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The Year 1971 In Retrospect

By: Paul Palmieri

The year 1971 started with Brother Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President, recapitulating the year 1970 and encouraging our members to work untiringly for the furthering of God's Kingdom.

1971 brought about some changes which were received with mixed feelings. Our very competent editors, Brothers Carl J. Frammolin and Domenic Moraco concluded their tours of duty on the GOSPEL NEWS. Brothers Paul Palmieri and Thomas Ross were appointed to fill the vacancies. (We trust we have been able to do justice to the job entrusted to us.)

WONDERFUL WORK

The year was only a month old when reports were received that Brothers Harry Robinson and Frank Calabrese were doing a wonderful work in Omaha, Nebraska.

With all the anticipation for seeing the new General Church Auditorium dedicated, The Church was active elsewhere. On the West Coast the Phoenix, Arizona Branch had reported that they had groundbreaking services for their new building. The Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch, which had setbacks and delays in their building plans was finally rewarded as they dedicated their new building. Amid all the progress made with buildings and temporal things in 1971, we had a good year where people were being converted into The Church of Jesus Christ in places such as California, Windsor, Fort Pierce, Greensburg, Omaha, Youngstown, Glassport, Vanderbilt and other places.

One of our most enjoyable accomplishments of the year was the dedication of our General Church Auditorium. The many hours of work contributed by the Auditorium Committee finally climaxed on April 17, 1971. We have a beautiful place in which to meet and worship God.

FULFILLMENT OF DREAM

In May the G.M.B.A. convened in the new Auditorium. The completion of the Auditorium proved to be a fulfillment of a dream that started with the G.M.B.A. in 1959. The original project was called the "Land Purchasing Fund." A Sister from Rochester, New York was the first person to ask to be baptized at the new Auditorium.

The General Circle Conference was held in the Auditorium in June 1971. Our Sisters have done much to aid in the completion of the building.

The Warren, Ohio Branch dedicated their new and

beautiful building and The Lord called three more workers into His Kingdom at the services.

The G.M.B.A. held their annual Campout in Nauvoo, Illinois and 15 people were baptized. A joyous time was experienced at the outing.

Our brothers were laboring to bring the Good News to people in various places. Work was progressing well in White River, Arizona; Omaha, Nebraska; Mexico and other areas. Brother Rocco V. Biscotti visited our people in Italy and his presence and activity greatly cheered and uplifted them.

Finally, on October 21, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and John Ross left to visit our Church in Nigeria. They had been trying to enter the war-torn country since 1965. (Our brothers have since returned and a more detailed report will appear in the next issue.)

The end of 1971 was near and the Church in Phoenix dedicated their new building.

MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The year 1971 was not always filled with notes of happiness. A number of our loved ones have gone to dwell with the Redeemer forever. We can all look back to 1971 as a year of many accomplishments. The Gospel is advancing and all we need to do is look over our shoulder, as it were, to see how far we have come. The year 1972 holds many opportunities for us as a people. People are writing and inquiring about The Church. Let us approach the New Year with faithful and hopeful hearts that God will bless us even more during the year 1972.

A New Year

By Fred Scott Shepard

A new year! May it be
A happy, glad new year;
May right prevail o'er
And love transcend all fear;
May hate be cast aside,
And "peace on earth" abide!

A new year! May it be
That men therein may learn
To seek the ways of truth,
And evils concepts spurn;
Enthroned the Prince of Peace,
And senseless warfare cease!

God would make all things new,
Establish righteousness;
The blight of sin remove,
The weary nations bless;
Wait patiently until
He works His sovereign will!

The Pauline Epistles

By Donald Ross

—Cont.

The SECOND EPISTLE to the CORINTHIANS was written within a year of the first letter to the same Church. Paul's spiritual burden was great; for, in addition to the problems with which the apostle had to deal in his first letter, a wave of distrust in relation to Paul himself had now swept through the Corinthian Church. Some said he was not sincere; others even questioned whether he had apostolic authority. Consequently, Paul here defends his authority by placing before the Church the overwhelming evidence of his sincerity in serving God. Thus this Epistle is very personal and autobiographical. It would be difficult to match the sufferings and achievements recorded in chapters 10-12.

The EPISTLE to the EPHESIANS was carried by Tychicus, concurrently with COLOSSIANS and PHILEMON. Ephesians is the most impersonal of Paul's letters. Indeed the words, "to the Ephesians," are not in the best manuscripts. COLOSSIANS 4:16 mentions an epistle to the Laodiceans. It has been conjectured that the letter known as Ephesians is really the Laodicean letter.

The EPISTLE to the COLOSSIANS, like the letters to the Ephesians and Philippians, was written in Rome during Paul's first imprisonment. Colosse, about 100 miles east of Ephesus, was never visited by the Apostle Paul (1:7; 2:1). The Church there may have been founded by Epaphras, who, with many others, had probably been converted during Paul's three-year ministry in Ephesus. Someone had come to Colosse who taught an alluring but dangerous philosophy ultimately known as Gnosticism, the basis of much heretical teaching even today. No passage in the NEW TESTAMENT more fully sets forth the eternal glory of the omnipotent, exalted, and eternal Son of God than 1:15-23. It is quoted in the second article of our Faith and Doctrine.

LAW OF LOVE

The EPISTLE to PHILEMON, was probably carried to Philemon, a well-to-do citizen of Colosse, by the same messenger who bore the Ephesian and Colossian letters, Tychicus. The messenger had as his companion, Onesimus (Col. 4:9). Onesimus, whose name means profitable, had been unprofitable to his master Philemon (V. 11); for the servant had probably robbed the master (V. 18) and had fled to Rome. There he was converted through Paul's ministry, and now Paul was sending him back accompanied by Tychicus and the letter. It is of priceless value as instruction in practical righteousness; Sainly brotherhood; Sainly courtesy; and the law of love.

The EPISTLE to the PHILIPPIANS was written in Rome. It was at Philippi which the apostle visited on his second missionary journey, that Lydia and the Philippian jailor and his family were converted to Christ. Now, some few years later, the Church was well established, as may be inferred from its address which includes "bishops and deacons" (1:1). The occasion of the Epistle was to acknowledge a gift of money from the Church at Philippi, brought to the apostle by Epaphroditus, one of its members (4:10-18). This is a tender letter to a group of saints who were especially close to the heart of Paul and comparatively little is said about doctrinal error. Philippians reaches its pinnacle at 2:5-11 with the

glorious and profound declaration regarding the humiliation and exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The FIRST EPISTLE to TIMOTHY was written during the last few years of Paul's life. Together with 2 TIMOTHY and TITUS it is known as a Pastoral Epistle. As the First Century Churches increased in number, questions of church order, soundness in the faith, and discipline arose. The apostles dealt with these questions, but the approaching end of the apostolic period and ever-nearing apostasy made necessary authoritative teaching about faith and order for the future guidance of the Churches. This teaching is revealed in the Pastoral Epistles. Timothy, to whom this Epistle and its companion letter was addressed, was intimately associated with Paul. Considerably younger than the apostle, he was the son of a Gentile father and a devout Jewish mother, Eunice by name (2 TIM. 1:5). He joined Paul on the second missionary journey. Of particular importance in this Epistle is the summary of qualifications for Church officers.

The EPISTLE to TITUS, addressed by Paul to one of his most reliable helpers, deals chiefly with conditions in the Churches located on the island of Crete. Titus is prominent in the Epistles. He was used by Paul for tasks requiring responsibility and discretion. Thus he was Paul's emissary to the Church at Corinth; he was in charge of the collection for the poor in Jerusalem; and he was placed over the Churches in Crete, the inhabitants of which were proverbially of low character (1:12). Later Paul sent Titus as far away as Dalmatia (Yugoslavia). The Epistle lists the qualifications of Elders; stresses sound doctrine; states the ethical obligations of elderly men and women, young men and women, and servants; and against false teaching.

SON IN THE FAITH

The SECOND EPISTLE to TIMOTHY, possibly the last letter by Paul, was written toward the end of Nero's reign. Quite different in atmosphere from the first letter to Timothy, Paul expresses as though he were a free man, his hope soon to be with his "son in the faith." Here in the second letter alone he speaks of the time of his departure being at hand (4:6). Paul was not only in prison, but he had been abandoned by most of his friends (1:15; 4:16). This Epistle contains the most detailed account from Paul of conditions that will prevail upon the earth during the last days.

The EPISTLE to the HEBREWS is supposedly an anonymous book. Its authorship has been debated since post-apostolic days. In certain places its language is like Paul's and, on account of the personal reference to Timothy in 13:23, some scholars attribute the letter to Paul. Regardless of its authorship, Hebrews, as a part of Scripture, speaks with divine authority. Hebrews contains a series of contrasts between the good things of Judaism and the better things of Christ.

Two significant periods in the life of Paul are passed over in comparative silence—the sojourn in Arabia (GAL. 1:17), and the two years in prison (ACTS 24:27) between his arrest in the Temple at Jerusalem and his journey under guard to Rome.

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"Now Is The Time"

By Paul D'Amico

Recorded in the Scriptures are events that took place many years ago; events that took place in the days of the prophets; and last but not least, events which were prophesied for our day and time.

The past, present, and future are all interesting and important for all of us. However, living in the present, I believe, is most important of all for we are well aware of the fact that this life is the preparatory state. While living here on earth we are building our home for eternity. Preparation is a very important step in all that we do, both temporal and spiritual.

Soldiers in the army or any branch of the service learn what it means to prepare. They are taught the various commands and how to respond to them. When a sergeant is drilling a platoon for instance, he gives out first the preparatory command. By giving out this command his men know that they have to prepare for the next command; known to them as the command of execution. Thus we have the preparatory of the command and the actual execution of the command.

MUST BE PREPARED

So it is in the Army of Jesus Christ. We must be prepared to fulfill the preparatory commands as well as the commands of execution. Our lives should be governed and controlled not only by our conscience, but by the Spirit of Christ (Liahona) the ball or director which directs us in the proper course. The voice of the Lord is heard among us in various ways, ever since William Bickerton was commanded to preach the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ. He did not wait for a later time, but he did it then, and in obedience to God's Command, The Church of Jesus Christ became organized and incorporated more than 100 years ago. Our brothers, who have gone to their reward, were obedient to the preparatory Commands of God, and many of them executed His Commands to the best of their ability. They have laid down a foundation upon which we can build now—in our day and time. Now is the time to continue on from where they left off. Now is the time to move about at the Command of God or, as the Spirit of God may direct.

A farmer once went to a lawyer seeking advice. He had much work to do on his farm and did not know how to accomplish it all. After telling the lawyer his problem, the lawyer wrote a few words on paper, sealed it in an envelope instructing the farmer to read it when he arrived home. Upon returning home, the farmer and his wife decided to open the envelope and to read the advice of the lawyer. The little note read: "NEVER PUT OFF FOR TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY."

HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS

As the Saints of The Most High God, I believe this should be our attitude toward the building and expanding of Christ's Kingdom here on earth. We have high hopes and expectations for the future; but at present (now) we are obeying the preparatory Commands of the Lord, so that we may one day, when He sees fit, execute His Commands among Gentiles and The House of Israel.

Moses and Aaron received many commands from the Lord, and eventually they achieved their goal in leading the children of Israel from bondage; and

from hence, Joshua led them to the Land of Canaan, known to them as the Land of Promise.

God has ordained His servants today to lead sinners from the world into the Gospel of Christ, and eventually lead them into the Kingdom of God. NOW us all be ready to obey the Commands of God. NOW IS THE TIME TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY AND OBEDIENTLY—NOT TOMORROW; NOT TOMORROW; NOT NEXT YEAR; BUT NOW IS THE TIME.

I trust the blessings of God will rest and abide with all who seek to love and serve Him.

Flashbacks

25 YEARS AGO

Brother Milton Barnhart reported the organizing of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Mission. Brother Anthony DiBattista and Brother James Curry met with the Saints in Vanderbilt in their organization meeting.

Brother Paul D'Amico performed his first baptism since his calling into the Ministry. He baptized his brother John, thus the D'Amico family — all the children of Brother Ishmael and Sister Julia — are members of The Church.

20 YEARS AGO

The San Diego Branch started to build a church building. All the work was done by the brothers and sisters.

Brother Peter Capone and Brother Ralph Leet reported 3 converts in Ionia, Michigan.

15 YEARS AGO

Brother Domenic Thomas and Brother Joseph Calabrese visited the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch and gathered at the river to witness 5 baptisms. During January the Monongahela City Branch increased by 15 new converts.

10 YEARS AGO

Brother Ishmael D'Amico passed away. Brother Ishmael was one of the most aggressive and successful missionaries in The Church. He was instrumental in establishing The Church in various places.

Brother Moses E. Akpan of Nigeria was attending school at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina.

5 YEARS AGO

Brother Robert Watson reported a baptism at the Yucaipa, California Mission.

Brother Amos D. Udo, a member of the Abak, Nigeria Branch was attending college at Emporia, Kansas. Note, Brother Amos and his wife returned home December, 1971.

THE PAULINE EPISTLES—

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It is inevitable for a man of Paul's intellect and training, a devoted Jew who had been such a bitter enemy of the Church, to seek the underlying principles of the Gospel. Immediately after his conversion he preached Jesus as the Messiah. The Gospel preached by Paul brings the believer into great relationships—to the Father, to the Son, to the Holy Ghost, and to the future purposes and promises of God. It brings not only salvation from sin and its consequences, but also salvation into a blessed place in the divine counsels. And the Church in its deepest aspect and function requires inspired explanation. Thank God for the Restored Gospel for we possess inspired explanation and more.

M.B.A. Highlights

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November G.M.B.A. Report
 By: James Gibson
 G.M.B.A. Editor

On Saturday, November 13, 1971, the semi-annual G. M. B. A. Conference convened. The meeting was held at the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

An earlier starting time was called so that a prayer meeting could be held in the best interest of the Conference and the overall organization.

The weather was clear and mild. This allowed for more convenient means of travel for all who traveled any distance. We offer prayer constantly for safe journeys for our people who spend considerable time in travel for Church activities.

Experience Related

During the day's proceedings, Sister Alice Link of Bronx, New York related an experience. While traveling in a car she lost control on a curve and the car overturned. She related that through God's grace and mercy she was spared injury. Sister Alice attends college at California, Pa.

The morning meeting was started at 10:30 a.m. under the direction of G. M. B. A. President, Brother Augie D'Orazio of New Jersey. There was a fairly good turnout of M. B. A. members from the surrounding areas.

Attending officers gave their reports concerning the fulfilling of their particular office. All the reports were accepted by motion. Brother Joe Milantoni gave a report concerning a Lay Missionary Program for the Muncey Reservation in Canada. He stated that it would be not only an inspiration to the young that would participate, but also to the members of the Muncey Mission.

The issues concerning proposals submitted to the G. M. B. A. was discussed. There is a definite lack of participation by Locals in failing to react to the G. M. B. A. Conference. Proposals have been sent to Locals by the G. M. B. A. Secretary for their approval or disapproval. Many have failed to respond in any way at all, feeling that a clarification of the specific proposals was forthcoming. This could have been handled by the Local President allowing enough time to hold a vote in the Local before General Conference. Without a favorable response from sufficient Locals (2/3 majority) the G. M. B. A. Conference finds itself in a bind. Some proposals will drag on for an indefinite period of time. The G. M. B. A. feels this is not necessary. It is suggested that all Local Presidents take a firm hold of the situation and expedite these proposals as soon as possible. If the G. M. B. A. minutes are read in each Local upon receipt from the G. M. B. A. Secretary (usually within 4 - 5 weeks following the Conference) the proposals contained therein can be specified. It is suggested that the minutes be posted on a bulletin board of each Local for convenient reading by all members as they desire. Later on in the six-month period before each Local's business meeting is held, the proposals can be reviewed; and after due consideration, acted upon. Some of these suggestions are just that — suggestions. A better rapport between all concerned is welcomed and needed.

Proposals Accepted

Last but not least the proposals from the G. M. B. A. Conference will be published in **THE M. B. A. BULLETIN** within ample time before the Local's business

meetings are held and the forthcoming Conference.

The following proposals were accepted by the attending group:

1. Create a By-Law Committee of 9 members — 3 members to automatically consist of the G. M. B. A. President, Vice - President and Chaplain. The remaining 6 members be elected from the Organization.
2. M. B. A. Preamble makes note of this fact. (This proposal accepted as an existing fact.)
3. An Area M. B. A. has the authority to select such committees as it deems necessary. (Note to this effect also exists in the By-Laws of the M. B. A.)
4. Have all proposals printed in **THE M. B. A. BULLETIN** prior (at least one month) to the G. M. B. A. Conference
5. An amendment be added to the By-Laws stating that "amendments can be accepted or rejected at the May Conference as well as the November G. M. B. A." — or in other words, equal conferences. There would be no need to wait one year for action. This will be sent to Locals for their disposition.

The following proposals were rejected:

1. To have the Area M. B. A. function along the same channel as General Church Districts.
2. To have Areas select a slate of nominees for all G. M. B. A. Offices. The slate would be presented to the G. M. B. A. Conference for action at the November Conference.
3. To have all monies received by G. M. B. A. channeled primarily toward missionary work.

The following proposals were handled:

1. San Diego, California Local requested a review of their "M. B. A. Athletic sponsored" proposal. A motion was passed instructing the secretary to write to the San Diego Local and reaffirm our position on this matter.
2. Proposal to allow Local M. B. A. groups to make suggestions concerning campouts, such as schedule, set-up, etc. This was turned over to the G. M. B. A. Campout Committee and the G. M. B. A. Activity Committee for review.
3. The "popular vote system" proposal to again be sent to Locals for their acceptance or rejection. If not clear in its entirety, the Local President should contact the G. M. B. A. Secretary within sufficient time to allow a vote prior to G. M. B. A. Conference.

As stated earlier much time was consumed on the preceding matters. Some are yet to be resolved. We trust God will guide all decisions in all matters, no matter how minute they seem.

Program Presented

The day's activities were climaxed by a program presented by the Pennsylvania Area. Through word and song the word "Love" was expounded.

The location for the May 1972 Conference is not finalized. When a definite site is decided all will be informed of the time and place. Some in attendance felt to change the location of the G. M. B. A. from time to time. This will allow for more stimulated interest and involvement for all Areas.

Remember — plan to attend the G. M. B. A. Conference in May of 1972. Also, plan to attend the forthcoming G. M. B. A. Campout to be held in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

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Editorial Viewpoint

TRUE KNOWLEDGE BY EXPERIENCE

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent," John 17:3; also 1 John 5:13, "That ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." These two Scripture references lead me to say that knowledge of God is eternal life. I believe there are three types of knowledge; knowledge by testimony or that knowledge we receive on the authority of others; knowledge by reason or that knowledge we receive by the process of reasoning; knowledge by experience or that which we come to know through experience. Knowledge by experience is the most effective of the three.

PROCESS OF REASONING

Let us suppose you neither have seen nor heard of fire, and you are given a burning candle and told the flame will burn you when you come in contact with it. Normally you would accept this testimony and conclude that the fire will burn you. However, if a bystander were to tell you this statement is not true, you would probably begin to doubt it. As a result, you are no longer certain that fire could burn you. If the first person were to take a piece of paper and place it in the flame, causing it to ignite, he reasons with you that if fire will burn the paper, it will also burn your flesh. You agree through the process of reasoning, and become a believer again. However, the bystander objects, claiming the reasoning on which you have based your knowledge is not sound: the fact that fire will burn paper does not prove it will burn human flesh. Both types of knowledge have seemingly broken down at this stage. But your arm, quite by accident, comes in contact with the flame. Instantly you feel pain because your flesh is burned. Through this experience the argument is settled. No one need ever tell you that fire will not burn flesh because you know better; you are a true believer. Yours is an experiential knowledge.

So it is with the knowledge of God. Knowledge of God by both testimony and reason are valuable as far as they go, but neither go far enough. It is the experiential knowledge of God that brings eternal life. Knowledge by experience is knowledge of or acquaintance with the subject. Many of us living in the United States can say we know much about our President. We see and hear him on television. We read in our newspapers his plans for the country. By these means we detect the nature of his character, and say we know him enough to vote for or against him in the next election. However, most of us are not personally acquainted with Him; they have never felt the impact of His life upon their life. In other words, they have no experiential knowledge of Him!

Some time ago I read that Helen Keller gave, or could give, an interesting lecture on the subject of light from the standpoint of wealth of knowledge. Since she was blind from birth, her knowledge of light was acquired through testimony and the process of reasoning alone. She was never personally acquainted with light. We who see are acquainted with light; we have perceived or seen light. Unfortunately, that experience has been denied Helen Keller.

To know about God and His Son, Jesus Christ, does not mean the light of the Son of Righteousness has shone into our hearts. But to be acquainted with Jesus does mean that this is true. It takes experiential knowledge of God before we feel that eternal life abides within us.

THEIR REDEEMER LIVETH

A great scientist was asked if immortality of the soul had been proven. He answered by saying two things would have to be established; namely, the soul of man never dies, and that the soul can exist separate from the body. This to me is a very distant approach to the certainty of immortality, and about as close as can be reached through the process of reasoning. The testimonies of righteous people in all ages, and even in our day, are in harmony with Job's testimony that they have a surety their Redeemer liveth, that they too shall live again and see God. It is indeed not strange or foreign for the people of God, through experiential knowledge, to know they shall stand in the latter day in an immortal body and behold their Redeemer, for themselves and not for another. This was also Job's testimony. When the Comforter, which Jesus promised He would send to us, enters in an individual's life, the feeling or knowledge is experienced that eternal life is abiding within that person.

By George A. Neill



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

Dear Girls and Boys,

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas season and remembered the real meaning of it. During the past month we have heard much about the birth of Jesus. I want to tell you more interesting things about Jesus, the boy.

After Jesus' birth, he was taken to the temple in Jerusalem by his parents to be blessed. In this city lived an old man named Simeon. He was a good man and the Scripture states, "the Holy Ghost was upon him." The Holy Ghost had revealed unto him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ, or Jesus. The Spirit directed Simeon to go to the temple and here he met Mary and Joseph. He took baby Jesus, who was eight days old, in his arms and blessed God. He spoke wonderful words and prophesied about Jesus, how he was a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of the people of Israel. Joseph and Mary marvelled at his words. Then Simeon blessed Jesus' parents.

After Jesus was blessed, his parents returned to Nazareth. He grew as other children do and Luke's writings tell us, "he waxed strong in spirit, was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him."

Every year Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to the feast of the passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they took him with them. It was a very exciting time for a little boy. To be with relatives and friends on this journey made Jesus very happy. When it was time to return home Jesus stayed behind. His parents went a day's journey before they missed him. They thought he was with relatives, but he was nowhere to be found. They were very worried. They searched for three days before they found him.

Jesus was in the temple in the midst of the learned men, hearing and asking questions. All who heard him were astonished at his understanding. His parents were amazed too. Mary asked, "Son why have you thus dealt with us? Your father and I have sought you sorrowing." Jesus answered, "How is it that you sought me? Wist you not that I must be about my Father's business?" His parents did not understand the meaning of this but Mary kept all these sayings in her heart. Jesus returned home with his parents.

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and found favour with God and man. We do not read anymore about Jesus as a child. His father, Joseph, was a carpenter and Jesus must have worked with him and learned the trade. Later when Jesus surprised the people with His wise sayings and miracles the question was asked, "Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

No more is written about Jesus until he is a man and comes to John the Baptist to be baptized in the river Jordan. As he came up out of the water, the heavens opened and the Spirit like a dove came upon Him and a voice from heaven was heard saying, "Thou art my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Aren't you glad our Church follows the two examples taught in this story, BLESSING CHILDREN and BAPTISM?

If you wish to read about the childhood of Jesus, find Luke Chapter 2, verses 25 to 52.

The Sower And The Seed

By Thurman S. Furnier

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The foundation of my subject is upon "The Parable of The Sower and The Seed." Jesus said: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (St. John 5:39).

The Apostle John warned the followers of Christ: "Behold, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1). The Prophet Isaiah saw that evil spirits would enter into some, which would cause them to peep and mutter, and referred us to The Word of God to test their value. Hear the words of this Prophet:

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. (Isaiah 8:19, 20)

In a few moments we shall read "The Parable of The Sower" as taught by Jesus and as recorded in St. Matthew, 13th Chapter. Remember that Jesus said that eternal life is to be found in The Scriptures; but in our efforts to obtain the prize, we shall encounter many difficulties and false spirits. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. The Apostle Paul said:

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rules of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take upon you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6:12, 13)

In succeeding verses, Paul informed us to have our loins girt with truth, to have on the breastplate of righteousness, and our feet shod with preparation for The Gospel of Peace. He stated we should take the shield of faith, so that we may be able to quench the wicked's fiery darts, wear the helmet of salvation, and uphold The Spirit's Sword, consisting of The Word of God. Also, we should pray with watchfulness and with great perseverance.

Dear friends, by this time our minds should be made up to be honest with ourselves and allow The Words of Jesus to either justify or condemn us, as in the "Parable of The Sower." Let us read and seriously consider His Words:

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up;

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scorched: and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up, and choked them:

But others fell into good ground, and brought

forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixty-fold, and some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (St. Matthew 13:3-9)

Jesus then explained to His Disciples why He spoke to them in parables and continued by saying in Verses 18-23,

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

There are four groups of people represented in this parable. None of us escaped the notice of The Saviour. To which of these groups do you belong?

If you belong to either of the first three, you are either without understanding, have hardened your heart against that which is good, or are very cold and indifferent. Being indeed weak, you have cause to believe, repent, and be baptized for the remission of your sins and receive The Holy Ghost. Just as sure as God is Eternal, you are not prepared for

... that great day when the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, yea, in that great day when ye shall be brought to stand before The Lamb of God-...

... Do ye suppose that ye could be happy to dwell with that holy Being, when your souls are racked with a consciousness of guilt that ye have ever abused his laws? (The Book of Mormon; Mormon 9:2, 3)

Many are without understanding, because they do not ask for it. Jesus said:

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth: and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (St. Matthew 7:7, 8)

James, The Apostle, informs us in these words:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5)

Others become members of the church of their choice. So long as everything is going in their favor, they find joy in serving God; but they weaken when a little difficulty arises, or some of their old associates scoff at them, ridiculing them for what **They Term** to be foolish tradition. Some detractors say there is no God, there is no devil, there is no hell. Others say,

... Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die; ...

... lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this; ... (II Nephi 28:7, 8)

He who is enticed by these things soon forget

what God has done for him, and he becomes unfruitful. Others find pleasure in the sinful practices of this world, and they resort to secret works of darkness to obtain riches and to get gain. Many are "... puffed up in their hearts, and ... seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark." (II Nephi 28:9)

Our day and age have much sin and transgression. Satan will

... rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.

And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion ... all is well and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell. (II Nephi 28:20, 21)

It is necessary that the servants of God acquaint mankind with the consequences of sin. The Lord

... commanded that men should not murder; that they should not lie; that they should not steal; that they should not take the name of the Lord their God in vain; that they should not envy; that they should not have malice; that they should not contend one with another; that they should not commit whoredoms; and that they should do none of these things; for whoso doeth them shall perish.

For none of these iniquities come of the Lord; for he doeth that which is good among the children of men; and he doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men; ... (II Nephi 26:32, 33)

There is a natural law to punish the transgressor, and there is also A Spiritual Law for the same purpose. Now, if there was no law given-if man murdered he should die-would he be afraid he would die if he should murder?

And also, if there was no law given against sin, men would not be afraid to sin. Alma 42:19, 20)

Sin has caused the destruction of nations and people. "And whatsoever nation shall uphold ... secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, ... they shall be destroyed; ..." (Ether 8:21,22)

This subject will not be complete unless we consider the fourth group. I like to talk about them; that is, "... he that received seed into the good ground ..." This group is well spoken of by the words of the poet.

In ancient days men feared the Lord,
And by their faith received His Word;
Then God bestowed upon the meek
The priesthood of Melchizedek.

By help of this their faith increased,
Till they with God spoke face to face;
And Enoch, he would walk with God,
A Noah, ride safe o'er the flood.

Abraham obtained great promises,
And Isaac he was also blest;
A Jacob could prevail with God,
The sea divide at Moses' rod.

The lion's mouth a Daniel closed,
The fire ne'er scorch'd his brethren's clothes,
But time would fail to mention all,
A John, a Peter, or a Paul.

Who did to the third heavens arise,
And view the wonders of the skies;
He saw and heard mysterious things,
Yet all by faith and not by wings.

Such blessings to the human race
Once more are tendered by God's grace;
The priesthood is again restored,
For this let God be long adored.

Who cannot help but admire such noble followers of God? The true servants of God have always been the object of persecution. Hear what The Apostle Paul said they had to contend with in their day and age:

For I think that God hath set forth us, the apostles, last as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place;

And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

Being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. (I Corinthians 4:9-14)

They believed in God. Their minds were enlightened. They trusted him in tribulation and persecution. They trusted not in the riches of this world but in The Riches of God's Grace, The Unsearchable Riches of Christ. The Words of Christ dwelled in them richly in all wisdom. They did not practice deception or hypocrisy. Though persecuted, theirs was a happy lot.

Dear friends, you, too, can enjoy these many blessings. God invites all men

... to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile. (II Nephi 26:33)

Additionally, to anyone who will believe in His Name, doubting nothing, God will confirm all His Words to him. (The Book of Mormon; Mormon 9:15)

And now, behold, who can stand against the works of the Lord? Who can deny his sayings? Who will rise up against the almighty power of the Lord? Who will despise the works of the Lord? Who will despise the children of Christ? Behold, all ye who are despisers of the works of the Lord, for ye shall wonder and perish.

O then despise not, and wonder not, but hearken unto the words of the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus for what things soever ye shall stand in need. Doubt not, but be believing, and begin as in times of old, and come unto the Lord with all your heart, and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling before him.

Be wise in the days of your probation; strip yourselves of all uncleanness; ask not, that ye may consume it on your lusts, but ask with a firmness unshaken, that ye will yield to no temptation, but that he will serve the true and living God. (The Book of Mormon; Mormon 9:26-28)

David, the Psalmist, said: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalms 126:26)

Some of my radio audience may have discerned that I have quoted some passages of scripture which are not familiar to them. Permit me to call your attention to the words of the Prophet Isaiah. Speaking to Israel, he says:

And thou shalt be brought down, and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. (Isaiah 29:4)

How can any nation speak from the ground? The answer is by recording God's Dealings with them, burying them in the earth, and then having its record exhumed, or taken from the earth, later.

In conclusion, if further information is desired regarding this last statement, contact "The Church of Jesus Christ" at any of the addresses which will be furnished by our announcer.

A CHRONOLOGY OF PAPAGO AND PIMA HISTORY TAKEN FROM CALENDAR STICKS

Submitted by Richard Christman

Sometime during the early part of the nineteenth century Piman Indians began to keep a record of the outstanding events of each year by carving marks on elongated sticks. One such stick records events that took place as early as 1833.

The marks on the sticks are not writing, but are merely aids to the memory of the man recording events. One and sometimes two events are noted for each year, and the carver simply remembers what they are. In that sense, calendar sticks might be called 'memory' sticks. Some of these remarkable records have spanned three generations, the keeper of the stick teaching a successor the previously recorded history.

One of the interesting features of Papago calendar sticks is that they tell us what Papagos regarded as important. They also tell us, by implication, what was not regarded as important. It may seem surprising to non-Indians, for example, to know that none of the Piman calendar sticks which have survived recorded the passing of the Kearny or Cooke expeditions down the Gila River through Pima villages in 1846. Neither have any of the sticks taken note of the flood of Anglo Americans which passed through Piman territory in 1849 enroute to the California gold fields.

A few events on the sticks relate to whites, but most relate to Indians. Battles, eclipses, accidents, famines, feasts, snowfalls, epidemics, earthquakes, races, moving of villages, violent deaths, and minor events of interest only to the keeper of the stick — these are the kinds of episodes notched in wood.

Many of these records have been committed to writing and have been published. At least one calendar stick account, however, was typed in manuscript form but never reached the printed page. Its ultimate source is unknown, but the stick was kept at Covered Wells where it was deciphered by Sevilla Juan in 1936. The manuscript original is in Bureau of Indian Affairs' Papago records in the federal records depository in Wilmington, California. It is published here for the first time as a representative example.

1841 — Three Papagos were killed by Mexicans. The cause is not shown, but the Papagos held the Mexicans responsible and at once began reprisals. Both Papagos and Mexicans living in northern Sonora raised bands of armed men and carried on hostilities of a guerrilla nature. Raids and counterraid followed each other throughout the year.

1842 — During this year the war with the Mexicans continued with increasing fury.

1843 — The war with the Mexicans having continued two years with no prospect of peace, the Federal

Government of Mexico was forced to take a hand. It sent regular troops into the territory and forced both sides to make peace. The peace was permanent.

1844 — In June of that year a Pima woman of Sacaton, with her daughter, was gathering saguaro fruit in the hills across the river when an Apache scout came suddenly upon them and wantonly killed the woman. The daughter escaped and ran back to Sacaton where she spread the news that the enemy was near. A band of Pima warriors armed themselves and started out to find the killer.

In the meantime, the scout had returned to his fellowscouts, three in number, and told them he had killed the woman. They returned with him to the scene of the crime to see the corpse. Well aware of the penalty for such an act, they fled toward the east, up the Gila River. The Pimas, being expert trackers, soon found their trail and followed it all that day. Toward the end of the day the Apaches tried to throw them off by camouflaging their tracks. Occasionally they would step in the sand and with their arrows make rat and rabbit tracks in their footprints to make it appear that the tracks were several days old. Some of the Pimas were duped and proposed the abandonment of the chase, but others insisted on further pursuit. When they had argued a little while one of the warriors said he would proceed a short distance to some brush to get a riding switch. He did so, and found a trail that was undoubtedly fresh. They again gave chase with renewed hope and vigor, and captured and killed the four Apaches.

1845 — In that year nothing happened worthy of mention.

1846 — In this year a band of Mexican Apaches attempted a raid on the Pimas. The Pimas were on the alert, however, and the Apaches fled. The Pimas hotly pursued them and slew three of their warriors at Cold Water, called Sweetwater by the Pimas.

1847 — Nothing of interest is indicated for the Papagos, but the Pimas lost two of their headmen by natural deaths.

1848 — In this year happened an almost unbelievable thing. Cold weather of unheard-of intensity swooped down on the Papagos and almost snuffed them out. Snow fell to a depth of three feet on the level and as deep as the tops of houses in drifts, and lay on the ground for many weeks. Cattle and horses could not find food under the snow and the People could not find firewood. There was great suffering because the people had always been accustomed to warm winters.

1849 — A large number of people from Santa Rosa went over into Mexico, probably to work in the fields, where they were surprised by a band of roving Apaches who sneaked up on them and stole their horses. The Papagos pursued them on foot and overtook them. A battle ensued, and, although the Apaches outnumbered the Papagos, the Papagos put them to flight and recovered their horses. Many were killed on both sides but the Apaches lost more men than the Papagos.

1850 — Many of the People went down into the lowlands of Mexico probably along the east coast. A malady, strange to the Papagos, broke out and the Mexicans died in such numbers that they had to be buried in trenches. The disease was called Black Vomit, that being the main symptom. The muscles of the victim cramped, causing great agony until death brought relief. The Papagos fled in panic to their desert hills, carrying those of their sick that could be moved. It is said that the sick speedily recovered and none other took the frightful disease. From the top of the first high hill, the People looked back and saw a dark mist, like miasma of death, hanging over the lowlands of Mexico.

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California District Conference

The California District Conference convened on Saturday, September 11, 1971 in San Diego, California at 9:00 A.M.

The conference transacted both its business sessions in complete harmony. The Saturday evening meeting was highlighted with many beautiful and enlightening reports from various missions.

The Sunday morning service convened at 10:00 A.M. in the Wilson Junior High School auditorium with a good representation of Brothers and Sisters from all Branches and Missions of California, Arizona, Tijuana and visitors from the East.

After some congregational singing, the group from Tijuana sang several selections in Spanish which were enjoyed by all; the San Diego Choir sang two selections, and a solo was sung by Sister Diane Surdock.

Our service was opened by singing "Reach Out to Jesus" and introduced in prayer by Brother Otto Henderson. Brother James Campbell, visiting from Monongahela, Pennsylvania, was the initial speaker. He read from **I Corinthians, Chapter 15**. Paul writes of the hope of the Saints. He indicated how the Spirit of God influenced our lives and "turns people on." He claimed that people who do not have this Spirit have no hope, that we should all be thankful that God lifted us out of the mire of sin and set us on higher ground, for without God's spirit our lives would be empty. Our Brother related how the hope of Christ has affected his life and how God has answered his prayers through his hope in Christ. He beautifully told how his daughter Erma was baptized at the early age of thirteen. She sometimes thought while going to school if perhaps she should have waited for baptism until she graduated from high school. She testified later that the Lord restrained her from sin in school. When she graduated, she told her father it was all worth it and how God had blessed her many times. Our Brother also related how God worked on him in bringing him into The Church.

Brother Dick Christman of Phoenix, Arizona followed, relating when God created man and breathed into him the breath of life, a part of God was imparted to man. This spirit is the spirit that draws us to Christ and God. Brother Christman said we should not serve Christ for what He has promised us in the life to come, but we should also want Christ in our lives for the good we receive now.

Brother George Heaps of Anaheim, California followed in the theme of hope, emphasizing the custom of women today preparing a hope chest in anticipation of marriage, as compared with the hope of man in anticipation of meeting God someday. Many scriptural quotations were used to illustrate the hope in man since the beginning of time to our present day, concluding that hope must be put to work.

The young people who had participated in the Chinle Indian Reservation Project sang the theme song of that work, "Side-By-Side." Then Brother Vicente Arce of Tijuana, Mexico spoke for five minutes in the Spanish language to the congregation.

Brother Robert Watson, Jr., District President, closed with a few remarks regarding what our hope should be today. He invited any who would, to come and give their life to Christ.

The service was ended by singing "Whispering Hope" and Brother Isaac Smith closed in prayer. I pray that our hearts are whispering "hope" every day of our lives.

Your Brother In Christ,
Del Carneval, California District Editor

Branch & Mission News

San Diego, California

Branch News

There was a hustle and bustle of activity inside and outside the San Diego church building from Monday, August 9, 1971 through Friday, August 13, 1971. It was Vacation Bible School time again for this year of 1971. During the week, forty-six children attended, many from the neighborhood of The Church. Our theme this year was "Jesus—Today's Answer." The following served on the staff: Sister Adeline Ciccatti, Director; Teachers, Sisters Jane Lieker, Orletta Liberto, Violet Thomas, Lena Liberto, and many helpers. Sister Debbie Liberto typed the newspaper. Brother Gary Ciccatti did the sign printing, program illustrations, photography, etc., Lynn Liberto was busily engaged in making up our yearly Bible School Scrapbook, Sister Diane Surdock provided the music, and was pianist and music teacher. Sisters Irene Dulisse, Lynnette Ciccatti, Tina Tucker, Francine Ciccatti, Elaine Buccellato, Gary Anderson, and Sister Rose Lombardo all worked together to make it a very enjoyable, rewarding experience for all. Brothers Ben and Lou Ciccatti opened each day's session with prayer, good counsel, and singing. This was very gratifying. A program was presented to the parents on Friday evening; later the children's arts and crafts were displayed, pictures shown, and refreshments served. We were happy this year to have so many "new" children attending, meeting their parents, and visiting with them.

Visits Well Received

Our Branch is endeavoring to continue visiting convalescent hospitals and homes for the aged. These visits are well received by the shut-ins; many never have any visitors. It is gratifying to see our teenagers and young children accompanying us on these visits; elderly people enjoy seeing them! The amazing thing is we feel we receive a greater blessing than those we visit.

