Brunswick, Metuchen and Hopelawn Circles.

Two Sisters, Stella Arcuri and Elsie Ensana, who attended the first meeting 35 years ago were among those present. Sister Ivy Fisher, the first president, was not able to attend since she was visiting in Florida.

Sister Betty D'Orazio, Edison President, was in charge of the program presented. It consisted of singing and readings on Love, Long-Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, and other Christlike qualities. Among the many beautiful and edifying thoughts brought out, it was mentioned that "The grass is greener on the other side, but it is just as hard to mow".

A part of the meeting was spent in prayers by the Sisters, offered in behalf of the many afflicted. Some time was also spent in relating experiences.

The Presiding Elder of the Edison Branch, Brother Anthony Ensana, also addressed those assembled and spoke of the great help that the Sisters have been throughout The Church and encouraged them to continue in their endeavors in the Circle and Church.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments prepared by Sisters Katie and Debbie Soro, were served in the basement. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We praise and thank God for the years in which we have been able to serve Him and trust that the years ahead of us may find us able and willing to do even greater things and all that may be required of us.

Missionary Field

Tour Of Western Locations Proves Most Enjoyable

By Mark Randy, Evangelist

Brother Joseph Lovalvo, his wife, Sister Virginia, and I have just returned from a 10-day trip which included revival meetings among the Indian Missions in Arizona and Mexico. We had departed from Modesto, California on November 6 for the Pine Top, Arizona Mission. Brothers Isaac Smith and John Bickerton were at the train station at Holbrook to pick us up. It was quite a meeting since we had not seen each other for a long time. Holbrook is 50 miles from Pine Top.

Their progress at Pine Top has been most stimulating. There have been six baptisms since they have been there, and they have had interested visitors at every meeting. Considering their task of relocating in new territory a little over a year ago in building their homes, plus the challenge of presenting The Gospel as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ, being new to the ears of visitors and the Christians of our day, they have done and are doing a great work for the Kingdom of God. Their wives, Sisters Bonnie and Dorothy, are equally a match to Brothers Isaac and John, respectively. I personally have been very prayerful and concerned for them since they went there. It is a new venture for them and The Church.

Since I saw what they are doing and have accomplished, I praise God, our Chief Shepherd, who has sustained them and blessed their labors. These Brothers and their families are full of the love of God for mankind.

After lunch, we proceeded by car to San Carlos, Arizona as scheduled. Brother Dan Picciuto, his wife, Sister Dolores, and family were happy to see us, as were Brother Joseph and Sister Paulette Griffith, along with Brother Claude and Sister Estelle Plummer who were visiting from Yucaipa, California. We had not been there long when someone called, asking to be anointed; and Brothers Lovalvo and Picciuto went to attend to this.

LIKE CONFERENCE

Sunday morning, November 8, was like a little conference. There were several visitors from various places. From Phoenix were Brother Ether and Sister Ella Furnier, Charles and Virginia Giles, Brother Steven and Sister Yvonne Saffron, Brother George and Sister Sarah Neill, and Brother Mark Landrey. From Sells were Brother Richard and Sister Patricia Christman and from Pine Top were Sisters Dorothy Bickerton and Doris Metz. There were also visitors who had never attended before.

The San Carlos choir sang two selections, and a duet also sang. It was my honor to open

the meeting, and the subject was taken from St. John 10:10 which reads: "... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." It was emphasized that Jesus came to give us a full meaningful life, free from discrimination, prejudice, and with love for all mankind. This would not be a long life but an abundant one.

Brother Lovalvo followed on the same theme, adding that Jesus came to give life abounding with deeds of mercy, love and kindness. A wonderful blessing was felt.

Brother Christopher Philips of San Carlos was ordained a Teacher, then several of the sick came forward to be prayed on. A young boy came forward on crutches. He had an accident while he was riding his bicycle. His foot slipped into the wheel tearing part of his heel and damaging the heel bone. Many prayers were offered for various reasons.

Every night was a blessing, and we had some visitors. Tuesday night was quite a moving experience when Brother Dan asked how many who had been anointed were healed. Five hands went up. The little boy who had come in on crutches was there without them, and he had his shoe on. He was the son of Sister C. Kayson.

Brother Dan has a full-time job with the Eastern College as an instructor. Brother and Sister Griffith are a real blessing there. I asked Brother Griffith about the children he taught and he said the children set no goals before them; therefore, they do not study to their maximum ability. For instance, some seventh grade students are doing third grade work. I asked what can we do as a Church to help and he promptly answered we should get them out of the reservation for the school term and into the Saints' homes, like in school exchange programs. I believe we should try this by next September, if possible.

DEPARTED FROM SAN CARLOS

Brother and Sister Lovalvo left for Pine Top to hold meetings through Sunday and Brother and Sister Plummer and I left for San Diego, where we fellowshiped with the Saints. After attending the mid-week service at San Diego, we accompanied Brother Edward and Sister Evelyn Purdue on Friday as they went to Tijuana for a meeting at Mission No. 2. The building was full. There is a need here for missionaries who can speak Spanish. The new building is completed and will be dedicated this month.

Saturday, we visited some of the sick in San Diego and had prayer with them. We also witnessed the activities of our Ladies' Circle. The Sisters acquired a spot in a shopping center and were selling things which they had made. The Mexican Mission also took part in making some of the things.

Sunday again was like a little conference at San Diego. There was representation from each Branch in this section of the country, including Modesto. The ordination as Elders of the two Brothers were the major highlights. Brother John Dulisse ordained his son, Joseph, an Elder and I had the privilege of ordaining Brother James Tucker into The Ministry. In closing, may I say that I pray that God may add his blessings on both of them.

Five Baptisms At California District Meetings

By Del Carneval,
California District Editor

Five baptisms were among many blessings at the California District Conference last September 12 and 13, which was held at the San Fernando Valley Branch. These additions and the many experiences received were most edifying and unforgettable.

Business was transacted and missionary work was discussed Saturday during the day. In the evening towards the close of the business meeting, several Brothers told how God had blessed and healed people in their Branches. Brother Benjamin Ciccatti related blessings and healings received in San Diego and Brother George Heaps cited some great healings in Anaheim. Apostle Joseph Lovalvo, California District President from Modesto, told of some beautiful experiences he witnessed at the California Campout. Apostle V. James Lovalvo, now living in Florida who attended the General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout at Canfield, Ohio during August, summarized the wonderful blessings and healings at the field trip in that the baptized, non-baptized, old, young and children praised God and were witnesses to God's Spirit. He told of some of the experiences that the 14 converts had involving their callings, and he also included the additional five converts who entered The Gospel the following Sunday at Perry, Ohio. These accounts brought such a sweet blessing in our midst that everyone came into the auditorium from the different parts of the Church building where they were performing various tasks for the Conference to listen to the goodness God had granted to the Brothers and Sisters in Ohio.

A beautiful experience concerning Sister June Jones was related by Brother Joseph Lovalvo. She then became inspired to sing "He Touched Me." When she finished, her son, Jimmy, came to the front and embraced her and with a broken heart, thanked God for his mother and the strength given her during all her burdens and trials. The Spirit manifested itself and the congregation also sang the same hymn. Appropriately, Alyse Molisani of San Fernando Valley was touched by The Lord and asked for her baptism.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Brother Del Carneval of Modesto was the first speaker on Sunday morning after prayers were said for the ill and a handkerchief was anointed. He spoke upon the Sermon on The Mount, using the theme question, "How Close Are You to The Lord?" He read Matthew 5:14, emphasizing the need for letting our light shine and for getting nearer to The Lord. "We cannot be a flickering light but must be a bright and shining example by getting closer to The Lord through prayer and meeting together," he stated.

Sister Violet Thomas of San Diego then related an experience that happened Saturday night and concerned an automobile accident in which her husband was involved. The hymn, "Without Him," was sung following the experience and a good spirit engulfed the congregation.

Brother Thomas Liberto of San Diego was the second speaker, continuing on the same theme of drawing closer to God and of using various illustrations from the scriptures to prove the need for drawing closer to God. He spoke of Christ and His sacrifice for us. "What seek ye?" was a question asked of the congregation, just as Jesus asked in His day. "We all need to seek Him for daily needs both natural and spiritual. If man seeks Him, He will open the door." A plea was made that "If Christ is knocking, open up to Him."

Brother Jim Lovalvo and Sister Diane Surdock sang "I Asked the Lord," and Brother Jim concluded the service by stating that during this weekend conference, we had been on the mountain with God. He related how in the scriptures men went to the mountain to talk and converse with God. He spoke of God's covenant to His chosen people. "As we live (as a Church) on the mountain of God, the world will see His blessings upon The Church." He asked, "Have we been to the mountain of God? Have we had a talk with Him there?" An invitation was given to all to come to the mountain of God. "A way is prepared to come through Christ," was his closing statement.

Sister Jewell Sadler of Yucaipa gave her testimony of God's goodness toward her in her affliction and recent amputation. Brother Clifford Burgess of Bell sang a solo titled "Abiding Love".

AT WATERS EDGE

After the morning service, the Brothers and Sisters met at the waters edge for the baptism of our new Sister Molisani. During the Confirmation Service, Brother Jim Lovalvo asked all the young people to come forward and sing, "Jesus Use Me." During the singing, Michael King of San Fernando was overcome by The Spirit and related that previously he had gone to another room and earnestly prayed that, if this was the day of his calling, he would desire The Lord to show him a sign and possibly have someone ask the young people to sing "Jesus Use Me." The Lord answered him and this was confirmed later by an experience received by Brother Dwayne Jordan and even later by an experience given Brother Alex Cavalaro Jr. of the San Fernando Branch's Lindsay Mission that many were to be baptized this day.

Mike's brother, Pat, then asked for his baptism and was immediately followed by Emmett Hood, both of whom are also of San Fernando. Down to the water's edge we gathered again with more visitors looking on. The confirmation of these Brothers continued the heavenly spirit and many of the Brothers and Sisters testified that they had fasted and prayed on Sunday so God would revive his blessings once again. A visitor, Charles Scaramutz of Yucaipa, who had been in Conference earlier called from Yucaipa during

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District Meetings

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the afternoon service and requested his baptism. He told Brother Watson Jr., who is in charge of the Yucaipa Mission, that he wouldn't wait another day — that he wanted to get baptized as soon as possible. This was accomplished after the Sunday afternoon service ended at 7:00 p.m., when several Brothers drove the 100 miles to Yucaipa from San Fernando Valley to baptize this fifth convert of the weekend — a man who could not wait to make his covenant with God.

This last baptism was fittingly performed at the "mountain tops" for in Yucaipa the site for baptizing is situated in the San Bernadino Mountains. It truly symbolized the "high point" discussed at the Conference as being where the people of God should reside with Him.

No better way could be found to conclude the spiritually uplifting weekend spent in the service of The Lord.

New Year's Greetings

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hanced the cause of our Indian Missionary work.

Another gratifying achievement was the completion of our new General Church Auditorium. After many months of hard work by the Auditorium Committee and many others, we can be thankful to God that we can begin the new year with this great task completed. Our prayers and donations have been instrumental in this endeavor, and it is our sincerest hope that the total financial obligation can be erased during 1971.

It is gratifying to reminisce over the happy events of the year which just ended. More importantly, however, these happy remembrances can serve as a perspective for the coming year. What great blessings await us this year? What will happen in our lives during the next twelve months which will bring joy and peace of mind to us and those around us?

MUST TAKE INITIATIVE

I believe that, while some things occur over which we will have little or no control, the true and lasting blessings awaiting us will be realized only through deliberate action on our part. If we wish to experience greater outpourings and enjoy a closer kinship with God, then we must take the initiative.

It is my hope that each one of us will want to take a moment to appraise our past performance and determine whether or not we are living up to our true potential in The Gospel. It is essential that we try to know exactly what is our full capacity and how to fulfill it. Only when we have reached our full potential in life can we be really satisfied with ourselves. Perhaps we may never reach this goal; however, we should renew our efforts each passing year, thus making this objective a lifetime goal.

As we begin the new year, I wish to remind everyone that The Church of Jesus Christ needs the talents and the dedicated efforts of all those

who are interested in the full establishment of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Therefore, I call upon everyone throughout The Church to continue working for the welfare of God's Kingdom.

It is my sincere prayer that God will richly bless each of us during the coming year both spiritually and materially and that we shall be able to progress unitedly as our Creator directs. Only with His help and directions can we really be successful!

The American Indian Papago Indian Reservation

Submitted By Richard Christman

(Following is the fifth and last in a series of articles on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona. Much thanks must be extended to Brother Richard Christman, Church Evangelist and Educational Administrator at the location, for having submitted the interesting and enlightening segments.—Editor's Note.)

Law and Order services on the Papago Indian Reservation are provided by the BIA Papago Agency Police Department in cooperation with the Papago Tribal Court. Three criminal jurisdictions, Tribal, State and Federal, have legal functions to perform in the field of law and order.

Misdemeanors committed by members of the tribe within the boundaries of the reservation are tried in the Tribal Court which follows a law and order code enacted by the Tribal Council. The state has jurisdiction over misdemeanors and felonies committed by non-Indians within the boundaries of the reservation. The Papago tribe has accepted the Arizona State Uniform Traffic Code. Federal courts have jurisdiction over major crimes which are committed on the reservation and in which Indians are implicated.

State Highway 86, an all-weather hard-surface thoroughfare, connects Sells with Tucson, a distance of 61 miles to the east, and with Ajo, a distance of 71 miles to the west, affording easy access to points beyond these cities. A paved highway runs north to Casa Grande and Phoenix.

One may reach Tucson in a little over one hour, which is served by several major and feeder airlines. The Southern Pacific at Tucson maintains freight and passenger services to points east and west. Good Federal and State Highways connect Tucson with all points east, west, north and south. Bus service is available from Tucson to points in the United States and Mexico.

Tucson is a modern city with complete services available. It is a cultural center, providing concerts, intellectual entertainment and educational programs. Tucson is of national importance as a convention city and is the site of the University of Arizona.

The Post Office Department provides mail service from Tucson. The Mountain States Telephone Company maintains telephone service to Tucson from which telegrams may be sent. The law and order unit is equipped with radio service connected with the Pima County Sheriff unit. Radio and television programs may be received from broadcasting stations at Tucson and Phoenix.

Ordination, Baptism At Windsor Branch Successive Sundays

A new Deacon was ordained and a new member was added to the fold at the Windsor Ontario, Canada Branch on successive Sundays. Richard Lobzun was ordained into his new office on November 15 and Sue Ann Girard was baptized on November 22.

Brother Clifford Burgess, visiting from Bell, California washed Brother Lobzun's feet. He was ordained a Deacon by Brother Allen Henderson. Brother Lobzun was baptized September 22, 1968, along with his wife, Sister Grace.

The new Sister Girard was both taken into the waters and confirmed by Brother Donald Collison. Brother Concetto Alessandro, visiting from Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 had opened the service, followed by Brother Frank Vitto, Windsor Pastor.

Understandably, the Branch has been most edified and uplifted by the calling and ordination of our new Deacon and by the addition of our new Sister.

Ft. Pierce, Fla. Has Two Baptisms

Two baptisms have been reported by the Ft. Pierce, Florida Branch. The new members are Deborah Moore and Sarah Jean Wiley.

Sister Moore came into The Gospel on November 1. She was baptized and confirmed by Brother Charles Smith. Sister Wiley was baptized and confirmed by Brother Frank Rogolino on September 26.

The additions of the new converts have been most edifying to the Ft. Pierce congregation.

Weekday Decision To Enter Gospel Made At Greensburg

In December an experience was printed in the "Brief News of Interest" column of a young mother who had a vision during the morning service of September 27 in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. At that time, she felt God was trying to tell her something about His Church.

The very same mother became known to all of us in The Gospel of Jesus Christ as Sister Sandra Menchio on November 8. She was baptized and confirmed by Brother Paul Gehley. Sister Menchio had felt the spirit of repentance early in the week while performing her daily tasks as a mother; whereupon, she made her intentions known.

The congregation was also blessed by having three visiting Brothers from Detroit, Michigan

on the date of baptism. They were Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President; Dominic Thomas, Apostle; and Spencer G. Everett. Presiding Elder of Detroit Branch No. 1. They had been present the day before for the General Church Auditorium Committee meeting.

The Greensburg Branch has been most uplifted by the visits and by the addition of our new Sister. These events highlighted a day during which the Spirit of God was most prevalent and evident.

Two Ordinations Into The Ministry At San Diego

Two Brothers were ordained into The Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ at the San Diego, California Branch on Sunday, November 15. There were many visitors and friends from various parts of California in attendance as Joseph Dulisse and James Tucker were elevated into their new callings.

Brother Dulisse was ordained an Elder by his father, Brother John of Bell. Brother Mark Randy of Modesto ordained Brother Tucker an Elder.

The Branch and District have been most blessed by the calling and ordination of both of the new Ministers of San Diego, as had been directed by the October General Church Conference after the Brothers had been recommended for The Priesthood by their Branch and District.

Brief News of Interest

EXPRESS GRATITUDE

Brother Carmine and Sister Erma Rossi of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch have sent their thanks to all the Brothers, Sisters, and friends who remembered them and their family in prayer during their period of heavy bereavement over the sudden loss of their son, Larry Paul. The remembrances in prayers, correspondence, and visits by all who took the time to offer their sympathy and condolences helped them during their initial period of sorrow.

Larry, one of four sons who was 25 years old, met with an unfortunate accident while serving as a flight instructor. Both he and his student pilot, a physician, passed away in the mishap when their airplane crashed into the Ohio River on October 24. Larry had returned from Viet Nam and was employed by one of the major airlines.

All readers will surely want to continue to remember Brother and Sister Rossi and their family in their prayers, because only The Lord can fill the void left in their lives, as was reported in the obituary on Larry in last month's issue.

VISITS ATLANTIC COAST

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, was most pleased to have spent a week visiting and speaking in the Atlantic Coast District the first week in November. During this time, he was privileged to visit the Edison Branch

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NUPTIALS

ROSSI - ALLMAN

Mr. Anthony Rossi and Miss JoAnn Allman were joined in holy wedlock at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, December 12. Brother Paul Palmieri officiated at the wedding ceremony. Sister Janet Gibson was the soloist.

The newlyweds now live in West Aliquippa.

TAMBURRINO - KUHN

Mr. Gary F. Tamburrino and Miss Mary Ann Kuhn were married at Raleigh, North Carolina on Wednesday, December 2.

The Tamburrinos now reside in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

LITTLE - SCHIPSKI

Mr. John David Little and Miss Arlene Jill Schipski were united in holy matrimony at the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, October 29. Brother Samuel Dell conducted the wedding ceremony.

The newlyweds now live in Livit, New Jersey.

OBITUARIES

FRANK FERRANTE

Brother Frank Ferrante, a long-time faithful member of the San Fernando Valley, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on December 4. Born on January 6, 1900, he was baptized into The Church in 1925.

He is survived by one son, five daughters, many grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Brother Robert Watson Jr. conducted the funeral services.

A very cheerful person despite many years of affliction, Brother Ferrante will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. His perseverance in giving his testimony, although severely physically handicapped, will be long-remembered by all with whom he came in contact.

FRANK A. VENUTO

Mr. Frank A. Venuto, a friend of the Edison, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on October 20. He was born on June 30, 1915.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, and four grandchildren.

Brother August D'Orazio conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brothers Paul D'Amico and Joseph Perri.

The deceased will be greatly missed by all who had known him and had been accustomed to his presence.

MICHAEL JAMES D'ORAZIO

Master Michael James D'Orazio, the three-day-old infant son of Brother John and Sister Linda D'Orazio of the Edison, New Jersey Branch, concluded his brief stay on earth on October 18.

Beside his parents, he left one brother and one sister.

Brother August D'Orazio, the infant's uncle, officiated at the funeral services.

The parents want to thank everyone who prayed for their son during his few days in life.

BRIEF NEWS OF INTEREST

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for two meetings during the day on Sunday, November 1, the New Brunswick Branch that evening for a Missionary Benevolent Association Meet-

ing, the Freehold Mission the following Tuesday evening, the New Brunswick Branch on Wednesday night, and Atlantic Coast District meetings in Hopelawn on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Brother Ciaravino had accompanied Brothers Joseph Milantoni and Frank Morle from Detroit to New Jersey for two GMBA Activities Committee Meetings at Edison during the day on Saturday, October 31. That night, they, along with other members of the committee, also attended an MBA Area Meeting in Hopelawn.

As reported in detail last month, three new Evangelists were ordained at Edison on the Sunday. That evening at New Brunswick, Brother Ciaravino was asked to participate in a "Question and Answer Session." He explained answers on The Church's missionary work, financial status, and General Church Auditorium project, much to the enlightenment of those in attendance. When not in services, Brother Ciaravino visited with the Brothers, Sisters, and friends of the District primarily spending time with those who were sick and afflicted wherever possible.

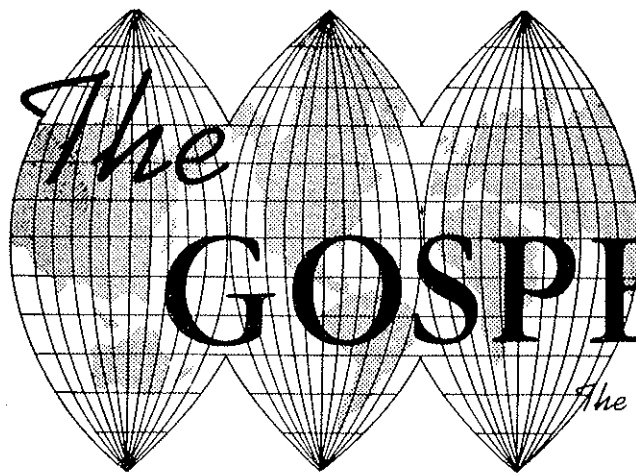
Prior to his departure, Brother Ciaravino expressed thankfulness for being able to fellowship and worship with the Saints in this part of The Church and he uttered his regrets that he could not visit all the Branches and Missions in the Atlantic Coast. He also gave his thanks for the wonderful hospitality he had been accorded during his stay.

On his return trip, the General Church President went to Greensburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 7, for a General Church Auditorium Committee Meeting. The following day, he visited the Greensburg Branch along with other Brothers of the Auditorium Committee, as stated in another story on page 11.

SAN DIEGO NEWS

News has been received from San Diego that Brother Nicholas Liberto has been on overseas duty in Japan for the Naval Air Station where he is employed. Also sent overseas was Brother Samuel Taormina who has been sent to Viet Nam; and, of course, he wants to be remembered in prayer.

Prayers have also been requested for the Brothers and Sisters of the Branch. That supplications have been answered at that location, as well as others around The Church, were highlighted at a recent service where two experiences in which the eyesight of two Sisters was spared, as their afflictions were removed from them, were told. In one of these incidents, a Brother heard a cry of a woman as he was sleeping. He immediately arose and prayed to God on her behalf. Later in the day, which was a Sunday, he told his experience after which he and the rest of the congregation heard her testimony of how she had been healed after having been anointed by an Elder early that morning.



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Change In Editors

By Gorie Ciaravino,
General Church President

At the October Conference it was reported that Brothers Carl Frammolin and Dominic Moraco had resigned as Editor and Assistant Editor-in-Chief, respectively, of the GOSPEL NEWS effective with the January issue, because of other obligations as noted on these pages in November and January. Further, the appointments of Brothers Thomas Ross as Editor and Paul Palmieri as Assistant Editor were accepted by Conference. Both are from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

In November, I was notified that Brother Ross would be unable to accept the responsibility of Editor because of illness. I then asked Brother Palmieri whether he would accept this office, and he agreed to do so. Shortly thereafter, Brother Ross agreed to assume the Assistant Editorship to allow the originally appointed team to function as required. I was sorry to learn of Brother Ross' illness and pray for his early and complete recovery.

Readers will be happy to know many Brothers and Sisters, primarily in Aliquippa, have agreed to assist in the preparation for printing and processing of copy for our Church paper. Brother John Ross has accepted the positions of Editorialist and Consultant, along with Brothers Frammolin and Moraco who have consented, at the request of the new Editors, to also serve in these capacities. Brother Joseph Ross has agreed to serve as the Managing Editor, and the rest of the staff is identified in the masthead on page 5. Many hours of hard work is required to publish our paper each month and all this effort is greatly appreciated by all.

REVIEW HISTORY

Perhaps this may be a good time to review the history of the GOSPEL NEWS. At the start of publication more than a quarter century ago, Brother William H. Cadman, then General Church President, was the Editor and served without a full time assistant until Brother George Funkhouser was elected Assistant Editor some years later. Upon the death of Brother Cadman, Brothers George Neill and James Grazan were elected Editor and Assistant Editor, respectively. After a few years, Brother Neill was forced to resign because of illness and Brother Donald Curry was elected Editor, while Brother Grazan continued to serve as the Assistant Editor. Brothers Frammolin and Moraco

were elected two years ago and served until the last issue.

With the passing of the years, the paper has grown from four pages to its present size of 12 pages. The GOSPEL NEWS has served as a vital link of communication between the Missions, Branches, and Districts throughout the years, and much hard work and dedication have been devoted to publish the paper each month. It also is a missionary effort, reaching many individuals who are seeking The Truth.

INVALUABLE HELP

While on the subject of recognizing those who have served the GOSPEL NEWS, it is important to note the help which has been given behind the scenes by members of the Office Staff. Among these dedicated workers have been Sisters Sara Vancik, who has served as the Office Manager, and Hertha Jones, who has been the Circulation Manager. Others have assisted them periodically in Monongahela. In Detroit the last few years, Sisters Rosalie Campitelle, Barbara Chambers, Rose Marie Furitano, and Lydia Lombardo have been essential members of the Office Staff, and their help has been invaluable. More recently, Brother Paul Whitton of that locality has also been the Managing Editor.

Not to be forgotten are the aids given by all the Mission, Branch, and District Editors, regular writers, and special feature writers who have been very instrumental in allowing our paper to be published. Their continued help will be needed by Brothers Palmieri and Ross to that they can discharge their duties on our behalf.

I wish to thank all the past Editors and all of the other willing and dedicated workers who have helped make the paper possible.

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Auditorium Progress

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

The General Contractor for the new General Church Auditorium, the F. G. Busse, Co. Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has not requested the final payment on the structure as of the eleventh of January, 1971. It is, no doubt, because of the fact that a final inspection was scheduled for January 9th and the result of that inspection has not yet reached the contractor's office.

Because we have not received a "Certificate for Payment" since November 18th, 1970, the financial report as of the first of the year remains as last reported, which is as follows:

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| Total cost of auditorium | \$344,434 |
| Less 10% retainage | 34,434 |

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| Amt. due by Feb. 15, 1971 | \$310,000 |
| Amt. authorized for payment as of 12/15/70 | \$299,100 |

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| Balance due by February 15, 1971 | \$ 10,900 |
| Total amount due by March 15th (Includes retainage) | \$ 45,334 |

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

The auditorium building is fully completed. The exterior site work and parking area were completed except for some planting to be done next spring. It has been suggested that each Branch of The Church donate a tree or shrub for the site. This possibility will be explored at our next scheduled meeting and the Branches will be notified if it is decided there are not too many problems with this type of project. Perhaps there may be an easy way to do this locally. You will be notified if it is programmed for the spring.

The General Contractor has his final clean-up to complete and some final adjustments to make on the mechanical equipment and electronic sound system.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CLAIM

Information has reached The Church that Allegheny County has come to a standstill in its purchasing of property as it is awaiting a release of some allocated funds. Officials are holding up any cases that require going into court for final disposition. It appears that there are quite a few dissatisfied property owners in the area under acquisition.

The Church of Jesus Christ has employed Mr. Leonard M. Mendelson, an expert condemnation attorney who has offices in Pittsburgh, to represent The Church. He has instructed us that "if the case cannot be settled amicably, the property will be condemned by the county."

"Under the law, we cannot institute legal action against the County until the County first condemns the property. The condemnation is accomplished by the filing of a Declaration of Taking. After the county files this Declaration of Taking, we have the right to petition for the appointment of viewers to determine the damages. Generally speaking, about six months will elapse from the date the petition for appointment of Viewers is filed until the case is disposed of by the Board of Viewers."

"Under the law, either side has the right to file an appeal from the report of the Board of Viewers and to demand a jury trial. If this is done, it is reason-

able to expect that an additional nine months will elapse before the case is disposed of by jury trial."

"If the matter can be amicably settled, payment will be made by the County within 70 to 90 days following the execution of the settlement agreement."

REQUEST FOR USE OF AUDITORIUM

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Scriptural Emphasis

The "Scriptural Emphasis" this issue is placed on the importance of forgiveness as presented in ST. MATTHEW 18. The necessity for forgiving was made very clear to Peter by The Master beginning with VERSE 21:

"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? til seven times?"

"Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

Jesus then proceeded to tell the parable of the servant who was forgiven his debts by his king but who was unwilling to extend the same compassion to a fellow servant who owed him a sum of money. The owner was in a position to sell the servant, his wife, and children and all that the chattel possessed to satisfy the indebtedness. Instead, he heeded the pleading of the debtor and actually forgave him the debt.

Mercilessly, the servant, upon confronting the party who owed him a hundred pence, threatened him physically if he did not make repayment. This same unappreciative individual who had begged for pardon in his behalf would not listen to the pleading of his counterpart, even casting him into prison until he would be able to pay the debt. As a result of this action, the unforgiving servant soon found himself before the king after having been reported by his peers who realized the injustice which had been done. Their reaction, as well as that of the servant's owner, was described as follows by The Saviour.

"So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

"Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

"Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

"And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors till he should pay all that was due unto him."

Jesus then emphasized:

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

It must be noted that God accepts only forgiveness which comes from the heart. This is true forgiveness which carries no malice or resultant unpleasant feelings. Furthermore, there is liberty in future interactions between the parties when sincere forgiveness is present. The party, being forgiven, can feel satisfied that he has been restored to complete good standing with the other individual and both can begin anew as if nothing had happened.

In essence, if a person does not forgive, he will not be forgiven by our Heavenly Father. Jesus summarized this matter most adequately when He said, as recorded in MARK 11:25-26:

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

"But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

The Indian 1970

By Richard Christman, Evangelist

The year 1970 is now over and many of us have looked forward to a change either in our way of life or our spiritual growth or possibly both. I have no doubt that 1970 has been a turning point in our lives. The greatest change, however, has not been in our way of life, our way of government, nor necessarily a marked change in our spiritual welfare but it has been with the people that are so closely knit with our future.

An indication of this change was given when some of the members of the priesthood met on the San Carlos Reservation and the Spirit spoke saying, "Ye shall no longer be called my forsaken, but my begotten." The change as I see it has been primarily with the American Indian, his attitudes, his position in government, his participation in the molding of his own destiny.

REBIRTH OF HOPE

The majority of the Indian people have accepted their condition and treatment in life here in America quietly and with resignation. There has been a rebirth of hope within the American Indian soul. He is speaking out wanting to be heard, wanting to take part and wanting to lead. This desire to stand up for that which is rightfully his and to assume leadership is a noteworthy beginning of a new era for the American Indian and consequently those who will affect his future by means of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A casual observer of the Indian could have noted a marked increase in the frequency of Indian people speaking out in the news media which heretofore had been almost unheard of. Indian people are entering politics, speaking out on political issues, particularly those concerning their welfare, and are exerting their influence in our nation's capital primarily by the means of the National Congress of American Indians. This organization has done much to further the cause of the Indian, and the current Commissioner of Indian Affairs is a charter member. Congress has been especially favorable to the Indian this year, caused in part, no doubt, by the general attitude of the American public and the voice of the Indian people. As a result of this change in attitude of the Indian and the American public, tribal governments have been able to assume the initiative and direction of their own goals.

To All The Afflicted Ones Courage, Go On

By Paul D'Amico, Apostle

In the service of God we meet with many trials, afflictions, and tribulations. Jesus said, "Take up thy cross and follow me." When we made a covenant at the water's edge, we promised that we would serve God in spirit and in truth all the days of our lives.

Life in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not an easy road to travel upon. It has been said that a good captain of a ship is determined or recognized when he is able to steer and control the ship during the storm, and not while the sea is calm.

THE BITTER AND THE SWEET

If we do not experience the bitter, how can we appreciate the sweet? As soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ we must be prepared for attacks and invasions of the enemy. Therefore, what is our fight today? We must fight the fiery darts of Satan and be ready to resist the temptations that surround us. But this is not all. Many of the Saints have been burned with afflictions, persecutions, and all manner of crosses which we must bear if we expect to live up to the name we bear.

I can name many who have gone before us, and some who are still with us, who have gladly borne the heat of the day . . . and who have gladly taken up their crosses and followed Christ. Praise God for them! And we, who are now growing older, want to follow in their footsteps, because we know that this is the life of the Saints of God.

"The way of the cross leads home;

It is sweet to know, as we onward go.

That the way of the cross leads home."

We often hear the brothers of the priesthood, and we often bear testimony that we hope some day to exchange our cross for a crown. The crown of everlasting reward is awaiting the faithful. To prove our faithfulness to God, we must go through the storms of life; and as sure as I am living, I know that God will see us through.

"Back of the clouds the sun is always shining
After the storms your skies will all be blue,
God has prepared a rosy tinted lining,
Back of the clouds it's waiting to shine
through."

Therefore, dear loved ones and my dear afflicted ones, along with myself, let us take courage . . . for after the battle will come the victory!

The American Indian

What Once Was Will Be Again

Early Discoveries

By Thomas Everett

When the Spanish conquistadores and the missionaries arrived on the shores of Mexico, Central America, and the various countries of South America and when the English and French colonizers penetrated the wildernesses of Canada and the United States, they received from the inhabitants various versions of a white and bearded God. Who, in the distant past, had visited their ancestors, taught them their culture, and then mysteriously disappeared, but promised to someday return to them.

To the Algonkians of the northern United States, he was Manibohzo; to the Aztecs of Mexico he was Quetzalcoatt; to the Mayas of Central America, Kukulcan; to the Incas of Peru he was Viracocha, and to the inhabitants of Polynesia he was known as Wakea.

"The native tribes of this continent had many myths, and among them there was one which was so prominent, and recurred with such strangely similar features in localities widely asunder, that it has for years attracted my attention, and I have been led to present it as it occurs among several nations far apart, both geographically and in point of culture. This myth is that of the national hero, their mythical civilizer and teacher of the tribe, who, at the same time, was often identified with the supreme deity and the creator of the world. It is the fundamental myth of a very large number of American tribes, and on its recognition and interpretation, depends the correct understanding of most of their mythology and religious life . . .

Whenever the personal appearance of this hero god is described, it is, strangely enough, represented to be that of one of the white race, a man of fair complexion, with long, flowing beard, with abundant hair, and clothed in ample and loose robes." Daniel G. Brinton, *American Hero Myths*, page 27.

In his book entitled *Native Races*, Vol. 5, pg. 23, Hubert H. Bancroft says, "Although bearing various names and appearing in different countries, American culture—heroes all present the same general characteristics. They are all described as white, bearded men, generally clad in long robes. Appearing suddenly and mysteriously upon the scene of their labors, they at once set about improving the people by instructing them in useful and ornamental arts, giving them laws, exhorting them to practice brotherly love and other Christian virtues."

"Among the Mexicans, the Mayas, and the pre-Incan and Incan people of Peru, there was a persistent, universally believed tradition of a bearded white man who visited their lands, taught them their civilizations and religions and then mysteriously disappeared." A. Hyatt Verill, *OLD CIVILIZATIONS OF THE NEW WORLD*, pg. 2.

The BOOK OF MORMON tells us that Jesus Christ visited His people upon this land after His ascension, and that He spent some time among them, teaching them, and establishing His church among them. To those who are not familiar with The Book of Mormon, as knowledgeable as they may be, this is a mystery.

"Strange indeed it is, that these people who had never seen a member of the white race should so persistently represent their highest gods as of this hue, and what is more, with the flowing beard and abundant light hair which is their characteristic." Daniel G. Brinton, *AMERICAN HERO MYTHS*, page 192.

Strange indeed, but nevertheless true. It is a well-known fact that when Cortez and his armies landed on the shores of Mexico he was received joyfully by its inhabitants with gifts and riches because they thought that he was Quetzalcoatt returning to establish his kingdom.

The time at which their God appeared is also worth mentioning. In his book entitled, *HE WALKED THE AMERICAS*, page 21, L. Taylor Hansen says, "Wakea, the Healer (as he was known to the Polynesians) lived in the first century of the Christian Era, or generally speaking, in the time of Jesus."

"His (Quetzalcoatt, Aztec name for white God) essential role as founder of nahuatl culture was never questioned by any historians of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, who always state that, just as our Era began with Christ, so that of the Aztecs and their predecessors began—approximately at the same time with Quetzalcoatt." Laurette Sejourne, *BURNING WATER—THOUGHT AND RELIGION IN ANCIENT MEXICO*, page 25.

GOD DESCRIBED

This god has previously been described as being fair complected, with a beard, and dressed in a robe. In the BOOK OF MORMON, III NEPHI 11:8, Nephi describes Christ as being "clothed in a white robe." In I NEPHI 11:13, Nephi sees Mary in a vision, and she is described as being "exceedingly fair and white." The Algonkin name Manibohzo and the Incan name Viracocha given to this god both signify that he was white. Manibohzo means "Great White One" and Viracocha means "foam of the sea" (which is white).

Another physical characteristic of the white-bearded god was that of the pierced hand, or "The Hand Kubul" as it was called by the inhabitants of Central America, as Hansen states, "because of its strange marking, as if the Great Cross had been burned through it." Hansen, *HE WALKED THE AMERICAS*, page 174. The Book of Mormon states that when Jesus Christ descended upon this continent, the first thing He told the people to do was to come forward and feel the scars in His hands, sides, and feet. III NEPHI 11:14.

There is also another interesting characteristic about this god's hands. It is a common practice in many Indian tribes of North America to raise and extend straight forward either one hand or both hands in a greeting to one another or to the white man. They say that this was a greeting gesture used by their white god. Hansen pg. 206, 207. In the NEW TESTAMENT, we find that our Lord used this gesture as a greeting and also in healing the sick. In the BOOK OF MORMON, when the Lord descended on this continent among the Nephites, the very first thing He did was to "stretch forth His hand and spoke unto the people . . ." (III NEPHI 11:9)

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Editorial Viewpoint

God Is Our Help

By Thomas Ross

The above title is gleaned from the opening line of Isaac Watts' grand hymn, O God, Our Help In Ages Past. For the benefit of some of our GOSPEL NEWS readers who may not have ready access to a hymnal that includes this beautiful hymn it is submitted herewith:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood and lost in following years.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our perpetual home.

Another year has swiftly rolled away with all its joys and sorrows and a new year is ushered in bringing new hope and expectation. As we look back we note how many wonderful times God has been our help in time of need; our shelter from many stormy blasts. His arm surely has proven sufficient in our defense in the midst of many cares and fears.

We are also comforted and strengthened as we call to mind the divine fact that long before the earth received its frame and the mountains and hills were brought forth, God is from Everlasting to Everlasting.

Our trust then, is in God who has helped us in the past. Without doubt many of us have been supported through numerous situations of disappointment, distress and even tragedy, whether in our personal lives, or in the lives of our relatives and others around us. In the loss of loved ones and friends when grief and heartache seemed more than we were able to bear, God's sustaining grace and comfort were ever present.

SERIOUS SITUATIONS

In the past year and in recent years, events have transpired and serious situations have arisen throughout our country which have caused us much concern and stress, as individuals and as a nation. Rebellion, rioting and unruly protesting have become increasingly frequent. Civil disorder, violence, crime, and disrespect for law and order seem to have become the order of the day. There has been an alarming departure from goodly social behavior at all levels and classes of our populace.

The war in Vietnam and the tensions in the Middle East have added to the burdens and fears of the people of America and the peoples of the world. However, in spite of such a discouraging and distressing state of affairs, both here in America and throughout the world, there is much reason to look forward with anticipation for the years that lie ahead.

God is still on His throne, and in due course the Gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ will gradually bring about His divine purposes; the will of God shall eventually be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Isaac Watts' hymn—inspired by PSALM 90—was written about 1714 at a time of acute national anxiety throughout his native England. Some two and a half centuries later, in the midst of our own anxiety and concern, we are moved to exclaim with him:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

Korihor The Anti-Christ

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you a story from the BOOK OF MORMON about a man who was Anti-Christ. His name was Korihor and he lived in the land of Zarahemla.

One day Satan appeared to Korihor like an angel of light. The devil deceived him. Korihor began preaching that there is no God, and the people could live as they wished. As he went among them, he said, "Why do you look for a Christ? For no man can know of anything which is to come. The things which you call prophecies are foolish traditions of your fathers." Of course his teachings were not true but the foolish Nephites believed him and thought that when a man was dead, that was the end, and there was no God.

Korihor went over to the land of Jershon and preached the same things to the people of Ammon. But they were wiser than the Nephites. When Korihor tried to teach them of the evil ways, they caught him, bound him and carried him before their high priest, Ammon. He commanded Korihor be put out of their city.

Next Korihor went to the land of Gideon and started to preach there. But the people saw he was evil and they would not listen to him. They bound him and took him before their high priest and also the chief judge over the land. Korihor was taken to Zarahemla, still bound and brought before a governor named Alma. Alma listened to him as he continued to accuse them of reviling against God. Korihor was asked, "Why do you go about perverting the ways of the Lord? Why do you teach this people that there shall be no Christ?" Korihor answered, "Because I do not teach the foolish traditions of your fathers . . . you say these people are a free people and I say they are in bondage." He continued to accuse them of taxing the people and living in luxury upon the money collected. Alma saw the hardness of Korihor's heart and told him none of them preached for money and all had labored for their support.

Then Alma asked, "Believest thou there is no God?" And Korihor answered, "Nay." Alma asked again, "Will you deny again there is no God and also deny the Christ? I know there is a God and also that Christ shall come." Korihor continued to deny these things. Alma knew that Korihor did believe that there is a God but he was saying what Satan told him to say.

"If you will show me a sign that I may be convinced that there is a God and that He has power I will believe," said Korihor to Alma. Alma replied that Korihor had seen signs enough and now he was tempting God. Alma tried to prove to him by the scriptures that there is a God but Korihor still insisted for a sign. Alma was grieved at the hardness of this man's heart.

At last Alma said he would give him a sign. He would be struck dumb and speak no more. Korihor had not expected this kind of a sign.

When the governor heard what had happened he wrote a letter to Korihor and asked if he was convinced of the power of God. Korihor wrote back and said, "I know that I am dumb for I cannot speak. Only the power of God could bring this upon me. Also I knew that there is a God." He asked that the curse be taken from him but Alma said if the curse should be removed he would still lead away the hearts of the people.

The Lord did not remove the curse from Korihor. He was cast out of the city and went from house to house begging. One day he was run over and killed. Alma sent a proclamation to all the people telling of his death. Those who had believed his teachings were now able to see their mistake. They knew now that the devil will not support his children at the last day. They repented and came back to the Church.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Who is the devil? Read II NEPHI, CHAPTER 2.

What man was expert in the devices of the devil? Read ALMA, CHAPTER 11.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

West Elizabeth Branch Has A Little Sister

By Harry Robinson

Recently the West Elizabeth Branch has been wonderfully blessed with a Little Sister (SONG OF SOLOMON, 8TH CHAPTER . . . 8TH VERSE). For the first time in the history of the church, we have four (4) members baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ now living in Omaha, Nebraska.

It all began with Sister Mary Stone, daughter of the deceased Brother Clarence Robinson, whose lot has been to travel and live in isolated parts of the United States and North America with her husband who is a Master Sgt. in the U.S. Air Force. She has been to Niagara Falls, Anchorage, Alaska, and in June of 1968, she relocated to Omaha, Nebraska. She wondered why the Lord had sent her there. After 3 years in Alaska, surely she wanted to be in fellowship with the Saints.

It wasn't very long before she found herself giving her testimony to her neighbor who later became the first convert in Omaha . . . Sister Helen Ross. After 2 years of conversing with and watching the life of Sister Stone, she finally asked for "that book," THE BOOK OF MORMON.

As a result of reading the same, Sister Ross was convinced that she must be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. About a week later, Sister Ross and Sister Mary were compelled to take flight from Omaha to the West Elizabeth Branch where she asked for her baptism. She likened it to taking a faith walk with Jesus Christ.

We were so impressed by her faith and determination that we "killed the fatted calf" . . . and invited our brothers and sisters in from New Jersey, Youngstown, Sharon and New York. We can truly

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say that on Sept. 6, 1970, we had a great day and the blessings of God really flowed. That same evening we had an unexpected blessing when Rocco Tassone and Lee Robinson visited with us at our informal gathering in Finleyville, Pa. We had a wonderful manifestation of the Spirit.

After returning to Omaha, Sister Ross told her friend, Sister Dorothy Miller, about her experience and of the trip she had made to West Elizabeth. Sister Dorothy Miller was a young lady also seeking and searching at that time. She said she was looking for that organism or that physical organization which represented the Body of Christ on earth. One day she was reading the 37TH CHAPTER OF EZEKIEL and she wondered about the stick of Judah and the stick of Joseph. About this same time, Sister Helen presented her with the BOOK OF MORMON and advised her to make it a matter of prayer before she would read it. She followed the instructions and later read the book and was immediately convinced that the BOOK OF MORMON was of God and no man of himself could have written such a record.

So, as a result, she wanted to be baptized but she didn't know how, when or where since there were no Elders living within the State. Sister Mary wondered whether or not they would have to make another trip to Pennsylvania, but she saw her neighbor's apple trees full of fruit, so ripe that the yellow apples had fallen to the ground of themselves. In a dream, the Spirit spoke and said, "If you wait awhile, the apples will be cheaper in Omaha."

After much fasting and prayer, the Sisters were encouraged to travel to the Detroit Conference to be in fellowship with the Saints and for Sister Dorothy to be baptized. After stepping out in great faith and on God's Word, they travelled over 700 miles for 16 hours, driving all night to arrive at the Conference.

During the Sunday Morning Service while Brother Harry Robinson was preaching regarding his search in finding the True Church, Sister Dorothy Miller rose to her feet, crying out that she had found Him, Jesus Christ and His Church. Her experience was that at that same moment she felt the arms of Jesus around her and He lifted her up out of her seat and rocked her to and fro in His arms. Her statement was that she had never had such a vivid experience like that in her whole life. She was baptized on Oct. 18, 1970, and thereby entered into that Haven of Rest that belongs to the people of God.

Immediately after the Conference Brother Joseph Calabrese, who already had a planned trip to Wapala, South Dakota, decided to stop at Omaha and meet another Sister who was interested but could not make the trip because of responsibilities to her husband and five children.

Sister LaVerne Harris prayed unto the Lord that perhaps somehow He might send one of His servants to Omaha. When Brother Joseph Calabrese arrived, she shook his hand and burst into tears of joy because the Lord had answered her prayers. Her testimony was that she had a vision wherein she saw the Lord Jesus and the BOOK OF MORMON in the window pane of the CHURCH OUT OF WHICH SHE CAME.

Realizing that our Little Sister has no shepherd, the Lord laid it on the heart of Brother Harry Robinson, who left for Omaha the day before Thanksgiving, and who was later joined by the Apostles Rocco Biscotti

and Frank Calabrese on Nov. 27. The three Brothers labored harmoniously in the vineyard full time and reaped a wonderful blessing and reward.

So, in conclusion, we want to thank God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, for having done all things well in giving the increase. Truly we can say that God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. So, now we have a Little Sister, but she is in need of being nourished by the milk of the word. What shall we do for our Sister in the day that she shall be spoken for?

May God richly bless you and may we all nourish her as a tender plant before Him.



UR WOMEN TODAY

Purposes, Officers Of Ladies' Circle Are Presented

By Mary Tamburrino
General Circle Editor

The Ladies' Circle is an organization in The Church of Jesus Christ composed of Sisters, and its objective is to encourage the spirit of love among its members, to allow the participants to read and search The Scriptures together, and to help The Church financially.

Some 50 years ago a group of Sisters met and organized The Ladies' Circle. They felt the need for doing something special. At that first meeting two Circle units were organized. To this date there are 29 Circle groups in The Church. It was the desire of the late Sister Sadie B. Cadman that there be a Circle in every Branch and Mission of The Church.

The Local Circles meet either in different homes or Church buildings, the time being decided by the members. Members are admitted by nomination.

The officers are elected before the General Circle Meeting. The offices occupied are President, Vice-President, Teacher, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Word-Giver, Ligrarian and Treasurer for the Missionary, General, Home and Flower Funds. The President, Vice-President and Teacher must be members of The Church. The President or Vice-President is in charge of the meetings, while the Teacher leads in reading and searching The Scriptures. The Treasurers of the Missionary and General Funds turn in all proceeds received to the General Circle, while the Treasurers of the Home and Flower Funds maintain the amounts in the local for its own use. The Flower Fund is used to buy flowers for the members who are sick and the Home Fund is used to help the poor or the local Branch. The Word-Giver provides a word each week

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The People Of God

By James D. Gibson

We many times refer to ourselves as the "people of God," and appropriately so. In making such a claim or statement, however, let us examine its entire meaning and implications. If we are indeed the people of God, then we are necessarily different.

It is essential that we be different in many ways: in our talk, actions, and habits. We must necessarily include our thoughts as well. Although others might not be able to read our thoughts, it is well understood that God can and does. Also, the things that we think and harbor in our minds are many times revealed in our outward actions. To be God's people, then we must be people who are dedicated to serving God with, as the Lord Jesus said, all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We must also love and serve our fellow man. As God's people, we have at our disposal many great and wonderful things. We are fully convinced that the Lord has worked wonders in our own personal lives.

MIRACLES OF HEALINGS

Being the people of God goes beyond this realm unto the many great and glorious things that God has ready for His own. Have we not seen the miracles of healings among us? Yes, the healing of the body as well as the soul. Truly, the power of God is instant and ready. How wonderful to know that such glorious power is available that the blind can be made to see, the lame to walk, and the deaf to hear! How fortunate we are as people who have access to these things. We are firmly convinced, however, that through the working of faith all these things and more can be done.

If only now we can put ourselves in a position to have a heart full of faith and as a combined group of people through this faith we might move God's mighty arm. There is so much to be done, the word definitely needs the Gospel of Love. And we hope God will speed the day when this wonderful Restored Gospel in its power might reach out to men and women everywhere, that peace and joy might reign supreme in the hearts of all mankind. As the Scripture so surely states how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that publish glad tidings. We are made to remember how Israel was called God's people. Yet many times they failed in that which God would have had them to do.

Mighty at times was His Spirit and strength poured out upon them. But how many times also did they fail their God, even in some of the smaller things. We are not out to pass judgment on them, such a great mass of people in their time, but only that we might learn from their failures so that we might stay close to our God and not repeat their mistakes. We must strive at all times to accomplish that which is right, good, and just before our Lord. How wonderful to be numbered among those who must surely have a spot close to the heart of God. Let us try to show others that God has blessed us continually. Uniting together and combining our like desires and hopes through the Gospel, we have obtained peace and contentment.

How sweet to know that we have pleased our God by obeying the commandments that He has set forth. If we obey His every commandment and have our hearts full of love, then and only then do we bring pleasure to God. God is love, John tells us; then let us have love, not only for one another, but for all mankind. The Lord has told us that, "By the love that ye have one for another, will the world know that ye are my disciples." This love will be the prime and utmost fact that will stand out before others as we state our position to them.

When Christ came and set up His Church, He called 12 men to be His Apostles. These men were called from a life that they had been living, into something that was entirely different. Their trades and positions in life were varied. No doubt they were all different in some of their personal ways and mannerisms. Yet the Lord took them and molded them into a type of people that He wanted for His Church. He taught them that now there was to be love for all mankind. No more was there to be an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, as under the former law. God now wanted something that was new and undying. The fullness of God's love was now to be felt in the hearts of all mankind. The Gospel of Jesus Christ would make it so.

A DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Those who would accept it would necessarily become an unusual people. Love for God and love for our fellow man would form and shape a people that would be called the "people of God". How much we owe to our God, that we as individuals are so joined together by this love that we can surely say we belong to God. There is much good in men in various parts of the world. This we will not deny, but when the fullness of God's love is put into their hearts, that goodness and desire is magnified by obedience to the Gospel. We feel to cry out as the Psalmist David when he said, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

We occupy such a wonderful position in life. Out of countless numbers of people we are most fortunate to find favor with God. Some of us, if not most of us, led a very shameful life before God's love penetrated into our hearts. We then began to learn what patience, long suffering, consideration, and love toward one another and our fellow man really means. We hold an enviable position in life. We look forward to life that is yet to come, where we can spend eternity with our God and where all the redeemed shall be known as God's own.

It is written in REVELATIONS that John saw those arrayed in white; it was made known to him that these were the people who had borne the heat of the day. They had earned their place in God's kingdom. They had put forth the necessary faith and effort that was required that they might obtain that crown that is reserved for the righteous. All these, and more, shall be known as God's people, the elect of every nation. How sweet and wonderful it will surely be when all mankind shall be found serving God. May the Gospel go forth that men everywhere might hear and see the wonderful power of God made manifest in their presence. May God hasten the day when all people everywhere will yield to God's enticing Spirit and come to know that He is no respecter of persons. Each and every soul is precious in the sight of God. We hope and pray that all men and women everywhere shall come to be called the "people of God."

Teaching Our Children

By Mark Randy, Evangelist

"Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;"

(DEUTERONOMY 4:9)

Many similar instructions about how to raise children are found in the BIBLE.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart.

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

(DEUTERONOMY 6:6, 7)

We should remind them of the love of a living God, raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord; that they may not depart from the word of the Lord; that our young generation may experience in their hearts the grace of Jesus, and truly feel the reality of a living Heavenly Father, though unseen, but ever present.

This all-important spiritual education should not be denied our children. When we neglect to teach them as the word of God says, diligently, then someone else cannot do the job that we the parents and pastors ought to do.

An agnostic who once went to visit the famous Coleridge took strong issue with him. He argued vehemently against the spiritual indoctrination of youth, and declared his own determination not to "prejudice" his children in favor of any form of "religion", but to allow them at maturity to choose for themselves. Mr. Coleridge answered him in this manner: "If your position is sound, why then do we prejudice a garden in favor of flowers and fruits? Why not let them choose for themselves between cockle-burs and strawberries?" The agnostic was silenced.

CHILDREN NEED GUIDANCE

Contrary to the opinion of most of our modern parents and teachers, children do not naturally tend in the right direction; they need guidance. Unless we who love them furnish this Godly instructed guidance, someone else will lead them elsewhere and often do, to their hurt and our dismay. Children need training and encouragement to develop Christian character and aspiration to noble deeds. Parents, preachers and teachers all have a contribution to make. Most of our present day rebellion, violence, and unchristian behavior that we are experiencing is due to the fact that the elders have frequently failed our young children in this all-important area of life.

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

(PROVERBS 29:15)

"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

(PROVERBS 29:17)

It takes day to day teaching by the parents of

all youth to build a firm foundation for a life of love and truth backed by a good example that is lived day after day. This is the only kind of teaching that will produce goodly results.

If we pay as little attention to our garden as we do our children, what a crop of weeds we would have!

Our Women Today

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that is found in a verse of the Scriptures and is read to the answer of her name at roll call.

The Circle also has a pledge that is read or recited at each Circle meeting. It is as follows:

"We pledge ourselves to read and search the Scriptures, and ask God to direct and bless our Ladies' Uplift Circle in all its ways. We will do our duty in visiting the sick. We will not find fault nor offend in word or deed, but will be a help to each other, and help others to the best of our ability."

FLASHBACKS

25 YEARS AGO

Brothers James Lovalvo, Gorie Ciaravino, and Felix Buccellato left for missionary work in Coleman, Michigan.

Sisters of the Warren, Ohio and Youngstown, Ohio Ladies' Circles met in the Youngstown church building. The Youngstown Circle was three months old.

20 YEARS AGO

Brother Matthew Miller spoke on The Church radio broadcast from Sarnia, Ontario.

Elders and Teachers of Detroit and Windsor held a two-day gathering; Saturday meetings were held in Branch No. 2, and Sunday services were at Roosville High School.

15 YEARS AGO

Brother Joseph Lovalvo reported two baptisms in Monterey, California. Since Brother Joe had been holding meetings in Monterey, eight souls had obeyed the Gospel.

Meditations

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

Mother Baptized, Infant Son Blessed At Youngstown, Ohio

On Sunday, December 27, the Youngstown, Ohio Branch ended the year 1970 with the blessing of a child, followed by the baptism of his mother. The infant, Philip Benjamin Pasquale, was brought forward by his great-grandmother, Sister Gemma Santilli, and immediately following, his mother, Carol Pusateri Pasquale, expressed her desire to be baptized. God's Holy Spirit was especially felt by all present, since she had been very ill and many prayers were offered in her behalf. She was baptized by her uncle, Brother Elmer Santilli, and was confirmed by Brother Fred Musolino.

The morning service was opened by Brother Elmer Santilli who read from II KINGS, CHAPTER 5. He spoke of Naaman the leper and how he was told to wash in the river Jordan seven times. He also explained our simple way of outdoor baptism, regardless of the weather.

The same beautiful spirit continued during the afternoon testimony meeting. Brother Dom Bucci read a dream had by Sister Carol's grandmother ten years prior, revealing this event.

Our new Sister requested that the Saints continue to pray for her and her husband, who is to have surgery soon.

Former Residents, Evangelist Speak At Monongahela

Several former members of the Monongahela Branch returned to spend the Holidays with their loved ones and have been present in many of our meetings. Brother Isaac Smith and his family, Joe and Paulette Griffith, and Mark Landrey, all from Arizona, blessed us with their presence. By way of their testimonies and conversation we have been made acquainted with the latest progress being made in the work with the Seed of Joseph.

Brother Ike spoke of the need for support and prayers for the work at Pine Top. He related that meals were served on Thanksgiving Day to more than 90 Indians and the blessing which was had by everyone present. Sister Bonnie also bore her testimony of this blessing.

Brothers Joe and Mark mentioned making ten food baskets that were distributed for Christmas among the needy.

We can be thankful for these who have left their families and are now laboring among God's covenant people. Our prayer is that God would bless their endeavors in His work.

Anaheim Blessings

The Anaheim, California Branch has reported that many wonderful blessings have been experienced recently. One mentioned specifically was a Wednesday night service when the Pastor, Brother George (Rusty) Heaps, exhorted on the 58TH CHAPTER OF ISAIAH. He asked each person to examine himself first and try to remove those yokes which may hinder us from serving God. He was filled with the spirit when he said, "Don't expect God to remove something from you which you are able to remove yourself, because He'll probably never answer you!" He quoted an experience when he prayed much over a matter, and received no response. One day, while in prayer for the same thing, a small voice within him said, "What are you asking God for? Why don't you remove it yourself?" He said he realized then that he himself had to make the effort to remove the obstacle, and then God would answer. He encouraged all to not judge others, or to point a finger, but rather, to look at themselves and their own weaknesses first.

The Branch is constantly being encouraged to be up and doing, to be active in God's work, and to be united in all that they do; and above all, to love one another and to respect everyone as a soul of God. The Anaheim group is also being continually reminded that the primary work in The Church of Jesus Christ is that of taking the Gospel to the Seed of Joseph and to assist them as much as possible. As stated by the Anaheim congregation, for every effort made in this way, all workers have been abundantly blessed.

Dedication Plans At Imperial, Penna.

Dedication of the new Imperial church building will be held on Sunday, February 14, 1971 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. An open invitation is extended to all to attend the service.

A week of evening meetings will follow the dedication, concluding on Friday, February 19—Time 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

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| Sunday—Sunday School | 9:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. |
| Worship | 10:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. |
| Sunday Evening | 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday Evening | 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. |
| Study | |
| Friday Evening | 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. M.B.A. |

ONE AT A TIME

Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," once wrote to an eminent senator in behalf of a man who was suffering great injustice. He replied, "I am so much taken up with plans for the benefit of the race that I have no time for individuals." She pasted this in her album with this comment, "When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this attitude."

That person who has no interest in individuals has a spirit different from that of the Master whose personal words and work make up the bulk of His life record.

"He who waits until he can save many souls will never save one."

—Selected

Indians Honor Departed Soul

By Sue Rich

(The Brothers and Sisters of the White River Indian Mission in Arizona recently attended a wake for an Indian woman of the reservation. The following account of the events was written by Sister Sue Rich, who is formerly of St. John, Kansas and is now living in the White River area.

Most of us may never experience such a moving occasion personally, so we are grateful for Sister Rich's commentary.

Paul Liberto, California
MBA Area Editor)

The hour is late and the darkness of the evening brings a still breeze. As I am standing by the car with a hymn book in my hand, an older Indian man asks, "Are you the Christians? Please sing nice for my sister, I know she would like that." As he shakes hands, the sadness in his face reminds you of the circumstances surrounding this wake.

A young widow Indian woman has died. She was beaten and never regained consciousness. She leaves behind several children. In the yard a bonfire is burning in the center of a corral. A large shade made of tree branches is toward one end of the corral. Many persons are sitting inside the circle as an older Apache woman speaks to them in her language. The smaller children are playing with the dogs or sleeping in their mother's arms. Food and drink is being served.

As the rest of our group arrives, We walk inside the corral to stand by the casket. Beneath the shade, prayer is offered and scripture is read. Our hymns echo into the night and a deep sadness rests on us. Looking upon the faces in the light of the fire, our hearts are touched. A huge amount of responsibility is felt as you realize God loves these people and they must become aware of this.

Custom is that the family remain with the body all day, all night, and all of another day and night. Then the funeral is held. Friends express themselves and many remain the entire time.

We returned again the next evening and the following day for the funeral. It was strange to experience non-Christian beliefs. A service was held at the home, and, as we left, a rifle was fired several times. The shots go to announce the coming of the spirit. All the worldly possessions of the woman, along with food and flowers, are buried with the casket.

At the grave, our Elders preached again to the people. This woman did not hear the message but others will know that God loves them still.

Effective as of this issue, please send all articles and news briefs to Brother Paul Palmieri at 319 Pine Drive, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001.

Brief News of Interest

Tribute to Brother Ferrante

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take this privilege to thank everyone who extended their sympathy and sent us so many beautiful cards in behalf of the passing of my dear and most wonderful daddy, Brother Frank Ferrante.

He was not great in this world, but merely a poor, humble man who loved the Lord and tried to serve Him with all of his heart and soul. He loved to help the less fortunate; many times he took me with him to pick up clothing, etc., for them. He tried to do what he could in his small way. Now he has gone to the place where we receive our reward for all our good deeds and service to God.

This New Year's Day would have been forty-three years that he belonged to this wonderful Gospel. I am proud and thankful that he, along with my dear beloved mother, proved faithful to the end. Although my heart is very sad today because he could no longer be with us, there is a great peace and comfort that God gives—that if we prove faithful till the end, we shall see each other's faces once again with our Lord.

Sincerely,

Sister Grace Brutz

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Congratulations to Brother Ether and Sister Ella Furnier on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary which they celebrated on November 14, 1970. They were married in 1945 by the groom's father, Brother Thurman Furnier in Detroit, Michigan, and they have two children, Nikki and Vincent.

The Brothers and Sisters of the Phoenix Branch spent a very enjoyable evening at an Open House held by Brother Ether and Sister Ella to join them in celebrating this occasion. We all wish them God's blessings in their future years together.

Ground Breaking

A Ground-breaking service was held in Phoenix, Arizona on November 29, 1970 immediately following our Sunday Services.

Brother Phil Damore, Presiding Elder, gave a brief history of the Phoenix Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Thurman Furnier, visiting his family here, then turned over the first shovel of ground. The Elders, Trustees and many members then took turns doing likewise.

There was a good attendance of Brothers and Sisters from Phoenix as well as visitors, Brother and Sister Furnier and Brother and Sister Barclay of Ontario, Canada.

The services were closed in prayer by Brother Furnier who asked God's help to each of us as we work and anticipate the completion of our new church building.

NEW ARRIVALS

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

Stephen Philip to the Philip Browns of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

Dwayne John to the John Buchkos of Ft. Pierce, Florida;

Marcella Ann to the Even Daleys of Erie, Pennsylvania;

Audra Theresa to the Arnold Hences of Edison, New Jersey;

Sharon Louise to the Robert Moores of Youngstown, Ohio;

Philip Benjamin to the Benjamin Pasquales of Youngstown, Ohio;

Roy Henry to the Roy Weamers of Youngstown, Ohio;

Timothy Lawrence Jr. to the Timothy Lamberts of Detroit, Michigan;

Janet Leigh to the Michael Buffingtons of Imperial, Pennsylvania; and

Arthur Cadman Jr. to the Arthur Landreys of Phoenix, Arizona.

NUPTIALS**DeATLEY - LUXEUIL**

Mr. James L. DeAtley and Miss Wendy K. Luxeuil were joined in holy matrimony at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 28, 1970. Brother Elmer Santilli performed the wedding ceremony.

The couple now resides in Columbiana, Ohio.

COOK - TRIPOLI

Mr. Tyrone R. Cook and Miss Joanne M. Tripoli were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony at Cleveland, Ohio on December 19, 1970. Brother Rocco Biscotti performed the wedding ceremony.

The couple is making their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

OBITUARIES**NICK DeVITO**

Brother Nick DeVito, a member of The Church at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, passed on to his reward on December 4, 1970.

He is survived by eight children, fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Brother Dan Casasanta officiated at the funeral services. Our deceased Brother will be missed by all who knew him, particularly the Brothers and Sisters of the McKees Rocks Branch.

WILLIAM C. PRENTICE

Mr. William C. Prentice, a friend of The Cleveland, Ohio East Side Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life suddenly on December 25.

He is survived by his wife, and two children.

Brothers Rocco Biscotti, Vincent Gibson, and Mario Milano officiated at the services.

1971 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1971 events of general and regional interest. (* Indicates meetings will be held in General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.)

MARCH

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences:

10, 11, 12, 14 Michigan-Ontario at Windsor, Ontario Branch.

Atlantic Coast — (Dates and place to be announced).

Florida — (Dates and place to be announced).

Ohio — (Dates and place to be announced).

Pennsylvania — (Dates and place to be announced).

California — (was held December 19 & 20 at Phoenix, Arizona Branch).

27 — General Ladies' Circle Conference.