God is blessing us in so many ways. We have been enjoying wonderful meetings. We feel the Lord's Spirit and His blessings in our fasting and prayer meetings. Our prayers are that God will continue to bless us in all our needs, and the needs of His Church everywhere filling us with His love as we strive to draw closer to Him and each other. Christ said, "By this love will the world know that ye are my disciples." May He use the Restored Gospel in these Latter Days to bring His love to all mankind. All of us in the San Diego, California Branch wish to send greetings and the love of Christ to all our Brothers and Sisters everywhere in the Church.

Sister Lena Liberto
Branch Editor

Many Visitors Witness

Ordinations At

Warren, Ohio Branch

The Warren, Ohio Saints along with many visitors enjoyed a wonderful Sunday service on November 7, 1971. A good spiritual feeling prevailed during the complete service.

The highlight of the day was the ordinations of

a Deacon and a Deaconess.

ORDAINED DEACON: Brother Mitchell Edwards' feet were washed by Brother Frank Giovannone and Brother Joseph Manes ordained Brother Edwards to the office of Deacon.

ORDAINED DEACONESS: Sister Ina M. Giovannone's feet were washed by Sister Vera Edwards and Brother Richard Santilli ordained Sister Giovannone to the office of Deaconess.

The occasion was cheering and edifying to all in attendance.

Meeting At

The Auditorium

On Sunday, November 14, an enjoyable meeting was held at the General Church Auditorium climaxing the G. M. B. A. of the previous day.

Many brothers, sisters and friends were present from various branches and missions throughout the United States and Canada.

Following a few introductory remarks by Brother Jim Grazan of Monongahela, Brother Don Curry, also of Monongahela read from **St. John, Chapter 8**, beginning with **verse 31**. He noted that the key words in this passage of Scripture are "truth" and "free" as stated: "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." He elaborated on this subject by calling our attention to the state of the world today — a lot of progress; but, also a lot of turmoil. People, in the midst of this are searching for freedom. He continued by saying that truth is found in the word of God, and truth shall make individuals free.

Brother Bob Ciarrochi of California carried out this subject by saying every person, at one time in his life, comes to a crossroad and must decide the way he wishes to follow. He told of his personal experiences of trying to find freedom — all of which proved fruitless until he reached his crossroad and chose baptism into The Church of Jesus Christ. He, at that time, felt the touch of God and knew, as he knows today, that his choice was correct and that he had found freedom as a result.

All in attendance were enlightened in the way of truth and were sorry to see a worthwhile day come to an end.

Sister Ruth Laird

Elder Ordained

At New Brunswick,

New Jersey Branch

The New Brunswick, New Jersey Saints had reason to rejoice on Sunday, October 31, 1971, when a new Elder was ordained. Brother Dominic Rose of Brooklyn, New York conducted the meeting, making reference to the Apostle Peter's miraculous release from prison by the Angel of The Lord. He also cited the wonderful experience of Nephi and Lehi, sons of Helaman, when the power of God encircled them as a ring of fire that saved them from harm.

More of God's blessing was also felt during the ordination of Brother Salvatore Sgro. Brother Sgro's feet were washed by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr., and Brother Dominic Rose ordained him to the office of Elder. Brother Sgro has experienced many trials of life but his testimony is one of thanks and praise to God. It was a day of rejoicing and edification to the New Brunswick Branch.

Perry, Ohio Branch Uplifted By Addition Of New Convert

Sunday, November 14, 1971 proved to be a wonderful day for the Perry, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Sister Pansy Wilson was baptized by Brother Gene Kline and confirmed by Brother Fred Musolino who was visiting from Youngstown, Ohio Branch.

Two members were also renewed and the blessing of God was invoked upon two children:

Treva Jean Wilson, the daughter of Sister Pansy and Mr. Hobert Wilson, and

Billy Edgar Mills, the son of Sister Mary and Brother Leonard Mills.

The Perry, Ohio Saints enjoyed a wonderful service and bear witness that the Spirit of God was certainly present.

Ordination And Blessings At Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3

On Sunday, October 24, 1971, Brother Joseph Furrari, a member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 was ordained a Deacon. His feet were washed by Brother Silverio Criscuolo and Brother Querino Bologna ordained him to the office of Deacon. A good feeling and humble spirit prevailed during the footwashing and prayer of ordination.

It was good having Brother Bologna and his wife visiting with us the day of this ordination and the past several weeks. We thank God for his interest in the Brothers and Sisters and his desire as our District President to visit all the Branches in the Michigan-Ontario District.

Brief News Of Interest Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary

Brother Frank and Sister Ina Giovannone recently celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary. They were married on October 25, 1941. Many Brothers, Sisters, and friends attended a surprise reception given them by their children — Donald, Evelyn Wilforth, Judi Gensburg, Tim, Tom, David and Edward.

Brother Frank is well known throughout The Church for his many talents and his efforts in erecting some of our places of worship. He also has done much work spiritually and holds the office of Evangelist, and is presently the Presiding Elder of the Warren, Ohio Branch. Although Sister Ina has only been baptized about three years in The Church, she has untiringly given of her efforts and talents to The Church since she married Brother Frank. She was recently ordained a Deaconess, and we pray God will continue to bless her as He has done in the past.

May God watch over them continually and grant them many more fruitful years together in The Church of Jesus Christ.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Brother Joseph and Sister Mary Castelli of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 were honored recently at a dinner hosted by their children in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 28, 1971.

They are the parents of six children, seventeen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Brother and Sister Castelli have been faithful members and have contributed much service to The Church. May God continue to bless them.

Obituaries

FRANK V. BONO

Brother Frank V. Bono, a member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2, passed on to his eternal reward on September 14, 1971. He was born on March 23, 1916. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, and three brothers.

Brother Querino Bologna officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Frank's faith and reliance on God was a tremendous inspiration to his Branch. His determination and testimony to the goodness of God will never be forgotten.

CLARA STEVENS

Sister Clara Stevens, a member of the West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania Branch, passed on to her eternal reward on November 21, 1971. She was seventy-seven years of age and was baptized on July 17, 1932.

Widow of Thomas C. Stevens, she is survived by a son, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Brother Samuel Kirschner conducted the funeral services.

Sister Stevens served as a Deaconess of The Church and as a General Circle officer for many years — Treasurer of the Indian Mission Fund and Assistant Secretary. Her testimony often made reference to her experience in which God directed her to The Church of Jesus Christ. She will be fondly remembered by loved ones and friends.

PETRO ZAMPAGLIONE

Brother Pietro Zampaglione, a member of Detroit Michigan Branch No. 3, passed on to his eternal reward on November 9, 1971. He was born on October 7, 1887 and was baptized in 1931.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, five sons, nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and a sister in Italy.

Brother Silverio Criscuolo officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Zampaglione will be missed by his many loved ones and friends.

RAYMOND E. HILLEN

Brother Raymond E. Hillen, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch, passed on to his eternal reward on November 23, 1971. He was born on March 20, 1894 and was baptized on August 23, 1914.

He is survived by his wife, a son, three daughters, six grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters.

Brother Joseph Shazer conducted the funeral services.

Brother Hillen's loved ones and friends will surely miss his presence.

New Arrivals

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

Nicholas Paul to Salvatore Martin and Lorraine Patricia Lupo of Brooklyn, New York;

Robert James to Robert James and Carolyn Tautkus of Imperial, Pennsylvania;

Kristy Suzan to Joseph Frank and Joy May Krasnasky of Van Nuys, California;

John Richard to John Richard and Bertha Jean Bilsky of Roscoe, Pennsylvania;

John William to John William and Mary Cottom of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Eric Stephen to John R. and Darlene Thomas of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania, and

Rebecca Sue to Thomas E. and Peggy M. Stroko of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

Quotations Of Time

Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act. —BAXTER

Time! the corrector where our judgments err; the test of truth, and love; the sole philosopher, for all beside are sophists. —BYRON

Hours have wings and fly up to the author of time and carry news of our usage. All our prayers cannot entreat one of them either to return or slacken its pace. The misspents of every minute are a new record against us in heaven. Sure if we thought thus we would dismiss them with better reports, and not suffer them to fly away empty, or laden with dangerous intelligence. How happy is it when they carry not only the message but the fruits of good, and stay with the Ancient of Days to speak for us before his glorious throne. —MILTON

Time, the cradle of hope, but the grave of ambition, is the stern corrector of fools, but the salutary counselor of the wise, bringing all they desire to the other; it warns us with a voice that even the sagest discredit too long, and the silliest believe too late. Wisdom walks before it, opportunity with it, and repentance behind it; he that has made it his friend will have little to fear from his enemies, but he that has made it his enemy will have little to hope from his friends. —COLTON

Time was, is past; thou canst not recall: time is, thou hast; employ the portion small; time future, is not; and may never be: time present, is the only time for thee.

Lost wealth may be restored by industry, — the wreck of health regained by temperance, — forgotten knowledge restored by study, — alienated friendship smoothed into forgetfulness, — even forfeited reputation won by penitence and virtue. But who ever looked

upon his vanished hours, — recalled his slighted years, — stamped them with wisdom, — or effaced from Heaven's record the fearful blot of wasted time? —
LYDIA H. SIGOURNEY

You Should Know . . .

The pamphlet "Daniel's Little Horn" by William Cadman was endorsed by the July 1894 Elders' Conference as being a correct interpretation of Daniel's dream.

The General Ladies Uplift Circle was organized in 1920 shortly after the January Conference. The first General Circle Conference met on July 15, 1920 in Monongahela, Pa. Sister Sadie B. Cadman, founder of the Ladies Uplift Circle, in her testimony said, "I saw the folly of spending all our time with the cares of housework and with things that soon would pass away. Knowing, through obedience, of the wonderful Truth in the Restored Gospel, I felt to rally my sisters in the Gospel to see if we could raise our lives to a higher standard in the Gospel of Christ; not for earthly gain but to raise our hearts and minds heavenward; to be as the Scripture reads in the second Chapter of Titus; to acquaint ourselves with the Scriptures; and to help The Church in promoting the Indian Mission work." Thus the organizing of the Ladies Circle through the efforts of a sister to raise her and her sisters to a higher spiritual level.

A few quotes to remember,

The pessimist sees a difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty.

There is no better sermon than a holy life.

A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers.

It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are most likely to be remembered.

1972 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1972 events of General and regional interest (*Indicates meetings will be held in General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.)

March

Ladies Circle Conference in Glassport, Pa. - 4

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences:

Pennsylvania - 11 in Vanderbilt, 12 *

Michigan - Ontario - 8, 9, 10, 12 (Place to be announced.)

Atlantic Coast - 10, 11

Florida - 10, 11

Ohio - 17, 18

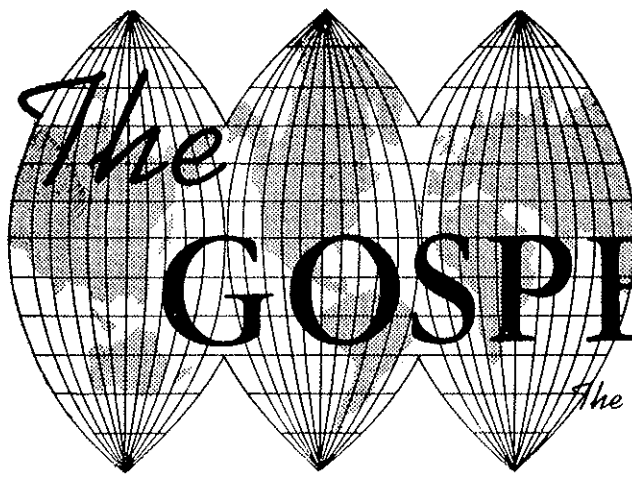
California - 17, 18

April

Semi-Annual General Church Conference* - 13, 14, 15, 16

May

Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference* - 20



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Sister Elizabeth Davidson Marks Her 100th Birthday

Sister Elizabeth Cadman Davidson marks her one hundredth birthday this month. She is the daughter of the late Brother William and Sister Elizabeth Worral Cadman, who came to the United States from England in 1856.

She was born on February 16, 1872 in a log house on the Mose Thompson farm in Jefferson Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and was named Elizabeth Amanda Heath Cadman. In a family of twelve children, she was the youngest girl. Of this large family of children, only two are living — Sister Davidson and Brother Alma B. Cadman, who recently celebrated his ninety-third birthday.

Her early years were spent in the Cadman homestead on Hogback Hill near West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. She was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ at the age of fifteen years by Brother William Skillen, the father of our late Sister Hannah Skillen. Brother Cochran Lynch and her sister, Mary Cadman Love were also baptized the same day.

Sister Davidson cared for her aged parents for many years. Her mother was an invalid for over nine years after suffering a stroke. After the death of her parents, she moved to the state of Kansas to live with her brothers Alma and William Cadman. She has enjoyed traveling, and has been in the South and Southwest and has also visited England.

She later was a nurse-companion to Miss Anna Scott, making their home in Florida and North Carolina. After the death of Miss Scott, she married Mr. William Davidson of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. The Davidson family at one time were also members of The Church of Jesus Christ. After their marriage, the Davidsons lived in the old Cadman home near West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. Sister Davidson is the mother of two step-daughters, Ada Ringler and Garnet Davidson, both of McKeesport, and two step-sons, James and Larry Davidson, both of Lorain, Ohio. Her husband died in 1949.

Sister Davidson maintains her own apartment in West Elizabeth and is in excellent health, except for failing eyesight. She is a member of and still attends the West Elizabeth Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

She was the first G.M.B.A. president; she held the office of vice-president of the General Ladies' Circle for many years, and also served as a General Church Deaconess.

"Aunt Dee", as she is affectionately known by her many nephews and nieces, makes each one feel "It is good to be a Saint of Latter Days".

She was honored on her ninety-ninth birthday by a birthday greeting from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon.

The following Scripture is fitting for Sister Elizabeth Cadman Davidson:

"Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the land which The Lord thy God giveth thee". Exodus 20:12



Conference Notice

The General Church Conference will convene on Thursday, April 13, 1972, at 2:00 P.M., in our General Church Auditorium. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions will be for the priesthood only.

Sunday's open meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium.

Nick Pietrangelo
Executive Secretary

Nigerian Trip

OF

BROTHERS CIARAVINO AND ROSS

On October 21, 1971, we departed from Kennedy International Airport in New York at 5:30 P.M. on a Boeing 707 Jetliner. Our first stop was at Dakar, Senegal Republic, Africa, and other stops were Monrovia, Liberia, and Accra, Shana Africa.

We arrived at Lagos, Nigeria on October 22 at 12:52 P.M. Lagos time, or 7:52 P.M. New York time, a time difference of seven hours. Thank God our trip was pleasant, and we arrived safe and sound.

We were met by Brothers and Sisters from the Lagos Branches of The Church, and also by Lieutenant M. N. Akpan, of the Nigerian Army who is a native of Otoro, where we have our Church Centre. His presence made it easy for us through customs. After going through customs, we received a wonderful reception by our Brothers and Sisters of the Lagos District. This was very impressive. We were taken to the Niger Palace Hotel where we had reservations. At the hotel, they came into our room to wish us well and to tell us how grateful they were to have us in their midst. Before they left, Brother Ciaravino offered an inspiring prayer, calling upon God to bless our Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria, and also thanking Him for our safe journey and the privilege to be in Nigeria for His honor and glory. Among those who greeted us was Brother G. U. Ekpo who is the Nigeria Church Executive Secretary. He was in Lagos on personal affairs and also to meet us upon our arrival.

Brother Ekpo remained with us as we discussed Church matters. We told our Brethren we wanted to purchase a used car or rent one for our travels while we would be in Nigeria. In the evening a gentleman came to see us; he was sent to us by our Brothers for the purpose of renting a car from his firm. While discussing the matter of renting a used car, the electric power failed and we were left in darkness. In the dark, the gentleman gathered up his papers and left us for the time being, until we would decide what we would do about his offer.

After the electric power was restored, we went to dinner. We decided to take our important papers with us (passports, plane tickets, health cards), thinking it was not wise to leave them in the hotel room. To our disappointment, Brother Ciaravino could not find his folder which contained the aforementioned articles. We looked everywhere, but we could not find them. We went to bed discouraged; to replace what was lost would involve much time and trouble and we had no time to lose since our visas were for twenty-eight days only.

Early the next morning the phone rang; to our joy, it was the gentleman who was with us the previous evening. He informed us he had in his possession Brother Ciaravino's folder which contained his passport and other papers. He apologized and informed us that in the dark as he gathered his papers, by mistake he also gathered up Brother Ciaravino's folder that was on the same table. In a matter of minutes the gentleman returned the folder with the papers. This was a great relief to us.

The matter of purchasing or renting a used car became a great problem because of the exorbitant prices demanded. Cars are scarce due to lack of imports during their Civil War. We spent part of the day of October 22 and all day the 23 trying to acquire a car to travel to the S. E. State where we have the Church Centre and bulk of our people. Without a car, we could not visit our Branches in the various areas.

On Sunday, October 24, we traveled by taxi to

attend a combined Church service with the Saints in the Lagos District. At this meeting all three Branches were represented. We also partook of the Lord's Supper with them. In this meeting, three languages were spoken—English, Efik and Yoruba; as one spoke English, one Brother interpreted it into Efik, and another into Yoruba. This is time consuming, but God's work must be understood in order to be effective. We returned to our room at 2:00 P.M.

Later in the day, Lt. M. N. Akpan informed us he was making arrangements for us to use an Army Land Rover for our travels while in Nigeria, and that he would also provide us an Army driver who would be at our disposal.

We departed from Lagos via the Land Rover on October 26 at 2:45 P.M., arriving at Benin City at 9:00 P.M. We obtained a room for the night at a Government Rest House.

Departing the next morning, we arrived at our destination in Abak about 4:00 P.M. The ride was very uncomfortable, due to the roads and bridges being damaged or broken up from bombs during the Civil War. Only temporary repairs have been made on their main roads and bridges; in fact, during the war, trenches were dug on their main roads. When we arrived at Abak, we went directly to Brother E. U. A. Arthur's home and many Brothers and Sisters were awaiting our arrival. Again we were wonderfully received. They were over-joyed to see us. In the evening we went to the Uyo Rest House which is about ten miles from Abak where we had reservations made for us by our Brethren. Our room had a ceiling fan. We retired for the night.

About 11:00 P. M. the electric power failed and our fan stopped. The power did not come on again until 6:00 A. M. the next morning. We assumed it was a temporary power failure, and we spent a very uncomfortable night due to the heat. All windows and doors had to be kept closed. There were no screens or bars on the windows or doors, and the heat was unbearable. In the morning, we were informed that it was not a power failure but that electric power was being shut off every night and turned on again in the morning. Because of this, we were compelled to seek a room in another Rest House and the only place available was at Aba, twenty-seven miles away from Uyo.

Two days later we obtained a room at the Aba Rest House with an air conditioner. The rest houses are fine for overnight or for a few days stay, but not for a long period of time, because of extreme conditions of hot and cold. Staying in an air conditioned room overnight or part of the day, and then going out into the terrific heat all day is not healthful. A person does not become climatized quickly and it does more harm than good.

On October 29, a special Elders meeting was held at our Church Centre to discuss the Secondary Technical School issue. After much discussion and questions, we were satisfied with all the answers given to our questions. Viz: 1. The Parent Church was not to be committed to further expenses in the building and operating the School, but only the amount of \$40,000. They would and could open the School as per the schedule of 1966 on a five year plan, etc. Thus we granted them permission to start construction of the buildings. They intend to use the Otoro Church building for classrooms until the buildings are erected. Their intentions are to start construction immediately once the land is cleared.

On October 30, we attended the opening of a new Government Grammar School at Otoro. We shopped around to price three motorcycles we intended to purchase for our traveling Elders.

Sunday, October 31, we visited five Branches and

held short services with each Branch. They welcomed us with much joy and appreciation. Following the services at the Ikot Ukpong-Afaha Obong Branch, a welcome address was read. They presented Brother Ross with a lion carved out of ebony, stating that as Brother Ross was taking care of the Nigerian Church, may he be as strong as a lion in continuing to help them. They referred to Brother Ross as a Nigerian lion. Brother Ciaravino was presented a replica of a human head also carved out of ebony, stating that as he is head of The Church of Jesus Christ, the head presented to him represented humanity whom he must serve.

November 1, we arose at 4:00 A. M. and departed for Abak to meet Brother E. U. A. Arthur, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary. We went to Calabar to meet with the Commissioner of Education to discuss with him the opening of the School. We arrived at Calabar after crossing the Oron River on a large ferry boat which also hauled our Land Rover. It took us two hours and fifteen minutes to get to Calabar.

At Calabar we visited Brother Arthur's son who is Chief Engineer of the Calabar Water Works. He took us to meet the Commissioner of Home Affairs. Afterwards, we visited a small Branch of The Church in Calabar called the Obufa Esuk Branch. Here we were graciously welcomed by our people; they shouted and jumped for joy as we met and embraced one another. At this meeting were officers from the other Calabar Branches. We held a short service with them and then departed to the Rest House for the night.

The next morning on November 2, we went to meet the Commissioner of Education, Mr. E. A. Essien. We discussed the issue of the Secondary Technical School we intended to open at Abak. We were assured the program as outlined in 1966 can be carried out successfully. After this was accomplished, we left Calabar by ferry boat and arrived at the Rest House at 9:00 P.M. very tired.

The next morning we visited four Branches of The Church and as usual, held short services with each. After we returned to Aba, we went to Leventis Motor Ltd. to see about purchasing three motorcycles. We did purchase three motorcycles (Honda 50) for our traveling Elders. The money for purchasing these motorcycles was given to the General Church Board of Missions by the Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. They collected stamps and money for this project.

Thursday, November 4, we visited six Branches. In nearly all Branches we visited, we received gifts of fruit, eggs, raffia bags or mats, etc. Raffia bags and mats are made from shredded ribbons from palm leaves and weaved into bags or mats.

November 5, we left to visit other branches, taking with us two of the three cycles we had purchased and left them at Brother Arthur's home for the time being. We visited six Branches, and as usual, we had short services with them.

It is essential to state that in these Branches and nearly all other Branches we visited previously and later, our Brothers and Sisters praised the Parent Church for the used clothing we sent them, and also the money as "War Relief." The "War Relief" was inaugurated in the Parent Church after the Civil War ceased in Nigeria. We were sending them \$500 every six months. This \$500 was divided among all the Branches.

On November 6, we left for the Church Centre. We took the other motorcycle with us. We were honored by the Nigerian Church at a special service at the Centre known as "Reception Day," with all districts attending. When we arrived at Brother Arthur's home, we were met by a large number of Elders and officers of The Church. As we began our journey towards the Church building via the Land Rover, the sides

of the road were decorated with large palm branches which formed somewhat of an arch. Many Brothers and Sisters assembled near Brother Arthur's home, forming lines along the road and marching before us as they sang songs of praise to God for our being there as representatives of the Parent Church. When we arrived at the Church, they allowed us and the President of the Nigerian Church and other Officers to enter in first and the others followed. There were over 1,000 souls at this meeting. Songs, speeches, introductions, preaching and a welcome address was the order of the day. This meeting lasted four hours. Again the Parent Church was honored for sending relief after the Civil War, for sending us to visit them and for the approval to build the Secondary School. Again we were given gifts.

Meanwhile, our traveling Elders were presented the three motorcycles. They were displayed for all to see. They were pleased by the generosity of the Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. The Brothers who received the motorcycles were taught to operate them in a short period of time. The motorcycles will aid them considerably in their Church work.

After this meeting we went to visit a gentleman whom they wished to employ as principal of the School. At present, we have no qualified personnel to fill this position. We returned to the Rest House about 6:00 P.M., having eaten no food all day. When we arrived at the rest house our air conditioner broke, and we were compelled to move from Chalet 8 to Chalet 15. In this Chalet we had no running water. We had to dip water from a barrel which the caretaker filled every morning.

On Sunday, November 7, we held services with four Branches. We stopped to visit Brother Arthur and were served food especially prepared for us, such as chicken well cooked in tomato sauce, boiled eggs, bananas, coconut pulp, coconut water, and soda water to drink. We appreciated this and praised God that our people have such a great love for us. They gave us the best they had, and all they had.

On November 8, after breakfast, we applied to be moved into another Chalet. We were given Chalet No. 11, which had running water. After moving our belongings, we left to visit a group of people outside the town of Aba, in the East Central State, about sixty miles from the Centre. These people formerly called themselves The Apostolic Freedom Church. Brother Ross, has been corresponding with these people for some time. They have not been baptized into The Church but they have changed their name to The Church of Jesus Christ as of June 1971. In the meeting we held with them, we informed them we want them to study our Faith and Doctrine, etc. We do not want them to become members of The Church without knowing our beliefs well enough so they can accept The Church in its entirety. After they study our beliefs and are satisfied, the Centre will see to their baptisms. The Centre will be sending them our traveling Elders, and the Nigerian President to instruct them on Church affairs. We returned to our room, tired from the rough, long ride.

On November 9, Brother Ciaravino stayed at home. He felt very tired after all the rough traveling. Brother Ross went to visit the Eket I District with President Arthur and E. A. Ebong, our interpreter. He is also one of our traveling Elders. Eket I is about 75 to 80 miles away from our hotel room. Brother Ross visited all the Branches that time permitted. He arrived back at the Rest House after 6:00 P.M.

The roads to Eket I are very bad, but we learned that the roads to Eket II are worse. No repairs have been made since the Civil War. We met Elders from Eket II at our Reception Day Services and also in

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our Conference. We informed them we would not be able to visit their District. We gave them letters to read to their respective Branches, excusing ourselves for not being able to visit them due to the conditions of the roads, and the lack of time.

November 10 we decided to take a day off from traveling so we could rest.

November 11, The Nigerian Annual Conference convened and Brother Ciaravino attended. Brother Ross did not go because he was not feeling well. After Brother Ciaravino returned, we decided to leave Nigeria on November 13 instead of November 15. The reason for leaving two days earlier was because the Rest Houses and food they served us did not agree with us. Nevertheless, we are grateful to God we were able to fulfill our mission relative to the Secondary School and we also were able to visit our Branches with the exception of a few. We also met with the new group whom we pray will become part of The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria.

We both attended the Nigerian Conference on November 12; Brother Ross was feeling better. At the conference, we helped our Brethren to correct some matters that arose among them. Our Nigerian Brethren appreciated our help and they were delighted with our presence. Finally, we informed the Conference that we intended to leave the next day. After giving them the reasons for leaving earlier, they responded graciously and agreed that it was only right to do so under the circumstances, although they were sad to see us leave.

At dismissal time, we called upon God in prayer and asked Him to bless our Church in Nigeria, to make our Brothers in the Priesthood strong so that they could feed the flock, and build up the Church in righteousness. We bade them farewell with an embrace and a holy kiss, as tears filled our eyes. We parted with sad hearts and returned to our room.

That evening, the leader and secretary of the former Apostolic Freedom Church, which is now known as The Church of Jesus Christ, came to our room to get more information on how we conduct our services and ordinances. As we explained our Faith and Doctrine and ordinances, it was gratifying to behold their seal of approval to our discourse. Their souls were fed as they heard the only truths that The Church of Jesus Christ practices, which is according to the Word of God. After we explained many things relative to our ordinances, conducting of services, etc., to our surprise and amazement, they said to us, "Brother, we will do anything you tell us to do." Such words are the most beautiful words to hear. We are reminded that on the day of Pentecost, words similar to these were uttered by those listening to the preaching of Peter when they said, "Men and Brethren what shall we do?"

Our hearts were filled with gladness and joy to meet such people who are willing to do all things we tell them. The reason they spoke thus, is because they are learned in the Scriptures and what they heard was according to the Word of God and not man. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

November 13, we left Benin City with our Land Rover at 8:30 A.M. We stopped overnight at a Rest House in Benin City.

November 14, we left Benin City at 8:15 A.M. and arrived in Lagos about 2:00 P.M. We obtained a room at the Airport Hotel and then went to the airport to make arrangements for our flight out of Nigeria.

November 15, we left the airport hotel for the Ikeja Airport. At the airport, several Brothers were there to see us off. At 10:44 A.M., we took off on an Alitalia Air Liner and landed at Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Rome at 3:30 P.M. When we arrived, the

weather was cold compared to the African climate and we felt cold due to the contrast in climate.

We left Rome at 9:56 A.M. on Alitalia Airlines and landed at Alghero on the Island of Sardinia at 10:31 P.M.

November 17 we arose at 4:45 A.M. and went to the bus stop; the bus left Sassari at 6:30 A.M. and after changing buses several times, we arrived at our destination of Calogonone at 1:10 P.M. We were directed to the home of Brother Stefano Romano where we were received graciously by our Brother and Sister.

In the evening the Brothers and Sisters of The Church came to greet us and they were very happy to see us as we were glad to see them.

We stayed at Brother and Sister Romano's home from November 17 in the evening until Monday morning, November 22. Our time with them was spent mostly in speaking to our Brothers and Sisters about the things of God and the order of The Church. Our vocabulary was not what it should have been as we tried to speak the Italian language, but we did the best we could to make ourselves understood. We did understand them as they spoke to us.

On Sunday, November 21, we worshipped with them and also partook of the Lord's Supper. Brother Ciaravino was our speaker and he did very well as he spoke in the Italian language—in fact, he was the spokesman among our Italian Brothers and Sisters.

We left Brother Romano's home on November 22 at 5:30 A.M. in Brother Romano's car. He took us to the Obbia Airport.

We took off from Obbia with the intentions of going to the mainland of Italy to visit our other Churches there.

After we landed at Rome at 9:00 A.M., we decided to return home instead of continuing our travels in Italy. This decision was made because of circumstances beyond our control.

We changed our flight tickets and were given seats on a 747 Pan Am Clipper. We took off from Rome at 2:46 P.M., stopped in Paris, France. After leaving Paris we landed at Kennedy International Airport at 6:56 P.M.

After going through customs, we parted regretfully, each to his respective home. We both arrived at our destination safe and sound, grateful to God for being with us in all our travels. We were able to accomplish some good for the honor and glory of God, His Son, and His Church upon earth.

Brothers Ciaravino and Ross

Pennsylvania Area MBA Completes Project

During their recent missionary trip to Nigeria, Africa, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and John Ross purchased three motorbikes for use by our African brethren.

This was a fulfillment of a Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. project: \$1,120.00 of the \$1,310.21 total cost of the bikes was raised by the Area members and was given to the General Church Board of Missions.

Brother John reported that the traveling conditions in Africa are very poor — sometimes the trips between Missions would take days as they had to be made on foot or by bicycle. The motorbikes, therefore, will greatly increase traveling capabilities.

Thanks is extended to all those of the Pennsylvania Area who made this project a success.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By Thomas Ross
REDEEMING THE TIME

The year 1971 has swiftly rolled away, yielding to the constant flow of time, and the new year 1972 has been ushered in. The great Apostle Paul, in writing to the Colossian Saints, admonished them, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." (Colossians 4:5). A similar admonition by the Apostle Paul was included in his Epistle to The Church at Ephesus, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:16).

Webster's New International Dictionary lists a number of definitions of the word redeem. No. 7. To make good by performing; to fulfill, as a promise.

Encyclopedic Dictionary (Publisher's Guild Inc.) New York, N.Y. also gives several definitions, the last of which reads, Redeem, to improve or employ to the best advantage ('redeeming the time').

Finally, from The Oxford English Dictionary, definition No. 8 To save (time) from being lost. After the N.T. passages Eph. V. 16 and Col. IV. 5. 1742 Young Nt. Th. Redeem we time? — Its loss we dearly buy. 1880 J. F. Clarke Self-Culture iii (1889) 78 He worked, not by faith, but by sight, . . . with indefatigable energy, redeeming the time.

WISE COUNSEL, TIMELY ADMONITION

Thus we are indebted to the Apostle Paul for his wise counsel and timely admonition. Now that the year has turned we seem to be more aware of the swift passing of time and surely the Apostle's exhortation could not be more stirring and inspiring than at this time or season, reminding us to be up and doing — redeeming the time.

In a letter addressed to W. W. Phelps and dated Sabbath Evening, September 7, 1834, Oliver Cowdery, who served as scribe to Joseph Smith in the translation of *The Book of Mormon*, penned the following commentary which I am sure you will find to be a moving and ennobling reflection on the importance of improving or employing our time to the best advantage:

"Another day has passed into that, to us, boundless ocean, eternity, where nearly six thousand years have gone before; and what flits across the mind like an electric shock is, that it will never return! Whether it has been well improved or not; whether the principles emanating from Him who 'hallowed' it, have been observed; or whether, like the common mass of time, it has been heedlessly spent, is not for me to say.

One thing I can say — it can never be recalled; it has rolled in to assist in filling up the grand space decreed in the mind of its Author, till nature shall have ceased her work; and time its accustomed revolutions — when its Lord shall have completed the gathering of the elect, and with them enjoy that Sabbath which will never end."

(A Reproduction of A Series of Letters written by Oliver Cowdery, Letter No. 1, Page 2); also (A History of The Church of Jesus Christ, Page 15.)

In his instructions to his son Corianton, Alma declared, ". . . all is as one day with God, and time only is measured unto men." (Alma 40:8).

The Apostle Peter wrote, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (II Peter 3:8).

TALE THAT IS TOLD

In his beautiful prayer (Psalm 90) Moses exclaimed to God, (verse 4), "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." Also (verse 9), ". . . We spend our years as a tale that is told." (Verse 10), "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." (Verse 12), "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Amulek, while on a missionary tour with Alma, taught the people, "For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; . . . behold if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed." (Alma 34:32, 33).

May the Lord help us to Walk in wisdom . . . , redeeming the time."



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

THE STORY OF KING OMER

Dear Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you another interesting story from the **BOOK OF MORMON**. You can read of this in **ETHER, CHAPTERS EIGHT and NINE**.

Once there was a good king of the Jaredites named Omer. Among his children was a very wicked, jealous son named Jared. He spoke flattering words to the people and many followed him. He was able to gain half of the kingdom and then plotted to become king instead of his father.

Jared set himself up as king and made his father serve in captivity. Sons were born to king Omer while a captive. Two of these sons were angry when they learned what their wicked brother Jared had done. So they gathered their friends together and one night they attacked the army of Jared and killed them. Jared was frightened and was afraid he too would be killed. He pleaded for his life and they let him live, but he did not repent.

Jared had set his heart upon the kingdom and the glory of the world. He had a beautiful daughter who was as wicked as her father. She saw how sad her father was and had a plan to help him regain the kingdom. She told Jared about a powerful but wicked man named Akish. She offered to dance before him and please him so that he would wish to marry her. When he would ask consent to marry her, her father was to say, "I will give her if you will bring unto me the head of my father, the king."

Jared followed his daughter's plan. She danced before Akish and this pleased him. He asked, "Give her unto me to wife." The wicked Jared said, "I will give her to you if you will bring me the head of my father, the king." Akish agreed but he needed help. He gathered his kinfolk and friends together and told them he wanted to form a secret order with their help. They all took an oath and joined. If any one of them told what happened in their meetings they would be killed. Akish then told them of his plan to kill Omer and give the throne to Jared. They all promised to help.

The Lord warned King Omer in a dream that he should depart out of the land. He took all his family except Jared and traveled many days in the wilderness. At last he came to the sea and made a new home there.

When Jared learned his father and family had left, he took the throne and began to rule as king. He gave his daughter to Akish even though Akish had not killed the old king. But Akish was not satisfied. He wanted to be king! He went to his secret group and asked them to kill Jared so he could be king.

While Jared sat on his throne the followers of Akish killed him and Akish became king. He was greedy for power and it was not long until fighting began and went on for many years. The destruction was so great that there were only thirty people left in the kingdom. The people left and went to live with King Omer and he once more began to rule over the whole land.

Omaha-Above All Others On The Stream

By **HARRY ROBINSON**

We finally did some research on the root meaning of the name "Omaha". The meaning is as stated above in the title of the article - with the understanding that the city of Omaha was the chief or choice city on the Missouri River at that time. The name was given after the Ma-Ha Indian Tribe who settled in that section of the country years ago.

The work in Omaha is progressing very well. We have been blessed with nine (9) members in The Church who are scattered from Bellevue, Nebraska to Kansas City, Missouri. Sister Judy Goodseal has been transferred to a Reformatory Training School at Kearney, Nebraska where she is being trained as a Dental Technician. She wasted no time in giving her testimony to Mrs. Irvorn Fulton who is a cook at the same School. Judy and Venita Dyer have been given permission to come home for Christmas, for three days. This is the first time a leave has been given of this type.

Sister Venita Dyer, who was affected by Sister Judy's testimony and the preaching of the Gospel by the Elders was baptized on September 27, 1971 by Apostle Frank Calabrese. Her testimony was that "She was blind but now she sees." She repeatedly stated how happy she was being a part of this "Great Gospel Family." She stated that she prays often that God might open the eyes of the other inmates at York Prison that they too might come out of darkness into the light of the Restored Gospel.

On November 27, 1971 we had another baptism. Sister Lizzie O. Kendall who was affected by Sister Helen Ross's testimony. She was baptized in the Missouri River by Elder Harry Robinson and confirmed by the Apostle Frank Calabrese. The heavens echoed her name as we believe it was inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life. She is a school teacher by profession. She is now stationed at Kansas City, Missouri with her husband and two (2) children, however their family roots are at Thomaston, Georgia. They first heard the Gospel during the Labor Day weekend, traveled 200 miles up to Omaha and spent three (3) days with us, receiving maximum exposure to the True Gospel. Her husband, Fred Kendall was astonished at our doctrine and he made a statement that he would be "Afraid not to obey this Gospel and that he would investigate it further". Their two children were also blessed by the Elders. Since her baptism, she has experienced joy, peace and contentment that she has never felt in her past life. Her husband, Fred, is under conviction and needs your prayers.

Donna Austin and Donna Sacher of Rapid City, South Dakota were baptized on December 24, 1971 at York, Nebraska. Sister Donna Sacher will probably be discharged in July, 1972. She is a native of Omaha, Nebraska. Sister Austin made a statement that she does not want to do anything to offend the people in The Church of Jesus Christ.

We have received several letters from the inmates at York and Kearney, Nebraska. Some have already expressed their desire to be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in the near future. I would like to refer to only a few at York Reformatory.

Catherine Booker from Omaha has attended every meeting at York since our first visit. She said they did not really have church until we came. She is very much interested in The Church and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Cindy Warren (Indian) from Omaha is very much interested in the Restored Gospel. She was given a Book of Mormon.

On October 31, 1971, Brothers Rocco Biscotti and

Dan and Sister Fannie Casasanta were with us for a special service at the York Prison. It was a very effective meeting which we believe bore an everlasting impression upon all those present as the Gospel of Love was preached. Some of the inmates stated that they have felt good ever since, and they received sustenance for their souls. Our theme was the "Love of God" and "I Was Wounded For Your Transgressions, But There Was None To Help".

We had one service at Woodson Center near 30th Street in Omaha and we plan to have many more during the year of 1972. Some of the inmates and Sisters will be discharged soon and will be free to attend all of our meetings. We envision the nucleus and groundwork being laid here to a great work in Omaha, Nebraska.

So the name is very fitting "Omaha" - "Above All Others On The Stream". We long to see the day when The True Church of Jesus Christ will be elevated above all others and take its rightful place as a city upon a hill adorned for the Maker, Jesus Christ. We truly thank God for the inheritance that He has given us and the many blessings that we have received since the work began in 1970 in *The Land of Love*.

We encourage all of our people to pray much for the missionary work, not only in Omaha but throughout the whole world where our brothers have sacrificed their life, time and money to win souls for Christ. Yes, pray that God may grant unto His Priesthood "Wisdom and Power" that we may go forth in these last days as "Messengers of Glory"; preaching repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, bringing many souls to the Throne of Grace. NOTE: The addresses of our Sisters at York and Kearney Reformatory Schools are as follows. They would appreciate corresponding with anyone who is interested.

Sister Judy Goodseal, Boy's Training School, Kearney, Nebraska 68887.

Sister Lizzie O. Kendall, (newly baptized), 5208 East Redbridge Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64137.

Sister Donna Austin, York Reformatory for Women, P.O. Box 422, York, Nebraska 68467.

Sister Venita Dyer, Reformatory for Women, Box 422, York, Nebraska 68467.

Sister Donna Sacher, York Reformatory for Women, P.O. Box 422, York, Nebraska 68467.

An Experience

I would like to thank God for the opportunity to share the following experience with all our Brothers and Sisters.

Although we have a daughter of our own and are able to have our own children, we have always wanted to adopt a child. After much prayer and discussion regarding another child in our family, my wife had the following dream:

She dreamed she was holding an Indian baby and my mother, Sister Olive Elzby, was standing by looking at the baby. She told my mother that she was going to adopt the Indian baby.

After this experience in September, 1970 we applied to the Children's Aid Society and told them we would like to have an Indian baby boy. We were notified on June 14, 1971 that there was a seven-month old Indian boy in Fort Frances, Ontario. This is about 1,000 miles from Windsor. On July 8, 1971 I flew to Fort Frances and returned the same day with the baby. The following Sunday, my wife's grandfather, Brother Sam Cuomo, blessed the baby with the name Joseph Allen, which we had chosen through direction from the Lord.

We are grateful to God for our new son and to be able to raise him in the light of the Gospel.

Brother Richard and Sister Jane Elzby

Michigan-Ontario Evangelists' Conference

On November 21, 1971, the Michigan-Ontario District met at the Melvindale High School to hold a meeting with the District Evangelists in charge.

Brother Peter Capone, President of the District Evangelists, was in charge of the service. He introduced the service by announcing that he had an urgent message for all. He spoke about Joshua and the time the Israelites marched around the city of Jericho, blowing the trumpets, and how the walls came falling down. He reminded us about the terrible conditions which exist in our country today; about the spiritual pollution which we see around us. He exhorted us all to be bold in declaring the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to blow the trumpet loud; to go out and do what we can, that many may be able to find freedom and the ark of safety through the Gospel Restored.

Brother Reno Bologna continued this theme, speaking about the reestablishment of the Nation of Israel. He challenged all to go out, "We want no cowards in our bands," and do some work for God. Also, to not conform to the world and thus become Saints of Latter Days, filled with faith and happiness.

Brother Nick Pietrangelo continued the theme, "Blowing the trumpet." He too reminded us that we have gone along with the crowd and he urged all to follow the example of the older Brothers and Sisters. He cited examples of their diligence and faithfulness in attending meetings—Sunday meetings, Wednesday meetings, MBA, and fast and prayer services, as well as other services, and he urged all to return to this way of life.

Brother Anthony Lovalvo followed briefly and urged all those who had not yet obeyed the Gospel that they consider their lives and choose to answer the plea for workers in The Church of Jesus Christ.

After the service, instead of returning to our homes to eat, we ate our lunches that we had brought. Thus, we were able to fellowship and visit with our Brothers and Sisters and friends until about 2:00 P.M. The large crowd present enjoyed this very much, and I am sure that everyone went away thanking God for His wonderful blessings and with the topic of our Brothers ringing in their ears, "Go out, blow the trumpet and do some work for The Lord and His Church."

Michigan-Ontario District Editor
Paul Francione..

Meditation

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY

Since the day we made our covenant with the Lord at the water's edge we began a journey. The King's Highway is the road we are traveling upon and the number of miles we have to travel will depend upon the number of years we have to live upon this earth. Yet the last mile of the way will be the one that really counts. We must hope and pray that we can prove faithful until we reach the "Last Mile Of The Way."

For those who have done much traveling, you will agree with me, I'm sure, that as you reach your destination, the last mile is always the best, because it is the mile that brings us to the end of our journey.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Road of Holiness that will one day lead our souls into God's kingdom. Since the Lord comes as a thief in the night, we do not know just when our journey in life will come to an end.

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A CHRONOLOGY OF PAPAGO AND PIMA HISTORY TAKEN FROM CALENDAR STICKS

Submitted by Richard Christman

Sometime during the early part of the nineteenth century Piman Indians began to keep a record of the outstanding events of each year by carving marks on elongated sticks. One such stick records events.

Near sundown one day in this year a member of the village reported to the chief that he had seen someone skulking nearby and observing the village from different places. The chief was not impressed and replied indifferently. Next morning, the chief was informed that some people could be seen to the eastward. He was again unimpressed and said that it was probably other Papagos coming to visit the people of the village.

In a very few moments all could plainly see that it was a war party of the Apaches and their allies who had camped the night before nearby, and had sent a scout around the village to find out its strength and exact location.

Although surprised and heavily outnumbered, the Papagos prepared to give battle. They placed the old men, women and children in a house and instructed them not to come out for any reason until the battle was finished. Then hastily arming themselves, they stoutly advanced to meet the enemy and attacked them with such fury that they drove them back a long distance to a deep wash where they entrenched themselves. The Papagos could not drive them out by storm, so they retreated in order to draw them back. Again and again this was repeated until the Papagos lost so many men that they were content to stand and fight it out, which they did, to the last man.

The Apaches then proceeded to mop up. They killed the old men and burned the houses and all the property except such as they wished to take for spoil. They took the women and children and hurried homeward.

It is said that a few of the women escaped with their children to the mountains when it became evident that their men were fighting a losing battle.

The Apaches treated their captive women and children kindly, for, when peace was made with the Apaches years later, several of them were found alive and well. Asked if they wished to return to the Papagos, they replied in the negative.

Some of the Apaches and their allies had guns, and the neighboring villagers heard the noise of the battle. They hurried to the scene but arrived too late. They found all the warriors dead. However, they had the satisfaction to find many more of the enemy warriors dead.

Evidence was found to prove that four different tribes of Indians composed the opposing force.

1853 — Nothing is indicated for this year.

1854 — There was much sickness among the People.

1855 — The tribe lost three of their four headmen this year from natural causes. Three prominent women died also.

1856 — A Mexican was killed in San Xavier. The remaining headman died.

1857 — The tribe being without councilmen, a general meeting was called and two were elected.

1858 — Two more councilmen were elected this year, which made the required number.

1859 — Nothing was recorded this year.

1860 — Times were good. The Indians played many games but did not gamble.

1861 — The four councilmen recently elected proved unpopular and were recalled. Four others were elected in their place.

1862 — The four councilmen who were elected in the preceding year were declared satisfactory. Two of them were bachelors and were given wives.

1863 — For a long time it had been the custom of the Papagos to obtain intoxicating liquors for fiestas, except the rain ceremony, from Mexico. In this year, at a fiesta at Akchin, much of this liquor was drunk. Many engaged in a brawl and three men were killed.

1864 — In this year the sickness, Black Vomit, again attacked the people who went to the lowlands. It was either a milder form or the people fled sooner, for only a few died.

1865 — In this year, the Papagos played many games. They had learned to gamble. They bet their horses and mules, and other property with recklessness and abandon, and many of them were completely stripped of everything they possessed.

1866 — Nothing given.

1867 — In the southeastern portion of the Papago country there is an old silver mine known as the Picacho. It had been worked hundreds of years ago by the Mexicans, and abandoned. This year, it was reopened. Many Indians secured employment, obtaining money for their labor.

1868 — During this year work at the mine was plentiful, but nothing more of interest was recorded.

1869 — During years of prosperity the People had neglected the quadrennial celebration of Viikita. It was revived this year and celebrated with all the splendor of its origin.

1870 — Snow again fell to a remarkable depth. It remained on the ground only two days before melting away.

1871 — This year peace was made with the Apaches.

1872 — The Indians made much money working at the Picacho mine.

1873 — The Picacho closed down.

1874 — The Papagos have a handicapped foot race called weejita. During this year a group of villages in the southern part of Papaguera challenged a group in the northern part to a contest in this race. Many months were to be spent in practicing and selecting the runners on both sides, and the event was to be held in the next year.

1875 — During this year the races were held at the village of Koyotk. The northern group won every event.

1876 — During this year the growth of Tucson, called by the Papagos Peelseeya, was noted by the keep of the stick.

A strange sickness broke out among the People and many died. Three medicine men who lived in a village at the foot of Baboquivari Mountain were accused of causing the disease and were killed.

1877 — During this year it was decided to continue to have the Apache scalp dance occasionally, notwithstanding the fact that a permanent peace had been made with the Apaches and there would never be another scalp taken.

1878 — In this year Viikita was celebrated.

1879 — During this year the railroad came to Casa Grande.

1880 — A Papago was run over and killed by a train in Casa Grande.

1881 — The railroad came to Tucson. (March 20, 1880)

1882 — A Papago got drunk on bad whiskey and lay down on the railroad track in Tucson. A train ran over him and killed him.

The Quijotoa mine was opened and gave much work to the People.

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THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY

Age is not necessarily the determining factor with God. He calls the young, the middle aged, and the old as He sees fit. He comes in His garden and picks a beautiful flower, and takes it with Him.

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

We are aware of the journey ahead of us. There are many moments of joy and happiness, hopes and, expectations; but on the other hand there may be many persecutions, trials and obstacles facing the Saints of God. Many have reached the last mile of the way and many have just begun the journey. Some may have reached half way, but regardless of the distance, we know that the safest route to eternal life is the King's Highway.

Before obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ, many of us were lost on another road. Have you ever had the experience of being on a strange road knowing that it was taking you away from your destination? When we came in contact with The Church of Jesus Christ, and we sought the Lord in mighty and fervent prayer, we were shown the true way by the power and revelation of God. We began to travel upon this narrow path and by reading the words of Christ we know that it is the narrow road which leads unto life eternal. The broad or wide road leads to eternal destruction.

REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

So therefore my dear brothers and sisters and friends: Let us be strong and of good courage, let us prove ourselves to be the true Saints of Latter Days—everywhere and all the time. We must realize that we are being observed by many within and without The Church, and it behooves us to live up to the Requirements and Standards of Christ as well as those of The Church of Jesus Christ. Let us show the world that we are proud of the name we bear for we know that only by the name of Christ shall we be called at the last day.

Johnson Oatman who wrote the hymn: "The Last Mile Of The Way" states in his chorus:

"When I've gone the last mile of the way,
I shall rest at the close of the day,
And I know there are joys that await me.
When I've gone the last mile of the way."

With this glorious thought and hope in mind, I pray that we can all, "Pull For The Shore" and make that "Last Mile" the most important mile of all.

May the God whom we serve fill your hearts with peace and love is the prayer of — your brother in Christ, Paul D'Amico.

Branch & Mission News**Three Ordinations At
San Fernando Valley
California Branch**

Sunday, October 24, 1971 proved to be a wonderful day for the Valley Branch Saints. The ordinations of an Elder, a Deacon and a Deaconess highlighted a day of rejoicing and edification.

ORDAINED ELDER: Brother Charles Curry's feet were washed by his nephew, Brother Del Carneval.

Brother Ben Cicatti ordained Brother Curry to the office of Elder.

ORDAINED DEACON: Brother Emmett Hood's feet were washed by Brother David Cicatti. Brother Dwayne Jordan ordained Brother Hood to the office of Deacon.

ORDAINED DEACONESS: Sister Sylvia Curry's feet were washed by Sister Sarah Watson. Brother Thomas Liberto ordained Sister Curry to the office of Deaconess.

The Spirit of God prevailed during the ordinations and throughout the service and all in attendance were richly blessed.

(Editor's Note: Brother and Sister Curry are former members of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch and surely their relatives and friends as well as the Saints in this area will want to wish them well and God's blessings in their new offices along with their son-in-law, Brother Hood.)

**Visitors, Blessings, And
A Baptism At
Monongahela, Pennsylvania**

On Sunday, December 12, 1971, we were glad to have Brother Herb Hemmings and Sister Tish Noel and her son Eric in our meetings. Brother Hemmings came back to Pennsylvania to transport his furniture to Lakeside, Arizona, where he and his family are now residing.

Brother Hemmings opened the Sunday morning preaching service with a portion of Scripture from **St. Luke, Chapter 17**, concerning faith. If we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, God's blessings will be made manifest among us. Our Brother told of his experiences while working among the Seed of Joseph. We pray that God will bless all those laboring in His vineyard.

We had a surprise visitor in our Wednesday evening prayer service on December 15, 1971. Brother George Siddall of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2, who is temporarily working in Pittsburgh and staying in McKees Rocks, attended his first meeting in our Branch. We enjoyed his testimony and hope he can visit us again.

The first Sunday of the New Year was certainly a joyous one for the members of Monongahela. After the opening of the preaching service, Brother Meredith Griffith read of the blessing of little children by Jesus, emphasizing His words, "You must become as a little child." The Christlike qualities found in little children — meekness, humility and love — were discussed by our Brother. He then blessed Christina Marie Milton, daughter of Tom and Karen Milton and granddaughter of Brother Mike and Sister Virginia Milton.

Brother John Olexa was our next speaker, and he continued on the theme of meekness and humility and extended it into repentance and baptism. A good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and at the close of the meeting, Helen Smith asked for her baptism.

We met at the water's edge before our afternoon meeting and our new Sister was immersed in baptism by Brother Donald Curry. During the afternoon meeting, Sister Helen was confirmed by Brother James Grazan. Our prayer is that God would bless Sister Smith as she begins a new life in the Gospel. We also pray that the spirit of baptism will continue to be felt in our Branch and that this will only be the beginning of many more blessings.

Blessings At Niles, Ohio, Deaconess Ordained

The Saints at Niles, Ohio Branch have been blessed and uplifted in the ordination of a Deaconess on Sunday, December 19, 1971.

Sister Lena Martorano's feet were washed by her mother, Sister Sara Mollica. Brother Samuel Costarella ordained Sister Martorano to the office of Deaconess.

A very humble spirit was felt by all those who were present, including visitors from the nearby Branches of Lorain, Youngstown and Kinsman, Ohio.

The Niles Saints and young people are also happy to report the organization of an MBA local in their Branch. Brothers Vincent Gibson and Anthony Santilli conducted the organization meeting on October 31, 1971. The new MBA local has an enrollment of thirty-four members — a good start!

Two Baptisms Follow Revival Meetings At Detroit, Mich. Branch No. 1

Branch No. 1 in Detroit, Michigan conducted a series of evangelistic meetings beginning Wednesday, December 1, through Sunday, December 5. Fasting and prayer meetings were held every morning during this series of meetings.

Guest speakers at the meetings were Evangelist Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio Branch and Elder James Grazan of Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch.

The messages that were given by the visiting Brothers and the singing by various groups and individuals were very inspiring and uplifting to all in attendance.

The efforts of all who were associated with making the evangelistic meetings a success were additionally and greatly rewarded when two new converts surrendered to The Lord. On Sunday, December 12, the first Sunday following the end of the revival meetings, Sister Diane Thomson was baptized by her father, Brother Concetto Alessandro and confirmed by Brother Paul Vitto. Sister Denise DeFalco was baptized by Brother Louis Vitto and confirmed by Brother Carl Frammolin.

We of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 again would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Brothers Joseph Calabrese and James Grazan for their efforts.

Evangelist's Visit At Lockport, N.Y. Branch Strengthens The Flock

The Evangelists of The Church of Jesus Christ, Ohio District have decided to travel among the Branches and Missions in the district to strengthen the flocks. Lockport was pleased to receive Brother Vincent Gibson from Cleveland, Ohio Branch on Sunday, December 5, 1971.

Brother Gibson spoke from **Mosiah 2:15-19** and from **Genesis 28:11**, comparing two outstanding men of God, King Benjamin and Jacob, who possessed a vision, and who only asked for their daily needs. He pointed out that we should show forth the light of Christ and tell others about the Restored Gospel and about the Angel that flew, bringing back the Everlasting Gospel. Brother Paul D'Amico followed our visiting brother in exhortation, continuing the subject of the people of God possessing a vision.

During the afternoon meeting, Brother Gibson and his family shared with the Saints of Lockport some of their personal experiences and trials, pointing out that the latter had only moved them closer to God. Brother Henry Berardi spoke of how good God had been to him in his affliction. The Gibson family favored us with a song titled, "If That Isn't Love" which tied in beautifully with his exhortation about King Benjamin when he said in **Mosiah 2:16**,

"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."

Much honor and glory was given to God this day.

Three Ordinations At Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Sunday, November 7, 1971 was a day of joy and edification for the Windsor Branch as a result of the ordinations of a Teacher, a Deacon, and a Deaconess.

ORDAINED TEACHER: Brother Richard Lobzun's feet were washed by Brother Ken Wright. Brother Donald Collison ordained Brother Lobzun to the office of Teacher. This is the second ordination for Brother Lobzun, since he was ordained a Deacon on November 8, 1970.

ORDAINED DEACON: Brother Mario Onaroto's feet were washed by Brother Steve Johns. Brother Domenic Thomas ordained Brother Onaroto to the office of Deacon.

ORDAINED DEACONESS: Sister Ann Wright's feet were washed by Sister Olive Elzby. Brother Allen Henderson ordained her to the office of Deaconess.

A most wonderful and important thing about these callings and ordinations was the wonderful manifestation of God's Holy Spirit during the ordinations as felt by all in attendance.

Lake Worth, Florida Branch News

Our Branch in Lake Worth has been prospering greatly in the past few months. Many brothers and sisters, along with their families, have become a part of our Branch. They have moved here from New Jersey and Ohio. From New Jersey are: Sister Josephine Godarski and daughter, Sheryl; Brother Eugene and Sister Florence Perri and their son, Buddy and Brother John and Sister Linda D'Orazio and their children, Johnny and Pam. From Ohio are: Brother Harry and Sister Marie McGuire, daughters, Sister Nancy and Sister Arta, and son, Sean Lee.

Our meetings have been most fulfilling, thank God. It really fills our hearts with joy to know that God is always with us. Pray for us here in Lake Worth and we will do the same for all of you as God gives us the strength.

Teacher Ordained At Hopelawn, New Jersey

A day of upliftment and cheer was experienced by the Hopelawn Branch Saints on Sunday, September 24, 1971. The edifying event of the day was the ordination of a Teacher. Brother Carl Huttenberger's feet were washed by Brother James Benyola after which Brother George Benyola ordained Brother Huttenberger to the office of Teacher. May The Lord grant him wisdom and dedication in the activities and duties that pertain to his holy office of serving The Church.

Brief News Of Interest

Brother and Sister Udo return to Nigeria

We wish to inform our Brothers and Sisters of The Church of Jesus Christ that we, Brother and Sister Amos and Margaret Udo, have returned home to Nigeria in December, 1971. Brother Amos came to the U.S.A. in January, 1967 and attended the College of Emporia in Kansas where he completed requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the summer of 1970.

In September 1970, he attended Kansas State Teachers College where he completed requirements for a Master's Degree in Education. Sister Margaret graduated from Flint Hills Area Vocational Technical School and obtained a diploma in Office Education; she also took courses at Kansas State Teachers College.

We are very grateful for having received the privilege to obtain higher education in the U.S.A., and we intend to be a real asset to The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria, Africa.

We wish all members of The Church a Happy New Year and also thank the entire Church for their cooperation, love and kindness towards us during our stay in the great nation of the United States of America.

Sincerely,
Amos and Margaret Udo

You Should Know...

1) A Branch or Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ must have a minimum of one-quarter (25 per cent) of the cost involved in the purchase of property, the construction of a building; or an alteration of a building. Exceptions to this ruling may be granted by special permission from the General Church.

2) In the Law and Order Book of The Church of Jesus Christ is recorded the following:

A Contribution Box

We as a people do not believe in raising collections on the Sabbath Day. Therefore at each place of Conference, a contribution box shall be provided in a conspicuous place in all our (Sabbath) meetings. This is not intended to hinder the Church from taking up a collection for a cause that it might wish to, but to refrain from doing so on the Sabbath Day.

3) That a system of private or closed balloting be adopted for use in the election of the following officers:

- a) General Church President and Counselors.
- b) District President and Counselors.
- c) Branch Presiding Elder.

d) It could be used to advantage when electing officers of various Quorums and other officers of Districts and the Branches.

e) This system of voting may be used when a vote is required on important issues.

4) The following statistics were recorded for 1967 about CRIME in the U.S.:

- a) MURDER one every 43 minutes.
- b) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT one every 2 minutes.
- c) BURGLARY one every 20 seconds.
- d) AUTO THEFT one every 48 seconds.
- e) ROBBERY one every 2½ minutes.
- f) FORCIBLE RAPE one every 19 minutes.

These figures do not include cases of vandalism, especially against homes, stores, public buildings and schools.

More quotes . . .

I. My great concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side. - Abraham Lincoln.

II. If you are beginning to encounter some hard bumps, be glad. At least you are out of the rut.

III. A dear old Saint was heard to proclaim: "The rumor is out that God is dead, but I know He is not, because I am a member of the family and they did not notify me."

IV. Afflictions are often God's best blessings sent to us in disguise.

- see you next month
Joseph Ross

TEN PROVERBS FROM THE TALMUD

1) Life is but a loan to man; death is the creditor who will one day claim it.

2) God did not make woman from man's head, that she should not rule over him; nor from his feet that she should not be his slave; but from his side, that she should be near his heart.

3) When the wise is angry he is wise no longer.

4) He who prays for his neighbor will be heard for himself.

5) This world is a world of work, the next a world of recompense.

6) Who is first silent in a quarrel spring from a good family.

7) Before God a good intention is the deed.

8) He who has some bread in his basket and says, "What shall I eat tomorrow?" belongs to those of little faith.

9) Greater is he who causes good deeds than he who does them.

10) Speech is the messenger of the heart.

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New Arrivals

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

Jason Paul to Lee and Anita Griffith of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Thomas to Thomas and Nancy Botwright of Imperial, Pennsylvania.

Christina Marie to Tom and Karen Milton of Ravenna, Ohio;

Christopher Paul to Kenneth and Connie Barnes of Windsor, Ontario, Canada;

Rochelle to Gary and Mary Ann Tamburrino of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Paul Eric to Paul and Dorothy Benyola of Hopelawn, New Jersey;

Beth Ann to Albert and Margaret Scuotto of Hopelawn, New Jersey;

Karen Elizabeth to Ronald and Carol Higgins of Hopelawn, New Jersey;

Ryan Wayne to Raymond and Carol Dempsey of Fort Pierce, Florida;

Tina Rae to William and Brenda Tucker of Fort Pierce, Florida.

The Book Store

At one time there was a place that sold books,
And in this place were ones easily mistook.
Possessed therein were ones thin and thick,
Also there were ones slow and quick.
Some were weak, some were strong,
Some were square, others oblong.
There were stories of gain and conquest,
And stories of the rustic wild west.
Yes, stories worse and stories best,
Anything the mind could digest.
But there was one that stood out from the crowd,
It was written to be boastful or proud.
While some were elevated to a cloud,
In dust and neglect was this one shroud.
Never destined to make the top,
It was best used as a door stop.
Probably would have been best to be discarded,
For the life it endured was only half-hearted
Never would it have been thought,
That this lonely island would be bought.
But one day as a youngster walked past,
Of the clerk, this question was asked.
"Sir is that a book and not a block of wood?"
"Why yes, I believe I have misunderstood."
All the others were colorful and savored,
Their thoughts indeed were so envied and savored.
For many things this book is said to be liable,
Dusting the cover, the clerk read, "The Holy Bible."

Darrell Rossi

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL DeFOGGIE

Brother Michael De Foggie, a member of the Lorain, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on December 25, 1971. He was born May 14, 1893 and was baptized on January 27, 1957.

Surviving him are a son, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Brother Joseph Calabrese conducted the funeral services.

Although baptized in his later years, Brother De-Foggie attended Church faithfully for many years previous to his baptism. He was ordained a Deacon on April 5, 1963 and was very conscientious in the duties of his office. His faithfulness and dedication to The Church will long be remembered. Loved ones and friends will miss his presence.

JOHN ROCCO BENYOLA

Brother John Rocco Benyola, a member of the Hopelawn Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to his eternal reward on December 18, 1971. He was born on September 16, 1907 and was baptized on August 13, 1933.

Left to mourn are his wife, two sons, four daughters, eleven grandchildren, three brothers, and two sisters. He was also the brother of our late Brother Joseph Benyola.

Brother August D'Orazio, Jr. conducted the funeral services, assisted by Brothers Dominic Persico and Carmen Sgro.

Brother "Rock", as he was known to all, and his wife, Sister Peggy, were married and baptized on the same day. He served as a Teacher in the Branch and his smile and presence will be missed.

Weddings

KEELEY-SLICK

Mr. Kenneth Keeley and Miss Gloria Slick were united in holy wedlock in the Fairview United Methodist Church in Niles, Ohio on October 23, 1971. Brother Joseph Manes officiated at the ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Sister Phyllis Koon.

The newlyweds will reside in Niles, Ohio.

HOLLIS-D'AMICO

Mr. David Hollis and Miss Ruth D'Amico were united in holy matrimony in the University of Rochester Interfaith Chapel, Rochester, New York on November 27, 1971. Brother Paul D'Amico, the bride's uncle, officiated at the ceremony. The bride's brother, Ronald D'Amico, presented musical selections.

The couple will reside in Rochester, New York.

KUBIK-RASPANTI

Mr. Daniel Kubik and Miss Joanne Raspanti were joined in holy marriage in Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ on December 10, 1971. Brother Louis Vitto officiated at the ceremony.

Daniel is in the Armed Services and his bride will be traveling with him.

CARR-CAMPITELLI

Mr. James Carr and Miss Judy Lynn Campitelli were united in holy wedlock in Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ on December 18, 1971. Brother Norman Campitelli, the bride's uncle, officiated at the ceremony, and was assisted by Brother Concetto Alessandro.

The newlywed couple will reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

SMITH-CALABRESE

Mr. Harry Lee Smith and Sister Cheryl Jo Calabrese were joined in holy matrimony in the Christian Temple in Lorain, Ohio on January 1, 1972. Brother Isaac D. Smith, the groom's uncle, officiated at the ceremony.

Sister Carla Naro, the vocal soloist, was accompanied by Brother Eugene Amormino at the piano.

The newlyweds will reside in Pine Top, Arizona.

1972 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1972 events of General and regional interest (*Indicates meetings will be held in General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.)

March

Ladies Circle Conference in Glassport, Pa. - 4

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences:

Pennsylvania - 11 in Vanderbilt, 12*

Michigan - Ontario - 8, 9, 10, 12, (Place to be announced.)

Atlantic Coast - 17, 18, 19.

Florida - 10, 11.

Ohio - 17, 18.

California - 17, 18.

April

Semi-Annual General Church Conference* - 13, 14, 15, 16.

May

Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference* - 20

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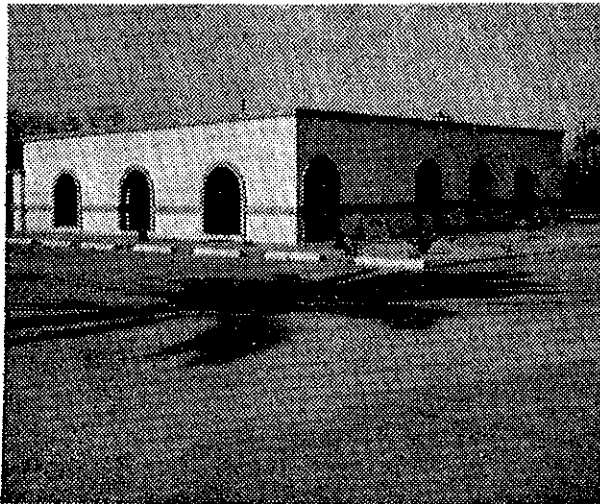
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Phoenix Church Dedication

The new church building in Phoenix, Arizona was dedicated on Sunday, December 5, 1971. There were visitors present from various branches of the California District as well as from Michigan.



A brief program, entitled "The Gospel Ship of Zion", was presented by the young people of the branch. Brother Steve Saffron read from **I Nephi, Chapters 1 and 2**, correlating The Church being built with the ship that brought the people to the Promised Land. The choir, directed by Brother Mark Landrey, appropriately sang songs which included "I Am Bound for the Promised Land." There were several solos sung by Sisters Pat Christman, Grace Brutz and Denise Mazzeo.

The opening prayer was offered by Brother Richard Christman after which he welcomed our visitors and briefly gave an account of the history of the Phoenix Branch. Brother Ether Furnier made acknowledgements of thanks to those who had contributed generously in physical labors and to many who contributed financially.

Brother Bob Watson followed with a sermon taken from **Ezra, Chapters 1-4**, referring to the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem; how the old and young alike contributed their efforts and talents to the cause. Brother Dominic Thomas continued with thoughts on how the people of God should maintain a spiritual awareness of their responsibilities and burdens in The

Church. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the General Church who recently returned from Africa, was also present and concluded with the message that the purpose of The Church is to work toward that goal of reaching the Promised Land.

The closing prayer was offered by Brother George Neill; a warm fellowship followed with a luncheon prepared by the Phoenix Branch.

What Easter Means To Me

The children of the Junior Church in Monongahela, Pennsylvania were asked to write on the subject, "What Easter Means to Me." Here are just four of the many answers that were written.

"Easter is a time of joy. We should be happy, because our Christ Jesus arose. Jesus died for our sins." (Peggy Matthews, age 8).

"Easter is a time for happiness and a time for joy. Easter is not just a time for candy. Easter is a time to think about Christ, when He arose from the dead and when He died for our sins." (Denise Noel, age 9).

Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday after He died on Calvary to set our sins free. After He was dead they took Him to the tomb and rolled a stone in front of it. There He lay for three days and then rolled the stone away. He first saw Mary and then His disciples. After He visited many people He ascended into Heaven. So if I am good and follow His teachings and obey Him, I may have eternal life in Heaven with Him." (Marsha Matthews, age 11).

"Easter means so many things to me: joy, happiness, and love. But most of all, it means Jesus. It's fun to get gifts, but do you know the real meaning of Easter? Jesus Christ was crucified on that cruel cross for OUR sins. There He suffered and died for us. They didn't bury Him in the ground but they put Him into a tomb. Then on that joyful Easter day He arose. This is the meaning of Easter to me. I'm thankful for Jesus Christ, my Savior." (Dana Noel, age 11).

Conference Notice

The General Church Conference will convene on Thursday, April 13, 1972, at 2:00 P.M., in our General Church Auditorium. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions will be for the priesthood only.

Sunday's open meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium.

Nick Pietrangelo
Executive Secretary

The General Epistles

By: Donald Ross

The Seven Letters - James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John and Jude have been known since the fourth century, as the Catholic or General Epistles. The designation refers to the fact that, unlike the Pauline Epistles, they are not addressed to particular churches or to individuals but rather to a wider circle and even to The Church as a whole. The earliest designation of these letters was the word "catholic" used in the sense of "universal," "general" being a more recent term for this group of Epistles.

Early Book

History records the Epistle of James was written by the head of the first Church, that at Jerusalem. James was a man of great authority. He writes to "the twelve tribes scattered abroad." The Epistle is probably one of the earliest New Testament books. Throughout the Epistle, James displays a fondness for pithy proverbs, rhetorical questions, and picturesque metaphors and similes. His aim was to encourage endurance under trials, together with consistency of life; and his leading ideas are the dangers of careless speech, of riches, of envious strife, and of worldliness, contrasted with the value of true faith, prayer, wisdom, and humility. With its stress upon Sainthood living, the Epistle of James reflects, in its style and in its frequent references to the Sermon on the Mount, the mind and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although its emphasis is not theological, the Epistle is notable for moral and ethical teaching of timeless relevance for The Church. However, Christ's coming again is twice referred to (5:7,8). James's discussion of justification does not contradict Paul's teaching on this doctrine but complements it. The book does not yield to strict analysis. James's language is forceful and often eloquent. He gives several vivid pictures of life in the early Church (e.g. 2:1-4, 5:1-6, 14-16).

First Disciple

The Epistle of Peter was written by the first disciple to be called by Jesus Christ. The distinction of Peter lies less in the qualities of his mind than in those of his heart. He was impulsive, and often he spoke inadvisedly so that he incurred rebuke. This, however, was only the weakness of his strength, and it was the concomitant of an enthusiastic and generous affection. Peter's spontaneous love for his Master appeared on several remarkable occasions. Like Paul, Peter sets forth the doctrines of grace. There are a number of parallels in this letter to the words of the Lord recorded in the Gospels; also there are resemblances between the language of the Epistle and the speeches of Peter in the Acts. First Peter was written from Babylon (5:13). Geographical notations in 1:1 agree with Babylon as the center of writing; however, many understand the name to be a symbol of Rome. The letter is addressed to Hebrew Saints, with wider application to all believers in Christ. The purpose of the Epistle is exhortation and testimony. Peter pleads for steadfastness in time of suffering, in the light of the believer's hope in the resurrected Redeemer. The Epistle is full of exhortations to godly living, and is replete with quotations from and allusions to the Old Testament.

Much In Common

The Second Epistle of Peter and 2 Timothy have much in common. In both Epistles the writers are awaiting martyrdom (2 Tim. 4:6, 2 Pet. 1:14); both are joyful in tone; both foresee the departure from the faith that will culminate during "the last days."

A similar emphasis upon the peril of false teaching is found in 1 John 4:1-5, in 2 John 7-11, and in Jude. The thrust of the Epistle is the eloquent and comprehensive denunciation of heresy in doctrine and life (2:1-3:3). But there are other important matters in the letter also: Peter's insistence upon the validation of the Saint's "calling and election" by the practice of Sainthood virtues (1:4-14); his personal recollection of the transfiguration of Christ (1:15-18); his teaching about the inspired authenticity of prophecy (1:19-21) and the coming of the Lord (3:4-13); and his exhortations to spiritual diligence and steadfastness (3:14-17).

Similar In Style

The Apostle John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," is historically characterized as an ardent, devoted disciple, rash and excitable in youth but becoming more calm and firm in later years and a constant preacher of that "Gospel of Love" which he had learned from Jesus Christ. The Epistles of John are similar in style and diction which indicates a close relation between them, but their internal character and the external evidence in their favour are very different.

The First Epistle of John, by the witness of internal evidence and comparison with the Gospel of John, was manifestly written by the Apostle John. It is a family letter from the Father to His "little children" who are in the world. With the possible exception of the Song of Solomon, it is the most intimate of the inspired writings. The sin of a Saint is treated as a child's offense against his Father, and is dealt with as a family matter (1:9, 2:1). A tender word is used for "children" (from Greek *tekna*), a diminutive meaning "little children, born ones" as, e.g. the Scottish "bairns."

The Second Epistle of John has, on account of its salutation, occasioned much discussion. Some scholars assert that the words, "the elect lady," personify one of the first-century churches; others assume that they refer to some highly placed Sainthood matron with whom the Apostle John was acquainted. Brief though it is, the Epistle is not insignificant. On the contrary, its urgent message centers around the "truth" in its relation to Sainthood living. By the "truth" John means not only the body of revealed truth, the Scriptures, but also the Lord Jesus Christ who, as the chief Subject of the Scriptures, is Himself the Truth.

Vivid Glimpse

The Third Epistle of John, addressed by the Apostle John to his friend, Gaius, rebukes Diotrephes, who had usurped leadership in one of the Churches. Scandalously rejecting John's authority, this man refused to "receive the brethren" and excommunicated those that did receive them. He stands as one of the first examples of domineering ambition in The Church. In contrast with Diotrephes, two other men are briefly characterized-Gaius, notable for sound Sainthood living, as evidenced especially in the practice of hospitality to the itinerant ministers; and Demetrius, a believer of lofty reputation based on living the truth. The Epistle as a whole presents a vivid glimpse of church life at the close of the first century.

The Epistle of Jude is one of the most severe in the New Testament. It was occasioned by apostasy in the early Church. So threatening were these heresies that the Spirit caused Jude to write this letter of warning, urging his readers to contend earnestly for the faith (v.3) because of the prevalence of the false teachers who had already intruded into the local Churches (v.4). In burning words Jude describes these heretics, showing vividly how apostasy leads to sinful living (vv. 5-19). The Epistle concludes with a noble doxology (vv. 24-25).

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Awake, Oh My People

By V. JAMES LOVALO

How often these words have been spoken! By prophets of old, and also by individuals under the influence of God's Holy Spirit. These words are an indication that His people are in a spiritual slumber. Divine Providence has always sought to awaken His people to an awareness of their spiritual conditions, and also of their environments, which have had in many instances a very severe impact on their lives. It does not take very long for a people who profess kinship with their Creator to often lose the perspective of their spiritual adoption and birthright blessings and allow a lethargic feeling of "do nothing" or "all is well," to slowly and silently creep upon them until, as in some recorded cases, it becomes too late to repair the damages resulting from their carelessness.

Consider Israel, whom the Lord brought out of Egypt by dividing the Red Sea; who were led by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day; to whose prophets the Lord spoke by dreams and visions, but to Moses face to face. He lifted them up to become a mighty nation, feared and respected by the world. But when they became careless and failed in their duties toward God, they were punished severely. One instance in particular comes to mind. The Lord had commanded Israel to neither retrieve nor collect any trophies of battle during one of their wars. However, one of the leaders, a man called Achan, stole a Babylonian garment and a wedge of gold and hid them in his tent. (Joshua 7:10-26) Immediately the tide of battle turned against Israel and quickly Joshua recognized the reason; someone had disobeyed the Lord's commandment! He therefore commanded everyone to pass before him and confess whether he was the culprit or not. Everyone was able to praise the Lord except Achan who, when he stood before Joshua, confessed his sin and shame. The punishment was severe. He and his household were put to death. Afterwards The Lord returned His blessings upon them, and they were able to defeat their enemy and emerge victorious in battle.

The **Book of Mormon** is also filled with information regarding the blessings that were given to the Nephites as long as they kept His commandments and of the dire consequences that befell them whenever they broke His laws.

History Repeats Itself

Throughout the ages of time history has had its own peculiar way of repeating itself. For some unknown reason, the people of God hardly even seem to learn from the mistakes of their predecessors. Is it not reasonable to suppose that the same spiritual lethargy that came upon those in the past also befall those of the present? Satan's job is to make God's people feel at "ease in Zion," to feel that "all is well" in the kingdom of God. The devil, like an evil genie begins to slowly blindfold The Lord's people so that in time, the things that were once frowned upon and looked upon with abhorrence, now become condoned and tolerated. The sleep of carelessness begins to creep slowly and inexorably upon His people until the true perspective is lost; sight becomes dim, until the eyes can no longer focus spiritually and the "hundred nothings that broke the donkey's back" becomes a reality; some of the watchmen on Zion's walls who cry out, "BEWARE," are often ridiculed, as were the prophets of old. The signs of the times are upon us. Should we not pay heed to the word of God, "Awake, oh My people."

What does it take to awaken a people from their slumbering condition? Apparently, neither warnings, by men of spiritual farsightedness nor the revelation of the Almighty, seem to have much effect when the

eyes become clouded with selfimportance and the sight is dimmed by the scales of "easy living." Neither earthquakes nor fires nor tempests seem to prevail upon a people who have wrapped themselves in the glory of "self."