APRIL

17, 18 — Dedication of General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

MAY

15 — Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference. *

JUNE

24, 25, 26, 27 — Semi-Annual General Church Conference. *

JULY

4, 5 — Evangelistic Conference

(Sponsored by Quorum of Seventy Evangelists). *

24 — General Ladies' Circle Conference. *

AUGUST

Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Camp-Out (Dates and place to be announced).

SEPTEMBER

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences (Dates and place to be announced).

OCTOBER

2 — General Ladies' Circle Conference

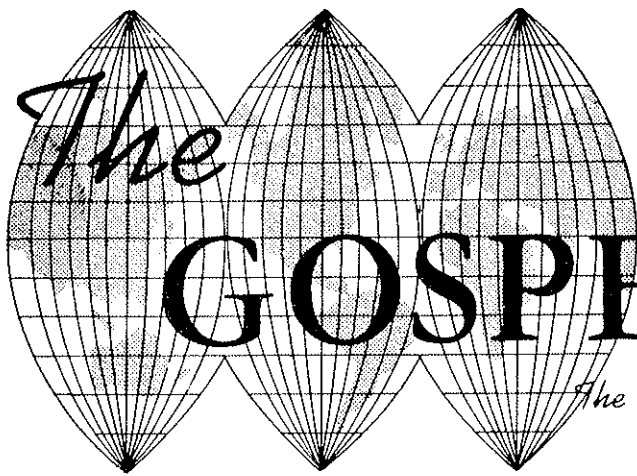
22, 23, 24 — Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

NOVEMBER

11 — Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference. *

BLUEPRINT FOR TRUTH

Look over the whole record of history and you will find that the men who have been of real worth to their fellows are not critics who pointed out and exaggerated the evil in their neighbors, but the men of strong sympathies, who recognized what was good. Look for the good; support the good; and trust the good to root out the evil.

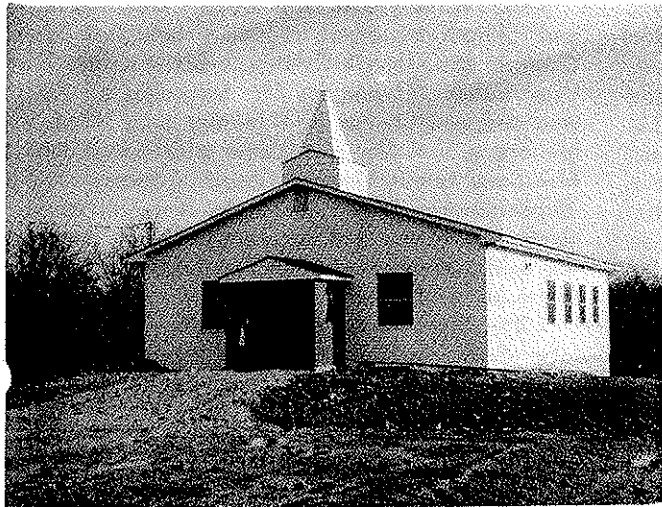


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Dedication at Imperial



The Imperial Branch's dream of a new church building at last became a reality as dedication services were held on February 14, 1971. A ten inch snowfall the day prior to the dedication did not hinder the attendance of many Brothers, Sisters, and friends from the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Districts.

Before the services, several beautiful selections were presented by the young people, a trio, and a soloist, and a group from Aliquippa sang *What a Saviour*.

Brother August D'Orazio from Edison, New Jersey opened the services, using as his text *I Corinthians, Chapter 12*. He stressed that unity of the Branch is the sure foundation of the spiritual building. The members united have brought about this accomplishment. Each individual member has performed his function and is needed to prosper The Church both spiritually and materially.

Brothers John Ross, Joseph Perri of Metuchen, New Jersey, Paul Palmieri and Samuel Kirschner further expanded on the subject, and a good feeling prevailed.

Brothers James Moore and Jacob Christum made some personal remarks and thanked all those who worked so diligently to complete the building.

Brother Chester Nolfi closed the meeting with prayer. A light lunch was then served in the Church basement.

A QUICK BUT PROFITABLE TRIP

By Brother Joseph Calabrese

On January 13, 1971, an opportunity presented itself to enable Brothers Joseph Calabrese and Gorie Ciaravino to make a quick trip to California. In the car with us were Carol Piccolo and her two children who had been visiting Detroit during the holidays.

We left early in the morning in heavy fog and freezing rain. We broke through this bad weather late in the afternoon and proceeded traveling west as far as Columbia, Missouri. By the second day of travel we reached Tucumari, New Mexico. The third day we stopped in Pinetop, Arizona, had lunch with Brother Ike and Sister Bonnie Smith, visited with Brother John and Sister Dorothy Bickerton, and continued on to Phoenix, Arizona. We were away now, from the cold and snow enjoying clear 90 degree weather. We spent the night with Brother Phil Damore in Phoenix after having a pleasant impromptu meeting there. While there, we anointed Sister Ann Damore — recovering from a recent accident.

Leaving Phoenix early Saturday morning, we detoured to Santa Rosa, Arizona to visit Brother John Ross, Jr. and family. John is a principal of a school among the Papago Indians. Brother Dick Christman, living in Sells, Arizona (about 35 miles further than John) is also working under the B.I.A. (a Bureau of Indian Affairs) He is in charge of that school district.

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Auditorium Progress

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

Your General Church Auditorium has been completed. The kitchen has been equipped and the pews have been installed. The financial report, as of the fifteenth of February, is as follows:

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| Total cost of Auditorium | \$344,434.00 |
| Amt. authorized and paid to date | \$310,000.00 |
| Amt. due by April 15th, 1971 | \$ 34,434.00 |

AUDITORIUM MEETING

The Auditorium Committee, the General Church Board of Trustees and other General Church Officers met in the new Auditorium on February 6th to be brought up to date on construction details and equipment operation in the new building. The architects, Mr. Joe Pellis and Mr. Don Lettrich, were also present. They reported that everything is completed except for minor adjustments to some of the kitchen equipment. The final punch-list is being prepared by the Architect's office and the general contractor, Mr. F. J. Busse. This will complete our business with the F. J. Busse Company. There is, however, for our benefit, a one year guarantee on all material and workmanship. This benefit is in addition to the Manufacturer's guarantees on mechanical equipment.

It was agreed that the Greensburg Branch would begin holding meetings in the Auditorium as soon as they desire after March 1st. The local Trustees reported that they have a couple of interested parties who are presently looking at their old branch property and will want immediate occupancy if they buy.

DEDICATION PLANS

At this same meeting the plans for the weekend dedication services were outlined. Some changes in our previous plans were suggested and discussed. The results were that the program for the two days will include the following:

The Saturday morning service (9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon) will include the recognition of persons involved in the Auditorium project and visitors from other places and other organizations. It will include dedicatory prayers, music, and comments by some.

Saturday afternoon will be set aside for tours of the building and grounds. It will provide an opportunity to look over the Auditorium and have questions answered which you have been wondering about. Brothers will be wearing name tags for easy identification. Newsmen, reporters and visitors will have an excellent opportunity to renew fellowship and make new friends.

The Saturday evening service (6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.) will be filled with singing. This informal atmosphere will be highlighted by keynote speakers preparatory to the more formal Sunday morning service.

The Sunday morning service (10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.) as the other services will be presided over by Brother Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President, who will introduce the officers to the visiting public. The highlight of the meeting will be the dedicatory sermon and music supplied by groups and soloists.

A housing and accommodations committee will be appointed by the Pennsylvania District Trustees. A list of public Motels, Hotels, etc. with room rates and locations will be made available to each Presiding Elder soon by the Pennsylvania District Trustees. All who can afford to do so should make arrangements for their own lodging and come prepared to buy or otherwise supply your own meals. It will be impossible to accommodate so many people at one time, since such a large crowd is expected. I would like to suggest to those who have Hymn books to bring them along as well.

Newspaper, radio and T.V. stations covering the area are to be notified of the dedication services.

The two Saturdays of April 3rd and 10th have been set aside for fast and prayer meetings to be held, for the dedication, in all branches and missions throughout the Church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CLAIM

On February 11th, Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President, together with Bro. Dominic Thomas, Bro. Joseph Calabrese, Bro. Spencer Everett, Bro. Anthony Ensana and Mr. Joe Pellis, our Architect who designed the Auditorium, met with Mr. Leonard Mendelson and Mr. Mel Bassi, attorneys at law. Mr. Mel Bassi is our General Church Attorney and Mr. Mendelson has been retained to represent us in our condemnation case with Allegheny County. The meeting was held in the Grant building in downtown Pittsburgh, the location of Mr. Mendelson's offices.

The first order of business was to go over the history of this case. Mr. Mendelson then explained the procedure that must be followed under Pennsylvania law.

The group then went over costs and construction details for accuracy and the ability of the Church and "expert witnesses", such as the contractor and the architects, to substantiate factual data. Mr. Mendelson expressed his pleasure to see everything so well substantiated. He stated that this was a very interesting case and thought he would be able to help us to receive "just compensation" for the cost of relocating plus a higher amount on the original Auditorium site.

Technically, the County of Allegheny has not condemned our first site, that is to say, they have not recorded the necessary papers against the property. To do so would make necessary the immediate payment of part of the settlement amount. They are taking their time for several reasons. One is that they hope for a settlement with the Church out of court. Another more important reason, to them, may be that some of the people involved are up for re-election to their political offices this year and want no adverse publicity or high expenditures.

Mr. Mendelson and Mr. Bassi will now approach the Allegheny County officials and request that they condemn the property immediately by the filing of a Declaration of Taking, after which the Church will petition for the claim to be reviewed by a Board of Viewers. If we are not satisfied with the Board of Viewers' decision we shall appeal for a trial by jury.

The attorneys will submit a revised claim in the amount of \$210,000 to the proper County officials.

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M.B.A. Highlights

CAMPOUT PREPARATIONS

By James D. Gibson
G.M.B.A. Editor

In addition to the forthcoming annual G.M.B.A. Campout, the various M.B.A. Areas are currently planning their own individual campouts.

The apparent success of campouts is verified by the desire of many to gather together. The eventual blessings received in various ways have delighted the hearts of all in attendance. The assemblage from early dawn to late evening, without interruption from outside influences, can be considered a blessing in our present troubled society.

BLESSINGS REQUIRE WORK

Much work is necessary to plan such events which are geared for the enjoyment of all age groups. The appropriate selection of committees is very essential to the success of every camp.

The labor involved is a labor of love to see the task well done to the comfort and pleasure of all involved. But it eventually rounds out to the fact that each individual has contributions to make in his own way.

Attendance is, of course, a requisite. People must be there to experience the personal satisfaction and enjoyment of camp. Each day presents its own unknown joy and enlightenment. True, that meetings, seminars, social time and recreation are planned, but it is the spontaneous reaction of the Spirit of God as it begins to wind its way among the group that brings about a soul's satisfaction.

This cannot happen if His people have not gathered together in one place. Throughout the day His name is spoken and glorified through word, song and prayer.

Is this not a likely place to find the Lord? The exhilarating tingle felt within one's heart and soul when a sinner decides to come home. The happy trek that follows as the group walks with the candidate (s) to the water's edge.

The blessings of baptisms are among many desired, felt and prayed for; to rise in the morning and view the faces of your loved ones in Christ, to share the day's many happenings large and small together, and to attain an intimate knowledge of each one who has come as others have come, to enjoy the days together.

All too soon the end will come, and there will be necessary departure one from another. But the blessings obtained throughout the stay together remain. A foretaste, it would seem, of what God will have in store for His people as time goes on.

It is for all this and more that the appointed and elected committees of all the planned campouts strive. If you can, try to attend a future camp in the Areas and/or the G.M.B.A. Campout.

The Atlantic Coast Area will hold a campout at Camp Bernie, New Jersey, from July 2 to July 4. The G.M.B.A. Campout will be held from July 17 to July 24 at Nauvoo, Illinois. A campout will also be held by the Pennsylvania Area at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pennsylvania, from August 26 to August 30.

All interested individuals are invited to attend any or all of the aforementioned campouts.

This is all the information on campout gatherings that we have in our possession at this time. If other Areas make similar plans you will be notified through all possible news media of the organization.

Even now the many committees of the assigned camps have taken upon them their duties. We wish them well and God's guidance and protection.

If at all possible make plans to attend and share the joys to be found there.

G.M.B.A. ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETS

The G.M.B.A. Activities Committee met at Glassport on January 16, 1971. The Committee discussed various items and elected the following individuals to handle the forthcoming campout at Nauvoo, Illinois:

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| Camp Director | Brother George Siddall |
| Registration | Brother Vincent Gibson |
| Accommodation | Brother Anthony Santilli |
| Seminars Chairmen | Brother Frank Morle |
| | Brother Leonard A. Lovalvo |
| Recreation Chairmen | Brother Robert Nicklow |
| | Brother Joseph Carlini |
| | Brother Harold Battalucco |
| Publicity | Brother James Link |
| | Sister Lydia Link |
| Songbook | Atlantic Coast Area M.B.A. |

The Ohio Area Organizer, Brother Vincent Gibson, reported that the Erie, Pennsylvania local was organized in December, 1970. Assisting Brother Gibson in the organization of this new local were Brothers Anthony Santilli and Robert Quinn.

Areas having extra by-law books on hand should send them to Brother Joseph Draskovich for distribution in the new Erie local. Our hope is to have more by-law books printed in the near future.

Time was taken from the routine of business to visit Sister Bernadette Marino, a former G.M.B.A. officer, who is now bedfast. We sang Hymn 402, "The Best Friend Is Jesus," and Brother Joseph Draskovich offered prayer. Hymns were sung at her bedside, and she was anointed. Although she could not speak, we felt she was quite pleased and uplifted by our visit.

The next G.M.B.A. Activities Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6, 1971 at 10:00 A.M. in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

NEWS FROM VANDERBILT

Brother and Sister Furnier just returned from their trip to Arizona, visiting their son, Ether. While visiting in the West, they also went to California to spend some time with their son, Lawson. They made the return trip by train. They are both in their 80's, and it's good to see they are still able to travel.

Prayers are requested for Sister Delvia Lowther, of Vanderbilt, who is very ill. She has been in the hospital for a lengthy season. Anyone wishing to send her a card, write to:

Delvia Lowther
Connellsville Hospital, Room 127
Connellsville, Pa.

Habits

By Richard Lawson

Without our realization, habits are acquired throughout our lifetime. The dictionary defines a habit as "an ordinary course of conduct." It is very similar to having gray hair as we advance in age. If someone were to ask us what color hair we have, we would usually say the color we had when we were younger, until we realize that time has elapsed, and our hair has now turned gray.

Stop for a moment. Think of the habits acquired in your life. Your first thought or impulse might be to say you have none, but take another look. Some examples of our natural habits are the arm we first put into a shirt or sweater, the glove or the shoe we first put on — these will usually be the same every time we do them. We do all of these things automatically many times a day, without ever giving them any consideration. If we were to stop and think how we were going to do these simple everyday tasks, we would seldom be on time for work or school and would accomplish very little.

We may also acquire bad habits which we might not realize. Bad habits can be self harming and harmful to those around us. These can only be changed or broken with a great deal of effort on our part. We should constantly strive to eliminate our bad habits since they are detrimental.

Habits extend into every aspect of life. Consider now another facet. What about our spiritual habits? Before we say that we have none, let us take another look. What about our prayer habits? Do we pray in the morning at the start of our day to thank God for watching over us through the night, and to ask His guidance for the day? Do we pray before retiring, keeping in mind those that are in need of prayers? Do we pray during the day seeking God's help in all things as instructed in the Book of Mormon? Do we make it a habit to attend all of our Church meetings, including Sunday School and M.B.A. as often as we can? Do we make it a habit to participate in our testimony meetings and communion services? These can be considered our spiritual habits! Whether they are good or bad, habits in our own lives can be determined by the individual. If we find ourselves with bad habits, we should endeavor to change them that our spiritual lives will be enriched, and we, in turn, can draw closer to God.

Remember, we do have habits. Let us do our best to make sure they are *good habits*.

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That does not mean that we will necessarily recover that amount. While existing condemnation laws do not cover some of the costs it was felt that there was some justification for including them in our claim. This will not be a quick settlement but we can reassure you it will be a just one.

Let us all pray that the Lord will inspire the minds of all concerned with the welfare of The Church and that He will be with the men we have selected to represent us. You will be kept well informed on the progress in future issues of the Gospel News.

Between the Testaments

By Brother Donald Ross

Israel was in two divisions at the close of the Old Testament canon. The majority of the nation was dispersed throughout the Persian Empire. A remnant of the tribe of Judah, with Zerubbabel, a prince of the Davidic family, along with the survivors of priests and Levites returned to the Holy Land. This action emanated through the consent and permissive decrees of Cyrus and his successors. Temple worship was re-established. The student of Scripture must center his interest upon this remnant, and this interest concerns both their religious and political history. Investigation will show that once again, God worked with a remnant.

Politically, the fortunes of the Palestinian Jews are linked to the history of the Gentile world powers foretold by the prophet Daniel. The Persian rule continued approximately one hundred years after the close of the Old Testament canon, and seems to have been tolerant and mild. It permitted the high priest, along with his religious functions, a measure of civil power. This was done under close scrutiny of the Syria governors. During this period the rival Worship of Samaria, which began during the Israelite monarchy, was developed and its own Temple established.

In 334 B.C., Syria fell under the power of the third of the world empires, the Graeco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander. That conqueror was induced to treat the Jews favorably, but the empire splintered. Judea fell between the anvil and the hammer of Syria and Egypt, coming first under the power of Syria, but later under Egypt as ruled by the Ptolemaic kings. During this period, 323-198 B.C., great numbers of Jews were established in Egypt. Scholars claim that during this time, the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament was begun. In 198 B.C., Judea was conquered by Antiochus III the Great, and annexed to Syria. The land was divided into five provinces familiar to readers of the Gospels — Judea, Samaria, Galilee (these three being often collectively called Judea), Peraea, and Trachonitis. Oddly enough, the Jews were initially allowed to regulate their own lives by their own laws under a high priest and a council. Antiochus IV Epiphanes in 171 B.C. after repeated interferences with the priesthood, and Temple, plundered Jerusalem, defiled the Temple, and slew many of the inhabitants. In 168 B.C., Antiochus offered a sow upon the great altar and erected an altar to Jupiter. The people were condemned to eat swine's flesh; Temple worship was prohibited.

MACCABEAN REVOLT

The tyranny of Antiochus provoked the revolt of the Maccabees, one of the most heroic pages of history. The first of the Maccabees was a priest of great sanctity and energy of character. His name was Mattathias. He initiated the revolt with a band of godly and determined Jews. It was their solemn pledge to free their nation and restore its ancient worship. Mattathias was succeeded by his son, Judas, known in history as Maccabeus from the Hebrew word for "hammer." He was assisted by four brothers, of whom Simon is best known.

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Editorial Viewpoint

Occupy Till I Come

By Thomas Ross

In the Evangelist Luke's recording of the parable of the ten pounds (LUKE 19: 11-27), VERSES 12 AND 13 read as follows: "... A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, *Occupy till I come.*" These two verses seem to set the theme for the entire parable, but more particularly, the nobleman's charge to the servants: "*Occupy till I come.*"

WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY gives several definitions and usages of the word *occupy*: NO. 4. To employ; busy; keep engaged; as to occupy oneself in reading. HASTINGS DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE defines the *occupier* of EZEKIEL 27:27 as a *trader*, and to *occupy* in EZEKIEL 27:9 is to *trade*. Hastings adds that the original meaning of the English word is to be engaged in anything.

THE LORD'S REQUIREMENT

The theme or meaning of the Lord's parable now seems to be clearer. In picturing the nobleman as calling his ten servants, delivering them ten pounds—to each servant a pound—and then charging them: "*Occupy till I come,*" our Lord indicates His requirement that we must be active and profitable in our services to God.

The servants who *occupied* or were active in *trading* during the absence of their master, the nobleman, were richly rewarded on his return from a far country. On the other hand, the servant who neglected to *occupy* or *trade*, excused his inactivity and unprofitableness, saying, "Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin." The Lord then reprimanded the unprofitable servant and commanded those who stood by, "Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds."

By this beautiful parable in which He typifies or pictures Himself as the nobleman, our Lord makes it clear and plain that He expects us to be serviceable and profitable servants. He hates idleness; what is more, He will not tolerate it. In return for talents or gifts which He freely bestows, the Lord requires obedience to His command—MATTHEW 18:20. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

ASSEMBLING OURSELVES

Another activity in which we are required to be *occupied* is church attendance. The Lord Himself stresses the importance of coming together to worship as recorded in MATTHEW 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Apostle Paul was not derelict in his duty to remind his Hebrew brethren when he wrote: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (HEBREWS 10:25)

The Evangelist Luke also noted how the early Saints acted or *occupied* themselves when he informed Theophilus in ACTS 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Also verse 46, "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat meat with gladness and singleness of heart."

Even the psalmist bids men to employ their talents, "Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders." (PSALM 107:32)

The Lord's charge to the Saints and The Church in His day was that they should be active and profitable, making good use of the gifts and talents which He liberally and freely bestowed upon them. His promise was that on His return they would be richly rewarded.

The Lord's charge to the Saints and The Church in our day is the same as it was to the Apostolic Church. May we bestir ourselves and be reminded of the message of our Lord's parable—*Occupy till I come.*



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

HELANAN'S SONS, LEHI AND NEPHI

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I want to tell you this month is from the **BOOK OF MORMON**. It is about Helaman who had two sons named Nephi and Lehi. They were named for their first parents who came from Jerusalem six hundred years before the birth of Christ. The works of these men were remembered as good. Helaman desired that when his sons remembered these things they too, would have a desire to do good.

Helaman told his sons many things and they remembered their father's teachings. He told them of a Redeemer who was to come in the future. Also that they were to lay up their treasures in heaven because all earthly things would pass away. They had a desire to tell the people of Nephi their father's teachings.

Lehi and Nephi went from city to city preaching with great power. They went to the land of Zarahemla where the Lamanites lived. These people were not friendly with the Nephites and desired war. But with this great power Nephi and Lehi were able to convert both Nephites and Lamanites. About eight thousand of the Lamanites were baptized.

Lehi and Nephi decided to go next to the land of Nephi to preach the Word. An army of Lamanites took them and put them in prison. They were without food for many days. The king of the land, named Limhi, sent his servants to kill Lehi and Nephi. God protected them by encircling them with fire. This made the servants afraid to touch them for fear they would be burned. Lehi and Nephi stood still in the midst of the fire. They were not burned. This miracle gave them courage. The servants were amazed.

Lehi and Nephi began to speak, "Fear not, God has shown you this marvelous thing. You cannot lay your hands on us to kill us." When they spoke these words, the earth shook and the prison walls trembled as if they would tumble. A dark cloud came over them. Above the cloud a voice was heard, "Repent ye and seek no more to destroy My servants whom I have sent to declare good tidings to you." This voice was not one of thunder, neither a great tumultuous voice but a still voice as if it were a whisper, piercing their souls.

The earth shook again and the prison walls trembled. The cloud was still there. Again the voice was heard, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Seek no more to destroy my servants." A third time the voice was heard and the earth shook as if it would break in two. The walls of the prison again trembled. The Lamanites were afraid and wanted to flee but the dark cloud was all about them.

There was one man there named Aminadab who was a Nephite by birth but had left the church and joined the Lamanites. Through the darkness he saw the faces of Lehi and Nephi. Their faces shone as angels.

They were looking up into heaven as if they were talking to some Being there. Aminadab cried to the multitude to turn and look. They were given power to turn and see the faces of Lehi and Nephi. They asked, "What do these things mean?" They desired that the darkness be removed. Aminadab said, "You must repent and cry unto the voice." They cried to the voice of Him who had shaken the earth. The cloud dispersed and they were encircled about by a pillar of fire. Their hearts were filled with joy unspeakable.

A pleasant voice as a whisper said, "Peace be unto you because of your faith in My Well Beloved, who was from the foundation of the world." The heavens opened and angels came and ministered to them. They went to all the people round about to tell of this great experience. As a result many Lamanites believed and were converted. They laid down their weapons of war and desired peace. Lehi and Nephi continued throughout the land preaching the Word of God. How blessed Helaman must have been when he heard of the good desires of his sons, Lehi and Nephi.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

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In 165 B.C., Judas regained possession of Jerusalem. The Temple was purified and rededicated an event celebrated in the Jewish Feast of the Dedication. Judas, who was slain in battle, was succeeded by his brother, Jonathan. Through him the priestly and civil authority were united. This occurred in 143 B.C. Under Jonathan, his brother, Simon, and his nephew, John Hyrcanus, the Hasmonean line of priest-rulers was established by treaty with Rome. An account of the history of Antiochus Epiphanes and the Maccabees is found in the apocryphal book, I Maccabees.

After some years, civil war broke out in Judea. It came to an abrupt halt in 63 B.C. through the Roman conquest of Judea and Jerusalem by Pompey. Pompey left Hyrcanus, the last of the Hasmoneans, a nominal sovereignty, and Antipater, an Idumean, wielding the actual power. Antipater was made procurator of Judea in 47 B.C. by Julius Caesar. Antipater appointed his son, Herod, governor of Galilee. The news of Caesar's assassination caused unrest. Chaos and disorder erupted in Judea causing Herod to flee to Rome. There in 40 B.C. he was appointed king of the Jews. On his return he conciliated the populace by his marriage with Mariamne (38 B.C.), the granddaughter of Hyrcanus, and appointed her brother, the Maccabean Aristobulus III, high priest. When Jesus Christ was born, Herod was king.

The religious history of the Jews during the long period from Malachi (400 B.C.) to Christ follows the course of the turbulent political history as to outer ceremonial, the high priestly office, and the Temple worship. More important than these are the efforts and means by which the faith of Israel was nourished and

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We had the opportunity to visit with Dick and Patty Friday evening. They seemed to be very happy and content, though removed many miles from the main body of the Church. Their desire is to do what they can for the Seed of Joseph, both naturally and spiritually. Leaving Sells, Arizona, we traveled directly to San Diego, arriving there in the early evening. We had traveled 2,630 miles in 4 days. Needless to say, we were quite tired but happy.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday was spent with the Saints of San Diego. After the service, we had dinner in the home of Fred and Donna Dominico. Later they graciously held an "open house" for the Branch to visit us. We left San Diego Monday morning, saying goodbye to Carol, the children, and Brother Louis Ciccatti, the Presiding Elder. We continued to Buena Park, California (L.A.) where we attended to some business, leaving there in time to arrive at Brother Dennis and Sister Judy Calabrese's for dinner. After dinner Dennis invited Brother Gorie and me to attend a seminar at the school where he teaches, in Valencia, California. It was an interesting seminar, dealing with some teachers reporting on the development of lessons for students, (Kindergarten through 6th grade), on the culture of the people of Ghana, Africa. During intermission, Dennis was asked to introduce his visitors. I, being his father and Brother Gorie as President of The Church of Jesus Christ, our introduction brought several people to talk to us. We were pleased we all had something in common, having experienced much of the same culture with our Church people in Nigeria, Africa.

During our stay at my son's home, an appointment was made for us to visit a Steven Kochonnes, who mysteriously became acquainted with our Church. First we had dinner at the home of Brother Robert Jr. and Sister Sarah Watson, after which we went to visit Mr. Kochonnes. He received us very warmly. We had a very interesting conversation. He told of his experience with the *Book of Mormon*, being visited of Christ 15 years ago and telling him the *Book of Mormon* was a true record, the word of God, reliable, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet. Mr. Kochonnes and his work are sustained entirely by his congregation, thus he lacks nothing. He is now a Minister, independent from any other group, and is preaching as strongly as we are from the *Book of Mormon*. When he received his personal experience, Christ told him that He would come back and tell him what to do. Since then, he has felt he was called of God to preach the Gospel and wait upon Him. This account relates only a part of all we discussed. Before we left his home, Steven asked us to lay hands on him that God might show him which of the Restoration groups to affiliate with. We departed feeling God would answer his prayer . . . time will tell. This included 7 days of travel thus far.

SAD DEPARTURE

We left Dennis and Judy with sadness. We had hoped for more time to visit, but we had to continue

our trip. On our return trip we stopped in Phoenix, San Carlos and then back up to Pinetop, Arizona where we spent the night with Ike and Bonnie. We visited the Bickertons in the morning and headed for Santa Fe, New Mexico. We intended to have a meeting there with our two new Sisters, but found nobody at home. We left the next morning (Friday) arriving in St. John, Kansas where we enjoyed a meeting with the Saints there. We departed from St. John Saturday morning and traveled to Omaha, Nebraska. In Omaha we had a glorious visit with our recently converted Sisters. It was difficult to leave there but we had a commitment with a young man in Gladbrook, Iowa, a Mr. Paul Johnson. He had written our Church for information concerning our beliefs. He had requested a visit from one of our Ministers and we were in the vicinity, so we visited him and his wife, Carolyn. Our conversation was indeed pleasant as we had much in common. The Johnsons, like many others who have been writing to us, are acquainted with the Restoration. We had dinner with them and they invited us to spend the night there. But, after a short time we had to leave. We departed Gladbrook with the satisfaction that this young man's sincerity will bring him to the remnant restored by God, having the authority in these last days. We had planned to arrive in Detroit, Michigan on Monday evening, so we hurriedly left, stopping hours later in Iowa City.

We left early in the morning, arriving safely in Detroit on Monday afternoon, January 25th. In the 12 days that indeed passed quickly, we felt tired in body but strong in Spirit. A quick trip? Yes, but profitable. Profitable because we were able to spend periods of fellowship with the Saints, and visits with Steven Kochonnes and Paul Johnson.

Recently, as I previously mentioned, there have been many inquiries about our Church. They come from all over the world. Some are college libraries (four in the last two months), many from individuals not satisfied with their present religious condition. There is much unrest with the honest in heart. I cannot help but feel that God is beginning to strongly move with the sincere of heart. On page 36 of the Church History is a prophecy given to Brother Benjamin Meadowcroft on November 9, 1863. In part, it reads, "Son of man; prophesy and say: 'Thus saith the Lord God unto my people and to my servants; fear ye not, neither be ye troubled, for I have chosen you out of the sons of men to be my servants and to administer my Word to the people of the nations of the earth: And they shall know that I have loved you saith the Lord God of Hosts.'"

On the same page is a warning. In the Conference of January 3, 1863 Brother Meadowcroft spoke in the Gift of Tongues and the interpretation by Elder C. Cowan was as follows: "Thus saith the Lord, ye are my servants, go ye forth proclaiming my Gospel; hold forth the *Book of Mormon* with the *Bible* and I will bless you and multiply you, if you do this; and if not, you will fall back and I will place others in your places, thus saith the Lord God'."

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kept alive. The Jews tendency toward idolatry seems to have been destroyed during the captivity. When they were deprived of Temple and priest, their problem was to maintain the exalted spiritual and moral ideals given them by the prophets of old. The revival of the Temple and priesthood was not enough. It became vital to preserve the prophetic faith of the Jews in the midst of outward persecution and divisions within.

How was this accomplished? The means to this end appears to be the synagogue, an institution which did not develop as a separate entity until after Malachi, and which formed no part of the Biblical order of national life. Its origin is obscure, but its roots may revert to the captivity when the Jews, deprived of the Temple and its rites, met on the Sabbath for prayer. Whatever the precise beginnings, the synagogue doubtless grew out of the necessities of the situation in which the Jews were placed during the closing centuries of the pre-New Testament era. It served the necessity of maintaining familiarity with the inspired Scriptures. During this same period there arose the two great sects known in the Gospel narratives as Pharisees and Sadducees. Historians depict the Herodians as a political party rather than a sect.

Pharisee is a Hebrew word meaning "separate." After the ministry of the post-exilic prophets ceased, godly men called *Chasidim* (saints) arose who sought to keep alive reverence for the law among the descendants of the Jews who returned from the Babylonian captivity. This movement degenerated into the Pharisaism of our Lord's day; a letter-strictness which overlaid the law with traditional interpretations held to have been communicated by the Lord to Moses as oral explanations of equal authority with the law itself. The Pharisees were strictly a sect. A member was a *chaber* (i.e. "knit together") and was obligated to remain true to the principles of Pharisaism. They were zealous and self-denying, but self-righteous and destitute of the sense of sin and need. They were the foremost persecutors of Jesus Christ and the objects of His unsparing denunciation.

The Sadducees were a Jewish sect that denied the existence of angels or other spirits, and all miracles, especially the resurrection of the body. They were the religious rationalists of the time and were strongly entrenched in the Sanhedrin and priesthood. The Sadducees are identified with no affirmative doctrine, but were deniers of the supernatural.

Among these people, the Jews, governed under Rome by an Idumean usurper, torn by bitter religious controversies and maintaining an elaborate religious ritual, appeared Jesus, the Son of God, the Christ, and the Saviour of the world.

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Thus we see that over a hundred years ago God spoke to us as a Church to be about His business. May God give us strength to fulfill our responsibilities, both naturally and spiritually. The hand cannot say to the eye I do not need you. Neither can the mouth say to the ear I do not need you, etc. We do need one another; Thus let us work together to build the Kingdom of God.

Scriptural Emphasis

Romans 8:35-39

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

"As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come.

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The above quotation recalls the expressions of Ruth to Naomi.

"And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God:

Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." (RUTH 1:16-17)

The crown of life belongs only to those determined ones who refuse to be separated from The Gospel of Christ regardless of conditions. They are willing to wade through all afflictions to gain that crown.

There are times when it would be easy to defect. Peter was the prime example of how an individual can forget his sense of values and deny Christ. When he realized his error, however, the Apostle repented and went on to be a real leader for The Saviour.

The significant thought is how one can maintain his balance and objectivity to avoid becoming swept away from The Gospel. In essence, "How can I remember the crown I am seeking even under the most adverse conditions and under the most irresistible temptations?", is the question to be answered for the follower of Christ. "Is there an automatic reminder and source of strength that I can rely upon when these dangers approach?"

Each person must decide for himself how he is going to remain impregnable. He knows his strengths and weaknesses, and he must determine how he must maintain his equilibrium so he will not inadvertently fall to the undesirable stimulus at hand. Good intentions are excellent starting points, but safeguards must be established to make these good desires operative.

As the passage in ROMANS explains, no tribulation or deterrent should be heeded, and, as a matter of fact, death and possible martyrdom on behalf of The Gospel is preferable to being "separated from Christ." In effect, no temporary reward can even approach the attainment of the crown promised by The Saviour. No goal is worthwhile if it detracts from the ultimate objective of being with Christ at the end of our mortal days. The assistance comes through Him, as the Apostle Paul so adequately described, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Memorable visit to Muncey

From December 27 through 29, 1970, Brother David Majoros and I, along with Brother Joseph Milantoni of Detroit Branch No. 2, spent three memorable days on the Muncey Indian Reserve in Ontario, Canada. The following is a brief account concerning our day to day activities and of the blessings we received in fellowship with our Lamanite Brothers and Sisters:

Upon arrival at the reserve early Sunday morning, we were welcomed by the sight of the previous snowfall which covered the land as a beautiful blanket. After getting situated, we went from house to house to pick up the Indians and their families who were desirous to attend church. Soon our Sunday School classes were underway, with the love of God prevailing in each class and radiating from every soul assembled. Other visitors from Detroit were Brothers Leonard Lovalvo and Joseph Cotellesse whose services throughout the day were most helpful.

FOOD MULTIPLIED

It is customary that an annual dinner is held at the Muncey Mission for all who wish to attend, and following the Sunday School service, preparations were made for this dinner. There were about 100 people in attendance, and as fifty of them had already eaten, it was evident that there was not enough to feed the remaining fifty people. As one of the Indian Sisters had begun to stir the food, she noticed that the amount had multiplied; when she looked, the bowl was completely filled. Surely God had recognized the desire of these people and blessed them for their efforts to know Him. After the dinner we took the Indian Brothers and Sisters to their respective homes and went visiting.

The Indian's desires to know God are sincere, and their prayers are that more of their people would come into The Gospel.

Sunday evening we stayed in the apartment built to accommodate visitors who wish to work at the reserve. The apartment is attached to the main auditorium of the church building and will be a great asset to The Church when completed.

Monday and Tuesday we continued to visit the Indian people and invited them to attend the Tuesday evening meeting, which consisted of congregational singing and testimony. All had their own testimony of how God had moved in their lives and of the blessings that they had received since obeying The Gospel. After the meeting, we departed for home, hoping that we might meet again with the Brothers and Sisters from Muncey. It was truly an experience to remember.

I consider the Muncey Mission to be a most promising opportunity for those who would enjoy work among the Lamanite people. I am sure that God delights in a willing people, and I feel sure that He will bless those who aid in spreading The Gospel.

Our prayers are that God will bless these chosen people with the opportunity of everlasting life.

Brother Kenneth Staley

Meditations

Proverbs 15:1-10

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord; but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

FLASHBACKS

MARCH 1946 — 25 years ago

Brothers and Sisters of the Rochester, New York Branch chartered a bus to attend the dedication of the Lockport, New York church building. The services were opened by Brother W. H. Cadman, President of The Church.

MARCH 1951 — 20 years ago

The General Ladies' Circle met in the Cadman home. The Circle is 31 years old and has 21 circles throughout The Church.

MARCH 1956 — 15 years ago

A carload of Saints arrived in St. John, Kansas from California. The reason for their visit was to bring Brother James Heaps. Brother Jim is on his way East to attend April Conference.

MARCH 1961 — 10 years ago

Brother and Sister Perdue reported 2 baptisms in Mexico. Brother and Sister Dan Piccuito are working among the Indians in Arizona. They report there is much interest near Phoenix and thus far Brother Dan has baptized several converts there.

LORAIN NEWS

Brother Michael DeFoggie has been in and out of the hospital because of several falls. He is getting up in age and has been confined a little due to ill health. However, in his younger and more active years, he rendered dedicated service to The Church in fulfilling his office as a Deacon. May God ease his illness and sustain him in this time of need.

Sister Carmella Alessio has returned from Cape Coral, Florida. February 5, 1971 marked her 83rd birthday and despite her advanced age, is very active in serving God, as well as performing her duties as a Deaconess. The Lorain Branch has been blessed and uplifted by the return of Sister Alessio from Florida.

Branch & Mission News

Erie Mission News

Recently the Erie Mission was honored by the presence of Apostles Brothers Rocco Biscotti, Russell Cadman, Anthony Corrado, Frank Calabrese and Evangelists Joseph Calabrese, R. Berardino. The meeting had been arranged to assist and encourage the mission. The Lord's spirit was felt in the meeting and the Saints were greatly edified. Good feelings and wonderful sermons continued throughout the Sunday morning service. Brothers spoke very encouraging words.

The meeting was ended with much spiritual food. We are thankful for the wonderful brothers that travel miles in all weather to uplift the Saints.

Branch No. 1 has "Get Acquainted Night"

Detroit, Michigan Branch #1 was privileged to hold a "Get Acquainted Reacquainted Night" on Sunday, January 31, 1971. All friends and relatives were invited.

The evening consisted of community singing. A trio, quartet and choir afforded some enjoyable selections. Refreshments were served after the meeting in the church basement.

A wonderful time was had as new acquaintances and renewal of old acquaintances were made. Brothers Louis Vitto and Carl Frammolin were in charge of the affair.

New Sister added to Vanderbilt

Another Sister was added to the Vanderbilt fold on a cold, wintry day. The pond was completely frozen as Brother Joe Shazer started to make an opening to baptize his daughter, Loretta Lowther. Brother Joe then took his daughter into the cold liquid grave and baptized her. She was later confirmed by Brother John R. Thomas.

Adding to the wonderful event were visitors from Detroit, Michigan. Brother Nephi and Sister Lorraine DeMercurio and son were visiting their former Branch. Their visit was an added blessing to the Saints in Vanderbilt. The blessings of God were indeed felt on this occasion.

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Six Ordained In San Diego

A special day of blessings was enjoyed at San Diego, California as six ordinations were performed. Those ordained were:

TWO DEACONESES:

Sister Lena Liberto — Her mother Sister Bernadine Thomas washed her feet and Brother Joe Dulisse ordained her.

Sister Irene Dulisse — Sister Marcia Liberto washed her feet and she was ordained by Brother Ben Ciccati.

THREE DEACONS:

Brother Al DeCaro — His feet were washed by Brother Ben Ciccati and he was ordained by Brother Jim Tucker.

Brother Paul Liberto — Ordinance of feet washing was performed by Brother Ray Saczko and was ordained by Brother Lou Ciccati.

Brother David B. Ciccati — His feet were washed by Brother Lou Ciccati and he was ordained by Brother William DeFranco.

ONE TEACHER:

Brother Ken Surdock — Ordinance of feet washing performed by Brother Jan Van Buren and he was ordained by Brother Thomas Liberto.

Along with the wonderful blessings had at the Branch, we have been pleased to have Brother and Sister Dominico from Lorain, Ohio with us for the past month. Visitors from Florida and New Jersey were also in our midst.

We have received God's blessings many times in our services and we pray that He will always be with us.

Vísitors at Monongahela

On Sunday, January 3, 1971, Brother Charles (Chuck) Smith from Florida spoke on the 24th chapter of ALMA in the BOOK OF MORMON. He read how the converted Lamanites buried their weapons of war. converted Lamanites refused to take up their weapons. Later when threatened by their wicked brethren, the of war. Their act of great faith in God led their wicked brethren to repent of their evil ways and join them as people of God.

A week later we were privileged to have Brother Joseph Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio as our visiting speaker. His exhortation on the Good Samaritan was very well received. He stated although many people profess to be Christians, only a small handful will extend help to a person in need. Brother Joe further stated that we should choose the good part in life, which will make us like the Samaritan rather than the Levite or priest who only professed their religion instead of living it.

The words of our visiting Brothers were very edifying and we pray they will be put into practice and not forgotten. One statement can summarize all that was said: "We must be doers of the word and not hearers only."

Deacon Ordained, Blessings Enjoyed at Lorain, Ohio

Brother Eugene Presutto was recently ordained a Deacon at the Lorain, Ohio Branch. Brother Alfred Dominico washed his feet after which Brother Frank Calabrese ordained him to the office of Deacon. The feet-washing act proved to be a touching scene since Brothers Dominico and Presutto have been friends from boyhood.

A good spirit prevailed during the ordination and memories were stirred recalling the activity and dedicated services of departed Deacons and Deaconesses.

Many Blessings as Four Are Baptized at Glassport

Many blessings were experienced at the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch on the weekend of January 16, 17, 1971, as four new members were baptized into the fold.

Many visitors were present as the Glassport Saints hosted the G.M.B.A. Activities Committee. A Saturday evening meeting was held. Musical selections were sung by the young people. Brother Joe Milantoni, of Detroit, Michigan, opened the service and was followed by various Brothers. The blessings of God prevailed throughout the meeting.

The Sunday service was opened by Brother August D'Orazio of Edison, New Jersey. His subject dealt with working in the service of God. He was followed by Brothers James Link of the Bronx, New York Branch, Joe Milantoni and Alma Nolfi of Glassport, Pennsylvania.

With the meeting extended into testimonies came an outpouring of the Spirit of God. Sister Joy Staley of Glassport rose to her feet and asked to be baptized. She was followed by Sister Deborah Lenhart. They were baptized by Brother Alma Nolfi and confirmed by Brothers Joe Milantoni and Carl McCartney, of Fredonia, Pennsylvania, respectively.

After leaving the waters for church, two return trips had to be made as Robert Nicklow, Jr. and Keith Donkin were baptized by Brother Alma Nolfi. They were confirmed by Brothers James Link and John Ali.

It was a day long to be remembered in the Glassport, Pennsylvania Church. We trust that God will bless the new converts with a desire to do His work.

Important

If you have a change of address please send a card giving both your old and new address. Each old or incorrect address costs the paper 10c.

A TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL MOTHER (SISTER JULIA D'AMICO)

By Brother Paul D'Amico

To one who bore the sweetest name,
And added a lustre to the same,
Who shared my joys, who cheered when sad,
The best friend I ever had.
Long life to her was given,
For there's no other, who could take the place
Of my dear Mother.

On January 21, 1971, it pleased the Almighty God to call our dear Mother, Sister Julia D'Amico, to her heavenly reward. After many years of hardship, afflictions and sufferings, the gates of Paradise were opened to welcome her to her heavenly home.

There are many pleasant memories that I have of my Mother, but most of all her words of comfort, cheer, and courage especially during the years I was away from home serving in the armed forces during World War II. It was her prayers and the prayers of all The Church that kept me near to God.

Along with Nephi, I can say, "I thank God, that I have come from goodly parents who have taught me the ways of the Lord."

In a written message to her children, she instructs all of us to be faithful 'til we meet again.

Mother was a true example of a Deaconess in the Church, a true wife to an Apostle, whose untiring efforts brought much success in The Church accompanied with the blessings of God. And she was a true Mother to her children and unto all The Church as well.

Mother and Dad are both gone now, but many will cherish the wonderful memories and the wonderful times spent together.

We look forward to a reunion on the morning of the First Resurrection, when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more. May God bless us all to achieve this goal.

Sister Julia was well-known by many throughout The Church for her faithfulness to God, and her many sacrifices and trials she endured while her husband went about preaching, evangelizing, and establishing various missions and branches in The Church. She was a mother not only to her children, but unto all The Church. A true example of an Apostle's wife, and a Missionary's wife, whose untiring efforts brought much success in The Church, she will be missed by many but The greatest consolation is that after much trials, afflictions, and sufferings, she has gained the Crown of Everlasting Life.

We now trust in God that we can remain faithful until the end, for we would like to see our Sister again with all the faithful departed. This is the hope in which we live. May we all reach the goal of Eternal Perfection.

It is written, "She hath done what she could."

NOTICE

Next month's issue will feature a map and a list of available motels in the vicinity of the General Church Auditorium.

New Arrivals

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

Andrea Renee, to the Raymond R. Keller's of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Terry Lee, to the Danny Conn's of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Joseph Jared, to the Pete Giannetti's of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Susan Marie, to the William C. Ross' of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Mark Stephen, to the Sela Palmieri's of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Heather Paula, to the Paul G. Gibson's of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Angelic C., to the Raymond Minioto's of McKees-Rocks, Pennsylvania;

Tammy Michelle, to the Kenneth Mellor's of Greensburg, Pennsylvania and

TWINS: Jared Thomas and Janette Marie, to the Donald Ross' of Bronx, New York.

NUPTIAL

DE CARO-CAVALIER

Mr. Anthony DeCaro and Miss Lucille Cavalier were joined in holy matrimony at The Church of Jesus Christ in San Diego, California on Saturday, January 23, 1971. The wedding ceremony was conducted by Brother Lou Ciccatti and Brother Frank Gennaro. Musical selection by Sister Donna Ciccatti.

The newly-weds now live in Lindsey, California.

OBITUARIES

MARTIN LAREW

Brother Martin Larew, after a lingering illness, passed on to his reward on September 30, 1970. He was born on August 16, 1918. He was baptized in the Church on June 13, 1935.

Left to mourn his loss are many loved ones who will miss him.

Brother Joseph Shazer officiated at the funeral services.

Our deceased Brother will be greatly missed by all who knew him, particularly the Brothers and Sisters of the Vanderbilt Branch.

ANTHONY THOMPSON

Brother Anthony Thompson, of the Vanderbilt Branch, passed on to his eternal reward on December 6, 1970. Born on March 30, 1885, he was baptized into the Church 58 years ago in 1912.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, twelve children and their families.

Brother James Moore officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Brother Joseph Shazer.

Our deceased Brother was ordained an Elder April 9, 1959, at the Vanderbilt Branch. He was a faithful Brother and had a wonderful testimony of The Gospel of Jesus Christ. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, particularly the Saints of Vanderbilt.

JOHN MICHALKO

Mr. John Michalko, the father of deceased Brother Martin Michalko, departed from this life at the age of 91.

He is survived by his wife, four children, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Brother James T. Moore, and he was assisted by Brother George Ondrasik.

Mr. Michalko was well liked by all who knew him. He will certainly be missed by his loved ones and friends.

ROSE JOSEPHINE RAND

Sister Rose Josephine Rand, a lifetime member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch, passed on to her eternal reward on January 13, 1971. Born on March 19, 1894, she was baptized into the Church on August 2, 1925.

Left to mourn her loss are her four daughters, six sons, two sisters and two brothers.

Brother A. A. Corrado officiated at the funeral services assisted by Brother Ralph Berardino.

Our deceased sister was a devout and faithful servant of God. She truly was an inspiration and asset to the Church. She will be greatly missed by all who have known her.

JULIA D'AMICO

Sister Julia D'Amico, a long standing member of the Rochester, New York Branch, passed on to her eternal reward on January 21, 1971. She was born on December 2, 1890, in Roccocinquemiglia, Italy. Sister Julia obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ on August 24, 1919.

Left to mourn the loss are her two daughters, three sons, eighteen grandchildren, one sister and many friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Fred, and her husband, Ishmael, who was an Apostle of The Church.

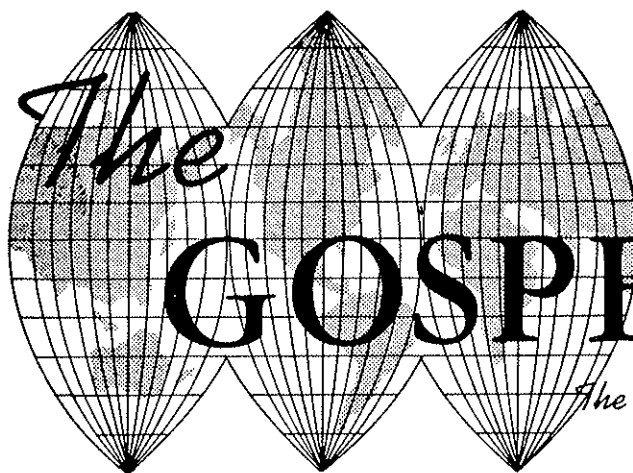
Brother Rocco V. Biscotti officiated at the funeral services and was assisted by Brother A. A. Corrado.

Our Sister was a true example of a follower of Jesus Christ. She was ordained a Deaconess in July, 1921. Sister Julia will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

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The Resurrection Praise God From Whom

All Blessings Flow

By Paul D'Amico

The Gospel writer Matthew in his account of the death and Resurrection of Christ makes particular mention of the fact that after Christ arose from the dead, that many bodies of the saints which slept, arose.

MATTHEW 27 CHAPTER—50-53 VERSES

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the lai of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened and many bodies of the Saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went unto the Holy City and appeared unto many."

Though Matthew places this event before the account of the Resurrection of Christ he emphasizes in the 53rd verse that the Saints arose after His [Christ's] Resurrection. This is reaffirmed by Paul in ACTS 26:23 "That Christ should suffer, and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead." FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:23 "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the First Fruits of them that slept." John in REV. 1:5 states, "And from Jesus Christ who is the Faithful Witness, and the first begotten of the dead."

This event is also acknowledged in the BOOK OF MORMON. Alma speaking to his son in the 40th Chapter, 20th verse, "I give it as my opinion, that the souls and bodies are reunited, of the righteous, at the resurrection of Christ, and His ascension unto Heaven."

In THIRD NEPHI CHAPTER 23, the Lord speaking to Nephi and the other Disciples, "Verily I say unto you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite, that he should testify unto this people, that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in Me that there were many Saints who should arise from the dead, and should appear unto many, and should minister unto them. And He said unto them: Was it not so?" And His Disciples answered Him and said: Yea, Lord, Samuel did prophesy according to the words, and they were all fulfilled. And Jesus said unto them: Howbeit 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.

The righteous men and women from all ages of time have praised the name of The Lord. Perhaps the main reason for this is that they realized that the source of all Providence, both natural and spiritual, came from The Lord.

The Scriptures, both BIBLE and BOOK OF MORMON, are filled with wonderful psalms, songs, prayers, and words of praise to The Almighty God.

When The Church was organized in 1862, the Saints who were present sang and praised the name of The Lord and met together often in fasting and prayer. Because of the unity, sincerity, and simplicity that existed during the early years of The Church after the organization of 1862, God blessed our people immensely. Very often, the word of The Lord was given by way of dream, vision, or by the power of His Spirit. Recorded in our Church history are many manifestations of God's power in healing, gift of tongues, interpretations of tongues, prophecy, and others.

MARVELOUS WORK AND WONDER

With the year 1971 which has rolled in just less than two months ago, we as a Church are hoping and praying for the mature time in which God will perform a marvelous work and a wonder. Brother Richard Christman in the February issue of the GOSPEL NEWS wrote a touching and fitting article entitled,

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Auditorium Progress

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

This will be the last Auditorium news article before the dedication of our General Auditorium! Hope to see you all there. The financial report, as of the fifteenth of March, is as follows:

Total cost of Auditorium \$344,434.00
Amt. Authorized and Pd. to date \$310,000.00

Amt. due by April 15th, 1971 \$ 34,434.00

The Auditorium Committee has approved the purchase of a Hammond Organ which by this time has been placed in the building. Several of our young Brothers and Sisters who are excellent musicians assisted us in selecting this fine instrument. A piano has been placed in the building on a trial basis. We will not authorize its purchase until we try it out in the building.

Folding tables and stacking chairs have been approved and ordered. They are scheduled for delivery to the building on or before April 10th.

We have received a punch list from the Architects and the General Contractor is working on the items not completed to our satisfaction or repairs and painting where needed as a result of places being overlooked or scratched.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CLAIM

I received correspondence from our condemnation attorney and will quote from his letter. He stated—"I was indeed impressed by the sincerity of those attending the meeting. I am convinced that we have a most meritorious claim and I am confident that the enthusiastic cooperation of your members will assist immeasurably in its presentation . . ."

He enclosed a memorandum of four pages which was to be submitted to Allegheny County in behalf of The Church. It spells out all of the significant facts regarding the damages which we, as a Church, have incurred as a result of the condemnation of our Imperial site.

Mr. Mendelson has resubmitted a figure in the amount of \$210,263.00 to Allegheny County as the amount of our claim against said body. This does not mean we will realize this amount in any settlement but does set an upper limit and make negotiations a necessity on behalf of the County.

He refers to the meeting with the Auditorium Committee and the Board of Trustees of The Church and let me quote a paragraph from his memorandum to the County officials, — "The members of the Church who attended the meeting indicated that they would be willing to testify at any hearing either before the Board of Viewers or before a jury to substantiate the information given to me. The members who attended this meeting impressed me as being sincere, dedicated, able, intelligent, honest and, in all respects, credible. I believe that they will favorably impress any officials of the County of Allegheny and the members of the Board of Viewers and members of the jury with their testimony."

DEDICATION

In the last article we indicated to you that a list of Motels with rates and telephone numbers would be made available to those wishing to make reservations in advance. Please see Page 11 and 12 for lists of facilities that will assist you.

Praise God

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"The Indian—1970." I am in full accord that we have entered into a new era of time and that we have seen and no doubt will see the mighty hand of God beginning to move upon the American Indian from whom will come their liberator, the Choice Seer. When this comes to pass, we know that the gathering of Israel is at hand, for the Choice Seer will make himself known unto his other brothers, as did Joseph of Egypt during the time of famine in the land.

The Gentile Church today should prepare ourselves spiritually for the work which rests upon us. We need a restoration of the gifts that were so evident in the early days of The Church and which were made manifest in our day, but perhaps not to the extent that we read of in days gone by. I would like to strongly urge especially the young of The Church to meet together more often in fasting and prayer for the mighty gifts of God to be restored to the Gentile Church even before the coming of the Choice Seer and his latter day movement. The name of God is worthy to be praised from the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the valleys. Prayer, song, and testimony are the things that can bring about a restoration of these gifts, accompanied by the love of God which binds us together.

A PEACEFUL REIGN

In the BOOK OF MORMON, FOURTH NEPHI, the people were in a oneness of mind, heart, and spirit. They were all in one accord to serve The Lord. Because of this, they enjoyed a peaceful reign in the mortal body that lasted until A.D. 200. There were no wars, no rebellions, no riots, and no bloodshed during this period. In the year A.D. 384 or thereabouts, the descendants of these same people battled and fought each other until the Nephite nation was completely destroyed. This seems somewhat hard to believe, but lo and behold, it happened! Why? Because of pride, disobedience to God's commandments, and a departure from their righteous status with God.

In summarizing what happened to this people in A.D. 384 upon Hill Cumorah, I conclude that while God is merciful, He is also a just God. When the covenant was broken, God visited His judgments and His displeasures upon the Nephites.

A REMNANT PRESERVED

Yet a remnant was preserved upon this land, known as the Lamanites. Later, after the coming of Christopher Columbus, they were called Indians.

I too, hope to see the day when God will restore Israel again. I also hope to see the restoration of God's gifts and power in greater measure upon the Gentile Church. Further, I believe that if we come together in one accord, we can move the arm of the Almighty God to bring this to fruition.

In conclusion what a glorious day it will be, when the Gentiles shall be incorporated with the House of Israel. We will become adopted sons and daughters of Israel and praise God together. At that time, all nations who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and have rendered obedience to the Gospel shall have reason to exclaim and sing aloud:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

M.B.A. Highlights

GMBA Activities Committee Meets

By James D. Gibson
GMBA Editor

The GMBA Activities Committee held a meeting at the McKees Rocks Branch of The Church. Of prime concern and interest was the forthcoming GMBA Campout.

The meeting was held March 6, 1971 and got underway at 10:30 A.M. There was a fairly good representation from various Areas of the organization. Brother August D'Orazio, the GMBA President, presided over the meeting, assisted by other officers.

Committees were organized and reports given concerning plans and efforts instituted for the Campout. A list of committees and committee members are listed later in this report.

The campout is scheduled for July 17 to July 24 at Nauvoo, Illinois. This campsite was utilized by our group a few years back. It is owned and operated by the Re-Organized group of the Restoration Movement. I might mention here that it was related to us at the meeting that during the January visit to Nauvoo, respect was shown our delegates. It stems from the fact that during our last visit there our conduct was unimpeachable. I am sure that we all appreciate such news and are stimulated to continue to be impressionable to others. A good report for all, to be sure.

Brother Vince Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio, who is chairman of the Registration and Accommodations Committee, gave a concise report of his visit there.

Included in the report was the location of motels, hotels and cottages nearby. A more exact account of these facilities concerning their location and price will follow. Appropriate registration forms will be prepared and sent to each local. These forms will contain all the necessary information needed to insure a satisfactory camp stay.

The value of the camp location is readily comprehended due to the past history of Church people in the surrounding territory. Those who attended the past campout at Nauvoo surely recognized the value of visiting the many landmarks that are readily accessible. A camera will be a most valuable asset on such a visit.

Brother Frank Morle, the chairman of the seminar committee, reported plans are being formed to assemble groups, classes and instructors. The seminar committee hopes to formulate interesting material and provide an interesting topic for each age group. A free and open discussion is usually found to be in order in some cases. Thoughts and ideas can be conveyed to each other in such an assemblage. It is also planned to provide a seminar for a group of unbaptized individuals interested in The Church. Such a group was formed at the past campout in Canfield, Ohio. As you know it met with gratifying success.

Providing of meals for the camp group was reported and discussed. At this time it is hoped to have a family style type of meals. Prices concerning this

item will also be forthcoming from the related committee.

Recreation Committee chairman, Brother Bob Nicklow of Glassport, Pa., also reported on his project. Sufficient games and equipment are to be provided. A schedule of age groups, type of games and instructors will be compiled and presented at a future date.

Publicity committee member, Brother James Link of Bronx, New York, also reported that brochures are being prepared with all pertinent information. Mutual contact will be maintained with all possible outlets for updated information to be forwarded.

Brother Donald Ross of Bronx, New York, reports that the camp song book is being compiled and shall be provided at the camp. These song books make nice mementos of the occasion.

Other committees who were elected will give reports at a future committee meeting. Following is a list of committees and committee members:

1. Camp Director George Siddall
2. Seminars—Arts and Crafts Frank Morle,
Leonard A. Lovalvo
3. Recreation Robert Nicklow
4. Registration, Reception and Food .. Vince Gibson
5. Song Book Donald Ross
6. Campfire and Miscellany Charles Jumper
and Joseph Perri
7. Publicity James Link and Lydia Link
8. Canteen Malcolm Paxon
9. Coffee Provision John Fleming
10. Camp Patrol George Siddall

Also discussed during the meeting was the provision of food for the GMBA Conference to be held in May. Brother Paul Palmieri, GMBA Vice President reported investigating a possible pay-as-you-go plan. The assembly will be asked to vote on this at the conference.

More information concerning the campout will be published in THE MBA BULLETIN as received.

An Interesting Fact

By Sister Santina Mercuri

"Chocolate and vanilla were first used by the Aztec Indians of ancient Mexico. Chocolate was valued so highly that taxes were paid with it, and small bags containing a specified number of cocoa beans were used as currency.

Accounts of the Aztec civilization reveal that "cacahuatl" or "chocolate" delicately flavored with vanilla and spices was the favorite beverage of the Indians. The Spaniards adopted the drink with enthusiasm. They introduced it to Spain about 1519 but kept its source a jealously guarded secret for almost a century. Its use spread slowly to other parts of Europe, reaching England by mid-17th century.

Vanilla, from the Spanish "vainella," is the seed pod of a climbing orchid, the only important economic product of the vast orchid family. The plant has a long fleshy stem rooted in the earth, and aerial rootlets which attach themselves to trees. Vanilla pods are often prepared by fermenting and drying. The best ones are very dark brown and have a crystalline appearance."

NOTE: It is interesting to know that many foods which are delicacies to us in America were long in use by our ancient brethren. Many of their dishes were truly exotic.

What About Your Messages

By George A. Neill

Scientists claim that sound waves, once started, never cease to vibrate. Every word we have uttered still moves through space, but it is impossible to recall a single word or to modify it. As it was spoken, so shall it remain until time be no more.

Are you content with the messages you have sent forth? Would it be shocking if every word you have ever spoken could be repeated as if from a tape recording? It is probable that none of us would feel pride in some of the words that may have been preserved. Possibly contemplation of the embarrassment of our own words may lead us to be more careful in our future messages.

While it is true, at least in this our day, the words we have sent into space are now only vibrations and will never again become audible, so there is no danger of their ever coming again to plague us. However, this is not true of the things we do. Their remembrance, whether good or bad, may go on endlessly in the memories of others as well as some of the words spoken to others. This should create within us that sobering thought spoken by James in regards to the man who "bridleth not his tongue." A bridled tongue will make use of proper words as well as produce a correct deportment.

Meditations

Psalm 147:1-12

Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem; he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

Who coveth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

Jews Discovered America? Brandeis Savant Says So

NEW YORK (AP)—A Brandeis University professor says a reassessment of an inscription found in a burial mound in Tennessee 85 years ago provides evidence that Jews, fleeing Romans in the Middle East, discovered America 1,000 years before Columbus.

Cyrus H. Gordon, professor of Mediterranean Studies at Brandeis, presented his findings Sunday at a meeting of the North Shore Archeological Society on Long Island.

The inscription, he said, was found in 1885 on a stone under one of nine skeletons in the mound. But when it was photographed and published by the Smithsonian Institution in 1894, Gordon said, it was printed upside down and its significance went unnoticed. The stone is at the Smithsonian in Washington.

Last August, Gordon said, Dr. Joseph D. Mahan Jr., of the Columbus, Ga. Museum of Arts and Crafts, sent a photograph of the inscription to him. Gordon said Mahan was convinced there were links between the Indians of the southeastern United States and the peoples of the Mediterranean in ancient times.

The above article stirred the interest of Brother Don Ross of New York. He wrote requesting more information from Professor Cyrus H. Gordon of Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. The following article is Professor Cyrus H. Gordon's reply. (Editor)

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A lively debate has been going on between the diffusionists and independent inventionists concerning the origins of pre-Columbian civilizations in America. The diffusionists attribute similarities between the Old World and New World civilizations to transoceanic migrations of people between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. The independent inventionists maintain that the many similarities are accidental and are to be ascribed to parallel developments in the Old and New Worlds.

One of the Americanists, who has maintained contacts between the Indians of our southeastern states and the East Mediterranean is Dr. Joseph B. Mahan, Jr., Director of the Department of Education & Research at the Columbus (Georgia) Museum of Arts & Crafts. His study of the American Indians in our Southeast has convinced him that there must be a connection between them and the East Mediterranean in antiquity.

INSCRIPTION FOUND

Plenty of evidence, both valid and erroneous, has been put forth in countless books and articles; by professionals and amateurs alike. What has been needed to give the diffusionists a firm foundation for their views is an East Mediterranean inscription professionally excavated in an intact American archaeological context. Dr. Mahan ransacked the scientific literature from beginning to end in order to find such an inscription in the annals of American archeology.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

Thus Christians everywhere anticipate the glories of the final resurrection. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

I suppose the arch is the oldest and most common architectural form we know of. It consists of stones made into wedge-shaped parts which form a curved line. The keystone crowns the arch and is the secret of its strength. When this keystone is placed in the center of the curve, increased weight or pressure serves to make the arch more compact and strong.

It would seem to me that Paul, in speaking to the Corinthian Saints, makes the resurrection of Christ the keystone in the arch of Christianity, for he says, "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain"; "If Christ be not risen ye are yet in your sins"; and again, "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished," and, "We are found false witnesses of God." He finishes by saying, "Why stand we in jeopardy every hour?" If Christ be not risen, if the resurrection is not a fact, then we may as well close our Churches, throw away our BIBLES and hymn books and, as we hear quoted sometimes (which is not exactly Scripture), "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." We know, however, the resurrection is a fact and that Jesus is alive forevermore. Christians everywhere find great comfort in Paul's words where he says, "But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you."

The birth of Christ, how wonderful it was! It was the very heavens that broke the news to a few shepherds as they watched over their sheep by night. Wise men from the East came with their gifts to pay homage to the Christ Child. When Jesus grew to manhood and began to teach, to heal the suffering, and perform mighty miracles, great multitudes followed Him. He soon came into conflict, however, with the religious leaders of that day. His triumphant entry into Jerusalem brought great hope to His friends, which hope was soon shattered, for within hours Jesus was hanging on a cross.

The cross is one of the oldest symbols to be used by human beings. I have often tried to imagine in my mind what the man who devised that form of human death was like, for certainly it was the most awful kind of death ever contrived by man. In its relation to Jesus the cross is a symbol of suffering and death. All the many things that transpired in the life of Jesus carried great meaning, but without the keystone they would have been a travesty.