One thing and one thing alone is really understood, famine. Thus it was in the days of Elijah when the Lord shut the heavens that no rain fell for three and a half years. So it was in the days of Nephi, the son of Helaman, who, seeing the hardness of the hearts of the people, asked God to send a famine, in order to bring them down to the depths of humility. God heard Nephi's prayer and sent a famine in the land that lasted for a long time. It was also a famine that brought the brothers of Joseph to prostrate themselves before their brother who had become a ruler in Egypt. In the great depression of 1929 and in the years following, there was quite an influx of membership into The Church, because of the tremendous need that abounded. When there is need, people have a tendency to turn to their Maker.

There is a strong possibility that God may have to send another famine to bring not only the world, but His own people into the depths of lowliness and humility.

A wise man learns from the mistakes of others, a fool never learns, being puffed up in his own pride and despises wisdom, thinking himself to be faultless. A wise man pays heed to the revelation of God, a fool despises His word, being wrapped in a cocoon of his own selfish imaginations.

When a people's spiritual sight begins to abate, they turn to natural and temporal endeavors. They begin to build monuments, huge structures to commemorate their names rather than God's. The people built a tower in Babel to immortalize their name, but God destroyed their purpose by confounding their language. What a terrible punishment! All because they were not "AWAKE" to the existing deplorable condition. Let us beware! History has a very unique way of repeating itself.

Pre-eminent Position

In these last days God has given the Gentiles a predominant and pre-eminent position. The Gospel has been restored to the Gentiles but with a very severe admonition—to keep His commandments, to preach the Restored Gospel to every kindred, tongue, and nation, and a special commandment that nothing but the pure and unadulterated Gospel shall go to the Seed of Joseph, the American Indian.

In the early years of The Church the revealed will of God came in spirit and in power to wit: "Go ye therefore, to all this Continent, and when ye return, I shall endow you with power to go to all the world." (History of The Church.) Also, a revelation from the Almighty came to this people that, "A home shall be provided you on the borders of the Lamanites, the American Indian, by the preaching of the Gospel." Here are two revelations that speak very plainly. Is it not time that the people of God "AWAKEN" to their sacred responsibility? To live such a righteous life as to cause the arm of The Lord to be extended in their behalf; to put away everything that would be a stumbling block; to eschew even the things that have the appearance of evil; and to strive to at least, fulfill the above-mentioned revelations?

The backbone and the life of The Church has, and will always be, its missionary endeavors. Without a missionary spirit, it is lifeless. The missionary endeavor should supersede all other endeavors. Let all other works be curtailed, and let the spirit of true missionaries envelope each heart and life; let the missionary work proceed with a united effort until the commandments of God and His revelations are

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A CHRONOLOGY OF PAPAGO AND PIMA HISTORY TAKEN FROM CALENDAR STICKS

Submitted by Richard Christman

(Continued From Last Issue)

1883 — The mining company drilled a well at Quijotoa. A telegraph line was built from Tucson to Quijotoa.

1884 — The People made much money from their work in the mine.

1895 — An Indian working in the mine was killed by a premature blast.

1886 — In May of this year, about three o'clock in the afternoon, a severe earthquake shock was felt. The earth trembled; rumbling sounds were heard; the Indian houses swayed to and fro, some falling down; and the People were badly frightened. It was thought that the earth would break in two.

A meeting was called and the old men who had lived long and seen much were questioned as to the best course to pursue. The rains had been scarce for a long time due to the fact, it was thought, that Viikita had not been celebrated. Prosperity from work in the mine had caused the People to neglect the religious ceremonies.

Viikita was celebrated at the proper time and rains came. No more earthquakes of any consequence have been felt.

1887 — An Indian obtained some bad whiskey from Mexico and became intoxicated. While sleeping in his house his bedding caught fire and he was burned to death.

1888 — The Quijotoa mine shut down and there was no more work.

1889 and 1890 — These two years were very dry. Feed for cattle and horses was scarce and crops were poor. The Indians suffered many hardships.

1891 — This year much rain fell, and crops were good.

1892 — This was another year of much rain and plenty. Many fiestas were held, games were played, and the ceremonies were performed. It was a year of rejoicing.

1893 — The Papago women have, from the beginning, played a strenuous game called *tohka*. The rules are similar to those of football, but instead of a large ball the women manipulate, with mesquite sticks shaped like shepherd's crooks, two small balls about one and one-half inches in diameter, made of rawhide and joined together by a rawhide thong about one and one-half inches in length.

This year the women began to bet on the game. Like the men, they soon went wild in betting. Some of them, after losing all the property several years of prosperity had brought them, bet their clothes.

Viikita was celebrated this year.

1894 — This year white people came to the Pimas on the Gila.

1895 — There was much sickness among the People. Several died, including one of their councilmen.

1896 — This was a good year; much rain and bounteous crops. One member of the council was killed by lightning.

1897 — Another councilman, the chief of Santa Rosa village, died.

1898 — This year, handicap footraces were held at Akchin. The people of Santa Rosa backed the loser, and lost almost all their cattle, horses, and mules. (On June 25 of this year occurred the birth of the one who copied and deciphered this history, Sevilla Juan of Covered Wells.)

1899 — Nothing of interest.

1900 — The long closed Picacho mine reopened and the Indians secured much employment.

1901 — Nothing reported.

1902 — The village of Peelseeya at Tucson had long since disappeared and the Indians began calling the town Tucson, which is a Papago word meaning Black at the Bottom, from a peak nearby which has a black base.

Again, Santa Rosa lost her chief by death.

1903 — The Indians of the village of Covered Wells dug two new wells.

1904 — Viikita was celebrated and copious rains fell, almost immediately, breaking the long drought.

Work at the Picacho mine continued.

1905 — The *weejita*, or handicapped footrace, contest was held. The contestants were the villages of Covered Wells and Kaka. One runner from Kaka, a braggart, during the time of training went from village to village telling the people how fast he was, and that because of his superior speed his village would surely defeat Covered Wells. Wholly unaccustomed to braggadocio, the Papagos of all the other villages took the runner for what he pretended to be and bet on Kaka. This in spite of the fact that when asked to demonstrate his superiority, he, for one reason or another, declined.

It is needless to say that he failed to make good in the contest and Covered Wells was victorious. The backers of Kaka lost heavily on their bets. One old man lost all his horses and mules and presented the unusual spectacle of weeping. Three women who lost much of their property flew at him with intent to tear him to pieces, but he fled.

1906 — Nothing deciphered.

1907 — This was a good year and the Indians celebrated all the rites and ceremonies except Viikita.

A man got drunk on bad Mexican liquor, and at a dance in Santa Rosa, went into a frenzy and killed his sister and himself.

The Federal Government then tightened its embargo on intoxicants to the Indians and drunkenness rapidly declined.

Another event not recorded on the stick is noted here: the birth of the sister of the decipherer of the stick, Sevilla Juan. Her name is Emelia Juan.

1908 — Viikita celebrated. No drunkenness.

1909 — Two prominent men of Santa Rosa died.

1910 — The irrigable land on the Pima Reservation was surveyed for allotment to individual Indians. Much of the Papago Reservation was also surveyed, but being grazing land only, it is not allotted.

1911 — This year was a prosperous one. The People had many dances at Santa Rosa, and celebrated all the fiestas.

1912 — The village of Santa Rosa, like all the other agricultural villages, is situated a long way from permanent water. During seasonable times water could be had from the wash, but when the wash was dry, water had to be carried from a spring in a small range of mountains almost eight miles away. One old man said that before horses were introduced, the women went early in the morning with ollas and returned by the hottest time of the day.

This year the Government service decided to drill a well in the village, charging the cost to tribal funds. The chief objected to the move. He called his advisors into consultation and laid the matter before them. After a long discussion, it was unanimously decided to reject the offer. "For," they said, "although we do not have to pay for the well now, sooner or later the money must come. The People have lived a long time on their lands and prospered without this improvement and they wish to continue to live without the gratuitous assistance of anyone."

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Editorial Viewpoint

George A. Neill

"Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We have room to believe that most people are afraid in the dark, at least to some degree. This, I believe, is typical of man from the beginning of time. I will not take time nor space to relate two incidents where I was caught in total darkness, but I would like to say that on both occasions I felt a tingle in my spine and my breathing became very heavy. I remember when I was a small boy that if anyone were afraid to venture into the dark others would call him a "fraidycat." I wouldn't let the others call me that, so I would go anywhere any other boy would venture — bold in appearance, or on the outside, but truly a "fraidycat" on the inside. No doubt most of us have known places where we would never walk at night. I lived in Wichita, Kansas for a short time when a child, and if I went home a certain way I had to pass through a dark spot where there were no street lights. It didn't take long for me to decide on another route.

Many animals, unlike man, prefer darkness. Most wild animals hunt their food at night; they attack their prey in the dark. There are insects that prefer the dark to the light. Have you ever lifted an object from the ground and seen various insects or bugs scurrying to get under cover again? They prefer to hide in darkness.

Man was made to walk in the light. His eyes won't focus in the dark for he was made much higher than the animals. Light, to man, is guidance. In the night we grope and stumble; we cannot be sure where we are or which way we should go. There is safety and assurance in light. Light not only fosters the seed but it warms the soil for its sprouting, even when the sun is obscured by clouds. We, as well as plant life, thrive on its influence. Without light man and beast would starve. Therefore light is life.

Light reveals beauty, but all colors vanish in the dark. Day restores the blue of the sky, the green of the trees and of the grass in the meadows. The flower gardens take on their brilliance of color by day, but the painted desert has no color at night. What sunlight is to the earth the light of Christ is to men and women — life, guidance, assurance, and beauty. Christ is the light and life of the world; His light is endless; it can never be darkened. His life is eternal and there can be no more death.

Christ said on one occasion, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He also said that John the Baptist was sent to bear witness of that light, and that he (John) was a burning and shining light. As latter day saints should we be any less than burning and shining lights? Just how much light radiates from those of us who would be the "light of the world?" Is it possible that some of us need to increase our candle power?

I have always thought there was a lesson in the little coal oil lamps we used to burn — some of you older folks can well remember. If when cleaning the chimney you were careless, this would often result in a smudged chimney, and the light didn't shine through so well — pretty much like a life that is smudged through carelessness. An untrimmed wick was sure to smoke the chimney, making the light dim also; and of course no oil — no light. They tell me of an ancient custom where the watchman came through the streets at dusk crying, "Hang out your lights," and as each home did so the darkness was dispelled.

Where is the light to shine? First of all it should shine in our homes, and then into our neighbor's home. We should let our light shine at work, at play, at school, and upon every creature. To follow the admonition of our Lord when He said "Let your light shine," is the mission of every latter day saint that he might bring within the reach of every human being the transforming power of God.

I do not know, but I will venture a thought, that only one out of five thousand people in the United States carries any conviction whatever about the Restoration. Would it be unkind or untrue for me to suggest that there may be a complacency in our attitude toward the four thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine; that most of us are content to sit around and sing nursery jingles such as, "This little light of mine; I'm going to let it shine . . . Won't let Satan 'poof' it out"? If we are truly to be a light to the world it may be that we need to shake off some of our shackles.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

The Resurrection Story

Dear Girls and Boys,

Again our thoughts are on the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When Jesus was crucified between two thieves on the cross, nearby stood Mary, his mother, his mother's sister, Mary and Mary Magdalene. John, his beloved disciple was there also, and Jesus gave the care of his mother to him. Many others were close by mourning this sad event. Soon their sorrow would be turned to joy. This was all in God's great plan.

It is thought the crucifixion of Jesus took place on Friday which was before the Jewish Sabbath. Jesus' body was given to Joseph of Arimathea and wrapped carefully by him and Nicodemus. It was done in haste because the Sabbath began at sundown.

The day following, the women hurried to the tomb to take spices which they had prepared for the embalming of the body. As they went their way, they were discussing how they could roll away the heavy stone that had been placed and sealed at the opening of the grave. As they came nearer they saw an Angel and the stone rolled away. They were afraid and bowed down their faces to the earth. The Angel asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen, as he said he would. Go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you to Galilee. There you will see him."

Earlier the guards who guarded the tomb were frightened by the angel. They hurried to tell the priests of what had happened. The priests and elders gave them money and said to say that while they slept, Jesus' disciples had come and stolen his body.

When the women told the apostles the things they had seen and heard, it seemed to them as idle tales and they would not believe. Peter and John ran to the sepulchre in haste. John outran Peter and arrived there first. Stooping down in the tomb they found the linen clothes in which Jesus had been wrapped. Now they believed. Jesus has risen! Jesus had told the disciples that his enemies would take his life, but he would rise on the third day. No one seemed able to understand this then. But now it is real. Jesus is risen!

Early in the afternoon of the same day that Jesus rose from the dead, two of his disciples were going to the village called Emmaus. On the way, Jesus joined them and walked with them. They did not recognize him. Jesus asked them what they were talking about and they replied, "Jesus of Nazareth, a mighty prophet, whom the chief priests and rulers condemned to death and crucified." They hoped Jesus had come to redeem Israel and now his tomb had been found empty. Jesus said, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?" He continued to tell them of Moses and the prophets and all Scripture concerning himself.

When they reached the village they invited Jesus to stay with them. Jesus accepted and stayed. As

they sat together at the evening meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. Then a marvelous thing happened! Suddenly they knew this man was Jesus and just as suddenly he vanished out of their sight. They said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us and opened up the Scriptures?"

The same hour the two men got up and hurried to Jerusalem where they found the eleven disciples gathered together. What wonderful news they had to tell, "The Lord is risen indeed." And as they told the events of the day, how Jesus walked with them and was known as he broke bread and gave them to eat. While they were speaking, Jesus stood in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." They were terrified and thought they had seen a spirit. But Jesus said comfortingly, "Why are you troubled? Why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet that it is I, myself, handle me and see, for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see me have." This was the proof they needed. He who had been crucified was actually alive and with them. How happy they were:

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

The General Epistles

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Paul's Teachings Supplemented

Many have objected that **James**, **1 Peter**, and **2 and 3 John** are not true "general" Epistles, because the direction of their teaching is too restricted. However, **James**, which is addressed to the Jewish Dispersion ("the twelve tribes scattered abroad"), is probably one of the very earliest New Testament books, having been written before Paul's missionary work was completed and at a time when The Church was still made up largely of Hebrew Saints. It is, therefore, validly described as a "general" Epistle. Likewise, **1 Peter**, addressed to the "sojourners" dispersed throughout five areas (Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia), is also of a "general" nature. As for **2 and 3 John**, these briefest of Epistles, while addressed to individuals, are so closely related to **1 John** in style and content that they may be considered appendixes to it.

Doctrinally, the General Epistles stand in relation to the Pauline Epistles as the Gospel of John does to the Synoptics-i.e. the General Epistles supplement Paul's teaching but do not conflict with it. Without such men, the epitome of spiritual knowledge and strength, what would we be doing today?

Sister Elizabeth Davidson Extends A "Thank You"

Sister Davidson who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 16, 1972, extends a grateful "Thank You" to all who made her birthday so enjoyable.

She received many, many cards from the Saints throughout The Church in addition to gifts, telegrams, flowers and phone calls. In addition, Sister Davidson received personal greetings from President Richard M. Nixon, Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania and her relatives in England.

She was honored at an "open house" held in the West Elizabeth, Pa. Fire Hall on her birthday. Local newspapers, radio and TV stations publicized the event.

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

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Just how much restoration light is emanating from each of us? We may be able to fool ourselves but we don't fool God. He knows exactly our candle power. I once made a trip with Brother Charles Ashton and Alex Cherry to Richwood, West Virginia. Alex, who is a nephew to Brother Teman Cherry, took a camera along and each time he prepared to take a picture he would pull something out of his pocket and hold it in his hand for a few minutes, set the camera, and put it back into his pocket. I asked him what the thing was and he said it was a light meter that measured the amount of light falling upon the object he wished to photograph. The thought has often occurred to me since that time that perhaps the Lord has some kind of a light meter for measuring the light which falls from those who claim to be the light of the world.

I am reminded of an incident where a father was reading a book when his five year old daughter approached him and asked what he was reading. He answered saying, "I'm reading a book about the saints but you wouldn't know anything about them." "Oh yes," the little girl said: "They are people that the light shines through." She was picturing in her mind the figures in the stained glass window of a church. What a priceless definition of a Saint; and to come from the mind of a child!

You Should Know . . .

All Presiding Elders of the Branches and Missions have been instructed to have the Branch Secretary report the following information to the General Church Secretary immediately after each Branch Organization Meeting:

1. Change of Church building address or location of meeting place.
2. Presiding Elders name and address.
xThis information should also be sent to the District
3. Secretary's name and address.

The General Church prohibits picture taking in a Church building while a marriage ceremony is in progress and that it is permissible ONLY after the conclusion of the service.

The General Church prohibits the sale and distribution of religious ornamental objects such as pictures, praying hands, lapel pins, and other religious items containing religious emblems.

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall keep a record of all monies paid into the Branch Treasury, giving the money and a complete report to the Treasurer. 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.

Flashbacks

By CHARLES W. JUMPER

25 years ago

Brother A. B. Cadman and Brother T. S. Furnier visited the San Diego Mission. During their visit two souls were baptized into the Gospel.

Brother Patsy DiBattista left San Diego, California to preach the Gospel in Mendoza, Argentina.

20 years ago

Brother Mark Randy is holding Sunday Services in his home in Modesto, California. The Mission has had 3 baptisms recently.

General Circle met in the home of Sister Sadie Cadman. Brother Joseph Bittinger, Brother Joseph Shazer and Brother William Cadman were present and spoke to the Sisters.

15 years ago

Rochester, New York - Brother Ansel D'Amico reports 2 baptisms during March.

The Aliquippa and McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branches held a joint meeting. There were 2 baptisms, Brother Chester Nolfi and Brother Frank D'Antonio.

10 years ago

Brother James Heaps of California held a week of meetings in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

San Carlos Indian Reservation reports 4 baptisms.

Twenty - five years ago Mr. Emil Huttner of the Rodef Shalom Temple reported on a meeting held honoring Brotherhood week.

A man neatly dressed and with his dignified appearance and silver gray hair was seated on the extreme right of the pulpit. The building was filled to near capacity. Slowly the man rose from his seat and addressing the pulpit he proceeded with his remarks.

"This is the first time that I am in a Hebrew Synagogue. It is my first experience in addressing a Hebrew Congregation in the House of Israel." He then quoted from **Leviticus 19:18** reflecting on the peace of the whole world, dwelling on brotherhood and the slogan, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." He spoke of how this was practiced and preached two thousand years ago in Israel. He supported his assertion with quotations in both the **Old and New Testaments**.

The audience of both Jew and Gentile listened eagerly to every word that poured out of his mouth, absorbing every word they could grasp within their reach. His talk was direct from the heart, with emotion and feeling as if the Spirit of God had been thrown upon him. From his lips came words of truth and understanding. His message dedicated to Brotherhood and understandings thrilled the audience.

Brother William H. Cadman left a most honorable name among all men.

AWAKE, OH MY PEOPLE

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fulfilled, and The Church emerges triumphant and arrayed in the glory of The Lord until He looks down and says, "It is Good."

Awake, Oh my people! Thus did the prophet Isaiah cry out, "Awake, awake, put on thy strength O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem...how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace...be ye clean that bear the vessels of The Lord."

May The Lord help us all to reach out for spiritual heights. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

M. B. A. Highlights

GMBA Activities Committee Meets At Imperial, Pennsylvania

by

James D. Gibson, GMBA Editor

On January 29, 1972 the GMBA Activities Committee met at the Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church. The Committee extends gratitude to those of the Branch for their hospitality on this day of the Committee meeting.

A total of two meetings were conducted during the day. A dinner was served between the morning and afternoon sessions.

One of the main topics of discussion was the forthcoming GMBA Campout which will be held at New Hope, Pennsylvania. The camp is situated in close proximity to the New Jersey stateline and is easily accessible by many main highways.

Brother Donald Ross of Bronx, New York, the camp director, gave a clearly defined outline of the camp agenda for the week of July 29 to August 5, 1972.

All necessary committees have been established, each with a chairman selected by the director.

To date, all previous camps have been successful and there should be no reason to doubt this one should deviate from this. As always, we desire to entrust our every activity into The Lord's care and guidance. There is responsibility and work involved. But never have those that put forth effort felt that their efforts were in vain.

Rules and regulations have been established and all planning has been completed. More information will be forthcoming from the director and the various chairmen. A brochure will be provided upon entering camp to assure that each person at camp is well-informed of the daily schedule of events.

Registration forms are to be returned to Sister Elsie Ensana, 325 Plainfield Avenue, Edison, New Jersey as soon as possible. Sister Elsie is the Registration Chairman and will expedite all forms as received.

Another item that was discussed during the Activities Committee Meeting was the Pay-As-You-Go food plan for future GMBA Conferences. After some discussion a plan was proposed by Brother Paul Palmieri, the GMBA Vice President. This plan would necessitate the payment of fifty cents by each adult and twenty-five cents by each child ten years old or younger for each of the two meals served on Saturday. For example—a family of two adults and two children under the age of eleven would pay a total of \$3.00 for two meals during the day. This plan would be instituted under close observation to see its eventual success or failure. Various ideas and approaches to the proposal have been undertaken in the past. This will be the first test for the newly proposed plan.

The May GMBA Conference will be held at the General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. All MBA members are urged to attend and participate in the business and spiritual activities of the day.

It is again requested that individuals having news items send them to the GMBA Editor. A suggestion was made that Area MBA Presidents submit articles

for publication in the MBA Bulletin as well as the MBA Highlights. A new column entitled "Letters to the Editor" will be introduced. The proposal for such a column was originally suggested in the May 1965 GMBA Conference. Any interested individual with a question they desire to have answered may write to the Editor. Questions may pertain to the MBA organization and its functions.

During the course of the meetings on January 29, time was taken to offer a special prayer for the sick and afflicted.

It was decided that the GMBA send Sister Elizabeth Davidson of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania a bouquet of flowers in commemoration of her one-hundredth birthday. She was the first GMBA President. She has been a faithful Church member for eighty-five years. The entire MBA organization sends their best regards to her.

A notice was read concerning the twenty-fifth anniversary of the San Diego, California MBA. They were organized December 26, 1946 and plan to celebrate this wonderful event on February 5, 1972.

We spent a good day together at the Activities Committee and hope that the decisions, proposals and endeavors made meet with the approval of all the MBA members.

Following is a list of Campout Committees and Chairmen:

Camp Director Donald Ross
Registration Elsie Ensana
Publicity Lydia Link
Recreation George Siddal

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Seminars - Charles Jumper
Campfire - Wayne Donkin
Coffee - Robert Nicklow
Accommodations - Richard Lawson
Pulpit and PA System - Ed Donkin
Reception - Dom Risola
Canteen - Bill Hufnagle
Rules - Vince Gibson, Jim Genaro, Jon Genaro,
Joseph Ross.

He Cares

By Cindy Goodfellow

I passed him on the street
He stared, walked on.
Closed eyes, cold heart
It's hard.
All alone in this sinful world
Whom can I turn to?
Who knows and cares about me?

Problems arise that I can't solve
Not by myself.
Others too are lost
But I have found,
Now there is
One I can turn to
One who knows and cares about me.

I see things in a different perspective.
New faces and personalities
I try harder to accomplish
It's a whole new life
There are too few of us
We will teach others
That there is Someone
Who lends His outstretched Hand
He knows and cares, always.

Brief News Of Interest

Thanks Extended

In a note from Brother Lou Pandone of the Vero Beach, Florida Mission, he extends thanks to all the young people of the Niles, Ohio Branch for their telephone greetings wishing him a happy birthday, his sixty-third.

Brother Pandone also adds a compliment to the Niles young people, "I have received good reports of your group, keep up the good work and God bless you one and all."

Nigerian Secondary School Opened

The Church of Jesus Christ Technical Secondary School was officially opened on January 24, 1972, with permission from the government of the S. E. State of Nigeria. Five Nigerian teachers have been employed to teach classes, also a principal who is in charge of the operation of the school.

Classes are being held at temporary quarters while the buildings for classrooms are being erected.

We are requesting all our people to pray for the success of this project, for the honor and glory of God and The Church of His Son in the great continent of Africa.

John Ross

Announcement

The Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. is sponsoring a week-end retreat on May 5, 6, 7, 1972. It will be held at Camp Allegheny, Ellwood City, Pa. — cost \$16.50. Restricted to males (sophomores in high school and older). All men are welcome. For forms and information, write to Joseph Ross, No. 2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001.

Co-Chairmen - Paul Palmieri, Joseph Ross

Niles, Ohio Branch Continues To Grow

The addition of a new member on Sunday, January 23, 1972 proved to be another blessing to the Niles, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Kenneth Keeley was baptized by Brother Joseph Manes and confirmed by Brother Joseph Genaro. Brother Keeley states that during the Sunday morning service he was shaking all over, but did not ask for his baptism. However, he did so shortly after the start of the afternoon service. A humble spirit prevailed during the feet-washing service.

The preceding Sunday, Brother David Koon of the Niles Branch, was baptized at Muncey, Ontario. He was one of a group of young people that visited the Muncey Branch on the Indian Reserve. So, Niles Branch continues to grow.

Deacon Ordained At Phoenix, Arizona Branch

The ordination of a Deacon proved to be an extra blessing to the Phoenix, Arizona Branch on Sunday, December 26, 1971. Brother Mark Landrey's feet were washed by Brother Richard Christman and Brother John Ross, Sr., visiting from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, ordained Brother Landrey to the office of Deacon. Brother Arthur and Sister Grace Landrey, visiting from Monongahela, Pennsylvania, were additionally blessed in witnessing the ordination of their son.

Brother Mark, a former member of the Monongahela Branch has transferred to the Phoenix Branch and is attending Arizona State University. May God bless him in his holy office of serving The Church.

Prayers Answered In San Diego, California

A wonderful Spirit was felt throughout the day on January 9 as another soul gave his life to serve God.

Our new Brother, Steven DeCaro, was taken into the waters of baptism by Brother Domenic Castelli and confirmed by Brother James Tucker.

It was a wonderful way of starting the New Year. God has answered our prayers in our young Brother's behalf. We were especially blessed in the afternoon service when Brother DeCaro asked for his baptism.

We pray that God will bless our new Brother and call others into His glorious Church.

Baptism At Cleveland, Ohio Branch No. 1

Sunday, January 23, 1972 will remain a fond memory in our hearts as a day when the presence of The Lord was felt by all. Brother Robert Nicklow and his family from the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch visited with us on this day.

We truly rejoiced as Brother Bill Hufnagle's mother, who has visited with us many times, asked for her baptism. Brother Rocco Biscotti baptized our Sister and she was confirmed by Brother Mario Milano.

Many inspiring testimonies were given and many were anointed for illnesses. Brother Rocco Biscotti spoke in the gift of tongues as he was anointing Brother Albert Ventura and Brother Robert Nicklow heard a voice say to him, "This is The Lord's way, this is what He wants us to do. All that is happening this very day is as it should be." It was as though The Lord was smiling down on us and His love touched everyone present.

A young man from Chile has been visiting with us the last few weeks and Brother Mario Milano has been interpreting for us, as our young friend speaks only Spanish. He will leave for New York soon where he will continue his education as a welder before returning to Chile. We sincerely pray that we may meet with our young friend once again, and our prayers go with him.

We pray that The Lord will bless all of you as He has blessed this Branch these many years.

Cleveland, Ohio East Side Branch Uplifted By Guest Speakers

Recently the Cleveland East Side Branch conducted a series of four evening Evangelistic services with guest speakers Brothers Dominic Moraco of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4 and A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio Branch.

Their theme was based primarily on the Restoration movement, using quotations from the **Bible** and the **Book of Mormon**. They also used their own personal testimonies to bring forth examples of God's promise to man and His work in their lives.

These meetings were uplifting and encouraging. God's blessings were felt by all in attendance.

Vero Beach, Florida Mission Has Baptism

Sunday, January 23, 1972 was a day of rejoicing for the Vero Beach Mission. The Scripture topic chosen by Brother Rocco Ensana of Edison, New Jersey Branch was the story of Ruth and Naomi. The messages by Brother Ensana and Brother Domenick Giovannone who followed him were inspiring to all.

At the close of the service, a young lady, Rose La Marca, asked to be baptized. Brother Domenick Giovannone had introduced the Gospel to her a few years earlier. His patience and efforts in her behalf were rewarded when he led her to the waters at Indian River and baptized her. She was confirmed by Brother Rocco Ensana. Her testimony is, "I love these people, because they are sincere and are interested in the salvation of my soul."

The Vero Beach Mission wishes to be remembered in prayer that they may prosper and grow.

Deacon Ordained, Blessings Enjoyed At Edison, New Jersey Branch

On Sunday, January 16, 1972, Brother Daniel Stefani, a member of the Edison, New Jersey Branch was ordained a Deacon. His feet were washed by Brother Arthur Searcy who also is a Deacon. Brother August D'Orazio ordained Brother Stefani to the office of Deacon.

The preceding Sunday, Presiding Elder August D'Orazio told the congregation there would be a pleasant surprise for everyone on the following Sunday. Sister Jenny Micale thought to herself, "I wonder what it is?" She then heard a voice, "Brother Danny will be ordained a Deacon next Sunday."

The following Sunday morning, January 16, the blessings of God attended the spoken word as Brother D'Orazio read from the **Book of Mormon, Alma, Chapters 40 and 41**. This feeling continued in the afternoon service as Sister Micale related her experience and during the ordination of Brother Stefani. The Edison Saints may well say, "Surely it was good to be in the House of The Lord."

Lorain Ohio News

Sunday, January 30, was a day of blessings for the Lorain, Ohio Branch. We had as our visitors Brother Rocco and Sister Angeline Biscotti from Cleveland. Brother Joe Genaro and family from Niles, Brother Richard and Sister Annabelle Santilli from Youngstown, and Brother Bob Ciarrochi and family from Niles, Ohio.

As the service commenced and we were singing our second hymn, "Let Me Be Worthy", Brother Frank Altomare arose in the Spirit and said he saw the face of Christ.

Evangelist Joe Genaro was our first speaker and used the **23rd chapter of Alma** as his text, wherein Alma and Mosiah prayed that their sons would be converted to Christ rather than to achieve greatness in natural things. These prayers were heard and the lives of their sons were changed to the extent that they were willing to give their lives for God. He stated that God is working each day from beginning of time until the end, and there is a time appointed for everything. He indicated that we do not take the word of the Lord too seriously. The work of God in our day began when Joseph Smith was instrumental in restoring the Gospel. The desire of his heart is to bring the youth to Christ. God has a work to perform for the youth of our day as he worked with the sons of Mosiah and Alma. There are no limitations with God.

Brother Bob Ciarrochi touched on the preaching of Alma to Corihor. He made mention of the fact that today the religious world is in a state of confusion. Though we read from the same **Bible** there are many different interpretations. The main thing that seems to be lacking is men are not able to say "Thus Saith The Word Of The Lord." We in the Gospel, have learned to depend on God and His wisdom. Sacrifices and fasting and prayer are necessary today to serve God, and to receive the true love which is a vital part of our lives. If we want to move the hand of God, we must demonstrate LOVE.

Brother Richard Santilli gave a brief testimony and told of a vision he had in his early days in the Gospel, wherein he saw a beautiful well constructed bridge with the words "The Church of Jesus Christ" printed in gold upon the structure.

Brother Rocco Biscotti spoke briefly on Elisha asking Elijah for a double portion of His spirit. He stated that he is anxiously awaiting the day when our ministry will perform mighty miracles, such as restoring the sight of the blind and making the crippled to walk. He also touched briefly on the things our brothers before him had spoken. After our brothers finished their discourses, the Spirit of God was truly manifested in several anointings that took place. Words cannot describe the beautiful Spirit that prevailed, not only in the anointings, but in the testimonies and the hymns that were sung.

Brother Frank Calabrese read a letter he received from an inmate of a prison in York, Nebraska, where he is endeavoring to do some missionary work. This young woman gave a very vivid picture of the change that has been wrought in her life since she heard the Gospel. Two of our sisters in the service testified of seeing visions during the course of our meeting. We truly had a little taste of heaven in our meeting. May God richly bless all of the branches and missions throughout The Church.

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

News From Detroit, Branch No. 4

Sunday, January 23, 1972 we had the pleasure of witnessing the ordination of Brother Harold Batalucco to the office of Branch Teacher. The Spirit of the Lord was felt throughout the day. It was a day set aside for our Feet Washing Service. During the Ordination of Brother Harold, his father, Brother Joe Batalucco washed his feet and Brother Gorie Ciaravino ordained him into the office of Teacher. There was a wonderful Spirit prevailing throughout the whole Service. The Lord stamped his mark of approval upon the things that we had done by the presence of his Holy Spirit amongst us.

Brother Harold was raised in The church. He made his covenant with the Lord about two years ago at the campout in Ohio, when he witnessed the power of God. The Lord gave him a testimony that he will long remember.

While playing ball at the Campout he slipped and fell and pulled his arm out of its shoulder socket. Under the prayers of the Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ, his arm went back into place. During this overwhelming manifestation of the Spirit, Brother Harold asked to be baptized.

Brother Harold has always been an asset to Branch No. 4. Now with this added responsibility I am sure the Lord will bless him with many more wonderful experiences.

There is no greater work for man upon the earth, than to be in the Service of the Lord. The work in the building of the Kingdom of Christ is the greatest commitment that a person can make while he walks the face of the earth.

Anthony Gerace

Evangelists, Elders Visit West Side Cleveland, Ohio Mission

At the September 1971 Conference of the Ohio District, the Evangelists set up a schedule whereby the smaller Missions would receive help from them. Brother Dominic Bucci was the first to visit us on October 31, 1971. Brother Anthony Picciuto followed on November 21, and Brother Bucci returned on December 12.

Brothers Don Pandone and Richard Santilli have continued their trips to our Mission, coming on Sundays between the Evangelists' scheduled visits.

Brother Joseph Genaro started the New Year for us, telling us of many experiences and encouraging us to continue to do our best in serving God. These visits are of special benefit to our little Mission and to Brother August Perlioni, as he is the only Elder in the Mission.

On November 7, Sister Rose DiFranco of San Diego, California visited with us and though the occasion of her visit was a sad one (her father Brother DiTomaso passed away.) we enjoyed having her here. Brother and Sister Biscotti also visited with us. Sister Philomena Bartuccio of Cape Coral, Florida Mission, was here during the early part of December, being present for the blessing of her newest granddaughter, Dorene Kukal. Both Sister DiFranco and Sister Bartuccio are former members of our Cleveland Mission.

Husband And Wife New Converts To San Fernando Valley Branch

The New Year began on a happy note for the San Fernando Valley, California Branch. During their New Year's Eve watch service, Brother John Azzinarro's daughter-in-law Joyce asked for her baptism into The Church of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, January 2, Sister Joyce was baptized and confirmed by her father-in-law, Brother John Azzinarro.

Sister Joyce was followed into the waters of baptism by her husband on Sunday, January 23, 1972, only three weeks later. Brother Daniel was baptized by his father, Brother John Azzinarro and confirmed by Brother Dwayne Jordan.

The baptisms of this young couple is a good start for the year 1972—for themselves, for their families and for the San Fernando Branch.

Obituaries

NEVIN T. OBER

Brother Nevin T. Ober, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch passed from this life on January 16, 1972. He was born on June 13, 1907 and was baptized in 1948.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Brother Joseph Bittering officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Nevin was often called upon to sing as one of a trio at activities in the area. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and all who knew him.

ROCCO A. BERARDINO

Brother Rocco A. Berardino, a member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch departed from this life on January 14, 1972. He was born on August 22, 1883 and was baptized on October 26, 1919. He was ordained an Elder on April 3, 1921.

Surviving are four sons, six daughters, eighteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

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

Brother Berardino was one of the pioneers of the Youngstown Branch. He was an asset to the Branch and a faithful Minister of the Restored Gospel. Loved ones and friends will miss him.

LOUIS BERARDI

Brother Louis Berardi, a member of the Bronx, New York Branch passed from this life on December 31, 1971. He was born on March 10, 1903 and was baptized on May 4, 1941.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two grandchildren.

Brother Salvatore Feola officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Berardi will be greatly missed by the Bronx Branch and his wonderful singing voice will long be remembered.

MARY T. KLINGENSMITH

Mary T. Klingensmith of Roscoe, Pennsylvania passed on to her eternal reward on January 2, 1972. She was born on February 25, 1891. She is survived by three sons, three daughters and three brothers.

Brother John Olexa officiated at the funeral services.

She will be missed by loved ones and friends.

GARNET MARCHANDO

Sister Garnet Marchando, a member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch passed from this life on January 3, 1972. She was born on April 25, 1880 and was baptized on June 23, 1920. Some time later she was ordained to the office of Deaconess.

Surviving are three sons, four daughters, twenty-four grandchildren, thirty - nine great grandchildren and a brother.

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

JOSEPHINE DeNIRO MILECO

Sister Josephine DeNiro Mileco, a member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch, passed on to her eternal reward on January 13, 1972. She was born on November 12, 1898 and was baptized on April 12, 1922.

She is survived by three sons, two daughters, sixteen grandchildren, seventeen great - grandchildren, a brother and three sisters.

Brother A. A. Corrado officiated at the funeral services.

She will be missed by loved ones and friends.

JOHN VERARDO

Brother John Verardo, a member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch passed on to his eternal reward on December 5, 1971. He was born on June 25, 1883 and was baptized on May 22, 1921.

He is survived by two sisters. Brother A. A. Corrado officiated at the funeral services and was assisted by Brothers Rocco V. Biscotti and Fred Musolino.

He will be missed by loved ones and friends.

New Arrivals

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

Tyrone Ray, Jr. to Tyrone and Joann Cook of Cleveland, Ohio;

Dorene Sandra to William and Albina Kukal of Cleveland, Ohio;

Kimberly Jo to Joseph and Paulette Griffith of Phoenix, Arizona;

Christine Anne to William and Ruth Anne Zemko of Youngstown, Ohio.

Thomas James to John M. and Linda A. D'Orazio of Lake Worth, Florida;

Justin Duane to Steve and Deanna Hart Johnson of Salina, Kansas; and

Patsy Nowell to Lawrence and Sandra Menchio of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Weddings

Winterrowd - Foxall

Mr. Larry Dale Winterrowd of Columbus, Ohio and Miss Judith Kay Foxall of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania were united in holy matrimony at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 29, 1972. Brother John Ross conducted the wedding ceremony.

Sister Patty Giannetti was the vocal soloist and was accompanied by Sister Janet Gibson at the organ.

The couple will reside in Columbus, Ohio.

LaBuda - Manes

Mr. John LaBuda and Miss Janet Marie Manes were joined in holy wedlock at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 6, 1971. The bride's uncle, Brother John Manes, officiated at the ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Sister Teresa Pandone.

The couple is residing in Youngstown, Ohio.

Taormina - Fortunato

Brother Samuel Taormina of Detroit, Michigan and Sister Marilyn Fortunato of Youngstown, Ohio were joined in holy marriage at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Friday, December 17, 1971. Brother Donald G. Pandone performed the wedding ceremony.

The couple are living in California where the groom is based during his tour of duty in the United States Navy.

Giovannone - Byars

Brother Timothy G. Giovannone of Newton Falls, Ohio and Miss Barbara Kay Byars of Columbia, South Carolina were united in holy matrimony in the Rosewood Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina on Sunday, December 19, 1971. The groom's father, Brother Frank Giovannone conducted the wedding ceremony.

The couple now reside in Columbia, South Carolina.

Duncan - Curry

Mr. Robert H. Duncan of Simi, California and Sister Mary Curry of Santa Susanna, California were united in holy marriage at the San Fernando Valley Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ at Van Nuys, California on Saturday, January 22, 1972. Brother Del Carneal, assisted by Brother Otto Henderson, officiated at the marriage ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Sisters Elaine Jordan and Diane Surdock.

The newlyweds are residing temporarily in Oklahoma where the groom is based during his tour of duty in the United States Army.

1972 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1972 events of General and regional interest (*Indicates meetings will be held in General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.)

March

Ladies Circle Conference in Glassport, Pa. - 4

Semi-Annual General Church District Conferences:

Pennsylvania - 11 in Vanderbilt, 12*

Michigan - Ontario - 8, 9, 10, 12, (Place to be announced.)

Atlantic Coast - 17, 18, 19.

Florida - 10, 11.

Ohio - 17, 18.

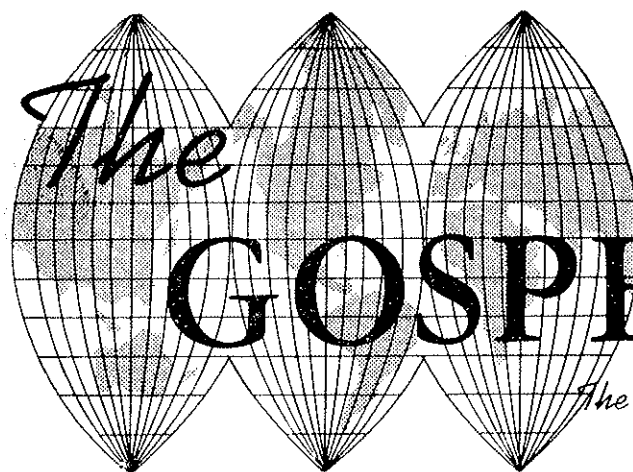
California - 17, 18.

April

Semi-Annual General Church Conference* - 13, 14, 15, 16.

May

Semi-Annual General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference* - 20



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'Faith Of Our Fathers Living Still'

By PAUL D'AMICO

The Prophets of God in all ages of time were righteous and full of good works. Their lives were a pattern for others to follow after them. Thus they can be called the Spiritual Fathers of their time.

Since the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 1827, there have been many men who were used as instruments in the Hand of God to raise and establish His Church.

Maintained The Standards

William Bickerton, President of The Church in 1862; William Cadman (senior), President of The Church in 1880; Alexander Cherry, President of the Church in 1906; William H. Cadman, President of the Church in 1922; Thurman S. Furnier, President of the Church in 1964; and Gorie Ciaravino, President of the Church in 1965. In addition there were the Counselors of the Church, the Apostles, Evangelists, and many Elders in the period of 100 years or more who maintained the Standards of the True Gospel of Jesus Christ, and lived lives which were pleasing before God. Many of the Brethren in the days gone by, and many who are still with us in our Church of today, are true examples of the Saints of the Most High God. They are following in the same pattern of the righteous men of old, and maintaining the same Principles and Standards of true Servants of God. We have looked up to them as Spiritual Leaders and Spiritual Fathers. The Apostle Paul in his day was not only a preacher, an instructor and a man of wisdom, but he was also a father (spiritually) unto all The Church.

Command Our Respect

The youth of today that are growing in The Church would be more highly blessed of God if they would look unto our older Brethren with greater love and respect; and make themselves humble enough to learn from them. We are fortunate to have with us brothers who may be growing old, but who command our respect because of their untiring and unceasing efforts in preaching, teaching and promoting the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us seek their counsel; let us admire their faith and integrity, and above all let us make them feel loved as our Spiritual Fathers in the Gospel.

My father was a good natural father to me, but I respected him more for his faith and obedience to God. I respected the anointment that was upon him, and to my knowledge, never did I do anything to dis-

honor or degrade the high calling which he had in the Priesthood. When he spoke to me, I had the fear of obedience and I know that his spiritual teachings and counsels helped me to draw closer to God.

Although my own father is no longer living, I thank God for many of the Spiritual Fathers in the Gospel who are still with us. May God grant unto them long life, and joy and happiness not only here on earth, but also in the Paradise of God.

A Special Tribute

A special tribute at this time is given to Brother Alma B. Cadman (Honorary President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles), who truly has lived the life of a Saint of God, and who has always been a blessing wherever he went about The Church.

So in conclusion, may we be assured, that the faith of our fathers is living still, and I trust that the youth of today will carry on the same Church as our fathers raised and taught to us. May we live righteously before God, and pave the way for others to come and exclaim: "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still."

God bless you all is my prayer.

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Conference Notice

The General Church Conference will convene on Thursday, April 13, 1972, at 2:00 P.M., in our General Church Auditorium. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions will be for the priesthood only.

Sunday's open meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium.

Nick Pietrangelo
Executive Secretary

Elder John Ross Replies To A Request For Approval To Open A Bible College In Nigeria

In July, 1966, some Elders of The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria, Africa wrote to the Parent Church in America requesting approval to open a Bible College for training young men and women in the word of God, doctrine, and the Law and Order of The Church of Jesus Christ. The General Church Representative of the African work, Brother John Ross, wrote the following reply in behalf of the Parent Church explaining important points of doctrine to the recently established missions (contents of the reply may be beneficial to our readers - the Editors).

To: The Elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Uyo, Eket I, Eket II, Opobo and Imo River.

Dear Brethren:

- 1 **This will not be approved because it is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ.**
- 2 Jesus Christ never established a Bible College to train His disciples, neither did He command His disciples to establish a college for training others.
- 3 Jesus Christ taught His disciples the word of God while He was with them; He also instructed them how to build up His church.
- 4 He told them that after He would leave them and go back to His Father, the Father would send them the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost would teach them all things, and bring all things to their remembrance, whatsoever He had said unto them. (St. John 14:26)
- 5 After Jesus was crucified, resurrected and went to sit at the right hand of God the Father, the promise of the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2nd Chap.) They were filled with the Holy Ghost and it was through the Holy Ghost that the disciples were taught; and all things were brought to their remembrance that Jesus taught them; and they preached it to the world for the salvation of all.
- 6 These disciples afterwards wrote the teachings and actions of Jesus in the four gospels; namely, - **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.** This is the written word of God, plus the other books in the New Testament. The Old Testament Scriptures written by Holy men of God are also the written word of God. From these written words we learn the will of God. **This is the rule and guide that all people use to learn about God.**
- 7 The Book of Mormon was also written by different writers who were servants of God and disciples of Jesus Christ who lived in the western hemisphere. These people were of the seed of Joseph, the son of Israel. God brought them to this land and blessed them with great blessings; Jesus Christ appeared among them after his resurrection and He established His church among them as He did in Palestine. These disciples were also taught by Jesus Christ and they wrote what Jesus taught them. This **Book of Mormon** is also the Word of God.
- 8 From these two records, the **Bible** and the **Book of Mormon**, we read and learn the will of God.
- 9 But to understand the will of God fully we must have the Holy Ghost. It was by the Holy Ghost that the disciples were taught all things and all

things brought to their remembrance, not through a Bible College.

- 10 Today the same thing applies to us who are His followers or The Church of Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Ghost must teach us in order for us to understand God's word. There is no substitute that can replace it. We believe and know that inspiration is an indispensable qualification for the preaching of the Gospel. This is one of the articles of our **Faith and Doctrine.**
- 11 We believe our young men and women can receive training in the Word of God, Doctrine and the Law and Order of The Church of Jesus Christ from the Elders and Teachers, as they teach and preach to them.
- 12 We also have within The Church, organizations such as our Sunday School, Missionary Benevolent Association, and Ladies Uplift Circle. These organizations are established for the purpose of helping The Church to teach our young men and women the Word of God, Faith and Doctrine, and Law and Order.
- 13 Realizing we have all these means to train our men and women, both young and old, we reject the establishing of a Bible College in Nigeria or any part of the world.
- 14 We also reject employing people to teach the Word of God to our people in Nigeria or elsewhere. We believe the word of God must be taught freely as did Jesus and his disciples. Jesus said, "freely you have received, freely give." (**Matthew 10:8**)
- 15 The only time we support our Ministers is when they are sent out on missionary duty by The Church.
- 16 When our Elders are at home, they are to support themselves and their families by laboring with their own hands. Furthermore, they are to teach and preach the Word of God to all, freely, as they freely received it.
- 17 we do not believe that people are to get gain because they profess to be preachers; they use the Word of God to get gain. The Ministry of Jesus Christ is not an earthly profession or livelihood. Please read 7th article of the **Faith and Doctrine**, page 6.
- 18 We believe that education is needful in all its forms, from primary to higher learning for all people everywhere. From this, men and women can elevate themselves and their fellowmen to higher standards of livelihood and civilization. This we acknowledge and recommend our people to pursue to the fullest extent.
- 19 But to establish religious colleges to train people for the work of God or the ministry, we reject because it is not according to Scripture, nor is it needful since we have other means to train our people in the things of God.
- 20 Furthermore, my dear Brethren, you would be putting yourselves and our poor people in bondage by assessing yourselves to support such a college. No doubt those who recommend this and whom you would support as principals and tutors will tell you many things to make you believe how necessary it is to have such a college. They are interested in filling their bellies at the expense of others. But most abhorrent is the fact that the Word of God is used to obtain their objectives. Let no man deceive you; reject such false teaching. Rest assured that if all the Elders and Teachers of The Church of Jesus Christ will do their duty in teaching and preaching, The Church will grow and God will choose whomever He will to be the

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News From San Carlos, Arizona

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

First of all, we wish to thank the Lord for the wonderful restored Gospel and the privilege to be called into it, and to be able to play a small part in the great plan of God.

It is a great honor indeed. And oh! How wonderful it is. Brother Anthony, Brother Jim and I have been on the San Carlos Reservation for five months now. We are happy to be here and are trying to do our best with the help of God. We fellowship with some of the most wonderful Brothers and Sisters, and love them dearly. They are very near and dear to our hearts.

A Healing Experience

We have enjoyed some wonderful blessings in our meetings. Our Apache Elder, Brother Claude Kayson, had a wonderful experience on the night of Saturday, New Year's day. He had been very afflicted. He had been looking for firewood and was picking up railroad ties. A small splinter from the wood got into the skin of his stomach and caused a very bad infection. The doctor had to lance and insert a tube for draining. He could not work for two weeks, which made it very difficult for him financially.

This New Year's night, he had to go outside for something and thought he heard someone walking nearby. He didn't see anyone, so he went and sat in his car for awhile. Suddenly, a man appeared to him near the car window. He spoke to him and said, "Brother you are going to be healed." Then he disappeared.

The next morning in our Sunday service, we had Brother John Ross and his wife visiting with us from Pennsylvania. After he spoke, Brother Claude Kayson got up and said, "Brothers and Sisters, I want to tell you about my experience I had last night." He said the Brother or person who appeared to him at his car was Brother John Ross. He had never met him before and saw him for the first time that Sunday morning. And he said that he had been healed.

The next morning, my daughter and I were in San Carlos to get our mail and met Brother Claude coming from the doctor. He was so happy and said the doctor checked him and told him he was alright and could go to work that day. So we praise God and give Him all the honor and glory.

ANOTHER HEALING

We have had many other wonderful experiences as well by different ones. Sister Anita Hopkins' son was just released from the hospital. He was scheduled for brain surgery (possible brain damage.) But at the last minute, they could find nothing and sent him home... a 22 year old young man. So how can we "ever sufficiently praise Him?"

We have started our sewing and cooking circle. We enjoy a sweet fellowship with our Sisters and have an enjoyable time together. We need your prayers that God will continually be with us to guide and direct us in all things; that whatever we may do, it may be to His honor and glory. We hope to do all kinds of projects... reading, sewing, quilting and cooking.

Young People, Others Work Hard

Our young people from Phoenix came here and spent a week-end with us. They painted outside and cleaned around the church grounds. At night, they had a big bonfire, had hot dogs, etc., and sang hymns. Everyone had a very nice time along with our Lamanite young people. We wish to thank each one

who came here and worked so hard. May God bless them and repay them with a special blessing. We also wish to thank Brother Bill Lotgery who came here last week along with Brother and Sister Plummer and brought a truck load of clothing. Brother Bill has been a very afflicted Brother, and we appreciate so very much all of his efforts along with Brother and Sister Plummer who work hard to keep us in this work.

We wish to thank all of our Brothers and Sisters everywhere who have helped us out here. May God bless each one of you.

Remember us in prayer for this great work and we cannot do it alone, but only with the help of God and your prayers. We enjoy the Gospel News very much and look forward to reading it each month.

Sincerely,

Sister Grace Brutz and Family

You Should Know . . .

A motion has been passed by the General Church for all Districts to advise all Branches and Missions of the following: Requests all donations for books, literature, etc. for any established mission fields in Africa, Italy, Mexico, United States, etc., are to be made to the General Church Mission Board. These needs will be handled by the Board of Missions and paid for from General Church funds.

You should know. . .

No one is permitted to do any doctrinal printing unless authorized by the General Church. Branches or Districts may print such items as; business cards, letterheads, telephone directories or invitations - but no doctrinal printing.

You should know. . .

According to the United States Census Bureau's report, the Indian population in the U.S. increased by more than 50 per cent during the 1960's (1960 to 1969). The preliminary census count showed 791,839 Indians as compared to 523,591 in 1960 - an increase of 268,248.

States are ranked as follows:

1) Oklahoma	97,731
2) Arizona	95,812
3) California	91,018
4) New Mexico	72,788
5) North Carolina	43,487

The remainder are spread throughout the nation.

You should know. . .

The Methodist Church is reported to have the largest Indian membership of any Protestant denomination.

You should know. . .

When any Branch or Mission is in the process of constructing a Church building, the dimensions shall not exceed 1500 square feet. i.e. (a building 35 feet wide by 50 feet long). The auditorium ceilings shall not exceed 12 feet in height. An open beam type ceiling shall not exceed 16 feet in height at the center.

More quotes worth remembering.

- 1) We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn eternal truths from the past.
- 2) The greatest miracle that God can perform today is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world, and make that man holy and put him back into the unholy world and keep him holy in it.

Leonard Ravenhill

- 3) It is better to try to do something and fail than try to do nothing and succeed.

A CHRONOLOGY OF PAPAGO AND PIMA HISTORY TAKEN FROM CALENDAR STICKS

Submitted by Richard Christman

(Continued From Last Issue)

Nevertheless, later a white man came and took the chief with him to a certain spot where there was an ant hill, stuck a stick into the ground and said, "Here a well shall be drilled." It was done.
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When the well was finished the chief told his people that the well must be left alone and, in order that the Papagos might continue their old life, water must still be carried from the spring in the foothills. Gradually, however, and very reluctantly (for the Papagos are unusually obedient to their chiefs) they began to disobey and get water from the well. The chief vainly threatened them and used all his power of persuasion to stop them. Matters continued in this unsatisfactory condition until one night the water supply in the house of the chief became exhausted and he was taken with thirst. He slipped out to the well to replenish his olla. Several of the tribesmen caught him in the act and charged him with inconsistency. The matter was settled by an agreement that all should use the water from the well.

Viikita was celebrated in this year.

1913 — This year, some land company, basing its claim on a grant made by Mexico before the Gadsden Purchase to a man named Hunter, sent its representatives into the Papago Reservation to establish themselves in the name of the Hunter heirs. The Indians were much concerned, but their fears were allayed by their confidence in the Federal Government.

As late as 1920 agents were attempting to sell portions of this land to prospective settlers, the title to be conditioned on the successful outcome of a suit which was brought later in the Federal Courts.

1914 — The Government continued to drill wells at the different villages.

1915 — This year, even while the white man's rigs were drilling away, much rain fell, making bounteous crops and plenty of feed for stock, thus proving the wells an unnecessary innovation and vindicating the judgment of the wise old Indians who have always wanted to continue the time-tested life of the tribe.

1916 — Nothing deciphered.

1917 — A prospector was working some mining claims near White Wells, obtaining water for domestic use from a well belonging to the Indians. The headman of the village asked him to pay a trifling sum of money for the water, which he refused to do. The chief then forbade him the use of the well. The prospector promptly filed a mining claim on the ground around the well, and claimed it as his property, forbidding the Indians its use.

Early one morning an Indian came for water and the prospector tried to stop him. As was to be expected of a Papago, the man stood up for his rights and started to fight for them, whereupon the prospector shot and killed him.

It is said that the prospector died in prison later for the deed.

1918 — Influenza caused many deaths this year.

1919 — Many dances, games, and celebrations at Santa Rosa.

1920 — Nothing unusual.

1921 — This year a strange thing occurred. One night in August, the skies were lighted from the north almost to overhead. The light came in spots, some large, some small; some beginning small and growing larger; some beginning large and growing smaller;

new ones popping out farther and farther southward, till half the sky was as bright as if illuminated with flares.

The white men, it was learned later, called it aurora borealis, but to the old ones it appeared that the world would soon catch fire and be consumed. Toward daylight, the fires went out.

This was a portent, for it did not rain that year, and there was a great loss of cattle and horses.

1922 — This year Viikita and all the other ceremonies were celebrated, and, as has been pointed out many times by the ones who have preserved these rites in spite of civilization, rains came and the People prospered. Elder Brother commanded it in the beginning and it has never failed.

1923 — Nothing recorded.

1924 — The rain dance — not the quadrennial Viikita — was held at Santa Rosa.

1925 — Influenza scourged the People this year, and seven died.

1926 — Nothing deciphered.

1927 — Good crop year. Much dancing and many fiestas.

1928 — The highway from Tucson to Ajo was begun and many Indians secured employment.

A small aurora borealis occurred this year, but it was too small to be taken as a portent.

1929 — Work on the highway continued. A branch from Gunsight to the Mexican border was constructed.

An Indian, while working on the road, was run over and killed by a car.

1930 — No record.

1931 — No record.

1932 — The villages of Anegam and Santa Rosa contested in many races and the People gambled recklessly.

Influenza came again and took seven lives.

1933 — Viikita was celebrated. Only three deaths occurred from another epidemic of influenza.

1934 — The CCC made many charcos, or reservoirs, to catch and hold flood waters for stock.

1935 — The People voted to accept self-government under the Wheeler - Howard Bill.

1936 — This year the reservation was divided into eleven districts and these districts fenced. Since the land is grazing land only, this is a great help in round-ups, for the cattle cannot stray so far.

This is the end of the copy of the stick

New Arrivals

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

Ronald Benny to John and Genevieve Ansilio of Detroit, Michigan;

Timothy Daniel to Daniel R. and Sherri E. Bukoski of Erie, Pennsylvania;

Angelina Maria to Gordon and Cynthia Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan;

Jared William to Nephi and Lorraine DeMercurio of Detroit, Michigan;

John Charles to Charles and Elizabeth Hill of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Emily Anne to Joseph and Almerinda Kaczmarek of Detroit, Michigan;

Linda Kaye to David and Marie Jackson of Rochester, New York;

Timothy Robert to Robert and Rena Lenhart of Glassport, Pennsylvania; and

Sara J. to Gerald and Mary Ann Rood of Detroit, Michigan.

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Editorial Viewpoint

"HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH"

By GEORGE A. NEILL

"How much do you weigh?" isn't a very polite question: in fact, sometimes it is unwise to ask such a question since many people do not like to tell their weight, especially those among the weaker sex. I remember when I was a small boy I attended country fairs a number of times. There was always a particularly large man who, if I am not mistaken, called himself a weight guesser. He had a large scale rigged up from three poles, and a metal seat attached to the scale with chains. For the sum of a dime this man would guess your weight. If he missed within two pounds either way you got a prize, but if he was within the two pound limit you were out your dime.

People of all sizes — the tall, the short, the thin and plump ones — were willing to have their weight revealed for a twenty-five cent prize. I am sure if you dared to ask some of these people at another time how much they weighed you were sure to get a mean look. One thing that surprised me was how accurate this man was at weight-guessing. He would actually guess the exact weight of many individuals for he did not give away too many prizes.

Let us press the question further: "How much do you weigh?" We are not speaking now of mechanical scales, but of moral scales. How much do you weigh spiritually? How much does your character weigh? How much does your reputation weigh? Your faith? How much do you think you weigh by your own scales? Step in front of the mirror of your own opinion. Some of us would like to gain a little weight for we feel we are not as heavy as we ought to be spiritually. There may be others who feel they are heavy enough, but may I warn you that we are never as heavy as we look to ourselves. I believe a humble man will more accurately guess his correct weight than will a self-righteous one. As we go through life we get on and off our own scales and perhaps never weigh the same. We should be a little careful of judging our weight by our own scales. I do not know if you ever thought about it, but it is not possible for us to go through life without being weighed on our neighbor's scales. You may think this is foolish, for each neighbor will figure your weight differently. Some of them are really mistaken; to some you are heavier than they think and to others you are lighter than they would realize. It is true that your neighbor cannot get all of you on his scales, but he does weigh your reputation, your character, and disposition.

My mind goes to a man who weighed heavy on the scales of his neighbor, as well as to two servants, and a soldier. This man was Cornelius. Those who weighed him testified to Peter concerning him: "A just man, and one that feareth God; and of good report among all the nation of the Jews." Cornelius weighed just as heavy on God's scales. He was told by the angel that his prayers and alms had come up to God as a memorial. I have often said when our neighbor can bear that kind of a testimony about us, surely all is well. If our neighbor's scale weighs us this heavy we need not fear to step on God's scale.

There was once a king who weighed heavy on his own scales; he apparently weighed pretty heavy on his neighbor's scales also, for I suppose to all people in Babylon Belshazzar was heavy enough. However, he weighed light on God's scales for Daniel told him, "Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting." This should remind us that God's scale is more accurate and delicate than either ours or our neighbor's. Now then, just how much do you weigh?



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"MORMON — A LEADER"

Dear Girls and Boys,

At the close of our last story, the people had become very wicked after enjoying two hundred years of peace. By the time three hundred years had passed from the coming of Jesus Christ, nearly all of the Nephites were as wicked as the Lamanites.

A great prophet of the Lord lived at this time. His name was Ammaron. He kept the sacred records which had been handed down from the days of Lehi. One day Ammaron received a revelation from the Lord telling him to hide all the sacred records in his possession so that the wicked people could not destroy them. He took the records to a hill called Shim. The Nephites called this land Antum. There he hid the records and returned home.

There was a young boy named Mormon who became acquainted with Ammaron. Mormon was only ten years old but was learned in the manner of his people. One day Ammaron said to Mormon, "I perceive that you are a sober child and quick to observe; wherefore, when you are about twenty-four years old, I want you to remember the things that you have observed concerning this people; and when you are of that age go to the land Antum, to a hill which shall be called Shim; and there I have deposited unto the Lord all the sacred engravings concerning this people. And behold, you shall take the plates of Nephi unto yourself and the remainder you shall leave in the place where they are, and you shall engrave on the plates of Nephi all the things that you have observed concerning this people." Although just a young boy, Mormon was impressed with Ammaron's message and remembered it.

About a year later, when Mormon was eleven, his father took him to the land of Zarahemla which was southward. There he saw the land seemingly covered with buildings and the people almost as numerous as the sand of the sea.

That year a war broke out in the borders of the land of Zarahemla between the Nephites and the Lamanites. It did not last long because the Nephites were much stronger than the Lamanites. The Lamanites withdrew from the land and they had peace. But the people became so wicked that the Lord took from among them his beloved disciples. From that time on there were no more miracles performed there.

When Mormon was fifteen years of age, he was visited by the Lord. He tasted and knew of the goodness of Jesus. He tried to preach but because of the widespread wickedness he was forbidden to go among the people. Because of the hardness of their hearts the land was cursed. The prophets could not work among them and wicked men went about practicing witchcraft and magic. The power of the evil one was everywhere.

Although Mormon was but a young boy, he was large in stature. He was a good boy, loved by the Lord and the people knew this. They wished such a one as general of their armies, even though only sixteen years old. He became a great general, he organized the Nephite soldiers, armed them well and prepared them to meet the next attack of the

Lamanites.

Soon the Lamanites prepared for battle and Mormon prepared to meet them. But the Lamanites came with such power that Mormon's men were frightened and refused to fight. Mormon led them northward and they fortified the city of Angola. In spite of all their preparations they could not hold the city. Again they had to flee. This time to the land of David and here the Lamanites drove them out. They hurried to Joshua which was by the seashore. While here Mormon sent for all his men.

Mormon's army numbered forty-two thousand and the Lamanite king had forty-four thousand in his army. Mormon's men defeated the king's army and forced them to flee for their lives. Crime increased among Mormon's men and the condition was bad. Many times they were attacked by the Lamanites. The fleeing Nephites were not able to stop until they came near where Ammaron had hidden the sacred records. Mormon went to the hill Shim and took from it the plates of Nephi as Ammaron had instructed him. Upon them he wrote a record of all that happened since the time of Ammaron.

The Nephites were tired of fighting. They knew that the strength of the Lord was not with them because they were not worthy of it. They made a treaty with the Lamanites. It was a bitter defeat for the Nephites.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

Oh, Give Me That Book!

The following words were penned by John Wesley (1703-1791). To appreciate the context of his message, please read slowly and carefully of a sincere individual seeking TRUTH.

To candid, reasonable men I am not afraid to lay open what have been the inmost thoughts of my heart. I have thought, I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God: just hovering over the great gulf; till a few moments hence, I am no more seen. I drop into an unchangeable eternity.

I want to know one thing, the way to heaven: how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came down from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. Oh, give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be HOMO UNIVS LIBRI (a man of one book).

Here then I am, far away from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone: only God is here. In His presence I open, I read this book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there a doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark or intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of lights. Lord, is it not Thy word?" If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God?" Thou "giveth...liberally, and upbraideth not." Thou hast said that if any be willing to do Thy will, he shall know. I am willing to do: let me know Thy will.

I then search after and consider parallel passages of Scripture, "comparing spiritual things with spiritual." I meditate thereon with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult with those who are experienced in the things of God, and then the writings whereby, being dead, they yet speak. And what thus I learn, that I teach.

John Wesley

Beautiful? Read it again, slower.

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.

Mr. Max E. Powers

The Church of the Body and of the Spirit of Jesus Christ

P.O. Box 712

Kansas City, Missouri 64141

Dear Mr. Powers:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the recent Biography of Sidney Rigdon. Since The Church of Jesus Christ makes claim to the succession of authority through Sidney Rigdon, we would have an interest. I would plan to obtain a copy in the near future. I have written to Dr. McKierman personally.

I have informed our General Church librarian to send you some of our printed literature together with a price list on all literature available.

I wish to thank you for your leaflet. You do not say if you are in any way associated with the Restoration or are familiar with The Book of Mormon, but I notice that you quote from the Book of Moses or The Pearl of Great Price. As a matter of information, we do not accept that record, the Doctrine and Covenants nor the Revised Version of the Bible. We hold only to the King James Version of the Bible and The Book of Mormon.

I would be interested in any other leaflets or tracts you might have available if you desire to send them. In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning any of our literature, please feel free to write to me again.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph Calabrese

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Dear Mr. Owen:

Your letter to the President of The Church of Jesus Christ has been forwarded to me for a reply. Bro. Gorie Caravinho, the President, is in Nigeria at the present time exploring the possibility of our building a school there for The Church in Nigeria. From Nigeria, he is going to Italy to encourage our Branches and Missions there.

Let me say that I was not brought up in this Church. I have come the long road via the Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and United Brethren Churches, to name a few. Like yourself, I sought for greater truth and I know of no other Church on earth that has the "Gospel of Jesus Christ" as pure, together with the gifts of the Spirit as has The Church of Jesus Christ.

You are correct that books and reason and intuition cannot provide the final answer. If that were possible Nicodemus would never had to ask the Lord how a man can be born again (John 3:9). For it is—"not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:13).

Let me try to answer your questions as far as my limited ability will permit:

QUESTION:

1a. Do you speak with God?

Yes, we present a body of believers in constant communication with their God.

1.b Do you speak for God?

Yes, God restored His authority to this Priesthood, which is called by revelation. (John 15:16; Heb. 5:4)

2a. What is the purpose of your Church?

To offer salvation to mankind and assist in the establishing of God's Kingdom on earth. To bring the record known as the Book of Mormon to the Seed of Joseph (The American Indian).

2b. What is the purpose of life?

In brief, man has a work to do to prepare himself for a future exaltation in the "Ages" to come. He is called upon to "work out his salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12) for the work done in this life will have its influence in that to come. By obedience to the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he prepares himself for the promises held in reserve for those who are "born again" and who worship God in "spirit and in truth". It is not all of man's duty to care for himself alone, selfishly to neglect his fellow man, and seek aggrandizement of himself at their expense. The golden rule states "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." "When you are in the service of your fellowmen you are in the service of your God". . .

3a. What does an exemplary member of your fold do?

Fulfills the "purpose of life" (above)

3b. What does he seek?

Eternal Life and present spiritual blessings.

3c. What does he perform?

Love and good works that glorify God. (Heb. 10:24, Tit. 2:14)

3d. What does he not do?

Conform to the world (Rom. 12:2).

4a. What would be mine if I were to become an exemplary member of your Church?

Exactly the same promises made to all Saints - no more - no less.

4b. In what way is your Church valuable to me?

As a place of love and fellowship; a channel through which the revelation of God is unfolded; a place to study to show yourself approved, to learn God's will for your life, and to grow in grace daily; also a place to "work" with other Christians with the same desire as yours.

5a. What can I contribute to your fold?

You would know the answer to this question better than I since we have never met. Whatever gifts and talents we possess are to be used to further enrich and enlarge the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth.

5b. In what ways am I valuable to your Church?

In uplifting the Saints (Brothers and Sisters) but chiefly in winning "souls" for Jesus Christ. God expects his "fruit trees" to reproduce (multiply) like "fruit" (Prov. 11:30).

Thank you for writing. I pray that your search for truth will lead to eternal life.

Respectfully Yours-in-Christ,

Spencer G. Everett

New Index Available

The 1971 Index to the Gospel News is now available. Just send us your name, address, and 25c and we shall gladly mail your Index to you.

Business Office

M. B. A. Highlights

San Diego Begins Indian Work

The San Diego Branch, under the coordinating activities of Brother Louis Ciccatti and Brother William DiFranco, has begun a missionary program on the Viejas Indian Reservation, twenty miles east of San Diego, California. These two Brothers had the desire to inquire into possible leads for spreading the Gospel to these people and God has rewarded their efforts with many open hands, hearts, and minds for donating time, materials and hard work.

The program began when our two Brothers met with the tribe spokesman, Mr. Edward Woods, and he suggested that the most pressing need at that time was a recreation center for the children on the reservation who number approximately eighty of the total population of 150.

OVERWHELMING SUPPORT

After several months of meetings with both Mr. Woods and the tribal council our Brothers received the go-ahead to begin work. Blue prints were drawn up which included the building of a football field with goal posts, volleyball courts, basketball court, gymnastic bars, swings, teeter-totter, picnic tables, walk logs, and a tether ball. The San Diego branch overwhelmingly supported the program and on several occasions work groups have gone out to accomplish necessary tasks. At this writing about 85 per cent of the original plans have been completed and the children have been enjoying their new facilities.

The blessings that God has promised to those who will work for His chosen people have been constantly evident. Requests for cement, pipe, athletic equipment, telephone poles, etc., from business establishments in San Diego have not only fulfilled but in many cases the donations have exceeded the original requests. The Army and Navy, through the civil service, donated the use of their equipment to take supplies to the reservation.

GREATLY BLESSED

Those that have worked in building the facility have been greatly blessed and we all thank God for His help and His guidance in this venture. An experience was even had on the reservation when a large amount of sand was needed for making the cement and only a very small amount was available. The young brothers began to shovel it and use whatever was there, and by day's end all the cement had been made and God had multiplied that pile of sand so that it had not decreased in size until the need was fulfilled. We thank God for these signs of His help and blessings toward us in the missionary efforts.

Our hope is that through this recreation center we can begin to cultivate a trust in these people so we can begin to tell them of the Gospel and its relation to them as God's children and chosen people.

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DAVID B. CICCATTI

San Diego MBA Editor



UR WOMEN TODAY

By Mary Tamburrino

GENERAL CIRCLE MEETS AT GLASSPORT

The General Ladies' Circle Conference was held in Glassport, Pennsylvania on Saturday, March 5, 1972. Sisters were represented from Michigan, Ohio and from the local districts.

The Sisters of the Glassport Circle each read a portion of The Scripture pertaining to "Thanksgiving to God". They sang the Hymn, "Standing on the Promises of God." Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, referred to *Isaiah 53rd Chapter*. She stated how the older Sisters laid the foundation for the circle work and that we should have a desire to continue. She reported that there are thirty-one Circles in The Church thus far. It was the desire of the late Sister Sadie Cadman that there be a Circle at every branch of The Church. The Niles, Ohio, Branch requested that a Circle be organized there.

The conference matters were then taken up with the officers and delegates reports. We learned from the delegates reports that the girls group that was organized at some of the Home Circles is proving to be a great help to them. Candy for Christmas and baby layettes were provided for the Indian children. The additional rooms that were built at Muncey, Canada were furnished, and monies were donated towards the Auditorium, African Relief, Memorial, General and Missionary Funds. The answer to the question, "Be wise in the days of?", was found in *The Book of Mormon, (Mormon,) Chapter 9, verse 28*. Contributions to the Memorial Fund were made in memory of Sister Clara Stevens, Sister Garnet Marchando, Brother Julius Sypos, Brother R. Berardino, Brother Domenick D'Antonio, and a gift from Brother George Garratt.

Correspondence was read from the following: Brother Rocco Biscotti, Apostle, enjoyed reading the minutes of the last meeting; Brother John Ross, Sr. reported on his recent trip to Nigeria, Africa. "We were naked and you clothed us, we were hungry and you fed us", were words that were heard of many times from the Saints from Africa; and from Sister Grace Brutz thanking the Circle for the layettes and children's clothes that were sent to her for the Indian children. She requested that they need more squaw dresses (made with eight to ten yards of material).

Donations were made by the General Circle to the General Church Missionary Fund, Africa Relief Fund, Conference, and to the trailers at White River and San Carlos, Arizona.

History for the year of 1971 was read by the Historian, Sister Mary Criscuolo.

A two day trip is being planned to the Six Nations Reserve. A vote of thanks was given to the Glassport Sisters for their hospitality. The next General Circle Conference will be held July 8 in the Auditorium with the West Elizabeth and Monongahela Circles as hostess.

The Brethren that were in the meeting expressed themselves. They were pleased in what they heard throughout the day. They said to continue in the missionary work and that the Circle meetings encourage The Church.

PSALM

There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

Brief News Of Interest

Thanks Extended

In a note from Sister Paulette Griffith of San Carlos, Arizona, she extends thanks to all the Saints everywhere for their prayers and beautiful cards during her recent illness. She also thanks God for The Church of Jesus Christ and for a Saviour who hears and answers prayer.

Spring Concert

The Michigan-Ontario Choir will present a spring concert on June 3, 1972 at 8:00 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.

Announcement

The Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. is sponsoring a week-end retreat on May 5, 6, 7, 1972. It will be held at Camp Allegheny, Ellwood City, Pa. — cost \$16.50. Restricted to males (sophomores in high school and older). All men are welcome. For forms and information, write to Joseph Ross, No. 2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001.

Co-Chairmen - Paul Palmieri, Joseph Ross

Branch & Mission News

Monongahela Branch News

On Sunday, February 20, Brother George Garratt reached his eighty-ninth birthday and was present to give his testimony. Born in 1883, Brother George came to America from England in 1887. He lived in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and was employed in a steel mill.

In 1904, at Easter time, Brother George's Sunday School Class was studying about the Resurrection of Jesus and His appearing to Mary in the garden. Christ's words, "Touch Me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father in Heaven," were related to the words He spoke to the thief on the cross: "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." The thought

that Heaven and Paradise being two separate and distinct places never left his mind, although his teacher said there was only one place and Heaven and Paradise referred to the same place.

Quoting from Brother George's experience, "At my work I was prompted to ask a fellow worker to explain the answer to my question. The man was only known to me as a man who understood the Scripture, and I knew him only as 'Jim.' (He was Brother Jim Curry of The Church of Jesus Christ) Jim explained in great detail that Heaven and Paradise were two different places. When I asked him how he knew this, he said the information was contained in a book called the *Nephite Record*, which book he let me have to read. After reading through the words of Moroni, I was impressed with the 4th. verse of Chapter 10. This verse caused me to have the experience to be baptized into The Church. In the month of November, 1904, I was immersed by Brother William Skillen in the Monongahela River. On the same day I was confirmed by Brothers Skillen, W. H. Cadman, and James Curry."

"To this day, I have the hope of eternal life which I am assured if I prove faithful. Many grand experiences have sustained that hope that gives me this assurance of a rest with the people of God in His Holy Kingdom."

Brother George has been in The Church for over 67 years and his testimony is certainly an inspiration to everyone in our Branch. He still quotes Scripture and we all love the words of his favorite hymn:
And are we yet alive And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give For His redeeming grace.

Preserved by power divine To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join And in His sight appear.
Let us take up the cross 'Til we the crown obtain;
And gladly reckon all things loss So we may Jesus gain.

We welcome Brother Malcolm and Sister Shirley Paxon to our Branch. After spending almost three years at Branch No. 2 in Detroit, they transferred to Monongahela recently. They are now residing in Charleroi, Pa. Of course, Malcolm originally attended the Monongahela Branch, so we can really say, "Welcome home!"

New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch Welcomes New Convert

The New Brunswick Saints had reason to rejoice on Sunday, February 6, 1972 when a new Sister made her covenant to serve God. Brother Salvatore (Sam) Sgro baptized his young daughter, Rose Ann and she was confirmed by Brother Eugene Perri, Senior. While Sister Rose Ann Sgro's baptism was uplifting and strengthening to the New Brunswick Branch; it was especially cheering to her father who led her into the waters amid floating ice to administer the holy ordinance of baptism.

Brother Sgro, who was ordained to the office of Elder recently, had been praying for his family's conversion and had also asked the Saints to pray with him. He is so happy and thankful to God for his daughter's commitment.

Reinstatement, Baptism, Other Blessings At Aliquippa Branch

On February 6, 1972, Sister Mary Rossi was reinstated into The Church of Jesus Christ. She stated that it was a wonderful experience to be in fellowship with the Saints once again. A great blessing was felt by all those in attendance at the Sunday morning service when our Sister was reinstated.

Following the Wednesday evening service on March 1, 1972, JoAnn Rossi, daughter-in-law of Sister Mary Rossi, requested baptism into The Church. Sister JoAnn was taken to the waters of baptism at the lake on Brother Moore's farm in Imperial, Pennsylvania. Despite the inclement weather and treacherous highway conditions, our new Sister was determined that she would be baptized that evening. Many Aliquippa and Imperial Saints were present as Brother Paul Palmieri performed the ordinance of baptism, and Brother Anthony Ross confirmed Sister JoAnn. In the M.B.A. service the following evening, she expressed herself and stated that her desire is to be a better person now that she has taken this important spiritual step.

Another blessing!—Janet DeVincentis, daughter of Brother Felix and Sister Rose DeVincentis, recently entered the hospital for the removal of a tumor from her leg. During surgery, the doctor found no tumor, but only minor complications. Praise God!

The Aliquippa Saints have been holding fasting and prayer meetings for quite some time in hopes that their Branch might prosper spiritually. Thank God He is answering their prayers. May more such wonderful blessings be experienced in the future.

Editor's Note: The Aliquippa Saints wish to express their appreciation to the Imperial Saints for the use of their baptismal site and for their attendance at the baptisms that have been performed there.