The death of Jesus Christ was a necessity in order that the human race be redeemed, yet death could not keep its prey. "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."—PSALM 16:10. Without the resurrection the victory of human redemption would not have been complete. Had Christ not risen His tomb would have been without value, His cross without merit, and there would have been no redemption for the world. But Christ arose on that Easter morn. The scriptures produce considerable evidence of Christ's resurrection as told by eyewitnesses. The four Gospels supplement one another, and we are all aware of the fact that an eyewitness report carries far more weight than one given by mere hearsay.

The first person to see Jesus alive after His crucifixion was Mary. She was standing near the sepulchre weeping when suddenly she heard someone say, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" and then her name, "Mary." She recognized His voice when He spoke her name, and turning herself to Him said, "Rabboni." She then motioned as if to touch Him, or perhaps embrace Him, when He said, "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to My Father."

Ten of His disciples saw Jesus the evening of the first day of the week as they were assembled with the door closed for fear of the Jews. Poor, dejected Thomas was not there and when they told him, "We have seen the Lord," he refused to believe them. He declared that except he should see the prints of the nails in Christ's hands, and put his fingers in the prints of the nails or thrust his hand into Christ's side he would not believe. Eight days later Jesus appeared again unto the disciples and Thomas had the privilege of feeling the prints of the nails in His hands and the wound in His side. Thomas was then made to exclaim, "My Lord and My God."

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

The Easter Story

Dear Girls and Boys,

The Easter story like the Christmas story never grows old. It is a beautiful story that fits the Spring-time. Everything is in bloom with new life, a joyous time of the year.

Many, many years ago on a hill, called Golgotha or Calvary, there were three crosses. On one hung Jesus, an innocent man and on the others, two men who were thieves. Over Jesus' head was placed a title which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." It was written in Greek, Latin and Hebrew. It was hung there so all the people who passed by would know who this man was.

One of the thieves said to Jesus, "If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us." The other man said they were receiving what they deserved. This one knew Jesus was a just man. Turning to Jesus he said, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus answered, "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Even though the wicked people mocked Jesus, He forgave them. Looking up into heaven He said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The Rulers, Scribes and Pharisees came by the cross and made fun of Jesus. The soldiers mocked him. When Jesus said, "I thirst," they gave him vinegar on a sponge. They took His garments and divided them among them. Jesus' coat, which was woven without a seam, was not torn. For the coat they cast lots.

There were others near the cross who loved Jesus. His disciples and the women were heartbroken. Near by, stood Jesus' mother with the disciple John, whom Jesus loved. When Jesus saw them together, He asked John to care for His mother and be a son to her. From that time on, John took Mary to his home.

A great darkness covered the land for three hours. The people near the cross heard Jesus cry, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Even though His loved ones stood near, they could not help Him. Again they heard Jesus speak, "It is finished." The work His Heavenly Father had given Him to do was now completed. His last words were, "Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Then Jesus died.

At the moment Jesus died there was a great earthquake. The lair of temple was torn from top to bottom. The soldiers in charge were frightened and cried, "Truly this was the Son of God." On this land of America there was a terrible storm. It was the worst storm ever recorded. Many, many people were killed, only the righteous were spared.

It was the Jewish law that no one could be left hanging on a cross over night. The body had to be buried the same day it was crucified. As the evening drew near, which was the beginning of their Sabbath, the Jews went to the ruler for permission to break the legs of those on the crosses to hasten their death.

When the soldiers came to Jesus, He was already dead. One of them took a spear and pierced Jesus' side. The soldiers had fulfilled the prophecy, "A bone of Him shall not be broken" and "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and begged to take Jesus' body and bury it. After Pilate was sure Jesus was dead, he gave Joseph the body. Nicodemus another disciple along with Joseph took the body and very tenderly wrapped it in clean, fine linen and spices. Then they placed it in a new tomb in Joseph's garden. A great stone was rolled before the door and soldiers were there to guard the sepulchre. They were afraid Jesus' disciples might come at night and steal His body and tell the people Jesus had risen from the dead. But all this could not stop God's great plan.

All these great events preceded the glorious resurrection of our Lord. He had spent His life doing good for others. He suffered all things for you and me.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Where is the word, "EASTER" found in the BIBLE? What does it mean?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

FLASHBACKS

25 YEARS AGO

The Bronx, New York Mission reported their Sunday School children presented an Easter program commemorating the Resurrection.

20 YEARS AGO

After services in Niles, Ohio, a large group of Saints gathered at Brother Domenic Giovannone's farm to witness four baptisms.

15 YEARS AGO

Brother Thurman S. Furnier of Detroit was elected First Counsellor, filling the vacancy left by the death of Brother Charles Ashton. Brother Joseph Bittinger of Pennsylvania was elected Second Counsellor. The Quorum of Twelve Apostles called Brothers Russell Cadman, William Genaro, and Gorie Ciaravino to fill the Quorum's vacancies.

1970 Index Now Available

The 1970 Gospel News Index is now available for 25c a copy.

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Once again, compiler of this alphabetical listing by category has been Mark Landrey. As in the past, he has also listed the authors and the months in which the articles were published. The ready reference makes it relatively simple to find whatever material is desired with a minimum of time and effort.

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Editorial Viewpoint

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Peter and John discovered the empty tomb and later Christ appeared to them along with Thomas on the sea shore. When they came ashore they saw a fire of coals and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus said unto them, "Come and dine." I would think this was the most wonderful breakfast they had ever eaten as they dined with Jesus on the beach of Tiberias.

He appeared to two of them as they walked the dusty road leading from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Just before leaving town they heard what seemed to them at least a wild story that some of the women had seen the Master, and that His sepulchre was empty. Presently a Stranger overtook them and asked them the nature of their conversation and why they were so sad. Cleopas answered Him by telling Him He must be a stranger in these parts not know the things that had happened. The Stranger said, "What things?" They said that Jesus of Nazareth, a mighty prophet indeed and in word before God and all men, had been delivered by the chief rulers to be condemned to death and they crucified Him. They told Him of their hopes that it was He who would redeem Israel, and the Stranger pointed out to them how slow they were to believe what the prophets had written. He told them they ought to know that Jesus was to suffer all these things, and then He takes their minds through the promises, the prophecies, through the law and the psalms. It was the first Easter sermon. Shorter miles these men never walked. When they reached their home they invited Him in, saying it is near evening and the day is far spent. As they sat down to eat the Stranger took bread, brake and blessed it. Then their eyes were opened and they knew it was Jesus; He vanished from their sight. They then remarked to each other how their hearts did burn within them as He journeyed with them. He who walks by the side of the Lord finds his heart burning within him, even today.

When Christ died nothing could have seemed more abjectly weak, more pitifully hopeless, more doomed to extinction and despair than the Church which He had founded. It numbered but a handful of weak followers of whom the boldest had denied Him and the most devoted had forsaken Him. How did it happen that this abject weakness became a perfect strength; what happened to change these bewildered, defeated men into a mighty marching, crusading army? There is one and only one possible answer—the resurrection from the dead. Thus Christians everywhere anticipate the glories of the final resurrection. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

We are not as those who sorrow which have no hope, for when Jesus walked out of Joseph's new tomb He had the keys of death, hell and the grave, thus placing the keystone in the arch across which our souls shall pass into the land of cloudless day.

I sought my Soul, my Soul I could not see
I sought my God, my God eluded me
I sought my Brother, and I found all three.

Courage To Stand For Jesus

By August D'Orazio

We have recently read in our newspapers of the amazing courage of the astronauts. We are also aware of others who have performed feats of courage which stand out among men, and we truly marvel at all this.

Of more importance though, is the courage it takes to stand for Jesus. The scriptures are filled with men and women, dedicated to the purpose of bringing truth to the many millions who have lived and now gone on to their reward.

Think for a moment of the courage it took for Daniel to stand for his belief in God when he refused to bow before the statue of the King. Or the three Israelite young men who were cast into the fiery furnace, only to come forth unharmed. Nephi led the colony to the promised land. Joseph Smith was a mere boy when he approached God concerning the truth. King Benjamin, Ruth, Esther, Jared, Paul, Timothy, etc.—space does not permit us to write of the courageous lives they led. The Saints of old paved a way for us and many shed their blood for their beliefs.

Courage indeed, but above all, the Spirit of God had become so infused in their lives, causing them to fulfill the will of God at all costs.

REWARDS ARE MANY

Yes, it takes courage to prepare the way for others to come to Jesus. It takes courage to refuse social or other activities which are contrary to the will of God, because our natural flesh desires this, but the rewards are many. The "joy of the saints" is something we have heard much about, and when we taste the blessings of God we realize how beautiful it is.

Jesus made the way clear for us to come unto Him. What courage it must have taken for Jesus to die for us. Someone might say, "He was the Son of God. God would always help His Son." Yet when Jesus was on the cross, He cried unto His Father saying, "Why hast thou forsaken me?" (The Father heard the Son and was sorely grieved. Again the Lord pleaded for mankind.) "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." This in my estimation is the ultimate example of charity and courage.

We too might be called upon to sacrifice something of great value. This can only come through dedicated service unto our God. He will not try us beyond our means. It is ours to fight the good fight, resting our hopes upon the resurrection, and He will bring us safely through.

The writer has penned the following lines, "Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth." These words are directed to young men and women. God will be greatly pleased if the youth of today would follow Him in a similar manner as the young saints of old.

Therefore, let us uphold the glorious faith of our Church and we will surely be instruments of great value unto God.

Jews Discovered America?

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After years of painstaking investigation, he came across an inscription found in 1885-86 by Cyrus Thomas at Bat Creek, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution. Digging to the bottom of an "Indian" mound, Thomas found nine undisturbed skeletons with an inscription partly under the skull of the main personage of the group. The sketch of the nine skeletons in the tomb and photograph of the inscription along with the report of the excavation were published in the TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF ETHNOLOGY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION 1890-'91, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1894. Cyrus Thomas published the inscription upside down and presumed it to be Cherokee, although the writing bears no resemblance to the Cherokee syllabary.

ANCIENT SCRIPT

It remained for Dr. Mahan to turn the published photograph of the inscription upside down and see that the characters were in the ancient script of Canaan. In August, 1970, Mahan sent me a photograph of the inscription made at his request from the stone itself now deposited in the Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and requested my opinion as a Semitist. The text consists of five Canaanite letters, the first four of which are unambiguous. The fifth resembles ALEPH, the first letter of the alphabet, as it is written in many periods, or a DALED, the fourth letter of the alphabet, as it sometimes appears on Hebrew coins of the Roman period. If the fifth letter is read as ALEPH, the inscription would mean "belonging to Jehu". However, the fourth letter is a WAW, the sixth letter of the alphabet, in a form limited to the Hebrew coins, particularly those of the two rebellions against Rome, in 66-70 A.D. and 132-135 A.D., respectively. Therefore, it is likely that the final letter is to be taken as DALED and the inscription would mean "for (the land of) Judah". The spelling is Hebrew rather than Phoenician, confirming the distinctively Jewish nature of the text.

MIGRATION OF JEWS

The archaeological circumstances of the discovery rule out any chance of fraud or forgery and the inscription attests a migration of Jews from the Near East, probably to escape the long hand of Rome after the disastrous Jewish defeats in 70 and 135 A.D.

We must now reconsider material which has come to light from our southeastern states through accidental discovery. In the 1820s, John Haywood, Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, gathered material for his book entitled NATURAL AND ABORIGINAL HISTORY OF TENNESSEE, which has been republished in 1959. In this book, Haywood describes Roman coins found in Tennessee and the adjacent states. Moreover, on 17 April 1967, the New York Yiddish newspaper THE DAY-JEWISH JOURNAL ran an article on Hebrew coins of the Bar Kokhba Rebellion (the second Jewish rebellion in 132-135 A.D.) found by farmers around Louisville, Hopkinsville and Clay City, Kentucky. Moreover, LIFE magazine on 26 June 1970, had an article by John Fetterman on the Melungeons of Newman's Ridge in Eastern Tennessee.

The Melungeons are neither Indians nor Negroes, but, although they are Caucasian, are not Anglo-Saxons like the other old established white inhabitants of Kentucky. They are Mediterraneans with the persistent tradition that they were brought from the Iberian Peninsula to America in Phoenician ships about 2000 years before Columbus.

Various pieces of evidence point in the direction of migrations from the Mediterranean in Roman times. The cornerstone of the historic reconstruction is at present the Bat Creek inscription, because it was found in an unimpeachable archaeological context under the direction of professional archaeologists working for the prestigious Smithsonian Institution.

Cyrus H. Gordon

Announcement

C. H. Gordon's forthcoming book BEFORE COLUMBUS: LINKS BETWEEN THE OLD WORLD AND ANCIENT AMERICA will be issued by Crown Publishers, New York City in 1971.

Notes Of Thanks

The family of the late Sister Julia D'Amico wish to extend a note of sincere thanks to all those who sent cards and remembrances at the time of Sister Julia's passing.

Sister Filomena DeLuca of the Aliquippa Branch expresses her thanks for the many beautiful cards she received from the Brothers and Sisters during her recent stay in the hospital.

Reciprocate

We are helped by helping others;

Joy we give and joy we get!

Seeing others as our brothers

Is life's safest, surest "bet"!

If we give what folks are needing

It will pay us in the end,

And we just can't help succeeding

In the Game of Life, my friend!

Life gives back just what we give it:

Give it smiles—and smiles we get!

If we learn this rule, and live it,

We will seldom know regret!

Give a cheerful word—we'll reap it;

It will come back multiplied

And will linger—we can keep it

In our "treasure-chest," inside!

Get together! Pull together!

Is the spirit that will win!

If the gales of life we'd weather,

We must "buck" them, with a grin!

Help yourself, by helping others;

Grab an oar and join the crew!

Pull together with your brothers

And they'll win the race—for you!

—Author Unknown

Branch & Mission News

Monongahela

On Sunday morning, February 7th., the Sunday School was privileged to sing "Happy Birthday" to Sister Elizabeth "Aunt Lizzie" Davidson. She celebrated her ninety-ninth (that's 99 ! !) birthday on Tuesday, February 16th. Sister Davidson credited her close association with The Church and her constant desire to be active as chief factors in her long life. Our Sister was baptized in 1887 when she was fourteen years old, making a total of over 85 years in the Gospel. What a wonderful testimony of God's goodness to His people. A biography of Sister Davidson can be found in the April, 1964 issue of THE GOSPEL NEWS.

In her written testimony for the Golden Reunion of members who were in the Church fifty or more years, Sister Davidson stated, "I never regretted the step I took in my youth, which kept me from partaking of the vain things of this world."

We are thankful for the opportunity of sharing the blessing our Sister gives us by her presence. May God continue to bless her is our sincere prayer.

Brother Isaac Smith, former member of our Branch and now living in Pinetop, Arizona, was the speaker in our preaching service on Sunday, February 7th. Brother Isaac read from the 37TH. CHAPTER OF EZEKIEL concerning the valley of dry bones. He stated that any body without the Spirit of God is dead. He then likened this condition to that of the Seed of Joseph, who are as the dry bones until they get a taste of God's Spirit.

Brother Isaac reminded us that the greatest need of the Indian people is to receive the Spirit of God and a hope in the future. This hope will be extended to all of Israel as a result of our efforts in bringing the Word of God to the Seed of Joseph.

Our Brother's words reflect the mission of the Church in these latter days, and serve to remind us of our obligation as the wild olive branch to sustain the life of the whole tree until God completely blesses the Seed of Joseph.

May God continue to bless the efforts of all our Brothers who are laboring in the vineyards of the Lord.

Fort Pierce, Florida

Has Baptism

Fort Pierce, Florida was the scene of God's blessing as a new member, Brother Eugene Lopton, was taken into the waters of baptism.

Brother Lopton entered the Gospel on January 17, 1971. He was baptized by Brother Anthony Ensana of Edison, New Jersey. He was confirmed by Brother Charles Smith.

Brother Ensana related that upon his entrance into the Fort Pierce Church Building he was inspired by the Spirit of God that there would be a baptism that day.

The addition to the Fort Pierce Branch has been a wonderful blessing.

Four Baptized At

Lake Worth, Florida

Within two different weeks the Lake Worth, Florida Branch was blessed with the baptism of four individuals. Our new Brothers and Sisters are as follows:

Sister Kenah Hatch who was baptized by Brother Frank Sirangelo and confirmed by Brother August D'Orazio on January 10, 1971,

Sister Mary Arrant who was baptized by Brother James Lovalvo and confirmed by Brother Michael Radd on February 14, 1971,

Brother Patsy Higgins who was baptized by Brother James Lovalvo and confirmed by Brother Frank Sirangelo on February 14, 1971, and

Sister Helen Naples who was baptized and confirmed by Brother James Lovalvo on February 14, 1971.

All the baptisms were quite beautiful and proved very uplifting to the entire congregation. We pray that God will bless the new converts as they strive to please Him.

Brief News of Interest

New Arrivals

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

Lawrence Richard Karr to the Lawrence Richard Karrs of Lake Worth, Florida;

Alfred Wayne Wagenblast to the Alfred Christopher Wagenblasts of Fort Pierce, Florida;

Stephanie Jenice Wiley to the Alphonso Wileys of Fort Pierce, Florida;

Larry Paul Rossi to the Richard Rossi of Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania;

Joseph Noel Santiago to the Joseph Noel Santiagos of Niles, Ohio;

Deanna Marie Nuzzi to the Michael Paul Nuzzi of Niles, Ohio.

NUPTIALS

JOHNSON - HART

Mr. Stephen Charles Johnson and Sister Deanna Lynn Hart were joined in holy matrimony at the Central Christian Church in Lincoln, Kansas on January 1, 1971. Brother Alexander J. Robinson of the Saint John Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ officiated at the ceremony. Sister Marietta Robinson was the pianist, and Brother David Robinson was soloist.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's west room. The new couple now reside in Salina, Kansas.

Golden Anniversaries

Brother and Sister Joseph Ignagni and Brother and Sister Frank Scolaro of Detroit Branch #1 recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversaries on February 11, 1971 and February 5, 1971, respectively.

Both couples are faithful members of The Church. May God continue to bless them in their future years together.

Request From San Diego

The San Diego Branch requests the following from all GOSPEL NEWS readers:

"If any of you have relatives and friends in the San Diego area—please send their addresses to us. If any have boys in the service and stationed here, we would like their address."

Send the name and address to the following:

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5039 Rodman Avenue
San Diego, California

OBITUARIES

JOHN CAMPITELLE

Mr. John Campitelle passed away on February 4, 1971 after a short illness. He was born on February 13, 1920.

Left to mourn his departure are his wife, four children, five grandchildren, four brothers, and five sisters.

May God bless and comfort his loved ones in the days to come.

GERTRUDE SMITH

Sister Gertrude Smith, wife of the late Apostle Isaac Smith departed from this life on February 20, 1971.

Born on December 10, 1892, Sister Gertrude was baptized into The Church on November 7, 1909.

Left to mourn her loss are four daughters, two sons, two brothers, eighteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Brother James Grazan conducted the funeral service.

Our Sister will be greatly missed, as she was an inspiration to all who knew her.

THOMAS BENYOLA

Brother Thomas Benyola of the Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on February 18, 1971. Born on July 15, 1943, he was baptized on March 31, 1968.

Brother James Benyola and Brother Nick Persico conducted the funeral services.

He is survived by his parents, four brothers, one sister, two nephews and three nieces.

Brother Thomas Benyola passed away after he suffered a 25 foot fall at work. He will be sadly missed by his family and Brothers and Sisters. We pray that God will comfort the family at this time.

Spring Concert

The Michigan-Ontario Choir, under the direction of Brother Frank Conti, will present a concert this spring. Everyone is welcome. Please watch later issues of the GOSPEL NEWS for the exact date.

Warren, Ohio Branch Announces Meeting Schedule

The Warren Saints are now meeting in their new church building.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

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| Sunday School | 9:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. |
| Break | 10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. |
| Preaching Service | 10:45 A.M. to 12:00 Noon |
| Fellowship Service | 12:00 Noon |
| M.B.A. (Sunday Evening) | 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday Service | 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. |

Any other evening meetings that might be held will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The scheduled date for dedication of the new building is set for Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, 1971.



OUR WOMEN TODAY

ATLANTIC COAST CIRCLE

By Sister Violet Thomas

The Sisters of the Atlantic Coast District have organized a District Circle. The purpose of this District Circle is to unite the Metuchen, Hopelawn, Edison, and New Brunswick circles closer spiritually, thereby making a stronger union for the betterment of our Church.

The officers of the new District Circle are as follows:

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman | Sister Betty D'Orazio |
| Co-Chairman | Sister Florence Perri |
| Secretary | Sister Jean Benyola |

NEWS FROM WEST COAST LADIES CIRCLE

The West Coast Ladies Circle had a meeting in San Diego, California on February 6, 1971. Sister Sarah Watson, president of the District Circle, presided over the three meetings held.

Plans and ideas were presented for helping the missionary efforts of The Church. Sister Elaine Jordan reported that tons of clothes were sent to them from various groups to help the Indians on the reservations. A communication by tape was received from Brother and Sister Brutz of Wakpala, South Dakota and was enjoyed with great interest.

An evening program entitled "Our Missionaries" was presented and reflected the work being done by our Brothers and Sisters in helping people spiritually and materially.

The day was a blessing to each one of us as we felt our position in supporting The Church with finances and prayer. Some made great sacrifices to attend this meeting and were rewarded in their determination. God truly blessed us in our gathering.

**LISTED BELOW ARE THE AVAILABLE MOTELS
IN THE AREA OF THE NEW AUDITORIUM**
The Mileage Is Approximate

NEW STANTON AREA — 6 MILES FROM AUDITORIUM

| Name of Motel | Units Available | Cost/2 People | Cost/4 People | Restaurant at Motel | Phone (Area Code 412) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Cardinal | 15 | \$11.00 | \$16.00 | - | 925 - 2162 |
| Cedar | 6 | 7.00 | - | - | 925 - 3294 |
| Conley (Best Western) | 45 | 14.84 | 19.00 | Yes (150) | 925 - 3541 |
| Holiday Inn | 160 | - | 25.00 | Yes (150) | 925 - 3571 |
| Howard Johnson's | 87 | 16.00 | 22.00 | Yes (130) | 925 - 3511 |
| Inn America | 96 | 12.50 | 20.00 | Yes (120) | 925 - 3591 |
| King's | 15 | 12.72 | 16.00 | Yes (40) | 925 - 3535 |
| Motel Deluxe | 14 | 8.00 | 16.00 | - | 925 - 3739 |
| Superior | 18 | 12.00 | 16.00 | - | 925 - 7606 |
| Pagano's | 20 | 11.00 | 16.00 | - | 925 - 7223 |

IRWIN AREA — 7 MILES FROM AUDITORIUM

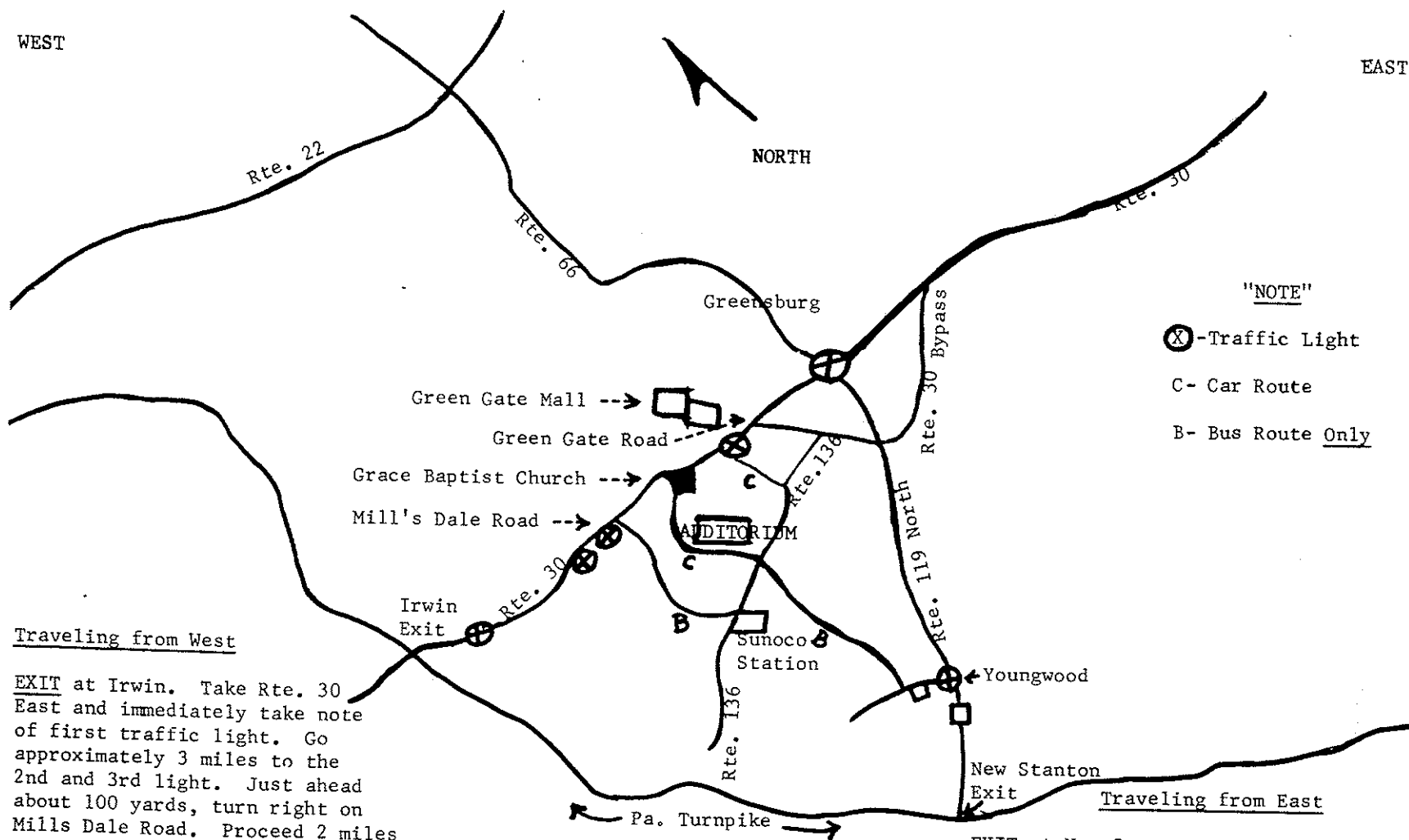
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| Bel-Air | 10 | 9.00 | 14.84 | - | 837 - 2670 |
| Conley (Best Western) | 45 | 14.84 | 20.14 | - | 863 - 0700 |
| Jacktown Motel | 21 | 12.70 | 16.72 | - | 863 - 2100 |
| Thompson Terrace | 10 | 14.00 | 25.00 | - | 863 - 4904 |

GREENSBURG AREA — 4 MILES FROM AUDITORIUM

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|-----------|----|-------|-------|---|------------|
| Americana | 30 | 10.00 | 16.00 | - | 834 - 7100 |
| Executive | 40 | 10.00 | 15.00 | - | 834 - 6700 |

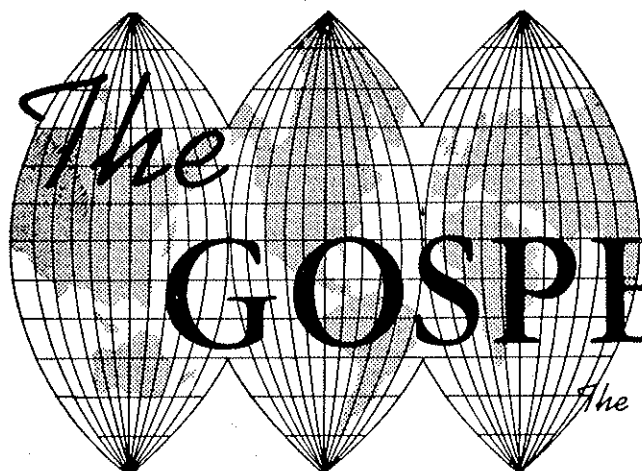
RESTAURANT LOCATED WITHIN 8 MILES OF AUDITORIUM

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| Garden Center | On Route 119 at New Stanton |
| Redwood | On Route 119 South of Greensburg |
| McSorleys | On Route 30 Greengate Mall, Greensburg |
| Lincoln Inn | On Route 30 East of Greensburg |
| Winkey's Drive-In | On Route 119 South Greensburg |
| Eat & Park | On Route 30 at Jeannette |
| Eat & Park | On Route 30 East of Greensburg |

GENERAL CHURCH AUDITORIUM MAP OUTLINE

EXIT at Irwin. Take Rte. 30 East and immediately take note of first traffic light. Go approximately 3 miles to the 2nd and 3rd light. Just ahead about 100 yards, turn right on Mills Dale Road. Proceed 2 miles to a Sunoco Station and turn left. You are now on Rte. 136 East, about 2 miles from the Auditorium.

EXIT at New Stanton. Take Rte. 119 North to Youngwood to the 2nd light, approximately 2 miles. Turn left and cross the next light, up the hill. Going down a steep hill, turn right. This will take you directly to the Auditorium, about 4 miles.



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Memories Of Mother

By Fred P. Morris

My mother's hand is on my brow,
Her gentle voice is pleading now;
Across the years so marred by sin
What memories of love steal in!

Once more I see that look of pain,
The anguish in those eyes again;
My heart is sad, for well I know
My sin has caused this bitter woe.

While others scorned me in their pride
She gently drew me to her side;
When all the world had turned away,
My mother stood by me that day.

The memories of bygone years,
My mother's love, my mother's tears,
The tho't of all her constant care
Doth bring the answer to her prayer.

I'm coming home, by sin beset,
For Jesus loves me even yet;
My mother's love brings home to me
The greater love of Calvary.

O mother, when I think of thee,
Tis but a step to Calvary;
Thy gentle hand upon my brow
Is leading me to Jesus now.

Testimony

By Brother Matthew Rogolino

I can find many things to write about, but I believe there is none more precious and true than our own conviction and life in The Church.

These are the things that make The Gospel come alive and without it, we would be no more than any other church. It is no wonder that He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

As far back as I can remember I had always been around The Church. For seven years the Stelton, N.J. Mission met in our home. The love that I knew of the Brothers and Sisters was deep and their lives were above reproach. I remember playing in the back yard on Wednesday night and hearing the Saints pray. I could feel as though a blanket would come down and hear a voice, "Lo, I am with you always." It was these things that were so precious to me and drew me close to them. In my heart I prayed, "Lord, when I am old enough I want to serve you, too."

However, as I grew older, I began to wander from this atmosphere and lean toward the things of the world. One day things got so bad that I knew it was impossible for me to live in my father's house. I remember clearly returning home to get my clothes. I had to walk about a mile to get home from the bus stop. It was raining hard and as I reached a certain place, I heard a voice say, "Where are you going?" I

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Warren, Ohio Branch Announces

Dedication

The Warren Saints are now meeting in their new church building.

The scheduled date for dedication of the new building is set for Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, 1971.

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The Church Foreign Relief Service

In September of 1966, the General Church Board of Missions recommended the formation of a Church Foreign Relief Service to supervise the packaging and mailing of used clothing to the branches of The Church in Nigeria. Formerly, the individual local Ladies' Circles had undertaken this project from 1963 to 1966.

The Church Foreign Relief Service, headed by Brother John Ross, is headquartered in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Clothing donations are received from all Church members and community friends, and the General Ladies' Circle assists this service financially.

The Pennsylvania Area MBA has established a committee to gather used clothing from the various MBA locals in the Area. Periodically, the members of the Aliquippa MBA meet to sort, pack, and mail the clothing which has been collected. Various tasks such as sorting, mending, and packaging are completed. Each package, weighing approximately nineteen pounds, contains usable apparel for men, women, boys, girls, and infants. The packages are then addressed and mailed. Within the past five years, 227 parcels of clothing have been received by the branches in Nigeria.

Semi-annually, reports on the progress of this relief service are presented to both the Board of Missions and the General Ladies' Circle.

The Church Foreign Relief Service wishes to extend sincerest thanks to all who have contributed to the successful operation of this project. May God richly bless those who have labored to help the members of The Church in Africa. Thus, clothing our poor Brothers and Sisters and their children is a partial fulfillment of the scripture in MATTHEW 25:36, "Naked, and ye clothed me."

"What Lack I Yet?"

"What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Many are asking this same question today, as in the days of Christ. It is just as relative in this age of the Restoration as it was to those desiring "eternal life" when it was asked by this man. MATTHEW 19:16 and LUKE 18:18. This rich young ruler we must assume was an Israelite. He had kept all the commandments from his youth. Uncertain or troubled in his conscience, he asked, "What lack I yet?" Jesus said to him, "Yet lackest thou one thing. Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." LUKE 18:22. When he heard this, he was very sorrowful for he was very rich. He was unwilling to make the sacrifice that the Lord demanded.

Two things stand out very distinctly—it takes sacrifice and service to be an acceptable Saint of God. To give Him only nominal service is not acceptable. Salvation has its price, and in order to acquire it, the full price has to be paid. The Lord did not say

to this man to sell a part, but all of his possessions, and give "to the poor, and come, follow me."

CONTINUAL CONTRIBUTION

To follow Christ requires a continual contribution of service to Him and His Church, that Zion may be established. We hear it said quite often that Salvation is free. This is only partially true. All who have obtained it have had to pay a price. To some the price has been very great, not necessarily in riches, but in the many sacrifices that are required in order to live a life of service pleasing to the Lord. There is really no place in the work of the Lord for complacency.

"For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry . . ." I CORINTHIANS 3:9. This may demand sacrifices much greater than had been anticipated, especially for those who may think their nominal service is sufficient to gain for them "eternal life."

To be a servant of God, a possessor of Salvation, that person inherits a sacred mission, which must be implemented with the mission of The Church. The great overall project has to be broken down to where it involves everyone, lay members as well as the Ministry.

SUBLIME MISSION

The Church of Jesus Christ was organized by the Will, the Power and the Revelation of God and has been endowed with the most sublime mission in the history of mankind. The development of this mission to its fullest potential is at this time beyond the comprehension of the finite mind of man. In a broad perspective, it is the preaching of the Restored Gospel to all the nations of the world. Preparing for the Latter-Day establishment of Zion on the earth, wherein the will of God shall be done on the earth as it is in heaven, certainly requires a total involvement of The Church.

The Church is not the various buildings that we see. It is the collective, individual members who constitute its makeup. Understanding this fact, it is imperative that all must assume their share of responsibility, spiritually and materially. All the time one has spent in The Church will not save one in God's Kingdom, if one should turn away unwilling to obey His requirement, "Yet lackest thou one thing." The needs of The Church are many. They can only be met by its adherents coming to the forefront and offering of themselves and their resources to the maximum. Only our best is acceptable to God. To be lukewarm is unacceptable to Him. REVELATION 3:16. Under the Law of Moses, The Lord required the best; that which was without spot or blemish; that which had the greatest value. He sent His best, His Son into the world to die and redeem man. Of His Apostles, He demanded their best, and they gave their all. Does He not require the same from us, our best? We should be willing to give our all, if He demands it, in order to inherit "eternal life."

This above all — to thine own self be true;
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

— Shakespeare

M.B.A. Highlights

Conference Plans And Preparations Instituted

By James D. Gibson
GMBA Editor

Of the various issues to be brought forth at the May Conference, a food-pay-plan will be selected. The agenda for the meeting will include other items of interest to the group.

In the past it has always been a perplexing problem to withstand the expenses for meals served. Our conferences have experienced a fairly good turnout of members; however, it has always been a comprehensive problem of what, how much, and how speedily many can be served. The issue to be presented is not due to complaints from any sphere of the group, but increased attendance has made certain restrictions needful.

It is desirous that all attend and enjoy their meetings together, but now we find that a new and more expedient method should be adopted. It is an accepted fact that there will be necessary expenses incurred. We have had to rent buildings, hire custodians and prepare two full meals per day. We wish to stress that no one begrudges in any way the needed provisions necessary for an enjoyable and successful Conference.

A basic food plan is something that is now necessary to institute; therefore, it will be one of the main issues brought forth at the next meeting. Locals were requested to contemplate and decide what action is to be taken on this particular issue.

A suggestion for a pay-as-you-go method has come through your GMBA Activity Committee. After some review and discussion, it has been decided to present what is considered an appropriate system to the May gathering. A closed ballot has been suggested as the group will be asked to vote on the presented issue.

The system suggested is that each individual pay a flat fee for whatever he takes to eat. In the future, as other food selections are offered you will pay for what you have selected. All of this comes from necessity, not choice. At all times it is hoped that any decisions reached will be for the good of the entire group.

So once again you are urged to come prepared to vote on this and all issues as you see fit. This will be the first effort toward a proposed means to meet our soaring cost for future gatherings. Above all, that which is best for all concerned should be everyone's ultimate goal.

The GMBA Activity Committee meets when feasible to review and suggest more or better ways to improve the organization as a whole. The solid support of all Area and Local Officers is solicited, along with the efforts of every member of the organization.

This will be the first meeting of the GMBA Conference in the new Auditorium, which the MBA has faithfully supported from the beginning. It was your

donations, whether on a personal basis or supporting money-making projects that helped in so many ways. The young people of the group gave of their time and effort in various projects to raise money for the Auditorium Fund. We are certain that this has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated by the General Church committee.

Your support and efforts are still needed. Whatever projects are in progress or yet to be instituted we encourage the same support. Unto the young is given the destiny of the future. We encourage you to support The Church and all its helps and governments. The responsibilities of tomorrow will soon be yours.

The MBA provides an immediate outlet for some of your energies and resources. Become involved and realize the reward of a job well done.

The Pennsylvania Area MBA has begun preparations for the May Conference. Committees have met and are attempting to make this meeting as enjoyable as those of the past.

Support your MBA.

Help Somebody Today

By Brother Robert Watson, Jr.

St. Luke 10:25-29 reads as follows:

And, behold a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

The question asked by the lawyer does not come as a surprise to me. It is simply a verification that education and religion do not necessarily go hand in hand. Earthly wisdom does not always merit spiritual understanding, as exemplified in this lesson. The Apostle Paul said:

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

This lawyer could possibly, without apology, boast of being crafty and learned in the wisdom of this world. Yet his life was void of spiritual understanding. He says, in a manner to tempt Christ, "... what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Perhaps, we would have expected Jesus to recite The Ten Commandments, or bring forth circumcision and purification. Instead He wanted to tap The Tree of Salvation at Its Very Roots and present to all the foundation for eternity; that is, love, first to God, then to man. We cannot hope to even catch a glimpse of eternity without first swelling our hearts with this love.

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It's Later Than We Think

By Paul D'Amico

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand has been a saying throughout The Scriptures and has been preached very often by many of God's servants. The ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ continues to preach on this subject because of its importance.

No one knows just when the end will come but Jesus said that wars, rumors of wars, famine, pestilence, etc., would be the beginning of sorrows. Thus we are aware that there will be great and troublesome times in these latter days. The day will come when saints will rejoice and sinners will tremble.

When I was a boy, I remember a hymn which was sung very often in The Church especially at the close of the meetings. The reader may find this hymn in our SAINTS HYMNAL, Number 19. It reads thus:

The time is far spent, there is little remaining;
To publish glad tidings by sea and by land;
Then hasten, ye heralds, go forward proclaiming,
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven's at hand.
Shrink not from your duty, however unpleasant,
But follow the Saviour, your Pattern and Friend;
Our little afflictions, tho' painful at present,
Ere long with the righteous, in glory, will end.
Be fixed in your purpose, for Satan will try you;
The weight of your calling He perfectly knows;
Your path may be thorny, but Jesus is nigh you;
His arm is sufficient, tho' demons oppose.
Press on to the mark of eternal perfection,
Determined to reap the celestial reward,
That you may come forth in the first resurrection,

And feast at the supper of Jesus, the Lord.

Some time ago, I attended a conference and heard a Brother say these words, "Prepare yourself, prepare yourself, it's later than you think." About this time there was a song that was quite popular which said, 'Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself, it's later than you think.'

The Saviour said, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Since the day we made a covenant with God, The Gospel of Christ should and must come first in our lives, for without God, we can do nothing.

Our primary goal of achievement is to bring souls unto salvation. We are not ashamed of The Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is The Power of God unto salvation. The Lord is in the process of fulfilling His will among the children of men. Let us not be impatient. Let us not be discouraged and think perhaps that the great things in store will not come to pass. One thousand years is as one day and one day is as a thousand years in the eyes of The Lord.

Therefore, I believe that God will do His great work in a short time when He sees fit to perform it. The Church of Jesus Christ is the Bride of The Saviour and we are awaiting the great feast when He comes to claim us. Our duty is to remain faithful to His commandments and to spread the news of salvation from shore to shore and from pole to pole.

It is my faith and firm belief that The Almighty God will use This Church to accomplish His purposes. Another verse in one of our hymns reads as follows:

A blessing, a blessing, The Saviour is coming,
As prophets, and pilgrims of old have declared,
And Israel the favored of God is beginning,
To come to the feast for the righteous prepared.
In the desert are fountains continually springing,
The heavenly music of Zion is ringing,
The Saints all their tithes and their offerings
are bringing,
They thus prove The Lord and His blessing receive.

So, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and also all those who read this, life is worth living if we serve The Lord and walk with Him each day of our lives. The glorious hope of going to meet all our faithful departed loved ones is a great inspiration for all of us to carry on, and to sail on in the midst of this stormy ocean, for soon the storm will cease, and back of the clouds, the sun will shine again.

In the meantime:

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
Send the light, Send the light,
There are souls to rescue, There are souls to save,
Send the light, Send the light.

May The Good Lord watch over us and bless us till the end of time is my constant prayer.

Testimony

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stopped and turned around in my tracks and heard Him call me by name and ask, "When are you going to serve Me?" Since then I began to cry to God to help me do His will.

This is my conviction in the Church. I loved The Church with all my heart and I have found that He loved me. The closer I got to Him I found the closer He got to me.

May God's blessing rest upon us for we need Him in a troubled world. Our lives are not our own. The time that has been given to us—we must make use of it in doing His will. Time passes so quickly that if we are not careful we might be carried away by the cares of life and fail to even pray.

We find great merit in the words of Christ, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning."

One night while walking guard duty in the Army I pondered upon the truth that I had received. How happy I was to be in The Church. In the barracks the men were talking and following their normal custom. The largest part were not thinking about God, but there were a certain few who seemed to be sincere in heart. It seemed to me that they had a right to know the truth as I did, even if they would never obey. This had always bothered me and I never could shake it off; the sincere in heart. How to reach them I know not, but this much I know, I can not feel satisfied knowing these things.

We should be thankful for our lot, realizing it is Christ who gives the increase.

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Editorial Viewpoint

George A. Neill

"Today the world's most urgent need is an army of mothers, ten million strong, who will lift the standard of holy living in the home and in society."

May 9th is "Mother's Day," a day set aside to give tribute to mothers; to your mother, my mother and all good mothers. As for myself, I have been fortunate in my experiences with mothers; my own mother, my wife's mother and the mother of my only child. I can also trace this good quality back to my grandmother. I believe the great persons who have blessed our world have been good mothers with their unselfish acts of service, their patience, tolerance, endurance, tenderness, long-suffering and love, the good examples and excellent guidance. The individual who has, or has had, such a good mother can and should do as the Preacher said, "Rise up and call her blessed."

In this day in which we are living, with all its evils, unrest and fear, no group is more equipped to meet this condition than are the good mothers of the world. They have the potentials for helping to bring order out of chaos. I believe good mothers are more sensitive to our basic needs and their hearts are a little closer to those who are affected. I don't think there is any other group more interested in the problems of the World which seem to threaten another great war than mothers. Their queenly qualities make their hearts more sensitive to grief, anguish and the sufferings of war.

This group of good mothers, I believe, could wield one of the most effective influences for peace throughout the world if they would only step into the limelight. I believe a good mother is pretty much the same, whether she is from Russia, Cuba, China, India, England, France, Germany or wherever she may live. She loves her home and children; she hates everything that threatens the home and her children. I am sure the mothers of America hate war. I am also sure if the mothers of the world could speak they would cry for peace; and if the problems that confront the nations today were placed in their hands they would find a way out, void of suffering, devastation and bloodshed. So we hope the good mothers the world over will exert their influence toward peace. We hope they will express their opinion and make vocal their protests. I believe the heads of all governments could be touched and influenced by the cry of peace from mothers. Mothers could make an outstanding contribution to the world today if she were to hold up the torch of peace in her own unique way.

Good mothers of the past have made contributions to the religious life of the world. They have lifted up the Gospel Torch. Today the world's most urgent need is an army of mothers, ten million strong, who will lift the standard of holy living in the home and in society. We hear a great deal about child delinquency. There is no other group who stands as close to this problem as the mothers of the world. May the mothers of America and the mothers of the world come forth and shoulder their responsibilities. The influence of mother is not only strong in childhood and youth but throughout one's entire lifetime.

The following words were written by Dr. J. R. Miller: "Once I suddenly opened the door of my mother's room, and saw her kneeling beside her chair and heard her speak my name in prayer. I quickly and quietly withdrew with a feeling of awe and reverence in my heart. Soon I went away from home to school, then to college, then into life's sterner duties. But I never forgot that one glimpse of my mother at prayer, nor the one word—my name—which I heard her utter. Well did I know what I had seen that day was but a glimpse of what was going on every day in that sacred closet of prayer. And the consciousness strengthened me a thousand times—in duty, in danger and in a struggle; and when death came at length, and sealed those lips, the sorest sense of loss that I felt was the knowledge that no more would my mother be praying for me."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

A Miracle In America

Dear Girls and Boys,

In America there was great darkness at the time of Jesus' crucifixion. The people had been told of the great prophecies concerning His birth, death and resurrection. The righteous were looking for this great event, others scoffed at it.

When the darkness disappeared and the light came, the people marveled at the greatness of God. They were gathered at the temple in the land of Bountiful, talking of their experiences. They spoke about Jesus and the sign of His death. All at once they heard a voice. They could not understand what was being said nor could they see anyone. It was not a harsh voice neither was it a loud voice. It was a small voice which seemed to pierce their souls.

The voice came a second and third time, then they understood. This is what it said, "Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified My name—hear Him." As the multitude lifted their eyes toward heaven they saw a Man descending. He was clothed in a white robe. It was so beautiful, so white—it sparkled. He came down and down until His feet touched the ground. The eyes of the large multitude were turned to Him. He stretched forth His hand and said, "I am Jesus Christ . . ." Then the people remembered the words of the prophets, how Jesus Christ would show himself to them after He had risen from the dead.

Jesus stayed with them until He had taught them all things that He had taught in Jerusalem. He taught concerning baptism, blessing of children and His love. He healed their sick, their lame, their blind and the dumb were made to speak. All those who were healed bowed down before Him and worshipped Him. The eye has never seen nor the ear heard the great and marvelous things that these people saw and heard. Their hearts were filled with joy.

Jesus chose twelve disciples to carry on His work. They were taught many things. During the second day of Jesus' visit among the Nephite people, He administered the sacrament. Many were not present the day before when He had given it. He commanded the multitude and the disciples to cease praying and arise but continue to pray in their hearts.

Jesus took bread and broke it in pieces and blessed it. The twelve disciples were commanded to pass it to the people. After they had eaten the bread in remembrance of His body, Jesus blessed the wine. He passed it to the disciples and they passed it to the others. Now no one had brought either bread or wine and no one knew where it came from. But Jesus who performed many miracles was able to provide the sacrament.

In Palestine Jesus had fed more than five thousand at one time with five loaves and two fish, and another time fed four thousand with seven loaves and a few fish. So here again Jesus performed a great miracle but this time to His Other Sheep.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Help Somebody Today

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The lawyer, perhaps, understood the requirement of loving God with all his heart, soul, and strength; and, perhaps, he understood that he must love his neighbor. But he still desired to justify himself. Yes, that spirit of self-justification, a very destructive element in the character of men, leads him to ask the question, " . . . who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered him with the beautiful Parable of The Good Samaritan. Let us, for a few moments, investigate the Divine Truth contained in this story.

The scene shifts to a highway. A certain man, falling victim to thieves, being robbed, beaten, and stripped of his clothing, still clings to life in his body. This was a wonderful opportunity for a Christian to prove his love and display the fruits of Christianity. While this man was dying by the roadside, a priest passed by. His garments denoted his priestly office.

I can picture the barely-conscious man with just enough strength to look up. He recognizes the priestly garments. His heart swells within him for he sees help very near at hand. But look! The priest was too busy, or possibly too proud, to put religion into practical use. He turns his back on duty and crosses the road to continue his journey.

The afflicted becomes very discouraged at this sight, losing faith in religion because of this faithless example. The sword that pierced and wounded his heart was far more painful than the bleeding wounds he received from the hands of the thieves. Oh! Christians, beware of your daily lives! Remember, the wounds we inflict upon our fellow man's hearts are sometimes very grievous to be borne. The blood and sorrow that flow from these wounds cannot be stopped so easily as we think.

A Levite then came along. Surely this man will help! He comes from the famous tribe of Levi, whose descendants were chosen by God for the ministerial capacity to teach the people. But he, too, did not feel any sympathy for the wounded man. Also not thinking that this act of injustice would seriously injure his reputation, he crosses the road and continues his journey.

How easily we can be deceived with the outward garments! Rags have covered a pure heart many times, while kingly apparel has covered the hearts of tyranny. We do not want a righteousness which is merely for display, but, I stress, we want a righteousness for practical use. We want a religion we can use at home, at work, at church, and to also help wherever help is needed. What this man needed was not professors of religion but religious possessors. Jesus said, " . . . except your righteousness shall exceed the

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UR WOMEN TODAY Circle Meets At Imperial

By Mary Tamburrino

The General Ladies' Circle held its 203rd Quarterly Conference in Imperial, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, March 27, 1971. Sisters were in attendance from the Atlantic Coast, Michigan-Ontario, Ohio, and Pennsylvania Districts.

The devotional period was led by the Imperial Circle sisters. The Scripture was read from PSALMS 99. They sang the hymns "Our Church" and "The Church's One Foundation," and each sister gave her testimony. All expressed thankfulness for the Gospel. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, then made a few opening remarks. She stated thanks for The Church and that she is able to fellowship with the Saints. Sister Mabel recently returned from a three-week vacation in Arizona. She learned that there is much than can be done for the Indian people, many have no food to eat . . . surely The Lord must be providing for them.

The officers and delegates reports were given. Projects that were undertaken for the past quarter were: donations to the Auditorium, packages were sent to South Dakota, Muncey, and Arizona missions, and money for the African Relief. A layette was also sent to a needy family.

The answer to the question, "Who became weary of iniquity and gave up the judgement-seat to preach the word of God," was found in THE BOOK OF MORMON, HELAMAN 5:4. Two new questions were assigned for the next quarter: 1. "What happened in that day that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of man? There was no day like that day before it or after it." 2. "Where do we find about pollution in THE BOOK OF MORMON?"

Correspondence was read from Brother John Ross, Sr. on the African Relief project. Sister Grace Brutz of South Dakota, thanked the sisters for the many articles sent her for the Indian people; and Sister Mary Stone from Omaha, Nebraska told us of their progress there.

Sister Mary Criscuolo, Historian, read the history of The Circle for 1970, (which will be printed later on in THE GOSPEL NEWS). The auditors found all the treasurers' books correct. The Circle in Washington, D.C. will be reorganized and the Atlantic Coast organized as an Area, (printed in the April issue of THE GOSPEL NEWS).

The total in the Circle Memorial Fund is now \$2,247.93 with contributions having been made in memory of Sister Criscuolo's mother, George Smith, and Sister Gertrude Smith. An article was printed in the January, 1970, GOSPEL NEWS explaining this fund.

Projects for the next three months will be sending of material for dresses, bedding, and food for the Pine Top Mission in Arizona, and food donations to any

other mission; also continue to donate to the Auditorium Fund and African Relief Fund.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the Imperial sisters for their hospitality. The next General Circle Conference will be held June 5, 1971 in the Auditorium with the Greensburg sisters as hostess.

Sister Martha Christman told of a neighbor who is making clothes for the Indian children of Sells, Arizona out of leftover pieces of material that are donated to her. She received a picture of the children wearing the clothes and a letter of thanks . . . which was very rewarding to her. Brother James Moore concluded the day by speaking to the sisters. He felt honored that the sisters could meet in their new building.

Diary Of A Bible

January

A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

February

Clean up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument with a neighbor and was looking for some references.

March

I had a busy day the first of the month. My owner was appointed leader of something and used me for something.

April

Grandpa visited us. He kept me on his lap reading the 13th Chapter of Corinthians for an hour. He seems to think of me more now than he did when he was younger. I got to church for the first time this year, Easter.

May

I had a green stain on my pages. Had some early spring flowers pressed in me.

June

I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings from the newspapers. One of the girls got married.

July

They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are going on vacation. I wish I could stay home because I will have to stay in this thing for a month.

August

Still in the suitcase.

September

Back home again and in my old place. Have a lot of company, the true stories and four "comic books" are on top of me. My, I wish I could be read as much as they are.

October

They used me a little today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am all shined up and am in the center of the table. I think the preacher is coming.

November

Back in my old place. I was looked through for some old papers today. One of the children picked me up and asked, "Is this a scrapbook?"

December

They are getting ready for Christmas, so I'll be covered with wrappings and packages.

Help Somebody Today

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righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Christ was speaking of a righteousness which only reaches the mind, twisting it into fanatical obsession. As a result, righteousness never reaches the heart, and a Godly consecrated life cannot be molded. The priest and Levite were examples of this. They, perhaps, had a form of Godliness, but they basically lacked the power of regenerated life.

How many Christians today, in walking along the highway of life, meet people who have been beaten by sin, distorted by iniquity, lying by the wayside, bleeding from the wounds inflicted by the devil, and looking with pitiful eyes for help? Yes, these so-called Christians witness these happenings, but they persist in their hypocritically selfish ways. They walk on the other side of the street with the priest and the Levite. The greatest enemies to Christianity are those often found within its own ranks.

Then, along came a lowly Samaritan, from whom little could be expected. A mixture of Jew and Gentile, he was despised by the Jew and was hated immensely. This man recognized the need, quickly responded by bathing the open wounds, placed him on his beast, and took him to the inn. He also left word with the keeper to take care of the sick man, and he said he would repay him the amount of money required for the care.

Can we derive from this incident what Christ means by loving our neighbor as ourselves? This Samaritan gave his oil, his time, his beast, and his money, while all the others gave nothing but an empty glance. James said:

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?

We have to give and give till it hurts, not grudgingly nor of necessity. God loves the cheerful giver. God is not interested in our houses and lands, but rather our hearts. The miser clutches his money, yet he dies leaving it behind. The king clutches to his throne, yet he dies leaving it behind. The sinner clings to his pleasures, yet he dies leaving them behind. The Christian, however, clings to God, and he dies to be received by Him in glory.

How fast this modern world is changing! In my parents' days, whenever new faces moved into their vicinity, all the neighbors would quickly hurry with food and drink until the newcomers were settled in their new home. What has happened to this spirit of fellowship and brotherhood? Is it lost in the voice of Cain as he speaks, " . . . Am I my brother's keeper?" I would like to answer that by saying "Yes, emphatically, yes."

One day, as I was sitting in my car, an elderly lady came to the door and asked me for a ride. Upon

driving her home, she told me that she lived with her sister who was blind. As I drove up to the house she said was hers, a very small home perhaps better explained as a shack, I gave her some money. She quickly replied, "I am not used to receiving anything for nothing."

Yes, this selfish world has gone so mad that orphans, widows, and needy are neglected; and, when they do receive help, they reply like this elderly lady did to me: "I am not used to receiving anything for nothing." James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Who, today, is the neighbor of the rich? Is it not the poor? Who is the neighbor of the healthy? Is it not the sick? Who is the neighbor of the strong? Is it not the weak? And who is the neighbor of the Christian? Is it not the sinner? Let us not be afraid to bend down to the people in the gutters of sin and pour oil on their wounds. Let us not wait until the sinner is dead and then hold a post-mortem. While he is living, let us seek to relieve his pain and save his soul for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus, The Good Samaritan, sought the beggars, the blind, and the crippled, and even the woman at the well, whose life was one of unhappiness and disgrace. He saw many afflicted with wounds of fear and unbelief, left as the lepers outside the camp of Israel to die unwanted by the world. Lovingly, He spoke to their hearts and said " . . . be of good cheer; . . ." He told them He came to preach deliverance to the captives, restore sight to the blind, to preach The Gospel to the poor. He came to make you citizens of That Heavenly Kingdom where thieves can no more break through to mar your peace and safety.

Remember, the only way to secure your home in heaven is to help those in need, for God shall speak on The Judgment Day to those who have fulfilled His Will: " . . . Inasmuch as ye have done IT unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done IT unto me."

Meditations

PSALM 90

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turned man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

People Are Inquiring

The following article is one of many written by people requesting information about The Church. In order to familiarize our readers of The Church's activities in all areas, we will be periodically publishing letters of this nature and their replies in the GOSPEL NEWS.

We are going to entitle the column PEOPLE ARE INQUIRING. We sincerely hope you will enjoy this new addition to the GOSPEL NEWS!

March 13, 1971
2621 Madison
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Sirs:

I am a member of The Reorganized Church at Independence, Missouri. I became acquainted with "Rusty" Heaps of your church at Orange County, south of Los Angeles. I attended there for some months.

I am now in my first year of retirement from the U.S. Naval Service, after twenty-four years. I expect to be living in Boise, Idaho for approximately four years.

There are two things I would very much LIKE. I would appreciate corresponding with someone periodically and also if anyone should be traveling in my vicinity, please contact me. Whether a person is traveling by or settling. I would like to meet with him.

I have been talking to a Cherokee Indian about the Gospel, trying to point him to the truth.

Yours,
Howard L. Sheldon

March 26, 1971

Howard L. Sheldon
2621 Madison
Boise, Idaho 83702
Dear Mr. Sheldon:

Your recent letter to our headquarters has been referred to me.

I am sure your association with Brother Heaps and the congregation at our branch in Anaheim has been an inspiration to you in order for you to write and inform us of your visits with them.

In regards to your requests:

1—I would be happy to write and correspond with you any time. Also, I shall refer your request to our monthly paper, THE GOSPEL NEWS, and possibly others may feel to write you. Beside this, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Anaheim. Having been acquainted with them, someone there may feel to write you too.

2—Should anyone that I know going via Boise, Idaho, I shall be glad to refer them to you. Your hospitality is certainly to be commended. May God always give you this true Christian spirit to share with others.

Your interest in talking to the Indian also speaks very well for you. Surely, you must have heard much while in Anaheim of our feeling as a church towards the Seed of Joseph. We are looking for great bless-

ings in the NEAR future concerning them, especially when the Choice Seer comes forth.

Our prayers are that God will continue to inspire you on to greater experiences with Him and that He may use you to His honor and glory.

Please feel free to write me personally anytime.

Yours in the cause of Christ,
Joseph Calabrese

FLASHBACKS

By Charles Jumper
33 YEARS AGO

On May 1, 1938, Detroit Branch #3 held their first meeting at 3156 Arndt Street.

25 YEARS AGO

GMBA was held in Youngstown, Ohio in May 1946. The General officers were Brother Gorie Ciarravino, President; Brother Thomas Ross, Vice President; Sister Hannah Skillen, Secretary; Sister Bernadette Marino, Assistant Secretary; Sister Sarah Neill, Financial Secretary; Sister Mabel Bickerton, Treasurer; and Brother Domenic Cotellesse, Chaplain.

20 YEARS AGO

In May 1951, Brother Allen Henderson reported of the success and wonderful blessings he and other Brothers received on the Grand River Indian Reservation. The Detroit Area Brothers travelled about four hundred miles to visit the reservation in Ontario.

15 YEARS AGO

Dedication of the Erie Mission was held on May 27, 1956. Brother W. H. Cadman spoke, using ISAIAH 66TH CHAPTER as his text.

10 YEARS AGO

Greensburg Ladies Circle was organized in May 1956. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, was in charge of the proceedings.

5 YEARS AGO

Metuchen, New Jersey Branch reported on May 1, 1966 that four converts were baptized into The Church. While the baptisms were being performed, news came that three young people from the Hopelawn Branch had requested baptism also.

The Time Has Arrived

By Jerry Giovannone

After three years, four months and thirteen days the Warren, Ohio branch held their first meeting on the 28th day of February, 1971 in their new church building. Brother Frank Giovannone is to be commended for the beautiful workmanship which he has put forth in erecting the new church. The Warren branch had been planning a new building for quite a few years. Finally the big decision was made in 1966, and Brother Frank offered his services to construct the building at a reasonable cost to the brothers and sisters of Warren. It took Brother Frank three months to draw the blueprints for the building. We broke ground shortly after permission was granted by the General Church Priesthood in October, 1967. Many

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The Time Has Arrived

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brothers helped him in erecting the new church, although there were times that he found himself working alone. The sisters of the branch did their share in construction and also prepared and served the working brothers hot meals. Some of the sisters of the Youngstown branch also helped. There were times of joy, times of distress and times of discouragement that went along with the construction; but we can surely thank our Lord and Saviour for the many prayers He has answered in our behalf, for the time has arrived for the brothers and sisters of Warren to continue the work of God at our new location.

Our first meeting was attended by many brothers and sisters from various branches and missions of The Church. The opening hymn, "Before Jehovah's Sacred Throne" was sung, and we were led in prayer by Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio. We then sang, "Lord In The Morning". Brother James Campbell of Monongahela, Pennsylvania our first speaker, used for his text ACTS 2:37, 38, wherein it states that they were pricked in their hearts, and were caused to ask, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Brother Campbell then dwelled on the fact that the answer came, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." He elaborated on the fact that many men of the world today, such as our scientists and political leaders, are trying very hard to find the answers to many questions. God allowed the answer to come by sending His Son to establish His doctrine and bring salvation to those who have a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Brother Joseph Calabrese followed with the same thought.

Sister Betty Alessio sang a solo titled, "Then The Answer Came." Apostle Anthony A. Corrado then spoke of how the answer was given. The young people representing Erie, Youngstown, Niles and Lorain sang, "Then I Met The Master." Brothers Elmer Santilli, Sam Costarella, Russell Martorano, Donald Pandone and Jerry Giovannone all took part in speaking. Many testimonies were given by our brothers and sisters in thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. A good spirit was felt throughout the day.

Brother Frank made a few comments on how Brother and Sister Crall are giving The Church the use of their organ and Judith Gensburg the use of her piano until the branch is able to purchase their own piano and organ.

We invite our brothers, sisters and friends to come and worship with us in Warren from time to time that we might share our blessings together. Pray for us as we will surely pray for you wherever you might be in the vineyard of the Lord.

YOUR BURDENS

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

Rosie Krain

Branch & Mission News

Niles Has Two Baptisms

The Niles Branch was blessed with two more baptisms on March 14, 1971. Brother Clyde E. Oller was baptized and confirmed by Brother Joseph Genaro. Sister Ivie R. Oller, Brother Clyde's wife, was baptized by Brother Joseph Genaro and confirmed by Brother Donald Pandone of Youngstown, Ohio.

A wonderful time was had by all at the Niles Branch on this most happy occasion.

Glassport News

On Sunday, March 7, 1971, we were blessed to have Brother Vincent Gibson and his family from Cleveland, Ohio visit our branch. Brother Gibson opened the morning service by reading MORONI, CHAPTER 8, and he spoke on the latter days of the Gentiles and the judgments of God upon the land of America.

A wonderful blessing was witnessed by the Saints, and although Brother Gibson had to return home, we still enjoyed much of the blessing in our afternoon meeting. During the service, Ernest Pattelo arose and in a humble spirit asked to be reinstated into The Church. Needless to say, he was welcomed back with open arms by the Saints.

We thank God for all His wonderful blessings.

Blessing At Anaheim Also Sadness

The Anaheim, California Branch reports that they are most thankful for the blessings of God. They feel greatly blessed also as they continue working in behalf of the House of Israel (Indians) in the gathering of food, clothing and other items. An added blessing has also been experienced in this noteworthy activity. Working together in this way has created a much greater unity among them.

Brother Joseph Kirkpatrick, Sister Millie's son, Bryon, and Sister Elizabeth Mercuri are the three young converts who were baptized some time ago.

The Anaheim Saints have been saddened by the hospitalization of Sister Margaret Henderson who has been ill for the past six months. May God grant her healing grace along with other ailing Saints.

The devil always gets out an extra edition when some saint goes wrong.

Brief News of Interest

Notes From Anaheim

We are having very interesting discussions both in our Wednesday night meetings and Sunday School meetings. We are most thankful for a united spirit in our branch; and each time that we meet, we discuss things that we can and must do to become a more acceptable people to God.

Sister Ann Alms had surgery recently, and we are thankful that she is recuperating. Brother and Sister Bilardo, who have been on vacation here for a few months, will be returning to New Jersey. We will miss them. Brother and Sister (Joseph and Nancy) Ciotti will soon be returning to Pennsylvania and will stay there for a few months. They hope to return to make their home there. They, too, will be greatly missed.

Brother Frank and Sister Sharon Ciotti's little three-year-old son recently fell to the pavement from their two-story house, and we can be thankful that the Lord spared him from any injury. Sister Sharon Ciotti had surgery for acute appendicitis. She has since recuperated, thanks to God.

Brother Loans \$5000

An anonymous Brother loaned The Church \$5000.00 for the General Church Auditorium. He further stated that when the Auditorium is paid for, he would like to have the money used for missionary work.

May God bless our Brother for his thoughtfulness towards the needs of The Church.

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters of THE GOSPEL NEWS,

I want to take this opportunity to again say that THE GOSPEL NEWS has been and continues to be a blessing for me. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you in your efforts.

Thank you,

Brother Dean and Sister Lynn Longrie
Lansing, Michigan

Spring Concert

The Michigan-Ontario Choir will present a spring concert on June 5, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. at the Southlake High School located on Nine Mile Road and Mack Avenue in St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Brother Frank Conti, Director, cordially invites all Brothers, Sisters, and Friends to attend this presentation, which is sure to prove most enjoyable.

GMBA Notice

The GMBA is scheduled to be held at the General Church Auditorium on Saturday, May 15, 1971.

Accommodations will be handled by a committee consisting of Brothers Robert Nicklow, Joseph Draskovich, Richard Scaglione, and John Fleming. All Areas have received forms from Brother Joseph Ross requesting attendance information to enable the accommodations committee to provide adequate service. As noted, the form **MUST BE RETURNED** to Brother Joseph Ross by May 1, 1971. Everyone's full cooperation is needed for the proper functioning of this system.