MONONGAHELA BRANCH NEWS

On Sunday, January 30, 1972, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Nick Pietrangelo were visitors in our Branch. Brother Gorie opened the morning preaching service by reading from **III Nephi** concerning the cursing of the land northward due to the wickedness of the people. Brother Gorie said that America is a blessed land, or choice land, above all other lands. It is even more blessed considering that the Gospel was restored here, and The Church of Jesus Christ is here. Even though the membership of The Church is small, it is still sufficient in keeping the blessings of God prevalent. Brother Gorie warned that when wickedness prevails, the land may be cursed again.

Nigerian Saints Holding Fast

Brother Gorie then spoke of his trip to Africa and the desire the Nigerian Brothers and Sisters have to visit America and receive an education. The recent war brought much poverty to Nigeria, but the Saints there are still holding fast to the Gospel. Brother Gorie then gave a report of the progress of the Secondary School program.

Brother Nick Pietrangelo followed on the same theme, and mentioned that this land is blessed because of the Gospel. He exhorted us to advertise the Gospel so that others may enjoy the Gift we have found. Brother Nick then spoke of the spirit of love found throughout The Church and that he can feel at home with the Saints no matter where he may travel.

Both Brothers reminded us of the mission of The Church—to carry the Gospel to the Seed of Joseph. May we heed the words and work to that end, in the restoration of the House of Israel through Joseph.

Visiting Evangelist Speaks

The following Sunday Brother George Johnson was the visiting speaker in our preaching service. He opened his sermon by asking the question, "How are you this morning?" He related this question to the fourteenth verse in **Alma, Chapter 5** as Alma asked his people, "Have you been born of God?" Brother George mentioned the intensity of God's spirit when we are first baptized, and how this intensity tends to decrease with time. He warned us not to allow our problems and discouragements to make us less intense about doing The Lord's work. He also warned us not to be content with things, but to believe in the Gospel as fully as we did when we were baptized and enjoy this happy and blessed way of life.

Brother Johnson also told us to get in the position so that God will be able to work with us. We will have a sure anchor for our souls that will give us the hope of entering God's Kingdom. We must not be lax, but rather alive in Him to receive His blessings. Only then will we be the happiest people on earth—God's people.

Our prayer is that we may not only be hearers of the Word, but doers as well.

Blessings And Baptism At Cleveland, Ohio Branch No. 1

Sunday, February 6, 1972 was a day of rejoicing at Cleveland, Ohio Branch No. 1. Brother Vince Gibson delivered an inspiring message and the presence of The Lord was greatly felt by all. We also had our feet washing service, after which young Mary Lou Mantz asked for her baptism. It was a beautiful sight at the snow covered banks of Lake Erie. Sister Mary Lou was baptized by Brother Mario Milano and confirmed at the church building by Brother Vince Gibson. This is the second baptism this year at our branch. It was a day full of The Lord's blessings.

Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 Adds New Convert

The Saints and friends of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 were cheered and blessed when it was reported to them that one of their young people was baptized at Muncy, Ontario, Canada.

Debbie Kendall was one of a group of young people from Ohio, Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, Canada who visited the Muncy Mission on the Muncy Indian Reservation. The young group enjoyed a wonderful meeting on Sunday, January 16, 1972 and Debbie called for her baptism.

Debbie was baptized by Brother Joseph Milantoni and confirmed by Brother Mario Coppa. The day's events were edifying and rewarding to the visiting group as well as the Indian Saints of the Muncy Mission.

Three Baptisms At Freehold, New Jersey Mission

Sunday, January 30, 1972 will long be remembered by the Saints and friends of the Freehold, New Jersey Mission. Three new members were added to the fold and their baptisms are as follows:

Clarence Dill was baptized by Brother Matthew Rogolino and confirmed by Brother James Howard. Donald Watson was baptized by Brother James Howard and confirmed by Brother Matthew Rogolino.

Harvey R. Watson was baptized by Brother James Howard and confirmed by Brother Matthew Rogolino.

The addition of these three Brothers will surely be an inspiration and blessings to the flock.

The Editor's comment is that "The Spirit of God is working in this little Mission. When one attends a meeting he is blessed and refreshed by the feeling of oneness with God."

Cape Coral, Florida Mission News

On January 16, 1972 we enjoyed visiting Saints, Brother and Sister James Lovalvo, Brother and Sister Eugene Perri from Lake Worth, and Brother and Sister Raymond Cosetti from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania who are here for the winter months, formerly from Youngstown, Ohio Branch.

During morning services Joseph, son of Jackie and Jimmie Hickman of Goldsboro, North Carolina Air Force Base was blessed by Brother Raymond Cosetti, great uncle of the child. Jackie Hickman is the daughter of Brother and Sister Joseph Constantine of Cape Coral. Later in the afternoon we all met at the home of Brother and Sister R. Bartuccio and enjoyed an open discussion on **The Book of Mormon**, with Brother Lovalvo teaching and dwelling on the three Nephite disciples.

Brother and Sister James Velardi recently returned from California where they visited with their children and families and also enjoyed the fellowship in different Branches while there. We want to thank Brother William DiFranco of California for donating the New Testaments to Cape Coral Mission.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we at Cape Coral Mission will continue to prosper.

Lorain, Ohio Branch Uplifted By Addition Of Another Convert

The Lorain, Ohio Saints were happy to receive Brother Eddie Charles Edwards into their Branch membership. His baptism took place during a visit to the West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania Branch on Sunday, February 6, 1972.

Brother Edwards was baptized by Brother Harry Robinson and confirmed by Brother English Webb.

This baptism surely proved to be a blessing also to the West Elizabeth Saints along with Brother Eddie's wife, Sister Mary E. Edwards. Sister Mary's baptism occurred last July in her home Branch at Lorain, Ohio.

Special Notice

We would like to hear from more Branches.

Editors

Obituaries

Leonard Frammolino

Brother Leonard Frammolino, a member of the Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1, departed from this life on January 12, 1972. He was born April 19, 1889 and was baptized on April 24, 1932.

Survivors are two sons, a daughter and eleven grandchildren.

Brother Nick Pietrangelo officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Frammolino was a very humble and faithful member and will be missed by loved ones and the Branch.

Lawrence Serra

Brother Lawrence Serra, a member of the Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1, passed from this life on January 24, 1972. He was born April 29, 1901 and was baptized on November 10, 1935.

He is survived by his wife, five daughters and ten grandchildren.

Brothers Spencer Everett and Paul Vitto conducted the funeral services.

Brother Serra was a dedicated and faithful member. His loved ones and friends will miss his presence.

Ella Gollick Bloom

Sister Ella Gollick Bloom, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to her eternal reward on January 16, 1972 at the age of eighty-three years.

Sister Bloom was baptized in the early days of the former Redstone Branch.

She is survived by four daughters, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three sisters.

Brother George Emerson Fuller conducted the funeral services.

Sister Bloom has been a faithful servant of The Lord for many years. She will be missed by loved ones and all who knew her and loved her, especially by the Vanderbilt Branch.

Charles H. Hillen

Brother Charles H. Hillen, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch, departed from this life on February 22, 1972. He was born August 24, 1908 and was baptized on October 11, 1970. At the time of his death, he was residing in Oakland, California and his body was returned to Pennsylvania for burial.

Survivors are his wife, two daughters, five grandchildren, two brothers and three sisters.

Brother Joseph Shazer officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Hillen will be missed by loved ones and all who knew and loved him.

The Good Seed

by
Sister Eva Moore

Are we planting the good seed, "the word of God?" We have been farmers for twenty-seven years and we always made a practice of buying the best seed available. About ten years ago we planted a field with oats. We were proud of our field all leveled out, and the fresh ground that received the seed. Oats will sprout in seven days if there is enough moisture in the ground. But after we planted, a severe wind snow and sleet storm brought the temperature down to 18 degrees. Our neighbors said "Too bad about Moore's work on that big field, it's a total loss."

We would walk out each day to view the field. The tenth day, the eleventh day—and no sign of seeds sprouting. Then the twelfth day and thirteenth day passed and on the fourteenth day we got a rain. We looked out on the field and it was so green that we felt every seed we planted must have come to life and sprouted. What joy filled our hearts! Our neighbors said, "It's a miracle!" We had a great harvest out of that field.

Spiritually speaking, we have planted the word of God into many hearts. We often wonder if the seed is good, why doesn't it bring forth fruit? We may have to wait until rain comes and sun shines. Scripture says, one sows, another waters, but it takes God to give the increase.

But if we don't sow can we go out to the field and look for a crop?—no. I have just purchased a supply of garden seed. It is dormant and lying in a box. If I don't go out and plant it, it will remain in the box. If I go out and plant it, I can expect a crop of my plantings.

We in the Imperial Branch have completed the first year in our new church building in Clinton. We served God in a tiny building in Imperial for seventeen years without complaints, because God was with us. Suddenly God gave us a larger building in Clinton, and we have been able to take our place in The Church serving in whatever manner we are called upon.

In one year we had our dedication. General Ladies' Circle District Conference, and several smaller meetings. We had two baptisms, two weddings and blessings of several children. We want to give God all praise, all honor and all glory, because He is so mindful of us, His children.

Weddings

Wolanski - Bittinger

Mr. Philip Wolanski and Miss Gardenia Bittinger were joined in holy wedlock at the Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, March 4, 1972. Brother James T. Moore officiated at the ceremony.

Sister Nina DiCenzo of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania was the vocal soloist.

The couple will reside in Bavington, Pennsylvania.

The Ladder

By Claude Plummer

Unto each man who comes to earth,
A ladder by God is given at birth,
And up this ladder the soul must go,
Step by step, from the valley below,
Step by step, each member of the human race.
On the ladder of lives from the starting place.
When I've departed, time yet endures,
I shaped my ladder, and you shape yours;
Whatever they are, we have made them,
A ladder of light, or darkness dim,
A ladder of love, or a hateful thing,
A ladder of strength, or a sluggish string,
A ladder of gold, or a ladder of straw,
Each is the ladder of righteous law.
We flung them away at the call of death,
We took them again with the next life breath,
For a keeper stands by the great birth gates;
As each soul passes, its ladder waits.
Though mine be narrow, and yours be broad,
On my ladder alone can I climb to God;
On your ladder alone can your feet ascend,
For none may borrow, and none may lend.
If toil and trouble and pain are found,
If a mountain rises from a mound,
If rusting iron or rotten wood,
You must take the sick, and make good,
You must make it over and fashion strong.
Even though the task be hard all life long;
For up this ladder the pathway leads,
To earthly pleasures and spirit's needs,
And all that may come in another way,
Will last but a moment, will not stay.
It's useless effort then, waste no time,
Rebuild your ladder, and climb and climb.

1972 Church Calendar

Following is a list of 1972 events of General and regional interest:

(*) Denotes meetings will be held in the General Church Auditorium

APRIL

(*) 13, 14, 15, 16—Semi-Annual General Church Conference.

MAY

5, 6, 7—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Week-End Retreat at Camp Allegheny, Ellwood City.

(*) 20—G.M.B.A. Conference

JULY

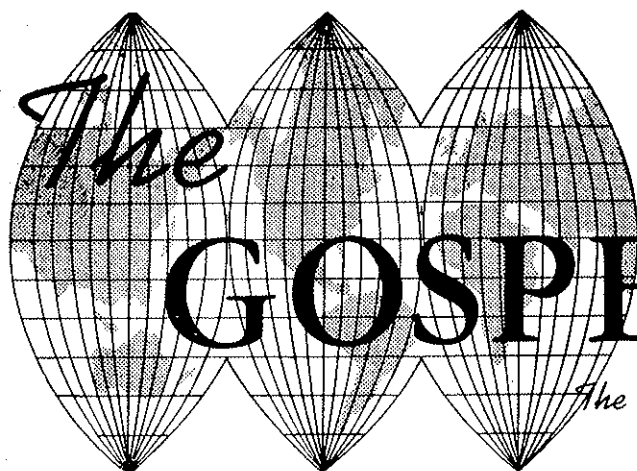
(*) 8—General Ladies Circle.

29 to August 5—G.M.B.A. Campout at Deer Park in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

AUGUST

31 to September 4—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Campout at Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

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Laboring In The Vineyard

By PAUL D'AMICO

By the water's edge, when we made our covenant with God and were baptized for the remission of sins, we began to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

There is a reward for every laborer not only in natural and spiritual blessings which we receive daily, but the greatest reward is the salvation of our souls. God has promised this to all the faithful workers.

It is true that many discouragements come our way, and many times we would not know what to do if it were not for the Spirit of the Lord that brings comfort, encouragement, and above all, strength to continue our labor.

Service of God

Laboring in the Lord's vineyard consists of many duties which we must perform in the service of God. First of all, we must be a beacon light unto all mankind. Those whom we live near, those whom we work with, and likewise our fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ will truly know us by the life we live.

A number of years ago, an Indian Chief spoke in our Conference and said, "An Indian would rather see a sermon than hear one." Jesus said that we would know the tree by the fruit it bears.

Obedience to God's commandments is part of our labor in this vineyard. We also manifest the true characteristics of Saints of Latter Days each day of our life. Spiritual nourishment and administration is also important. Where do we receive this spiritual food or nourishment? Some of it can be received by communication with God in prayer; by the reading of the Scriptures (both **Bible and Book of Mormon**); and by enjoying His blessings wherever we go. I am also a firm believer in attending the meetings of the Saints: M.B.A., Sunday School, worship and fellowship meetings, prayer meetings, and even some special meetings such as Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve Watch Service. Our older Brothers taught us in The Church to bring our children to Sunday School and M.B.A., not to send them alone.

Strength In Unity

In unity there is strength and I feel that the servants of God, both ministry and membership, could and ought to make greater efforts in laboring in this vineyard. "The time is far spent, there is little remaining, to publish glad tidings by sea and by land."

How long has it been since we spoke to someone about this wonderful Gospel? How long has it been since we brought a friend or two to hear the word preached by His servants? It is a known fact that when this is done, there is a greater manifestation

of God's Spirit in our meetings, and the liberty of preaching the Gospel comes with greater power unto His Ministry. Thus we see that God is pleased with our labors and with our humble efforts.

Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel, and let us make the year of 1972 a successful year not only in gaining more unity and love, but in praying for more souls to be drawn by God's Spirit to obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are living in an era of time when great things await us. Let us all be faithful and ready to meet the challenge of our day; let us be ready to meet Christ when He comes on earth to reign with His Church. May we all be found laboring in the vineyard when He comes to claim His Bride.

HELP

Are you doing your duty in contributing to meet the General Church Budget? All YOUR General Church suggests you donate is a little over per month. This small sum from each member will assist YOUR Church in meeting its programs, including missionary work.

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Historical Facts On Sidney Rigdon

By BROTHER THURMAN S. FURNIER

Revelation to Parley P. Pratt and Ziba Peterson, given October 1830 to accompany Oliver Cowdery, and Peter Whitmer, Jr., into the wilderness, among the Lamanites. They continued their journey until they came to Kirtland Ohio, where they tarried some time, there being quite a number in that place who believed their testimony, and came forward and obeyed the gospel. Among the number was Elder Sidney S. Rigdon, and a large portion of the church over which he presided.(1)

Sidney S. Rigdon was born in St. Clair Township, Allegheny Co., State of Penna., on the 19th. of February, A.D. 1793, and was the youngest son of Wm. and Nancy Rigdon.(2)

In March 1819 Rigdon had received a license to preach for the Regular Baptist Church.(3)

In February 1822 Rigdon started to preach for the First Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Penna.(3)

In August, Rigdon decided to withdraw from the Church, on account he could no longer uphold the doctrine taught and maintained by it.(3)

At the time of his separation from the Church mentioned above he became acquainted with Alexander Campbell and a gentleman by the name of Walter Scott. From this connection sprung up a new church, known by the name of "Campbellites". They called themselves "Disciples".(3)

Having now retired from the Ministry, he labored as a tanner for two years.(3)

After laboring for two years as a tanner, he removed to Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio, where it was known that he had been a preacher, and had gained considerable distinction as a public speaker, and the people soliciting him to preach, he complied with their request.

From this time forward, he devoted himself to the work of the Ministry confining himself to no creed, but held up the Bible as a rule of faith, and advocating those doctrines which had been the subject of his and Mr. Campbell's investigations, viz: repentance and baptism, for the remission of sins.(3)

He continued to labor in that vicinity one year, and during that time, his former success attended his labors. While he labored in that neighborhood, he was instrumental in building up a large and respectable church, in the town of Mantua, Portage Co., Ohio.(3)

After laboring in that neighborhood one year, he received a very pressing invitation to remove to the town of Mentor Ohio. He started to preach there for a remnant of a Baptist Church, had a great deal of success in preaching, and baptizing in that place.(4)

Under these pleasing circumstances, and enjoying this full tide of prosperity, he hardly thought that, for his attachment to truth, he would soon see the prospect blasted, and himself and family reduced to a more humble situation than before.(5)

At that time, it being in the fall of 1830, Elders Parley P. Pratt, Ziba Peterson, Oliver Cowdery and Peter Whitmer called at that town (Kirtland, O.) on their way to the western boundary of the state of Missouri, testifying to the truth of the "Book of Mormon", and that the Lord had raised up a prophet, and restored the priesthood.(5)

Rigdon investigated the "Book of Mormon" etc. and was fully convinced of the truth of the work, by a revelation from Jesus Christ, which was made known to him in a remarkable manner, so that he could exclaim "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto me,

but my Father which is in heaven".

Rigdon was then baptized in the year of 1830. When he obeyed the gospel he took almost his entire congregation with him.(5)

After Sidney Rigdon was received into the church he was ordained an Elder under the hands of Oliver Cowdery.(6) He first met Joseph Smith in the Winter of 1830, when he with Edward Partridge came from Kirtland, Ohio to Seneca County N.Y., where they saw Joseph Smith for the first time in their lives.(7)

He and family were baptized by P. Pratt on the 14th of November, 1830, in Shageen (Chagrin) River, at Kirtland, Ohio, was confirmed on the 18th by Oliver Cowdery and on the 20th ordained an Elder by the same.(8)

When Joseph Smith was slain in 1844, Sidney Rigdon was his right hand Counselor, and as such the reins of government would fall upon him; at least until one could have been lawfully elected to fill the vacancy caused by the tragedy at Carthage jail.(9)

I have heard that it has been said that Sidney Rigdon was not the First Counselor of Joseph Smith at the time of Joseph's death. I will give the following evidence that he was. (T.S. Furnier).

For a time he was inactive on account of which there was much dissatisfaction. At the October conference of 1843 President Smith expressed unwillingness to sustain Elder Rigdon because of his "unprofitableness to him as a counselor." Some other charges were brought against him at the time, but on these he was fully vindicated. Upon his promise of renewal of faithfulness and diligence he was sustained in his position and retained his standing until the death of Joseph Smith in 1844.(10)

After leaving Nauvoo he commenced on October 15, 1844, the publication of a periodical at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called The Latter Day Saints Messenger and Advocate. This publication continued for a year or more, and in its columns he and others advocated his claims to the Presidency and denounced the plural wife doctrine taught in Nauvoo. In a letter written to J. Gregg, Oct. 15, 1844 by Elder Rigdon and published in the first issue of his paper, he makes some very damaging charges against the Twelve, which if true, or the half of them true, will account for some of the conflicting testimony regarding polygamy. He died at Friendship, New York, July 14, 1876.(10)

After the death of Joseph Smith he differed from the Twelve on the question of presiding authority, he claiming the superiority by virtue of his being a member of the First presidency, and the only one living. His claim was rejected in a meeting held at Nauvoo, August 8, 1844.(10)

At a conference convened upon his (Sidney Rigdon) call in Pittsburgh, Penna. April 6th to 11th, 1845, Elder Rigdon claimed to reorganize the church with himself as President, and with Ebenezer Robinson and Samuel James his Counselors. At this conference the following were installed as the Quorum of Twelve Apostles: Samuel Bennett, Hugh Herringshaw, Jeremiah Hatch Jr., James Blakeslee, Josiah Ells, Benjamin Winchester, William Small, E. R. Swackhammer, David L. Lathrop, Joseph M. Cole, George W. Robinson and William E. McLellan. A stake was organized at Pittsburgh, Penna., with Richard Savary, president; James Smith and Samuel G. Flagg counselors.(11)

The organization under Sidney Rigdon entered actively into the work before it, both aggressively and defensively. The opposition to the organization at Nauvoo under the presidency of Brigham Young and his fellows was very pronounced and polygamy was especially repudiated by Rigdon and his followers.(12)

Wm. Bickerton was born January 15, 1815. "I, Wm. Bickerton, was a member of the Methodist Church,

until I heard the gospel of Jesus Christ preached in the year of our Lord, 1845. I was convinced of the doctrine of Christ viz: Faith, repentance and baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and its effects are according to St. Paul's writings, I was never taught such a gospel; so I left them as a member in good standing, and was baptized into Christ June 1845 and put Him on. I received the gift of the Holy Ghost at the laying on of hands, and signs have followed me. I have spoken with new tongues, and have had the interpretations and I have seen the sick healed myself, so that I know that the gospel is the power of God.

I entered the Church under Elder Rigdon's organization. I was called by the Holy Spirit to be an Elder. I received ordination, and the power of God come down and sealed that office upon me. I went forth preaching to all that would hear. I was afterwards called into the Quorum of the Seventies. I received ordination the second time, but the Church became disorganized." (13)

"I can testify that Sidney Rigdon had the power of God. He was the right hand counselor of Joseph Smith. Brigham Young and the rest of the twelve rejected him and they had no president for eight months. He was the best orator I ever heard in classing the scriptures together. He went wrong after he came to Pittsburgh and wanted to make a gathering in the Emlenton Valley of the Allegheny Mountains. At the same time we had organized a school of the Prophets, or solemn assemblies, and many things were revealed to us showing things were going wrong. No one followed him from that branch, we knowing by the Spirit he was going wrong. He sent two of his apostles to stop our Assembly of the School of Prophets. The object of the School of the Prophets was to teach the young Elders to know the teaching of the Spirit and many things were revealed that came to pass.

After Rigdon went wrong all that followed him fell away and I was left alone. As I had lived true to God, and to his interests, I was carried away in the Spirit and placed on a high mountain just room enough for me to stand. The Lord told me unless I went ahead and preached the gospel I would fall and be torn to bits. I moved with fear, having no education, with the Salt Lake Polygamists in the way, I was left alone. I had to hold out door meetings, sometimes in the market place, sometimes in public houses, streets, or other places. The first meeting I had was beside the ferry at a store house door. A lady was passing at the time. She testified to the gospel and was baptized. At McKeesport Penna., I held out door meetings and many were convinced and several baptized. I went to Allegheny City, had good meetings there. Had a Church at that place, baptized a family on the hills opposite Pittsburgh, Pa., also baptized a good many at Six Mile Ferry and had a good many members at Pine Run, Pennsylvania." (14)

"In 1852 we held a conference in my house and there was a bow of the Glory of God in Rainbow form that stood over me at that conference and I felt by the power of God that I was a rock and if a cannon ball would strike me it would not affect me being protected by the Power of God.

We want to show we always had the Power of God in this Church. There was a woman that had been confined to her bed for five years and the last two years she was completely helpless. We carried her down to Peters Creek (Pennsylvania) in her bed and it took four of us to baptize her and when we brought her up out of the water the blood flowed from her mouth. We carried her home confirmed her a member of the Church and attended the ordinance on her.

MORE ABOUT THE RIGDON ORGANIZATION

By THURMAN S. FURNIER

It is stated in the 100th Anniversary Issue, Vol. 18, No. 7, July 1962, page 23 that, "it would seem that (the Rigdon organization) as an organized body, had become extinct." (8)

Recently I had occasion to pass through Greencastle, Pa. I stopped in the Echo-Pilot newspaper office, and had a conversation with Mr. G. Fred Ziegler. He loaned me a copy of an Anniversary paper dated September 22, 1949, which has given us much wanted information. At the present time we have made arrangements to have several photographic copies made.

Editor's Note: This article was written by Brother Joseph Bittinger, Second Counsellor of The Church. He will endeavor to show the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ on the "Peaceful Reign" from Scripture as given in the reference on this subject. The article will be continued in future issues of the GOSPEL NEWS.

"THE PEACEFUL REIGN"

By JOSEPH BITTINGER

We believe in the fulfillment and ultimate establishment of the Kingdom of God on the earth while men are still in the flesh. We refer to this period of time as "The Peaceful Reign", which shall precede the "Millennium", or "Thousand Years" with Christ.

(FAITH AND DOCTRINES of THE CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST, Article 23.)

The word that Isaiah, the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

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

And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. (Isaiah 2:1-5).

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

And they shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offsprings with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

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Four Baptisms Highlight California District Conference

The recent California District Conference that convened at Bell, California on Saturday, March 11, 1972 was brought to a happy and joyful climax during the Sunday meeting. Four young people asked to be baptized and their names are listed as follows:

MARSHA RAE GELLER was baptized by Brother Del Carneval and confirmed by Brother Costerelli. Sister Marsha is the bride-to-be of Brother Alvin Cavallero who was baptized last summer.

JOSEMARI ANN GENARO was baptized by Brother Dwayne Jordan and confirmed by her father, Brother Frank Genaro.

ROBERT HENDERSON DUNCAN was baptized by his father-in-law, Brother Charles Curry and confirmed by Brother Otto Henderson. Brother Robert is leaving soon for a tour of duty in Vietnam. May The Lord keep him safe from all danger and evil.

WILLIAM M. LOTGERING, JR. was baptized by Brother Del Carneval and confirmed by Brother Joseph Capone.

May the blessings of God be upon these new young converts and may their daily lives reflect the conduct of true followers of Jesus Christ.

Atlantic Coast District Conference

The Atlantic Coast District convened its Semi-Annual Conference on March 17, 18 and 19. Attending the Conference was The General Church President, Gorie Ciaravino. The agenda was significant and included election of officers. District officers for the next year are:

President - August D'Orazio (recommended)
First Counselor - Richard Lawson
Second Counselor - James Benyola
Secretary - George Benyola
Financial Secretary - James Link
Treasurer - Joseph Perri
Auditors - Samuel Risola, Matthew Rogolino
Librarian - Samuel Sgro
Editor - Donald Ross

The Sabbath Service, as usual, was wonderful. All will confirm that the Spirit was in our midst. Opening the meeting, Brother James Benyola sang "I Asked the Lord." The last stanza, "He's only a prayer away" set the theme. The initial speaker was Brother Ciaravino. He thanked the members for their prayers which were directed towards the African trip. Brother Ciaravino mentioned his reaction over existing poverty conditions. He stated that "poverty here is wealth in comparison to the poverty in Nigeria."

The Scripture introduced by Brother Ciaravino was the **Book of Enos** which records the important subject, the subject of prayer. But, equally important is the Lord's promise concerning a Nephite record to come forth to and for the benefit of the Lamanites. The preaching related the world's attitude towards the **Book of Mormon**, an attitude of non-acceptance. Was Joseph Smith a dreamer, a visionary man? Definitely not! Scholars and archaeologists are using the **Book of Mormon** to find lost civilizations! Brother Ciaravino directed a remark to non-members: "Ask

God, He answers prayers." This statement is confirmed by **Moroni 10:4**.

Elder Samuel Sgro followed and told he "knew" that Brother Ciaravino would use the **Book of Enos**. "A voice told him so." As Brother Sgro spoke, immediately it was evident he was under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Respectively, Elders Eugene Perri Sr. and Carmen Sgro spoke. All the Elders preached the same subject - yet all narrated diverse thoughts. This is a distinct gift of the Restored Gospel. The meeting, to our dismay, came to a swift conclusion.

Donald Ross, District Editor

Pennsylvania District Conference

The Pennsylvania District Conference met on Saturday, March 11, 1972. The Saturday meeting was held in the Vanderbilt Branch and the Sunday meeting was held in the General Church Auditorium. Attendance was excellent on both occasions.

The District Officers for the next year are as follows:

President	John Ross (Recommended)
First Counselor	James Grazan
Second Counselor	George Johnson, Jr.
Secretary	John Manes
Assistant Secretaries	Harry Robinson
"	Arthur Gehly
Financial Secretary	Thomas Ross
Treasurer	Anthony Ross
Auditors	Paul Gehly
"	Carl McCartney
Librarian	Richard Scaglione
Historian	Idris Martin
Editor	Robert Nicklow

Before opening the Sunday service in prayer, District President Brother John Ross drew the congregation's attention to the presence of Sister Elizabeth Davidson who recently celebrated her one-hundredth birthday.

Brother John Manes of the McKees Rocks Branch spoke from the **Book of Ruth**, telling us how we the people of God should live in these Latter Days.

Brothers Russell Cadman, Joseph Shazer, Sam Kirschner, James Campbell and Harry Robinson followed Brother John Manes, each referring to the Scripture in **Ruth** and applying it to today's living.

Brother John Ross concluded the service by speaking on how OUR God could become YOUR God. The blessings of God were felt in this meeting, as they have been so many times in the past.

Pennsylvania District Editor
Brother Robert Nicklow

Spring Concert

The Michigan-Ontario Choir will present a spring concert on June 3, 1972 at 8:00 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.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By Thomas Ross

MOTHER'S DAY

Observe how soon, and to what degree, a mother's influence begins to operate! Her first ministration for her infant is to enter, as it were the valley of the shadow of death, and win its life at the peril of her own! How different must an affection thus founded be from all others!

Lydia H. Sigourney

The above tribute to mothers is stirring and most appropriate as we pause to renew our annual celebration of Mother's Day.

The observance of Mother's Day dates from May, 1907. It began under the inspiration of Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who thought that at least once a year sons and daughters should pay tribute to their mothers.

She arranged for a special mother's service in one of the churches and asked that white carnations be worn by those attending the service. However, the custom of wearing a white carnation was later modified so that a distinction might be made between those whose mothers were still alive and those whose mothers were dead. White flowers are worn by the motherless and red flowers by the others whose mothers are still living.

The plan appealed to the interest and imagination of others and services were held in more churches next year. The second Sunday in May was finally agreed upon as a suitable date for the annual celebration of this newly-conceived holiday to honor mothers.

OBSERVANCE WIDELY SPREAD

By the year 1911 the observance had spread so widely that there was not a state in the United States in which special services were not held. The day was also observed that year in Canada, Mexico, South America, Africa, China, Japan and some of the islands of the sea. Leaflets suggesting programs for the exercises were printed in ten different languages and distributed in the different countries. Following is a passage from one of the leaflets:

A day that has shown that it has heart and living interest for all classes, races, creeds, native and foreign-born, high and low, rich and poor, scoffer and churchman, man, woman and child, is Mother's Day, observed the second Sunday in May. The common possession of the living world is a mother. Everyone has—or has had—a mother. The marvelous growth of Mother's Day in a few years to a national and international day can be attributed to the heart and living interest it possesses for almost every home and every person of a mother-loving heart in this and other countries.

ROLE OF MOTHERS

The role of mothers in the early care and education of their children merits and is deserving of immeasurable love and honor, far more than sons and daughters can ever sufficiently return.

In this Mother's Day tribute to mothers I wish to make reference to *The Book of Ruth* in our Holy Bible in which is presented the story of a beautiful relationship between a mother-in-law and her daughter-in-law. Indeed, the mutual affection between Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth, could well be that of a mother and daughter.

Note the language of widowed Naomi in bidding farewell to her widowed daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, both of whom she loved dearly, "Go, return each to her mother's house: The Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead, and with me." (Ruth 1:8) Also, "Turn again, my daughters, go your way . . ." (Verse 12).

Note the reaction of Ruth, " . . . but Ruth clave unto her." (Verse 14) Also (Verses 16, 17) And, Ruth said, "Intreat 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 aught but death part thee and me."

Behold, what a mother's love hath wrought!



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

FAITH

Dear Girls and Boys,

We have read many stories about Faith and have learned how important it is to have faith. We understand through faith, the world was made by the word of God. In the **Book of Hebrews, Chapter eleven**, Paul tells that without faith it is impossible to please God.

By faith Noah built an ark on dry ground to save his people from the great flood which soon was to come. God warned him of this terrible destruction and he moved with fear. Although there was no rain in sight, he worked diligently until the ark was completed. Amid the jeers of the people he took the animals, birds and two of every living thing into the ark and last, his family. Then the rain came! For forty days and nights it rained but all was well with Noah and his family. He had done all that the Lord commanded him. Noah became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Another great man of faith was Abraham. The Lord tried his faith by telling him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. He and his wife, Sarah, had been given this son when they were old, Sarah being ninety years of age and Abraham one hundred. Isaac was a child of promise and their seed would be as the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea. And now to offer him as a sacrifice? All this was unbelievable to Sarah that she would have a son. She laughed saying, "Shall I have a child when I am old?" Even if Abraham was an old man, he still had faith in God.

When Abraham took Isaac to the land of Moriah to offer him as a sacrifice he knew the Lord was able to preserve his son and even raise him from the dead. When Abraham lifted the knife to slay his son, he heard the voice of the Lord say, "Lay not thy hand upon the lad". As he looked in the thicket, he saw a ram the Lord had provided for the sacrifice. And he heard a voice say, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because thou hast obeyed my voice." What a great trial of faith.

Jacob or Israel had great faith also. When he was dying he blessed his twelve sons and the two sons of Joseph. He knew that when he blessed Joseph, "his seed would run over the wall". We know this is true when we read of the Indian people here in America in the **Book of Mormon**. Even when Joseph had a terrible experience and was cast into a pit and later sold and taken to Egypt. This was a great test of faith. It appeared tragic at the time but Joseph learned later it was for good.

Great faith is shown in the life of Moses. His mother had faith when she hid baby Moses in the bulrushes from the king. Even when the king's daughter found the baby, the mother had faith in Israel's God that he would care for her son. As Moses grew older, he learned to have faith in God. When he became a man, he refused to be called the son of the king's daughter, choosing to suffer affliction with the people of God. By faith Moses led the Israelites from Egypt and passed through the Red Sea as by dry land.

Other great examples of faith are Gideon, Samson, David, Samuel and the prophets. All these people

pleased God through faith. Some were stoned, tempted, killed by the sword, scourged, mocked, imprisoned and wandered into the caves and mountains. God had provided something better for them but it took faith. God will reward all who diligently seek him. Read the Faith chapter about these great people, - **Hebrews, Chapter 11**.

This is the reward - **Revelation 2:10**

Definition of faith is found - **Hebrews 11:1**

What does a good soldier have? **Ephesians 6:16**.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

A Tragic Happening

By Joseph Bittinger

We were deeply saddened to learn that tragedy had recently struck in the family of Brother and Sister, Edward and Juanita La Blanc, of Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

If we understand correctly, their daughter Ethel Yellow Head, was returning home in a car with her sister, Lillian Mae Brown and husband. The weather was very cold and stormy, their car stalled on the way and they were forced to walk to reach home. All nearly perished in the cold before arriving home. Ethel died later from exposure.

Sister La Blanc says, "Our daughter Ethel died in our house, during the night of January 10th. Lillian Mae nearly died but she came out of it and lived".

We extend our deepest sympathy to Brother and Sister La Blanc and their family in the loss of their beloved daughter; also to the Yellow Head family that survive. To Brother and Sister Brown and family, "We feel to thank God for your survival to remain with your family".

No doubt many of the Brothers and Sisters will remember the two Indian girls, Lillian Mae and Darlene, young Sisters in The Church who visited here in Pennsylvania some years ago.

Brother and Sister La Blanc were among some of the first to be baptized on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, and are faithful members of The Church. Their home is located about four miles out of Eagle Butte. Now that The Church has no missionary in the area, Sister La Blanc would like to hear from some of the Church people since most of them are so far away and they get visits so infrequently. Let us remember them in our prayers and drop them a few lines occasionally.

Their address, Edward and Juanita La Blanc, Box 177, Eagle Butte, South Dakota 57625.

PSALM 51

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Living Faith

Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. But without Faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11, 1-6).

We read in Eph. 2,8 that Faith is the gift of God. The Holy Scripture teaches that God is no respecter of persons; so therefore from this we believe that God will bless any soul whom He will, matterless of who he is or where he may have come from.

We are taught that God was made manifest in the flesh; meaning Jesus Christ. We therefore look to Jesus for the true manifestation of the character of his Father which is in heaven. Since all power was given to Him while here on earth, we should acknowledge His teachings and follow His example above anyone else.

In Matt. 9, 22 Jesus said, "Daughter, be of good comfort, thy Faith hath made thee whole." We see that she exercised a "Living Faith" and through it she was healed. Likewise the two blind men that went to Jesus were told — according to your Faith be it unto you; and their eyes were opened.

Possessing the Faith as of a tiny mustard seed we will be able to remove mountains of obstacles that may come before us. It must be forever active and multiplying in our lives daily. It must not be mixed with selfishness or, the Author and Finisher of our faith lived solely for others, giving His life that we may have that more abundant life.

As men in times past have trusted Him implicitly and were rewarded for doing so, we also must believe that He will keep us today and supply our every need. Although much emphasis is placed upon the physical needs of this life we must never lose sight of the spiritual need which is of utmost importance. This life is for a brief moment at best but eternity is without end.

It is so very important that we who profess to know Christ and accept Him as our personal Saviour possess this "living faith" that we may be a good example and a shining light to others around us. It has a tendency to rub off on others. May it never be asked of us "where is thy faith?"

In conclusion we must trust in the ever comforting words of the Lord as He said, "Let not your heart be troubled; Ye believe in God believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you that where I am ye may be also."

Reprint from article by Bro. Anthony D. Brutz
Apache Drumbeat February, 1972

PRAY WITH US

For God's hand to be upon each of our missionaries who are out in the fields of work today.

That the good Lord will bless and keep them in all they do.

Pray with us for their protection in these critical days, and pray that He will bless and keep them all along the way.

We thank God for the Brothers of The Church who have the desire to do the missionary work that the Lord would have us do.

We are so thankful to God for the many missionaries who "have" gone out into the fields and "striven" to save souls and did bring many to know the Gospel. If we look back in our life, we will remember how we first heard the good news and how happy we were to hear it and how thankful we should be to the person who told us.



OUR WOMEN TODAY

Ladies' Circle Inaugurated In Bell, California

The Sisters of the Bell Branch held a meeting and decided they wanted to organize a Ladies' Circle. We have a small group of Sisters of various ages, all who desire to spend some time doing something in unity. We set a date and invited the Sisters of the Valley Branch Ladies' Circle to assist us in organizing. The meeting was held on Saturday, February 12, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. Everybody present felt a blessing during the meeting and this gave us the assurance that this was a step in the right direction. Coincidentally, we chose to have our meeting on a day when the California District elders were gathering in a nearby Branch. As a result, we had in our midst some Sisters from the Modesto Branch Ladies' Circle.

Sister Sarah Watson presided at our meeting. Before initiating the election of officers, she spoke briefly of the Circle in their branch, how they conducted their meetings, affairs, and some of the projects and studies. Sister Sylvia Curry, assisting Sister Sarah in our meeting, added some words of the blessings of uniting in this way and told us of the things we could accomplish working together.

Sister Sarah invited Sister Virginia Loyalvo and Sister Lena Bologna of the Modesto Branch Circle to relate some of their projects and methods of handling affairs in their Circle. These Sisters spoke wonderful words of the blessings received in working together.

Sister Sarah Watson had us rise and repeat the words that made us all members of the Ladies' Circle and carried on through the election of our officers. She then turned the meeting over to our new president, Sister Mary Scalise.

We Sisters of Bell Branch are looking forward to working, studying, and just being together in our group. We pray that God will make each one of us a strong link in the chain of the Bell Branch Ladies' Circle of California.

Sister Betty Capone, Bell Branch Editor

Have we told someone of the Gospel today?

News of salvation we say is free, can somebody say it was never told to me?

Are we putting forth our effort to help someone to tell others of Jesus?

Many of our Brouthers have crossed the deep waters to a hot dry land to spread the glad tidings to all those who would listen, and many of them did heed to the word and were baptized in the Gospel, and we are thankful for this.

And now pray with us earnestly for our Brothers who are waiting and planning to go over the sea, that God will protect, lead, guide, and direct them and will bless them on their mission there.

Our missionaries are a blessing to many, especially to those who are praying and seeking God as their Saviour.

We pray that God will continue to bless them naturally and spiritually, until many who have not yet heard of the Gospel shall have an opportunity to hear of His love for them.

By Sister Bittinger

Elder John Ross Replies To A Request For Approval To Open A Bible College In Nigeria

(Continued from last issue)

God will choose whomever He will to be the future leaders of The Church. God will not charge anyone money to become His ministers and He does not expect anyone to charge money when He calls them into the Priesthood to minister in His name. Neither does He expect our people to go to Bible Colleges to receive their training from those who are so puffed up in their own learning as to believe or teach that inspiration and gifts of the Holy Spirit are unnecessary to the Ministry of Christ's Gospel.

- 21 In answer to the question, "Whether it is necessary for persons to be baptized by our Elders who were once baptized by immersion and ordained in other churches?" We reject their baptism and their ordination. Anyone wishing to become members of The Church of Jesus Christ must be baptized by our Elders; then he is only a member in The Church. He cannot act as a minister in The Church of Jesus Christ unless he is well tutored in the Faith and Doctrine, Law and Order, etc. of The Church. The Priesthood must decide if such a person is called of God to become a true minister of Jesus Christ; furthermore, that person must understand that as Jesus calls men freely (without charge) into the Priesthood, he must also minister freely to all people.

- 22 We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ fell away as predicted by the Apostle Paul. When this happened, God removed His Priesthood Authority from among men and no man had authority anymore to minister in the name of Jesus Christ. Yes, many reformers built up other churches and they did the best they could, but which church can claim their priesthood authority was given them of God? If the authority to minister in the name of Jesus was removed from among men, who could restore it again? Could men do so? The answer is no. Only God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord could give men authority again to minister in His name. Therefore, we, The Church of Jesus Christ, have the only true authority restored again in fulfillment of Revelation 14:6-7. God sent His angel to young Joseph Smith, and through this young man God set up His true Church again. In the year 1829, the Priesthood Authority was restored again when this young man and Oliver Cowdery received ordination under the hands of this angel. From then on, the true Priesthood Authority has been carried on in The Church of Jesus Christ as others are ordained by those who had been ordained. If anyone doubts this, ask these persons if their former baptism was of heaven or of men. If they answer of heaven, then ask them why it is that the church that baptized them does not practice and believe all the doctrines and principles that Jesus taught.

If their church does not practice and believe what Jesus taught, that proves the church was not built on principles as taught by Christ, but of men. Therefore, the former baptism is also of men and

not of God. If they wish to become true followers of Christ, they must be baptized into His church by those having the true authority. This is sufficient proof for any wise person to understand.

My dear brothers, I trust this lengthy explanation is sufficient to remove all doubts from your minds. Furthermore, may it establish you more firmly in the faith of the Son of God.

In conclusion, hold fast to the great truths of the glorious Gospel as taught by The Church of the Son of God of which you and I are a part.

God bless you and your families. Love to all of you.

I am your brother and servant,
Elder John Ross

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The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my Holy Mountain, saith the Lord. (Isaiah 65:18-25).

And the time cometh speedily that the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall, and the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion, and might, and power and great glory.

And He gathereth His children from the four quarters of the earth; and He numbereth His sheep, and they know Him; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd; and He shall feed His sheep, and in Him they shall find pasture.

And because of the righteousness of His people, Satan has no power: wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years; for he has no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy One of Israel reigneth.

And now behold, I Nephi, say unto you that all these things must come according to the flesh.

But, behold, all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel if it so be that they will repent. (Book of Mormon, I Nephi, 22:24-28).

Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land.

And he spake concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come—after it should be destroyed it should be built up again, a Holy City unto the Lord.

Wherefore, it could not be a New Jerusalem for it had been in the time of old: but it should be built up again and become a Holy City of the Lord; and it should be built unto the house of Israel.

And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type. (Ether 13:4-6).

(Verse, 8). Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph (The Indian people) shall be built upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build a Holy City unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come when the earth shall pass away. (III Nephi 21:1). ... That I shall gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion. (The Peaceful Reign preceding the events of Revelation, Chapter 20).

If you expect perfection from people, your whole life is a series of disappointments, grumbings and complaints. If, on the contrary, you pitch your expectations low, taking folks as the inefficient creatures which they are, you are frequently surprised by having them perform better than you had hoped.

Bruce Barton

Brief News Of Interest

Pa. Area M. B. A. Seminar Day
June 24 - Monongahela Church Building
 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Seminars
 Potluck Supper
 6:00 p.m. - Evening Meeting
ALL WELCOME

Seminar Day Planned

Last year, members of the Pennsylvania Area M. B. A. Activities Committee meeting discussed holding an informal - type meeting to enable the young (which includes **everyone**) to get together and discuss items about which they had a question or just items of general interest in relationship with The Church and their lives. A "Seminar Day" was suggested — we tried it, and liked it! It proved to be very beneficial; attendance was good and the decision to hold another was unanimous!

This year, the same type of day is being planned. The seminars will be held on Saturday, June 24, at the Monongahela Church building from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A potluck supper will follow (coffee will be provided) after which an evening meeting will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m.

An invitation to attend is extended to everyone — not only those from the Pennsylvania Area, but anyone, from any Area and of any age, who wishes to participate in discussing the things of God.

We will be divided into groups according to age to allow discussions of mutual interest; each group will be "guided" by an instructor but group participation is promoted.

Plan to attend — come expecting to receive a blessing and expecting to learn a bit more about **your** life and what it should be in regard to Christ and the Church. You won't be disappointed.

Ruth Laird
 Pa. Area MBA Editor

"Church membership does not make a Christian anymore than owning a piano makes a musician.

—Unknown

This statement, or the thought it implies, has been used by many as a reason for not affiliating themselves with any church; however, in answer to this statement we would offer the following:

AN OLD QUESTION

Question: Can I be a Christian without joining a church?
Answer: Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

- A Student who will not go to school;
- A Soldier who will not join the army;
- A Citizen who will not pay taxes or vote;
- A Salesman with no customers;
- An Explorer with no base camp;
- A Seaman on a ship without a crew;
- A Businessman on a deserted island;
- An Author without readers;
- A Tuba Player without an orchestra;
- A Parent without a family;
- A Football Player without a team;
- A Politician who is a hermit;
- A Scientist who does not share his findings;
- A Bee without a hive.

—Copied

TESTIMONY

I, Sister Ellen Fisher, was born on November 5, 1934, and raised on the Chippewa Reserve in Muncey, Ontario. I began in my teen years to live a life of sin. I was lifted from this sordid life the day I was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in Muncy, on September 13, 1971. I started drinking to be one of the crowd — later on to please my husband. I became addicted to alcohol and was always worried if I did any wrong while under the influence of alcohol. I always said I would quit, but never seemed to be able to stop drinking. One day God came into my life and showed me He would take care of me and my loved ones. Tears came to my eyes with this realization. I was sincerely sorry for all the wrong I did. I asked for my baptism and from that day on, my bad habits left me, for which I will always be thankful to God. I believe that we, who are truly repentant and are baptized, should set a good example every day of our lives for outsiders, and more so for our new members. I believe that smoking, drinking, over-eating, etc., and all things that are habit forming are out. If others see us doing these wrongs, they will be quick to point the finger and say we aren't doing right. Others have commented on certain members and the wrong they see, but I tell them, "God will take care of the ones who are sincere and work for him and not grumble about it." I believe we should look up once in a while and imagine Jesus hanging on the cross for our sins! When we try to live righteously every day, then we are trying to ease His pain for He suffered for each one of us. May God's blessings be upon each and every one who should read this testimony and benefit from it.

Sister Ellen Fisher
 Muncey Mission
 Ontario, Canada

FLASHBACKS

By Charles Jumper
 25 YEARS AGO

G.M.B.A. met in Rochester, New York. The Rochester local presented a program on the origin of our hymn book. A new local was organized in Niles, Ohio.

Brother Paul Love reported much encouragement in Albion, Pennsylvania. Two converts were baptized.

20 YEARS AGO

Bronx, New York Branch reported the baptisms of two brothers from Connecticut. Brother William Cadman spent a week visiting the Atlantic Coast Branches. Brother Oran Thomas held a week of meetings in the Bethelburg Church near Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

15 YEARS AGO

Youngstown, Ohio Branch reported holding services in their new church building. California District Conference was held in the new church building in Modesto, California. Brother Joseph Lovalvo presided over the conference.

10 YEARS AGO

Fredonia and Erie, Pennsylvania Branches held their annual joint feet - washing service. Brothers Vincent Gibson, Oliver Lloyd, Dom Bucci and Samuel Kirschner were present and took part in the service.

5 YEARS AGO

Brother James Heaps concluded a six-week speaking tour of The Church in Phoenix, Arizona. The day was to see one of the tribe of Joseph baptized into The Church.

Branch & Mission News

Fairless Hills Visits

The Fairless Hills Mission visited the Edison Branch this past Sunday, March 26, 1972, for feet washing.

The meeting was opened by Brother August D'Orazio, and he was followed by Brothers Samuel Dell and Nathan Peterkin. The thought for the day came from Luke 12:15—"And He said unto them, Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." In the afternoon meeting during feet washing, Sister Betty D'Orazio stood and told what a wonderful blessing she received while Sister Edna Venuta was washing her feet. This gave us all a good feeling, for we know this was God's way of showing us He was pleased with us.

A few hymns were sung by the young children, and Sister Debbie Sgro sang a solo. We all sang "Showers of Blessings" in the Italian language.

It was surely a beautiful meeting.

Four Ordinations At West Elizabeth

The West Elizabeth Branch observed their feet washing service on March 19, 1972. The wonderful spirit was felt by all in attendance. At the service, the following were ordained:

1. Brother James L. Maletta of the West Elizabeth Branch was ordained a Deacon by Brother Harry Robinson. Brother Sam Kirschner washed his feet.
2. Brother Joseph Austin of West Elizabeth was also ordained a Deacon by Brother English Webb. His feet were washed by Brother Sam Kirschner.
3. Sister Dorothy Jean Austin was ordained Deaconess of the West Elizabeth Branch by Brother Harry Robinson. Sister Ruth Kirschner washed her feet.
4. Sister Regina Harris was also ordained a Deaconess by Brother Sam Kirschner. Her feet were washed by Sister Ruth Kirschner.

We trust and pray that God will bless our new officers in their respective responsibilities.

Metuchen, N. J. News

In a note from Sister Mary Ann Van Bree, she reports that the Metuchen Branch enjoyed a wonderful day, Sunday, February 26, 1972. Adding to the joyous occasion were the following visitors: Brother Dan and Sister Fannie Casasanta of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania; Brother and Sister Anthony Arcuri, Sister Juanita Rogolino all of Florida, Sister Gelsa Zinzi of Bronx, New York, and brother Jon Genaro of Niles, Ohio.

They also enjoyed a spell of singing and conversation in three get-togethers in the homes of the Brothers and Sisters.

Brother Dan Casasanta touched on the missionary work in Italy and he also offered advice in seeking a companion for marriage. She concludes, "Isn't the love of Jesus something wonderful."

Aliquippa Has Visitors

The Aliquippa Branch hosted a meeting of the General Church Board of Missions on March 25, 1972. On Sunday, March 26, many Brothers and Sisters present from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey for the Board meeting visited with the Aliquippa Saints.

The Scripture in St. Matthew, 16:13-18 was read by Brother Rocco Biscotti. Our Brother emphasized that The Church's foundation is built on the revelation of God.

Brother Anthony Corrado then told of several experiences he recently encountered with some people that were sick and how they were healed through prayer. He stressed that we are in need of more spiritual gifts from The Lord. Some of the Saints who have gone on to their rewards have taken their gifts with them; we must pray that the gifts of God will always be among us. Brother Corrado also urged us to devote more time to prayer and to stand firm on the revelation of God so that we can tell others of The Gospel.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of The Church thanked all who prayed for him and Brother John Ross during their visit to The Church in Africa. He felt an evidence that the prayers of the Saints helped them in many instances. Without the Spirit of God they would have been deserted.

Time did not permit that the other Brothers should speak to us, but their mere presence was a blessing. Following the words by our Brothers, The Lord's Supper was administered.

The Saints felt greatly uplifted this day. We thank God for His blessings and presence among us that day.

Deaconess Ordained At Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch

The Vanderbilt Branch experienced the blessing of God in the calling and ordination of a Deaconess on Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1972.

Sister Newanna King's feet were washed by Sister Margaret Johnson. Brother Joseph Shazer ordained Sister King to the office of Deaconess.

While Brother Joseph Shazer was relating a dream which indicated the calling of Sister Newanna King to the office of Deaconess, Brother Thurman S. Furnier arose and spoke as follows under the power of The Spirit: "It is the will of God that this Sister should be ordained a Deaconess, thus saith The Lord".

The Lord blessed the Vanderbilt Branch this day and may His blessing also attend Sister King's activities and duties in fulfilling her holy office.

Announcement

The Warren, Ohio Branch will celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of their church building on Sunday, June 18, 1972. Morning service will convene at 9:30. Afternoon service starts after lunch. There will be a guest speaker. All are welcome to attend.

Baptism At Six Nations Indian Reservation Mission Ontario, Canada

A young Indian woman, Muriel Green, came forth and asked for her baptism on January 2, 1972 at the Six Nations Indian Mission. Her desire and wish was to start the New Year right.

We had to break ice first and then she was taken into the waters and baptized by Brother Norman Campitelle. She was confirmed by Brother Ralph Leet.

The Six Nations Mission has been blessed with the attendance of many young people and many miracles have been performed. The Lord is surely blessing these Chosen People of God. We continually need your prayers.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM SIX NATIONS

On Sunday, February 27, 1972 at the Six Nations Mission we had a blessed and joyous time.

A social get-together was held in honor of Brother Jan and Sister Jessie Veltman's sixteen years of missionary work. Due to illness they are unable to continue their work in the Mission Field.

Brother Anthony Lovalvo spoke a little about the wonderful service they have offered and the many times they made trips when they were sick. Brother Sonny Garlow (their son) then spoke about their untiring efforts in this work and how they helped build the apartment above The Church.

Sister Annie Green then read a poem which she wrote entitled, "Goodbye Brother Jan, Goodbye Sister Jessie." A wonderful feeling prevailed during the reading of this poem.

Brother Norman Campitelle then spoke briefly on the wonderful times we had in fellowship with Brother Jan and Sister Jessie on these trips. He also remarked that they will be missed very much.

Brother Richard Isaacs (Chief of the Six Nations Reservation) spoke about Brother Jan's wonderful sense of humor, and how he always had a smile and song on his lips. He also said they both will be greatly missed by all.

Sister Sadie Jamieson then presented Sister Jessie and Brother Jan with gifts, showing our love and appreciation for their efforts and how much they will be missed.

Sister Jessie then expressed herself on how happy and surprised she was on this occasion. She also thanked everybody for the gifts and thanked God for His goodness towards her. She was so happy that part of her family could be present at this social. She said that she would miss all of us and that they would visit whenever possible.

Brother Jan also expressed himself on how happy he was in the service of The Lord. He stated that he felt privileged to work among the Seed of Joseph and will miss them very much. However, he said they will not stay away completely.

All of the Brothers and Sisters from Six Nations and the Brothers and Sisters that make regular trips plus many visitors enjoyed a light lunch and were able to socialize with one another. There was a wonderful feeling throughout the day and it was enjoyed by all. God bless you both, Brother and Sister Veltman.

Brother Norman Campitelle

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change.
And when we are right, make us easy to live with.

Peter Marshall

Easter Week At Vero Beach

By Brother Lou Pandone

Easter week was a week of blessings for the Vero Beach, Florida Mission. It all started on Wednesday with visiting Brothers, Charles Smith, V. J. Lovalvo, and Richard Pandone and his family. Bro. Lovalvo opened the service on Wednesday evening discussing the 42nd chapter of Alma in the **Book of Mormon**. On Easter Sunday we were blessed with 40 to 50 in attendance from Michigan, Ohio, Florida and New Jersey. Brothers Charles Smith of Ft. Pierce, Florida, Anthony Ensana, Eugene Perri, Sr. and his two sons, Brothers Joe and Eugene, Jr. from New Jersey and Brother V. J. Lovalvo occupied the pulpit. The service was opened by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr. and his theme was Trust in God. He stressed how Jesus died to establish His church and prepare a place for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. Also, he related an experience of how God protected him when he came into The Church. He was followed by his son, Brother Joe, on the same theme and elaborated on the true meaning of Easter, that Jesus came for the sinner, some following Him for spiritual substance while others followed Him for the natural substance.

Brother V. J. Lovalvo was the next speaker, also elaborating on the meaning of Easter. He spoke on the restored Gospel and that Jesus was the only One who was able to carry out the will of the Father. Without Him there would be no Eternal Life nor a Resurrection. Jesus was made a free agent to either accept the will of the Father or pass it by; He chose the pain and agony of death instead. The inspiring theme was **THE CHRIST OF THE CROSS... HE IS RISEN**. Bro. Lovalvo then sang "I've Been To Calvary."

Brother Eugene Perri, Jr., was the next speaker, emphasizing how we can lose the Spirit of God if we allow evil to creep in. We should be thankful that we are born of the Spirit, and whatever God does is for a reason and purpose as Jesus gave His life for mankind.

He was followed by Brothers Dom Giovannone, Charles Smith and Anthony Ensana. Brother Smith questioned the congregation — where will we spend Eternity? Brother Ensana concluded how we should love one another as Jesus loved us. This brought to a close a beautiful and glorious Easter morning. We praise God for such a wonderful blessing. May this writer add that with Brothers like these speaking such wonderful words, how can anyone turn away from the Love of God. With Jesus by our side, how can we lose? May God bless all those that were in attendance and all the Brothers and Sisters throughout The Church. Pray for our little Mission that we may prosper for the honor and glory of God. After the service we gathered at Brother Dom Giovannone's home for a wonderful dinner prepared by Sister Giovannone and her daughter, Betty Alessio. We spent the afternoon in fellowship with one another, ending a perfect day at Vero Beach... **WHAT A DAY, WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY... AMEN.**

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Business Office

I Am A Child Of God

My body
Is God's Body—
To take care of
Here on earth.
My hands
Are God's hands
To work hard
Doing God's work.
My eyes
Are God's eyes
Widely opened
Searching for lost souls.
My voice
Is God's voice
Preaching happiness *
Preaching love.
My heart
Is God's grace
Not only filled—
But overflowing.

—Denise DiFalco

Obituaries

Edith P. Nicklow

Sister Edith P. Nicklow, a member of the Vanderbilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed away on March 30, 1972 following a long illness. She was born on July 1, 1905 and was baptized on November 28, 1929.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; five sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Joseph Shazer.

Sister Nicklow will be sadly missed by all the Saints in Vanderbilt.

Julius Sipos

Elder Julius Sipos, a member of the Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ departed from this life on February 16, 1972. He was born on February 3, 1889 in Hungary and baptized on April 2, 1933. He was ordained an Elder on July 26, 1934.

He is survived by four daughters and several grandchildren.

Brother Richard Lawson officiated at the Funeral Service.

Brother Sipos' faithfulness and activity, both as an Elder and member will surely be missed by the Metuchen Branch.

Wedding

Hunt - Gibson

Mr. Thomas Richard Hunt and Miss Earleen Donna Gibson were united in holy wedlock in the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ on April 1, 1972. Brother John Ross officiated at the ceremony.

Sister Patricia Giannetti, the vocal soloist, was accompanied by Sister Betty Eiler at the organ.

The newlyweds will reside in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

New Arrival

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for their new arrival Michelle Lynn Mazzeo, daughter of Barry and Nancy Mazzeo of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

You Should Know . . .

That gambling in all its forms is condemned by the Church. Gambling is considered to be ANY activity which is designed to give the individual an opportunity to attempt to defeat the laws of probability by pure chance. (This includes legalized state lotteries).

You should know . . .

What your family views on television. The following figures are the results of one week of TV viewing during the "Prime Time" between 3:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. -

Shootings	113
Stabbings	92
Beatings	168
Stranglings	9
Other violent acts	179

Summary: One specific act of violence every 18 minutes; a killing every 44 minutes!

You should know . . .

That the showing of slides and films of ancient ruins and other historical material in our places of worship is to be left to the discretion of the Branch Elders.

You should know . . .

What humanity labels as progress — Our great - grandfathers called it the "Holy Sabbath"; our grandfathers called it the "Sabbath"; our fathers called it "Sunday"; and today people call it the "Weekend."

You should know . . .

Every day, ten to twelve thousand people die from the plague of hunger and starvation. Another 80,000 to 100,000 people die each day due to diseases directly caused by malnutrition.

Estimated deaths due to starvation and malnutrition in the world:

70 per minute
4,000 per hour
100,000 per day
35,000,000 per year

Recently the U. N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported one person of every two in the world is badly undernourished and that one in three is chronically hungry. Nearly 2/3 of the human beings on earth know some form of hunger.

Still more quotes to remember:

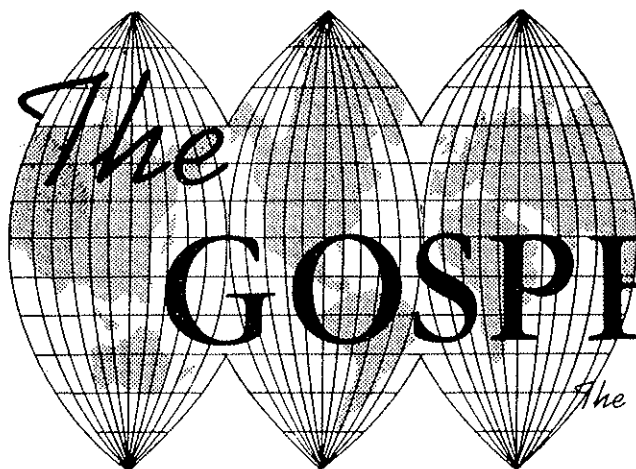
1. Jesus Christ opens wide the doors of the treasure - house of God's promises, and bids us go in and take with boldness the riches that are ours . . . Corrie Ten Boom.

2. The voice of the people is by no means always the voice of God.

3. He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do anything.

4. Between the great things we can't do and the small things we are above doing, too many people end up doing nothing.

by Joseph Ross



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***"Behold! How Good And How Pleasant
It Is For Brethren To Dwell
Together In UNITY!
PSALM 133:1***

General Church Conference Greensburg, Pa.

One of the most enjoyable seasons of spiritual blessings was experienced in the recent General Conference held on April 13 through 16, 1972. The wonderful spirit of unity felt by those in attendance will have a lasting impression on the hearts of each soul as God bore evidence that He was pleased with our state of togetherness.

The Thursday afternoon session started in the usual way, and one significant item of business handled was the appointment of a spiritual gathering of all the Saints on July 1 and 2, 1972 at the General Church Auditorium. Present at this Conference was Brother George U. Ekpo of our church in Nigeria. Brother George is attending school at Claflin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina. His presence was very uplifting to the General Body.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1972

The morning service opened with Brother Peter Capone exhorting the Priesthood to preach the Restoration Story with greater enthusiasm to the dying souls of men and women. He stirred the hearts of each person in the audience to desire to serve God with renewed determination. He further emphasized that we should serve God in total righteousness.

After his talk, we went into the order of business and the proposal was presented and adopted that we implement in October, 1972, the resolution allowing the entire membership to attend our conferences on Saturday and Sunday, rather than wait until 1973 April Conference.

The turning point in our Conference was when word was received that Brother Mark Randy, of California, had suffered a heart attack. Everyone was affected by the sad news and a desire to stop and pray for Brother Mark was expressed by many. A special prayer meeting was then held, and eventually one prayer led to another and our entire business was set aside as we went into a season of prayer. The wonderful Spirit of God was felt in our midst. Many handkerchiefs were anointed and sent to the sick throughout the Church.

To write words to express the feelings that were felt by the Brethren appear to be inadequate at this

time. We were truly filled with His holy presence. It was without a doubt one of the most joyous times we have ever experienced in our Conferences.

Our Friday Conference ended with anxious anticipation of returning the next day.

Saturday Conference we varied from the usual order of business again when a motion was entertained and passed to allow all visiting members to attend our Priesthood meeting. The President, Brother Gorie, opened our Conference and spoke to the Elders repeating the great time that was had in our last two days, and that he was thankful that God had bestowed His blessings upon us.

The spirit of unity was so very prevalent in our midst that we felt to pass a motion to have it recorded in our permanent records. At this time, word was received that Brother Mark Randy was discharged from the hospital the day following his massive heart attack. The Gift of Tongues and the interpretation was given as the Lord spoke and said, "Oh, how I love my people." An attempt was made to go into our business, but that was quickly set aside as Brother Gorie spoke on his recent trip to Nigeria. He emphasized the fact that the people in Nigeria were in the Church not for material gains but to have their souls saved in His kingdom. We again took time to pray for the sick. Time had completely eluded us, as the morning was completely used in rejoicing over the things of God.

After lunch, Brother Dick Christman related an experience he had had prior to Conference where the Devil was trying in all forms to prevent him from attending this Conference. Following his remarks, many Brethren related the same experience.

Brother Joe Lovalvo related how the Lord spoke to him that the Elders should re-dedicate their lives in service to him.

Special prayers were offered for the different missionary fields on which the Church has embarked. In addition, special prayers were offered for the young of the Church, that God would help them in serving Him. It was pointed out that the problems of the youth of today are very great and that the Devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking to devour all whom he can, especially the young.

At the close of our meeting, a large circle was formed and Brother Furnier led us in prayer.

In our evening meeting, we finally took up the business of the Church. A motion was passed that all the officers be re-elected. This reduced our business to a minimum. Truly the spirit of unity allowed us to expedite what remaining business there was with such an ease that we were all amazed at the accom-

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Historical Facts On Sidney Rigdon

By BROTHER THURMAN S. FURNIER

In the same issue of the Gospel News Anniversary issue, page 24 (An Article by Thurman S. Furnier) it is stated: "He (Sidney Rigdon) went wrong after he came to Pittsburg and wanted to make a gathering in the Emlenton Valley of the Allegheny Mountains." William Bickerton said: "No one followed him from that branch, we knowing by the Spirit he was going wrong." "After Rigdon went wrong all that followed him fell away and I (Wm. Bickerton) was left alone."

I was informed by Mr. G. Fred Ziegler that the valley where Sidney Rigdon settled was the Cumberland Valley and not the Emlenton Valley, as stated by Wm. Bickerton.

You will note that the 100th Anniversary issue states that Rigdon and his followers "came east from Missouri". This is wrong, they came east from Nauvoo, Illinois, and not Missouri.

You will also note that in the 100th Anniversary Issue of the Gospel News page 24 at the time of the Rigdon organization, Ebenezer Robinson and Samuel James were Rigdon's counselors. In the Echo-Pilot article these men are mentioned as leaders of the organization.

Brother Wm. H. Cadman and I with the possibility of others expect to go to Greencastle and Chambersburg, Pa., next Thursday, September 13th, seeking for more information, also hoping to obtain some pictures of interesting places named in the articles.

NOTE: The following was copied from the One Hundredth Anniversary Edition, Section 11: History of the Echo-Pilot. The Echo-Pilot, founded in 1849 as the Conococheague Herald, The Echo-Pilot, Greencastle, Pa., Thursday, Sept. 22, 1949.

FIRST PUBLISHERS OF PILOT MEMBERS OF MORMON COLONY.

By one of history's oddest incongruities the old Scotch - Irish Community of Greencastle and Antrim, founded as far back as 1734, owes its first newspaper to Ebenezer Robinson, church printer of a colony of Mormons, known as the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ, who settled on the McLanahan farm, along the Conococheague Creek, in the year 1846.

After the killing of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum on June 27, 1844, a contest arose as to the succession of the Mormon leadership, with Sidney Rigdon and Brigham Young as the rival candidates. When Young was chosen, Rigdon and his followers continued their opposition and were excommunicated from the church. They came east from Missouri to Pittsburg, where they started a church paper, but were unable to make a success of it and decided to move to a rural neighborhood.

Late in the fall of 1845 two of Rigdon's emissaries traveled through the southern part of Franklin County, along the turnpike leading from Mercersburg to Greencastle. When they reached the bridge spanning the Conococheague Creek they looked over the farm of Andrew G. McLanahan, Esq., which lay spread out just north of them, and reported that "there was the place the Lord had shown them in visions to be the site of the City of the New Jerusalem."

Negotiations were begun with Mr. McLanahan for purchase of the farm. While most of the colony remained in Pittsburg, Rigdon and a few of his followers came to Greencastle and occupied a house on the corner of Carlisle and Madison streets where the home of G. Fred Ziegler now stands. A short time later Peter Boyer, a wealthy farmer of Allegheny County,

came on and contracted with Mr. McLanahan for his farm of 400 acres, at the price of \$14,700. Six hundred dollars were paid in cash and on April 3, 1846, McLanahan received \$5,400 additional, gave a deed and took a mortgage for the balance of the purchase money, \$8,700 payable April 1, 1847.

The purchaser at once took possession and Rigdon and from one to two hundred of his followers joined him on the farm. Among them were professional men, mechanics and farmers, and one or two who had been very heavy capitalists in Pittsburg. They began laying out the "New Jerusalem" and talked of building glass works, cotton mills, etc. While they were erecting a small building to be used as a church, they held services in an old barn which is still standing but which was badly damaged by a severe windstorm 10 years ago. They attempted to make converts among the people of the neighborhood but their services, though well attended, failed to produce the expected results. The disheartened Rigdon at last declared that there was not enough religion in the churches of Greencastle "to save a nest of woodpeckers" and prophesied that streets of the town would run with blood. On April 1, 1847, they were unable to meet the payment to Mr. McLanahan and the farm was sold at sheriff's sale and bought in by Mr. McLanahan in August of that year.

Among the colonists was a young man by the name of Ebenezer Robinson, who was the church printer. He was one of Sidney Rigdon's counselors and moved to Greencastle with him in May, 1846. He remained in Greencastle, with the exception of a few months in 1847 when he lived on the McLanahan farm, until April, 1855, when he moved to Iowa and settled in Decatur County. In the summer and fall of 1846 he printed in the Borough of Greencastle a few numbers of the Messenger & Advocate of the Church of Christ, a monthly, and on September 19, 1849, he began publication in Greencastle of "The Conococheague Herald," a weekly newspaper, of which he published thirteen numbers. While in Greencastle he also compiled and printed a "Child's Book" and several editions of a small work entitled "Legal Forms For The Transaction of Business and a Set of Tax and Interest Tables together with a Short System of Bookkeeping" of which some 40,000 copies were sold. Each of these works is advertised in the early issues of the Conococheague Herald, the primer at 3c a copy and the "Legal Forms" at 15c a copy. The latter is recommended, in the advertisements, by Washington Crooks, Greencastle attorney and other citizens of the community.

Associated with Robinson in the editorship of the Herald was J. Kilbourn who, according to an advertisement in the paper, was principal of the "Greencastle Academy," which opened October 15, 1849, "for the reception of pupils of both sexes". It is obvious from the pages of the Herald that both he and Robinson were educated men with high conception of the purpose of a newspaper. Curiously enough there seems to be no reference whatever in the paper to the Mormon faith or to the unfortunate colony.

No more authentic source of information as to the Mormon enterprise exists than a letter dated Davis City, Iowa, April 24, 1886, written by Ebenezer Robinson himself in reply to a letter addressed to him by J. Fraise Richard, Esq. of Chambersburg, Pa. This letter, published in the Franklin County School Annual in 1930, tells of Robinson's publishing activities, as mentioned above, lists the leaders of the Mormon organization in Franklin County and tells what had become of them by 1886. Among the leaders mentioned are Sidney Rigdon, Samuel James, William Richards, Dr. George M. Hinkle, Jeremiah Hutch, Jr., Edward

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GENERAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG, PA.

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plishments achieved at the conclusion of our Conference.

The Sunday service was introduced by Brother V. J. Lovalvo. He took for his text Isaiah 24th Chapter. He spoke on the future expectation of the Church and how God would use those that are willing to serve Him. Following him, Brother George U. Ekpo, of Nigeria, spoke to the Conference. A wonderful spirit of love was manifested as our Brother led us in the hymn, "Just As I Am." The Sunday service came to a close with a feeling that God had blessed us the past four days.

We can close in saying that if we are united, truly God will open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.



Know Your Officers

The Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ. Re-elected at our recent General Conference are from left to right: First Counsellor Dominic R. Thomas of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2; President Gorie Ciaravino of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4; and Second Counsellor Joseph Bittinger of Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Take Time To Think

It is the source of power.
Take time TO PLAY . . .
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time TO READ . . .
It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time TO PRAY . . .
It is the greatest power on earth.
Take time TO LOVE AND BE LOVED . . .
It is a God-Given privilege.
Take time TO BE FRIENDLY . . .
It is the road to happiness.
Take time TO LAUGH . . .
It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time TO WORK . . .
It is the price of success.

Election Of General Church Officers:

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Some quotes to remember

- I. It is right to be contented with what you have, but never with what you are.
- II. Life is a quarry, out of which we are to mold and chisel and complete a character Goethe



Here are pictures of The Nigeria Church headquarters building located at Atai Otoro, Abak, in the South Eastern State of Nigeria. As a Branch, they have a membership of about 800 members.

It is a large building that can accommodate over 1000 souls.

It took our Nigerian Brothers and Sisters many years to finish this building. This structure did not cost the Parent Church any expense; nevertheless, by their sacrifice and efforts, the building is now finished and in use.

Quotes worth memorizing

- I. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. . . . Proverbs 3:5 & 6.
- II. Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people

Proverbs 14:34.

Honor Thy Father

By BROTHER DOMINIC MORACO

A few months ago, I went through the sad experience of witnessing the passing of my father at age 87. After the funeral, I wondered if his longevity and good life was not due, in great measure, to his observance of that wonderful commandment, "Honor thy father and mother". I recall that he always exhibited a deep sense of pride and respect as he spoke of grandfather.

Observe Commandment Well

This thought caused me to examine myself as to just how well I had observed this commandment while he lived. I must admit there are many areas where I could have done better, but of course, it is too late now for he has gone to the silent tomb from whence no traveller can return. Thus, we can only pass on to all those readers who are fortunate to have their fathers with them on this Father's Day, to cherish this great opportunity of honoring your father because he is with you for only a short time.

The word honor implies paying homage, reverence, obeisance and respect.

Thus, everyone should display at all times the utmost respect and honor towards their parents. They should be courteous, polite, and considerate even to the point of denying themselves in order to honor their parents. Because we are mere mortals, we seldom realize the full meaning of complete respect until we have children of our own. Suddenly we see our father in a new image and realize that he was more right than wrong in his teachings.

Nephi realized the greatness of his father Lehi, and paid him eternal homage by stating in the opening paragraph of the **Book of Mormon**: "And I Nephi, having been born of goodly parents". It is comforting to know that many of us can say the same regarding our parents.

The Greatest Honor

If our fathers are servants of God, the greatest honor we can bestow upon them is to follow in their footsteps and observe the teachings of our great Heavenly Father.

The Apostle Paul admonishes as follows: "Children obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

In conclusion, it is also important for all fathers to remain constantly aware of the great responsibility placed upon them towards their children. Because the same Apostle reminds all fathers, "not to provoke their children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

A NEW DAY

This is the beginning of a new day.

I have been given this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.

WHAT I DO TODAY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE I'M EXCHANGING A DAY OF MY LIFE FOR IT.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place whatever I have traded for it.

I pledge to myself that it shall be:

**GAIN, NOT LOSS; GOOD, NOT
EVIL! SUCCESS, NOT FAILURE**

in order that I shall not regret the price
I paid for this day.

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Editorial Viewpoint

FATHER'S DAY

By Thomas Ross

The little son looks in the father's face
With big, blue, wondering eyes, in which we trace
Fair, hazy visions — childhood's earliest dreams.
Ah, little one! to thee thy father seems
A world of mystery; thy great desire
To be a man — in all things like thy sire
Thou canst not comprehend him, yet thine arms
Steal softly round his neck; his whisper charms
Thy fears away...
...O God, we gaze at Thee;
Thou art to us how vast a mystery —
Yet Father! So we come and nestle near,
For there the mystery itself is dear;
And they shall grow, who ever there abide,
Into Thy likeness, and be satisfied.

— ARTHUR VINE HALL

The above verse by the poet Hall is surely an appropriate introduction to this tribute to fathers as we join millions in our annual observance of Father's Day.

This special day that has been set aside for honoring fathers was founded in 1910, only three years after Mother's Day was set aside for honoring mothers.

The distinction of having founded Father's Day is attributed to Mrs. Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. She conceived the idea as a tribute to her own father, William J. Smart, who reared his motherless family alone.

A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM

Mrs. Dodd, with two other persons, petitioned the Spokane Ministerial Association asking support in establishing the day. This petition, approved by the association, reads:

"The beautiful custom of Mother's Day suggests the question, Why not a Father's Day? This question is further emphasized by the celebration in our Sunday Schools of Children's Day.

A Father's Day would call attention to such constructive teachings from the pulpit as would naturally point out:

The father's place in the home.

The training of children.

The safeguarding of the marriage tie.

The protection of womanhood and childhood.

The meaning of this, whether in the light of religion or of patriotism, is so apparent as to need no argument in behalf of such a day.

Your petitioners therefore urge you to set apart the third Sunday of June to be known as Father's Day, and suggest the use of the rose as a suitable flower.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. B. Dodd,

Mark H. Wheeler,

George A. Forbes."

The Y.M.C.A. throughout the Western States supported the idea, the newspapers gave it publicity and gradually the movement spread throughout the country. A red rose is worn to honor a living father while a white one is chosen in memory of one who is dead.

TIMELY AND MEANINGFUL

Mrs. Dodd's observation, "The beautiful custom of Mother's Day, suggests the question, Why not a Father's Day?" was both timely and meaningful. Honoring fathers as well as mothers is compatible with the FIFTH COMMANDMENT as recorded in EXODUS 20:12, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Our Heavenly Father emphasized the importance and obligation of children to honor their parents by including it as one of the great TEN COMMANDMENTS.

What is more, while we endeavor to honor fathers as well as mothers, we also fulfill the FIFTH COMMANDMENT, and thus honor the God and Father of all of us.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

A Time Of Peace

Dear Girls and Boys,

Recently I told you the story about the terrible destruction here in America at the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Now I want to tell you how this affected the people and they enjoyed a time of peace.

After the three days of darkness were over and the storms and earthquakes had ceased, the people everywhere were humble. The Nephites and Lamanites had seen the great power of God. They also saw how the wicked people were destroyed. The twelve disciples, Jesus had chosen, went among the people helping them and teaching them about Jesus. People were willing to listen now and help one another.

The people who had seen the Saviour were so filled with love and the Holy Spirit that they divided their food, goods, property and all they had so that everyone had the same amount. None were rich nor poor, they had all things in common. They had peace in the land.

The disciples went among the people and performed marvelous works. They healed the sick, raised the dead, caused the lame to walk, the blind received their sight and the deaf heard. All these miracles were done in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ who had so recently visited them.

Many years passed away and the Lord prospered the people. They rebuilt many of their cities that had been destroyed by fire. The great city of Zarahemla was built again. But the cities which had been flooded or crushed by mountains falling, could not be rebuilt. The people of Nephi multiplied rapidly and became a fair and delightful people. They met often together to pray and hear the word of the Lord. There was no contention among them. It was a happy time because the love of God was in their hearts. How blessed they were!