NUPTIALS

BENYOLA - ALLEN

Brother Philip Anthony Benyola and Miss Lina Allen were joined in holy matrimony on January 30, 1971 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Hopelawn, New Jersey.

Brother George Benyola officiated at the wedding ceremony. Musical selections were by pianist Brother Richard Benyola and vocalists Brother James and Sister Kathy Benyola.

The newlyweds now reside in Sayreville, New Jersey.

NARO - SCHINDLER

Brother Timothy Charles Naro and Miss Sheila Maureen Schindler were joined in wedlock at the home of the bride in Lorain, Ohio. Brother Joseph Calabrese officiated at the ceremony.

The newlyweds now reside at Kincheloe, Michigan, where the groom is serving in the United States Air Force.

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 DiBattista III, to the John DiBattista's of Glassport, Pennsylvania;

Tammy Lee Rattenni, to the Anthony Rattenni's of Imperial, Pennsylvania;

Shelly Renee Demchak, to the Jack Craig Demchak's of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Twins: Michael Ray II and Matthew Shea, to the Michael Ray McGuire's I of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Matthew Roy Poole, to the Fred Poole's of Perry, Ohio;

Anthony Janlowski, to the Walter Jankowski's II, of Cleveland, Ohio;

Rosalia Gabriella Traina, to the Salvatore Traina's of Hopelawn, New Jersey;

Brian Dean Longrie, to the Dean Longrie's of Lansing, Michigan.

KIND WORDS

A few kind words can mean so much
 To someone who is sad;
 They act as precious, healing oil
 To cheer and make him glad.
 They act like sunbeams after rain;
 They make the world so bright,
 And kindly words will linger on
 When you have gone from sight.

Ethel Hansen

OBITUARIES**HARRY A. TUCKER**

Brother Harry A. Tucker, after being bedfast for the past two years, passed on to his eternal reward on February 10, 1971. He was born on July 29, 1893.

Left to mourn his loss are two brothers, five sisters, and many loved ones.

Brothers Melvin Mountain and Herbert Hemmings officiated at the funeral services.

Our Brother Harry was a lifelong, faithful member of the Monongahela Branch. He attended every meeting, and his presence was an inspiration to all members. He will certainly be missed by his family and the Brothers and Sisters of the Monongahela Branch.

THOMAS E. WHITTAKER, JR.

Thomas E. Whittaker, Jr., the son of Sister Jane Whittaker of the Monongahela Branch, was killed in an automobile accident on March 28, 1971. He was born on May 21, 1947.

Left to mourn his loss are his parents, one brother, and three sisters.

Brother Samuel J. Kirschner officiated at the funeral services.

Tom was an active member of our Sunday School. Prior to his untimely death, he spent two years in Vietnam as an aerial photographer and flew eighty-eight air missions while in the military service.

Well liked by all who knew him, Tom will certainly be missed by all his friends and loved ones.

CARMEN DeFRANCESCO

Mr. Carmen DeFrancesco, the son of the late Brother Michael and Sister Laura DeFrancesco, departed from this life on February 7, 1971. He was born on June 18, 1919.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a brother.

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

The deceased will surely be missed by his loved ones and friends.

LUCHEN D. TEETS

Mr. Luchen D. Teets, the son of the late Brother Frank and Sister Lillie Teets, departed from this life on March 15, 1971. He was born on September 15, 1902.

He is survived by two brothers.

Brother Joseph Bittinger conducted the funeral services.

VALENTIN FERNANDEZ GOMEZ

Elder Valentin Fernandez Gomez, a member of the Glassport Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on March 17, 1971. He was born on October 15, 1882. He was baptized on November 6, 1932.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sister Marie Gomez.

Brothers John Ali and Alma Nolfi officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Gomez was a faithful member in the services of God and will be missed greatly by all who associated with him.

SAVARIO "SAM" PARRAVANO

Brother Savario "Sam" Parravano of Panorama City, California, passed on to his reward on January 4, 1971. He was born on May 20, 1889 in Sora, Italy.

The services were conducted by Elders Robert Watson, Jr. and Joseph Lovalvo.

1971 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1971 events of general and regional interest. (* Indicates meetings will be held in General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.)

May

15—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.*

June

5—General Ladies Circle Conference.*

24, 25, 26, 27—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.*

July

3, 4, 5—Atlantic Coast Area MBA Campout.

4, 5—Evangelistic Conference.*

17-24—Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout at Nauvoo, Illinois.

August

26, 27, 28, 29, 30—Pennsylvania Area MBA Campout at Camp Lutherlyn, Pennsylvania.

September

Semi-Annual District Conferences.

October

2—General Ladies' Circle Conference at Edison, New Jersey.

14, 15, 16—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

November

11—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.

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Dedication Issue

Reflections On The Erection And Dedication Of The Auditorium

By Gorie Ciaravino, President

I feel quite satisfied, now that the enormous project of erecting the Auditorium has been completed; that while we have expended our personal labors and time and money I feel quite confident that God has built the Auditorium for our people wherein to worship.

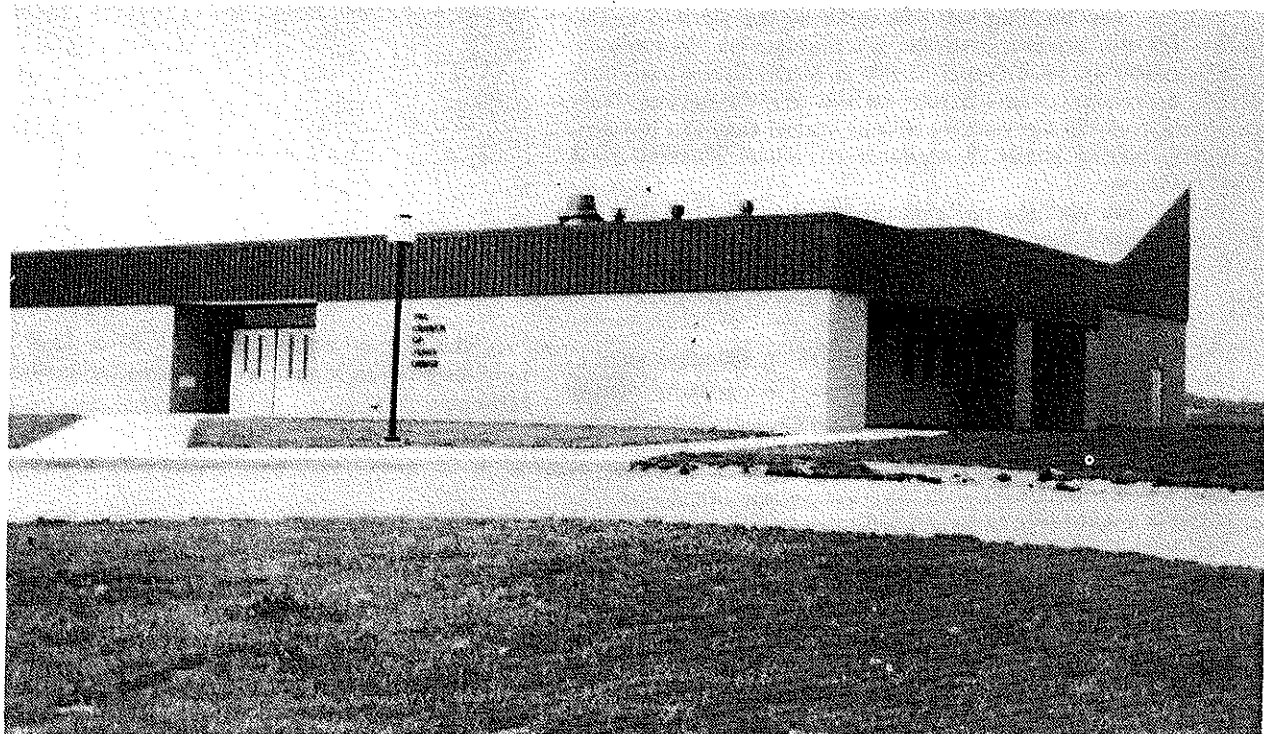
At this time I do not find anything more appropriate than the words of Isaiah, the prophet, wherein he wrote or rather he spoke, "And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills."

The location or site of the Auditorium is quite befitting these words of Isaiah. Those who have had the privilege and good fortune of being at the Auditorium on any occasion will surely notice that the site or location of the Auditorium is in an area high and above all other grounds. It can be seen from various highways for miles around. It is located in a normal American community, yet it is somewhat isolated since it is the only structure on the entire hillside.

THE LORD'S HOUSE

Returning to the words of the prophet Isaiah, "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." While this scripture perhaps was not intended for this structure, yet it is quite appropriate to read it and endeavor to apply it to our building. Since the building has been completed and dedicated, now we look forward to the days wherein that we will benefit from its use. We will benefit not

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Press Release

The following is the press release issued at our dedication.

AUDITORIUM DEDICATION

The Church of Jesus Christ, international in scope and with many congregations in the Greater Pittsburgh Area, dedicated her new national Church Auditorium, April 17th and 18th, 1971. The new structure is located at the intersection of Route 130 and West Newton Road in the Harrolds Area of Hempfield Township, about 10 minutes drive from either the Irwin or New Stanton interchanges on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Ministers, church members and friends from throughout the nation assembled for the two days of dedicatory services. Among those attending were local congregations from Imperial, McKees Rocks, Aliquippa, West Elizabeth, Glassport, Vanderbilt, Greensburg, Monongahela, Roscoe, and Fredonia.

The Saturday morning meeting consisted of the introduction and acknowledgement of groups and persons connected with the planning, construction and supervision of the building. Saturday afternoon was open for tours of the building and a chance to renew old friendships and greet new friends. The Saturday evening service was devoted to praising God in song. Old and new "Gospel songs were presented by soloists, quartets, groups and choirs from various districts of The Church.

The Sunday morning preaching service was opened by the General Church President, Gorie Ciaravino. He presided over all three meetings during the weekend. The public was invited to attend all meetings.

ARCHITECTS, GENERAL CONTRACTOR

The Auditorium was designed by the Greensburg architectural firm of Pellis and Lettrich and was constructed by the F. J. Busse Company, Inc. of Pittsburgh. Financing was arranged through the Charleroi Savings and Loan Association by Mr. Melvin Bassi, the Church's attorney at law.

The building will also serve as the worship center for the current Greensburg congregation, formerly located at 1204 Broad Street in South Greensburg until a planned chapel is built on this site. Pastor Paul Gehley, of the Greensburg Branch stated they are presently serving about 75 residents of central Westmoreland County.

Besides the national conferences, the building will be used for auxiliary unit meetings, district conferences, committee sessions, missionary and evangelistic meetings.

THE BUILDING

The actual construction of this \$400,000 development was started in October of 1969 with an official ground-breaking ceremony.

The Auditorium building is of contemporary design and contains facilities for all Church functions. It will seat 850 persons in the main auditorium. An adjoining multi-purpose room with a movable partition permits the use of this space for an additional 150 seats bringing the seating capacity to 1,000 persons.

The multi-purpose room will also be used for the following functions: a dining room, seating 150 to 175 persons at one setting; two classrooms seating 30 to 50 persons each or a meeting room, seating 150 persons.

A kitchen adjoining the multi-purpose room will serve 175 persons.

Other facilities necessary to accommodate people including an administrative office are included.

HISTORY

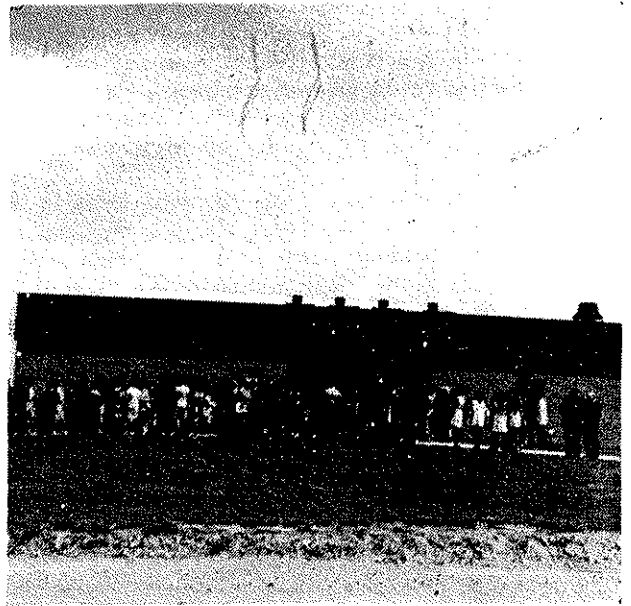
The main branch of The Church which lays claim to the "Restored Gospel" and is not affiliated with any other group, is in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

The idea for this auditorium first gained momentum in 1960, when one of its auxiliary units, the Missionary Benevolent Association (M. B. A.) established a Land Purchase Fund to be turned over to The Church if and when it decided to purchase land for an auditorium site.

The first General Church Auditorium Committee was elected by the 1963 October Conference, and a building site was officially approved two years later off Route 30, near Imperial, Pennsylvania. The expansion of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport later caused The Church to seek out another location.

The 1967 April Conference retained the aforementioned architects, Pellis and Lettrich, A. I. A., to begin drawing preliminary designs. The building design was approved by the 1967 April Conference.

The construction contract was awarded to the F. J. Busse Company, Inc. of Pittsburgh on May 15, 1969.



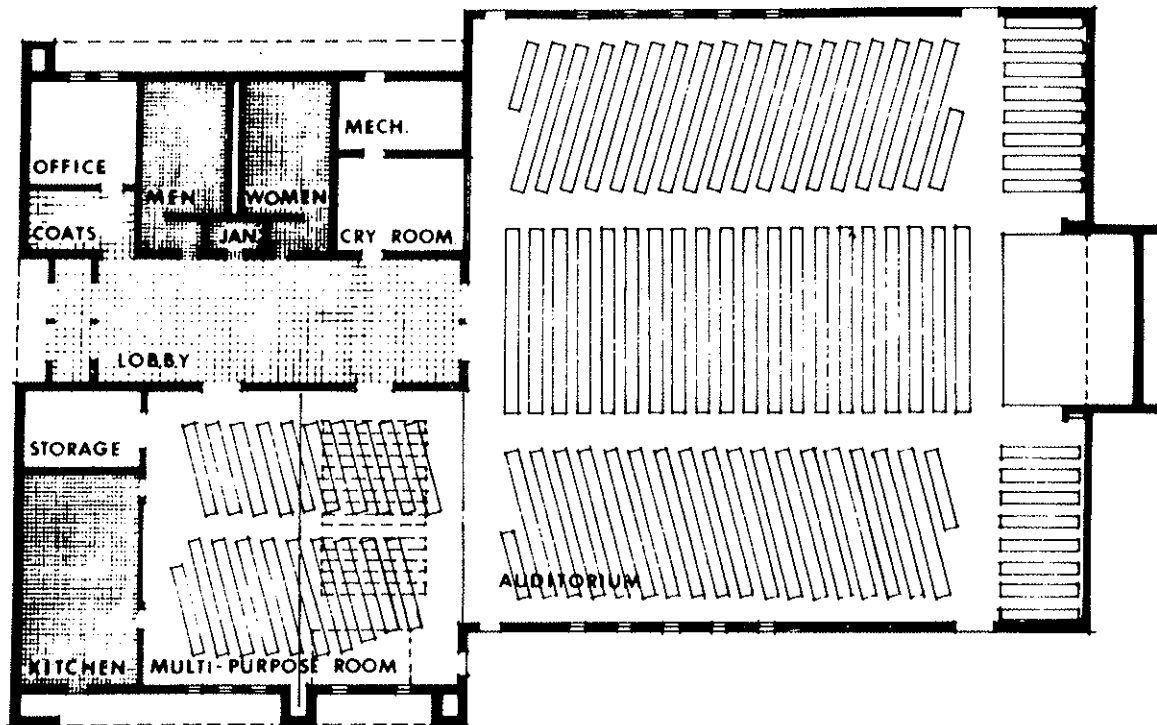
NOTICE

The author of the article "What Lack I Yet?" published in the May 1971 issue was by Brother Joseph Bittinger.

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| TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST | \$ 342,694.31 |
| GENERAL | \$ 255,358.31 |
| HEATING & VENTILATING | \$ 20,986.00 |
| ELECTRICAL | \$ 30,700.00 |
| PLUMBING | \$ 35,650.00 |
| TOTAL AREA = | 11,000 SQUARE FEET |
| TOTAL VOLUME = | 222,050 CUBIC FEET |
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| MULTI-PURPOSE SEATING | 150 |
| KITCHEN TO SERVE | 300 |

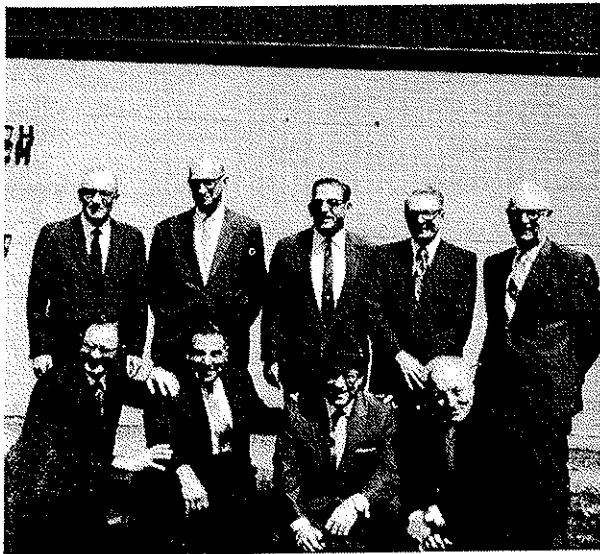
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A Brief History Of Erection Of The General Church Auditorium



The General Church Auditorium Committee: Row 1, Left to right—Dominic Thomas, Secretary; Anthony Ensana, Treasurer of General Church Board of Trustees; Spencer Everett, Secretary of General Church Board of Trustees; John Ross, Sr; Row 2, Left to right—Nicholas Pietrangelo, General Church Executive Secretary; Melvin Mountain, Construction Superintendent; Joseph Calabrese, Chairman; Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President; and James Campbell.

After numerous Auditorium Committee meetings, intensive planning, consultation with the architects and reporting to the General Church for approval, The General Church Conference that convened in Monongahela, Pennsylvania on April 17, 18 and 19, 1969 officially awarded the general contract for the erection of the Auditorium to the F. J. Busse Company, Incorporated of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The total contract amount for the new facility was set at \$269,800. The architectural firm of Pellis and Lettrich of Greensburg, Pennsylvania was retained for the project. The Conference also designated May 3 as the date for the groundbreaking at the Auditorium site near Imperial, Pennsylvania. All members and interested parties were invited to attend the ceremony.

Construction of the Auditorium was brought to a standstill shortly after excavation and laying-out of the foundation was begun. Architects Pellis and Lettrich ordered a halt in the construction after a meeting on July 2 with the Greater Pittsburgh Airport Authority. They were notified in this meeting that the Greater Pittsburgh Airport was authorized by the Federal Government to purchase 6,000 acres of land to the south and southwest of its present boundaries under a Federally financed expansion program.

This area involved the Auditorium site, thus construction of the Auditorium was temporarily suspended

by the architects. They immediately notified the Auditorium Committee, the General Church Board of Trustees, and the General Church President, Gorie Ciaravino; and as a result, the above group met in Warren, Ohio on July 19. In this meeting they explored the urgent proposition of relocation. A meeting of the General Priesthood was also appointed for Monongahela, Pennsylvania on July 26 to pursue this matter.

This meeting of the General Priesthood at Monongahela passed a motion authorizing the General Church President, his two Counselors, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, the General Board of Trustees, the Auditorium Committee, and the General Church Executive Secretary to work together as a committee. Their function would be to view and screen all new Auditorium locations and sites that were submitted to this meeting. Several sites and locations in western Pennsylvania as well as one in eastern Ohio were submitted for consideration. The findings and recommendations of the above Committee were to be reported to a special General Priesthood meeting appointed to convene in Youngstown, Ohio on Saturday, August 16...

A fair representation of the General Priesthood gathered in Youngstown, Ohio on August 16 to hear a report of the special Committee that had been appointed in Monongahela on July 26. The Committee reported its findings and recommendations. After discussion, questions and answers, a vote was taken. The result was a majority in favor of a site located near Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The new tract of land consists of approximately 18 acres and is nestled in the rolling foothills of the beautiful Allegheny Mountains. On a clear day, visibility is excellent, and affords a beautiful and inspiring panorama extending many miles. Various highways lead to the site, including the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Groundbreaking took place on Saturday, October 25 and the ceremony was well attended, including President Gorie Ciaravino, other General Church Officers and Trustees, the Auditorium Committee, the architects, members of the Greensburg Branch, members from the Pennsylvania Area Branches, and representatives from other Districts.

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Editorial Viewpoint

George A Neil

If Father would take on the responsibility of becoming God's representative in the home to train the children for Him what a bright picture the future would hold.

Father's Day June 20th, never has gained the momentum in our country that Mother's Day has. I feel, however, fathers are worthy of recognition. Good fathers no doubt feel, at times, that their job is bigger than they could ever realize.

The responsibility for the welfare of his family holds first place in a father's life. There are many things that can be said in regards to his responsibility to the home which would come under the title of husband. Our minds are thinking of him at present as a father. One of the first things he should discover, as a father, is fundamental, and this is that the child is somebody, or in other words a PERSON. The sooner this discovery is made the better it is for all concerned, for it will be proven sooner or later that every child has a mind of his own and his little mind registers opinions of his own. Thus he should be treated as a person regardless of age. One of the first principles in building a pleasant and harmonious home is that a child should be valued as a PERSON.

A wise father is one who will share his time with his children. He should let them discuss with him what has happened on the playground, in school or at home. When a father's work-day is done, and he is at home, he belongs to his family. It may not always be easy, after a hectic day at work, for father to listen to childish chatter, but he had better lay aside his newspaper and let his children talk things over with him. A father who takes an interest in the LITTLE PERSON, who spends time listening to his small talk, is doing much more than he may realize toward insuring his future happiness. There are times when boys and girls want and need Father more than the things that Father can buy. I think one of the greatest joys of parenthood is to have children who will talk freely with their parents.

I believe a wise father is one who lets his children be themselves and never forces them into a mold. He will study each child's intelligence, abilities and interests, and allow for the differences that may exist. One might excel the other in certain activities. Father, as I see it, should never compare one child unfavorably with another. This is very important at report-card time; he should encourage each child to compete with his own record.

Father, and Mother as well, should consider their behavior in the presence of these LITTLE PERSONS. Children unconsciously form ideas as to what a father is like. Their minds are forming questions that may never be asked, but Father is interpreting the answers to these questions in terms of every day living. This could easily be the nature of some of the questions: What does Father think about religion? Should God have a place in our life? How should we regard the Church? Is the Bible and holiness literature, worth reading? Is it right to obey the law? How should we treat our neighbors? Is it silly to be kind to the dog and the cat? Father should realize that the answers to these questions in terms of everyday living are often carried by the children in later years into their own married lives. The children will often repeat the pattern set by Father.

I read just recently the following words in speaking of Mother. However, I'm sure they are just as applicable to Father. "Fathers are formers of character, and one former is worth a dozen reformers. Had some fathers given more time to formation and information they might not need so much time for reformation. To teach

a child to love truth and hate a lie, to love virtue and hate vice, is a greater achievement than building an airplane."

If Father would take on the responsibility of becoming God's representative in the home to train the children for Him what a bright picture the future would hold. I don't think God is so much concerned about fathers who are successful in life as He is with those who are faithful in life, faithful to paternity.

A FATHER'S PRAYER

Dear God, my little boy of three
Has said his nightly prayer to Thee;
Before his eyes were closed in sleep,
He asked that Thou his soul would keep.
And I, still kneeling at his bed,
My hand upon his tousled head,
Do ask, with deep humility,
That thou, dear Lord, remember me.
Make me, kind Lord, a worthy Dad,
That I may lead this little lad
In pathways ever fair and bright,
That I may keep his steps aright.
O God, his trust must never be
Destroyed or even marred by me.
So, for the simple things he prayed
With childish voice so unafraid,
I trembling, ask the same from Thee.
Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me.

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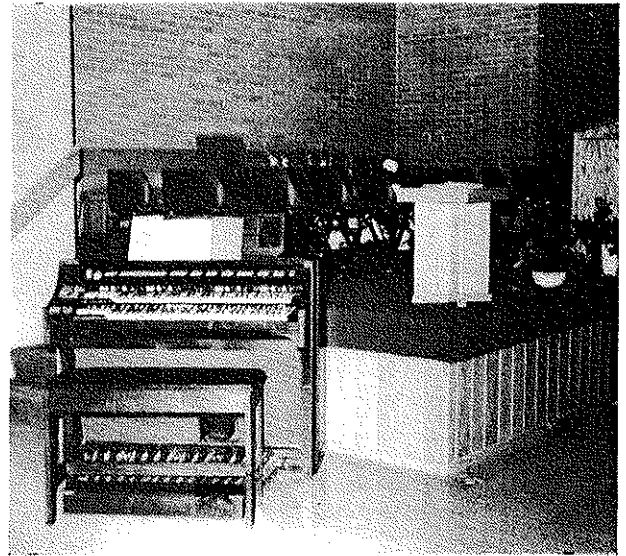
Appropriate hymns were sung, brief, but stirring remarks were made, and humble prayers were offered. God's blessing was invoked upon the site on which an edifice would soon be erected and dedicated to the honor and worship of God for many years to come.

The F. J. Busse Company, Incorporated lost little or no time in beginning anew the construction of the Auditorium. The various phases of the project moved along smoothly and as the weather improved, progress mounted to a rapid pace. Weekly progress reports were received by the Auditorium Committee from Brother Melvin Mountain who was doing an excellent job of overseeing the construction of the Auditorium for The Church.

Finally, as construction neared completion, the October General Conference selected April 17 and 18, 1971 as the dates for the dedication of the new General Church Auditorium. These dates were chosen in anticipation of favorable spring weather which would facilitate convenient travel and would also provide ample time for planning by everyone wishing to attend the long waited event.

The dedication of the new General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania proved to be a blessed and memorable event. It is eloquently told in word and picture in this issue of the GOSPEL NEWS.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.



The organ and the picturesque rostrum area.



The Piano

Our Brothers' Trip To Nigeria

Brothers Ciaravino and Ross are still waiting for visas to enter Nigeria to visit our Churches and bring back a report on the secondary school issue.

On May 10, 1971 the Nigeria Church president notified our brothers that they can expect to receive visas soon.



The open doors of the Auditorium's entrance welcome the Brothers, Sisters, and Friends to the dedicatory services.

Auditorium Dedication

The dedication services for the General Church Auditorium on April 17 and 18 brought to realization a dream that has been in the hearts of many Brothers and Sisters for a number of years.

Saturday's inclement weather did not discourage the attendance of some six hundred persons at the day's proceedings. Flowers, tokens of thoughtfulness sent by the General Ladies Uplift Circle, the General Missionary Benevolent Association, the Vanderbilt and Greensburg Branches, and the General Contractor, F. J. Busse, adorned the rostrum of the auditorium.

Opening prayer on Saturday morning was offered by Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio. In his brief introductory remarks, Brother Gorie Ciaravino recognized the diligent work done so willingly by various individuals for the Auditorium. Speaking on behalf of the architects, Mr. Pellis spoke of what the completion of the Auditorium meant not only to him, but also to us as a people.

Musical selections were then presented by Barbara Fleming, Linda Gomes, and the Detroit Ensemble. Brother Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio closed the meeting with prayer.

The Saturday evening service was introduced with various musical selections by Louis Sgro, the Ohio Area Choir, Linda Gomes, Bob Beam, the Greensburg Quartet, and Madeline Robinson.

After opening remarks by Brother Gorie Ciaravino, Brother Melvin Mountain recounted the events that eventually led to the completion of the Auditorium. He referred back to the groundbreaking in Imperial, Pennsylvania. It is noteworthy to mention that Brother Mountain devoted much of his time on behalf of the construction of the Auditorium. He travelled daily from Monongahela to Greensburg throughout the construction period. We are thankful that we have such Brothers who sacrificed their time, effort, and money in the interest of The Church.

Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo then exhorted the congregation concerning what we can accomplish if we are united. The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Richard Christman from Arizona.

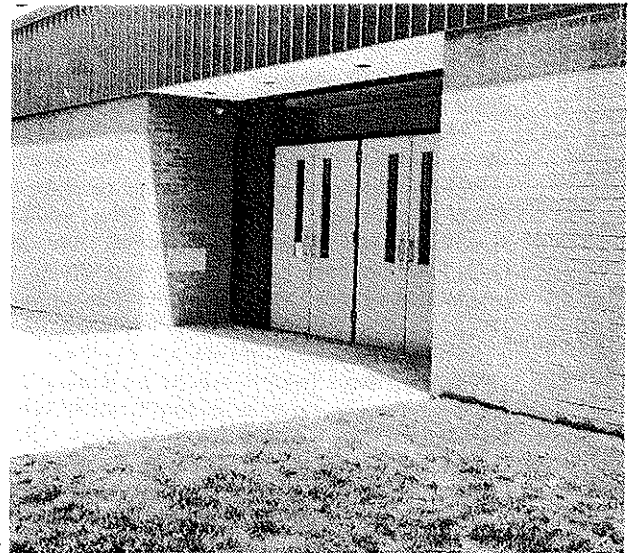
Over one thousand three hundred people were present at the Sunday services. Congregational singing was directed by Brother Frank Conti of Detroit, Michigan. The building resounded with the vibrant melodies of several favorite hymns.

Our opening hymn was "America The Beautiful," and we were led in prayer by Brother T. D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio. Recognition was made of two persons in the audience: Mr. John Bickerton, a descendant of our first Church President; and ninety-nine year old Sister Elizabeth Davidson, the oldest living member of The Church.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino used ISAIAH 28:15 as his text, and he was followed by Brother Domenic Thomas who spoke concerning the direction we should follow as a people to insure maximum output by The Church. Lai Paul D'Amico then spoke briefly. All three Brothers were truly inspired as they exhorted us.

Throughout the service we were again honored with musical selections by Madeline Robinson, Linda Gomes, and Florence La Rosa. After singing "How Great Thou Art," we were led in a closing prayer by Brother English Webb of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

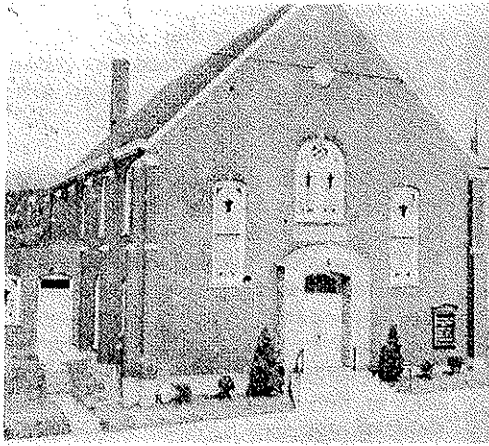
Our prayers are that the Lord will continually bless us as often as we meet in our new place of worship.



Thus ended a memorable weekend in the history of our Church.

NOTICE

The scheduled Evangelists' Conference for the date of July 4 and 5, 1971 has been postponed indefinitely.



A Tribute to the Monongahela Branch

By Thomas Ross

The recent dedication of the General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania brought to an end an era that spanned forty years. This era began with the General Conference of July 1930 that convened in the newly-erected General Church building in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, although the building required a few more weeks of labor to complete it. The General Church building was finally and officially dedicated on October 19, 1930.

As a matter of record, all General Conferences have convened annually in Monongahela, Pennsylvania from July 1930 until the final General Conference of April 1970. The General Church building thus proved to be serviceable and useful to The Church for many years in hosting conferences, gatherings, and other Church functions.

Many G.M.B.A. Conferences convened in the Monongahela church, especially the annual August G.M.B.A. Conference in which the election of officers, propositions and proposals for the welfare of the G.M.B.A., etc. were entertained for disposition. G.M.B.A. Conferences convened quarterly years ago, whereas in recent years, they convene semi-annually.

MANY SERVICES

Thus, the Monongahela Saints, their families, relatives and even friends are to be highly commended for their various services to the General Church. Over the years, they hosted many General Church Conferences, G.M.B.A. Conferences, General Ladies Circles, General Church Committee and Quorum meetings and other special gatherings and meetings.

They planned, prepared and served many tasty and appetizing lunches and dinners. They received many Saints, families and friends as overnight guests in their homes during the aforementioned conferences and gatherings. Surely they rendered other courtesies and acts of hospitality and generosity unaccounted for, but without doubt, fondly and gratefully remembered by the recipients.

In fairness to the Saints of other branches in the Monongahela area, it is fitting and proper that they too be recognized and commended for the service and hospitality they also rendered so liberally along with the Monongahela Saints during all those years.

SERVICE OF GOD

We are reminded here of a portion of King Benjamin's farewell address to his people as recorded in THE BOOK OF MORMON, MOSIAH 2:16, 17, "Behold, I say unto you that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God. And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."

I am sure there is space here for a word from the pen of Dr. William Osler who has been referred to as the father of modern medicine and the world's best doctor. In writing an introduction to the LIFE OF PASTEUR, Dr. William Osler said of him, "... whose life and work set forth the devotion to an ideal, that service to humanity is service to God."

Finally, the words of our Lord are most fitting in this tribute to all who served, including those who have gone to their rewards:

"For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

MARK 9:41

Reflections On The Erection And Dedication Of The Auditorium

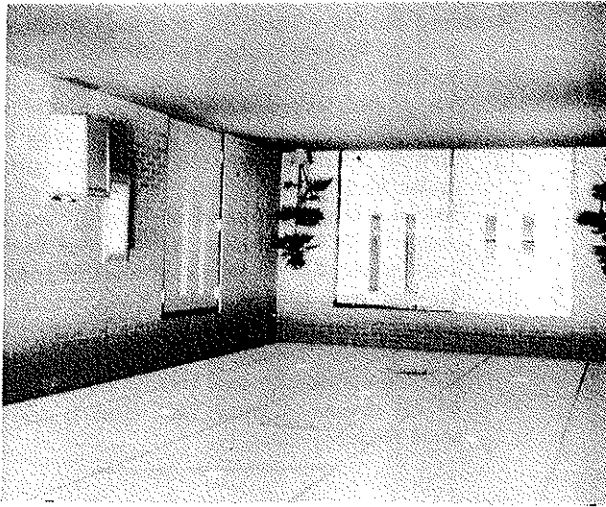
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only by the daily use of the Auditorium by the Saints nearby but when we meet in a gathering such as the dedication. We continuously look forward to God's blessings, the great manifestation of His Spirit upon us. As I pointed out earlier, the building is located in a normal American community; yet it is only a building made of brick and mortar, if it does not fulfill the intent for which it was constructed—for the worship and the glory of God. We fail in our endeavor if we do not build into it the granite of our own high principles and ideals. We live in an age when evil forces never known in history, cease not, day or night to destroy the normal framework of our world.

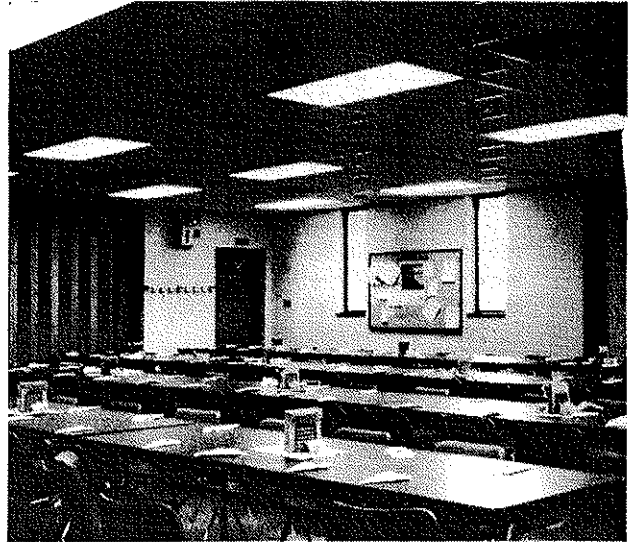
DISCIPLES WITH FAITH

Therefore, a church is only as strong as the daily examples of extraordinary righteousness set by the lives of those who are its members. Splendidly cared for church buildings and the latest word in physical equipment are evidence of excellent management; but they alone are not enough. The Church does not consist only of brick and mortar. If a church is to serve God, it must possess a discipleship with faith strong enough to believe that the will of God is going to triumph and that the future will be good. It is most gratifying how the children of the Sunday School, the youth of the M.B.A., the sisters of the Ladies Circle and the members throughout the Church worked together to make this building a reality.

Even as Moses and others went to the mountain to speak to God and He to them, may we find many occasions to do likewise. It is with deep appreciation that I thank the various individuals and committees who worked untiringly above and beyond the call of duty to bring about the fruition of this effort.



The Lobby



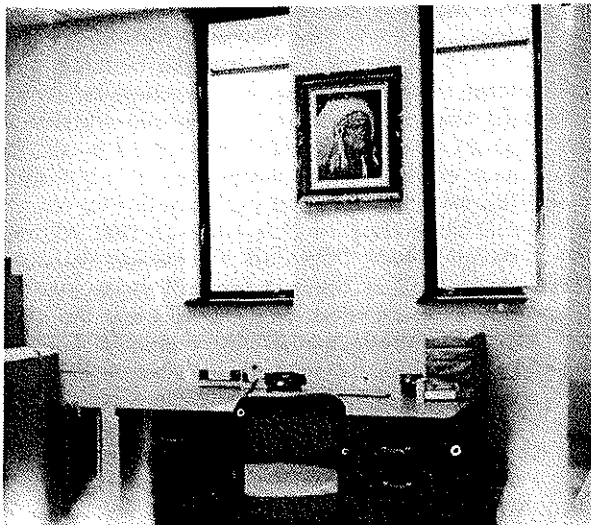
The dining hall accomodates 150 people. A room, 40'x40' with stack-on type furniture. The tables are orange colored with blue & orange chairs.



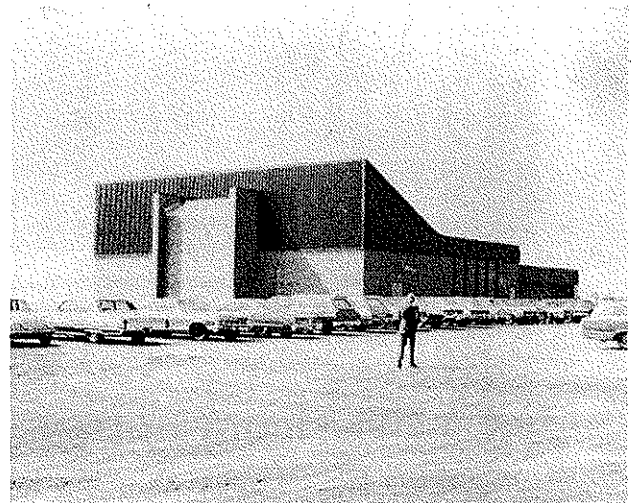
The cry room, as viewed from the main auditorium, enables mothers to hear and see the proceedings of the services, while the one-way mirror of its window affords privacy.



The main auditorium, kitchen area, lobby, and cry room as viewed from the rostrum.



The General Church Auditorium Office



The Auditorium parking area adequately accomodated over 210 cars at the dedication services. Pavement and expansion of the parking facilities will be completed as the need arises.

Flashback

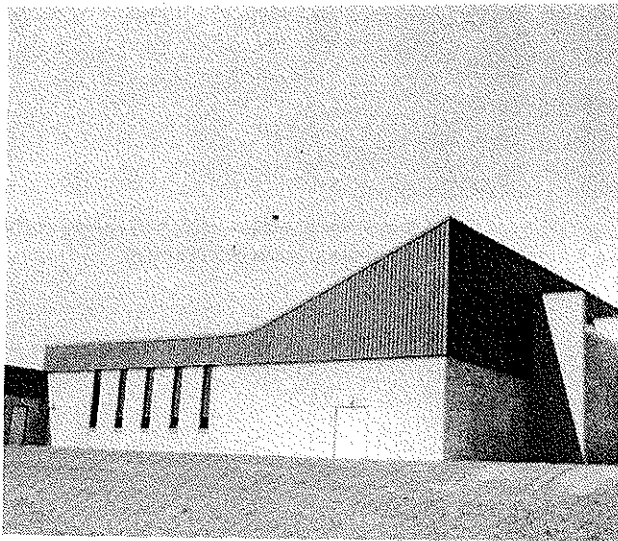
The Beginning Of The Auditorium

In the November 1959 G. M. B. A., a motion was passed that the following G. M. B. A. officers be selected to confer with the General Church concerning the proposition of a centrally located building for G. M. B. A. Conferences:

President Domenic Thomas
 Vice President Joseph Calabrese
 Chaplain Patsy Marinetti
 Secretary Ruth Akerman
 Isaac Smith
 Donald Curry

In the May 1960 G. M. B. A. Brother Gorie Ciaravino made a motion, Brother Ralph Leet seconded it, and the G. M. B. A. Conference carried the motion that a fund be established from which the General Church might draw to purchase property and build a central meeting place. A free-will offering was then taken to begin receipts to the fund. The amount was \$225.00 and the fund was off to a good start.

In the November 1960 G. M. B. A. it was reported that the General Church had accepted the G. M. B. A. proposal to establish a fund to purchase land. The fund was entitled, "THE LAND PURCHASE FUND." The drive for a centrally located Auditorium was now well on its way.



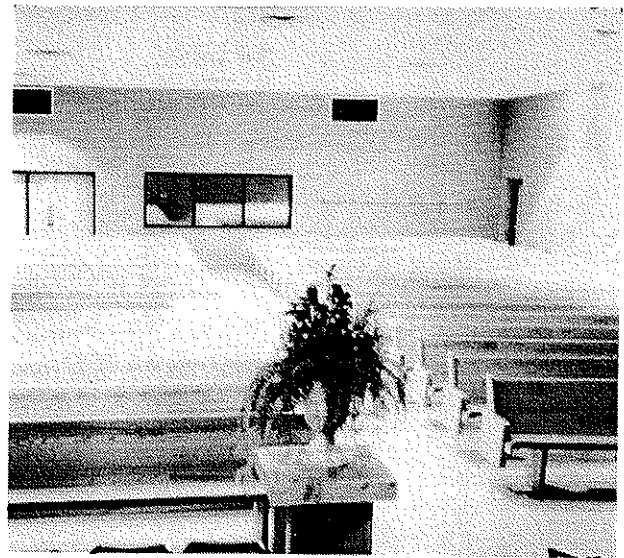
A rear view of the Auditorium includes an excellent view of the exterior projection of the rostrum, as well as the roof structure designed for adequate ventilation.

Comments Heard at Dedication

- wonderful building. May God bless us as we unite as a priesthood and the branches as they meet here.
- happy to be here. Building is beautiful.
- happy to be here. Glad to see Brother William Cadman's dream fulfilled.
- It is really great.
- really pleased with it. Beautiful setting.

Anthony Ensana—branches and individuals made donations to help make the completion of the auditorium a success. I feel that we as a Church can accomplish our goal if we work together.

Joseph Calabrese—We have come a long way overcoming a lot of obstacles, that were presented in order to accomplish the completion of the auditorium. We have seen the fulfillment of many, many hours of laboring together of Brothers who were dedicated to the great work of spreading the Gospel and Brothers who have dedicated their lives to the Church. My only regret this day is that Brother William Cadman is not here. I miss him tremendously, and this would be a fulfillment of his dream. I know that God is pleased with what we have done.



Portion of the seating
in the main auditorium.

My Thoughts of the Auditorium Site

By Margaret Abbott

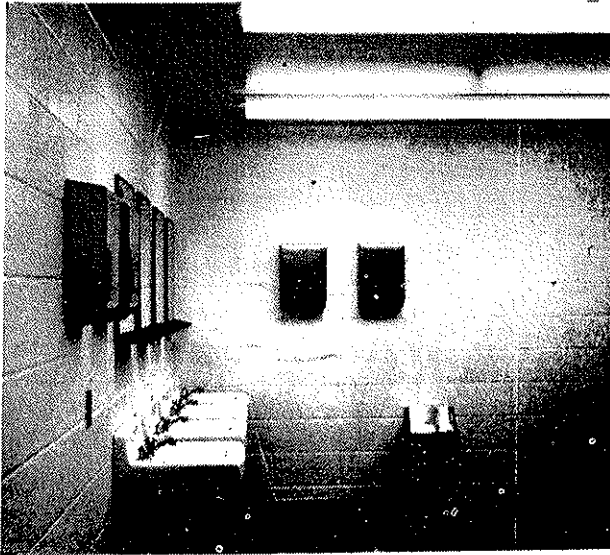
If I had not gone into the building, I still would have thought the trip very worthwhile. As I stood on the outside and looked at the country side, I felt the peace and quiet and simplicity of it all. The greatness of this, The Promised Land, and truly feel that this was the place the Lord wanted for us.

How close to God I felt on that hilltop, and my thoughts were, "Oh God, How Great You Are, to have created all of this just for us." There was no rushing traffic or crowded streets or dirt nor the ugliness that man has made out of the wonderful land that God has given us. Peace, and the Love of God, all around you as you stand there, as though He were telling us that He is near and all is well.

I know that I'm not the only one who felt all this, because other Brothers and Sisters were standing quietly listening to the peace. Yes, Peace can be heard as well as felt. The building inside is beautiful, very simple, and in very good taste. The singing and the talks were very heart warming, and it was indeed

a very inspiring day. I didn't feel as though I wanted to leave that spot, what I felt that day will live in my heart the rest of my life.

I just want to let everyone know, that if they haven't visited the Auditorium, they should make an effort to do so at least once, and don't be in a hurry to go into the building; look at the wonders of God, the valleys and the mountains. You can see for miles around. At the bottom of the hill is an elegant modern church building, but the simple beautiful building on top of the hill is surely the House of the Lord.



One of the two restrooms.
Entrances are located in the lobby.

Branch & Mission News

ORDINATION AT WARREN

Brother William Crall was ordained into the office of a Deacon at the Warren, Ohio Branch on March 14, 1971. His feet were washed by Brother Frank Giovannone, and Brother Jerry Giovannone laid hands upon him.

May the Lord bless Brother Crall as he undertakes his new duties.

ORDINATION OF DEACONESSES

A very good spirit was felt by all as two of our Sisters were ordained into the office of Deaconess during our feet washing services.

Sister Virginia Pizaa and Sister Betty D'Orazio were ordained on March 21, 1971. Sister Virginia had her feet washed by Sister Elsie Ensana and was ordained by Brother Sam Dell. Sister Betty's feet were washed by Sister Theresa Venuta, and she was ordained by Brother Anthony Ensana.

BAPTISM AT WINDSOR

Louis Cooney was taken down to the waters of baptism on April 18, 1971. He was baptized and confirmed by Brother Don Collison. Brother Peter H. Capone was visiting with us and shared in the blessing we all received.

MONONGAHELA BRANCH NEWS BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 18, Brother Ed Noel was baptized at Pine Top, Arizona. Ed had previously visited the Reservation and had become very impressed with the Indian people he met there. He and Brother Herb Hemmings recently relocated at Pine Top, and here the Spirit of God moved upon Ed to ask for his baptism. He was immersed by Brother Herb as large snowflakes fell around them. However, the whiteness of the falling snow was dimmed by the beauty of the new spiritual garments and a pure-white soul that was newly cleansed. Ed's baptism also showed that God still answers prayer, for the Sisters of the Monongahela Ladies' Circle have been fasting and praying for Ed, as well as others, to be called into God's fold. Ed's wife, Patricia, received the good news by phone and immediately made a plane reservation so she could witness the baptism. May God bless our new Brother as he labors with others among the covenant people.

ORDINATION

On Sunday, May 2, Brother William Chepanoske was ordained to the office of Teacher in the Branch. Brother John Griffith read from the third Chapter of Moroni, concerning the manner in which Jesus instructed the disciples to ordain Teachers. Brother John also read the duties of a Teacher. The ordination was performed by Brother John Olexa, who washed Brother Bill's feet, and Brother James Grazan, who anointed and prayed over him. Our sincere prayer is that God would bless our Brother and give him the strength to fulfill the office according to His will.

EXPERIENCE

The following experience was had by Brother Louis Scaglione on Friday morning, April 16, 1971:

"I was on my way home from work at 7:30. I got on the bus in New Eagle and planned to get off at Third Street in Monongahela. After going several blocks, the bus stopped at Seventh Street and a man boarded the bus. As he stepped into the bus I saw that he was the exact image of our late Brother William H. Cadman. I had to marvel at how much he resembled Brother Will, even down to the gray suit and black topcoat he frequently wore. He looked at me with a smile and said 'Hello.' I answered him, 'Hello.' He then walked to the rear of the bus and sat down. As I was pondering over the incident, the bus arrived at my stop and I got up to get off the bus. When I turned to have another look at this man, to my amazement he had disappeared."

It may be significant to note that this was the weekend of the dedication of the General Church Auditorium. Also, the bus stop at Seventh Street is the one which would be used if visiting the Monongahela Church building, which is the General Church Headquarters. Perhaps the most significant thing to note is that the previous day was the anniversary of the death of Brother Cadman. He passed away on April 15, 1963.

Brief News of Interest

Sister Marilyn Scolaro is now living with her husband Peter in Germany, where he is serving in the Armed Services. She commented how Brother Peter would have desired to be present for the dedication. May God bless them in their stay in Germany.

Teacher Ordained

Brother Robert Halas was ordained a Teacher on Sunday, April 25, 1971 at the Cleveland Ohio Mission. As the hymn "Behold Thy Sons and Daughters, Lord" was being sung, his feet were being washed by Brother James Lombardo, a Teacher also. He was then ordained by Brother Vincent Gibson.

The following Brothers and their families visited with us for this occasion: Don Pandone from Youngstown, Tony Picciuto from Perry, Vincent Gibson, Mario Milano and Raymond Abbott from the Cleveland Branch. Also present were Brother Halas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halas.

Brother Tony Picciuto was our main speaker, bringing forth the need for faith to continue serving God in these troubled times on this earth. A very good feeling of fellowship prevailed throughout our service.

Also a word of appreciation for the constant efforts of Brothers Don Pandone and Richard Santilli of Youngstown, who along with their families, have faithfully traveled to our little mission, taking turns on alternate Sundays. With God's help they have sustained us so that we have been able to continue functioning as a unit of The Church for the past two years.

NUPTIALS

GREGG - ROBERTS

Mr. James Howard Gregg and Miss Patricia Ann Roberts were united in holy matrimony at the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 7, 1971. Brother Idris Martin conducted the ceremony. Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky was the vocal soloist.

The couple now reside in Elco, Pennsylvania.

NANTAIS - ELSBY

Mr. Dennis Orville Nantais and Miss Linda Marie Elsbey were united in holy wedlock at the Windsor, Ontario Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, April 10, 1971. Brother Donald F. Collison officiated at the ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Donald Henderson.

The couple are planning to reside in Windsor, Ontario.

MONAGHAN - DIANTONIO

Mr. Leo C. Monaghan and Sister Carol L. DiAntonio were united in holy matrimony on May 8, 1971 at the Aliquippa Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother John Manes officiated at the ceremony. Panfilo DiCenzo presented two musical selections, and Sister Nina DiCenzo was the organist.

The newlyweds will reside in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

arrivals have been as follows:

Dianna Lynn Kish to the John Kenneth Kishes of New Brunswick, New Jersey;

George F. Seighman, Jr. to the George F. Seighmans of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

John Bernard Demchak to the Joseph John Demchaks of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Julie Ann Gensburg to the Bart Gensburgs of Warren, Ohio;

Timothy Richard Ciarolla to the Richard Ciarollas of Warren, Ohio;

Brian David Abbott to the Raymond Curry Abbots Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, and

Jared Robert Biscotti to the Robert Biscottis of Cleveland, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

JANE McFEATERS

Sister Jane McFeaters, a member of the St. John, Kansas Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on March 18, 1971. She was born on August 10, 1885 and was baptized into The Church six years ago.

Brothers Isaac Smith and Alexander Robinson conducted the funeral services.

GEORGE H. MAYFIELD

Brother George H. Mayfield, a young member of The Church, departed from this life on April 17, 1971. He was born on January 29, 1945 and was baptized on October 11, 1964.

Left to mourn are his wife, two daughters, mother, father, three brothers, and four sisters.

Brothers James Grazan and Paul Gehly officiated at the funeral services.

Brother George met with a tragic accident on his way to work. He will be greatly missed by his family and loved ones. He was a very energetic young Brother and will be missed by the Greensburg, Pennsylvania Branch. Our prayers are that God will comfort the family.

FRED ZANARDELLI

Mr. Fred Zanardelli, the husband of Sister Josephine (Waltz) Zanardelli, died suddenly April 23, 1971 after a brief illness.

Born December 14, 1917, he is survived by his wife and two daughters, Janice at home and Sister Bonnie Miller from Ringwood, New Jersey.

Services were conducted by Brother George Johnson and Brother Idris Martin at The Church of Jesus Christ in Roscoe, Pennsylvania.

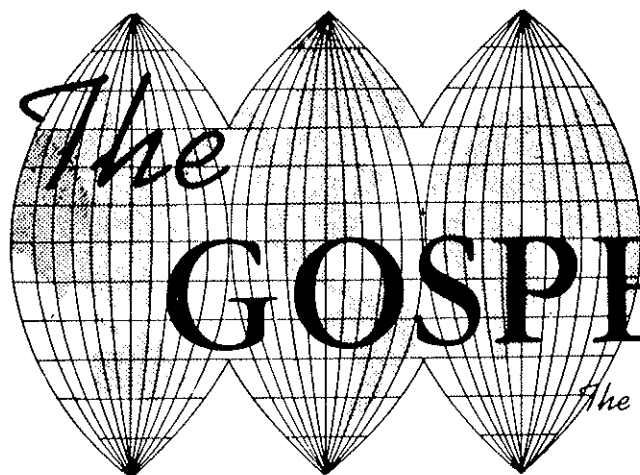
Mr. Zanardelli left many friends and loved ones who greatly miss him.

New Arrivals

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the indicated new members of their families. New

NOTICE

The General Conference will be held at the Auditorium on June 24, 25, 26, 27, 1971.



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Commentary On The Peaceful Reign

By V. James Lovalvo

TO ALL THE BRANCHES AND MISSIONS

Much has been said about the year 1970, not only by the Ministers of our Church but by many wise and intelligent people in the world. Since I have been in The Church (a little over 37 years) I have heard about the year 1970 as being the ushering in of the PEACEFUL REIGN (the Kingdom of God on earth). Some of our older brethren who have now gone to their reward, and some who are still living, have zealously and fervently preached concerning this prophetic year which would herald the birth of the Kingdom of God in the flesh. Among the foremost of these brethren is the one to whom the Lord revealed this mystery so vividly. I speak of Brother Alma Cadman (who is now in the ripe old age of ninety-three years). He is a Brother who has, without the slightest shadow of doubt, and without fear of contradiction, preached on this stupendous prophecy, as witnessed by his pamphlet, "THE SEVENTH DAY OF REST". Last year I had the pleasure of visiting with him at the home of his son, Russell; and to my joy he still affirmed very strongly his faith in the PEACEFUL REIGN. I have believed in this doctrine since the day I was baptized, and am still more fully convinced of its eventual fulfillment.

There are agnostics and scoffers today regarding this subject as there were in the days of Nephi, the son of Helaman, relative to the sign of Jesus' birth, as given by the prophet Samuel the Lamanite. But as the scoffers were put to shame by the fulfillment of Samuel's prophecy, and the sign of the birth of the Son of God was given, so shall the unbelievers and their posterity see the fulfillment of the Peaceful Reign whose beginning and birth is and was in 1970, thanks to God who gives knowledge and wisdom and understanding through the Holy Spirit.

Some are perhaps waiting for a dramatic and emotional event to take place before their eyes, such as was given at the birth of Christ. We must remember that the people to whom Samuel gave that prophecy were such a heartless people they wanted to put those that believed to death if the sign would not be forthcoming. We are not dealing with this manner of people,

thanks to God. We are called to accept this great philosophy by Faith, and believe in our hearts, through the revelation of The Holy Ghost, that the prophecies recorded in both the BIBLE and the BOOK OF MOR-MON shall come to pass in these the latter days.

While I was in San Carlos, Arizona during a most wonderful week of fasting and prayer in the company of a few brothers, the Lord revealed to me a remarkable thing concerning 1970 and the Peaceful Reign. Perhaps in the minds of some a thought has occurred in which the year 1970 should have dawned with a great fanfare of exploding events which would have left no doubt whatsoever. Nevertheless, God does not work in this manner, except in rare and unusual cases. (as the upheaval of the earth and mountains at the crucifixion of His Son, or the dividing of the Red Sea). It is my firm belief that it was not necessary for the Lord to give a tremendous and dramatic sign to herald the birth of the Peaceful Reign, because we have the Scriptures before us which testify of this great event. As to the revelation that God gave me at San Carlos: While the brethren and I were speaking concerning this wonderful Reign of peace, the Lord opened my mind to the Scriptures, and Lo! understanding was given me as to the particular time we are now in. I was directed by the Holy Spirit to read about the six days of creation and the seventh day of rest. So quickly I turned to the BOOK OF GENESIS, and there, before my eyes was the answer to the time we are living in relation to the Peaceful Reign. After each day of creation the writer of the account ends his narrative with, "the EVENING and the Morning was the first day, the Evening and the Morning was the second day, —etc." There it was, plain as could be! The Evening

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Be Not Worldly Minded

By W. H. Cadman

(Reprinted from the radio BOOK OF SERMONS
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In I John 2:15-17, we read:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

These are three wonderful verses of scripture. There is so much involved therein that I feel my inability to fathom their depths. In fact, we are taught that the things of God are understood by The Spirit of God; and Jesus says in ST. JOHN 15:5, "... without me ye can do nothing."

I hope that the reading of these verses will cause some who are so wrapped up in the pleasures of the world to stop and seriously reconsider. This scripture declares that all that is in the world, such as lust and pride, shall pass away. If then, our lives are taken up with such, it is certain that we shall pass away with the world. We are commanded not to love the world and its ways; and, persisting to do so, we are disobeying the Commands of God.

I read also, that sin is the transgression of The Law. There is so much today to lure our minds away from God and Godly Things that it behooves us to be on the watch continually, lest we be led into temptation. Jesus has taught us He was not of this world, and He taught His Disciples to be like Him. Correspondingly, if our minds are absorbed with the things of the world and if the pleasures of the world are what our lives are taken up with, we are far away from God and His Son, Christ Jesus. He told His Disciples, therefore, that if the world hated Him, it would also hate them. How true that statement proved to be. They suffered even unto death, because they refused to walk in the ways of the world. Rather than enjoy the ways of the world for a season, they gave heed to the ways of The Master.

In HEBREWS 11:25, 26, I read that the great man, Moses, chose

... rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

He forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king. The love Moses had for his people and The Things of God was greater—yea, for greater—than all the riches and pleasures the king's palace could afford him. Jesus says: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." He further says, "If any MAN will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." To have our minds absorbed with the things of the world and try, or profess, to serve God is trying to serve God and mammon, too; but The Saviour says we cannot do so. We must love one or the other and despise one or the other.

In HEBREW 11:35-38 inclusive, I read of the cruel treatment afforded those who were not of the world. VERSES 37 AND 38 say:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they 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:) ...

The world, with all its pomp and glory, was not worthy of these people, who were so terribly described in their persecuted state.

In II TIMOTHY, THIRD CHAPTER, there are prophetic utterances recorded, which are worthy of our attention. One of the Promises of The Saviour was that The Holy Spirit would lead and guide us into all truths and show us things to come. Before the Apostle Paul obeyed THE GOSPEL, he was being led astray; but, after his experience on the way to Damascus, when he was commanded to go on, one of God's servants came in contact with him and commanded him to "arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins . . ." Paul, after obeying The Command of God in being baptized for the remission of his sins, received The Spirit of God in his soul and was then led into The Mysteries of God's Grace.

It was The Holy Spirit which led him to see what he wrote in the THIRD CHAPTER OF SECOND TIMOTHY,

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Even learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The Apostle certainly describes the condition of our present day perfectly. The world is rampant with these various evil things of which he speaks. The professing Christians of today are not exceptions in Paul's indictment, for he declares they have "... a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: ..." It is not the infidel who is exhibiting a form of godliness and denying His Power; but rather this is found among those who bow in prayer and praise, and yet do not do as Jesus commands.

The general attitude of today is to refuse to obey The Commands of God to love not the world and the things thereof; but they love the world and its pleasures, even to the desecrating of The Sabbath Day on the golf links, the baseball fields, and indulging in almost every form of ungodliness on The Sabbath Day, as well as on all other days. It seems the more we become learned, as a world of people, the farther away from God we become, even as Paul says, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of truth." The exhortation of Paul is, "... from such turn away."

To all people, and especially to BIBLE readers, you should know something of The Character of God. You should know how He has dealt with the generations of past ages. He has been a long suffering Being. He, indeed, has been lenient with frail humanity. He has held out a loving arm, and he has pleaded through His Servants. Sometimes, He let His Wrath fall, and fall very heavily. Even in the days of Noah, He only spared Noah and his family. Only eight souls entered the Ark, after all the struggles of His Faithful Servant.

He opened The Red Sea for Israel to pass through and escape their enemies. Yea, God was good to Israel but when they forgot Him, His Wrath fell upon them severely because of their murmurings and transgressions in the wilderness. Do we really believe that God is the same today as He was yesterday or have we just got into the habit of repeating The Scriptures, which verify that God is the same yesterday, today and forever?

After all, man's impudence toward God has been exhibited even to the extent that the creature is worshipped more than The Creator. Yet, in His Infinite Mercy, He sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, giving all men an opportunity to live—yea, to live more abundantly if they will. We have been taught that whosoever will may come and drink of the waters of life freely. He tells Nicodemus in ST. JOHN 3:5, however, ". . . Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and OF the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

To be born of God, we must meet the conditions laid down by The Saviour. The Apostle Peter was very emphatic in the matter of The Laws of The Gospel being obeyed, when in Acts 2:38, he cries, ". . . Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of Sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Jesus Christ had thus taught him; and he, Peter, could not be faithful to his Master in commanding otherwise. The Command, therefore, is very urgent today. Love not the world and its sinful ways, for if you do, The Love of The Father is not in you. Turn from this wicked world, repent, and be baptized by immersion in the water, so that your sins may be blotted out and that you may receive His Spirit in your souls; that you might love God's Ways and fore-sake the ways of the world.

The Saviour said, ". . . every tree is known by his own fruit . . ." Generally speaking, whatever we are most interested in will manifest itself in our lives. For instance, if we are interested in sports, it becomes very evident to those who surround us; if it is strong drink, we cannot hide it; if gambling, it reflects itself in our very countenance; and, too, if our minds are absorbed in piling up riches, it is soon made plain to our fellow men. In fact, it seems to me the desires and manner of the lives we live can be observed in our countenances. Be it evil or good, it is reflected from our inner-parts to our outer-parts. Truly, Jesus has said: ". . . every tree is known by his own fruit . . ."

Our Saviour has taught us to

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where
thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

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An Encouraging Experience

By James (Bert) Sheffler

Thank you, Brothers and Sisters, for the many prayers and the fasting in my behalf during my illness. It is only through the prayers of the Brothers and Sisters and the grace and mercy of God that I am alive today. I would like to relate some of the experiences that the Lord gave me while I was in the hospital.

About a week after I was in the hospital with a heart attack, the Lord gave me an experience. I didn't realize it at the time, but the Lord was preparing me for the afflictions that I would have to go through. In the experience, a voice said to me "As I was with the Three Hebrew Children in the fiery furnace and preserved their lives, for they did not bow down to false Gods, so will I be with the Saints of The Church if they do not partake of the things of the world."

The next night, I developed blood clots in my right leg and was operated on for these clots. After coming from the operating room, this experience came back to me, and I thanked God for calling me into The Church of Jesus Christ. The next day, my entire leg began to turn black from the hip down to my foot. The doctors said they would have to remove the whole leg. That morning (Saturday) the Lord gave me an experience in which a voice said unto me "be annointed tomorrow (Sunday) and your leg will be healed." Brother Swanson came to the hospital Sunday morning about 8:00 O'clock and annointed me. At 9:00 O'clock, the doctor came in and looked at my leg and said, "Your leg is saved." However, my foot remained black. I prayed continually to the Lord that my foot would be saved also.

One night, as I was sleeping, the Lord gave me a dream in which I saw a large square box about 5 inches deep. It was a beautiful blue color and was divided in small compartments. Each compartment had a part of the body in it. I saw my foot in one of the compartments. There was a hand in one, an arm in another, etc. A voice said unto me, "Your foot is being preserved," and then I awoke. I had the understanding that the other parts of the body in the box belonged to other Saints. I took the interpretation of this dream to mean that my foot was to be saved. About two weeks later, one night I picked up the BOOK OF MORMON, and it opened up to the Book of Alma, Chapter 40, verse 23: "The soul shall be restored to the body, and the body to the soul; yea, and every limb and joint shall be restored to its body; yea, even a hair of the head shall not be lost; but all things shall be restored to their proper and perfect frame." As I read this, the real meaning of this dream came to me, my foot was to be preserved until the first resurrection when the Saints of The Church will rise, if we prove faithful to the end of our lives, as we must stand before God in a perfect state. I then accepted the fact that my foot was to be removed.

Again, I would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters and Friends who prayed for me and my wife and for all the phone calls, the concern and all the cards sent to me. Words cannot express how grateful I am to all of you.

The Restoration Story

By Paul D'Amico

Much has been said on the subject of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some of our Brothers have labored to no end to write on this wonderful subject.

Not too long ago, a pamphlet was printed by The Church called, "Establishment, Apostasy, and Restoration." Most of the information and important data was obtained from Brothers V. J. Lovalvo and Joseph Lovalvo, Brothers Domenic Moraco and Carl Frammolin compiled the book.

With the permission of our local M. B. A. President, I have read and endeavored to explain this pamphlet to the members and young people of Lockport. I felt that this pamphlet was of great worth and value to our people; and I will go on record to say that I highly recommend it to all readers of the GOSPEL NEWS. It has made a valuable contribution to The Church Literature which we already have.

REFORMATION FORERUNNER TO RESTORATION

We are a people who have proclaimed the Restoration Story for many years because it is something which the Reformation period did not or could not bring about this glorious event. During the Reformation movement, many churches were established upon the face of the earth. This movement was an important one because God had a purpose and a plan which would one day fulfill Scriptures. It has been said that John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus Christ. I have also heard from some of our old Brethren in The Church that likewise was the Reformation Period a forerunner to the Restoration of the Gospel.

The Command of Jesus was to go throughout all the world and preach His Gospel. He had established His Church (The Church of Jesus Christ) prior to His Crucifixion; and after His Ascension, The Church was baptized with the Holy Ghost. This bestowal of the Holy Ghost and the commission received, was a go-sign for the Apostles to go out and preach the Doctrine which He had taught them.

THE APOSTASY

After much success, and after many years of preaching the Gospel, another period of time known as the Apostasy took place. This period is better known as the Falling Away of the Gospel. During this time there was a departure from the True Standards and Principles which Jesus had taught and many false doctrines began to enter in.

We praise the name of God, however, that in 1827, the true and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ was Restored to earth again. The reader will take note that there is a difference in the word "Reformation" when compared to the word "Restoration." The former means to change, but the latter means to bring back that which once was.

The Church of Jesus Christ welcomes all mankind to come and hear this Blessed Story that shall one day be the convincing power unto all nations, even unto the gathering of the Twelve Tribes of the House of Israel presently scattered throughout the world.

MISSION ESTABLISHED

In 1928, my father, the late Brother Ishmael D'Amico, went to Colorado and established a Mission there. Before departing, he prayed much for Divine

Guidance, and in much sincerity and simplicity he said, "Lord what shall I tell these people when I get to Colorado?" As he was still praying, he heard a voice saying, "Tell them this, And I saw another Angel flying in the midst of heaven having the Everlasting Gospel to be preached unto every kindred, tongue and nation that dwells upon the face of the earth; saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give Him the honor and the glory for the hour of His just judgments are at hand."

This message was proclaimed in Sopris, Colorado near Trinidad and a number of souls were converted unto the Lord at that time.

MACEDONIAN CALL

On a larger scale, today, The Church of Jesus Christ is answering the Macedonian call, and is proclaiming without fear and without shame the Blessed Story of the Restoration.

It is our hope that before the end comes, the Restoration Story will have reached all ends of this continent, and all ends of the world; thus fulfilling the Command of Christ, the Saviour of the world.

God bless you all is my prayer.

The Mercies of God

By Lou Pandone

I want to take time to praise God for His loving kindness and tender mercies He bestowed upon me during my illness and recent surgery on my back. I want to relate an experience I had prior to going to the hospital. I was telling my son Richard not to pray to the Lord to spare my life, but rather to pray that I may not suffer the terrible pain and agony I experienced during the last surgery. The surgery on my back in 1962 was a nightmare and I've suffered constant pain for nine years. I thank God that this time I suffered no ill effects and it feels good to walk without the misery of persistent pain.

God was good to me and merciful and I am very grateful and thankful that He heard the prayers of my loved ones and all my Brothers and Sisters throughout The Church. I want to thank everyone for their concern and prayers in my behalf.

The last thing I remember before going into the operating room was my silent prayer. I said, "Lord I've come this far, now I commit myself into Thy care. Guide the hands of the surgeon." Ten hours later, as I opened my eyes, everything was over with and it was good to see daylight again. It was as though a miracle had happened; not much pain and no ill effects. Praise God for His wonderful mercies.

The earthly physicians were amazed at the rapid recovery and seven days after surgery I went home. Once again praise God from Whom all blessings flow, and thanks to my Brothers and Sisters for their prayers, cards and flowers.

TRIP TO ITALY

Brother Rocco V. Biscotti plans to leave July 26th, 1971 for a tour of the missions in Italy. Our prayers are that God will keep him in His care and direct him in all his activity. May he prove to be a blessing to many during his stay.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By Thomas Ross

"AND PROCLAIM LIBERTY"

The word of the Lord to Moses on Mount Sinai, as recorded in LEVITICUS 25:10, includes these beautiful words, "... and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof . . ." This message surely brought joy to the children of Israel and fulfilled a hope that had burned in their hearts during their many years of servitude in Egypt.

This Scripture is most befitting on this anniversary of American Independence. As we reflect on the struggle and sacrifices endured by the colonists to win their freedom from their mother country, we are persuaded that without the Hand of Providence, it would have been impossible. Like the children of Israel, they faced overwhelming forces. Through the instrumentality of Moses, God brought deliverance and freedom to His people.

BRAVE AND NOBLE MEN

On the other hand, God inspired brave and noble men during that turbulent time in early American history. They courageously stepped forward and on July 4, 1776 boldly adopted The Unanimous Declaration of The Thirteen United States of America, later to be commonly referred to as The Declaration of Independence.

The closing words of the document are stirring and ennobling—"And for the support of the Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." In effect, the signers of the Declaration sealed this pledge by affixing their signatures, beginning with John Hancock, who boldly wrote in large sprawling hand. I clearly recall the beautiful and fitting tribute paid to the Founding Fathers some years ago by Brother Charles Ashton, who served as First Counselor to Brother William H. Cadman for many years. After pronouncing the names of several prominent founders, he referred to them as National Apostles.

A NEW NATION

We are indebted to those colonial Americans who fought in the War of Independence. We stand in awe of their tenacity under fire. Finally, after much sacrifice and the shedding of much blood, they succeeded in winning their freedom and founded a new nation. In his booklet, DANIEL'S LITTLE HORN (Page 7), Brother William Cadman (1834-1905), father of our late Brother William H. Cadman, comments on this historic event; "The world never produced a bolder or braver set of men than those that undertook and accomplished the task of securing American Independence." He further asserts that the rise and progress of The United States of America is a literal fulfillment of Daniel's vision and prophecy, "And I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn . . ." (DANIEL 7:8)

THE BOOK OF MORMON also sets forth prophecy bearing on the rise of our government. In Nephi's remarkable vision as recorded in I NEPHI 13:14-19, he wrote, VERSE 14, "... I beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles (Colonists) upon the land of promise (America);" VERSE 15, "And I beheld the Spirit of the Lord, that it was upon the Gentiles, (Colonists) and they did prosper and obtain the land (America) for their inheritance; . . ." VERSE 17, "And I beheld that their monther Gentiles (England) . . . gathered together upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them." VERSE 19, "And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles (Colonists) . . . were delivered by the power of God . . ."

During our Lord's visit to His people on this land, shortly after His resurrection, He taught His Gospel and unfolded many prophecies to them. He also foretold the rise of our nation, "For it is wisdom in the Father that they (Colonists) should be established in this land (America) and be set up as a free people . . ." (III NEPHI 21:4)

In the verse of Samuel F. Smith, let us praise God:

Our fathers' God! to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISH

Dear Girls and Boys,

Last month I told you of a miracle in America. This time I want to tell you about one that took place in the land of Palestine, where Jesus lived. As Jesus traveled from city to city many people followed Him. They enjoyed His stories and were amazed at the wonderful miracles He performed. Being weary and tired Jesus went to a desert place to rest. Soon He was surrounded by great multitudes of people. As Jesus looked at them He thought of them as sheep without a shepherd. The time passed quickly and soon it was evening. Jesus realized the people must be very hungry, turning to Philip He asked, "Where shall we buy bread that these may eat?" Philip must have been surprised at this question because there were thousands of people. It would be impossible to feed them all he thought. He said, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone of them may eat a little." Andrew, one of the disciples said, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish but what are they among so many?" They thought the people should be sent away to find lodging as it was growing late. Jesus knew the people did not need to go. He said, "Make the men sit down." There was grass on the hillside. The five thousand men besides women and children sat down.

Jesus took the loaves and fish and blessed them. We too, should ask the Heavenly Father to bless our food before we eat. Jesus gave the loaves and fish to His disciples and they gave it to the people. They kept giving out the food and giving the food until everyone had enough. Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." They gathered twelve basketsful of the food that was left! Wasn't that a wonderful miracle from just five loaves and two fish? I know that little boy who shared his lunch was very, very happy that day. Just think what he could tell his friends about Jesus.

This kind of a miracle has happened again and again. Some kind good person has given an offering to Jesus and He has multiplied it over and over. Has this ever happened to you? What does this verse in the Bible mean? "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." ECCLESIASTES 11:1.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read MATTHEW 15:32, 39, to fill the blanks. This is another time Jesus fed thousands of people.

1. There were loaves and a fish.
2. After the people had eaten there were baskets of food left over.
3. This time there were thousand men besides women and children.
4. After the people were sent away Jesus entered a and went to

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Commentary On The Peaceful Reign

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came first, then then Morning! So with the Peaceful Reign! We are living in the Evening time of this wonderful Reign of Peace, and following will come the Morning, the Dawn of that beautiful Day of Rest. We must, therefore, expect the prophecies to be fulfilled concerning many things before the Morning comes; such as the ingathering of the House of Israel on this land, the glorious spiritual liberation and exaltation of the

Seed of Joseph, the preaching extensively to the Gentiles until their fullness comes in, there will be times of darkness hovering over the Saints of the Almighty, as recorded in the 13TH and 17TH CHAPTERS OF REVELATIONS; there will be trials that will try the faith of the Saints to the uttermost. Then will come that glorious day when the Lamb of God will do battle with the evil forces of Satan, and Christ will be conquering

victor. And in the "Morning" time of the day of rest, the Saints will rejoice and see the glory of God displayed throughout the land, when He shall make a covenant even with the beast of the field; when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion together . . . and the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion

shall eat straw like the ox . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (ISAIAH 11:5-9) Also, at that day, (the Peaceful Reign) when the Mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountain, and exalted above the hills; when the Kingdom of God shall be a reality, and all nations flow unto it, the "voice of

weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying; . . . for as the days of a tree are the days of my people . . . for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord." (ISAIAH 65TH CHP.)

These are not merely dreams, nor are they impossibilities, but rather realities that shall come to pass according to the prophecies cited. If they seem improbable to the unbeliever, let him seek God in prayer, who shall reveal the truth of the matter by the power of His Holy Spirit. But to those who believe, these are eternal truths revealed with assurance by Him who gave utterance to the Holy prophets, whose words, "I AM THAT I AM," still ring cut majestically through the ages.

SPECIAL OFFER

We have extra copies of the June issue. Anyone desiring a copy write to Sister Sara I. Vancik, Sixth and Lincoln Streets, Monongahela, Pennsylvania 15063. Cost 25c.

A Privileged Weekend

By Betty Alessio

May 1 and 2 was a privileged weekend for the Lorain, Ohio Branch to have a busload of Indians from the Muncey Reserve visiting with them. Brother Joe Milantoni, the elder in charge of the Mission, and his family accompanied this group, who helped make this a joyous weekend. In attendance also were Brothers and Sisters from Cleveland, Youngstown, Niles, and Perry, Ohio and Erie, Pennsylvania.

On Saturday evening the opening hymn, "What a Day That Will Be," was followed with prayer offered by Brother Helford Birch, an Indian Brother whose dramatic conversion has been very much noticed by others on the reservation.

Brother Milantoni opened the service by asking the Indians from the various tribes to stand and be recognized. There were representatives from the Delaware, Chippewa and Onieda tribes and also some from the Six Nations Reserve.

Brother Joe stated the richest experience of his life has been to eat, sleep and work among the Indians at Muncey. He related many serious and humorous experiences he had while working among the covenant people of God. It is quite evident from his dialogue that he deeply enjoys working with them. Some of the Indian Brothers and Sisters and friends briefly expressed themselves and Sister Judy Albert beautifully sang the hymn "I'll Be A Friend Of His."

Brother Milantoni gave a brief history of Lehi and his family as related in the Book of Mormon and their migration to the western hemisphere. He stated that our mission is to let them know that we possess the Gospel that was once taught to them hundreds of years ago and God has said He will restore them to the stature that is rightly theirs. They have a glorious future for themselves as God's chosen people and will once again be a great and powerful nation. Brother Joe related how the ancient Incas welcomed Pizzaro, believing him to be their God who had returned, but he plundered and pillaged their civilization. The same fate befell the Aztecs when Cortez arrived in ancient Mexico as he tried to wipe out their civilization by destroying their libraries. Returning once again to the present, he related how the Brothers and Sisters in Muncey raised \$3500.00 to help build the apartment on the reserve to be used by the elders or missionaries to the reserve.

The Sunday morning service was opened by Brother Milantoni with the last chapter of the Book of Moroni in the BOOK OF MORMON with the verses pertaining to lacking wisdom, etc. Our greatest source of wisdom is God, who is the fountain of intelligence. Men throughout the ages who needed guidance called upon God and He has never failed them. God only works with man in one way: Through FAITH.

The way for all mankind to be saved is to put into effect the words of James and Moroni. God speaks to His people and answers their prayers and will bend over backwards, so to speak, if a person is sincere in serving Him. Serving God is not a passing fancy. Sometimes we build obstructions within us, which hinders God from working with us. Brother Joe quoted the words of our late Brother Charles Ashton, "Some people are baptized, others are born again."

He advised all to ask themselves this question in regard to their activities outside The Church as he had to ask himself when invited to attend a function; "Will this enhance the dignity of this Priesthood?" He quoted the words from one of our hymns: "Know this that every soul is free, to choose his life and what he'll be . . ." We must face the challenge of what we want to do with this gift that God has given us. Let's be on the winning team that is one day going to rule this earth. We must have the ability to keep things in proper perspective. God MUST come first in our lives.

Then Brother R. V. Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio expressed himself relating how, prior to his baptism as he was changing clothes at the lake shore, he asked God for some evidence or conviction that he was doing the right thing and the Lord immediately gave him an answer.

Brother Tony Corrado gave a few examples how God's working power was made manifest through prayer upon the sick. He also stated that believing is not enough. We must also obey God's commandments and we must be born of the water and the Spirit of Christ and then live a life that will show we are walking with God.

All in all, we can surely say that the time spent with the Brothers, Sisters and friends from the Muncey reserve and locally, was uplifting.

"Ere Our Foes On Us Make War"

By Tom Jones

Another approach to this phrase extracted from one of our hymns might be expressed in relationship to the evil threats that confront us daily. Sin, in general, runs rampant throughout our society. It appears to recognize no boundaries. The decline of morality makes no distinction among male or female. Scarcely an occupation or profession today remains exempt from this decay. The assertion that a spiritual war has been declared upon the true believers of Christ is, therefore, within the realm of reality.

As in any war, various factors are employed. One such element vital to victory is a reliable communications network between the commander and his subordinates. Through this media, immediate re-enforcements can be requested. Likewise, in the war against sin, the line conveying our plea to God to "deliver us from evil" must always remain open. In our time of need God will furnish us with that re-enforcing spirit. Just as Samuel in the BOOK OF MORMON was shielded from the projectiles of the enemy and Abinadi's power to ward off the threats of physical molestation, we must also have at our disposal the means to repel the darts thrust upon us by the evil power.

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

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

—Nels Ferre



OUR WOMEN TODAY

First General Circle Conference Held In New Auditorium

By Mary Tamburrino

The General Ladies' Circle held its 204th Quarterly Conference in the new Auditorium, on Saturday, June 5, 1971. There were Sisters in attendance from Arizona, the Michigan-Ontario, Ohio, and Pennsylvania Districts. Sister Mary E. Wilson, a charter member was also present.

The Greensburg, Pennsylvania Circle was host. The history of their local circle was read marking ten years since their organization. The Scripture was read from PSALM 100, we sang a hymn written by a Circle Sister, "There is No Night," and a few testimonies were given. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, followed by saying what a blessing there is when we see the women working for The Lord. She enumerated the many women who are mentioned in The Bible who did their deeds, and she felt satisfied that today there are still women doing their part.

The officers' and delegates' reports were given. Projects that were completed for the past quarter were money for squaws' dresses, food for reservations, Auditorium, African Relief, a layette to South Dakota, and many different articles for the kitchen in the Auditorium.

The answers to the question, "Where do we find about great pollutions," was found in THE BOOK OF MORMON, MORMON 8:31, and "What happened in that day The Lord hearkened unto the voice of man. There was no day like that day before it or after it," was found in JOSHUA 10:14.

Correspondence was read from the following: Sister Perdue, Sister Victoria Sunday, Africa, requesting teaching materials and Brother John Ross, Sr. All circles are urged to include parcel post money with the clothes for the African Relief project.

Contributions were made to the Circle Memorial Fund in memory of Sister Julia D'Amico, Sister Rose Rand, Sister Serafina Cannella, Brother Thomas Benyola and Brother Valentine Gomez.

All General Circle officers were re-elected for the next year namely:

President Mabel Bickerton
Vice President Ruth Akerman
Secretary Sara Vancik
Treasurers

Indian Mission Fund Clara Stevens
General Fund and Home

Mission Fund Irene Griffith

Cook Book Fund Betty D'Antonio

Memorial Fund Mabel Bickerton

Auditorium Fund Ethel Crosier

Financial Secretary-Treasurer Ethel Crosier

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Circle Editor Mary Tamburrino

Historian Mary Criscuolo

Dates for General Circle Conference meetings in 1972 are March 4, July 8, and October 7; places will be decided on later.

A vote of thanks was given to the Greensburg Circle Sisters for their hospitality.

The new project is to donate money for the purchase of dishes for the Auditorium kitchen.

The next General Circle meeting will be held in Edison, New Jersey on October 2, 1971.

BREAKTHROUGH

By Alvin Swanson

The essence of life is to progress, to improve. The formula to achieve this never varies. The world calls it a breakthrough. The Church of Jesus Christ calls it a spiritual experience. Everyone does not move forward at one time. Usually a person, a few persons, or a small group break through the limits of the truth we have established and find out new and greater truths. Eventually, the rest of the society recognizes this new truth and slowly moves toward it. The Church of Jesus Christ moves forward by this process. The Lord stated, "Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I The Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision and will speak unto him in a dream." The priesthood and the members of our Church are made to know the will of God by this method.

There are new experiences and truths coming to our members all the time. Each one is a breakthrough into new frontiers. Because of this, our people and especially the priesthood have become the most enlightened people on the earth about spiritual matters. In the last 50 years, the world has found out more technical knowledge in history, more than in all the time before. The last 10 years of those 50 years have doubled the knowledge of that period. Medicine, agriculture, chemistry, and space travel all bear evidence to this fact.

The Church is keeping pace in spiritual knowledge, and rightfully so. Habakkuk has declared, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." He sets knowledge of the Glory of God as the keynote of the Peaceful Reign.

CONSIDER THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Consider the accomplishments of our Church in the last 50 years. We have compiled two hymnals of inspired songs, printed the Book of Mormon in two languages, and published the GOSPEL NEWS. We have expanded our missionary work to foreign countries, organized M.B.A., Sunday School and Ladies Circle. We have printed pamphlets of our beliefs, designated districts, compiled a MINISTER'S MANUAL, built an auditorium for central activities, made a musical recording of a few of our members, published a HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, accelerated world travel and many other endeavors. Each one is a breakthrough, certainly, carrying us forward.

A salute to all the Brothers and Sisters who helped to forward our Church to its present pinnacle. A special salute to Brother A. B. Cadman for his breakthrough in the pamphlet, "THE SEVENTH DAY OF REST." It has won great acclaim in our day and pointed our interest and desires to the future. As the poet said: "Lives of all great men remind us, We can make our lives sublime. And, departing, leave behind us, Footprints on the sands of time."

M.B.A. Highlights

Report on May G.M.B.A. Conference

By James D. Gibson
G.M.B.A. Editor

The May, 1971 Semi-Annual G.M.B.A. Conference was held at the new General Church Auditorium. This was the initial meeting of the M.B.A. Organization to be held at the new site. For some, it afforded their first opportunity to see and utilize it.

The day's activities began at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 15, followed by two more meetings. Brother August D'Orazio, the G.M.B.A. President, presided over the day's events. As had been previously reported via THE M.B.A. BULLETIN and 'M.B.A. Highlights,' there were items of business to be transacted. These items are of prime concern to all associated with the group.

Brother August asked that all assembled take active part in the day's proceedings. It was encouraging to note that many young people attended. Their presence is appreciated and quite necessary as is their active participation.

Following is a list of items brought forth and their dispensation:

1. The San Diego, California local proposed that a popular vote system be instituted by the Organization. Under this system proposals would be forwarded to M.B.A. Locals for an individual vote. A consensus of the voting would then be sent to the G.M.B.A. Conference. Under such a system each individual vote would be of prime importance. This proposal was accepted by the Conference.
2. The San Diego, California local proposed that athletic teams be sponsored by the M.B.A.
3. An inquiry was received from the San Diego local concerning the possible existence of a recording or tape of Church music. They were under the impression that such a project had been done utilizing Church talent and music. The Conference knows nothing of any existing tape or recording. The group then voted to sponsor such an undertaking. A formal request will be sent to the General Church for permission to sponsor this project.
4. A food pay plan was presented to the Conference for consideration. Brother Paul Palmieri, the G.M.B.A. Vice President, related his investigation of the 'pay as you go' plan. (It became necessary at this time to 'break' for lunch. The G.M.B.A. Activity Committee met at this time.)

As the afternoon meeting was started, the 'food pay plan' was discussed further. After some time, it was agreed to implement a system where adults would pay for their meals and children would pay half price. Close scrutiny will be given to the system and its aspects. It is the desire of the group that whatever develops should be the best for all concerned. If not, then some changes will have to be made.

5. The next order of business was a report on the impending G.M.B.A. Campout. This was given by Brother George Siddal of Detroit, Michigan—the Campout Director. He reported that all committees are functioning well and progress is maintaining an even pace. The Camp will be held on July 18 through 24 at Nauvoo, Illinois. All are reminded to remit an application as soon as possible if planning to attend.

At this time the delegates from the various locals gave their reports. These reports are of a distinct interest in that they reveal the activities, financial status and type of meetings held during the past six months. It is commendable that some are involved in specific projects and plans for future events.

Officers gave their reports and all reports were accepted by the attending group.

A 'break' from the business of the Organization was taken and some of the more recently baptized members gave their testimonies. Their individual testimonies recounted how the Spirit touched and brought them into the service of the Lord.

A group of young people then sang a few selections. Their young voices lifted up songs of praise to God who gives us life. This was a welcome asset to our meeting.

Teresa Locci of Rochester, New York made her wishes known that she wanted to make a covenant with her Savior. Sister Teresa was baptized following the afternoon meeting and was confirmed that evening.

The final order of business was a discussion concerning the clarification of one of the by-law rules. Said rule states that for certain offices, a person must have a certain qualification. Such a case would be the office of Chaplain on the National and Area level.

Conference set a goal of \$3,000 for the Auditorium Fund for the next six months.

After supper, we assembled for the evening meeting. The Ohio Area M.B.A. presented a program at that time. The theme presented showed the relationship of young and The Church today. Some interesting thoughts were given along with songs that were relative and pertinent to the theme.

It was a day well spent together, and for some, culminated in a Sunday morning worship service.

Be Not Worldly Minded

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Where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

If our desires are not for the carnal things of the world but for that which is spiritual, it will no doubt be made obvious. In the words of James, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, AND to keep himself unspotted from the world."

If we have arisen in Christ, therefore, our affections should be set on things which are above, not on things upon the earth. Yea, love not the world nor the things thereof, for, if we do, The Love of The Father will not dwell in us.

Reflections

By W. Mark Landrey

In the March issue of the GOSPEL NEWS, Brother Kenneth Staley wrote an interesting article concerning his and Brother David Majoros' trip to the Muncey Indian Reserve in Ontario, Canada. Brother Ken described their visit as "an experience to remember." I was happy to read that my brothers had a wonderful time visiting the Seed of Joseph there, and the article made me more thankful for the privilege that I have of living in the heart of "Indian country."

At the present time I am living in Scottsdale, Arizona (a suburb of Phoenix) with Brother George and Sister Sarah Neill. I am attending Arizona State University and hope to prepare myself for future work among the Indian people. Living in this area, I have the opportunities of visiting our Church missions at San Carlos and White River, and associating with the Lamanite people at these missions and at our branch in Phoenix. I have been going with Brother Ether Furnier and several others from the Phoenix branch to Guadalupe where we are holding meetings among the Yaqui Indians. Also, I have traveled to the Papago Indian Reservation many times to be with Brothers Richard Christman and John Ross, Jr., and their families. So, while Brother Ken and David were thankful to be able to visit the Lamanite people, I am thankful that I live and associate with these Chosen People every day.

I was born and raised in The Church by the most wonderful parents who have always encouraged me to be involved in Church activities. I was baptized on August 1, 1967 by Brother V. James Lovalvo at the GMBA Campout in Arlington, Kansas. Since that time, I have striven to learn more about God's Word and The Church. I'm thankful for the knowledge that I have about the Seed of Joseph and the great blessings that are yet to come upon them. I hope and pray that—if it is God's will—I can work among the Indians and help them in both natural and spiritual ways.

We as the young people of The Church of Jesus Christ should consider ourselves as a part of a very privileged group. We have the wonderful knowledge of the Restored Gospel and of forthcoming events concerning the Seed of Joseph, and we can be involved in these events. We have that "something" that many of today's youth are looking for. Thus, let us become more involved with The Church and its missions so that we can repay God in some small way for the great love that He has shown for us. May God bless you all is my prayer.

WHEN THE STARS HAVE PASSED AWAY

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

—Anon.

Branch and Mission News

THREE BAPTIZED AT DETROIT #3

A beautiful and most precious Mother's Day was observed at Branch #3 in Detroit Michigan as three mothers watched their children give their lives to serving God.

Those baptized were:

Mary Furnari—She was baptized by Brother Silverio Coppa and confirmed by Brother Paul Whitton.

Gary Coppa—He was baptized by his father, Brother Silverio Coppa and confirmed by Brother Paul Vitto.

Sharon Pontillo—She was baptized by her father, Brother Jack Pontillo and confirmed by Brother Peter H. Capone.

The blessings that were enjoyed were shared by visiting Brothers Joe Capone from California and Frank Vitto from Windsor. It was a good day.

BELL, CALIFORNIA BRANCH ENCOURAGED AND UPLIFTED BY VISITING EVANGELISTS

This past Easter weekend the Bell, California Branch was host to two of our Evangelists, Brother Joseph Bologna of the Modesto Branch and Brother Ben Ciccati of the San Diego Branch. These Brothers held specially called meetings on Friday and Saturday evenings.

On Friday Brother Ciccati read to us from THE BOOK OF MORMON, MORONI, CHAPTER 7. He dealt mostly with the word hope from this chapter, and Brother Bologna followed. These Brothers spoke words of great encouragement to us this night and we were uplifted by their talks.

On Saturday we met again, and our number was increased by members from other Branches. Brother Joseph Bologna opened, and God directed him also to the BOOK OF MORONI. He read to us how The Church met together often to fast and pray and speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls and how they met often to partake of bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus. The Brothers told us that in fasting and attending meetings, we are preparing ourselves so that the beauty of Jesus might truly be seen in our lives as well as our faces.

These two evening meetings were beautiful ways to ready ourselves and our many visitors for the wonderful Easter Sunday meeting which followed. Our Brother Evangelists spoke of the sacrifice of God for us and the beauty of the Resurrection so that all mankind might have hope.

NILES CONTINUES TO ENJOY BLESSINGS

The theme "The Bread of Life" became a reality to Ralph Cartino, Sr. as he rendered his life to serving the Lord. He was baptized by Brother Joseph Genaro and confirmed by Brother Joseph Manes on May 23, 1971.

In the last nine months, the Niles Branch has witnessed twelve baptisms. Our prayers are that God will continue to shed His love upon this part of the Vineyard.

McKEES ROCKS HAS BAPTISM

Virginia Leonard was baptized on May 30, 1971 by Brother Dan Casasanta and was confirmed by Brother John Manes at the McKees Rocks Branch.

Our new Sister is sixty-nine years old. We pray that God will bless her in her new life.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCED AT GLASSPORT

Brother Matthew Geracitano was taken into the waters of regeneration on May 9, 1971 at the Glassport Branch. Brother John Ali baptized our new Brother, and he was confirmed by Brother Harry Robinson.

SISTER OBEYS GOSPEL

Sister Judy Goodseal of York, Nebraska left her burdens at the feet of Jesus as she was baptized and confirmed on June 1, 1971 by Brother Frank Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio.

The baptism has been a wonderful encouragement to the Branch. We pray that God will bless our new Sister and continue to pour out His blessings upon the Branch.

Brief News of Interest

I had a most wonderful and enjoyable time at the dedication of the Auditorium and came home very happy from our trip.

On Mondy, April 19, I suffered a light heart attack caused by a nervous condition from my accident on December 31, 1969. I was in the hospital eleven days. The following week, on May 6, my wife entered the hospital and had an operation on her leg. We thank God that we are both coming along fine. Praise the Lord.

We have received many get well cards from many of our Brothers and Sisters. I am very sure that their prayers have reached the Throne of God. We wish to thank each and every one from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless you all is my sincere prayer.

Your loving Brother in Christ,
Salvator Azzinaro, Sr.

Sister Mary E. Wilson of the West Elizabeth Branch wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Saints for the many cards and visits she has received. The prayers and thoughtfulness of the Brothers and Sisters have been most encouraging to Sister Wilson, and she is thankful to God that she has sufficient strength once again to fellowship with the Saints.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Brother Daniel and Sister Mary Tamburrino of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

They were married on May 23, 1946 in The Church building at West Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Elder John Ross of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania officiated at the ceremony.

They are the proud parents of two sons, Kenneth and Gary. Their sons and daughter-in-law hosted them at a dinner held for the immediate family. Appropriate gifts were presented to the surprised couple.

Mary is the daughter of Brother Domenick (deceased) and Sister Sabina D'Antonio of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Dan is the son of Fred and Sister Domenica Tamburrino of Detroit, Michigan. Dan and Mary were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on January 29, 1949. He is an ordained Deacon and Teacher of The Church.

They have set a good example as parents and Church members. We wish them many more years together with God's richest blessings.

Wedding Anniversary

Brother Dominic and Sister Minnie DePiero celebrated their 47th year of marriage. They were married March 16, 1924 in Youngstown, Ohio by Brother Vincent De Genaro. They are parents of two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Brother and Sister DePiero were presented with a personal gift from the Ladies' Circle Sisters in memory of their many years together. They have been faithful members of The Church for 52 years and have given many hours in the service of God and their fellow man.

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL H. BITTINGER

Brother Russell H. Bittinger, a member of the Imperial Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on May 19, 1971. He was born on July 8, 1910.

Left to mourn his loss are eight children, twenty-five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, four brothers, and three sisters.

Brothers James T. Moore and Robert Buffington officiated at the funeral services.

He will no doubt be missed by his family and the Brothers and Sisters of the Imperial Branch.

EGNAZIO CARRATO

Brother Egnazio Carrato, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Branch #3 Detroit, Michigan, passed on to his eternal reward on May 9, 1971. He was born on August 14, 1884. He was baptized on May 14, 1933.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, one son, four daughters, twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, five brothers, and one sister.

Brother Silverio Coppa officiated at the funeral services.

He was a faithful Brother whose greatest desire was to be in the meetings. He will be sadly missed by all the Brothers and Sisters.

MARGUERITE BUTLER

Sister Marguerite Butler, a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ in New Brunswick, New Jersey, passed on to her eternal reward on May 24, 1971. She was baptized on February 24, 1957.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, her parents, four brothers, and two sisters.

Brothers Cleveland Baldwin and August D'Orazio officiated at the funeral services. Despite her long suffering illness, she was a faithful and devoted Sister. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

New Arrivals

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

Nicole Denise to William and Gloria Leftwich of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania,

Tony Paul to Nick and Linda Ielase of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania,

Donald, Jr. to Donald and Wilma Watson of New Brunswick, New Jersey,

James Anthony, Jr. to James Anthony and Lora Lynn of Ft. Pierce, Florida.

I Am An Indian

I am an Indian
who lived long ago.
I am an Indian,
and I love to be so.
I am an Indian,
and can't hide my ways.
I'll be an Indian
for the rest of my days.
I am an Indian,
Indian all the way.
I am an Indian,
and I can't change my ways.
I am an Indian,
Indian I'll stay.
I am an Indian!
God made me that way.

1971 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1971 events of general and regional interest. (* Indicates meetings will be held in General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.)

May

15—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.*

June

5—General Ladies Circle Conference.*

24, 25, 26, 27—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.*

July

3, 4, 5—Atlantic Coast Area MBA Campout.

4, 5—Evangelistic Conference.* (Cancelled)

17-24—Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout at Nauvoo, Illinois.

August

26, 27, 28, 29, 30—Pennsylvania Area MBA Campout at Camp Lutherlyn, Pennsylvania.

September

Semi-Annual District Conferences.

October

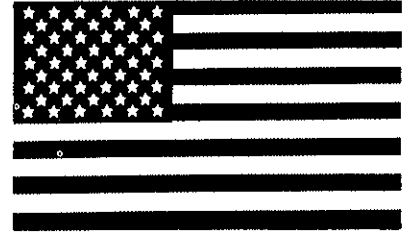
2—General Ladies' Circle Conference at Edison, New Jersey.

14, 15, 16—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

November

11—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.

WE ARE AMERICANS



We have died in Vietnam. But we have walked on the face of the moon.

We have befouled the waters and tainted the air of a magnificent land. But we have made it safe from disease.

We have flown through the sky faster than the sun. But we have idled in streets made ugly with traffic.

We have littered the land with garbage. But we have built upon it a hundred million homes.

We have divided schools with our prejudice. But we have sent armies to unite them.

We have beat down our enemies with clubs. But we have built courtrooms to keep them free.

We have built a bomb to destroy the world. But we have used it to light a light.

We have outraged our brothers in the alleys of the ghettos. But we have transplanted a human heart.

We have scribbled out filth and pornography. But we have elevated the philosophy of man.

We have watched children starve from our golden towers. But we have fed half of the world.

We were raised in a grotesque slum. But we are surfeited by the silver spoon of opulence.

We live in the greatest country in the world in the greatest time in history. But we scorn the ground we stand upon.

We are ashamed. But we are PROUD.

And we will be MORE proud . . .

WE ARE AMERICANS

Meditations

PSALM 90

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger: even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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Three Baptisms Hi-Lite Warren Dedication June 19 & 20, 1971

At the Saturday afternoon meeting, Brother Frank Giovannone gave a brief history of how the Mission started in Niles on January 6, 1923 with eight members and two Elders.

The first Deacon and Deaconess were Brother Dominic and Sister Marietta Giovannone, being ordained in 1923. In January of 1924, Brother Dominic Giovannone was the first Elder ordained in the Mission.

Within a few years, the Mission grew large in number, meeting in their homes or various store rooms, wherever they could rent. The last meeting place was the K of P Hall which was purchased by the Niles

Daily Times Newspaper Company, thus the Brothers and Sisters had to look for another place to meet in.

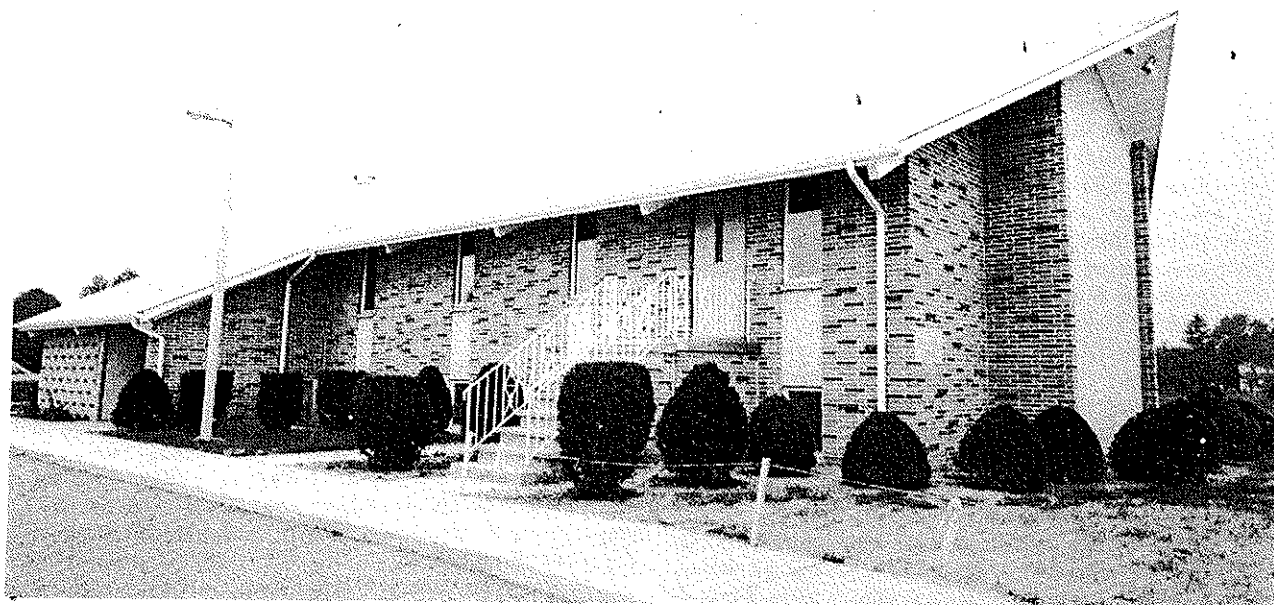
Since some lived in Champion Heights and in Warren, a decision was made to try and locate a place in the Warren area.

They began to hold meetings in Warren some time in the early 1930's. On January 19, 1946, the established Mission was organized as a Branch. In January of 1947, the Branch, having a membership of fifty-five members, decided to build a church building on the lots on Fourth Street.

Because of this decision, of building a church in Warren, the Branch was reduced to twenty-eight members as the rest of the Saints decided that they would have a meeting place of their own in Niles.

Because of the Branch being reduced in membership, it was felt by the remaining members that rather than build a complete building, they would build just a basement.

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The Gospels

By Donald Ross

The Four GOSPELS record and bear testimony of the eternal being, human ancestry, birth, life and ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. Together, they set forth a Person, not a biography.

The fact that the four GOSPELS present a Person rather than a complete biography indicates the spirit in which they should be approached. The primary importance is to see and know through these narratives Him whom they reveal. It is of minor importance to endeavor to piece together a full account of His life from these inspired records. For some adequate reason it did not please God to cause to be written a full biography of His Son. The years up to the beginning of His ministry are passed over in a silence that is broken but once, and that in a few verses in Luke's GOSPEL. Wisdom dictates respect for this divine reticence.

FOUR GREAT NARRATIVES

But the four GOSPELS, though designedly incomplete as a story, are complete as a revelation. We may not know everything that Jesus did, but we may know Him. In four "great" narratives, each of which in many respects supplements the other three, we have the Lord Himself. This is the essential respect in which these narratives differ from biography or portraiture. "The words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life" (JOHN 6:63). The believer finds here the living Christ.

The inspired introduction to the NEW TESTAMENT is the OLD TESTAMENT and whoever comes to the study of the four GOSPELS with a mind saturated with the OLD TESTAMENT forview of Christ—His Person, work, and kingdom will be greatly helped in understanding them. OLD TESTAMENT quotation, allusion and type are woven into the GOSPELS. The very first verse of the NEW TESTAMENT drives the reader back to the OLD TESTAMENT; and the risen Christ took His brethren back to the Hebrew Scriptures for an explanation of His sufferings and glory (LUKE 24:27, 44). One of the Lord's last acts was the opening of their understanding that they might comprehend the OLD TESTAMENT in relation to Himself (LUKE 24:45).

The GOSPELS develop the doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ. The excellent teachings of Christ prepared the minds of those who believed His words for the introduction of the Gospel and for the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ as an earthly organization. MATTHEW 28:19-20 states: "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 always, even unto the end of the world." Did the

Apostles, Evangelists and General Priesthood continue what the Lord initiated?

The Apostle Paul, writing about A.D. 64, approximately thirty years after the ascension, declared that the Gospel had already been preached to every creature which is under heaven (COL. 1:23). Eusebius Pamphilus, Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine, who wrote in the early part of the fourth century states: "thus, then under a celestial influence and cooperation the doctrine of the Saviour, like the rays of the sun quickly irradiated the whole world. Presently, in accordance with divine prophecy, the sound of His inspired Evangelists and Apostles had gone throughout all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." (EUSEBIUS ECC'L. HISTORY, BOOK 1, CH. 3)

UNITED TESTIMONY

Special emphasis rests upon that which all four GOSPELS bear united testimony.

1. In all alike there is revealed the one unique Person. The pen is a different pen, the incidents in which He is seen are sometimes different incidents, but He is always the same Christ.
2. All record the ministry of John the Baptist.
3. All record the feeding of the five thousand.
4. All record Christ's offer of Himself as King, according to ZECHARIAH 9:9.
5. All record the betrayal by Judas; the denial by Peter.
6. All record the trial and crucifixion of Christ.
7. All record the resurrection of Christ.
8. All record events occurring during the forty days of post-resurrection ministry of Christ.
9. All point forward to His second coming.

Since the first three GOSPELS contain so much material in common that they may be arranged as a synopsis, they are called the Synoptic Gospels. Careful readers will observe the similarities and also the differences peculiar to these GOSPELS. That they contain dissimilarities is not surprising in view of the fact that each of these three GOSPELS is written for a particular purpose: MATTHEW to present Jesus as King, MARK to present Him as Servant, and LUKE to present Him as Son of man.

MATTHEW may have been the first GOSPEL written. Matthew, also called Levi, was the writer of the first GOSPEL. His name appears seventh or eighth in the NEW TESTAMENT lists of the Apostles, depending on the reference. Matthew was a publican, a Jew who collected taxes for the Roman government. He was thus despised by loyal Jews. The GOSPEL of MATTHEW presents Christ as the Son of David and the Son of Abraham. His genealogy is traced to King David; and the place of His birth, Bethlehem, the home of David, is emphasized. Seven times in MATTHEW'S GOSPEL Christ is spoken of as "the son of David." Only in MATTHEW does Christ speak of "the throne of His glory."

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Being the GOSPEL of the King, MATTHEW is also the GOSPEL of the kingdom; in it the word "kingdom" appears more than fifty times and the expression "the kingdom of heaven," which is found nowhere else in the New Testament, appears about thirty times. Matthew, more than any of the Gospel writers, identifies events and utterances in the life of our Lord with OLD TESTAMENT predictions.

It is thought that Mark's account reflects, in its

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

By Brother Timothy D. Bucci
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The text I shall read is found in ACTS 2:37-41.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The Apostle Peter, who apparently was the most aggressive of the Eleven Apostles, preached to the multitude of people that gathered about them.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

... and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

And how hear we every man in our own tongue ...?"

The things which they heard were the wonderful things of God and Jesus Christ, who was crucified. Suddenly, they were touched in their hearts and said unto Peter and the rest of the Apostles, "... Men and brethren, what shall we do?" In other words, they were asking, individually, "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" We shall let The Holy Bible answer this question.

The Apostle Paul writes in II TIMOTHY 3:16, 17.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Let us observe that St. Paul said: "... instruction in righteousness ..." and "... profitable for doctrine ..." What doctrine? The Doctrine of Christ. Of what does The Doctrine of Christ consist? The Doctrine of Christ consists of these fundamental principles: Faith, repentance, baptism, and the imposition of hands for the reception of The Holy Ghost, precisely as Peter had declared in the text I read. These principles must be observed, put into effect, and administered by one duly authorized with power and au-

thority. I shall speak briefly on each of these principles. First will be faith.

According to the Apostle Paul, "... faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This is found in HEBREWS 11:1. In this same Chapter, VERSE 6 reads: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Evidently, faith is believing without seeing.

The Apostle Paul said: ("For we walk by faith, not by sight:") "Where shall we place our faith? Jesus said: "... Have faith in God." (ST. MARK 11:22). Evidently, we place our faith where it will produce in us the greatest assurance about the things which concern us most. To have faith in God is to have faith in the final victory of everything which is good. Have faith in God and Christ Jesus, The Holy One of Israel. It is constructive, it is a sure foundation, and it is The Way of Salvation. To have faith is not merely advice. It is a command.

The second step which must be observed and put into effect is repentance. Peter commanded the multitude to repent when they asked, "... what shall we do?" Repentance literally means rethinking, or a change of mind. In The New Testament, it means a change of heart and mind, so that we no longer justify ourselves in seeking our own way, but, instead, gladly give God the "right-of-way" in our lives. True repentance is more than the abandonment of specific sins; it goes to the root of the matter, which is rebellion against God. Rebellion against God is what produces sin. Paul said: "... but (God) now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:" Jesus said: "... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (ST. LUKE 13:3). Repentance is a key word in the message of Jesus, Peter, James, John, and Paul. It is one of the key words of our message in these last days.

Let us observe the condition of the world today and the menace of Communism, which is a false and evil doctrine. There is the threat of a Third World War, which, in my personal conviction, is in the making today. We read of many earthquakes, destructions, pestilences, famines, wars, and rumors of wars, of which Jesus says in ST. MATTHEW 24:8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." VERSES 10-12 read,

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

In II TIMOTHY 3:1-5, Paul said:

... in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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Baptism Of Inmate At York, Nebraska Prison

By Harry Robinson

Since our last Pennsylvania District Conference in March, Brother Frank Calabrese and I have made two trips to Omaha, Nebraska. The four Sisters there are doing very well and are still dwelling in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We visited with them on April 1 and May 28. By the grace and mercies of God, the new converts are beginning to take root in the Gospel Restored.

As a result of the two trips made to York, Nebraska, we baptized another young Sister by the name of Judy Goodseal, who is twenty-five years of age. On April 2, we traveled about 125 miles west of Omaha to the York Women's Reformatory Prison where we met Judy Goodseal. She has been incarcerated for the past two years. Judy heard about the Elders from The Church of Jesus Christ visiting and preaching the Gospel in the city of Omaha. We met with Judy and talked to her for about three hours on our first visit. We also read from the Scripture regarding the mission of The Church of Jesus Christ to preach the Restored Gospel to all mankind. She listened attentively as she appeared to have a repentant spirit and remorse of conscience. She informed us that she had no real purpose in life. She roamed in riotous living and was wasting away the days of probation. However, she did state that deep in her heart she always wanted to believe in something good and pure. It was her belief that all churches were corrupted. Then she heard about The Church of Jesus Christ through Sister Dorothy Miller and requested that the Elders visit her. She was given a BOOK OF MORMON to read during her spare time.

Before leaving the prison, Brother Frank Calabrese and I made arrangements with Mrs. Barbara Basure, who is a supervisor and minister of a Protestant Church, to return on May 30, 1971 to hold a service with the inmates. Mrs. Basure was most cooperative in assisting us in making plans for our next visit and we thank God for having touched her heart. Mrs. Basure later proved to be the ideal person that God chose to open the gate for Judy's baptism outside of the prison grounds.

FASTED AND PRAYED

Our second trip to York was on May 30 to keep the appointment for our service. We fasted and prayed along with The Church the day before visiting. The meeting was held in the upper loft of an old converted barn which was very convenient for our purpose. From a total of forty-five women inmates, only six appeared for the meeting; four Blacks and two young Indian women from the Sioux tribe. One of the Indian women was from Eagle Butte, South Dakota, and she knew the late Brother Usefulheart. We were so grateful to God for having sent six to attend our meeting.

We had a very good service. The Son of Peace met us there. Brother Harry Robinson opened choosing as his scriptural reading the 28TH CHAPTER of GENESIS, (Jacob's conversion,) VERSE 17, "... how dreadful is this place! ..." VERSE 16, "... Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not." Brother Frank Calabrese followed by preaching repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the meeting Sister Judy Goodseal stated that she was tired of living in sin and darkness and wanted to know what must she do to be saved. She later requested to be baptized. Another friend of Judy sitting nearby stated that she felt the same way as Judy, meaning that she was tired of living in sin. Due to the time schedule and policy of the reformatory, we did not get too much opportunity to talk with the other five young women.

Later on Tuesday, June 1, arrangements were made through Mrs. Basure for Frank Calabrese to baptize Judy. She offered us the pool at her church, but we thanked her and informed her that we would prefer an open body of water. After the baptism we were allowed to have another short service at the same chapel for Confirmation by the laying on of hands upon the newly baptized convert. There were about twenty-five present at this meeting.

We can conclude once again that God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. We thank God for the many blessings that He has granted unto us and having used us as instruments in His hands to bring another soul to the Throne of Grace.

I shall close now with these few lines of inspiration given to me by the Holy Spirit before leaving for Omaha.

In the Land of Love,
Jesus brought forth His Jewels.
In the Land of Love;
Jesus made me His tool;
In the Land of Love,
Where God is no fool
In the Land—in the Land—of Love.

We thank God for having given us another precious soul, a jewel among others. Surely our God through Jesus Christ our Lord does all things well.

FLASHBACKS

By Charles Jumper, Jr.

30 YEARS AGO

Brother Gorie Ciaravino and Brother John Dulisse baptized nine converts from the Warren-Niles, Ohio Area.

25 YEARS AGO

Brother William Cadman, Thurman Furnier, and James Lovalvo led a Sunday outdoor gathering in Greenwood Township, Michigan.

20 YEARS AGO

Saint John Kansas reports one new convert. Brother Alex Robinson baptized Sister Joy Clements.

15 YEARS AGO

Brother Dominic Thomas, Joseph Milantoni, and their wives visited the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch. There were six baptisms during the day. This made a total of ten since the May GMBA at Aliquippa.

10 YEARS AGO

Brother Joseph Shazer arrived in Nigeria, Africa. He was met by Brother Alvin Swanson, who would be returning to the United States shortly.

Brother James Moore opened the services at the dedication of the new addition to the Monongahela Church building.

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Editorial Viewpoint

George A. Neill

It's probably because of the salty folks in America today that, we, as a nation, are still enjoying some of the blessings of God. Nevertheless, let the salty folks beware lest the world rob them of the very substance that is to flavor and save the world.

The story is told that back in the first century of time a rich merchant of Sidon stored up a great quantity of salt in a house or houses. The salt, next to the earth which was the floor of these houses, lost its saltiness or its savor. It was then used to make a road bed. This reminds us of Jesus' words, "Good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men," I'm wondering if Jesus knew of this incident of the merchant of Sidon when He told them, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Salt is a precious and necessary element of the earth. When Jesus used this phrase salt was no doubt used far more extensively than it is today. I remember when I was a small boy it was rubbed into meat to preserve it; in fact, it is still used as a preservative today although not as it was in Christ's day since we have refrigeration as a means of preservation. When Jesus told His disciples that what He would give unto them, what He would teach them, above all it must be preserved, He was simply asking the disciples to be God's preservatives. Salt becomes a preservative only by its application to the thing to be preserved. Who but the Saints have preserved the standard that Jesus gave, and by which the world will be judged? Unless we project our lives into the affairs of this life, neither you nor I can be a vital force in helping to build a better civilization.

If salt was a sign of friendship and hospitality in ancient times, as some declare, then Jesus was pointing out to the disciples how they were to treat other people. He was describing the mood and spirit that they were to possess. Salt was also a symbol of purity in ancient days; thus Jesus was saying, "Be ye clean every wit, both inside and out." The disciples knew as well as you and I that salt adds zest to food. Jesus was, in a few words, telling them to add zest to life; have joy, demonstrate hope, show courage, be trustworthy, and help to flavor the world. We may feel that we are so small and the world so large; what can we do? But have you ever noticed how a pinch of salt can flavor a large lump?

Salt has its antiseptic factor also. A Missionary tells of African natives who were broken out with ulcers because their bodies were lacking the purifying and health-giving salt. We are all aware that men who work the furnaces in the mills are furnished with salt tablets by the Company for whom they work. Various mineral salts are vital to the body, and the common use of table salt supplies man's need for this material. As long as salt retains its vital ingredients it will prevent corruption. Jesus was just as much as saying, "Go ye out into the world and become an antiseptic force." It's probably because of the salty folks in America today that we, as a nation, are still enjoying some of the blessings of God. Nevertheless, let the salty folks beware lest the world rob them of the very substance that is to flavor and save the world. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ let us lick our lips a bit to see just how salty we are as saints.

There is a legend to the effect that a king asked his three daughters how much they loved him. The one declared she loved him better than silver. The second was certain she loved him more than gold. The youngest daughter said, "O Father, I love

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you more than salt, because nothing is good without you." Thus it is, in a spiritual sense, with those of us who have come to know Christ and have experienced His meeting us at every turn of the road. When in sorrow He is there to comfort; if we rejoice He rejoices with us. If we stumble and fall He is there with a willing and helpful hand. Even though we sin, if we repent He is present to forgive; and so we have come to realize **NOTHING IS GOOD WITHOUT HIM.**

A SATURDAY OF GOSPEL SINGING—

A SUNDAY OF FAITH PREACHING

By Del Carneval, California District Editor

Despite earthquakes and restless days, the May Conference at Bell, California, was very successful and rewarding for all who attended. The District's business meetings took place Friday and Saturday. Saturday evening, the program involving the District's Choir was enjoyed by a capacity audience. Sunday morning meeting also brought a capacity audience hearing Brother Joe Lovalvo of Modesto conveying the message of "Faith."

Brother George Heaps of Anaheim, California, narrated a program of music and readings relating to the "Restored Gospel"—from its birth to the present day. Viewing the Saturday night program with the choir of all the Branches standing up front and facing the filled auditorium brought joy to our hearts. The Church was filled with a beautiful sight and beautiful songs. With the music still in our hearts after the program, everyone enjoyed meeting and greeting one another and relayed to each other their love. The choir performed under the direction of Brother Rudy Meo of Bell, with Branch choir directors assisting.

The Sunday morning session convened with many brothers and sisters in attendance from various branches, missions, and Indian reservations. Congregational singing along with some solos and group selections preceded the opening of the service. Two visiting Indian brothers and their wives (Brother Claude Kayson, Sister Isadore Kayson, Brother Chris Phillips, and Sister Mary Ann Phillips) sang with beauty and later were asked to give their testimonies. Before our Indian Brothers and Sisters sang, Sister Renee Randy of Modesto asked to be anointed. When our Indian Brothers and Sisters completed their song, Sister Renee Randy was asked to come up front to be anointed. When she arrived up front, she mentioned to Brother Rusty Heaps that she had a feeling that she was anointed while the Indian Brothers and Sisters were singing. With this and the singing, a beautiful spirit spread through our midst. Several afflicted brothers and sisters came forth to be anointed by the Elders.

Brother Edward Perdue opened our meeting with prayer. Sister Diane Surdock of San Diego and Rose Lovalvo of Modesto then sang "Reach Out To Jesus." Brother Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto introduced the service, using for his text, HEBREWS 11:1-2. He spoke of the necessity of FAITH in serving God. He asked several questions: "What is FAITH? Can you buy it or borrow it? Can you be born into it?" Everyone claims to have faith, but the condition of the world indicates that this is a contradiction. FAITH comes by the hearing of the word. "FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR" was expounded upon. The faith of great men of God was brought to remem-

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton
Living Water

Dear Girls and Boys,

I think you will enjoy this interesting story about Jesus. You can read it in your BIBLE in JOHN 4:4, 42.

One day Jesus and His disciples were traveling from Judea to Galilee but to get there they had to go through Samaria. Now the Jews did not like the Samaritans and would go miles out of their way to avoid Samaria. The disciples this day asked Jesus, "Don't you know that this road goes through Samaria?" He answered, "Yes, but I need to go that way." The disciples were worried because it was noon time and Jews did not eat with Samaritans.

Jesus was tired and stopped to rest while the disciples went to the city to buy food. Nearby was Jacob's well. It was prized highly because it never went dry. There was always plenty of water. As Jesus sat by the well, He remembered that Jacob had given this ground to his son Joseph. As He thought about many things He discovered He was not alone for a woman was beside Him with her water jar. Jesus said, "Give me a drink." The woman was surprised that a Jew would ask a favor of a Samaritan no matter how great the need. She asked, "How is it that you, being a Jew ask drink of me when I am a woman of Samaria?" Jesus answered, "If you know who I am, you should ask me to give you water and I would give you living water." She reminded Him that He had nothing to draw water with from this deep well. Then she asked, "Are you greater than our father Jacob which gave us this well and drank from it himself and his children and his cattle?" Jesus told her that a drink from this well would only last a little while and soon she would thirst again. But the water He had to give would be as a well of water springing up into everlasting life and whoever drinks of this would thirst no more. The woman did not understand these words. She said, "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not, neither need I come to the well again."

Jesus told the woman to go get her husband and come back to Him. She replied, "I have no husband." Now Jesus knew this and told her all about her life. She realized Jesus was not like other men and thought He must be a prophet. His words to her were, "I that speak to thee am He." Immediately the woman left her water pot at the well and hurried to tell the people about Jesus. "Come see a man who told me all the things I ever did. Is not this the Christ?" People returned with the woman to see Jesus. Many believed on Him. They asked Him to stay with them. He remained there for two days teaching them about the Heavenly Father.

While the woman went to get her friends, the disciples returned with food. To their surprise they found Jesus had been talking to a Samaritan woman. When they offered Him meat, He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work." This is a great work when people give up their old life and follow Jesus and desire this **LIVING WATER.**

Creation, Evolution

By Thomas Everett

(Editor's Note: The following is the first article in a series on Creation and Evolution which is being submitted by Brother Thomas Everett.)

There is a story about a sailor who, just having returned from overseas, was telling a friend about his experiences.

"You know Jim, while I was in Paris I met this beautiful girl one evening at a nightclub. I'm telling you, it was love at first sight," declared the sailor.

"Well how come you didn't marry her and bring her back to the states with you?" inquired the friend. "Because," the sailor answered, "I took a second look."

So, too, this paper was written to take a deeper and more detailed second look at the theory of Evolution, a theory which the majority of people in this world have embraced as their philosophy towards life and its origin.

It was written, first of all, to show that the theory of Evolution is an atheistic philosophy or system of belief, but NOT A SCIENCE. It is rather a "science falsely so-called." (1)

Secondly, this paper was written to demonstrate the complete agreement between the Scriptures and the observable, proven facts of science. There is no conflict between God's Words and God's Works. When examined closely both the Word of God and science clearly testify that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (2)

The theory of Evolution, which states that all life began spontaneously as a result of the coming together of inorganic materials and evolved to what we now know as man, has become almost universally accepted as the answer to the question of the origin of the universe, and all life contained therein. Many, BUT NOT ALL scientists and people in general have accepted the theory of Evolution as fact.* They do so, they claim, because the concept of a creation by God seems ridiculous. In reality, though, they want to do away with God in their thinking. (3) Science itself begins with the assumption that there is no supernatural (God). Consequently, when one rules out the existence of a Supreme Intelligence one is left to grope with what meager knowledge one has, which, in the case of science has led to endless speculation and hypothesis, the most popular of these being the theory of Evolution.

Let us examine the terms "evolution" and "science" and see if they really belong together.

To find out just what is meant by the theory of Evolution, let us call on some of its leading advocates. They define it as "a one-way, irreversible process in time, which during its course generates novelty, diversity, and higher levels of organization." (4)

Along with this, note the following quotation taken from a high school biology textbook.

"EVOLUTION IS NOT a belief, nor AN OBSERVATIONAL FACT—it is a scientific theory." (5)

*There are many scientists who do not believe in the theory of Evolution, but who believe in a creation by a supreme being. I myself know of two organizations numbering over 1,000 scientists who believe in the concept of creation.

WHAT? EVOLUTION IS NOT AN OBSERVATIONAL FACT? Doesn't science deal in observational facts, though? This brings us to our next definition. What is science?

"Science is an exploration of the material universe that seeks natural, orderly relationships among OBSERVED PHENOMENA and that is SELF-TESTING." (6)

Another textbook states—

"Although the word from which 'science' is derived (L. scientia, knowledge) was once used in regard to knowledge of any sort, present day meaning restricts it to knowledge which depends upon insights gained through OBSERVATION and EXPERIMENTATION." (7)

THE OXFORD DICTIONARY defines science as "a branch of study which is concerned either with a connected body of DEMONSTRATED truths or with OBSERVED facts systematically classified."

Science, then, deals with information that is acquired through observation and experimentation, and which can be demonstrated and reproduced. We must ask ourselves then, has the evolution of a plant or animal, either in the past or at present, ever been OBSERVED? Has man ever been able to reproduce the process of evolution under laboratory conditions by EXPERIMENTATION? The answer to both of these questions is emphatically NO. Then by the very definition of science, evolution is not a science, since the scientific methods cannot be applied in studying it.

Ronald Good of Hull University, England, states:

"By the proper standards of scientific argument, evolution is not a fact." (8)

Sir Cecil G. Wakeley, former President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, says:

"It seems such a pity in a scientific age where precision and details are so important that the vast majority of modern scientists believe in evolution, and yet the basic facts are against such a theory." (9)

THE PROOFS OF EVOLUTION

The three main so-called "proofs" of evolution are:

1. Paleontology (the study of fossils)
2. Uniformitarianism (the belief upheld by many historical geologists that present processes in nature such as wind and water erosion have formed the earth's surface slowly and gradually)
3. Mutations

THE PROOF FROM PALEONTOLOGY

Carl Dunbar, the Yale geologist, has stated that "... fossils provide the only historical, documentary evidence that life has evolved from simpler to more and more complex forms." (10)

In other words, if evolution has occurred, we should be able to find fossils containing organisms in their various stages from the first little cell-like blob all the way to man. Such is not the case, however. Charles Darwin himself confessed to this fact.

"Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely-graduated organic chain (of fossils at different stages of evolution), and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory (of evolution)." (11)

Later he admits:

"The case at present must remain inexplicable; and may be truly urged as a VALID argument against the views here entertained." (12)

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"How Is It Done, Lord?"

By August D'Orazio

As Enos went out into the forest to hunt beasts, the beautiful words of his father came to him strongly and his soul hungered. He felt a great need to search these things out for himself. With this pressing on his mind, he cried in mighty prayer to the Father. He prayed all the day long and when the night came his cries did not cease to go up unto the Lord. Finally after much supplication, God accepted his prayers and the voice from heaven came unto him saying, "Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed." The power of redemption overshadowed him and he felt the cleansing of the Spirit of God. Enos questioned God about this marvelous circumstance, "How is it done, Lord?" The Father in His infinite mercy answered him, "Because of thy faith in Christ."

As Enos found himself free from the bondage of sin, he felt troubled for his people. He prayed in their behalf and was promised that as long as they served Him they would be blessed; but if they failed to serve God they would be destroyed and the Lord would turn to the Lamanites.

COMPASSION FOR OTHERS

Many times I think upon the soul set free from sin. The cleansing power of God enters in and purifies the penitent soul, and fills the heart with a great compassion for others who stand in need. The interest of all mankind should be a major part of our spiritual makeup.

This comes through the understanding we receive after our conversion. Until then, as with Enos, our thoughts were not totally dedicated to this purpose, but after being cleansed by the power of the Holy Spirit, a new man arose within us. We will now react even as Enos did after God touched his heart.

This is a most moving success story and I might add, one of my favorites. The sincere approach with which Enos questioned God touches me deeply. How beautiful to see an individual humble himself before God, and how pleased God is with this. Let us never forget the day we went to the waters edge, asking Christ to intercede for us. We should always retain in remembrance our nothingness before God and His great power which brought us from a world of sin, into the everlasting light of salvation through the Restored Gospel.

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brance—how that by faith they looked for the things hoped for. Experiences were related showing how faith moved the hand of God. Our brother indicated that faith cannot be gained through natural education, colleges, universities, or seminars, but by obeying the commandments of God. He also indicated what the hope of the Saints through FAITH should be. The answer to the world situation today is CHRIST. Brother Joe urged everyone to have faith and trust in God. A good spirit was felt in his preaching.

Brother George Heaps concluded the morning service by encouraging all to keep their faith and trust in God. He stated that God is not dead . . . if we call upon Him with FAITH, He will be with us—He will take over. Others asked for prayer and were anointed; a good spirit prevailing in the anointings.

The congregation sang the hymn "Without Him" and the service came to a close with prayer by Brother Robert Watson, Sr.

The Gospels

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subject matter, Peter's view of our Lord. Papias of Hierapolis (A.D. 140, quoted by Eusebius) gives the earliest statement connecting the GOSPEL with Peter's preaching. Mark, the author of the second GOSPEL, was a native of Jerusalem. His mother's name was Mary (ACTS 12:12); his father is not known to us. Mark is not named in the GOSPELS but appears in THE ACTS when, with his uncle, Barnabas, he accompanied Paul on the first missionary journey as far as Perga, where he turned back for reasons that are not given. During Paul's later years, however, Mark was at his side. Peter referred to Mark as "my son" (1 PETER 5:13).

Although it is the briefest of the GOSPELS, Mark's narrative is often more vivid and detailed than the parallel accounts in MATTHEW and LUKE—e. g. the story of the maniac of Gerasa. This GOSPEL presents Christ as the Servant of the Lord, sent to accomplish a specific work for God. Therefore, it is a book of deeds more than words, and contains no long discourses and few parables. The words "straightway" and "immediately," occur more than thirty times. Because He is presented as Servant, no genealogy is needed. An unusual number of passages give insight into the feelings of Our Lord (3:5; 7:34; 10:21). Although Christ is presented as Servant, Mark also includes strong emphasis upon His miracles which point to His power as the Son of God.

LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN

That there were in existence many early accounts of the life and work of Christ is plain from Luke's prologue to his GOSPEL (LUKE 1:1-4). Luke, who wrote the third GOSPEL and THE ACTS, was known as "the beloved physician." He was a companion and fellow worker with Paul. Luke's book is the longest GOSPEL. Its emphasis is upon the perfect humanity of Christ, whom it presents as the Son of man, and whose genealogy it traces to Adam. Luke alone tells of Christ's boyhood and reveals more of His prayer life than the other Synoptics.

The parables found in this GOSPEL show Christ's concern for humanity. In the accounts of certain miracles the trained observation of a physician is evident. LUKE is in many ways the GOSPEL of compassion, stressing, as it does, the Lord's sympathy for the brokenhearted, the sick, the mistreated, and the bereaved. It also shows the ministry of women to Christ. Luke alone records the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son and the mission of the Seventy.

As for John, this GOSPEL is in a class by itself. Probably written later than the Synoptics, it does not outline the life of Jesus Christ but selects its materials, including much that is not in the first three GOSPELS. John, the writer of the fourth GOSPEL, was the son of Zebedee and one of the Twelve. Along with his brother, James, and with Peter, he belonged to the inner circle of disciples, a group that was near Christ on such occasions as the transfiguration and the agony in Gethsemane.

"THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE"

It was to John that our Lord on the cross commended His mother. John appears with Peter in the first part of THE ACTS and is referred to by Paul as one of the three "pillars" of the Church. John's

purpose in his GOSPEL was, as he plainly declares, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (JOHN 20:31). In accordance with the purpose of this GOSPEL, the words "believe" and "life," and the titles, "Son" and "Son of God," are used many more times than in the Synoptic Gospels. John alone records the great "I am" declarations of Christ and gives the sayings of Christ introductory by the solemn "Verily, verily." Moreover, he alone reports the great controversy between Christ and His enemies (CHS. 7-12).

Certain scholars have made an effort to trace the forms into which the earliest traditions about Christ were put for oral repetition. These forms are thought to have provided material for the GOSPELS and are also supposed to have been shaped by the needs of the early Church as to preclude a complete historical basis for all the events recorded in the GOSPELS. This critical view raises a question concerning the historical accuracy of the whole record. It fails to recognize evidence which supports the historicity of the GOSPELS. It may also be observed that selectivity of material does not necessarily mean distortion of fact, nor is the use of reliable tradition incompatible with the inspiration of the GOSPEL records.

The important thing to keep in mind is the established fact that these GOSPELS are inspired historical documents of genuine authenticity and full integrity. Moreover, the believer in Christ knows in his own life the reality of the living Saviour, who is so faithfully and yet so variously presented in the Synoptics and in the GOSPEL of JOHN.

Brief News Of Interest

SEND THANKS

I want to take this means to thank all my dear Brothers and Sisters for the beautiful cards and letters of encouragement, but most of all, for the prayers that were offered in my behalf during my recent major surgery. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy towards me. Today I can say as the poet, "I can feel His Hand in mine and that's enough for me."

Sister Margaret Iorio
Bryson City, North Carolina

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD IN ALIQUIPPA

The Vacation Bible School this summer was held June 14 through 18 and the theme was "Other Sheep." The teacher in charge of the school was Sister Mary Tamburrino. Teachers for the classes were the following Sisters: Junior Class, Jean Gibson and Carol Bucenell; Intermediate Class, Josephine Ross and Donna Palmieri; Primary Class, Victoria D'Antonio, Mary Ross and Sabina D'Antonio. Pianist was Karen Ross.

Twenty-five children attended the school. On the evening of the last day of the Bible School, the children presented a program by which they reviewed the lesson, sang the songs and recited verses they had memorized during the week. For the missionary offering, clothes were gathered for the African Relief and money was collected to mail a package. The parents also viewed the handiwork of their children, and refreshments were served by the teachers.

Greetings From Old Mexico

Greetings from Old Mexico. It has been quite some time since we have written to the GOSPEL NEWS so we thought we would send a little report of what is going on in Tijuana. On February 27, 1971 we had three baptisms and on May 22, 1971 we had six baptisms. At the present time we have eight more who are going to be baptized, making a total of over 140 persons baptized since starting in Tijuana 11 years ago. As Brother Arce was baptizing the last group a sister saw a light descend from the heavens upon each one and then disappear as they left the waters.

For a long time we have needed more space and now after having two more Sunday School rooms, some nice things are happening. On Wednesday mornings we have a separate service for our Oaxacan Indians, which number from 40 to 55 adults and many children, due to the fact that they are not as far advanced in the Spanish as the others. They use their dialect more and they need a simpler form of teaching. They do not have a written language. Although most of them understand enough Spanish, we use interpreters wherever possible.

These Oaxacan Indians do not mingle with any other tribes. Their customs and dress are still the same today as hundreds of years ago, whereas all the others try to be as modern as the people in the States being so near to the border. The Oaxacans wear long dresses and strap their babies on their backs. In stature, they are a small people. They are extremely poor. Their life is primitive, hard and without joy. Perhaps this is why they don't know how to sing. Their homes are made of whatever they can get to keep them out of the wind, cold and heat. Although we have worked with them for years we are making better progress with them now that they can be taught in a different manner. They are more at home among their own tribe and are now starting to sing and testify. Two of our sisters are teaching them hygiene, sewing, etc. and as a result they come to church looking neat.

Later in the day we have a service for the rest of our people at Mission One. We have up to 100 adults. Most of these people can read and write which makes teaching them a little easier. On Sundays we have from 80 to 100 adults at Mission One and every other Sunday we have a young people's class in the afternoon. We have many children in the Sunday Schools.

At Mission No. 2 on Fridays we have from 80 to 90 adults and many children. Our church building is very crowded as it is only 20 x 28 ft. in size. We have two rooms for the children and teenagers. We also have fast and prayer meetings here on Tuesday mornings.

The Lord has been blessing our people with wonderful healings and marvelous experiences for which we are grateful. We are very thankful for our lot in the Gospel and our prayer is that God might do a great and marvelous work with the Seed of Joseph and that many souls might find their way to our wonderful Church and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember us in your prayers. May God bless our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Your Brother & Sister in Christ
Edward and Evelyn Perdue

Branch and Mission News

SPECIAL LECTURES AT BRANCH NO. 2

Brother Joe Milantoni, Evangelist, conducted a series of meetings for the betterment of the Branch. These presentations were in five parts.

PART I: Primitive Church established by Jesus Christ, and lasting a short time after the death of the Apostles.

PART II: Apostasy, falling away of the Gospel and the changing of the ordinances, set up by the original church.

PART III: Restoration of the Gospel, the revelation of Joseph Smith. The plates of the BOOK OF MORMON. The organization of the Restored Church and bringing the history of the Church up to the present date.

PART IV: BOOK OF MORMON. The talk covered every aspect of the Lamanite people. The future and hope of the American Indian people. How we can serve in the building of the New Jerusalem.

PART V: This night was review on any of the preceding subjects and question and answer night.

We at Branch No. 2 appreciate Brother Joe's lectures and his interest in the educational uplifting of our Branch. In my opinion, every Mission, Branch, and District could better itself, with knowledge of our Church. The better we know the subject, the easier we can present it. Thanks again to Brother Joe Milantoni.

Brother Joe Carlini
Detroit, Branch No. 2

LOCKPORT AND ROCHESTER GATHERING

On June 6, 1971, Lockport and Rochester Branches held a gathering at Lockport, New York. Brother Rocco Biscotti from Cleveland, Ohio opened the service by reading from 1 PETER 2:1-9. He exhorted us to let our light shine that others may want to obey God, even though we may be going through "the trial of the Saints." Brother Harold Burge of Erie, Pennsylvania followed and spoke on the righteousness of Abraham. He also gave his testimony of how he found the true Church of Jesus Christ after having been a member in a faction of the Restoration. He stated that it was the love among the people in The Church of Jesus Christ that drew him. He related a vision he had of going into the water and two brethren baptizing him. This vision became a reality on the day of his baptism. He also spoke of the plight of those who have heard and obeyed and have now fallen away.

Brother Patsy Marinetti from Rochester, New York followed, continuing on the same theme. He pointed out that although some have fallen, there is still a place for them if they repent. We should continue to pray for these who have fallen.

Brother Ansel D'Amico from Rochester gave his testimony and spoke of his desire to continue in the faith.

After a few brief remarks and two anointings, the meeting was closed by Brother Paul D'Amico from Lockport, New York.

NEWS FROM CLEVELAND BRANCH NO. 1

Sunday, May 23 was indeed a joyous day at Cleveland Branch No. 1. Brother Anthony Piccuito from Perry, Ohio visited us and spoke concerning "putting your hand in the hand of the Master." He also spoke about the Anti-Christ, and his words were well received by all.

A good spirit was evident, as many testimonies were offered in praise to God for all His goodness and mercy. Brother Abinadi Piccuito then arose and asked to be renewed into fellowship with the Saints. Brother Anthony Piccuito, with tears streaming down his face, exclaimed that his prayers have been answered.

God's Holy Spirit was felt this day by all in attendance.

BAPTISMS AT WINDSOR

Brother Charles Matthew was baptized on May 9, 1971 by Brother Donald Collison and confirmed by Brother Sam Cuomo. A wonderful spirit was enjoyed by all in attendance at the Windsor, Ontario Branch. Brother Reno Bologna of Branch No. 2 Detroit was visiting, and his sermon was very inspiring.

Brother Tony Gerace was visiting with us on May 30, 1971, as the blessings of God were our company again. Brother Kenneth Barnes asked to be baptized following Brother Frank Vitto's special prayer.

Brother Barnes was baptized by Brother Frank Vitto and confirmed by Brother Donald Collison.

We are thankful for God's blessings and pray that He will continue to be with us.

People Are Inquiring

In a letter of inquiry to the Church, the following is an answer from Brother Joseph Calabrese of the General Church Mission Board—Home Missions.

July 8, 1971

Mr. Tom Peterson
1429 El Verano
Thousand Oaks, California 91360
Dear Mr. Peterson:

Your letter to our headquarters has been referred to me for answering.

I have been informed that the literature you have requested has been sent to you, plus some other literature we print and the literature list.

You also mentioned that you are somewhat interested in our Church. I do not know how you came across our Church, but we strongly believe in letting God lead us and reveal His will to us.

Our prayer is that you have received some of the answers you are looking for. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered by me, please feel free to write me personally.

Besides this, we have churches in California that may be near you. Our District of California Evangelist is Robert A. Watson, Jr., Chairman of the Missionary Board in that area. His address is 8539 Nestle Avenue, Northridge, California—phone: 886-6935. Brother Watson is also pastor of the branch on 15157 Roscoe Boulevard, Van Nuys. I am sure he would be glad to talk to you; or if possible, visit The Church where you will be most welcome.

May God lead you on to find the truth. Thank you for writing us.

Warren Dedication

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The basement was completed and dedication was held in the fall of 1947. The Saints of Warren met in this building from October of 1947 to September of 1969, a total of 21 years and 11 months.

MANY BLESSINGS

Many wonderful blessings were enjoyed in this building over this period of time.

On January 28, 1967, it was decided that we would put the top on our basement church, but because of the urban renewal, some of the General Church officials discouraged our decision.

In a meeting held on August 2, 1967, it was decided that we would build an entirely new building. Brother Frank and Sister Ina Giovannone donated the ground on Caleb Road and the majority voted to build there. This decision was presented to the District and the General Church. The General Church Conference of October 1967 gave the Warren Branch permission to build.

Our Ground Breaking Service was held on October 15, 1967 and on October 16, our project of building a new church was started. It was a long hard struggle, but our prayers always were that God would lead us and bless us with the strength that we needed to finish our undertaking. After three years, eight months, and three days from when we started, we have arrived at this date of our Dedication. (End of history).

THANKS EXTENDED

Brother Frank Giovannone thanked all the Brothers who were so faithful in helping with the construction of the building, and the many Sisters that helped in various ways.

Brother Frank gave a detailed report on the cost of the construction of the building—total cost of building—\$54,157.40. Still owed—\$22,988.99.

Open House was held and a luncheon was served by the Sisters of the Warren Branch. At the evening meeting, Evangelist Dominic Giovannone from Vero Beach, Florida was the guest speaker. He spoke of the early days of the Mission.

The new Sacrament utensils were blessed at this meeting by Brother Mario Coppa from Detroit, Michigan.

Sunday morning service was started with community singing. Apostle V. James Lovalvo from Stuart, Florida was the guest speaker at this meeting. He gave a very inspiring talk that was enjoyed by all.

After luncheon the fellowship meeting commenced at 1:30 P.M. During the course of the meeting, the young people were asked to come up front and sing and give a word of testimony. After several had testified, John Genaro of the Niles Branch asked for his baptism, followed by Mitchell Edwards of the Warren Branch and Nancy Cartina who has been attending the Niles Branch.

The Spirit of God was felt by all and we thank Him for His blessings that He bestows on us from time to time.

All went to the water to witness the baptisms. John Genaro and Nancy Cartina were baptized by Brother Joseph Genaro. Mitchell Edwards was baptized by Brother Tony Picciuto.

After the baptisms all returned back to the church for the Confirmations and the passing of Sacrament.

John Genaro was confirmed by Brother Dominic Giovannone.

Nancy Cartina was confirmed by Brother Fred Musolino.

Mitchell Edwards was confirmed by Brother Jerry Giovannone.

Throughout the day's services, we were honored to have as guest singers: Soloist Sister Florence LaRosa from Erie, Pennsylvania, the Greensburg Quartet from Greensburg, Pa. and Soloists: Brother Robert Beam of Greensburg, Pa., Brother V. James Lovalvo from Stuart, Florida and Sister Betty Alessio from Lorain, Ohio.

Many Brothers and Sisters attended from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, California and Florida.

Brother Frank Giovannone, the Presiding Elder, and all the Brothers and Sisters of the Warren Branch wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all who took part in any way with the construction of the building and all who helped in any way with the Dedication. May God bless you all.

Creation, Evolution

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Thomas Huxley, who was a biologist and advocate of the theory of Evolution, and a contemporary of Darwin, was forced to agree. Listen to his words.

"IF WE CONFINE OURSELVES TO POSITIVELY ASCERTAINED FACTS, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE IN THE FORMS OF ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE LIFE SINCE EXISTENCE OF SUCH FORMS IS RECORDED IS SMALL." (13)

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OBITUARIES

PHARONE MARTIN

Mr. Pharone Martin departed from this life on June 6, 1971. He was born on April 13, 1911. He often attended The Church at Roscoe, Pennsylvania.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife Margaret, one daughter, three grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

Brother George Johnson officiated at the funeral services.

Pharone was very much liked by all who knew him, and he will be very much missed.

New Arrivals

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

Jeffrey David, to David and Charlotte Hemmings of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Allan Christy, to Ron and Colleen Christy of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Carman Olivia, to John and Olivia Buchko of Fort Pierce, Florida;

Jason Earl, to Timothy and Betty Jean Gibson of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania; and

TWINS: David Todd and Denise Renee to Jim and Sandra Cotellesse of Branch No. 2 Detroit, Michigan.

I Found God

By H. C. Marvey and C. M. Angel

I found God high in the mountains, Amid the whispering pines

Far above yon busy valley, where a restless river winds.
I walked with God high in the mountains, o'er a carpet
He had made,

Woven through silent centuries, patterned by leafy
shade

I talked with God high in the mountains, heard His
voice so calm and low

The same voice that thrilled my Master near Galilee
years ago

You'll find God high in the mountains, amid the whispering
pines

Far above the bustling valley, full of restless jostling
minds.

But bring God down from the mountains, to the valley
floor below

Here the needs of men are many, in the everyday ebb
and flow.

For the God you find in the mountains, will only bless
each day.

As you let His spirit guide you, helping others on the
way.

The God you knew in the mountains, can be an in-
spiration clear

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Nuptials

CINDRICH - D'ANTONIO

Mr. Joseph Cindrich and Miss Hazel D'Antonio were joined in matrimony on June 19 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Brother Anthony Ross officiated at the wedding ceremony. Musical selections were presented by organist Elizabeth D'Antonio and vocalist Dora Rossi.

The newlyweds now reside in Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

TAMBURRINO - ELLIS

Mr. Kenneth Tamburrino and Miss Andrea Ellis were joined in matrimony on July 10 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Brother John Ross officiated at the wedding ceremony. Musical selections were by organist Sharon Ross and vocalist David Majoros.

The newlyweds now reside in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

SAVONA - KLINGENSMITH

Mr. Charles Savona and Miss Mary Klingensmith were united in holy matrimony at the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on June 5, 1971. Brother Idris Martin officiated at the ceremony. Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky was the vocal soloist.

The couple are now residing in Long Branch, Pennsylvania.

AZZINARO - PYKE

Brother John Vincent Azzinaro and Miss Joy Lorene Pyke were united in holy wedlock at the San Fernando Valley Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ in Van Nuys, California. Brothers John Azzinaro and Bob Watson, Jr. officiated at the ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Kay Daniells, organist and Elaine Jordan, soloist.

The couple are now residing in Canoga Park, California.

1971 Church Calendar

August

26, 27, 28, 29, 30—Pennsylvania Area MBA
Campout at Camp Lutherlyn, Pennsylvania.

September

Semi-Annual District Conferences.

October

2—General Ladies' Circle Conference at Edison,
New Jersey.

14, 15, 16—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

November

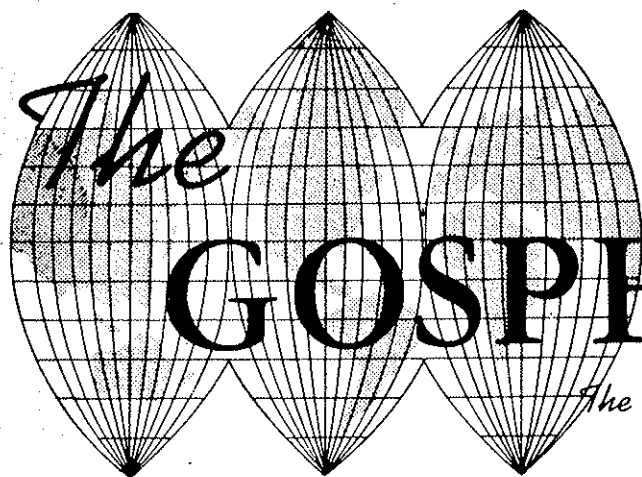
11—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent
Association Conference.

I FOUND GOD—Continued

To give meaning to your actions, each moment of
each year.

God's insight gained in the mountains, will be vital
in the strife.

Only when used in daily effort, toward a more abundant
life.



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The 1971 G.M.B.A. Campout Nauvoo, Illinois 15 Baptized

Three years have passed quickly since the 1968 campout in Nauvoo, Illinois and once again we were privileged to enjoy God's blessings on the banks of the great Mississippi River.

The camp officially began at noon on July 17, 1971, but the advance party, Brother Vincent Gibson and his helpers, arrived on Friday, July 16, 1971 to set up camp and meet arrivals.

Cars, trailers, vans and campers started to arrive on Saturday morning. Brothers, sisters, friends and children greeted one another and began setting up their living quarters for the week. Saturday evening drew to a close as the camp prepared for the Sabbath Day, recalling the blessings enjoyed there three years ago.

Representatives from Arizona, California, Canada, Florida, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and South Dakota were present.

Newlyweds from Monongahela, Pennsylvania — Brother George and Sister Margaret Johnson were present. They were married on July 15, 1971.

PRESIDENT NIXON QUOTED

The Sunday morning service was opened by Brother Frank Morle of Detroit, Michigan. He used as his text the 7TH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW, VERSES 7 TO 12. He spoke of the perilous times we are living in and made a point to the young people to seek out the Lord. He quoted President Nixon, "The seeds of decay have already set in and unless this nation reverses itself it will fall." Can the people of God save this Blessed Land by their righteousness or will God only save this people and destroy the land?

Brother Jerry Giovannone followed, speaking on God using us, and if you ask it shall be given. Brother George Johnson spoke on Zion and the part we must play. Sister Diana Surdock of California sang "I Just Came to Talk to You Lord." Brother Vincent Gibson followed, stressing to seek God as a guide, comfort and Savior. Brother Domenic Moraco spoke on how it was up to us to help fill the camp with the Love of God. Brother August D'Orazio, the G.M.B.A. President, asked the leaders of the Camp to help in achieving the aims of Our Church.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and the evening service was used to introduce various committees, teachers and workers.

Monday morning new arrivals were recognized at the Chapel service. They were Brother and Sister Armond Genaro and Sister Rose Corrado from Ohio. Shortly after Chapel, Brother and Sister George Johnson had to return due to the death of Sister Johnson's brother. Seminars were held following Chapel each morning.

FASTING AND PRAYER

Each morning the Elders present at the camp met at a place called "The Oak Grove" in fasting and prayer. As they were meeting, the "Gift of Tongues" was spoken and at the close of one of the meetings while Brother Paul Francione was praying, Brother Harold Burge saw an angel in the circle that was formed. The power of God fell upon the Elders, confirming these wonderful experiences.

During the evening service on Monday, Brother August D'Orazio welcomed all the new arrivals. Brother Pandone expressed himself and noted that the Niles, Ohio Branch has had 14 baptisms during the last six months and eight were present at the campout. They sang "He Touched Me" and then gave their testimonies. Brother John Genaro (seriously injured a year ago) was anointed and gave his testimony. Susan Noble of Erie thanked God for restoring her hearing which she lost during an illness. Others gave their testimony and a prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Brother Domenic Moraco. Brother James Lovalvo spoke briefly as the day came to an end in beautiful Nauvoo. Brother Gorie Ciaravino closed the meeting in prayer.

Brother Anthony Brutz, our missionary from Wakpala, South Dakota was appointed Chaplain until Brother Joseph Milantoni arrived.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

From the General Church Executive Secretary—
Please note the following correction: on page 1716 of the minutes of the June 1971 conference the date of the October 1971 conference is given as October 21; this is corrected to read October 14.

Tuesday morning Chapel was opened by Brother Anthony Brutz reading from ST. JOHN, 5:15. Announcements were made for the day and Brother Isaac Smith offered prayer. Tuesday evening after dinner, the young people asked for a meeting with the Elders, asking why God was not blessing them fully. This meeting resulted in seven asking for their baptism. They were: Rodney Dyer of Erie, Craig Prentice of Cleveland, Domenick Risola of New Jersey, Gelsa Zinzi of Bronx, New York, Kim Lobzun of Windsor, William Prentice of Cleveland and Susan Noble of Erie. We all went to the river for the baptisms. After returning, Brother James Loyalvo read a portion of Scripture on baptism and then sang "I've Been to Calvary." All the Elders united and prayer was offered prior to the confirmation. Brother Isaac Smith of Pine-top, Arizona then spoke of the Missionary work on the White River Reservation. He also added that he was blessed this day and if he had no more blessings while at camp these two days, it was well worth the trip to camp. Brother Gorie Ciaravino gave a few encouraging remarks to the new converts. Brother Joseph Milantoni arrived at camp along with Brother Edward Donkin and the Giannetti family of Aliquippa.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

Wednesday morning Chapel was opened by Brother Joseph Milantoni by reading ALMA 32:4. Wednesday evening meeting was opened by Brother Joseph Milantoni. He spoke of the 2,000 young strippling warriors and how we also can confidently reach our goal. He invited all to be soldiers of the cross. Brother Domenic Moraco spoke of the necessity of knowing the devil because he waits to deceive and devour each and every one of us. Brother James Loyalvo spoke of the future of Our Church and what is in store for us. Brother Gorie Ciaravino introduced our Indian Missionaries present and our belief in the American Indian coming back to God. Newcomers were Chuck and Newanna King and family of Pennsylvania and Brother and Sister Steve Saffron of Arizona.

Thursday morning Chapel was opened by Brother Joseph Milantoni. Brother Kline was anointed. Brother and Sister Domenic Thomas and family were new arrivals. Thursday evening, a trio sang a selection and Sister Rose Milantoni's seminar class sang several selections. A special prayer was offered by Brother Paul Palmieri for Sister Carol Pasquali of Youngstown, Ohio. Brother Bob Nicklow testified that he heard a voice telling him to call his family in Pennsylvania. Upon doing so, he was told that his father had been reinstated into The Church only a few minutes before his call. The new converts testified and Brother Domenic Thomas offered prayer in their behalf. Brother James Loyalvo sang "I've Been to Calvary" and Sister Judy Albert sang "So Send I You" dedicating it to all of our missionaries. All the young folks sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" and gave their testimonies. Brother Gary Ensana related a dream in which he was informed there would be three more baptisms. Prayer was offered for Cindy Goodfellow of Windsor after which she asked for her baptism. Alan Metzler of Glassport then asked for his baptism along with Marjorie D'Amico of Detroit. Brother Augie D'Orazio read ALMA 37:34, 37. The Congregation then sang "Thank You Lord" and Brother James Loyalvo closed in prayer.

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Baptized at Nauvoo were—

Row 1, Left to right—Virginia Ventresca, Cindy Goodfellow, William Prentice, David Calvarese;

Row 2, Left to right—Alan Metzler, Walter Donkin, Wilfred Garlow, Craig Prentice, Domenic Risola, Rodney Dyer;

Row 3, Left to right—Brenda Gibson, Kim Lobson, Gelsa Zinzi, Susan Noble. Not pictured is Marjorie D'Amico.



As the members of the Rat Patrol pose for the GOSPEL NEWS, they display the toy rat and card they received as gifts of appreciation from the young people. THE YOUNG WERE EXTREMELY THANKFUL to this group of men who so diligently helped them to abide by the "lights out" regulation at camp.

The Rat Patrol: Row 1—Vince Gibson, Paul Palmieri, Bob Nicklow; Row 2—Frank Morle, Jerry Benyola, Augie D'Orazio, George Siddall, and Bill Hufnagle.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

On The Other Side

By Paul D'Amico

As we travel down the avenue of life we meet with many trials, afflictions, and persecutions. There is a constant battle in some shape or form. The Saints of God have had their share of the many sufferings and hardships, but, oh, what joy we experience in knowing that there is a better day coming. Everything will be all right on the other side, but on this side of the river, we must work out our soul's salvation.

Blessed was the day and the hour when the Gospel came our way. Blessed was the day and the hour when the call of repentance came to each of us, when we became dead in sin and arose a new creature in Christ Jesus. One can experience many blessings and many wonderful manifestations of the Spirit of God, but until one receives the call of repentance and baptism, he or she can never taste the true goodness of God and have the assurance of a place in the mansions of glory.

Jesus said, "Except a man be born again of water and of spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Sister Grace Francione, who is still living and who has been a member of Rochester, New York for many years, had a remarkable experience shortly after she met the Gospel and was converted unto the Lord. It had not been very long that she had come to this blessed land of America from Italy, when one night she saw her mother in a dream. She beckoned and pleaded with her mother to come to where she was. Her mother told her these words, "Blessed are thou my daughter for you have been privileged to cross Jordan in this life, but I will have to cross it on the other side."

The battle has to be fought on this side, and victory will be on the other side.

We thank God for so many wonderful Brothers and Sisters who proved faithful to their promise and have now crossed over on the other side.

I have a father who has gone before; I have a mother who has gone before; I have a mother-in-law who has gone before; I have a brother who has gone before; I also have many wonderful Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have gone before to view that beautiful land—away over Jordan.

We are building today for our eternal reward. The material we send there must be of the first quality and the best grade. Our walks and works in life must be pleasing and acceptable before the Lord. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." If we expect to reign with Christ on the other side, we must suffer with Christ and for Christ on this side."

"Must I be carried to the skies,
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?
Sure I must fight if I would reign,
Increase my courage Lord,
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word."

One Sunday morning at the close of Sunday School, the hymn "It Is Wonderful" by T. D. Bucci was called. As we stood on our feet on the last verse of this hymn, I saw in a vision a large group of Brothers and Sisters, all deceased, on our pulpit wall. They all had smiles on their faces and were looking at us. They

all appeared to be very happy. As I beheld this vision, the glory of God came upon me and that wonderful spirit continued on in the morning service as we endeavored to preach the word of the Lord.

So, may I in conclusion say unto all, both young and old, that although everything may not be all right on this side, praise God for His assurance that everything will be all right on the other side.

Dedication To Parents

By Sister Dolly Kovacic

I am dedicating this article to the parents of the young people who have been baptized. I am one of these parents.

First, I want to say I am thankful for being a small part of this wonderful Restoration for the past 21 years.

My oldest son George was baptized at the age of sixteen. Prior to his baptism, he had a wonderful dream. George is soon to enter his third year of college, and though there were many frustrations, I'm thankful he has kept the faith.

My younger son Mark, was baptized at the 1970 Canfield Campout. When I heard he had asked for his baptism, I was happy but also skeptical, only because of his age: he was fourteen. But, when I pondered over this and discussed it with a Sister, a piece of scripture came to me, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," (ECCLESIASTES 12:1) My heart was so filled with joy I thought it would burst.

To the parents in this position, my feelings are, there is no medal, no material honor, no scholarship on this earth that can make a parent so filled with joy and thanksgiving than to witness the baptism of their child. No blessing can compare to this and to hear their testimonies.

Thank God for campouts, for they have brought our young together and it has uplifted them and I have witnessed the joy they have when they are together.

Let's remember these young ones for they will need our prayers now more than ever, so they will never lose that wonderful desire.

The Spirit Of God

By Harriet Meo

The Spirit of God falls down
On those present, like a crown
It comes to bless
And uplift the depressed
To renew someone's first love
And to feel His from above
To caress the new converts
And cause rejoicing in their hearts
To comfort the old
So staunch in the fold
To make the stranger ponder
"This feeling, what is it I wonder?"
To feed the shepherds who feed us
The food so needful to sustain us
And cause the Spirit of God to fall down
On those present like a crown!

What Must I Do To Be Saved?—(Cont.)

By Brother Timothy D. Buccia
(Reprinted from the radio BOOK OF SERMONS
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Are these things apparent today? We can surely say, yes. An examination of the developments which brought chaos to the rest of the earth reveals that a spiritual collapse preceded civil collapse; moral disintegration came before economic and social breakdown. In other words, materialism is the best term to use; and it is composed of the selfishness and irresponsibility which have undermined modern civilization. The process of disaster is clearly evident in America today. Many people are worried about our economic and political futures; but, they are blind to the fact that it depends upon our spiritual situation. Must our democratic way of life be threatened before we learn that democracy, prosperity, and civilization depend upon the spiritual life of mankind? Let us awaken to these facts.

The third step which must be observed and put into effect is baptism. THE NEW TESTAMENT was written in Greek, and we note "cheo" means to pour; "rantizo" means to sprinkle. "Baptizo" means to dip, or to immerse. The word "baptizo" is derived from a word root, "bapto," the simple and primitive meaning of which is to dip, or immerse. It is in this sense that the word is carried forward into the English language.

Baptism by immersion was the recognized mode of initiation into membership of The Early Christian Church. Baptism was preached by The Ministers of Christ in The Primitive Church. John, the forerunner of Christ, was called John the Baptist. He preached repentance and baptism along the banks of Jordan. In the text I read, Peter commanded the multitude to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Jesus, in ST. MARK 16:16, said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Baptism is only genuine when it is accompanied by faith and repentance and performed by one duly authorized.

The fourth step is the reception of The Holy Ghost. Baptism in water involves a cleansing, is an enlistment, and is of great importance; but, if it is to be effective, it must be followed by a baptism of The Spirit. John the Baptist declared: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

Jesus told Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, "... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Evidently, receiving The Holy Spirit is vitally important for salvation. By what method was it received in The Primitive Church? The first incident we read about is on The Day of Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus gathered together in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven

tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost ...

After this, The Church became organized through the Apostles. Officers were installed, and The Church of Jesus Christ, or The Kingdom of God, was established upon the face of the earth. We learn then that the Apostles laid their hands upon the new converts, and they received The Holy Ghost.

Let me give you one of the many illustrations recorded in THE HOLY BIBLE. When Philip, a servant and Minister of Christ, went to Samaria to preach Christ, they gladly received him and were baptized. Then The Church learned of this, they sent Peter and John to assist him. We read that, when they came, they laid their hands upon them and they received The Holy Ghost. Obviously, the method used was by the "Laying on," or the imposition of hands. Time will not permit me to point out other scripture to support this.

The fifth and last thing I wish to impress upon you is that the certain ordinances instituted in The Primitive Church were administered by men who were called by God. Through faith and The Holy Spirit to function for Christ and His Church, one must be called by revelation or a "Divine-calling." The term minister means servant. The minister, therefore, is a Servant of God, receiving authority from him and exercising this authority in His Name.

Men have no right to organize The Church of Jesus Christ or to commission others to function for Christ. The authority of The Ministry must come from Him in this age, as in every other age. Men have been called to The Priesthood by revelation. Noah, Abraham, Jacob and Joseph were called by God in their respective generations. Moses and Aaron were called in their day. The Apostles were called in their day by The Lord Jesus. Evidently, then, the Servants of God should be called in these last days in like manner by The Revelation of God, and not by educational institutions for religion. It is good to be learned, if you hearken to the counsels of God.

In THE NEW TESTAMENT, we learn that faithful men were ordained into The Ministry by the laying on of hands. The Church of Jesus Christ, which I represent, and Her Ministers are called by The Revelation of God. It is The Kingdom of God established upon the earth in these last days.

Allow me to add this day: HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS. YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST, BECAUSE THE PROMISE IS TO YOU AND ALSO SO FAR AS THE LORD WILL CALL. In conclusion, I shall repeat the words of St. Paul, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." May the peace of The Saviour abide with you all.

Important Notice

Appearing in the October issue of the GOSPEL NEWS will be an article called "Did You Know That." It will contain items of facts about THE CHURCH and our procedures.

Let us have your comments.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By Thomas Ross

Back To School

Summer is almost gone, and September is here already. Many children and young people are preparing to go "back to school," some of them joyfully and with anticipation, while others perhaps reluctantly, now that the long summer vacation is over. Still, for many other children, this month marks the start of their formal schooling as they are enrolled either in kindergarten or the first grade.

Education is a very important part of a person's life and begins in the home, long before a child goes to school. WEBSTER'S NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY defines education: 1. Act or process of educating; discipline of mind or character through study or instruction; also, a stage of such a process or the training in it; as: to receive a college education. Webster also defines the word educate: (Latin educatus, past participle of educare to bring up a child, educate, from Latin educere to lead forth.); to develop or cultivate mentally or morally. Thus, the very word educate is derived or formed from the original Latin root or meaning—to bring up a child and to lead forth. This interesting and important fact points up the serious responsibility that rests with parents as well as teachers in training and educating both child and student.

Wise King Solomon recognized the importance of early child training as recorded in PROVERBS 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This does not assure that every child who is tutored and trained in the way of goodly and right living will not depart or vary in some degree from such training. However, we have reason to believe that the vast majority of children and youths who are reared and tutored in the way of goodly behavior, whether in their homes or in the school, will acquit themselves well during the course of their natural lives.

Parental tutoring of a growing child, both by word and example, is most essential in getting the child off to a good start in life; in stimulating the initiative or desire to learn, whether in spiritual things or in the field of secular education. The role of the teacher, at whatever school level, is likewise vitally important in the process of instructing the student; in stressing the seriousness and importance of acquiring an education; in encouraging self-discipline to stick to the task at hand; and in skillfully and patiently endeavoring to promote mental and moral cultivation and development.

An education, both informal and formal, becomes increasingly advantageous as a child matures and eventually reaches adulthood. The educated person is better equipped to face life's challenges and pursue various fields of endeavor, many of which not only provide an income, but are additionally rewarding when they prove serviceable to other people.

History abounds with the names of men and women whose knowledge, wisdom, and talents were skillfully employed in varying degrees and influenced nations, governments, institutions, sciences, and arts.

Scripture, too, contains many accounts of wonderful men and women whose knowledge, learning, and wisdom served them well during the course of their devotion and service to God. Our HOLY BIBLE itself, from GENESIS to REVELATION is a reflection of the importance and value of knowledge and learning. We are indebted to those writers for their travels, labors, pains and diligence in leaving a recorded account of God's dealings with them. (See BOOK OF MORMON, II NEPHI 29:4)

Finally, to all students at whatever school level, God bless you as you resume your schooling or whether you are just beginning. As the teacher endeavors to lead forth may you strive to follow and adhere to the task at hand with tenacity. Your entire life will be enriched and your rewards will be many.

From the writings of a wise man and a great teacher:

PROVERBS 1:2, 3, "To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity."

PROVERBS 4:7, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"God has not ceased to be a God of miracles."
MORMON 9:15.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Recently I told you about a miracle in America. I want to tell you about another wonderful miracle that happened here too. It was in the days of Lehi the prophet of God.

There were many prophets in Jerusalem and among them was a good man named Lehi. He told the people to repent and serve God. They did not want to hear these things. One day as he was praying to the Lord to spare the people, a pillar of fire came down from heaven and dwelt upon a rock before him. The Lord told him what was going to happen to the people and the city of Jerusalem. This made Lehi tremble with fear. He was so overcome by the Spirit that he hurried home and lay down on his bed. While there he was shown a vision by the Lord. It was a beautiful experience.

After Lehi saw these things he went among the people again but they made fun of him and tried to kill him as they had done to many prophets before him. The Lord loved Lehi and told him to go into the wilderness and He would take him and his family to the Land of Promise. This was America. They obeyed the Lord and left the city at once. They left behind all of their property, gold, silver and precious things. They took tents to live in and some provisions with them and started through the wilderness.

The Lord blessed the travelers on their long journey. One night the Lord spoke to Lehi and told him they were to leave the Valley of Lemuel. In the morning when Lehi arose, he went to the tent door and there to his surprise he saw on the ground a round ball. It was made of fine brass and of curious workmanship. Inside were two spindles or pointers, one of which pointed in the direction they should travel. This ball was called the Liahona. It would be similar to a compass.

Lehi and the families gathered everything together, seeds that they had gathered, took down their tents and began their journey. As they traveled they had to have food, so the young men made bows and arrows and hunted game. The pointers on the ball showed Lehi's son, Nephi, where to go up into the mountain to find wild beasts. The people ate the meat raw but the Lord made it sweet to their taste and blessed them so that they were strong and healthy. The Lord did not want them to use fire.

There were other things written upon the Liahona besides directions to travel. There was a new writing, plain to be read, which helped them understand the ways of the Lord. Sometimes it made them tremble with fear. It only worked according to their faith in God. If they forgot God, the spindle did not work.

After a long journey the travelers reached the shores of a very beautiful sea, which they named,

"Many Waters." It was a lovely place. They decided to rest and camp there. They called the place "Bountiful."

God is still a God of miracles and by small means He can do marvelous things.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

G.M.B.A. Campout

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Everyone was to meet at 8:30 a.m. the following morning for the baptisms. Friday morning Brother Joseph Milantoni offered prayer after which we all went to the river and witnessed the baptisms. After returning to the camp we sang "Oh How I Love Jesus" and Brother Ken Staley offered prayer. Brother Alex Robinson offered prayer and the 3 new converts were then confirmed.

JOY AT CAMP

Friday evening, during our singing session, Walter Donkin of Glassport, Pennsylvania asked for his baptism along with David Calvarese of Cleveland, Ohio. At the water's edge, Virginia Ventresca of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania asked to be baptized. While singing "Jesus Use Me" before the confirmation, Brenda Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio asked to be baptized. The converts were confirmed and we sang "Thank You Lord" and "Oh How I Love Jesus." Brother Domenic Thomas spoke of the joy of being at camp and how cautious we must be of our actions, so as not to bring any reproach on the Church regardless of where we may be. Brother James Lovalvo sang "What Is America" and we all sang "The Gospel Is Restored" and Brother Joseph Calabrese closed the meeting in prayer.

BREAKING CAMP

After the meeting Wilford C. Garlow of Detroit, Michigan asked for his baptism. This took place on Saturday morning before breaking camp. All those having birthdays during the week of camp or during the following week were given birthday cards and following the meeting, cake, corn and refreshments were served in the basement.

The week came to a close all too soon and all were sorry to see the end of another joyous campout. Many thanks should be extended to so many wonderful workers at the campout. Hoping we do not overlook any, we wish to acknowledge the following:

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| Brother George Siddall | Camp Director |
| Brother Vincent Gibson | Reception and Registration |
| Brother Frank Morle | Seminar Chairman |
| Brother Robert Nicklow | Recreation Committee |
| Brother Jerry Benyola | Canteen Chairman |
| Sister Darlene Large | Arts and Crafts |
| Brother John Fleming | Song Leader |
| Brother Anthony Brutz | Acting Chaplain |

We were especially thankful for the presence of:

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| Brother Gorie Ciaravino | General Church President |
| Brother Domenic Thomas | |

General Church First Counselor

Brother James Lovalvo

Vice President—Quorum of 12 Apostles

Brother Domenic Moraco

President—Quorum of Seventy

and also Evangelists and Elders from various Branches.

During the campout, tours were taken of Joseph Smith's home, Temple Grounds and the Carthage Jail

where Joseph and Hyrum Smith were killed. Representatives of The Re-organized Church and The Latter Day Saints, attended our services and baptisms during the week. Registered attendance at the campout was 281.

The new converts are as follows:

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1971

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| Rodney Dyer, Erie, Pa. | James Lovalvo | Jerry Giovannone |
| Craig Prentice, Cleveland, Ohio | Joseph Calabrese | Gorie Giaravino |
| Domenic Risola, New Jersey | Anthony Lovalvo | Domenic Moraco |
| Gelsa Zinzi, Bronx, N.Y. | August D'Orazio | Norman Campitelle |
| Kim Lobzun, Windsor, Can. | Paul Whitton | Frank Morle |
| William Prentice, Cleveland, Ohio | Vincent Gibson | August D'Orazio |
| Susan Noble, Erie, Pa. | Harold Burge | Don Pandone |

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1971

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| Cindy Goodfellow, Windsor, Can. | Paul Palmieri | James Lovalvo |
| Alan Metzler, Glassport, Pa. | John Ali | Anthony Gerace |
| Marjorie D'Amico, Detroit, Mich. | Anthony Lovalvo | Paul Whitton |
| Walter Donkin, Glassport, Pa. | James Lovalvo | Jerry Giovannone |
| David Calvarese, Cleveland, Ohio | James Lovalvo | Vincent Gibson |
| Virginia Ventresca, Aliquippa, Pa. | James Lovalvo | Domenic Thomas |
| Brenda Gibson, Cleveland, Ohio | Vincent Gibson | Frank Morle |

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1971

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| Wilfred Garlow, Detroit, Mich. | Joseph Milantoni | Paul Francione |
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Creation, Evolution

By Thomas Everett

Part II

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second article in a series on Creation and Evolution which is being submitted by Brother Thomas Everett.

Although Darwin and Huxley lived one hundred years ago, the fossil dilemma still remains today. The well known paleontologist George Gaylord Simpson, also a leading advocate of evolution, states the following:

"This REGULAR ABSENCE OF TRANSITIONAL FORMS . . . is an almost UNIVERSAL PHENOMENON, as has long been noted by paleontologists. It is true of ALMOST ALL CLASSES OF ANIMALS, both vertebrate and invertebrate." (14)

Again he admits,

"... it remains true, as every paleontologist knows, that most new species, genera and families, and that nearly all categories above the level of families APPEAR IN THE (GEOLOGICAL) RECORD SUDDENLY (CREATION), and ARE NOT LED UP TO BY KNOWN GRADUAL, COMPLETELY CONTINUOUS TRANSITIONAL SEQUENCES." (15)

As if the missing evidence for the evolution of

animal life is not enough, the evolutionist is dealt a further blow when investigating the plant kingdom.

A paleobotanist claims that "as yet we have not been able to trace the phylogentic history of a single group of modern plants from its beginning to the present." (16)

In other words, what evolutionists are saying is that they KNOW that animal and plant life has evolved through different stages, even though there is no fossil evidence to show what those different stages were. WHAT GREAT FAITH THE EVOLUTIONISTS MUST HAVE.

"There is a rising tide of protest from scientists who see the lack of evidence for development from cells to persons." (17)

The next time you are confronted with a series of pictures of fossils, it would be wise to heed the advice of the following scientist:

"Fossils are like a series of still pictures which suggest a story that may deceive a cinema audience, but film makers know that behind the scenes they are disconnected shots, often made far apart in time and place." (18)

The Proof from the Principle of Uniformitarianism:

The two branches of the field of geology are called physical geology and historical. Physical geology deals with the study of present processes in nature and present characteristics of the earth itself. Historical geology, however, deals with the earth's history.

One authority says:

"Physical geology directly studies processes which are presently observable, which can be directly seen in the 'laboratory' of nature . . . Because it studies presently visible objects and events, physical geology can be called a science."

With historical geology, however, ancient events are studied which cannot be reproduced. Earth history is not presently seen . . . Historical geology cannot be strictly called a science because it does not deal with events which are presently visible and susceptible to experimental study." (19)

A basic ASSUMPTION of historical geology is called the principle of Uniformitarianism. According to this principle, presently observed geological processes, such as wind and water erosion are assumed to have slowly and gradually shaped the earth. There is no room for universal catastrophes such as the Biblical flood.

"It is the triumph of geology as a science to have demonstrated that we do not need to refer to vast, unknown and terrible causes for the relief features of the earth, but that the known agencies at work today are competent to produce them, PROVIDED THEY HAVE TIME ENOUGH." (20)

As you can see from the above quotation, the whole purpose behind the principle of Uniformitarianism is to allow for long periods of time, because the more millions and billions of years evolutionists can account for, the more logical evolution seems.

Some authorities, however, feel that Uniformitarianism is not acceptable as a science and point out evidence which contradicts the principle. (21)

There is one other point which should not be overlooked in connection with the formation of fossils and the principle of Uniformitarianism.

A science textbook states the following:

"... the two criteria for successful fossilization are the possession of hard parts (bones and skeletal

system of the organism) and QUICK BURIAL." (22)

If a carcass is left exposed, it is either eaten by scavengers or it decays. However, if it is buried under moist sediment soon after death, it is almost assured the remains will be preserved. The usual means of quick burial are floods and other catastrophes.

To sum up, geologists and evolutionists present a picture of two men trying to sit on one another's shoulders. Historical geology is built on the assumption of evolution, and evolution is supposedly proved by the long geological eras of time. Perhaps this is why many geologists at a recent meeting of the American Geological Society were advocating a return to the principle of catastrophism.

Proof from Mutations:

The mechanism by which simple organisms have supposedly evolved into more complex organisms is called a mutation. A mutation is a change in the genes (hereditary characteristics located on the chromosomes of the sperm and egg cells of the parent) which appear in the offspring. A few examples of mutations are flies born with wings that are too small, birds born with feathers that break easily, and human beings with sickle-cell diseases.

Evolutionists claim that organisms have become more complex over millions of years as a result of beneficial mutations. However, geneticists generally agree that most mutations are harmful.

One authority explains:

"Mutations and mutation rates have been studied in a wide variety of experimental plants and animals, and in man. There is one general result that clearly emerges: almost all mutations are harmful. The degree of harm ranges from mutant genes that kill their carrier to those that cause only minor impairment. Even if we didn't have a great deal of data on this point, we could still be quite sure on theoretical grounds that mutations would usually be detrimental. For a mutation is a random change of a highly organized, reasonably smooth functioning living body. A random change in a highly integrated system of chemical processes which constitute life is almost certain to impair it." (23)

CREATION AND EVOLUTION—Cont.

Three other scientists claim that 99% of all mutations that have been studied are harmful in some degree. (24)

To say that life has become more complex as a result of 'beneficial' mutations is like saying that by rearranging a wire in a computer, at random, the computer will function more efficiently, or like trying to climb a mountain by climbing one foot and then slipping back down 999 feet.

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MICHIGAN-ONTARIO AREA

CIRCLE MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 1971

The Michigan-Ontario Area Circle Meeting convened at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4. Under business items, progress was reported in furnishing the Muncey building apartment. Motions also were passed authorizing the purchase of mixing bowls and trays for the General Church Auditorium and arranging for a field trip to Muncey on Saturday, October 30, 1971.

The Branch No. 4 sisters presented an interesting and inspiring program, which was based on their studies of the American Indian and also stressing the theme: "We in The Church can be nursing mothers and fathers to them."

During the program two sisters had similar experiences. Sister Patty Hildenbrand saw a man seated on the rostrum while the hymn "O Stop and Tell Me Red Man" was being sung. She felt that this man was one of the three Nephites.

Sister Gerry Swanger, during the same hymn, glanced up and saw the shadow of a man moving past the rostrum. She too felt that this was one of the three Nephites.

TRAGEDY STRIKES FAMILY

Doctor and Mrs. Finch and their two children were killed in a fire from asphyxiation in a motel in New Orleans, Louisiana last month.

They were returning to Texas from Lockport, New York, where they had spent their vacation visiting with Mrs. Finch's mother, Sister Antoinette Resati of the Lockport Branch.

Prayers are requested in behalf of Sister Rosati at this time of great sorrow. May God comfort them in this trial.

When The Spirit Of God Is Present There Is Liberty

By Matthew J. Cotellesse

We find especially within the last two thousand years that a civilization's spiritual status or relationship with God is reflected in its cultural and sociological status. According to the BOOK OF REVELATION, 12:5, 6, God withdrew His Spirit from the world. The 1260 days given in this Scripture are understood to be years and to have begun in A.D. 560 and terminating in A.D. 1820. The removal of God's Spirit from man in that day was reflected in the culture of the day. Just prior to this time, in the fourth and fifth centuries the barbaric tribes from central and northern Europe entered and ransacked Rome, destroying its books and other accumulated knowledge. Thus, Europe fell into anarchy and for approximately one thousand years it was ruled for the most part by corrupt and ruthless kings who exploited the millions of peasants by condemning them to their plot of land permanently and keeping them illiterate, poor, and miserable.

REFORMS AND BETTER METHODS

From about the year 1500 and after, men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and John and Charles Wesley found fault with the church of their day and began to seek for reforms or something better. The desire and efforts of these men to seek for a better method of serving God shows that, to a degree, the Spirit of God was with them and that God was gradually returning His Spirit unto the earth in that day.

This gradual returning of God's Spirit was reflected in the culture of that time. The Renaissance or the awakening of man's mind to greater intellectual horizons accompanied this gradual returning of God's Spirit. During the Dark Ages, when the Spirit of God was not manifested on the earth in a significant degree, the writings of the ancient Moslems, Greeks, and Romans remained untranslated, sealed, and ignored. But during the Renaissance scholars for generations tirelessly translated these writings into various languages and added to them. At this time, the Industrial Revolution began to evolve and the European peasants began to be completely freed from serfdom. II CORINTHIANS 3:17 says, "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The presence of the Spirit of God during the Renaissance and Reformation was reflected in the liberation of man's mind from physical and intellectual bondage.

In A.D. 1820, the heavens were opened after 1260 years and the Lord appeared unto Joseph Smith. This complete returning of the Spirit of God unto man was reflected in the culture of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. More sociological and cultural progress has been made in these two centuries than there has been in the complete history of the world. I am sure that it was more than a coincidence that slavery in America was abolished not long after The Church of Jesus Christ was organized because as I quoted earlier, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

DEVASTATING WARS

Some of this cultural progress that we have made in modern times has been detrimental to us because we find that the greater the scientific advancements we make, the more devastating wars become. World War I was the most devastating and tragic war ever fought prior to its time and World War II was likewise. The latter war initiated the military use of one of our most recent major scientific advancements, atomic energy. In the country of Japan, 78,000 people were killed in Hiroshima and 50,000 people were killed in Nagasaki by the dropping of two atomic bombs, each equivalent to 20,000 tons of high explosives. Man has developed this bomb to such an extent that it has power equal to millions and billions of tons of TNT. Scientists realize that a third World War using these types of weapons will not only be the most horrifying war ever fought, but it can even annihilate the human race.

In my opinion, the world has reached the climax of its history. In this climax, people must either strive to live with one another peacefully or face possible annihilation, and man can only do the former through Jesus Christ, the Prince and only Author of Peace. This cultural climax of the history of the world is a reflection of the spiritual climax of the 6000 year old war between God and the devil for the souls of men.

'Psalm' Of Heroin Addict Tells Story

An unknown dope addict, lost in the dream of heroin, wrote the following:

King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want
He maketh me to lie down in the gutters

He leadeth me beside the troubled waters
He destroyeth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness for the
effort's sake

Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and
will fear all evil

For thou, heroin, art with me.

Thy needle and capsule try to comfort me.

Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence
of my family

Thou robbest my head of reason

My cup of sorrow runneth over

Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of
my life

And I will dwell in the house of the damned forever.

This psalm was found by a Long Beach, Calif. Police Officer in a telephone booth. On the back of the card in handwriting was a postscript:

"Truly this is my psalm. I am a young woman, 20 years of age and for the past year and one half I have been wandering down the nightmare alley of the junkies. I want to quit taking dope and I try, but I can't.

"Jail didn't cure me. Nor did hospitalization help me for long.

"The doctor told my family it would have been better and indeed kinder if the person who first got me hooked on dope to have taken a gun and blown my brains out; and I wish to God she had. My God, how I do wish it."

Branch And Mission News

NILES CONTINUES TO ADD CONVERTS

The Niles, Ohio Branch has had fourteen baptisms in the last six months, and on Sunday, July 25, 1971, another convert was added.

Monica Marie Manes was baptized by her father, Brother Joseph Manes and confirmed by Brother Russell Martorano. She told of the wonderful time she had at the GMBA Campout in Nauvoo, Illinois and how it had an effect on her outlook in life.

Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

On Sunday, August 8, the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch was honored with visitors from the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch. The morning service was opened by the Presiding Elder, Anthony Ross, who read from II Timothy, Chapter 3. He directed his talk to the young as Paul did to Timothy.

We were favored with hymns that were sung by the Monongahela quartet and David Majoros.

Brother John Ross, Jr. and his family have returned to the Papago Reservation in Arizona after visiting in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania for the summer months. Brother John also achieved his Master's Degree in Education.

MONONGAHELA BRANCH NEWS

Nine graduates, including two sets of twins, were honored at a special graduation program on Sunday, June 6, 1971. All are members of our Sunday School and most of them are also active in our M.B.A. Sister Mabel Bickerton had charge of the program, during which the lives of the young folks were reviewed from birth to the present. Brother James Grazan was the principal speaker and he addressed the graduates concerning their futures and the necessity of letting God have a part in their lives. At the conclusion of the program Brother Arthur Landrey, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, presented each graduate with a Bible as a gift from the Sunday School. Those graduates honored were Joy and Joyce Griffith (twins), Janet and John Mancini (also twins), Wendy Whittaker, Cathy Pettijohn, Holly Crosier, Mike Gandle, and Greg Curry.

On Monday, June 7, Sister Patricia Noel and her four children left for Pine Top, Arizona, where they joined Brother Ed, their husband and daddy. Brother Ed and Brother Herb Hemmings left on March 31 to relocate at Pine Top and get things ready for their families to join them. Sister Shirley Hemmings and her children plan to join Brother Herb in the near future. We are thankful that these brothers had the desire to labor among the Seed of Joseph. Although we miss them greatly, it is good to know that others are benefitting from their presence. May God be with them in all that they do in furthering the cause of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, June 13 could have been called "Arizona Day" in our Branch as several former members returned home for their summer vacations. They were Paulette and Joe Griffith and Bonnie, Artie, Artie Jr., and Mark Landrey. Their testimonies and sincere desire

to labor for the Lord are certainly an inspiration to us all. We pray that others would have this desire to be a worker in The Church, especially among God's covenant people.

Three apostles of The Church were present at our Wednesday evening prayer meeting on June 16. Brother Anthony Corrado opened the meeting and was followed by Brothers Rocco Biscotti and Sam Kirschner. Our brothers exhorted us to make the Word of God a "Living Word" through our dedication and active service to our fellow man every day of our lives.

THREE MEMBERS ADDED AT FT. PIERCE

Within one week, three members were added to the Ft. Pierce, Florida Branch.

On July 4, 1971, Raymond Allen Bays was baptized by Brother Frank Rogolino and confirmed by Brother Charles Smith. One week later, on July 11, 1971, two more converts were added. Carl David Romano and Joann Marie Romano were baptized by Brother James Lovalvo. Brother Charles Smith confirmed Carl, and Brother Frank Rogolino confirmed Joann. The branch is grateful to God for the recent additions to the branch, trusting that many more will obey the Gospel.

SISTER BAPTIZED IN VANDERBILT

Sister Sylvia Smith was baptized on May 9, 1971 at the Vanderbilt Branch in Pennsylvania. She was baptized by Brother Joseph Shazer and confirmed by Brother Elmer LaRue.

ORDINATION AT ROSCOE

Brother Milford Wade Eutsey was ordained an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ on July 4, 1971 at Roscoe, Pennsylvania.

His feet were washed by Brother Emerson Fuller and he was ordained by Brother George Johnson.

Brother Eutsey was baptized on August 20, 1965. He was ordained a Deacon on August 11, 1966 and a Teacher on March 12, 1967. Many visitors were present to witness the wonderful event, including Brother Carl McCartney from Fredonia, Pennsylvania and Brother Oran Thomas from Florida.

ORDINATION AT FREEHOLD

Brother James Howard was ordained an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ at Freehold Mission in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Brother Nathan Peterkin washed his feet and he was ordained by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr.

Brother James Howard was baptized in 1969. He will be a great asset to the Freehold Mission. May God bless his efforts.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

Kenneth Allan Lombardo of the San Fernando Valley Branch in California was the first of four to ask for their baptism at the California Area MBA gathering.

He was baptized and confirmed by Brother Robert Watson.

EVANGELIST ORDAINED AT NILES

Our morning service was opened by Brother Travis Perry, who chose ISAIAH, CHAPTER 66 as his topic, exhorting us on what kind of house we should build for the Lord. A spiritual house reflects our works. He compared the wonders of Solomon's temple to the humble, poor home of Abraham Lincoln and the great man who emerged from it. The Lord, tired of sacrifice of animals, gave his only begotten Son for us. Brother Sam Costarella followed on the same theme. Visitors at our morning service were from Youngstown, Perry, and Lorain, Ohio; Pennsylvania; and Florida.

In our afternoon service we had three Apostles present—Brothers Anthony Corrado, Rocco Biscotti, and Frank Calabrese. Brother Biscotti gave a very humble testimony and also expressed thanks to be present for Brother Joseph Genaro's ordination as an Evangelist in the Quorum of Seventy. Brother Rocco also requested prayer for his trip to Italy. With all Elders present encircling the three Apostles, the congregation stood up in honor and glory to God, while Brother Corrado offered prayer. Brother Picciuto exhorted us to serve God by prayer and fasting. Brother Dom Bucci spoke concerning the origin of The Book of Mormon and the lineage of priesthood from that time down to our day.

Brother Travis Perry washed Brother Joseph Genaro's feet, and he was anointed by Brother Ralph Berardino while all the Elders circled around. Brother Genaro then expressed his joy in his calling into the Ministry and the many blessings he has received from the Lord.

The Spirit of our Lord was present throughout the day of July 18, 1971. Humbleness, love, and thanksgiving filled the temple of each one present.

**VANDERBILT, PENNSYLVANIA
BRANCH NEWS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The third annual Vacation Bible School at the Vanderbilt Branch was held June 7 through 11 during the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The theme of the lessons was "The Other Sheep" and the literature was prepared by Sister Mabel Bickerton. Sisters Newanna King and Susanna King were in charge and were assisted by the following brothers and sisters: Ethel Thomas, Virginia Buklovich, Donna Lee Fleming, Margarette Ober, Grace Bittinger, Betty June Duckworth, Evelyn Dale, Naomi Cottom, Linda Cottom, Lawrence King, Bill Duckworth and Emmett Dale. The week's activities concluded with a wiener roast. The following Sunday evening, a program was given in which the children's crafts were displayed and awards and diplomas were presented.

DEACONESS ORDAINED

On July 4, 1971, Sister Ethel Thomas was ordained as a Deaconess. Sister Donna Lee Fleming washed her feet and Brother Joseph Shazer ordained her to the office.

THANKS EXTENDED

Sister Delvia Lowther extends her gratitude to all who sent her get-well cards. Notwithstanding her feebleness, she still praises God for His goodness to her. Presently she is living with Brother and Sister Shazer. Her address is in care of:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shazer
R.D. #1
Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania

Brief News Of Interest

In many ways, we who are privileged to be members of The Church of Jesus Christ and belong to a Branch of The Church fail to recognize the importance of the various news media that we have at our disposal. This thought is accentuated when letters such as the one printed below are received by our staff.

August 1, 1971

Dear Brother Editor and Staff,

Words could never describe the joy and blessings that have come to us through reading the GOSPEL NEWS through almost three decades. It takes on a greater value to those who are many miles away from the main branches of The Church and do not get to see too many of the Saints.

May God bless you all in your efforts to keep the Saints near to one another by letting us know how God is working in the hearts of the children of God. Keep up the good work!

Along with renewal of our subscription, I would like to add a new one for Sister Ruth Howry who is alone and away from the Saints. We visit her about once every two months or so and find her bubbling over with the joy of the Saints. Her address is as follows:

Ruth Howry
1307 2nd Street S.W.
Mandan, North Dakota 58554

God bless you all.

Love in Christ,
Brother and Sister Brutz

OBITUARIES**JOHN GALANTE**

Brother John Galante, an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Brooklyn, New York Branch passed on to his eternal reward on July 15, 1971. He was born on February 21, 1887 and was a faithful member of The Church for twenty-five years, being baptized on July 7, 1946.

Brother John was preceded in death by his wife Anna and left to mourn his loss are one daughter, one son, and five grandchildren.

Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Dominick Rose officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Galante was a faithful member in the service of God and will be missed by all those who worked and associated with him. Our prayers are that God would bless and comfort his family.

LLOYD HUGHES

Mr. Lloyd Hughes of Youngstown, Ohio passed from this life on July 27, 1971. He was born on October 2, 1925 in Glen Campbell, Pennsylvania.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, two sons, five brothers, four sisters, and two grandchildren.

Brothers T. D. Bucci and A. A. Corrado officiated at the funeral.

He was the son-in-law to Brother and Sister DePiero of Youngstown, Ohio. We pray that God will comfort the family at this time of sorrow.

JOSEPH DiFEDE

Brother Joseph DiFede, an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch, departed from this life on July 1, 1971. Brother Joe was born on February 6, 1904 and was baptized on February 20, 1926.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, four daughters, three sisters, fifteen grandchildren, one stepson and one stepdaughter.

Brother Carmen Sgro, assisted by Brother Dominick Rose, conducted the funeral services.

Brother Joseph was a faithful servant of God. He was a gentle man and much loved. His first baptism after his ordination into the Ministry was our General Church President, Brother Gorie Claravino. He will be missed by his wife, family, and all who knew him.

JAMES ANTHONY MAZZOLA, JR.

Master James Anthony Mazzola, Jr. departed from this life on July 11, 1971. He was the son of James and Lora Mazzola of Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Brother Frank Rogolino officiated at the grave side services. May God comfort the family at this time of sorrow.

NEWS FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO

By Spencer G. Everett

On July 31st Brothers Nephi DeMercurio and Spencer Everett met with Brother Aldo D'Angelo in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Aldo is living and working in this city. Revelation has encouraged him at this time to hold occasional meetings with interested persons. On Sunday a Church meeting was held at the downtown Y.W.C.A. with Church members and friends in attendance.

If you have relatives or friends or know of Church members living in or around the city of Cincinnati, you are encouraged to notify Brother D'Angelo of their whereabouts.

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Every effort will be made to visit your loved ones personally, to encourage them to investigate The Church of Jesus Christ and to invite them to meet with the group there.

Members of the Priesthood passing through Cincinnati are encouraged to stop and fellowship with Brother Aldo. Advance notice would be appreciated since he is sometimes working on Saturday.

NEW ARRIVALS

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

Tina Lorraine Crist to Roger and Lorraine Crist of Freehold, New Jersey and

April Lynn Root to Marilyn and Regina Costarella Root.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Brother James and Sister Joan Gibson celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. They were married August 15, 1946 in The Church of Jesus Christ at West Aliquippa, Pennsylvania by Brother John Ross. They are parents of three children: David, Earleen and Bryan; and one grandchild, David II. They were honored at a family dinner held at their son's home.

James and Joan were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on May 20, 1956.

Nuptials**EILER - D'ANTONIO**

Mr. Edward Melvin Eiler and Sister Elizabeth D'Antonio were united in holy matrimony at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 7, 1971. Brother John Ross officiated at the ceremony. Sister Nina DiCenzo was the vocal soloist, and Sister Janet Gibson was the organist.

The couple will reside in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

LOWTHER - MURLAND

Mr. John Lowther and Miss Shirley Murland were united in holy matrimony at the Vanderbilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on July 10, 1971.

Brother Joseph Shazer officiated at the ceremony. A musical selection was presented by Eugene Lynn.

The couple will reside in Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

JOHNSON - MELLINGER

Brother George Johnson, Sr. and Sister Margaret Mellinger were united in holy matrimony at the Monongahela Branch on Thursday, July 15, 1971. Brother Louis Checchi officiated at the ceremony and was assisted by Brother John Griffith. Brother David Majoros was the vocal soloist and was accompanied by Sister Sara Vancik.

The newlyweds will reside in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

1971 Church Calendar**August**

26, 27, 28, 29, 30—Pennsylvania Area MBA Campout at Camp Lutherlyn, Pennsylvania.

September

Semi-Annual District Conferences.

October

2—General Ladies' Circle Conference at Edison, New Jersey.

14, 15, 16—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

November

11—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.

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General Invitation

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

It is my profound pleasure to issue this invitation to all members of the human family. This invitation is universal. In ISAIAH 45:22 we read, "Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

You are invited for Personal Cleansing. In ISAIAH 1:18 God says, "Come now and let us reason together, said the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet; they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Do not be ashamed to attend to the invitation. God who respects His words more than His name will not fail you. Rise up now and attend to this invitation in Spirit and in truth for a thorough cleansing.

You are invited for a satisfying portion. God says, "Ho everyone that thirst, come to the waters and he that has no money; come buy and eat; come buy wine and milk without money and without price," ISAIAH 55:1.

What excuse have you to give, when no money or price of any form has been demanded of you in this invitation?

You are invited to the Gospel Feast. Come, for all things are now ready. You are now invited by our Lord Jesus for a Rest of Soul. In MATTHEW 11:28 He says, "Come unto me all thou that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Jesus carried the burden of humanity. He had borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He was manifested to take away our sins and in Him is no sin. There is no friend greater than Jesus who stood up to the weight of our sins on the cross at Golgotha. Can we find a friend so faithful like Jesus? When you are weak and heavy-laden and cumbered with a load of sin, take it to the Lord.

Now He invites you; He has promised to relieve you and you will find solace in Him. There is no invitation with greater assurance in this world other than this. Fail not to attend in Spirit with pleasure.

To all those who will attend to this Spiritual Invitation, Jesus has promised the following:

REST

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

POWER OVER EVIL SPIRITS

LIVING WATER

BREAD OF HEAVEN
ETERNAL LIFE
LEGACY OF PEACE

Finally, Brethren, "... the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." REVELATION 22:17.
God bless you.

Elder George U. Ekpo
Executive Secretary
The Church of Jesus Christ, Nigeria

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and John Ross will leave on October 21, 1971 to visit the branches of The Church in Nigeria. They will be there for twenty-eight days, the limited visitation period the Nigerian government permits. Our Brothers will then travel to Italy to visit the branches in that country. We pray that God will bless our Brothers in their travels.

Conference Notice

The Semi-annual conference will convene on Thursday, October 14, 1971 at 2:00 P.M. in Greensburg, Pa. at our General Church Auditorium.

The Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions will be for the PRIESTHOOD ONLY.

Sunday meeting will be held in the Church Auditorium and will convene at 10:00 A.M. and will be open to all members, and visitors are welcome.

Nicholas Pietrangelo
Executive Secretary

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People Are Inquiring

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is an answer to an inquiry made about The Church. A very good summary of the Church's history and differences are in the reply.

GENERAL CHURCH MISSION BOARD HOME MISSIONS

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July 29, 1971

Mr. Douglas J. Davies
St. Peters College
Oxford, England

Dear Mr. Davies:

Your letter of June 19, 1971 has been referred to me for answering.

I will endeavor to answer your questions and inquiries for your thesis.

Here are the details of our organization, membership figures etc.:

The official name of our church is "The Church of Jesus Christ"—(headquarters at Monongahela, Pa.)

Our beginning goes back to Joseph Smith, Jr. whom God used as an instrument in the Restoring of the Gospel. At his death Sidney Rigdon was first Counselor to Joseph, and as is in the system of democratic government Sidney Rigdon became the official president, while at the same time others felt they were to be. We claim this succession not only on the basis of democratic government, but by official church history where it verifies that Joseph Smith, F. G. Williams, and Sidney Rigdon were EQUAL in authority. Based on this Sidney Rigdon was the rightful president. Following Sidney Rigdon, William Bickerton became associated with his movement. After a short time he was ordained in the priesthood, first as an elder then another time as an evangelist, thus bestowing upon him the continuation of the same divine authority that was given to Joseph Smith. Shortly after William Bickerton became a member of Rigdon's movement, the organization became disorganized. God then spoke to William Bickerton informing him to continue to preach the Gospel. Soon he had a following and God gave them many revelations in regards to the calling of apostles, evangelist, and elders. The Church grew not great in numbers but great in the pure and unadulterated Gospel.

Our next presidents following William Bickerton are as follows: William Cadman, 1880—Alexander Cherry, 1905—William H. Cadman, 1922—Thurman S. Furnier, 1964—Gorie Ciaravino, 1965 to present.

Presently, our membership is about 6,000 in five foreign countries and the U.S.A. Also, we are actively engaged in a strong missionary work among the American Indians whom we know to be one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Some of our differences with the Utah church are:

We do not accept the Doctrine and Covenants, Celestial Marriage, baptism for the dead, High Priests, degrees of glory, baptism of little children, pool baptism, and temple rights.

This briefly is a description of our organization. If you have any further questions or literature you may want please feel free to write me personally or our headquarters.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph Calabrese

Shall We Meet At The General Conference

By Paul D'Amico

John the Divine, the beloved apostle of Jesus Christ, saw in one of his revelations that all those who have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb shall come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection.

The Church of Jesus Christ believes that the First Resurrection shall take place at the sound of the trumpet, and all the dead in Christ shall rise at this time, having His name on their foreheads. These shall reign with Christ for a thousand years, after which shall come the Judgment Day, when all souls shall appear before the Great Jehovah to be judged of their deeds. There is a promise and a consolation in this scripture given unto all the faithful for John was told that "Blessed and holy is he who hath part in the First Resurrection for the Second Death (Judgment Day) will have no power over such."

We are longing for this gathering which is sometimes called the First Resurrection and sometimes referred to as the "Great General Conference."

In the book written by my father, Ishmael D'Amico, entitled "My Testimony," he relates an experience which would very well fit in with this subject. He said that one time he was not able to attend a conference. His heart was sorrowful and he was very disappointed. While kneeling in prayer and asking for God's blessings to be upon all those who had attended the conference, he heard a voice which said, "These conferences come and go, but watch for the "Great General Conference" in the morning of the First Resurrection. I want all my children to be present." After receiving this experience, he was very much encouraged to carry on and to prepare himself for the "Great General Conference."

In the past we have experienced that considerable preparation is necessary before taking our journey to the conferences which are held in The Church of Jesus Christ. All of this is necessary to enable the work of The Church to be carried on, and so that the Lord's will might be made manifest unto His Church.

Likewise, we are to continue preparing for the "Great General Conference." This is our hope and prayer that we may all meet at this "conference," never more to separate. Many Scriptures refer to the First Resurrection, and many poets have written wonderful songs about this reunion. Yet, I do not believe that any of us in this mortal body can actually know and realize what it really is until we experience it for ourselves.

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A Mysterious Meeting

On July 16, 1971 we left our home for camp at Nauvoo, Illinois. After a week of wonderful blessings we continued on to Arizona. We had a twofold purpose for going there. One to bring our daughter Candee there to live and number two—to visit The Church in Pinetop and San Carlos. Needless to say that we enjoyed ourselves with the Seed of Joseph and also took time to visit our branch in Phoenix.

Our visit was concluded with a week of revival meetings at San Carlos which was highly and richly blessed. I believe the California Brothers will give details of these wonderful meetings in a separate article.

While in Arizona I received a letter from an Elder Forrest E. Maley. He wrote to The Church in regards to the use of our hymns to be put in a hymnal that the Church of Christ Temple Lot, is planning to compile. In his letter he also extended an open invitation to any of our Elders that may pass through Independence, Missouri where their church is headquartered. I answered him and thanked him for his letter, promising an answer would be forthcoming to his request. Also, that if time would permit, I would stop at his church on the way home from Arizona.

I arrived in Independence, Missouri on Saturday, August 21. Upon arriving, I called Elder Maley's home. His wife answered the phone and informed me that he was not home, but at the church with a Brother Bucci from Ohio. I was of course very pleased to hear this and went to the church to meet them. It was a joyful meeting for all of us.

Brother Bucci was with his grandson, Mark Kovacic, of Erie, Pennsylvania. Unbeknown to me, they stopped there on the way home from Oklahoma, where they spent some time with the gatherings of the Indians in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Neither did they know that I had intended to stop there. At the church building we also met Elder James M. Case. Both of these brethren invited us to stay for the Sunday services, offering us the pulpit. We gladly accepted. While there, Brother Bucci and I reviewed my chart (Doctrinal Differences) with Elder Case. We found little in our differences existed.

On Sunday morning, I picked up Apostle William F. Anderson (100 years old) and his wife and went on to church. We were warmly received by one and all. The Pastor Elder Maley introduced us to the congregation, his eyes filled with tears as he began to explain how mysteriously we were brought together.

Brother Bucci introduced the service from the 16TH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW. He spoke on the gift of revelation with a good spirit prevailing. I followed Brother Bucci, reading the 8th verse from JACOB, CHAPTER 4 in THE BOOK OF MORMON, dwelling on the part that reads: "Wherefore brethren, despise not the revelations of God." We also felt the presence of God's Spirit as we exhorted the congregation to be close to God.

It seemed that all were well pleased with our discourses. As we were leaving, we were bid God speed and asked to come back again. Again, here let me say, that an open invitation is given to our Elders to stop by anytime. After the service, we were invited over to Elder Case's home, where we were served a

good meal. After visiting a while, we departed for home, feeling it was good to be there and to look to the future as to why the Lord brought Brother Bucci and I together there at the same time. I am reminded of the hymn we sing, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way His Wonders to Perform."

Brother Joseph Calabrese
Lorain, Ohio

A Visit To South Dakota

By Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger

Having planned to visit South Dakota, my wife and I left our home July 8th, 1971 arriving at the home of Brother and Sister Anthony Brutz in Mobridge Saturday evening. They were expecting us and greeted us very cordially on our arrival, graciously inviting us to stay with them in their home for the time we would be spending there. We were also very glad to see them again and to spend some time with them in the service of God together. We were pleasantly surprised to find their daughter Diane and children visiting with them from San Diego. Sunday morning we all went to Wakpala for the services, sorry to say that aside from ourselves, the attendance was very small. This proved to be true with all the services that were held while we were there. We missed the presence and faces of many that we had been accustomed to seeing over the years. Brother and Sister Brutz have endeavored to build up the Mission with little success. It appears that people are less religiously inclined today than they were in yesteryear.

We made two trips to Eagle Butte, the first one to visit with Brother and Sister Edward Le Blanc and family; Darlene Bear Eagle and family; Lena Low Dog and family, and to renew our acquaintance with a number of our Indian friends that we have met over the past years. All were very happy to see us again. We thank God for the Brothers and Sisters, and for our good friends among the Sioux People.

In company with the Brutz family we made a trip to Bismarck, North Dakota. On our return we stopped in Mandan to visit Sister Ruth Howry who was suffering with a broken arm. Said she had been thinking about calling Brother Brutz to come and anoint her because of the pain she was suffering, but hesitated because of the distance to travel. She was very delighted with our stopping to see her. We had prayer and anointed her for her affliction. On leaving her home we all felt to rejoice and thank God for His divine direction.

Sunday, August 5th, in company with Brother A. Brutz, Brother and Sister DeMarrias, my wife and myself, we held a meeting with Brother and Sister Le Blanc and family in their home; it was a combination service of speaking, testimony and fellowship. All participated by expressing their thankfulness to God for His blessings and for the privilege of being able to meet together again. Their daughter Lilly Brown and children attended the service and we were glad to have her present with us, it had been many years since we were in a meeting together.

Sister Grace Brutz stayed at home with their son Jimmy who had an accident while swimming—he step-

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M.B.A. Highlights

By James D. Gibson
G. M. B. A. Editor

The account given by Sister Ruth Laird of the recent Pennsylvania Area Campout makes a very poignant point. Those that attend a campout find a joy and contentment. It is an explicit opportunity to spend time together unencumbered by the usual daily regimen. Many that attend camp have found a peace and easiness of association with the young set and the elder set as well.

It is to this end then that those empowered by the GMBA are even now seeking a site for a future GMBA Camp. The GMBA Activity Committee will meet in New Jersey on October 2, 1971. Of prime importance will be the investigation of a possible campsite in that locality.

As all projects and gatherings must have an initial start, so it is with campouts, whether on an Area or National level. Once a site has been selected and approved, the necessary committees are elected and guidelines established.

It is hoped that with an early date many can begin to plan to attend camp. After the site is selected and a date established, finalization of all the pertinent committees can swing into action. Of prerequisite is the opportunity of the Registration Committee to set the necessary wheels in motion.

On an Area level the same applications need to be applied, only on a lesser scale. All Areas that have held a campout, past and present, have issued good reports as pertains to its eventual success. Involvement of some of the younger group has proven invigorating. A necessary and moderate outlet for youthful energies are constantly being sought. We hope that the successful projects instituted and zealously completed will spur them on to other goals just as rewarding.

The GMBA Semi-Annual Conference will be held November 13, 1971 at the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Some issues to be discussed are Lay Mission Work, Pay As You Go Food Plan and various other items of interest to all members.

SHALL WE MEET AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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"What a joy will be there,
At the great Resurrection,
As the Saints meet in air,
In their robes of perfection."

Another poet tells us that beyond the sunset, there will be no parting.

We have met some of the requirements, but the greatest requirement to gain entrance into the First Resurrection is to prove faithful to God until the end of our lives.

Therefore, "Gird on your heavenly armor, Of faith and hope and love, and when the war is ended, You'll reign with Him above."

I believe the words of Alma when he said that the souls of the righteous are in a resting place (called Paradise) awaiting the Resurrection. Yes, we shall all meet at the General Conference if we prove ourselves faithful to the Lord. May God bless you all in my prayer.

Pennsylvania Area Holds Campout

By Ruth Laird

Thursday, August 26, began the 1971 Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Campout held at Camp Lutherlyn, Pennsylvania.

Each morning after breakfast we met for chapel—a short informal service that got each day off to a good start. This was followed by seminars which were under the expert direction of Brother Richard Scagione. The theme, "This Church is your Church" followed the hymn entitled "This Church." One could see the appropriateness of this theme by noting the verse that reads in part ... From California to the New York Islands ... Attendance included members and friends from the New York-New Jersey Area to as far west as Arizona (as Brother Mark Landrey kept reminding everyone!).

Recreation periods were enjoyed by all. Brother Gorie Ciaravino used and was presented with Brother Lou Ross' baseball glove—it improved his game so much, we were convinced the glove was automatic!

Our evening services were very enjoyable. We sang many old favorites along with some new ones such as "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" which became our camp song. During one evening service, Area President, Brother Paul Palmieri called all the older folk (if over 25 is old!) to the front of the auditorium to sing and bear a few testimonies. This was inspiring, as the younger set could see what good examples they have to follow.

Each evening after services we met around the campfire to fellowship one with another and sing songs of praise. On Saturday evening we had a wiener roast which was enjoyed by all. We also had each area, or branch, sing a selection or two. (I kind of think McKees Rocks was pretty good!).

The Sunday service was well attended; approximately 280 were present. Brother Chet Nolfi opened on the theme, seek the Lord while He may be found. His text was taken from PROVERBS, CHAPTER I. He was followed by Brothers Russel Cadman, Timothy D. Bucci, Anthony Ensana and Paul Palmieri, who extended this subject.

Monday, August 30, brought to a close a very peaceful four days spent together. We all thank God, our committees, co-directors, Brothers Chet Nolfi and Bob Nicklow and all those in attendance for making this campout a most memorable and pleasurable one.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to thank those who attended the Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Campout, making it an enjoyable time in fellowship for all. I am sure I can express everyone's thoughts by saying it was a time well spent with Saints and friends. Also, thanks to the committees who worked hard prior to and during the campout.

As the song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" portrays, we can certainly say His sweet, Holy Spirit was felt throughout the entire four days spent together.

Brother Chester Nolfi

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Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

"This do in remembrance of Me." These words come to my mind as we gather at the table to partake of the bread and wine; they seem to describe the reason for which we have come. After more than nineteen hundred years we still do this in remembrance of Christ.

Many great and beautiful things are done or erected in remembrance, such as the dedication of good books and musical compositions and the building of shrines, monuments, etc. It could be said that the Old Testament Saints were altar builders lest they would forget that it was God who gave them the blessing. Great heaps of stones were raised up by these people for a witness of any memorable event or to preserve the remembrance of some matter of great importance to them.

Jacob and Laban raised a monument of stone in remembrance of an agreement reached between the two of them. Joshua also erected a monument of the stones taken out of the Jordan that the miraculous passing over this river would be remembered. Throughout our land many monuments have been erected as memorials to outstanding men and women. Some of the most beautiful buildings ever erected were built in remembrance. There are such buildings as Universities, Cathedrals, Hospitals and Churches that have been reared in memory to those who lived and died; even highways, streets and roads.

As we come before the Communion Table, here before us is the greatest monument ever conceived, and there are things we should remember at this time. We should take an earnest look at the ministry, suffering and resurrection of our Lord. I have said in my prayer many times when officiating in this ordinance, "Lord, give us a glimpse of Calvary; let us see with our mind's eye how Jesus suffered and died that we might live again." We should look into Gethsemane where Jesus fought a great battle, where He wrestled against His own flesh and brought the will of His flesh into submission unto the will of the Father. "Not my will but Thy will be done." We should remember that the earth groaned within, that perhaps the thunder rumbled and the lightning flashed; the sun hid its face and darkness covered the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour. We should remember that Paul says that Christ was made sin for us, who knew no sin, being made also a curse for us; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." When we think of Jesus being made sin when He was so holy I am reminded of a saying which goes something like this; It is always the tallest tree which feels the full fury of the storm, the purest in heart who suffers most from impurity; and those who strive for right are most aware of wrong. I think, too, at this time we should remember the words of Isaiah where he says, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities."

In a large upper room, according to the writings of St. Luke, we see Jesus speaking to twelve men. This night He is to be betrayed by one of them; tomorrow He will die. It was on this occasion that Christ instituted His Last Supper. He said, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer," and He took bread, gave thanks and brake it, and gave it unto them saying, "This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me." Likewise He gave them the cup saying, "This is my blood which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Jesus asked that this be repeated in memory of Him when He was gone.

He said to them as they ate, "One of you shall betray Me." This may have come as a great shock and surprise, and it did cause them to be exceeding sorrowful. Every one of them began to say unto Him, "Lord, is it I?" Their question often comes to my mind when partaking of this sacred ordinance. "LORD, IS IT I? Have I spoken to anyone cross and hurt them; do I know of anyone that has ought against me; do I really feel I have nothing to prevent me from offering my gift at the altar? LORD, IS IT I? Am I guilty of the sin of omission? LORD, IS IT I? Have I walked on the other side of the road, wrapped up in self, and missed seeing or hearing the wounded man? LORD, IS IT I? Have I turned a deaf ear to the sobs of perishing souls? LORD, IS IT I who have allowed the material things of life to dull my sense of spiritual things?" It seems to me as we prepare our hearts to partake of the SACRED EMBLEMS we should humbly pray, "LORD, IS IT I?"

The Lord's table is not only a place of memories; it is also a place of self-examination. Paul says, "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

Alma And His Sons

Dear Girls and Boys,

This story is taken from the BOOK OF MORMON. It is about a great prophet and missionary named Alma, the son of Alma. He was also a governor of the Nephite people.

Alma had three sons, Helaman, Shiblon and Corianton. Before Alma left for war against the Zoramites, he had long talks with his sons to prepare them for the future. He called them to him, one by one. His son Helaman was the first. Alma started by telling of his own conversion. He was with the sons of Mosiah seeking to destroy the Church, when they heard a voice as of thunder and the earth trembled. They fell to the ground as the fear of the Lord came upon them. An angel appeared and a voice said, "Arise, seek no more to destroy the Church of God." For three days and nights Alma could not speak nor walk. After this experience he laboured without ceasing to bring souls to repentance. He had been delivered from many afflictions and prison and had learned to put his trust in God. He asked Helaman to preach the gospel just as he had and to live close to the Lord.

Alma gave Helaman the sacred records and the ball, or director, which the Lord had given to Lehi. Lehi called the director the Liahona. It was a compass which worked according to their faith in God. Alma told his son to take care of all these sacred things.

Many wonderful things were told Helaman. Among them were, "Remember my son, learn wisdom in thy youth and keep the commandments of the Lord." Another, "Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings and he will direct thee for good; yea when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." He then bade farewell to his son, Helaman.

Alma next called Shiblon to him. He counselled him to be faithful, for blessed is he who endures to the end. He related his conversion to Shiblon also, to show him there was no other way that man could be saved only through Christ. He said to be meek and not be lifted up in pride; to refrain from idleness and not give way to anger. Always acknowledge his unworthiness before God at all times. Alma blessed Shiblon as he bid him farewell.

After speaking to Helaman and Shiblon, Alma called Corianton to him. Now Corianton had not followed his father's teachings. He had committed many evil deeds and was told he could not hide them from God. He was told to take the advice of his older brothers and not be led away by the vain and foolish things of the evil one. Alma then told his son about Christ who was to come and take away the sins of the

world and declare glad tidings of salvation unto the people. In his farewell, Alma asked Shiblon to live worthy to go preach God's word with truth and soberness.

After having said farewell to his family, Alma left home. He disappeared and was never heard of again. It was not known whether he died or was taken into heaven. Alma was a righteous man and the saying went abroad in the Church that he was taken up by the Spirit, or buried by the hand of the Lord, even as Moses.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .

In coming issues of the GOSPEL NEWS, this column will endeavor to make known to the reader resolutions, regulations, facts, and other pertinent information concerning The Church of Jesus Christ.

You should know . . .

All activities—social, spiritual, or otherwise—are to be conducted under the auspices of the Church—approved organizations, namely the Ladies' Uplift Circle, Sunday School, or Missionary Benevolent Association.

You should know . . .

A motion was passed that the minutes of all General Church Conferences which are mailed to the branches and established missions be kept in a suitable place in their church building, where they can be read any time, and not be given out where there is a possibility of them being lost.

You should know . . .

The General Church discourages any member or members of this Church from dating or going steady with divorced persons.

You should know . . .

All members must refrain from using tobacco or any form of smoking around the area of their respective branches, missions, or places of worship. Also in homes when the word of God (BIBLE or BOOK OF MORMON) or anything scriptural or spiritual is being used or discussed.

You should know . . .

Be it resolved: That our people dress modestly when attending Sunday School and M.B.A. picnics or Church functions of any kind. If possible, picnics should not be held in public parks where there are swimming pools or bathing beaches. Let us prove ourselves true followers of our Lord Jesus Christ in all things.

If any reader desires to contribute information to be printed in this column, please forward material to: Joseph Ross, #2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Creation Evolution And Science:

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an article in a series on Creation and Evolution which has been submitted by Thomas Everett.)

Evolution and Science:

When certain natural processes occur time and time again with the exact same results, these processes are called natural laws. An example of a natural law is gravitation. The law of gravitation can be depended upon not to fail, unless God intervenes, then it is called a miracle.

Natural laws have been observed and also reproduced under laboratory conditions, and because these laws are so dependable, scientists can predict their outcome.

In the next section we will see how the theory of Evolution is contradicted by, and consequently refuted by four natural laws of our physical world.

The Law of Biogenesis:

One of the most important questions man has asked himself down through the ages is the question of his origin. "Where did life come from? Where did it all begin?" Out of all the answers man has been able to find, there are two that stand out among all the rest. They are the evolutionary concept of spontaneous generation, and the Biblical account of a creation by God.

First let us examine the concept of spontaneous generation. It refers to the production of life from non-living materials which existed on the earth billions of years ago.

Scientists, though, beginning with Francesco Redi and Louis Pasteur, and others down to the present day have demonstrated that spontaneous generation is impossible under conditions prevailing on the earth today. They have proved that life can only come from pre-existing life by reproduction. This concept of 'life from life' is known as the Law of Biogenesis. In other words, no new organisms are being created as they were in the Genesis account. Organisms which do exist, however, reproduce to form new life.

To get around the scientists' claim that spontaneous generation cannot take place under present conditions, the evolutionists SPECULATE that "the early atmosphere (of the earth) was composed of four gases: methane, ammonia, hydrogen and water vapor.* Supposedly, lightning caused the gases to break up and form molecules of amino acids. Presumably, these acids, occurring in an ocean, formed proteins and eventually formed living matter." (25)

Here, again, the evolutionist is faced with another dilemma. Under the same conditions described above there would have been no protection against excessive ultraviolet radiation. Oxygen, primarily in the form of ozone, in the present earth atmosphere shields the earth from lethal dosages of ultraviolet radiation.

*Note: The evidence indicates that there was no methane nor ammonia in the primitive atmosphere. P. Abelson, ABSTRACTS 133RD NATIONAL MEETING, American Chemical Society, April, 1958, pg. 53 C.

Since there was no oxygen, and consequently, no ozone in the early atmosphere any life which may have

arisen would have been KILLED by the ultraviolet radiation.

There is yet another difficulty facing the evolutionist who upholds the concept of spontaneous generation. The smallest unit of life which could have arisen and been able to function and reproduce would have been a cell, a complicated structure in itself. None of the parts of the cell could have functioned or reproduced by themselves, they must exist TOGETHER, INSIDE OF THE CELL, or they cannot exist at all. Consequently, the cell must have come into existence all at once or not at all.

Mathematics does not even support the chances of spontaneous generation ever happening.

"Statistics do not support the theory (of spontaneous generation), as C. E. Guye, the Swiss mathematician, has demonstrated in calculating the chances of manufacturing a single molecule of some protein-like substance. While the odds are 10160 to 1 against the chance, the requirement of material needed for chance to synthesise a molecule is larger than the universe and the required time of 10243 years. This is obviously impossible if the age of the earth has been supposed at only 4×10^9 years." (26)

Some evolutionists try to get around this dilemma by suggesting that there was no beginning, that the universe always existed. However, it can be proven that the universe did have a beginning. According to the Second Law of Thermodynamics (which will be discussed later), if the universe had no beginning, all of the stars, including our sun, would have lost their heat or their mass and burned out. Secondly, all radioactive materials, such as uranium, would have turned into lead, and we know that such is not the case. Consequently, scientists generally agree that sometime in the past there was a 'beginning'.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The first chapter of Genesis goes on to describe the creation of plant, animal, and human life. The Scriptures agree with the Law of Biogenesis because they state that God created all life, and "... the Father hath life in himself." (27)

The Laws of Heredity:

Gregor Mendel was an Austrian monk who lived during the 1800's. While experimenting with garden peas he made some important discoveries. He wrote a paper on the subject but it went unknown for 35 years. These discoveries weren't brought to light again until the year 1900 when other biologists made similar discoveries and confirmed the findings of Mendel.

The reason Mendel's work went unknown for 35 years is because it was ignored by the scientific men of his time who were more interested in the theory of evolution, and what Mendel had discovered posed serious problems for the evolutionists. Mendel's discoveries are summarized as follows:

1.) Only those physical characteristics which are contained in the genes are inherited. Physical variations in plants and animals are a result of either (a.) the influence of the environment, such as tanned skin, or (b.) information contained in the genes, such as the color of one's eyes. Those characteristics which are due to the environment are not inherited, while those characteristics which are due to the information in the genes are inherited. Also, the use or disuse of an organ, such as an arm, leg or wing does not effect whether it is inherited or not.

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The Pentateuch

By Donald Ross

Critics have denied that Moses wrote GENESIS to DEUTERONOMY despite the fact that they were attributed to Moses by the Lord. The arguments against Moses' authorship are chiefly based on the variation of the names of God (Elohim and Jehovah), the differences in vocabulary and style, and the presence of more than one account of the same event, e.g. the creation of man in GENESIS 1:26 and 2:7. However, in dealing with the closing verses of DEUTERONOMY, which describe the death and burial of Moses, the TALMUD declares: "The Holy One, blessed be He, was dictating and Moses was writing with a tear."

CRITICS ADEQUATELY ANSWERED

These critics' contentions have been adequately answered in that the variation in divine names is apparently for the purpose of revealing certain aspects of God's character; the style is dependent on the subject matter; and the so-called parallel accounts, well known in ancient Near Eastern literature, are intended to add detail to the first account.

Some theologians, rejecting the actuality of the events recorded in the early chapter of GENESIS, yet at the same time recognizing their religious value, call "myths" such accounts as those of Eden and the fall, meaning by "myth" not merely legend but, rather, a "supra-historical" story that conveys spiritual teaching of permanent significance. However, the historicity of the GENESIS record is so related to the authority of Christ that it cannot be assigned to a mythical category without impugning the perfection of His knowledge.

GENESIS is the book of origins—of the beginning of life, and of ruin through sin. Its first words, "In the beginning God," are in striking contrast with the end "in a coffin in Egypt." The book records not only the beginning of the heavens and the earth, and of plant, animal, and human life, but also of all human institutions and relationships. In GENESIS there are two distinct accounts of creation. In the first (CHAPTER 1), the order of creation is vegetation, aquatic creatures and birds, mammals, and finally mankind (male and female together). In the second (CHAPTER 2:7-22), the order of creation is a man, vegetation, animals, and finally a woman. GENESIS enters into the very structure of the NEW TESTAMENT, in which it is quoted above sixty times in seventeen books. In a profound sense, the roots of all subsequent revelation are planted deep in GENESIS, and whoever would truly comprehend that revelation must begin here.

REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT

EXODUS, like GENESIS, is a title that is not Hebrew but Greek origin. The SEPTUAGINT, a Greek translation of the OLD TESTAMENT, calls the book Exodos, a word meaning exit, departure—a fitting title for that which describes the going out of the chosen people from the land where they had suffered endlessly as slaves for generations. The word exodos is found also in the Greek version of the NEW TESTAMENT. This redemption from Egypt was accomplished by divine, miraculous intervention and required, on the part of the Israelites, only faith. It is in EXODUS

that God dwells among His people in the cloud of glory. It is in EXODUS that God gives Moses THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. In the commandments God taught Israel His just demands. Experience under the commandments convicted Israel of sin; the provision of priesthood and sacrifice gave a guilty people a way of forgiveness, cleansing, restoration to fellowship and worship. EXODUS is rich with meaning.

LEVITICUS is the book of worship and communion, the proper exercise of the redeemed. In the HEBREW BIBLE this book is called by its first word, wayyiqra, meaning "and he called." The English title LEVITICUS, from the SEPTUAGINT, is based on the name Levi, who was one of the twelve sons of Jacob (Israel). The title given to the book in the TALMUD, "Law of the priests," may better indicate its scope for it consists almost entirely of legislation. The vocabulary of sacrifice pervades the book. Observe also the repeated command: "Ye shall be holy, for I am holy."

NUMBERS speaks of the experiences of a pilgrim people, the redeemed passing through a hostile scene to a promised inheritance. The book derives its name from the record of the two numberings of the Israelitish host, (CHS. 1 and 26), being called in the Greek version Arithmoi, and in the VULGATE, Numeri. More accurate is the Hebrew title, Bemidbar ("In the Wilderness"). The first part of the book concludes the divine record of the experiences at Sinai and thus points back to EXODUS. The major part of NUMBERS recounts the years of wandering, from the time that Israel departed from Sinai until, as a new generation, they reached the Jordan River. The first year and a half (approximately) of Israel's forty years' wandering is recorded in EX. 12:37—NUM. 14:45; and the last few months, in NUM. 20:14 to the end of the book. Between 14:45 and 20:14 there is a period of about thirty-eight years (CP. DT. 2:14). Redeemed from Egypt, possessing the law, led by Moses, daily looking upon the Tabernacle, and guided by cloud and pillar of fire, Israel should have walked triumphantly in the perfect will of God. Instead they failed repeatedly, as this book records.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION

DEUTERONOMY is a book of instruction for the redeemed about to enter their inheritance. It begins with a survey of the history of Israel, then enlarges upon some of the basic laws of the preceding books, and concludes with a series of prophecies carrying the history of Israel down to their final return to Palestine. The title of the book is from the SEPTUAGINT and the VULGATE, and means The Second Law. The Hebrew title is Debarim, literally, Words. The book mainly consists of the final discourses of Moses given on the plains of Moab, opposite Palestine, shortly before his death. It was quoted by Christ more than any other OLD TESTAMENT book.

That Assyrian and Babylonian monuments contain records bearing a grotesque resemblance to the majestic account of the creation and flood is true. But this confirms rather than invalidates the inspiration of the Mosaic account. Some tradition of creation and flood would inevitably be handed down in the ancient cradle of race. Such a tradition, following the order

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The Peace Of God

By Matthew T. Miller

(Reprinted from the radio BOOK OF SERMONS
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I shall endeavor to speak from a topic found in ST. JOHN 12:32, which reads as follows: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This verse thrills my heart and soul with joy which is unspeakable and full of glory. When we think not only of this lovely verse but of the chapter as a whole, we can feast upon the spirit of this theme.

Imagine that we were with Jesus at the feast in Bethany. Located there were Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead; Martha, who served the supper; and Mary, who washed The Feet of Jesus with the costly fragrant ointment and wiped them with her hair.

In passing, we shall pause to bring in the sentiment of Judas Iscariot,

Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

Many of the Jews went to the feast not only to see Jesus but to also observe Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: Behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

Besides the Jews,

... there were certain Greeks among them, that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it;

and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: If any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

Now, how may we lift up Christ? We can do so in such a multiplicity of ways that they cannot even be enumerated.

Christ advised in His First Commission to His Disciples, when He had called them and given them authority to preach The Gospel, to heal the sick, and to cast out devils, that, when they entered a house, they should commend The Peace of God upon it. Furthermore, if The Peace of God was present, they should abide there, carrying out The Will of God as directed by The Holy Spirit. This is an important way in which we may lift Him up. By being humble, sincere and true, we should be always ready to obey The Spirit's Gleamings, as were the primitive followers of Christ, whom we can surely affirm endeavored with heart, soul, and mind to follow the example of Their Precious Leader.

What a wonderful spirit must have overwhelmed Mary's heart and soul. It caused her to be filled with compassion for her Lord. Many others before our day had This Blessed Spirit of Christ, which caused them not only to be desirous to live pure and immaculate lives here below but willing fully to give their lives for what they professed.

Think of Joseph when he was beset with temptation. He declared, "... how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were all ready to die if necessary rather than deny allegiance to their God. Think of Peter and John when forbidden to preach This Precious Gospel, which is The Power of God unto Salvation. What did they declare? "... We ought to obey God rather than men."

Those who have never been obedient to The Commandment of Christ may lift Him up by repenting of their sins, having faith in The Son of God and being baptized in His Name. This solidifies a firm desire to live for Him, or die for their profession, rather than being like Judas, who cared not for The Things of God but only for his personal lust and pleasure.

My daily prayers are that this whole world will soon come to a realization of This Wonderful Saying of Christ. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Also to be understood is the prayer He taught His Disciples when He said,

... Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come ... in earth, as it is in heaven.

May The Kingdom of God come swiftly on earth, as it is in heaven. Also, may all men be able to enjoy it in its fullness—The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. Immediately, our hopes and prayers are that all who are listening may receive some encouragement which shall abound to a greater possession of The Love of God and, consequently, greater and stronger activity in The Work of The Lord, so much needed today.

A VISIT TO SOUTH DAKOTA

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ped on a piece of heavy wire or iron rod that penetrated his foot. He was taken to the hospital emergency room to have it removed and was recovering very nicely as we left for our home. We hope he has fully recovered by this time.

We want to mention that Brother Henry Three Legs had just returned home from the hospital in Ft. Yates where he was confined as the result of a serious illness that developed suddenly. We wish him a speedy recovery to good health.

We traveled to Omaha, Nebraska where we were met by Sister Mary Stone and Sister Helen Ross, who took us to Sister Stone's home where we were graciously received. It being Wednesday we had been invited to attend their meeting at the home of Sister Ross. They asked me to take charge of the service and I spoke briefly; and some of the Sisters bore testimony to the Gospel. They were overjoyed to have us visit and meet with them. We appointed another meeting for Thursday evening at the home of Sister Stone. In this meeting all participated and we had Sacrament together. We were very happy and thankful to have had the privilege of holding two services with our Sisters living in this area.

We feel it was a spiritual uplift for our Sisters living here as well as ourselves. It certainly was a great pleasure for us to have had this opportunity of stopping for a day to visit and worship with our most gracious Sisters. We arrived home safe and well, though tired.

We thank God for a safe and pleasant trip, and for the wonderful Saints everywhere. May God grant us the opportunity to meet with all of you again in the future to enjoy the fellowship of His service.

CREATION AND EVOLUTION

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2.) No variations outside of the information in the existing genes can occur. A musician may combine different notes to form various harmonies. However, the various harmonies are limited by the number of notes the instrument has. In the same way, the number of variations in organisms are limited by the number of genes in them which can be combined.

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PENTATEUCH

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of all tradition, would take on incongruous and mythological features, and these surely abound in the Babylonian records. Of necessity, therefore, the first task of inspiration would be to supplant the childish and often absurd tradition with a revelation of the true history, and such a history we find in words of matchless grandeur. THE PENTATEUCH is a true and logical introduction to the entire BIBLE. It is an epitome of divine revelation.

Branch And Mission News

ALQUIPPA BRANCH NEWS

Brothers Paul D'Amico, Fred Olexa, James Grazan, and their families were the welcomed visitors at the Aliquippa Branch on August 15, 1971. The parable of the Prodigal Son, as recorded in ST. LUKE, CHAPTER 15, was expounded upon by these Brothers; the love of a father for his son was paralleled with the love of God for mankind.

It was truly an uplifting day for the Aliquippa Saints.

MODESTO BRANCH NEWS

We have been enjoying many wonderful blessings in our branch lately. On June 6 and 7, we held our M.B.A. Conference, and what a glorious weekend that was. We had five new converts. It all started after the conclusion of our Saturday evening program, "The Modern Prodigal Son," when Kenny Lombardo of Detroit, Michigan asked for his baptism. After the Sunday morning meeting, he was joined by Barbara Henderson of Bell, California, Joe LaCommare and Shirley LaCommare of Modesto, and then Debbie Meo, also from Bell.

During June, we also welcomed back to our branch Brother Joe and Sister Sharon Parravano and daughter Julie. They had been living in Washington. Sister Mary Nichols was ordained Deaconess for the San Jose Mission, and Brother Jim Dulisse was ordained a Teacher.

Our blessings continued as we had two more converts on Sunday, July 18, when Barbara Castelli and Cheryl Ciarolla both asked for their baptisms during a morning meeting of testimonies and hymns. No one that day, young or old, went home untouched by the Spirit of God.

On August 1, while attending the Lindsay Mission, Pricilla Castelli (Barbara's twin) called for her baptism. While coming out of the water, two candidates from Lindsay, Alvin Cavallero and Tony DeCaro, surrendered their hearts to God. May God bless these new "stars" of Heaven.

Also on Sunday, August 1, Faye and Stephen Richardson had their son, Elias Orion blessed by her father, Brother Joseph Lovalvo. Truly we can say our branch has been blessed during this summer. God has been with us.

BAPTISMS AT BRANCH NO. 2

Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan was blessed with three baptisms recently.

Brother Phil Bono was baptized on August 8, 1971 by Brother Frank Morle and confirmed by Brother Dominic Thomas;

Brother William Buffa was baptized on August 15, 1971 by Brother Frank Morle and confirmed by Brother Fred Straccis;

Sister Debra Miller was baptized on August 15, 1971 by Brother Frank Morle and confirmed by Brother John Romano.

MONONGAHELA BRANCH NEWS

On Sunday, July 25, Brother Raymond Cosetti was a visitor in our Branch. He is formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, and is now living in Pittsburgh. Brother Raymond opened the morning preaching service by reading from the 5TH CHAPTER OF HELAMAN, where Nephi and Lehi are recalling their father's words to them. Helaman had told them, "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."

Brother Raymond exhorted us to make sure our lives will leave this same impression upon our children, that they may remember our good works and dedicated service to The Church and to the Lord.

Our Brother also spoke of the occasion when Jesus Christ named His Church on this land. We were reminded that we do all things in the name of Jesus Christ, and when we obey the Gospel we take His name upon us. It then becomes our duty to keep His name clean and then present it to others.

The Scriptures and the hymns that were sung reflected the name of Jesus, and the Spirit carried throughout our afternoon Fellowship meeting. We are thankful for God's blessings to us and pray that He will give us the strength and desire to dedicate our lives completely to His will.

ANOTHER DEPARTURE

On June 29, 1971, Sister Shirley Hemmings and her six children left to join Brother Herb, their husband and father, in Pine Top, Arizona. Everybody certainly feels their absence, as they were active in the Branch, in Sunday School, in MBA, and in Ladies' Circle. Our sincere prayer is that the Hemmings family, along with all who have left to be among the Seed of Joseph, will enjoy their new home and the blessings that accompany those who labor in the Lord's vineyard.

It may be interesting to note that the number of former members of the Monongahela Branch now living in Arizona has reached the astounding total of forty-three. This includes children. Even though they are missed by us back here, it is gratifying to know that they have the desire to be a help to the Indian people.

ROCHESTER AND LOCKPORT, NEW YORK BRANCHES HOST MANY VISITORS

On Sunday, August 1, 1971, the Rochester and Lockport Branches joined in fellowship in the Rochester Branch building with visiting members from Detroit, Michigan, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and other branches who had attended the Hill Cumorah pageant the previous night.

Brother Sam Dell led the congregation in prayer.

The combined Michigan-Ontario Choir presented a program of songs under the direction of Brother Frank Conti.

Following the program Brothers Carl Frammolin, Paul Vitto, Sam Dell, Melvin Mountain, Sr., Nick Pietrangelo, and Paul D'Amico expressed themselves.

Brother Ansel D'Amico dismissed the meeting with a few closing remarks and prayer.

We can truly say an enjoyable time was had by all in attendance.

WEEK OF MEETINGS IN MCKEES ROCKS

The McKees Rocks Branch had a week of meetings starting on Monday, June 28, and ending on Friday, July 2 with guest speakers from various branches.

On Monday, June 28, we had Brother George Johnson of Roscoe. He spoke concerning the Restoration and the bringing forth of Zion. We also heard a few musical selections from the Greensburg Quartet.

Brother James Moore of Imperial spoke on Tuesday, June 29, using II CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 12 as his text. He spoke of the third heaven and the glories of heaven. Panfilo DiCenzo of the McKees Rocks Branch sang a few selections.

Brother John Ross of Aliquippa used I NEPHI, 17:1-3, and 3:7 as his topic at the Wednesday evening meeting. He told how Lehi kept the commandments of the Lord and was led by God to the Promised Land. He urged us to do the same, so that we might be blessed of God.

On Thursday, Brother Idris Martin of Monongahela spoke concerning the love of God.

Brother Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt spoke from the BOOK OF MORMON on Friday evening. He stressed that the Saints of God should hold fast and remain faithful as the Saints of old. He was then followed by Brothers Samuel Kirschner and Harry Robinson of West Elizabeth.

Truly the meetings were most uplifting and enjoyable.

**LORAIN, OHIO BRANCH
WELCOMES ANOTHER CONVERT
TO THE FOLD**

The Lorain, Ohio Saints are happy to report that another soul has been received into The Church of Jesus Christ. On July 4, 1971, Sister Mary E. Edwards was baptized by Brother Frank Calabrese and Brother Alfred Dominico officiated in her confirmation.

BAPTISMS

The Bronx Branch was blessed with two baptisms on September 5. The converts are Brother James R. Link Jr. and Sister Fay Valenti. Both sought the Lord and found Him. They were baptized by Brother James R. Link, Sr. and confirmed by Brother Salvatore Feola.

The meeting was opened with hymn #145 "Ye Must Be Born Again." Brother August D'Orazio was the initial speaker. He expanded on the hymn by introducing Nicodemus's questioning of Jesus Christ in JOHN 3. The Scriptures were fulfilled. Brother D'Orazio related the confrontation Alma and Amulek had with Zeezrom. It was emphasized that Zeezrom's healing was directly dependent on his recognition and belief in Jesus Christ. He was healed and baptized.

Elders Dominick Rose and James R. Link also spoke. They continued the theme of the need for baptism not only of water but also of the Spirit. Many wonderful testimonies were expressed. Truly the Holy Spirit was prevalent the entire day. Isn't it always?

Note Of Thanks

I would like to thank the brothers and sisters of The Church for their prayers and many cards sent to our son-in-law, Lloyd Hughes, during his recent illness. He passed from this life on July 27, 1971.

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Brother Dominic & Sister Min DePiero
Youngstown, Ohio

OBITUARIES

BERNADETTE MARINO

Sister Bernadette Marino passed on to her eternal reward on August 26, 1971, after a lingering illness. She was born on September 26, 1908 and was baptized on March 15, 1931. She was a faithful member of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Left to mourn her loss are one brother and one sister. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Joseph and Catena Mosco Marino.

Brother Donald Curry officiated at the funeral services assisted by Brother James Curry.

Sister Bernadette (Bunny) Marino was an active member in her branch and was the Assistant Secretary of the G.M.B.A. for years. She will be greatly missed by the Brothers and Sisters. As our Sister suffered extreme affliction in her last few years of life, the words in PSALM 116:15 are most fitting. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."

CAROL PASQUALE

Sister Carol Pusateri Pasquale passed on to her eternal reward on August 15, 1971. She was born on November 23, 1944 and was baptized on December 27, 1970. She was a member of the Cleveland (East), Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, Benjamin, a son Philip Benjamin, her parents, and one brother.

Brother A. A. Corrado officiated at the funeral services.

In the short time Sister Carol had been in the Gospel, she was an inspiration to many and a great asset to her family and her Brothers and Sisters in The Church. We shall miss her presence, and we extend our sincerest condolences to her family.

CARMELLA (MILLIE) CONGETTA

Sister Carmella (Millie) Congetta, a member of the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on August 7, 1971. She was born on June 30, 1899.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, three daughters, and seven grandsons.

Brothers Alfred Dominico and Frank Calabrese officiated at the funeral services.

She and her husband were among the first converts baptized when the Lorain Mission was started.

She will be missed by all of her loved ones and many others who knew her.

PHOEBE MARY ALICE GEORGE

Sister Alice George, a member of the Grand River, Ontario, Canada Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on August 7, 1971. She was born on October 4, 1875 and was in her ninety-sixth year at death.

Left to mourn her loss are a daughter and four grandchildren.

Brothers Anthony Lovalvo and Ralph Leet officiated at the funeral services.

She was a longtime (some thirty-five years) faithful Sister and had lived on the Muncey Indian Reservation and the Grand River Indian Reservation.

She will be missed by her loved ones and the Brothers and Sisters.

NEW ARRIVALS

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

Tina Lorraine Crist to Roger and Lorraine Crist of Freehold, New Jersey, and

JoAnn Marie Rossi to Anthony and JoAnn Rossi of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

WEDDINGS

ABBOTT - HUWEART

Mr. John Robert Abbott and Miss Alfreda M. Huweart were joined in holy matrimony on July 3, 1971 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Roscoe, Pennsylvania. Brother George E. Johnson, Sr. officiated at the wedding ceremony.

The newlyweds now reside in Lone Branch, Pennsylvania.

SEELEY - LAIRD

Mr. Charles Seeley and Sister Theodora Laird were joined in holy wedlock at The Church of Jesus Christ in Imperial, Pennsylvania on August 21, 1971.

Brother Dan Casasanta officiated at the ceremony. Musical selections were presented by vocalist Panfilo DiCenzo and organist Sharon Ross.

The newlyweds presently reside in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

1971 Church Calendar

August

26, 27, 28, 29, 30—Pennsylvania Area MBA
Campout at Camp Lutherlyn, Pennsylvania.

September

Semi-Annual District Conferences.

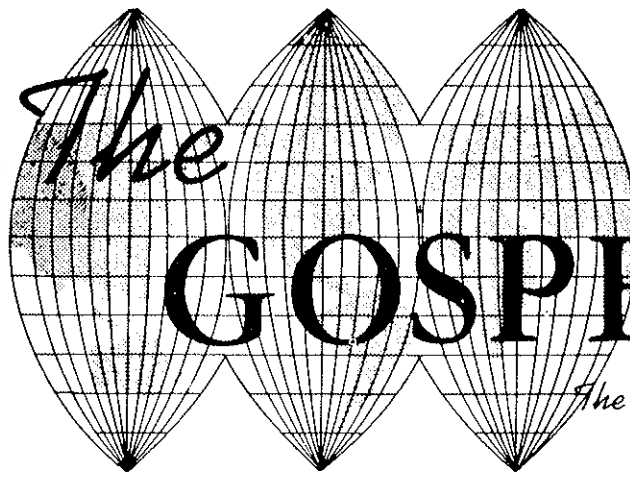
October

2—General Ladies' Circle Conference at Edison,
New Jersey.

14, 15, 16—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

November

11—Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.



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HARVEST HYMN

Once more the liberal year laughs out
O'er richer stores than gems of gold;
Once more with harvest song and shout
Is nature's boldest triumph told.

Our common mother rests and sings
Like Ruth among her garnered sheaves;
Her lap is full of goodly things,
Her brow is bright with autumn leaves.

Oh, favors old, yet ever new;
Oh, blessings with the sunshine sent!
The bounty overruns our due,
The fullness shames our discontent.

We shut our eyes, the bowers bloom on;
We murmur, but the corn ears fill;
We choose the shadow, but the sun
That casts it shines behind us still,

And gives us, with our rugged soil,
The power to make it Eden fair,
And richer fruits to crown our toil,
Than summer-wedded islands bear.

Who murmurs at his lot today?
Who scorns his native fruit and bloom,
Or sighs for dainties far away,
Besides the bounteous board of home?

(Continued)

Thank heaven, instead, that freedom's arm
 Can change a rocky soil to gold;
 That brave and generous lives can warm
 A clime with northern ices cold.

And by these altars wreathed with flowers,
 And fields with fruits awake again
 Thanksgiving for the golden hours,
 The earlier and the latter rain.

JOHN G. WHITTIER

Long Term Members Honored At Michigan—Ontario

On Sunday, September 19, 1971, the Michigan-Ontario District met at the South Lake High School to hold their districtwide meeting after the conclusion of the business sessions. A large number of Brothers and Sisters as well as friends were on hand.

The District President, Brother Reno Bologna, along with his First and Second Counselors, Brother Dominic Moraco and Brother Carl Frammolin, were in charge of the meeting.

To begin our service, the District Choir sang a number of songs, after which Brother Paul Vitto offered the opening prayer.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, then announced that this was the fiftieth anniversary of The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Michigan. There were five charter members when The Church was established here: Brother Joseph and Sister Mary Giansante (Johnson), Brother Ralph and Sister Anna Frammolin, and Sister Louise DiBattista. Both Brothers have passed away, while Sister DiBattista resides in Arizona, leaving only two still here—Sister Giansante and Sister Frammolino. Both were baptized on April 24, 1921, and since we were celebrating our anniversary, floral corsages were presented to them by one of our newest young Sisters, Marjorie D'Amico. Also honored was Brother Anthony Molisani who was baptized on September 11, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan. After these presentations, the girls' ensemble from Branch No. 3 sang "Jubilee."

Other Brothers and Sisters mentioned and given flowers were Sister Josephine Tocco, baptized fifty-one years ago on November 28, 1920 in Youngstown, Ohio; Sister Domenica Tamburrino, baptized fifty years ago on November 6, 1921 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania; Brother Anthony Ruzzi, baptized on September 28, 1919 in Glassport, Pennsylvania; and Brother Fred Heath, baptized sixty years ago on May 1, 1911. It was only fitting that these Saints be honored on this jubilee, because they have "borne the heat of the day" and their faith and their lives are an inspiration to all of us.

Brother Reno Bologna used as his text the Sermon

on the Mount. He admonished us to train ourselves that we might be as Christ preached. Also to work and strive to overcome our natures, that we might be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect. Following a song by a group of young Sisters from Windsor, Brother Dominic Moraco continued by reminding us that the Sermon on the Mount should be our spiritual charter. He spoke inspiring words about the wonderful qualities of our five charter members and then asked us all to remain humble, to be faithful and not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our meeting was dismissed after singing "How Great Thou Art" and prayer was offered by Brother Joseph Milantoni.

We want to thank God for this wonderful day and for all His blessings.

Michigan-Ontario District Editor
 Brother Paul Francione



Pictured above are the charter members honored. From left to right: Brother Anthony Molisani, Sisters Josephine Tocco, Anna Frammolin, Mary Giansante, President Gorie Ciaravino—Looking on, Sister Domenica Tamburrino & Brother Anthony Ruzzi. Sad Note—Brother Ruzzi passed away shortly after this event.

Brothers Ciaravino And Ross Go To Nigeria, Africa

A special meeting of the General Board of Missions was held on February 27, 1971 in Warren, Ohio since the Nigeria Church has received approval from their Government to open a Secondary Technical School.

The Nigeria Church had been urging the Parent Church's approval and funds to open the Technical School.

After much consideration, the Board authorized, under the Board's emergency rule, permission to secure any visas possible for Brothers John Ross and Gorie Ciaravino to visit Nigeria. The object of this visit is to make a full analysis of conditions and report their findings to the General Board of Missions; the Board will present the case before the Parent Church's Conference. After this meeting the Nigerian Embassy was contacted and Brothers Ciaravino and Ross received limited visitors' visas of four weeks duration. This limited visa is the only one granted by the Nigerian government at this time. Our Brothers left for Nigeria on October 21, 1971.

Their trip will not be for the school only, but also to visit, encourage and comfort our people after going through much deprivation and suffering during their Civil War. Surely our people will appreciate our sending the brothers there, if only to visit them at this time.

The Civil War in Nigeria did not destroy our Church organization there. **BY THE GRACE OF GOD**—Our Brethren in the Priesthood kept the Church intact and functioned as much as conditions permitted during that time. The Parent Church received no communication from them during that crisis, but as soon as conditions changed they contacted the Parent Church to tell us that as a Church they were very much alive and immediately they began to hold Conferences again and preach the Gospel elsewhere in order to establish new Missions. From all indications they are faring well in bringing other souls to Christ.

At present there are two groups of people in other areas who are awaiting the arrival of our Brethren. One group has already changed their name to The Church of Jesus Christ even though they have not yet been baptized into our Church.

They are awaiting the arrival of Brothers Ciaravino and Ross and together with the Nigerian Priesthood they want to finalize their changeover. The harvest is great in that part of the world.

May the Lord bless and prosper our Brethren who are going there and may the Church in Nigeria be instrumental in preaching the Restored Gospel in all of Africa and other parts of the world.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

M.B.A. Highlights

Pennsylvania Area Holds Annual Conference

The Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. held its annual conference Saturday, October 9, at the Glassport Church Building. The meeting began at 2 p.m. with representation from all but one Pennsylvania Area local.

After the opening of the meeting, Brother Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt related an experience concerning Brother George Timms of the Washington, D. C. Mission. Brother George slipped and fell breaking some vertebrae in his back. Due to the prayers of the Saints which were offered when word was received in Vanderbilt's Wednesday evening prayer service, Brother George was healed when he awakened the following morning in the hospital. We thank God for this experience.

By given reports it was noted that the past year was highlighted by many Area meetings and outings. Particularly of interest were the bus trip to the Muncey Indian Reservation in October, 1970 and the Area Campout, August 1971. We have started a new fund this year, begun with the \$213 profit from the Campout. This fund will be used for miscellaneous projects throughout the Area.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

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| President | Chester Nolfi* |
| Vice President | Carl McCartney |
| Chaplain | Paul Palmieri* |
| Secretary | Joe Ross |
| Treasurer | Rich Scaglione |
| Editor | Ruth Laird* |
| Auditor | Jack Rosemeier |

*Newly elected

On the agenda for next year are evening meetings at the Auditorium and the Imperial Branch, a seminar day at the Monongahela Building and an Area Campout. We are continuing to collect clothing to distribute wherever necessary. Something new is going to be introduced this year—a weekend winter retreat for the men only.

After the completion of business, the meeting was continued with testimonies by Brothers Jon Genaro of Niles, Ohio, and Bob Buffington and James Moore of Imperial, Pennsylvania. Their experiences of how they came into the Church and their present lives involving the Church as opposed to their previous ways of life, caused us to realize what a blessing we should consider it to be in The Church of Jesus Christ and how fortunate we are to be considered a part of it. We can certainly say it was a day well spent in fellowship with one another as our business for another year was completed.

Our thanks go to our past and very capable President, Brother Paul Palmieri for the job he did with the help of God in guiding the Pennsylvania Area; we feel sure that our newly elected President, Brother Chester Nolfi, will also do a creditable job.

Sister Ruth Laird
Pa. Area M.B.A. Editor

Creation Evolution And Science:

By Thomas Everett
Part IV

(Editor's Note: The following is the fourth and final article in a series on Creation and Evolution which have been submitted by Brother Thomas Everett. He is to be commended for his interesting and informative presentation.)

As an illustration, then, of the laws of heredity, in order for a reptile to grow wings, as evolutionists have claimed has happened in the past, though they have no proof of it ever happening) either the reptile should have had the information in the gene to grow wings, or a mutation just happened to occur and a baby reptile was born with a pair of wings.

Now we know that the first explanation is false, because if it were true, reptiles today would be growing wings. The second explanation cannot be true, because, first of all, we have seen that the chances of a beneficial mutation are virtually non-existent. Secondly, even if the mutation was beneficial and the reptile did begin to grow wings, the wings would have had to have been completely developed. If they developed in stages, they would have been of no use to the reptile.

According to the Laws of Heredity, then, evolution could not have possibly happened. What Gregor Mendel discovered in the 1800's, Moses was given to know thousands of years ago, that plants and animals reproduce THEIR OWN KIND.

"And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, AFTER THEIR KIND, and every winged fowl, AFTER ITS KIND ...

... And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature AFTER ITS KIND, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the earth AFTER ITS KIND, and it was so." (28)

It may be pointed out here that there may be variations within a "kind", such as the many varieties of dogs, horses, etc. However, a dog is still a dog and a horse a horse. Dogs beget dogs and horses beget horses. The boundary between "kinds" has never been crossed.

1st and 2nd Laws of Thermodynamics:

"Thus the heavens and the earth were FINISHED, and all the host of them." (29)

"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day." (30)

Both of the above verses state that at some time in the past God created the heavens and the earth, and the life contained therein. These two verses also state that the physical creation was a finished work, meaning that God is not now creating any stars, planets, or any forms of life. The Scriptures also tell us that God is preserving His creation. (31)

What has been stated above is also found in the realm of science. It is called the Law of Conservation of Energy.

Everything around us is made up of energy. Energy appears in various forms, such as light, heat, chemical energy and mechanical energy. Matter, of which all living organisms are made, is another form of energy. The Law of Conservation of Energy, along

with the Word of God, tell us that energy is not now being created. Energy may be changed from one of the above forms into another, but it cannot be created or destroyed (by man). Thus, the evolutionist's claim that evolution (or continuous creation) has taken place and is still taking place is refuted by the Law of Conservation of Energy. CREATION IS NO LONGER TAKING PLACE. THEREFORE, MAN CANNOT STUDY THE MEANS OF CREATION BY PRESENT PROCESSES IN NATURE.

There is a companion law of the Law of Conservation of Energy (commonly called the 1st Law of Thermodynamics). This second law is called the Law of Entropy (or the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics). To define what is meant by entropy, let us turn to an authority on the subject.

"... it may be inferred that entropy is a measure of randomness, confusion, or lack of organization." (32)

Another authority states the following:

"Increase in entropy means a transition from a more orderly state to a less orderly state ... In any naturally occurring process, the tendency is for all systems to proceed from order to disorder." (33)

Examples of the Law of Entropy can be found in everyday life. Tools wear out, automobiles rust and fall apart, wood decays, and living beings, including man, grow old and die. The Law of Entropy is mentioned in the Bible, and the explanation of why it exists (because of sin) is also given. (34)

Now, let us go back for a moment and review the definition of evolution as given by its advocates. They defined it as "a one-way, irreversible process in time, which during its course generates novelty, diversity, and HIGHER LEVELS OF ORGANIZATION." Compare this to the definition of the Law of Entropy.

"... it may be inferred that entropy is a measure of randomness, confusion, or LACK OF ORGANIZATION."

As you can plainly see, the theory of evolution and the Law of Entropy contradict one another. The question is, which one are we to believe, the theory or the naturally occurring process in nature? Is man's theory of evolution right, and the Law of Entropy wrong? I think you can see my point. Once again the theory of evolution is refuted by science.

We have just examined the theory of evolution in relation to four natural laws and found that evolution is refuted by each one of these laws. We have also seen that the Word of God bears out these laws of science, and that it mentioned them long before they were even discovered by man.

To further demonstrate how unscientific the theory of evolution really is, and to show that it would more correctly be classified as a philosophy or religion, observe the following remarks by supposedly unbiased and rational scientists who advocate the theory.

"Master minds from all fields of discovery ... are united in their CONFESSION OF FAITH which is embraced in that superb generalization called evolution." (35)

"Our FAITH in the idea of evolution depends on our RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THE ANTAGONISTIC DOCTRINE OF SPECIAL CREATION." (36)

"... we do not know why the universe exists ...

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Editorial Viewpoint

A Time For Thanksgiving

By Thomas Ross

How swiftly the summer season has rolled away! November is ushered in and soon President Nixon will issue the traditional presidential proclamation designating the last Thursday of this month as a national day of THANKSGIVING. It is fitting and proper that our nation pause and give thanks to The Hand of Providence for a bounteous harvest and manifold blessings throughout the Year of Our Lord 1971.

FEAST OF INGATHERING

We are reminded here of an earlier national thanksgiving celebration. In OLD TESTAMENT times there was an autumnal feast at the end of the Hebrew year, called the FEAST OF INGATHERING. It was observed for seven days and it began on the night of the September fullmoon (the Harvest Moon), EXODUS 23:16 and EXODUS 34:22.

This was the Jewish harvest-home, when all the year's produce of every kind had been gathered. Like the other feasts, it also commemorated their deliverance from Egypt and their wanderings through the desert until they reached the Promised Land. The FEAST OF INGATHERING was a time of great joy and thanksgiving for the harvest safely ingathered, and a time of petitioning God for His continued blessings.

As it was fitting and in order for the ancient Jewish nation to pause at the close of their harvest and joyfully return thanks to their God for all His bounties and blessings, so is it our national duty and privilege to likewise pause and reverently offer thanks to the same God of Israel, as we observe our annual American tradition of THANKSGIVING.

HAND OF PROVIDENCE

Let us be thankful to the Hand of Providence for His continuing blessings, for our bountiful harvest, and for our many comforts and conveniences, all of which contribute immeasurably to making our nation increasingly prosperous and great.

As the Jewish FEAST OF INGATHERING also commemorated their deliverance from Egypt and their trials and wanderings in the desert, we too have reason to renew our gratitude to God for our good fortune in the Promised Land of America.

Let us thank God for the navigator, Christopher Columbus, who was divinely directed to these shores. (THE BOOK OF MORMON, 1 Nephi 13:12)

Let us thank God for the Pilgrim Fathers whom He also led to these shores in 1620 A.D. and who, after many untold hardships, succeeded in colonizing this land. This provided a haven for many other Europeans who chose to follow them in quest of religious freedom and opportunity. (THE BOOK OF MORMON, 1 Nephi 13:13)

Let us thank God for the Founding Fathers whom He inspired to declare their independence and who, after much sacrifice and the shedding of much blood, succeeded in winning their freedom and founded a new nation.

Let us thank God for the precious freedom and liberty we continue to enjoy. What a sacred privilege to be free to worship God as one feels moved upon or directed; to attend the church of one's choice without fear of intimidation, persecution or interference from any source.

Truly the Hand of Providence has been good to this American nation from the time of its origin and founding until the present. However, let us bear in mind that, if we expect to continue enjoying the blessings of liberty and prosperity upon this land, we must continually possess a spirit similar to that which prompted the Pilgrim Fathers to leave their mother country and settle upon this continent, namely; a spirit to worship God freely and truthfully.

Let us thank God, the source and fountain of every good gift and may we witness to Him our gratitude by obeying His holy will.

PSALM 107:21, 22

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness; and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

Twelve Disciples In America

Dear Girls and Boys,

Isn't it interesting to know that while Jesus was here in America, He chose twelve men to be His disciples just as He had done in Palestine? He taught them the same things as was taught there. The twelve chosen here were Nephi, a great prophet, his brother Timothy whom He raised from the dead after he had been stoned to death by the wicked people who did not want to hear his teachings. Then there were Nephi's son Jonas, Isaiah, Mathoni and his brother Mathonihah, Kumen, Kumenonhi, Jeremiah, Shemnon, Jonas, and Zedekiah.

About two thousand people had gathered together to see Jesus and receive His blessings the first day of His visit in America. Many more came the second day, so many that the disciples divided them into twelve groups. Each disciple stayed with one group and taught them the things Jesus had taught the first day. It was a wonderful time as they all knelt down together in humble prayer. They desired that the Holy Ghost be given unto them.

After prayer they went down to the water's edge so the twelve could be baptized. Nephi was first. Then he baptized the others. When they came up out of the water the Holy Ghost came upon them and they were filled with fire and power. Angels came down out of heaven and ministered unto them. While the angels were ministering to the disciples, Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Jesus spoke to the multitude and commanded them to kneel on the ground and pray. The disciples knelt also and called Jesus their Lord and their God. Jesus walked away by Himself and prayed to the Father, asking that the Holy Ghost be given to all who would believe, to those He had chosen. Jesus came back and saw the disciples still kneeling in prayer. He smiled upon them. His face shone and His clothing was white. It was heavenly, whiter than anything that had ever been seen on earth. Jesus said, "Pray on," and they did not cease to pray.

Jesus left them again and again knelt in prayer thanking the Father for His disciples because of their faith. When He came back the disciples were still praying. They were white even as Jesus. The heavenly light shone upon them. It was a beautiful sight.

A third time Jesus went away and knelt in prayer. This time the multitude heard His words. They were so great and marvelous that they could not be written. After He finished His prayer, He returned to the disciples and said, "So great faith have I never seen among all the Jews; wherefore I could not show unto them so great miracles because of their unbelief. Verily I say unto you, there are none of them that have seen so great things as ye have seen; neither have they heard so great things as ye have heard."

Do you remember the wishes Jesus granted the twelve disciples before He left them? You can read of this in III NEPHI, CHAPTER 28. I will tell you this story in the future.

Once there was a man who wished he were an angel. Find out his name and why he wished this, ALMA 29.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

You Should Know . . .

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH EDITOR (GOSPEL NEWS)

The Editor shall WRITE and COLLECT articles to supplement his contributions on behalf of the Branch and shall submit such articles (typed and triple-spaced) to the District Editor for publication in the GOSPEL NEWS. He shall give an oral six-month report at the Branch Business Meeting, and he shall present a written report of same to the Branch Recording Secretary.

Our foreign mission in Nigeria, West Africa, as of April 31, 1971, had a total membership of 3,155 in forty Branches, including sixty-four Elders. The largest Branch is located in Otoro, Abak with eight hundred members. The Otoro Branch serves as headquarters for The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria.

The entire Church is budgeted on a yearly basis so that members will be requested to give only one sum for total General Church requirements. This monthly donation is a little over \$3.00 PER MEMBER. If each member would meet this monthly financial obligation, the General Church would be able to COVER ALL EXPENSES incurred such as:

- Foreign Missionary work in Africa, Italy, Canada, Mexico, etc.
- Payment of the Auditorium.
- Home Mission fields in spreading the Gospel.
- Indian missionary work.
- General Church expenses in conferences, officers' travel expenses, welfare, General Fund, etc.

Quite a bargain for so small a monthly sum per member. Do your part—support Your Church financially as well as you do spiritually!

The Joy Of Salvation

By George Neill

I would like to read to you from the 51st Psalm, verses 10 through 12:

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Friends, I have quoted the words of David. As I read them, I am impressed with the last verse, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; . . ."

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Creation Evolution And Science:

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We do not have fossil records of the myriads of connectant forms in dozens of plant and animal evolutionary sequences. We know too little of the forces deep inside the viruses . . . or even inside the relatively simple water molecule." (37) The author then goes on to explain that everything should point to the theory of evolution. From the above quotations you can see what tremendous FAITH it takes to believe in evolution. How would you like to be tried in court on the above evidence?

As a little child who asks his or her parents where he or she came from, so, too, man has constantly tried to find out down through the ages where he came from, and consequently, his purpose in life. There are only three possible ways that man can know how he and his world came to be.

Either

1. Man was present when it all began, and saw it take place, or

2. The process of creation is still going on today, and can be observed, or

3. The knowledge of origins has been revealed to man.

We can rule out the first possibility because we know that No human being was present when it all began.

The second possibility of continuous creation is refuted by the Law of Conservation of Energy, which tells us that present processes in nature are conservative, not creative. Therefore, man cannot study creation by observing present processes in nature.

That leaves us only the third possibility, that man's origin and destiny has been revealed by the One who did the creating. He has revealed it in His Word, the BIBLE and BOOK OF MORMON, to all those who will accept it.

"In the beginning God . . ." (38)

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FLASHBACKS

By Charles Jumper

25 YEARS AGO

Brother Joseph Shazer reports holding meetings in Wyano, Pennsylvania during November. Two members were baptized into The Church.

20 YEARS AGO

Sisters from Monongahela, Glassport, Coal Valley and West Elizabeth Circles met to celebrate the nineteenth Anniversary of the West Elizabeth Circle and the eleventh anniversary of the Coal Valley Circle. One of the highlights of the day was the reading of past anniversary minutes by Sister Hannah Skillen.

15 YEARS AGO

G.M.B.A. was held in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The Conference reports seven baptisms. The Aliquippa Branch mourned the passing from this life of Brother Philip Mileco, long-time Presiding Elder and Organizer of the Aliquippa Branch.

10 YEARS AGO

Brothers Chester Nolfi and Dan Casasanta were on missionary work in Italy. They report the Italian mission has a great work among our people there. During a visit to the Isle of Ponza one soul was added to the flock by baptism.

Ohio District Conference

The Ohio District Conference was held Friday evening thru Sunday, September 17, 18 and 19th. The Business portion of the conference being taken care of on Friday evening and Saturday. The Sunday morning session held in the Youngstown, Ohio Church building began with the District choir under the direction of Sister Amy Cook, singing "He's The One," "Let Me Touch Him" and "He's The Savior of My Soul."

Brother Rocco Biscotti introduced the service using the Book of Micah as his text and talked about the setting up of God's Kingdom in the latter days. He recently returned from a stay in Italy and spoke briefly of his travels among the Saints there.

Brother Paul D'Amico followed and spoke on the rising up of God's Kingdom and we shall assist the seed of Joseph in this task.

Brother Joseph Calabrese continued on the same theme of the building up of God's Kingdom and related some of the work today among the Indians on the Reservations in the States, Canada and Mexico.

Brother A. A. Corrado made a few closing remarks and we closed by singing "Blessed Assurance" with Brother Russell Martorana closing the conference in prayer. Our March District conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, starting Friday evening March 17, 1972.



UR WOMEN TODAY

GENERAL CIRCLE MEETS IN EDISON

The General Ladies Uplift Circle was held in Edison, New Jersey on Saturday, October 2, 1971. Sisters were present from the Atlantic Coast, Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania Districts.

The Edison Circle Sisters sang hymns and read different portions of Scripture pertaining to FRIENDS. By obeying the Gospel we have come to know a true and faithful friend, Jesus Christ. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, followed by reading TITUS 2 and remarked on the role of women—we should be as teachers of good things, as we have learned from the aged.

The reports from the various Circles were given. The project of donating money for dishes for the Auditorium kitchen was completed. The answer to the question "What man fought valiantly for his country yea a true friend of liberty," was found in THE BOOK OF MORMON, ALMA 62:37.

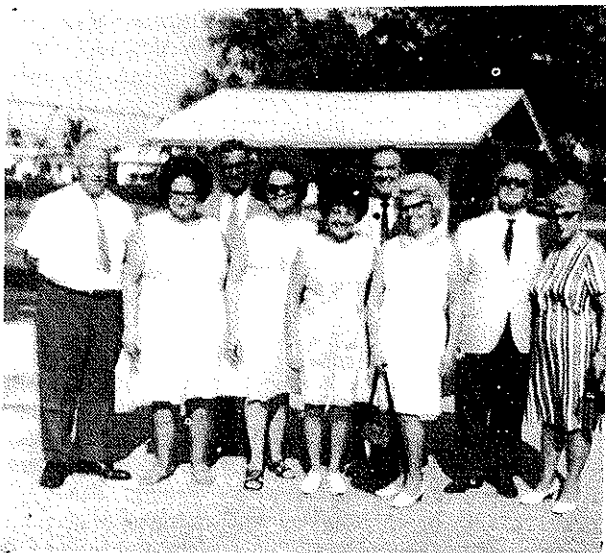
Contributions were made to the Circle Memorial Fund in memory of Sister Gertrude Smith, Sister Bernadette Marino, the Cadman family, Sister Carol Pasquale, and Brother John Galante.

The General Circle meetings for 1972 will be held in Glassport, Pennsylvania on March 4, at The General Church Auditorium on July 8, and in Detroit, Michigan on October 7.

A special prayer was offered in behalf of Brother Gorie Ciaravino and Brother John Ross that the Lord might prepare the way for them on the forthcoming trip to Africa and Italy.

The wonderful testimonies that were given and beautiful songs that were sung were a part of the rich blessings felt throughout the day.

A vote of thanks was given to the Atlantic Coast for their hospitality.



Pictured above is the little group of Saints of the the Cape Coral, Florida Mission.

Saved By Grace

By Paul D'Amico

Eternal Salvation is the goal for which we are striving. Faith and works must agree. Faith without works is dead. All of these statements are true because they come from the written word of God.

Yet Paul, The Apostle, when writing to Titus, informs him that, "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."

We are here on earth to fulfill the commandments of the Lord and to walk in a manner which is pleasing before Him. We must not and cannot afford to be ashamed of The Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation.

While taking basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois in 1943, I walked into a Christian Service Center in Rockford, Illinois one afternoon. Men in uniform were singing wonderful Gospel hymns, and I immediately joined them. One of them asked me, "Are you saved?" and I said in reply, "Not yet, but I hope to be saved in the last day." He continued by saying, "But you don't understand me; don't you believe on The Lord Jesus Christ." "Then you are saved," said he. But I continued to explain that none of us can be saved until we have lived faithful lives, and until we have kept the Commandments of God. This member of the Armed Forces then drew the group away from me and I overheard him say, "Let's not bother this poor fellow, he doesn't understand, but I'm sure he is saved."

A NEW CREATURE

So many in this world are satisfied that belief alone in Jesus Christ will bring salvation. Believing is the first step, but repentance, baptism by immersion and laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost; these will allow us to become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Leaving the world and its sinful pleasure, and performing the works and deeds of Saints of Latter Days all fit into this wonderful plan of salvation. Yet, no matter how great or how little our work may have been while upon this earth, if we remain faithful to the end, we will be saved by the grace of God.

To those who have not taken upon them the name of Christ and who have not been born again, of water and of the spirit, I say, "Come and join us for we believe that His Church (The Church of Jesus Christ) is the fair bride of the Saviour; and further we believe that some day He is coming to claim His bride. God is our Heavenly Father; The Church is our Spiritual Mother. Do you have both God and The Church in your heart? Is your life surrounded by the Lord's Spirit, and this wonderful Church, which represents His Kingdom here on earth? Today is the day of salvation; so why not accept Him now?"

To conclude this message, allow me to repeat the chorus of an old time favorite hymn which I heard many times in my childhood:

"Oh why not tonight,
Oh why not tonight,
For tomorrow the sun may never shine,
So why not tonight?"

May God's richest blessings abide with you all in my constant prayer.

Indian Camp Visited By Evangelist T.D. Bucci And Grandson Mark Kovacic

Evangelist T. D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio and his grandson Brother Mark S. Kovacic of Erie, Pennsylvania attended the Fortieth American Indian Exposition at Anadarko, Oklahoma on August 16, 17, and 18. There were over five hundred campers, approximately 2,300 Indians, and hundreds of others who attended from the surrounding area and towns. Many tribes were represented.

Brother Bucci again was privileged to give a brief address to the campers over the public address system.

He met an Indian and his family—Sydney Moore of Pawnee, Oklahoma with whom he was made acquainted by letter through our late President, W. H. Cadman in 1961. Mr. Moore has attended the Indian exposition for many years.

An AD was placed in the Anadarko newspaper concerning the American Indian and the reporter inserted a news article of Brother Bucci's mission and the coming of an Indian "Moses" in the near future.

Leaving Anadarko, which is approximately sixty-five miles southwest of Oklahoma City for Tulsa, we went on to Bartlesville, which is located in the northeast part of Oklahoma. Many Indians of the Cherokee and Delaware tribes reside in the surrounding area. A news article and AD was also placed in their local newspaper. The reporter made an error, stating that Brother Bucci was of Cherokee descent. Perhaps he looked like an Indian to him.

The American Indians are desperately in need of help. Alcohol is greatly prevalent, and drugs are making inroads among the young Indians. Brother Bucci urges our young in The Church to take a greater interest in the Seed of Joseph and after leaving school, to seek work in or about the Indian reservation, schools, or towns, to bring a message to the Seed of Joseph.

The following is a brief address given by Evangelist T. D. Bucci to Indian campers at Anadarko, Oklahoma, August 17, 1971.

American Indian, my name is Evangelist T. D. Bucci. I am from the State of Ohio. This is my sixth mission trip to Oklahoma Indian territory. I attended the American Indian Exposition in 1961 and 1969 and was given the privilege to speak over the public address system.

The Church I am associated with has a very important message to bring to you. We firmly believe and preach that there are great things in store for you in the near future.

An Indian "Moses" will come out of the Indian nation in the near future. He will be a great and mighty instrument in the Hand of God. He will bring unity, peace, salvation, and a restoration to your land, "America."

I urge you to unite as a people, indivisible under God, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Ask the Great Spirit in the name of Christ, with faith, sincerity, and real intent if this is not true. He will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost. I thank you.

(Brother Bucci then offered a brief prayer.)



Evangelist T. D. Bucci of Youngstown, Ohio and grandson Mark S. Kovacic of Erie, Pa. with twin Indian boys at Indian Camp, Anadarko, Oklahoma, August 17, 1971.

An Experience Given To The Church

(Excerpt from The Church History, Page 36)
A PROPHECY by Brother Benjamin Meadowcroft—
November 9, 1862

In a meeting the word of the Lord came unto Elder Meadowcroft, saying: "Son of Man, prophesy and say: Thus saith the Lord God unto my people and to my Servants; 'Fear ye not, neither be ye troubled, for I have chosen you out of the Sons of Men to be my Servants and to administer my Word to the people of the Nations of the earth; and they shall write to you from the East and from the West and from the North and from the South to know the truth and the way of salvation, for I have given that knowledge unto you, and all the world shall know that I have loved you saith the Lord God of Hosts. For the Spirit of Elijah is in your midst and you shall go forth endowed with power from on high; therefore straighten up the things that remain and I will make bare my Holy Arm, and I will keep you in such a way and manner as I never kept a people before, and all the world shall know that I the Lord resteth in the camp of Israel by my power that I will manifest through you, my people, and the demand by the word of the Holy ones to the intent that the living may know that the Most High hath established His Kingdom amongst the Sons of Men and given it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up the basest of men; and now if you will keep my words I will bend the Heavens and shake the earth for your sakes.' " At the reading of the above on Tuesday, January 7, 1863, the following Brethren testified to its being the word of the Lord: Frederick Ebeling, Arthur Bickerton, Wm. Bickerton, Thomas Stevens, Charles Cowan, James Nichols, James Louttit, and John Ashton.

The Joy Of Salvation

(Continued from Page 6)

David was a great man in his day. If we were to go into his life extensively this morning, we could say many things about him. In short, however, we shall say that David was called upon by God to be King over God's People. He was anointed by Samuel, and the Scriptures say, "... the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." As time went on, however, things happened in David's life which caused him to speak as I read this morning.

It is true that David made many mistakes in his life, but, being a man after God's Own Heart, he sought forgiveness and repented whenever he learned that he was wrong. He knew the joy of serving God. He knew the joy of salvation, and, so, he cried aloud to God to restore this joy to him.

We are sure that, if David could speak to us this morning, he would acquaint us more fully, than I possibly can, with the joy of serving God, or the joy of salvation. We might ask: "What is joy?" Joy, as interpreted by the world, is nothing more than a mere bit of fun. It may be compared to a ripple on the surface of a pool of water; it is not permanent, and it is of a brief duration. Joy, as defined by the worldly crowd, is just a means whereby one can forget, momentarily, the cares and aches of a troubled conscience.

The people of God do not have fun in serving God; they have JOY—and not just for a moment. Their joy does not end when life comes to a close. It goes beyond this life and reaches all the way into heaven, from whence it came. The Son of God brought joy into the world. He brought salvation. The hymn says: "Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; ..."

Friends, when we individually receive Jesus Christ as our King, it brings joy into our hearts—unspeakable joy, full of glory. It is joy to know that our sins are forgiven.

The Saviour, when here upon the earth spoke words like these to His humble followers: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." What did He mean? Did He have a joy to give to men and women? Did This Man, of Whom Isaiah speaks of as one

... despised and rejected ... a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: ...

... wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities ...

... oppressed, and he was afflicted ...

have joy to transmit to men and women? Why, it was more than a pleasure even to be in His Company.

Do you remember the two disciples who were walking along the way to Emmaus, when Jesus appeared, walked, and talked with them? After He had gone, they remarked to each other how their hearts burned within them as He walked and talked with them on the way.

Friends, to walk with God in this life means eternal joy. We may never walk with Jesus as these two did; but by walking in The Light, we have fellowship with one another, and The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

Paul says in HEBREWS 12:2, "... who for the

joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame ..." What was the joy which was set before Jesus Christ, so that He was so willing to endure The Cruel Cross? We know there is joy in giving. Does it not bring joy to give a friend help, to give someone something that he needs? It is more blessed to give than to receive. Jesus Christ, going by the way of The Cross, gave us Salvation, or Eternal Life.

The name "Saviour" means "life-giver." The right to live had been lost; all were dying. The Life-Giver came to provide everlasting life for the dying race. Yea, there is joy in The Cross of Calvary. This joy, as we have already said, does not end when this life comes to a close, but it accompanies us to heaven. Heaven, friends, must be a wonderful place—our weak minds are not able to fathom the joys which await us in blissful regions. Yet, we can sing with the poet: "... When by His grace I shall look on His face, That will be glory, be glory for me."

There is another joy we anticipate which seems to touch and vibrate our hearts when we think about it; and, that is, our reuniting with loved ones who have gone before us. The clasping of their hands and the face-to-face meeting are bound to bring joy. May I ask, "Is that all?" No, for it is written: "... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

These things are only experienced by those who take upon them the name of Christ and walk not after the flesh but after The Spirit. I wish to close with the beautiful words of the hymn, "Adoration" by Haldor Lillenas:

O Christ my Lord, my heart shall sing
The wonders of Thy grace,
My longing eyes would fain behold
The glory of Thy face;
I pour the offering of my love
Unmeasured at Thy shrine,
And pray that Thou wilt live and move
Within this heart of mine.

Thy mercy like a river flows
Throughout the passing years;
Its power has healed my deepest woes
And banished all my fears;
Thy love is broader than the sea,
And higher than the stars,
That love has stooped to rescue me
And broken sin's strong bars.

O Christ my Lord, in Thee is found
A wealth beyond compare,
Thy tender mercies still abound,
Thy glory everywhere.
O wilt Thou deign to dwell in me,
And claim me for Thine own?
My Guide, Companion, Sovereign be
To reign upon my throne.

Thou turned man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.



Pictured above is Brother Fred Heath who was baptized 60 years ago. See story on Page 2.

Branch And Mission News

DETROIT, MICHIGAN BRANCH NO. 1 HONORED BY VISITING ELDERS

On Sunday, August 29, our Branch was honored by visiting Apostle Anthony Corrado and Elder Fred Musolino of Youngstown, Ohio. Brother Corrado introduced the service. He encouraged the young to work for the Lord and all of us to tell others what the Lord has done for us, both by word and example. Brother Fred Musolino followed, relating his testimony and how wonderful his life has been since he obeyed the Gospel.

The words of our Brothers were inspiring and enjoyable to all. May God continually bless them in this wonderful work.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CALIFORNIA BRANCH CHEERED BY BAPTISM

The San Fernando Valley Branch was cheered and uplifted by the addition of a new member. Sister Joy Lorene Azzinaro was baptized by Brother John Azzinaro on Sunday, August 1. She was confirmed by Brother Robert Ciarrochi. Sister Azzinaro made her wishes known shortly after the close of the afternoon meeting. This event proved to be an added blessing to all, so soon after her recent marriage in June to Brother John Azzinaro, Jr.

IMPERIAL, PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH REJOICES OVER TWO NEW CONVERTS

The Imperial Branch has been blessed with the addition of two new members to the fold. Brother Steve Quinn and Sister Maledia Arlene Quinn were baptized on September 19.

Brother Quinn was baptized and confirmed by Brother James Moore. Sister Quinn was baptized by Brother Robert Buffington and confirmed by Brother Joseph Bittinger.

An extra blessing was received as the blessing of God was also asked upon the three Quinn children, namely: Loretta Diane, Stewart Linn, and Steve Lee.

The Imperial Saints enjoyed having Brother and Sister Bittinger share the wonderful day with them.

They are enjoying the blessings of God in their new church building and hope to see many souls come to Christ.

ORDINATION AT MCKEES ROCKS

Brother William Colangelo was ordained Deacon at the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch on Sunday, September 19, 1971. His feet were washed by Brother Chester Nolfi, and he was ordained by Brother Dan Casasanta.

Brother Bill was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on March 10, 1963.

A number of dreams were had confirming the calling of Brother Colangelo into his new office. These dreams added to sustaining the reverent spirit felt in the meeting.

WARREN, OHIO BRANCH THANKFUL FOR MANY ENCOURAGING VISITS

The Saints of the Warren, Ohio Branch take this opportunity to extend greetings to all the Saints. We are thankful for the many visitors to our Branch since moving into our new building. Your visits have indeed been very encouraging to us.

Brother Dominic and Sister Marietta Giovannone from Vero Beach, Florida were with us for about six weeks. We considered it a privilege to have our Brother and Sister here. During their stay, we heard many inspiring experiences, and we learned much from our Elder Brother.

The Branch decided to give them a small reminder of their being baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ forty-nine years ago this month. Many of their children, grandchildren, and a few great-grandchildren attended this affair. We thank God that our Brother and Sister have truly been good examples as Saints and parents to many, in and out of The Church.

We thank God for His wonderful blessings. Our prayers are for The Church and each member.

TWO NEW CONVERTS ADDED TO CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA MISSION

On September 12, Brother Rocco and Sister Ann Loverro were baptized by Brother James Velardi. They were confirmed in Brother Velardi's home following their baptisms.

Brother Loverro is formerly from New York and in his younger years attended the Bronx Mission with his mother who was a member there. However, he gradually drifted away as he grew older.

After he moved to Florida, his sister, Sister Fannie Prudenti, also of the Bronx Mission, directed him to the Saints in Cape Coral. The Lord blessed him with a wonderful recovery following open heart surgery in 1969.

It was a wonderful day for him and his wife when they obeyed the Gospel as well as for the Cape Coral Saints.

During Brother Velardi's visit to Italy, the Mission was attended by visiting Elders from Miami, Lake Worth, and Fort Pierce. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

WINDSOR, ONTARIO BRANCH UPLIFTED BY VISITING ELDERS AND SAINTS

On Sunday, August 29, we were privileged to have Elders Ralph Leet and Michael La Sala visit our branch. Brother Leet opened the meeting with "The truth shall set you free." Brother La Sala followed and spoke in Italian so that our Italian Brothers and Sisters might be edified. Such a wonderful spirit prevailed that it was decided to hold an afternoon meeting. Many inspiring testimonies were heard and several members asked to be anointed. No one wanted to leave, as everyone present felt the love and blessings of God. Our meeting continued until 6:00 P.M.; then the whole congregation, young and old, joined hands, formed a large circle, and closed in prayer.

This summer, we have had many visiting Elders, Brothers and Sisters from many States as well as from the Six Nations Reserve.

We thank God for everything He has done for us as a Branch, for blessing us greatly, for being in our midst so often. Pray for us that we might continue to feel His Spirit, that we might always have the love of God among us and that we might always do His will.

Brief News Of Interest

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Brother Louis and Sister Jennie Pietrangelo of Detroit, Michigan celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They were married on September 21, 1946 in The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1, by Brother Nicholas Pietrangelo. They are the parents of two children and one grandchild. A surprise dinner was held for them by their family. Brother Louis and Sister Jennie have been faithful members of The Church and have given much service to the needs of The Church.

Change of Address

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Brother Thurman and Sister Birdie Furnier have recently returned to Pennsylvania following several months' residing in Phoenix, Arizona and a brief stay in Detroit, Michigan.

They have not been well for some time and presently are living with Brother and Sister Shazer at Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania. May God grant them healing grace and sustain them according to their daily needs. Brother and Sister Furnier's mail will reach them in care of:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shazer

R.D. 1, Box 150

Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania 15486

Secretaries of The General Church; General Church Board of Missions; and Districts please take note.

To make a success of old age, you must start young.

When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.

NEW ARRIVALS

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

Anthony Aaron to Alex and Cathy Gentile of Detroit, Michigan;

James Robert to James Robert and Linda Suty of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Anthony Carl to David and Marietta Liber of Cleveland, Ohio;

Kimberly Anne to Vincent and Deborah Moore of Ft. Pierce, Florida;

Brian Scott to Miles and Deborah Fisher of Ft. Pierce, Florida;

Henry Jared to Henry J. and Sandra Cardillo of Youngstown, Ohio.

WEDDINGS

IMPASTATO - SMELTZLY

Mr. Samuel Impastato, Jr. and Miss Judith Lynn Smeltzly were united in holy matrimony in the home of the groom's brother in Mt. Clemens, Michigan on August 21, 1971. Brother Silverio Coppa officiated at the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

MOTT - JACKSON

Mr. Frederick Mott and Sister Rosalie Jackson were united in holy matrimony at Kinsman, Ohio on September 4, 1971. Brother Philip Dreer, the bride's grandfather, officiated at the ceremony and was assisted by Brother John Ford.

The couple will reside in Kinsman, Ohio.

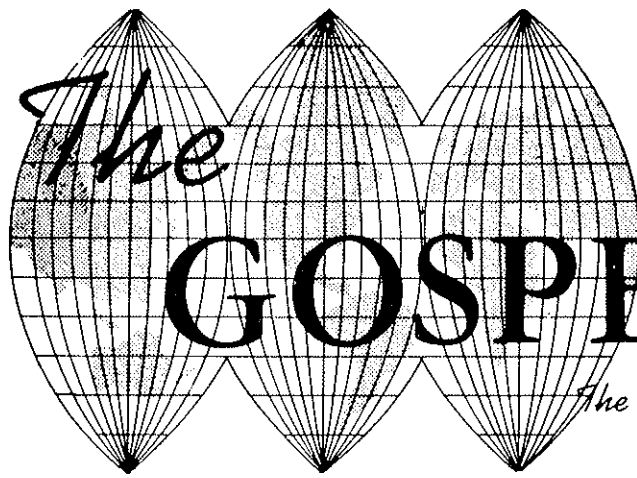
JUMPER - RUCKERT

Mr. Bruce Charles Jumper and Miss Martha Louise Ruckert were united in holy matrimony at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, September 18, 1971. Brother Paul Palmieri officiated at the ceremony. Sister Nina DiCenzo, the vocal soloist, was accompanied by Mrs. Ronald Sheets at the piano and Mrs. Hurt at the organ.

The couple will reside in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

NOTICE

All organizations are requested to forward to the GOSPEL NEWS notice of special meetings, events etc. for inclusion in the 1971 Church Calendar.



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Joy To The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

—Isaac Watts

My Trip To Italy

By R. V. Biscotti

I left Cleveland-Hopkins Airport July 26th, boarding my overseas flight that evening at 6:30 P.M. I arrived in Rome the next morning at 8:30 A.M. I traveled to my birthplace, Peschici, Foggia by train, arriving there that evening at 9:45 P.M. My family was there to welcome me. On Sunday, August 1st, my sister, Loretta and I read the BIBLE together and had communion. She had not had communion since she left the States.

TROUBLED BUT NOT DISCOURAGED

On Monday, August 2nd, I left for Villa San Giovanni, arriving there at 3:00 A.M. the next day. The taxi-cab driver not knowing exactly where Brother LoRicco lived could not find his home and he then took me to Villa San Giuseppe. Still he could not find where Brother LoRicco was. Since the driver was so anxious to return to the railroad station, I had him leave me off. It was 4:00 A.M. and very dark. I was troubled but not discouraged. I saw a small light in a nearby home and went to inquire if they, a young man and his mother, knew where Brother LoRicco lived but they did not know him. The young man remembered that nearby lived Brother Todaro's sister, Caterina; so he took me to her home. When she heard who I was, she quickly made me welcome and comfortable, making up a bed for me to rest. I had a very nice conversation with her; she being a member of The Church, but not having attended meetings for some time. She praised God and told me that God had sent me there, for which I thank God. Surely, God moves in a mysterious way. At this point, Brother LoRicco who was expecting me entered. He had inquired at the station and spoke to the cab driver who took me to Villa San Giuseppe. Brother LoRicco took me to his home, where I was made comfortable.

The following day we held a meeting in Brother LoRicco's home in Cannitello. Sister Caterina attended and testified of the goodness of God. We prayed that God would give her strength and we were blessed. There were only five of us in this meeting and the few received much encouragement. On August 5th we visited Sister Maledonia, formerly from Ohio. She has lost her husband and is now 85 years old. We had a short service there; we sang some hymns, read the Scripture and administered communion, enjoying God's blessings together.

The same day we visited a very nice family, members of The Church who were baptized by Brother Mark Randy. Our Brother and Sister have two teenagers, a boy and girl. They welcomed us and had some refreshments for us also. We also visited Sister Foti, the widow of our Elder, Brother Foti.

On August 7th, Brother and Sister LoRicco and I left for San Demetrio Corone where we have a nice group of twenty-two active members. They have a nice small Church Building. The original cost was \$1,000.00, but it is now worth \$10,000.00.

EVANGELIST ORDAINED

On Sunday, August 8th, we had a very nice meeting with our group there; very good singing, and here we ordained Brother LoRicco an Evangelist. Brother Giuseppe Buonofiglio washed his feet and I ordained him. A very good feeling prevailed and God's blessings were manifested among us.

On August 10th, we arrived in Buccino, Province of Salerno. The only hotel here was fully occupied; therefore, we had to stay at different places—myself at Brother Leonardo Francesco's and the LoRiccos at Brother Micaldi's. On Sunday we had a very nice meeting there with twenty members attending. Elder, Brother Leonardo Francesco is a very interested brother. He is now 86 years old, but still active and a very good speaker.

On August 15th we left for The Isle of Ponza, three hours by boat from the mainland, arriving at 4:00 P.M. at the home of Sister Concetta. She had recently married a widower—a Church member, in a civil ceremony, but they wanted a Church ceremony also, so I officiated and Brother LoRicco assisted.

We had a very nice meeting there and the gift of tongues was made manifest. Brother Attilio is our Elder there. He is a brother of Brother John Romano of Detroit, Michigan. Also attending was his brother who resides in Rome. All told there were twelve members attending our meeting.

BLESSED VERY MUCH

While at Ponza, Brother James Velardi joined us and on August 19th we left Ponza for the mainland and boarded a train to Rome. At this point Brother Velardi left us and we went on to the port nearby to board an ocean liner for the Island of Sardegna (Sardinia). We waited eleven hours for our boat; we traveled all night, arriving in Sardegna at 6:00 A.M. the next morning. We then traveled two and one-half hours by bus to San Teresa where Brother Anthony and Sister Carmela reside. They have a very nice place and received us gladly. On Sunday, August 22nd we had a very nice service in their home. We were only ten, but we were blessed very much. Brother Anthony is a fisherman, by trade with two of his sons. We were glad to go aboard their boat and help them with their catch of fish. It reminded me of when I was young and of the same occupation. I felt the love of God among them and as they have no Elder there, may God provide a leader for them.

On August 23rd we left for Cola Gonone, Province of Nuoro, 124 miles from San Teresa. We arrived there early in the morning at the home of Elder Stefano Romano and his wife, Sister Macolata, a Deaconess of The Church and their daughter, Marinella, also a member. We stayed in their home and on August 25th we held a service in their home with eighteen present. We had visitors in this meeting and we had very good liberty among them. As we closed the service, we formed a circle and I pleaded to our Heavenly Father to remain with them; many tears were shed by all.

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Off To Nigeria And Italy

At this writing, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and John Ross have returned to their homes, arriving on Monday, November 22, 1971.



On Thursday, October 21, 1971, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and John Ross left New York City at 5:00 P.M. from J. F. Kennedy International Airport via Pan American Airlines for Nigeria, West Africa. Pictured above are the Brothers before their scheduled flight on the 45 day trip. They will spend approximately 28 days in Nigeria and 17 days in Italy visiting the branches and missions. Left to right are the emissaries of The Church of Jesus Christ; John Ross, General Church Representative for the African Mission Work, and Gorie Ciaravino, President of The General Church.

John Ross had previously served as a missionary to Nigeria three times; in 1960 with Alvin Swanson, in 1962 with his wife Mary, and in 1964, alone. For Gorie Ciaravino, it marked the second time a President of The Church visited Nigeria in 17 years. The first visit was made by President William H. Cadman in 1954, accompanied by Joseph Bittinger, Second Counsellor of The Church.

The Brothers were met at La Guardia Airport, New York City, by Brother Anthony Ensana of Edison, New Jersey who drove them to J. F. Kennedy Airport. The weather was ideal, sunny, clear, and mild as visible even in the photograph. The Ensanas informed us there was a drastic change in the weather on Friday, all airports were closed due to a heavy fog. We are grateful they were not delayed.

Brothers Ciaravino and Ross are scheduled to leave Nigeria on November 18th for Italy. After a tour of some branches and missions there, they will return to the United States on December 5th.

A detailed report of their travels and accomplishments will be published in future issues of The Gospel News.

A Presentation

On Sunday, October 17, 1971, a very touching scene unfolded at the opening of The General Church Conference worship service. General Church President, Brother Gorie Ciaravino, presented a check as a gift to Brother Thurman S. Furnier.

The Quorum of Twelve Apostles previously had quietly suggested to the conference that a special collection be taken in behalf of Brother Furnier as a demonstration of appreciation. The thought was well received by the Brothers who generously contributed to the cause.

At the presentation Sunday morning, Brother Ciaravino explained the gift was given by an appreciative conference to an individual who had served so faithfully for many years. He further commented that Brother Furnier had served The Church faithfully as a member of The Priesthood, and also in many General Church offices including Secretary, Apostle, Counsellor to the President, and as its former President. The presentation was made before a large crowd in The General Church Auditorium with representation from every district of The Church.

The manner in which Brother Furnier accepted the gift was very touching. With trembling voice he thanked all concerned. Gratefully accepting the gift not as a matter of necessity, but in the spirit and sincerity in which it was given. He briefly related of his 57 years in The Gospel and the many blessings and experiences granted him by a loving God during his life of over 83 years. The presentation was very heartwarming and set the mood for the uplifting worship service which followed on this Sabbath day.

Flashbacks

By Charles Jumper, Jr.

25 YEARS AGO

Brother Rocco Ensana held a meeting on the Hudson River in New York State. Many non-members were present.

Brother Ishmael D'Amico visiting the East Coast spoke at the Stelton, New Jersey Mission.

20 YEARS AGO

Brother Joseph Collison reported Windsor, Ontario Branch had 5 baptisms recently.

General Ladies Circle was held in the home of Sister Sadie Cadman in Monongahela, Pa.

15 YEARS AGO

Brother William H. Cadman returned home after a tour of the churches in California.

Brother Joseph Benyola reported 18 baptisms and 4 renewals in New Jersey since the G M B A was held there in November.

Brother DeMarrias reported holding Sunday and mid-week services in Wakpala, South Dakota.

10 YEARS AGO

Brother and Sister Perdue reported the Mexico Mission is doing very well. 30 converts have been baptized there so far.

The Phoenix Mission with Brother Philip Damore in charge is doing well. Meetings are being held in the home of Brother and Sister Galante.

M.B.A. Highlights

Christmas Message

By James D. Gibson
G.M.B.A. Editor

We can be grateful that when the so-called "Christmas Season" arrives that it brings a special significance. If we are so-called "Christians" we realize what and who this Christ was.

The Christian world will go to some special effort to extol this birthday of birthdays. All well and good. As has been said before "If the name of Christ is mentioned with good connotations and even a vague sense, we are thankful."

But we would have all men everywhere extol His High and Holy Name every hour of everyday; that this Christmas Spirit might prevail everyday, every month, all year.

To those who are young we can only urge you to take hold of this Christ who can give souls salvation. Plan your life around His teachings. Set your goals for Heavenly places.

Realizing the importance of Christ's coming and its meaning cannot be repeated often enough. Following is a reprint of an article by Brother August D'Orazio in the December issue of THE M B A BULLETIN of 1968:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Such were the words prophesied by Isaiah. Many years later, at the birth of Christ, an angel appeared to shepherds abiding in the fields, and said, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, A Savior, which is Christ the Lord..." In the land of America, the Prophet Nephi, son of Helaman, was burdened with sorrow for the hardness of the hearts of the people. Death had been pronounced upon the true believers in Christ. He cried mightily unto the Lord all the day and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him saying, "Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold the time is at hand, on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world..." The afore mentioned scriptures took place in three distinctly separate locations and periods of time, but they all testified of Jesus' birth. The Saints who received these heavenly revelations must have rejoiced. They were happy because God had promised a Savior, and in due time, fulfilled His word. How wonderful to have this kind of faith; that God can talk to us and reveal Himself as He has in the past. Many of the Saints today attest to this kind of experience. Jesus' work can be summed up in the following questions: Would there be any opportunity for salvation without Him? Was God satisfied with anything less than Jesus Christ? Could we survive without Jesus? We must answer "no" to all three questions while many righteous men have lived and served God, none could bring about an atonement to satisfy the demands of God. He sent the best He had in Jesus Christ and gave everything into His hands. Salvation hinged upon the outcome of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

If He had failed, there would have been no salvation because the plan of redemption was wrapped up in Christ, but God didn't work in vain. It isn't too difficult to understand why Jesus was so important. Consider, that in Him rested all things and it pleased God to use Him as a sacrifice for sin. Jesus came and gave Himself for mankind, that an everlasting hope was available to all who would desire it.

I would that we might rejoice in His birth not once a year but everyday of our lives and especially the day when we make that covenant with the Lord.

The words of Jesus are quite fitting, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

Be A Preacher?

How would you like to be a preacher?

If he is young, he lacks experience; if his hair is gray, he is too old; if he has five or six children, he has too many; if he has none, he is setting a bad example.

If his wife sings in the choir, she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work.

If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous, he is not deep.

If he spends too much time in his study, he neglects his people; if he visits, he is a gad-about.

If he is attentive to the poor, he is playing to the grandstand; if to the wealthy, he is trying to be an aristocrat.

If he suggests improvements for the church, he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions, he is a figure-head.

If he uses too many illustrations, he neglects the Bible; if not enough, he is not clear.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he does not, he is a compromiser.

If he preaches for an hour, he is windy; if less, he is lazy.

If he preaches the truth, he is offensive; if not, he is a hypocrite.

If he preaches tithing, he is a money-grabber; if he does not, he is failing to develop his people.

If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary; if a small salary, it proves that he is not worth much.

They say the preacher has an easy time!

—Selected

Six To Six

By Alan Metzler

The last weekend of September, six Brothers: Robert Nicklow, Robert Nicklow Jr., Lawrence King, John Ali, Emmett Dale, and myself, Alan Metzler all from Pennsylvania visited Six Nations Reservation. Saturday we were shown the reservation and we visited with the Indian Brothers and Sisters.

We enjoyed the blessing of God on Sunday. Brother John Ali opened the service. Brother Anthony Lovalvo continued and related an experience he had pertaining to the ordination of Brother Donald Green. We participated in feet washing after which Brother Donald Green was ordained a deacon by Brother Norman Campitelli. Brother Richard Lobzun washed his feet.

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Editorial Viewpoint

A Saviour Is Born

By Thomas Ross

The anniversary of the Nativity of our Lord is commonly accepted by the majority of Christianity as being December 25. There are other calculations set forth on the date of the Nativity, one of which arrives at a date in the spring and another in the summer. It is difficult to assign an exact date to that momentous event—the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

THE FULLNESS OF TIME

However, what is more important to us than an accurate date of the Nativity, is the fact that He was born. Perhaps the words of the Apostle Paul would be informative and edifying to us on the question of a date or time. In writing to the churches of Galatia from Rome, the Apostle declared, "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, . . ." (GALATIANS 4:4) Also in the introduction of his Epistle to the Hebrew Saints, "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." (HEBREWS 1:1, 2)

Thus, the Apostle Paul's expressions—the fulness of time and in these last days indicate in only a broad way the time of the Lord's advent. I recall hearing our late and beloved Brother William H. Cadman observe that while God surely had time in mind relative to sending His Son into the world, The Lord came when He did, also because of necessity.

Nephi, in quoting his father Lehi, wrote, "Yea, even six hundred years from the time that my father left Jerusalem, (the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, King of Judah) a prophet would the Lord God raise up among the Jews—even a Messiah, or, in other words, a Savior of the world." (THE BOOK OF MORMON, I NEPHI 1:4; 2:4 AND 10:4) Nephi also quoted the prophets and the very angel that appeared to him, "For according to the words of the prophets, the Messiah cometh in six hundred years from the time that my father left Jerusalem; and according to the words of the prophets, and also the word of the angel of God, His name shall be Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (I NEPHI 19:8 AND II NEPHI 25:19.)

PLAN OF REDEMPTION

We rejoice in the wisdom and the love of God that was manifested to the world, beginning with our first parents, Adam and Eve. God revealed His great plan of redemption to them and all the holy prophets down through the ages.

Moses prophesied, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him shall ye hearken." (DEUTERONOMY 18:15)

Isaiah declared, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (ISAIAH 7:14)

Micah exclaimed, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (MICAH 5:2)

Nephi, in his wonderful vision of future events, beheld the city of Nazareth and in the city he also beheld a virgin who was exceedingly fair and white. The angel informed Nephi, "Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh." (I NEPHI 11:13, 18)

King Benjamin, in his farewell address to his people, foretold the coming of Christ, "For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay . . . And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary." (MOSIAH 3:5, 8)

On this anniversary of the Nativity of our Lord we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's wonderful promise of a Redeemer. The importance of that event was eloquently manifested to the shepherds as recorded in the GOSPEL OF LUKE:

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And the angels said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

You Should Know . . .

This Church was first organized at Green Oak, Pennsylvania in July, 1862 and incorporated as the "Church of Jesus Christ of Green Oak, Pennsylvania" by virtue of a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania dated June 10, 1865.

As the Church progressed, it was learned this charter was no longer sufficient since it involved only the Church in Green Oak. It became necessary to apply for a new incorporation to satisfy the needs in larger territories involved, both in the United States and Canada, as well as other nations in the Western Hemisphere. Thus on April 8, 1941, the Church became incorporated as "The Church of Jesus Christ" with headquarters in the City of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania. This new charter took over all assets, real estate, etc. of the Green Oak Incorporation. It granted authorization to form or organize branch churches at other places within the United States and other countries or provinces within the Western Hemisphere, subject to the rules, regulations, laws and constitutions of said locations.

The names of the incorporations appearing on the charter are the following: William H. Cadman, Alma B. Cadman, Charles Behanna, James C. Cowan, and John Cherry.

By virtue of this charter, the following must be observed: All branch and mission hymnals, literature, books, stationery and property must be written or stamped with "The Church of Jesus Christ" of that location; all purchases and business must be transacted to qualify for tax exemptions; and all properties must be bought, sold, and duly recorded in the name of "The Church of Jesus Christ."

In conclusion and of great importance, recorded in the incorporation papers is as follows: This organization is formed for the worship of Almighty God, and for the spiritual and religious advancement and education of the members of said church.

A FEW QUOTES PASSED ON TO THE READERS

- (1) The Sunday morning church bells toll the spiritual death of the member who does not come.
- (2) Speak kindly today; when tomorrow comes you will be in better practice.
- (3) When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

THE WISHES OF THE TWELVE

Dear Girls and Boys,

Did you count your blessings and name them one by one? Can you see what God has done for you? I know you were surprised. Let us be thankful every day.

Did you read about the twelve disciples on this land and what they desired of Jesus? I told you last month about Jesus choosing disciples here in America and how he had taught them the same things as He taught the Apostles in Palestine. When it came time for Jesus to leave them, He asked them one by one, "What do you desire of Me after I am gone to the Father?" Nine of them asked that they would live to the age of man and when their ministry was ended, go quickly to His kingdom. Jesus said, "Blessed are you. When you are seventy-two years old you shall come to Me in my kingdom and find rest."

The other three disciples were silent. Jesus knew their thoughts. They were wishing the same as John the Apostle had desired of Jesus in Palestine. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, Peter had asked, "Lord, what shall this man do?", referring to John. Jesus answered, "If I will that he tarry until I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." The saying went abroad that, that disciple would not die. We believe John lives. THE BOOK OF MORMON proves this. These three Nephites also desired that they should never die. They wanted to work among the people here on earth and bring many souls to Christ as long as the world would stand.

To the three, Jesus said, "More blessed are you, for you shall never taste of death but you shall live until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father. You shall have no pain while you live in the flesh, neither sorrow, except for the sins of the world. You shall have fulness of joy and sit down in the kingdom of my Father." Then Jesus touched each disciple with His finger, except these three who would never die. Then Jesus departed.

The three disciples were caught up to heaven. They saw and heard unspeakable things which were forbidden by the Lord to tell. When they came back to earth they went forth preaching and baptizing. The Lord made a change on their bodies so that nothing could hurt them. Death could have no power over them. They were put in prison by their enemies; they were cast into fiery furnaces and put in cages with wild beasts but no harm came to them. They were even buried and no earthly bonds could hold them. They were as angels. If they wished they could show themselves to people, otherwise they would not be seen.

These men have a marvelous work to do. They are among the Gentiles and the Gentiles do not know them. They also are among the Jews and the Jews do not know them. When the Lord sees fit they shall minister or preach to all the scattered tribes of Israel. They shall bring many to know of Jesus among all nations.

Mormon was forbidden to write the names of these three Nephites. We believe they are still here ministering to people and helping to bring souls to Christ. It is a great blessing to know they have visited some of our brothers and sisters in The Church of Jesus Christ. I hope you will meet them sometime and receive a great blessing too.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

Read JOHN 21:20, 24. What books in the New Testament did John write?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

A Special Meeting

On October 20, 1971 the branches in the Michigan-Ontario District cancelled their regular meetings, so that we could all meet at Branch No. 1 to honor Brother Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President on the eve of his and Brother John Ross' departure for Nigeria, Africa.

Brother Reno Bologna, District President was in charge of the service. Brother Gorie spoke to all present explaining why The Church had authorized the trip, and where the funds were coming from. He also explained the difficulties he and Brother John Ross had in obtaining their visas. A few minutes were left for questions and answers. I am sure those who attended were more enlightened about the work in Africa.

Since our brothers would be also visiting the Saints in Italy, a special offering was taken and presented to them to help defray some of their expenses there.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Brother Joseph Calabrese from Lorain, Ohio. He asked God to accompany our brothers that no harm would befall them. Also that the power of God be with them that they may accomplish all their objectives and that the Gospel might continue to spread throughout the world.

Michigan-Ontario
District Editor
Paul Francione

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.

"Seventy Times Seven"

By Paul D'Amico

One of the many wonderful things which Christ taught mankind was True Forgiveness. The Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter also give us much enlightenment on this subject. On one occasion, the Apostle Peter inquired of Christ, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but Until seventy times seven." (MATTHEW 18:21, 22)

This same Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." It is human nature to judge another; yet we should realize that we can all at one time or another fall into the same category as the one we are judging.

We who are the people of God, proclaim to the world that we have experienced a wonderful change—"Since Jesus came into our hearts." If we have experienced this wonderful change, then we should be ready, willing and able with God's help to forgive and forget. If we cannot forget, then we have not truly forgiven.

One morning, shortly after my calling into the ministry, I was riding a bus to work and was seated behind two men; one of whom had once been a minister of a church. The one man said to the other, "Even though you were hurt and offended, you know the law of Christ which says you must truly forgive your brother if he repents of the evil he has done. The ex-minister replied, "I have forgiven my brother, but I have not forgotten it."

The Church of Jesus Christ proclaims to all the world that we have the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to live up to the standards of Christ, we must make great efforts in following His footsteps.

Humbleness, meekness and the pure love of God will make forgiveness very easy, especially when we can discern true repentance in an individual.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, I feel it my duty and responsibility to carry out the teachings and the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If I know that I have offended an individual, I find no rest until I have met him or her face to face and effected a reconciliation. Reconciliation is pleasing before the Almighty God. After I have done my duty and reconciled with the other party, I feel that a burden has been lifted from me. I also feel that if the Lord were to call me home, I'll be ready to meet Him.

So my dear Brothers and Sisters and friends as well; Christ did not mean that we must forgive 490 times; but I believe that He meant for His children or His saints to have a forgiving heart always.

Again, I repeat that True Forgiveness is forgetting and if I cannot forget, then I have not truly forgiven my Brother.

May God's Holy Spirit rest and abide with you always is my prayer.



OUR WOMEN TODAY

Michigan-Ontario Area Circle Meeting

The Michigan-Ontario Area Circle Meeting met at Windsor, Canada on September 25, 1971. The meeting was turned over to prayer in behalf of the request from the General Church President concerning the settlement of the former auditorium site.

The Sisters of the Windsor Branch presented a program whose theme was "Living the Gospel — Spreading the Gospel." The late Brother William H. Cadman's quote, "Consistency—Consistency" was very well brought forth.

It was suggested that when Sisters have experiences during the meetings that it would be advisable to relate it at that time so all present can share in the knowledge of the revelation given. Another suggestion was that, all present, would tell at least one Sister of an enjoyable time that was had at the area meeting so that a desire can be created for more to attend.

Donations were made to the General Ladies Circle for Missionary work, Mission Board for the Muncey building, and for the Auditorium Kitchen supplies.

Officers that were elected for the next six months are:

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| Chairman | Mary Criscuolo |
| Assistant Chairman | Lydia Francione |
| Secretary | Mary Coppa |
| Assistant Secretary | Harriet Francione |
| Financial Secretary | Antionette Ciaravino |
| Treasurer | Josephine D'Amico |
| Auditor | Elizabeth Gerace |

The next Area Meeting will be held at Branch No. 1 on February 7, 1972.

MICHIGAN-ONTARIO AREA CIRCLE CHARTERS BUS TO MUNCEY, CANADA

On October 30th, a bus was chartered to Muncey, Canada, by the Ladies Circle-Michigan-Ontario District. Upon arrival of the bus, lunch was served. After singing a few hymns Sister Mary Criscuolo, Area Chairman, read the Scripture from ACTS, CHAPTER 2, VERSES 16, 17, 18. She felt like it was a dream that she was well enough to meet with the Brothers and Sisters of Muncey after being seriously ill for a long time. She thanked God for sparing her life and she is grateful for the Ladies Circle and for what the organization does for the General Church. Many wonderful testimonies were heard especially from the members there. Brothers Mario Coppa and Joseph Milantoni spoke to the Sisters. This was the fourth bus trip the Sisters made. These trips are very encouraging to the Brothers and Sisters of Muncey. It was a day well spent and our souls were filled with the Love of God. We are looking forward for another trip next year.

PLEASE NOTE

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My Trip To Italy

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Our Sister Deaconess requested that I tape record something for them before I would leave, so I read the 13TH CHAPTER of 1ST CORINTHIANS, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels . . ." and I then sang "O Bel Di" (Happy Day).

They prepared a wonderful dinner for us and on August 25th we left for the mainland. The next afternoon we arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Pietorenzi, formerly of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 and they were very glad to see us. We spent three days there and we had a short service with them. Many tears of joy were shed and we thank God for all His blessings.

"ARRIVEDERCI" NOT "GOOD-BYE"

On August 30th, Brother and Sister Pietorenzi hired a car to take us to the train station—a two and one-half hour ride. At this time Brother Giuseppe Lo-Ricco and his dear wife, Sister Lena returned to their home in Cannitello, Reggio Calabria. I must say it was very hard to part. They are dedicated to the work of the Restored Gospel. May God bless them always. One hour later I boarded a train for Foggia. I did not say, "Good-bye," but "Arrivederci." I did not feel to tell the Saints of Italy that they should see my face no more, as the great Apostle Paul did at Miletus. (ACTS, CHAPTER 20, VERSES 36, 37 AND 38). I have learned to love them and may God continually bless them. On the other hand, we must assist them as much as possible.

I arrived at Peschici, Foggia on September 5th where we had a short service with my sister, Loretta, a faithful member of The Church. We also had communion together.

I stayed a few more days with my family and on September 7th I left for Rome. On September 9th I boarded my Pan-American flight for New York, arriving that same evening at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport at 9:45 P.M. I was met by my wife and part of my family and I was glad and thankful for a safe journey throughout.

I was glad to do a little missionary work for the Lord. I must say I felt much strength because of the prayers of the Saints. I received a beautiful card from the Cleveland Branch with many names wishing me well, also from the Youngstown Branch. I appreciated all that was done for me and may God bless all the Saints.

May we forever praise and thank God for all the many blessings we enjoy in this great land of ours, as well as freedom of worship, even as we read in the BOOK OF MORMON, 1ST NEPHI.

PSALM 33

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto Him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

The Pauline Epistles

By Donald Ross

Epistle, in its original sense a word meaning simply a letter, has come to be used only of formal letters written in ancient times. It is a substitute for spoken conversation, and its quality, even when published, depends on its impression of intimacy and ease and its power to convey the writer's personality.

The Epistles of Paul have a distinctive character. The OLD TESTAMENT contains prophecies of the cross, the resurrection, and the return of Christ. In it Israel has a leading place in history. But "hidden in God" (EPH. 3:9) was a period not specifically revealed in the OLD TESTAMENT—the interval after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, and before His return in glory. Also not specifically revealed in the OLD TESTAMENT was God's purpose in establishing the Church. In MATTHEW 16:17-19 the Lord announced that purpose but without explaining how, when, or on whom the Church would be built. Elsewhere in the GOSPELS He instituted baptism (MT. 28:18-20) and the Lord's Supper (MT. 26:26-29; MK. 14:22-25; LK. 22:19-20); in the discourse on the night before His crucifixion (JN. 14:17) He set forth the relationship of the Church to Himself. But it is in the Epistles that the order, position, privileges, and duties of the Church are most fully given.

SCOPE OF THE EPISTLES

It is these things that constitute the scope of the Epistles of Paul. They develop the doctrine of the Church. Moreover, in these Epistles the Church is instructed about her unique place in the counsels and purposes of God.

Although Christ taught that the Church is an organism, through Paul was given the detailed revelation of the body of Christ in its heavenly calling, promise, and destiny. Through him there was also unfolded the organization and administration of local churches (1 TIMOTHY AND TITUS). The fact that Christ is coming for His Church, introduced in JOHN 14:3, was revealed more fully through Paul in 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-58 and 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18, where he teaches that "we shall not all sleep," that "the dead in Christ shall rise first," and that believers living at His return will be "changed" and "caught up ... to meet the Lord in the air."

The doctrine of grace found in the teaching of Christ is also given further revelation through Paul. More fully than any other NEW TESTAMENT writer, Paul expounds the nature and purpose of the law; the ground and means of the believer's justification, sanctification, and glorification; the interpretation of the death and resurrection of Christ; and the position, conduct, expectation, and service of the believer. Paul, converted by the personal ministry of the risen Lord, is distinctively the witness to the glorified Christ.

The chronological order of the Pauline Epistles is generally considered to be as follows: 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS, GALATIANS, 1 CORINTHIANS, ROMANS, 2 CORINTHIANS, EPHESIANS, COLOSSIANS, PHILEMON, PHILIPPIANS, 1 TIMOTHY, TITUS, and 2 TIMOTHY. Scholars contend the Pauline authorship of Hebrews has not been proved.

The FIRST EPISTLE to the THESSALONIANS, written at Corinth by Paul shortly after his departure

from Thessalonica (ACTS 17:1-10; 18:1), was probably among the earliest of the apostle's inspired writings. Paul had visited Thessalonica on his second missionary journey, preaching in the synagogue on three successive Sabbaths (ACTS 17:5-10). The occasion of 1 THESSALONIANS was the coming of Timothy, whom Paul had sent to Thessalonica from Athens (3:1-2). Timothy's good report of the faith and love of the Thessalonians and their tender regard for the apostle prompted Paul to write this touching and intimate letter in which he commends them for their steadfastness, reminds them of truths he has taught them, and clarifies certain questions about the Lord's return which Timothy had reported.

IMPENDING APOSTASY

The SECOND EPISTLE to the THESSALONIANS was written by Paul shortly after his first. The Thessalonian converts were "shaken in mind" and "troubled," supposing perhaps that the persecutions they were suffering were those of the "great and terrible day of the Lord," from which they had been taught to expect deliverance at the day of Christ. The present letter then was to instruct the Thessalonian Saints of the impending apostasy and to be cognizant of their personal associations.

The EPISTLE to the GALATIANS is addressed to a group of churches in Galatia, which was located in the center of what is now known as Asia Minor. The original inhabitants were Phrygians, with a religion of nature worship. Many Jews lived in these cities. The Galatians were noted for their impetuosity, fickleness, and love of new and curious things. Paul visited Galatia on both his first missionary journey (ACTS 13:51; 14:8, 20 Iconium, Lystra, and Derby being situated in Southern Galatia), and on his third (ACTS 18:23), although of his labor in founding these churches there is no record. On his second missionary journey the Apostle Paul was forbidden by the Holy Ghost to preach there (ACTS 16:6). At the time Paul was writing, the Galatian churches were facing a double threat, involving purity of doctrine and conduct. Certain individuals had come into the area who "would pervert the Gospel of Christ (1:7; 5:10).

The FIRST EPISTLE to the CORINTHIANS was written by the Apostle Paul at the close of his three years' residence in Ephesus. Paul's relation to the Corinthian Church is set forth in ACTS 18:1-18. The occasion of this Epistle was a letter of inquiry concerning such things as marriage and the use of foods offered to idols, but the apostle was also greatly troubled by reports from Corinth of deepening divisions, increasing contentions, and other problems, and by a morals' offense which had not been judged by the Church. The main thrust of the Epistle is correction of error brought about more by the carnality of the believers at Corinth than by heresy. The letter is not a treatise but an expression of Paul's grief, solicitude, and holy indignation on account of the unspiritual and immoral condition of the Church at Corinth.

CENTRAL RUTHS

Many scholars and historians allege the EPISTLE to the ROMANS was written from Corinth during the Apostle Paul's third visit to that city. It is rightly placed first among the Epistles, because it is the most complete exposition in the NEW TESTAMENT of the central truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Epistle had its occasion in the intention of Paul to visit the

Roman Saints and his desire to communicate to them the great doctrines of grace that had been revealed to him. The Epistle declares the Gospel of God (1:1). It relates to the whole world because "there is no respect of persons (2:11) with Him who is "the God of the Jews" and "of the Gentiles also" (3:29).

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Branch And Mission News

TWO DEACONESSSES ORDAINED IN LORAIN BRANCH

On October 10th the Lorain, Ohio Branch held a feet-washing service, with Brother Rocco Biscotti taking the leading part. It was his first visit to Lorain since his trip to Italy where he visited The Church members. I am sure the Saints there were encouraged by his presence. We are grateful that God watched over him wherever he traveled and allowed him a safe journey home.

Brother Biscotti read from the EIGHTH CHAPTER of EXODUS beginning with the 16th verse where in God showed Pharaoh and the magicians that only the FINGER OF GOD could do the impossible and not their magic. He also stated that through sacrifices the work of God can be accomplished.

Sister Betty Alessio and Sister Vera Naro were ordained deaconesses during the feet-washing service. Prior to the ordinations, Brother Biscotti read from the 16TH CHAPTER of ROMANS. He explained how a Deaconess can be a help to The Church and to the Ministry. He advised the Deaconesses to consider themselves as servants of the Lord, humble in spirit, and to be helpful in any way they can. As he was exhorting thus, he spoke in the gift of tongues and the interpretation given was "to have the Spirit of Rachel and Rebecca."

A good Spirit prevailed as Brother Alfred Dominico ordained Sister Betty and Brother Rocco Biscotti ordained Sister Vera. At the end of the service, we could not help reflecting on Brother Biscotti's words that he was glad our Church believed in the ordinance of "feet-washing," because it helps to keep us humble. It reminds us of the humble nature of Christ who knelt and washed His disciples feet, proving how much He loved those disciples, who were willing to follow Him.

WONDERFUL DAY FOLLOWED THREE WEEKS LATER BY FOUR BAPTISMS AT ERIE MISSION

Sunday, October 3 was a wonderful day for the Erie, Pennsylvania Mission. We were visited by a group of young people from the Niles, Ohio Area, and also Brother T. D. Bucci and wife from Youngstown and Sister Marlea Frentzos and family from New Orleans. The meeting opened with singing by the young people. Sister Marlea honored us with a solo. All the singing was very inspiring.

Brother Donald Pandone opened the service with a sermon on the talents the Lord gives. Brother Bucci continued on the same theme, and ended by saying we must all put on the armor of Faith. Presiding Elder, Brother Harold Burge, spoke a few words of testimony and then opened the meeting to the congregation. Our hearts were warmed by the testimonies of

our young people. We would like to thank Brothers Don and Dick Pandone for their efforts in bringing our young ones together. May the Lord bless them in their travels and church work.

Three weeks following our wonderful day, we were blessed and uplifted by the addition of four new converts to the fold.

Sister Peggy Lee Gross was baptized by Brother Ralph Berardino and confirmed by Brother Harold Burge.

Brother Richard Allen Gross was baptized by Brother Harold Burge and confirmed by Brother Ralph Berardino.

Brother and Sister Gross are husband and wife.

Sister Margel Jean Sechez was baptized by Brother Rocco Biscotti and confirmed by Brother Delbert Lockwood.

Sister Margel is the great-granddaughter of our late Apostle Charles Behanna.

Sister Irma George Noble was baptized by Brother Harold Burge and confirmed by Brother Delbert Lockwood.

Sister Irma is the mother of Sister Susan Noble who was baptized at the Nauvoo, Illinois campout in July, 1971.

WEEK OF EVANGELIST MEETINGS AT GLASSPORT

We enjoyed a week of Evangelist meetings from September 20 to September 24, 1971. On Sunday, September 19, Brother James Link from the Bronx Branch visited with us. He preached on how Jesus will leave His faithful followers to go out and gather the lost ones, and how He rejoices when a fallen soul returns to The Church. Brother Alma Nolfi followed with closing remarks.

Monday night began our week of meetings. We were blessed throughout the week with the appearance of the following Brothers: Dan Casasanta and John Manes of McKees Rocks; George Johnson and Milford Eutsey of Roscoe; Harry Robinson from West Elizabeth; Gasper Karelli of Greensburg; John Ross, Anthony Ross and Paul Palmieri of Aliquippa; Peter DiPiero, John Ali and Alma Nolfi of Glassport.

The main topics of the week were the Restoration, The Church ordinances and doctrines of Christ. We enjoyed our Brothers' preaching and as always were pleased to visit with our Brothers and Sisters. When we come together in unity, we always enjoy the Spirit of God. We look forward to the next time we visit with one another.

THREE BAPTISMS AT LINDSAY MISSION

On August 1, 1971 three new converts were baptized at Lindsay, California Mission.

Baptized were:

Alvin Cavallaro of Lindsay, California was baptized and confirmed by Brother Alex Cavallaro;

Tony DeCaro of Lindsay, California was baptized and confirmed by Brother Alex Cavallaro and,

Priscilla Castelli of Modesto, California was baptized by Brother Alex Cavallaro and confirmed by Brother Del Carneval.

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all. Remember our Mission in your prayers.

BLESSINGS AND ORDINATIONS AT ROSCOE BRANCH

We have been enjoying the blessings of God at our branch in Roscoe, Pennsylvania. During recent ordinations and blessings on children a wonderful spirit prevailed.

DEACON ORDAINED on October 3, 1971:

Brother John William Kendall's feet were washed by Brother Bud Martin. Brother George Johnson, Sr. ordained him to the office of Deacon.

DEACONESS ORDAINED on October 3, 1971:

Sister Sarah Sisley's feet were washed by Sister Mary Ward. Brother Gasper Karelli ordained her to the office of Deaconess.

DEACONESS ORDAINED on October 10, 1971:

Sister Margaret C. Johnson's feet were washed by Sister Mary Ward. Brother Gasper Karelli ordained her to the office of Deaconess.

Experiences were related and the Spirit of God was felt, bearing witness to the ordinations.

FREEHOLD, N. J. MISSION NEWS

Sister Linsey Lowe was baptized on October 1, 1971 by Brother James Howard. She was confirmed into The Church by Brother Nathan Peterkin. The visit of Brother Nathan Peterkin of Edison, New Jersey was enjoyed very much on this wonderful occasion. May the Mission continue to enjoy God's blessings.

Also on August 8, 1971 Sister Bessie Burke was ordained a Deaconess. Sister Josephine Hicks washed her feet and Brother Matthew Rogolino laid hands on her head for the ordination.

MIAMI ESTABLISHES MISSION

On October 1, 1971, Brother Mike Radd and Brother Frank Sirangelo journeyed to Miami, Florida and organized Miami as an Established Mission. All officers were duly elected and Brother Dennis Moraco was recommended as Deacon. Brother Dennis Moraco, formerly from Detroit, Michigan, has moved to Miami and has taken a teaching position in a private school.

Miami has eleven members and we have quite a few visitors at our meetings. We hope God will continue to bless us. Our Sunday meetings are held at the YMCA at 4300 S. W. 58th Avenue.

Brief News Of Interest

In a note from the Vanderbilt Branch editor, the Saints want to share their joy for the many Spiritual Events and Blessings during the past year. They extend greetings and wishes to The Church everywhere for a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and rich New Year.

The Windsor, Ontario Saints report a wonderful visit by Brother Steve and Sister Yvonne Saffron of Arizona. Brother Saffron gave a beautiful testimony of how he came to the knowledge of the Gospel.

Brother Peter Capone of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4 also spoke, stressing "how wonderful it is to serve a God who allows us to feel His Spirit and Presence."

During the course of the meeting Sister Ann Colis arose and asked to be renewed. She was reinstated to membership by the laying on of the hands by the Elders with Brother Allan Henderson officiating. This was a joyful and uplifting day for the Windsor Branch.

NOTES FROM LORAIN BRANCH

We would also like to report that Brother Harry and Sister Marie McGuire and family have moved to Florida. We shall miss them and pray that God will bless them in their new surroundings. Their new address is—1923 Sherrie Circle, Apt. 68, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.

The young people of our Branch miss Candace Calabrese, who has transferred to Pinetop, Arizona. Candace is the daughter of Brother Joseph and Sister Victoria Calabrese. Taking Candy's place in the Calabrese home is a young Apache Indian girl, Willena Dunlap of the White River Reservation. We are enjoying her presence in our services.

We also enjoyed having the Velardis back with us for a short visit this summer. Brother Jim and Sister Jeanette have worshipped many years in the Lorain-Cleveland area.

Brother Joe and Sister Susie Maselli from San Fernando Valley visited us in the month of September. They thank the Lord that they were preserved in the awful earthquake that took place there in the early spring. We are thankful for God's protection over all the Saints in that area. We miss all those members who have moved away and it is good to have them visit us.

We are happy to report the addition of a new convert to our Spanish Mission. On October 24, 1971, Sister Eusebia Margarita Efanador was baptized by Brother Joseph Calabrese and confirmed by Brother Frank Calabrese. A good spirit was felt by all in attendance.

We close with a thank you and a note of appreciation for the GOSPEL NEWS. Keep up the good work everyone.

WEDDINGS

SZUFNER - JENIO

Mr. Jene Edward Szufner and Miss Rosemary Jenio were united in holy matrimony on September 11, 1971 at The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1. Brother Spencer Everett officiated at the wedding ceremony.

The newly-married couple is residing in Detroit, Michigan.

OBITUARIES

ANTONIO RUZZI

Brother Antonio Ruzzi passed on to his eternal reward on October 15, 1971. He was born on September 16, 1884 and was baptized on September 28, 1919. He was ordained an Elder on October 9, 1921. He is survived by two foster sons and two foster daughters.

Brothers Paul Vitto and Michael LaSala conducted the funeral services.

Brother Ruzzi was a faithful member and will be missed by loved ones and many who loved him.

VENANZO DI TOMASO

"Brother Thomas" as we all knew him, passed to his reward October 30, 1971. He was born in Italy on May 18, 1876, came to the United States in the early 1900's and married Agatha on September 22, 1904.

Our Brother was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on May 22, 1921. He became an Elder, Deacon and later an Evangelist. He was very active in the Gospel until his recent illness. He was the first member of The Church in the Cleveland area and because of his loyalty and faith many others came to know of the Gospel.

Left to mourn his loss are three daughters, one son, 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Brother Thomas was laid to rest Wednesday, November 3, 1971. Services were held at the Cleveland East Side Branch with Brother Vincent Gibson officiating. Our Brother will be greatly missed not only by his family, but by everyone that knew him. He was truly a pillar of the Gospel of The Church of Jesus Christ.

CHRIST IS LOVE

By Joseph Calabrese

- L — Life of Christ
- O — Offering of the life of Christ
- V — Victory over the grave (resurrection)
- E — Example Christ set

NEW ARRIVALS

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

Timothy Lee to Thomas and Karen Bourn of Fort Pierce, Florida;

James Brian to James and Bonnie Miller of Wan-
aque, New Jersey;

Tricia Renee to David and Sandra Gibson of Ali-
quippa, Pennsylvania;

Celeste to Eugene and Donna Amormino of
Branch No. 1 Detroit, Michigan;

Jason Craig to Jon Lawrence and Judith Lynn
Mehalcik of Glassport, Pennsylvania;

Jack Edward to Jack Edward and Barbara O'Sa-
vage of Roscoe, Pennsylvania;

Lisa Michelle to Jack Edward and Barbara O'Sa-
vage of Roscoe, Pennsylvania;

Lisa M. to David and Karen DiChiera of Bloom-
field Hills, Michigan.

Important Notice

In the future all GOSPEL NEWS PAPERS will be marked "EXPIRED" the month due. The following is-
sue will be marked "FINAL PAPER"—The Staff.

**Best Wishes
For A Happy
And Joyous
Holiday Season
From The Entire
Gospel News Staff**