Two hundred years passed and the people became very rich. Evil came among them. They no longer wanted all things in common. They became proud, wore costly clothes and fine pearls, all the fine things of the world. They became divided into classes and denied the true Church of Christ. They broke away from The Church and started a church of their own. In a few years there were many churches but they did not follow the teachings of Jesus. These people began to persecute the Saints of the true church. They put the disciples in prison and by the power of God the prisons were shaken and fell. The disciples went out and continued to perform great miracles. Still the wicked ones tried to kill them and stop the work.

The hearts of the wicked were hardened. The leaders of The Church were thrown into hot furnaces, put into dens of wild beasts but nothing and no one could harm them. The people who were faithful to The Church were known as Nephites and those who rejected it were again called Lamanites. They taught their children to hate the Nephites. More and more joined the Lamanites until their group was more numerous than the Nephites.

As years went by, many of the Nephites became proud and were as evil as the Lamanites. The disciples of Jesus were very sad over this condition. In **Proverbs** we find this verse, "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." This is true in this story. What do you think?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Sidney Rigdon

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B. Wingate, Joseph H. Newton, Leonard Soby, Amos B. Tomlinson and Robinson himself. Rigdon, he says, was the first president of the church. "He moved from Pittsburg to the McLanahan farm in May, 1846 and left there April, 1849 and settled in Friendship, Allegheny County, New York, where he died some years since. "In reply to the question whether Rigdon advocated polygamy while connected with the enterprise, Robinson writes: "No, he did not. He was a firm believer in the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, which positively forbids it." "Dr. Hinkle, Hutch, Wingate, Newton, Soby, and Tomlinson were members of the Grand Council of the organization. Robinson married a Miss Rockwell, of Antrim Township, a young woman not of his faith. Of himself Robinson says, in concluding his letter: "He has been for years and is a member of the Reorganized Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints and a firm believer in the Gospel of Christ, as revealed in the New Testament Scriptures and the Book of Mormon but always strongly opposed to polygamy as is also the church to which he belongs." . . . Thurman S. Furnier.

POST SCRIPT: The forepart of this article is written by Brother Furnier and he requests me to write about the trip we made later.

Brothers Furnier, Alma Cadman, George Neill and myself drove to Chambersburg and Greencastle on September 13, and aside from what is already written I don't know that there is much I can write further on the subject. But, we did go to Chambersburg, a very nice town, possibly one hundred and fifty miles from Monongahela. The man that we wanted to see, was out of town on this day, so we were directed to the School Superintendent's Office and there we met the assistant who was very courteous with us. He showed us a School Manual, in which was much history concerning Sidney Rigdon and his two or three hundred followers. He did not have an extra one that he could give us.

We then drove to Greencastle where Rigdon and his followers had located in the year of 1846. We had quite a talk with the Editor of the Echo-Pilot and there we met a gentleman who was a descendant of Andrew G. McLanahan whom Rigdon and his people had bought his farm of 400 acres for a place to settle on. The gentleman was very accommodating to us. He took us to the home of his Aunt who was 85 years old and after a visit with her in her home, she got in the car with us and we drove out to the old farm, about one mile out of town.

She had spent her childhood days on the farm and remembered much about it and remembered much of what she had heard of the Mormons as they were called. We saw the old barn (very large) where they held their meetings pending the erection of a House of Worship, also the old brick house where Rigdon lived once, a frame edition has been since built on to the brick house. There were some old out-buildings that were original, still standing. The farm land laid very nice and a creek of water ran through it. All told, it looked to me like a very nice place on which

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Blessings, Baptisms And Ordinations At Michigan-Ontario District Gathering

On April 23, 1972, the Michigan - Ontario District held a gathering at South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores. This meeting was called by the Elders of the District so that the wonderful Spirit enjoyed at our General Conference could be transmitted and shared by the Saints of the District. Our Indian Brothers and Sisters from Six Nations and Muncey Indian Reserves were in attendance as well as Brothers and Sisters from Ohio. Elders present included Brother Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California, who had been in Detroit for a week of meetings, Brother V. J. Lovalvo of Florida and Brothers Joseph Calabrese, Joseph Genaro, Russell Martorano and Robert Ciarrochi, all of Ohio.

Brother Frank Vitto opened with prayer. Brother Reno Bologna made a few opening remarks about allowing the doors of our hearts to be open.

Judy Lynn Lambert was blessed by Brother Frank Morle of Detroit Branch No. 2.

Brother V. J. Lovalvo sang "Nothing is Impossible" dedicated to those who were to be ordained.

Brother Alfred Burch of the Muncey Indian Reserve was ordained Deacon. Brother Anthony Scolaro washed his feet and Brother Joseph Milantoni ordained him.

Brother Victor Pastorelli of Detroit Branch No. 3 was ordained Deacon. Brother Paul Whitton washed his feet and Brother Silverio Coppa ordained him.

Brother Leonard A. Lovalvo of Detroit Branch No. 4 was ordained an Elder. Brother Joseph Lovalvo washed his feet and Brother V. J. Lovalvo ordained him.

After the ordinations, Judy Coppa from Detroit Branch No. 3 asked to be baptized. Also prior to the Sunday service Mary Serra from Detroit Branch No. 1 asked to be baptized.

Brother V. J. Lovalvo spoke using as his text Matthew 17th Chapter. The theme of his talk was "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him." We center our lives upon those things Jesus said and did. As God spoke these words on the Mount he also spoke to Joseph Smith in the latter days.

Brother Joseph Lovalvo followed and spoke concerning the Spirit of our recent Conference when God spoke to us to have love and unity. Men have not listened to Christ — but say, "Hear ye Us."

Brother Leonard Lovalvo performed his first ordinance by anointing a handkerchief from Ohio.

In closing Brother Reno Bologna exhorted us to "Put yourself out for the Lord."

Brother Russell Martorano closed with prayer.

NEW CONVERTS BAPTIZED

After the service we witnessed the baptisms of our new converts and then met at Detroit Branch No. 1 for their confirmation.

Judy Coppa was baptized by Brother Silverio Coppa and confirmed by Brother Jack Pontillo.

Mary Serra was baptized by Brother Louis Vitto and confirmed by Brother Spencer Everett.

It was certainly agreed by all who attended this gathering that God was in our midst. It was encouraging to hear from the membership - their desire that God will continue to bless us so that we may continue to have the "Spirit of General Church Conference."

Nephi DeMercurio
District Editor



OUR WOMEN TODAY

MICHIGAN-ONTARIO AREA CIRCLE MEETING

The Michigan - Ontario Area Ladies' Circle meeting met at Detroit Branch No. 4 on February 7, 1972. Sister Mary Criscuolo, the Area Chairman, read a poem entitled, TIME TO PRAY, and made remarks on how we should take time to pray every day, by doing so The Lord will truly bless us. The Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing.

A suggestion was made to send cards to all the Sisters that are shut-ins and in convalescent homes. A communication was read from Sister Santa Staynavitch expressing how she missed attending the Area Circle meeting because of ill health. Sister Lydia Francione made a verbal report on the Muncey trip made in October of 1971. She stated that it was very successful and was enjoyed by all who attended. The remainder of the meeting was spent in Singing, Praying, and Testimonies to the goodness of God.

After the meeting the Sisters from Detroit Branch No. 1 served refreshments. The next Area Circle meeting will be held in June at Detroit Branch No. 2.

ATLANTIC COAST AREA LADIES' CIRCLE MEETS

The Atlantic Coast Area Ladies' Circle met on March 11, 1972, with Metuchen, New Jersey Branch as host.

Our theme was entitled "Preparation." Many good thoughts were brought out. It was mentioned how important it is for we as Saints in The Church of Jesus Christ to prepare ourselves daily and to constantly keep our own minds prepared to the spiritual values needed to keep us close to The Church.

Classes of four groups — Adult, Young Married, Teens and the Young were conducted. Each class discussed their own topic and at the conclusion, one person from each class was asked to present a summary of their class theme to the congregation.

Brother Dominick Rose and Brother Richard Lawson, our guest speakers, gave us many words of encouragement and food for thought.

The day was enjoyed by all, giving everyone a spiritual uplifting.

Atlantic Coast Area Ladies' Circle.

CIRCLE ORGANIZED AT NILES, OHIO

The organization of the Niles, Ohio, Ladies' Circle was held in the Niles Church Saturday evening, April 8, 1972. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, made a few opening remarks expressing her appreciation of being able to be there to organize the Niles Circle. The Scripture uses the word "Helps" and this is what we, as Sisters of the Circle wish to be to the Church. Sister Mabel spoke of the organization of the first Circle in 1920, and how we have grown over the years. We were also reminded of the many experiences and blessings that the Sisters of the Circle have had and have been made to feel that the organization of the Circle was of God. We were encouraged to continue in this work.

The newly elected officers were as follows:

President	Jennie Ciarrochi
Vice President	Carmella Genaro
Secretary	Carolyn Martorano
Teacher	Jean Genaro
Indian Mission Treasurer	Lena Martorana
General Treasurer	Wanda Pandone
Word Giver	Millie Ciarrochi

A special prayer was offered for the newly elected officers of the new Circle.

The General Circle is happy for the Niles Sisters and we pray that God will bless them in this work.

Strange Visitor

Submitted by Paul D'Amico

A stranger came to my door
And knocked last night quite late
I thought perhaps he'd lost his way
Or met with some ill fate

He was a rather strange sort
Although I can't say how
Perhaps it was the way he dressed
Though some dress that way now

He wore a robe of coarse brown cloth
With sandals on his feet
He had long hair and a beard
But yet he looked quite neat.

His eyes first caught my interest,
They were so soft and blue
And in those eyes were warmth and
love
The kind that's real and true.

I asked him, "Won't you have a seat?"
He thanked me and sat down
I asked if I might be of help
He looked at me and frowned.

He said, "Some plans are being made,
There where I come from
But first we need some answers
And we thought you might have some."

I told him to "Please feel free"
And I'd help him if I could
He gave me a tender smile
And said, "I hoped you would."

He asked, was I contented with
What in my life I'd gained?
Or did I feel life owed me more
Of what the world contained?

He wondered if I didn't think
This world unfit for life
When there's so much hate and greed
And so much pain and strife?

I asked him why should he ask me
To try to speak for others
He said, "Why should you find it hard,
For are not all men brothers?"

So I told him how I felt
"Sure there's pain and strife
And I guess sometimes everyone
Gets dissatisfied with life."

"But I don't think it's too late yet
If with each new tomorrow
Everyone of us sets out
To try and end some sorrow."

"For though there's trouble in the world
The good still outweighs the bad
The good just don't get talked about
And that's the part that's sad."

"As for me, my life is fine,
There's nothing I need of
My joy in life is that I know
That I have found God's love.

And as long as we have God
There's hope that understanding
And peace will one day rule the world
And love won't be withstanding."

Throughout our conversation
I felt we'd met before
His face I thought familiar
Though I couldn't quite be sure.

Then, as he got up to go
I asked who he might be?
He gently touched my arm and said
"Sir, you already know me."

Well, I'm not real sure
That I yet understand
But I saw, when he touched me,
A ragged scar inside his hand.

And as I watched him walk away
Out into the night
He seemed to be surrounded by a glow
A kind of light.

Now I don't know if it's possible
I don't know if I'm right
But do you suppose I had a talk
With Jesus Christ last night?

—Author Trudy Wallace, 15336 Ave. Juniata, Altoona,
Pa. 16601.

The Wayfarer

By STEPHEN CRANE

The wayfarer,
Perceiving the pathway to truth.
Was struck with astonishment.
It was thickly grown with weeds.
"Ha," he said,
"I see that no one has passed here
In a long time."
Later he saw that each weed
Was a singular knife.
"Well," he mumbled at last,
"Doubtless there are other roads."

Submitted by Paul S. Smith

"O Israel, Prepare For Your Lord"

By PAUL D'AMICO

In the word of God we read the first shall be last, and the last shall be first. We also read that Jesus told the people of Jerusalem that they would remain desolate, until they would say, "BLESSED IS HE WHO COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD."

We are aware that in the days of the Apostles the Gospel was given to the House of Israel first, and later, after the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter was used of God to deliver this message of glad tidings to Cornelius and his household. Hence the ushering in of the Gentiles at that time.

After the falling away of the Gospel, and after the period of 1260 years of spiritual darkness upon the earth, lo and behold, the Gospel was restored to the Gentiles. However it is the faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, that eventually this Gospel must return to Israel; but first to the Lamanites (American Indian) among whom God shall choose a leader known as the Choice Seer or the latter day Moses.

There's a new day dawning for the House of Israel and God is constantly warning the Gentiles to prove faithful so that the Gospel can go in purity and sincerity to the American Indian, The Choice Seer whose name shall be called Joseph shall be instrumental in distributing the spiritual corn (word of God) not only to his tribe, but to the other tribes that are scattered upon the face of the earth.

I like to sing the Restoration Hymns because each time I do so it reaffirms my belief and my faith that God is going to perform a marvelous work and a wonder in these the latter days. For instance when I sing:

CHORUS:

O ISRAEL, O ISRAEL, IN ALL YOUR
ABIDINGS,
PREPARE FOR YOUR LORD, WHEN
YOU HEAR THE GLAD TIDINGS."

the blessings of God fill my soul, and I know that God will perform His work among the House of Israel. Another Hymn which is an old time favorite and with which I shall conclude my little article reads as follows:

"YES, WE TRUST THE DAY IS
BREAKING,
JOYFUL TIMES ARE NEAR AT HAND,
GOD THE MIGHTY, GOD IS SPEAKING,
BY HIS WORD IN EVERY LAND,
WHEN HE CHOOSES, WHEN HE
CHOOSES,
DARKNESS FLIES AT HIS COMMAND."
GOD OF JACOB HIGH AND GLORIOUS,
LET THY PEOPLE SEE THY HAND,
LET THE GOSPEL BE VICTORIOUS,
THROUGH THE WORLD IN EVERY LAND,
THEN SHALL IDOLS, THEN SHALL
IDOLS,
PERISH LORD AT THY COMMAND."

IN CONCLUSION, MAY I MAKE A HUMBLE APPEAL THAT WE THE GENTILE CHURCH MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD, AND TO CONTINUE TO SERVE HIM IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR TRULY THE HAND OF GOD SHALL MOVE UPON ISRAEL, AND IT MAY BE SOONER THAN WE THINK.

Brief News Of Interest

Pa. Area M. B. A. Seminar Day
June 24 - Monongahela Church Building

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Seminars

Potluck Supper

6:00 p.m. - Evening Meeting

ALL WELCOME

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Following a very refreshing and spiritually uplifting Sunday morning service at our Ohio District Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, we had the pleasure of having many Brothers and Sisters in our homes for dinner from Niles, Lockport, Perry, Youngstown, Cleveland and Glassport, Pa. These included twenty-eight teenagers, some arriving at about 4:00 p.m. After eating, there was a Bible quiz with the teenagers and juniors - the girls taking the championship. (Note: the boys were outnumbered almost two to one.)

Later in the evening, the teenagers enjoyed a question and answer session (RAP SESSION) with the Ministry: Brothers Joe Genaro and Russ Martorano of Niles, Tony Picciuto of Perry, and Vince Gibson of Cleveland. In addition, Brother Bob Quinn, a Teacher and the President of the Ohio Area M.B.A., was in attendance with Brother Bill Hufnagle, a Deacon and the Vice President of the Ohio Area M.B.A.

Topics of discussion were: Closed Communion, Restoration, Authority, Helping Youth With Various Problems, Junior High Dating, Drugs, Sanctity of Marriage, Fornication, and Parental Authority.

Time being an important factor in all our lives, after much singing of praises, enjoyable fellowship, much learning, striving to better understand and communicate among people, we concluded the day with prayer. I believe all departed with the thought that the day was well spent.

We wish to thank all that came for their hand of fellowship. Praise God for The Church of Jesus Christ and the Gospel restored!

Bro. Vince Gibson

An Indian Prayer

O' GREAT SPIRIT,
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me!

I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy-myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

Branch & Mission News

Elder Ordained At Vanderbilt, Pa. Branch

On Sunday, April 23, 1972, Brother Emmett E. Dale was ordained as an Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ. Many visiting Saints were witnesses to the holy event.

Brother Dale was baptized as a member of the Redstone Branch on September 16, 1940. Later he was ordained as a Teacher of the Redstone Branch. With the dissolving of the Redstone Branch, Brother Dale became a member of the Vanderbilt Branch. He was ordained as a Deacon of the Vanderbilt Branch on September 20, 1970.

Brother Dale was ordained into the Royal Priesthood of The Church of Jesus Christ by having his feet washed by Evangelist George Johnson of Roscoe, Pa., and the ordaining prayer offered by Apostle Joseph Bittinger of Monongahela, Pa., assisted by Apostle Russell Cadman of Fredonia, Pa.

Then Elder Emmett E. Dale bore his testimony of the joy and peace he has found in the Gospel. He recounted his other ordinations and their importance and the responsibility of his newest calling. He requested the needed prayers of the Saints to fulfill both his obligations and responsibilities as an Elder.

At the conclusion of the service, Presiding Elder Joseph Shazer, thanked everybody for their attendance and participation in making the day a success.

Blessings At Windsor, Ontario, Canada Branch

Our Sunday morning meeting, April 16, was opened by Brother James Scalise, visiting from California. Presiding Elder Brother Frank Vitto followed, giving us some highlights of the Conference. The Spirit of God felt in Conference carried over to our Sunday morning meeting, and the meeting ran almost an hour past usual time. Praise the Lord! During the course of our meeting four members requested the Ministry to lay hands on them and pray for their spiritual needs. Also, a handkerchief prayed over in Conference was presented to our beloved Sister Wilda Collison who has been much afflicted. Her husband, Brother Robert Collison, was anointed for a back affliction.

On Sunday afternoon our M.B.A. was cancelled, and we met at Brother Robert Collison's home to visit with Brother Ross Collison, Robert's father. He is a much afflicted brother and is not able to attend our meetings. Brother Ross was given sacrament; Brothers Sam Cuomo and Don Collison spoke; and a few testimonies were given. The blessings of God were felt throughout the visit.

HOMECOMING VISIT

The following Tuesday night we enjoyed the homecoming visit to Windsor Branch of Apostle Brother Joseph Lovalvo and his companion Sister Virginia Lovalvo. Brother Joseph Lovalvo is truly the spiritual father of the Windsor Branch; he was Windsor's first Presiding Elder. Also, other visiting Ministers were Brothers Louis Vitto, Dominic Thomas, Dominic Moraco, Gorie Ciaravino, Carl Frammolin, James Scalise, Peter Capone, Anthony Lovalvo, Anthony Gerace, Joseph Milantoni and Reno Bologna.

District President, Brother Reno Bologna, opened

the meeting with prayer. Brother Joseph Lovalvo used **Ephesians Chapter 4** for his text and spoke to us as an Apostle, a Brother and a Friend. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President, spoke to us reminding us of keeping our communication lines open to God. The meeting continued with the testimonies of the Saints filled with the Spirit of God, ringing out praises to God.

BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCES RECOUNTED

Space does not permit us to mention all the testimonies; however, Sister Virginia Lovalvo was inspired to tell us of some beautiful experiences she remembered in her past years in Windsor, of how the Lord did truly provide for them both spiritually and naturally. Also visiting was a young lady of the Reorganized Church who expressed herself under the influence of the Spirit of her desire to see our Churches come together as one to build Zion. Following this testimony, Apostle Dominic Thomas was inspired to pray asking God to bring together all the sincere in the land that are of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Brother Alfred Burch (Seed of Joseph) from the Muncey Reservation, Canada, also attended and gave testimony. On Sunday he will be ordained a Deacon. After the meeting, which ended about 10:30 p.m., we retired to the basement for dessert and refreshments which had been prepared for the Lovalvo homecoming visit. During refreshments two Sisters asked to be anointed for their afflictions. We thank God for the manifestation of His Holy Spirit in this place.

Brother Robert Stanek
Branch Editor

Vero Beach, Florida News

Sunday, April 23, was another day of rejoicing for the Vero Mission members. Visiting with us were Brothers Richard Santilli from Youngstown, Ohio, Gene Perri and Anthony Ensana from New Jersey, along with their families.

The morning service was opened by Brother Santilli. He remarked on the conditions of the world and touched on the history of the state of Florida, relating how Ponce de Leon searched for the Fountain of Youth. "The fountain of living waters" became the theme of the day's service. He related how Jesus met the woman at the well and told her He had living waters from which one would never thirst again.

Brother Ensana followed on the same topic, how the spiritual fountain has once again been restored through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Perri followed, elaborating on the subject of Ponce de Leon and Columbus, how they sought not for righteousness but for adventure. Today, man has not changed, for he seeks adventures such as space. He concluded with the words of Jesus . . . "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled."

Closing remarks were given by Brother Dom Giovannone. The fellowship service was also a blessing as all bore their testimony. We can truly say that the Spirit of God did prevail throughout the day.

We ask for your prayers for our Mission, that we may be fruitful in this part of His vineyard where the laborers are few. May God bless the Church of His Son and the Ministry, and all those who make an effort to spread the Gospel to the dying children of men and women.

Wanted . . . members for the Vero Beach, Florida Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ. We send our love to all the Saints.

Brother Lou Pandone

Deaconess Ordained At Perry, Ohio Branch

On Sunday, April 9, the Saints of Perry, Ohio Branch were blessed in witnessing the ordination of a new deaconess. Sister Frances Boerner and Irma Milano took part in the washing of Sister Elizabeth Santilli's feet. Sister Boerner washed one foot and Sister Milano washed her daughter's other foot. Brother Anthony Picciuto ordained Sister Santilli to the office of Deaconess.

A wonderful spirit of humility, peace and love prevailed throughout the service.

These blessings were followed by many more blessings the very next Sunday so beautifully recounted in the following article:

Showers Of Blessings Produce Seven Baptisms And One Renewal

Indeed, we can say that God has blessed the Perry Priesthood with evidences of His Power. For, coupled with their efforts of visiting friends and relatives of the membership in Perry, Ohio, has been the liberty of preaching the Gospel. On April 9, 1972, God touched the heart of Mrs. Charlene Swank. While she called for her baptism her husband, ill at home, had an experience that she did so. Upon knowledge of her request he made it a matter of prayer and desired visits from the Ministry. The Ministry, without knowledge of his desires, were prompted by God's Spirit to visit them and, indeed, God poured out His Spirit upon that visit, for now Mr. Swank had joined his wife as prompted by the Spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Boerner were touched by God's Spirit on Easter Sunday and on April 9. They also requested visits from the Priesthood. Meanwhile, God gave Mr. Boerner an experience concerning his baptism. Upon consecutive visits by the Perry Priesthood, God's Spirit convicted them both and they requested their baptisms. Mrs. Bernadine Miller had also been in the April 9 meeting and expressed that she was struggling with indecision. She had been anointed for strength that day. During the week God pricked her heart and she called the Ministry by telephone to request her baptism.

On April 16 many Brothers and Sisters attended Perry Branch to witness the five baptisms. Priesthood and members from West Cleveland and East Cleveland, Ohio Branches attended the service. Evangelist Vincent Gibson, Elders Mario Milano, August Perlioni, and Eugene Kline spoke briefly at what seemed a mini-conference. During the course of the morning service, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott requested their baptisms. Indeed, as they were taken to the waters of the Grand River, showers of rain fell upon the Saints in that sacred spot. The following candidates were baptized at the river: Charlene Swank, Richard Swank, Don Boerner, Kathy Boerner, Frank Elliott, Mata Elliott, and Bernadine Miller. Everyone returned to the afternoon service where the new candidates were confirmed as members of The Church of Jesus Christ and partook of their first sacrament. Five young people were also blessed into The Church.

The following Sunday, April 23, we rejoiced to see our Sister Katherine Mastroianni, Brother Joseph Salerno's mother, reinstated to membership in The Church. We were also happy to have Connie Detweiler and children of Wickliffe, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walters and daughter of Cleveland, Ohio, meet with us.

The seven new members were baptized and confirmed as follows:

Charlene Swank — baptized by Anthony Picciuto; confirmed by August Perlioni.
Richard Swank — baptized by Anthony Picciuto; confirmed by Elmer Santilli.
Donald Boerner — baptized by Anthony Picciuto; confirmed by Eugene Kline.
Kathy Boerner — baptized by Eugene Kline; confirmed by Elmer Santilli.
Frank Elliott — baptized by Eugene Kline; confirmed by Anthony Picciuto.
Mata Elliott — baptized by Eugene Kline; confirmed by Mario Milano.
Bernadine May Miller — baptized by Elmer Santilli; confirmed by Vincent Gibson.

Monongahela Branch News

Brother Joseph Bittinger was a visitor in our Sunday services in Monongahela on April 30. He opened the morning preaching service by reading a portion of Scripture from the 5th Chapter of Alma in the **Book of Mormon**. Alma's words concerned the commandment to speak and testify of things to come. The Spirit of Revelation confirmed the truth of the words concerning the coming of Christ. Alma attempted to convince his people of this truth. Today we have difficulty in convincing others of the truth and reality of the Gospel.

The mission of The Church, we were reminded, is the same today as it was in Alma's day. We are to preach repentance and baptism with the convincing power of God. Our concern for others should be as great as Alma's concern was for his people.

Brother Bittinger spoke about the signs of the latter days being all around us. Therefore, we should not lose our concern or enthusiasm for bringing others into the Gospel.

Brother Fred Olexa spoke briefly on being aliens to God by our natural birth. As such, we must be restored to our place with God. This restoration can come only through repentance and baptism into The Church of Jesus Christ. Then we will be born into that state whereby we can be with God again. We are no longer aliens to God, but rather citizens in His Holy Kingdom.

May we each be inspired to labor with enthusiasm for the benefit of The Church and this wonderful hope that is ours through obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

An Experience In Florida

On March 16, 1972, Brother Charles Smith and his wife, Sister Ilene, rushed into my house in Florida. Brother Charles appeared deathly ill. A nervous condition caused him much pain. His body was covered with lumps and he was doubled over so that his chin was at his knees.

He presented a bottle of Holy Oil he brought with him and asked that I anoint him. While anointing him, his fever radiated so much heat that I felt my hands almost blister. After the prayer, he rested for approximately thirty minutes. As a result of the anointing, he regained his health and drove home, a well man.

The next day I was surprised to see Brother Smith walk to my house. Together, we walked back to his home, a total trip of one mile. We rejoiced in this miracle and continue to praise God. Brother Smith has been well to this day, thank God. I hope and pray that the blessings of God are made manifest to all the Saints as they endeavor to serve God, that these signs might follow them.

Michigan-Ontario District Conference Well Attended

The Michigan - Ontario District held its semi-annual District Conference on March 15, 16 and 19. On March 19, the Sunday service was held at Melvindale High School with a good attendance of members and friends. Prior to the service the District Choir sang several beautiful selections.

Brother Spencer Everett introduced the service with prayer and spoke using as his text **Ecclesiastes 12:1**, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;". Brother Everett pointed out that age is a state of mind and youth is being as young as you feel. We retain youth by our zeal. Being a member of The Church is when we begin to live and are in fact the youth of the Latter Days.

ENERGY OF YOUTH

Brother Michael LaSala followed. He further elaborated on the theme of the youth. When we get old, our bodies get old, and we must turn to the youth because of their energy to proclaim the restored Gospel.

Brother Carl Frammolin pointed out the importance of serving God in our youth and the happy experiences we will remember as we grow older.

Brother Anthony Ensana of Edison, New Jersey, followed and spoke of the goodness of God in his youth.

At the conclusion of the service Brother Reno Bologna, District President, very fittingly remarked to all present, "Truth is felt; not seen or heard, you must make yourself available to the truth."

Brother Dominic Thomas closed with prayer.

Nephi DeMercurio
District Editor

RIGDON ORGANIZATION

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to build a house. However, we were told that they failed to meet their obligations financially and they lost the farm. I took a number of pictures of the premises.

I might add that this sort of fills in the gap between the time of which Brother Wm. Bickerton says of Rigdon who was baptized in 1845 into Rigdon's following, a space of time which was much of a blank to us. According to our findings he went to Greencastle in 1846, he left there in 1849. He died at Friendship, New York in 1876. His first counselor Ebenezer Robinson sometime later returned or went to Iowa and associated himself with the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ.

We hope to receive a copy of the School Manual from Mr. R. G. Mowery, Historian who lives in Chambersburg. Sincerely; W. H. Cadman

I, Thurman S. Furnier, have received two copies of the Franklin County School Annual. One copy I have given to Brother Wm. H. Cadman, and the other I have kept.

New Arrivals

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

KAREN LYNN to Joseph and Evelyn Willforth of Warren, Ohio;

TWINS — KAREN LOUISE and JANET ELAINE to Thomas and Patricia Ahlborn of Newark, Delaware;

TODD ALAN to Theodore L. and Marlene R. Haywood of Glassport, Pennsylvania;

DAVID JESS to Charles and Margaret Roscart of Imperial, Pennsylvania;

JAMES EDWARD to Harry and Donna Senchisen of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania; and

JUDY LYNN to James and Judy Lambert of Detroit, Michigan.

OBITUARY

Deborah DeLuca D'Antonio

Deborah DeLuca D'Antonio, wife of Brother Anthony D'Antonio of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania passed on to her reward on May 27, 1972. She was born August 6, 1927. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, her parents, two brothers, and four sisters.

Brother John Ross and Brother Anthony Ross officiated at the funeral services.

"Deb", as she was known to all, will be greatly missed. She was loved by all who knew her.

NOTE OF THANKS

Brother Anthony D'Antonio of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch wishes to express sincerest gratitude for the thoughtfulness of the Saints during the recent illness and passing of his wife, Deborah DeLuca D'Antonio.

The countless cards, letters and telephone calls were of great comfort at this time of sorrow. May God bless all for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy.

1972 CHURCH CALENDAR

Following is a list of 1972 events of General and regional interest:

(*) Denotes meetings will be held in the General Church Auditorium, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

JUNE

24 — Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Seminar Day in Monongahela.

JULY

(*) 1, 2 — General Church Gathering

(*) 8 — General Ladies Circle.

29 to August 5 — G.M.B.A. Campout at Deer Park in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

AUGUST

31 to September 4 — Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Campout at Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

SEPTEMBER

9, 10 — Florida District Conference at Fort Pierce.

9, 10 — Pennsylvania District Conference at Monongahela.

16, 17 — California District Conference at San Fernando Valley.

16, 17 — Ohio District Conference at Youngstown.

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Apostle Alma B. Cadman Dies

Brother Alma Bickerton Cadman passed on to meet his God on June 5, 1972. He was born on November 27, 1878 and was baptized in 1895.

Survivors are four sons, four daughters, twenty-six grandchildren, eighty-six great-grandchildren and thirteen great - great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Apostle V. J. Lovalvo of Florida at the Fredonia, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Lovalvo used as his text the 91st Psalm and 11th Chapter of St. John. His theme was that we that remain should set our hearts on heavenly treasures as Brother Alma did during his lifetime in The Church of Jesus Christ.

Many friends, Brother and Sisters of The Church were present to honor our late Brother and to accompany his remains to its final resting place. Among those present were seven Apostles of The Church, Evangelists, Elders and General Church Officers.

Brother Alma was laid to rest at the Delaware Cemetery in Fredonia, Pennsylvania. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, the President of The Church read a portion of scripture from the 5th Chapter of St. John and the final prayer was offered by Brother James Moore of Imperial, Pennsylvania.

May the Lord comfort the family of our late Brother Alma B. Cadman.

A Deserving Tribute

Brother Alma Bickerton Cadman was born November 27, 1878. His parents were the late William and Elizabeth Worral Cadman of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. Brother Alma is the youngest of twelve children.

In 1899, he married LaVina Secrest and subsequently the Lord blessed this union with nine children, four sons, and five daughters. His posterity, to date, includes twenty - six grand-children, eighty-six great grand-children, and thirteen great, great grandchildren. His wife, LaVina passed away on January 24, 1959. Her death was the first in this large family.

As a child, Brother Alma attended The Church regularly with his parents and, he has often mentioned that he was in The Church "all of his life". In 1895 he was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ by his father, and continued to attend the meetings, where he delighted to listen and learn from his older brothers of the ways of God. In 1900, he was ordained an Elder and, in 1908, he was ordained an Apostle. He was elected President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles in 1927 and, has held this office until 1971. At the April Conference of 1971, the Quorum elected him as Honorary President for life. The Apostles did this primarily, for his great service to The Church and, secondarily, because of his failing health, which prevented him from attending Conferences, and, which also curtailed his activities as President of the Quorum.

Brother Alma loved to travel and, one of his first trips along with two other young men, was to Kansas in 1902, on bicycles. There he met Brother William Bickerton who was in Kansas at that time. In later years, he also made several trips to California.

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A Deserving Tribute

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In 1906, he moved his family to St. John, Kansas. He became employed at "Tudor's Store" as a clerk. The store is still in existence. In 1910, he was placed in charge of The Church "Colony", consisting of a 1920 acre Ranch, which The Church had purchased with a hope of it becoming a place of "gathering" for the people of God. Many families lived and labored on this ranch for several years. While on the Colony, Brother Alma built a house which is still in good condition and also in use. However, the house has been moved to another ranch.

The pamphlet, "The Seventh Day of Rest", describing the Kingdom of Christ which shall be established on earth prior to the Millennium (or thousand-year reign with Christ) and which is referred to by The Church, as the "Peaceful Reign", was written by Brother Alma. This was revealed to him by the Lord, and written by divine inspiration. It is truly a masterpiece of prophetic definition, hope, and eventual fulfillment. Another of his writings is a poem entitled, "Nature." He composed this poem while sojourning in California. One day, while viewing and admiring the beauties of nature surrounding California, he was inspired to write this Ode to Nature. It is as follows:

Nature

Oh glorious Nature, wonderful thing,
Without thy God, Thou would never have been.
In thy virginity, pure and good,
From the hand of God, behold thou stood.
Fair and bright, no sin in sight,
Angels sang of thy glorious might.
No death, no decay, no sin within,
To vex thy God, when He walked there-in.
Angels will praise thee in ages to come,
Of the glorious creation; from His hand it came
In the Garden of Eden, with flowers so bright,
Man and Woman, Glorious in His sight.
But after the fall, what a terrible plight,
Man and woman in their hasty flight,
Gone from His presence in grief and sin,
The man and the woman, a strange life to begin.
When Man and the Woman began to repent,
Angels from heaven to earth were sent.
Revealing to them the redemption plan,
The atoning blood of Christ, the Infinite Man.

Brother Alma has known all the Presidents of The Church, including Brother William Bickerton, whom the Lord used to organize The Church in 1862, at Greenock, Pennsylvania. He has also seen the expansion of The Church from the United States to Mexico, Italy, and Africa. He has also witnessed the building of The Church auditorium located in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The Lord had extended the life of our beloved Brother Alma to the ripe age of ninety-three years, and it had been a full, rich and rewarding one. The Church has been truly blessed to have had a Brother of this caliber as one of its leaders; a man gifted in understanding prophecy, and in the ability to transmit it to others. His knowledge of the Scriptures, great in its scope, was a product of much praying and fasting, study and research and above everything else, living a life of righteousness and dedication to the service of Almighty God. No one, who ever came in contact with our Brother, ever walked away without a realization and conviction that he had been in the company of an inspired man of God.

We, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles feel highly honored to have been the co-workers of Brother Alma Cadman. Many of us have spent quite a few years

together with him and, as a result, have been enriched immensely by his wisdom and understanding.

Brother Alma has gone to stand before the presence of Almighty God, to receive his reward of eternal life. However, now that he is called home, we mourn deeply, knowing that with his departure, there will also be passing away an honorable and dedicated man, who represented an era of a Restored Gospel spirit, and a deep prophetic vision. Our hope and prayer is that God will raise up men who will be similarly equipped with inspirational knowledge of the Scriptures as our Brother Alma was; men who will dedicate themselves to the service of God, denying themselves, as Jesus said, and bravely carry the banner of the Restored Gospel wheresoever God wills.

As we walk in the garden of our memories, we know that Brother Alma Cadman will have a fond and loving place there. And, throughout the years that pass, his name will be remembered as a humble servant of the Lord, who gave all that he had for the Master.

Lovingly,
The Quorum of Twelve Apostles of
The Church of Jesus Christ

Evangelists Heard On "WKYC" Radio Talk Program

On Tuesday, May 9, 1972, Brothers Vince Gibson and Elmer Santilli had the privilege of being guests on the Clive Thomas Talk-Show Program. It was scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 10:00 p.m., but due to President Nixon's talk, it was rescheduled for the following evening. We're sorry the rescheduled date was not announced because we understood many were listening on Monday and missed it Tuesday.

We'd like to thank WKYC and Host Clive Thomas for having us on his program. He is very informative and was most congenial and helpful in making us feel at ease during the program. It seems that Mr. Thomas had spoken to one of four members, Brother Bill Hufnagle, of Cleveland Branch No. 1 and extended an invitation to have two of our Elders on his program. Clive Thomas's Program is broadcast over a large area and has a very good rating. We've heard from some who listened to the program in Warren, Youngstown, and parts of Pennsylvania.

The program started at 10:05 P.M. and we talked uninterruptedly until 10:30 P.M. We spoke in general terms concerning The Book of Mormon — what it is, its relationship to the Bible, God's covenant people, etc. After a five minute break, the telephone lines were opened and calls were accepted from near and far. The questions asked were generally good, though we would have liked to have more questions concerning The Book of Mormon. As Clive Thomas told us prior to opening the telephone line, "Once I open the telephone lines, I have no way of controlling the calls..."

We enjoyed being on the Clive Thomas Show and our only regret is that the time went by too fast.

If any of our far-away readers heard or know of someone who heard this program, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Reprint from THE PERRY NEWSLETTER

NOTICE

The writer of the article "An Experience" in the June issue was omitted. It was written by Brother Rocco Ensana.

The Walls Of Jericho

By JAMES CURRY

Hello young people.

Greetings from an aged idealist, who, despite his years, is still interested in changing things from the way they are to the way they ought to be.

I wish on this occasion to take you on a journey into the **Old Testament**. The Church has always believed that the works done under the reign of law are typical of things to come in the day of grace. That being so, I refer you to the City and the walls of Jericho as being typical of conditions and events of our latter years. If you will read the first few chapters of the **Book of Joshua**, you will see that the Israelites crossed over the River Jordan into what was to them their Promised Land. We, too, speak of entering a promised land. We refer to it as Zion, or, more commonly, as the Peaceful Reign.

Before Israel could cross over into their Promised Land, they had first to Qualify. As Joshua told them in **Joshua, 3rd Chapter, 5th verse**: "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." The **Book of Mormon** tells us that when we have become as sanctified in Christ as was the brother of Jared, we shall qualify to receive the record of God's revelations to that man of great faith. When we shall have emulated the faith of the brother of Jared we shall also qualify for the work of toppling the wall of Jericho, which is typical of the wall of sin with which Satan has surrounded his followers.

The Church of Jesus Christ has been trying for the past one hundred and forty two years to topple that wall, but to no avail. The wall has been, until this present time, impregnable, which means that it cannot be entered or taken by force. The presence of that wall prevents The Church from enlarging the place of her tent, of stretching forth the curtains of her habitations, of lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes; of expanding, growing, of building the Kingdom of God.

Blowing their trumpets, the Israelites marched around the wall of Jericho once each day for six days. The six days are typical of the six thousand year periods since creation. The blowing of the trumpets is typical of the preaching of the Gospel.

We have reason to believe that we entered the seventh thousand year period in the year 1970. If this is so, and I see no reason for doubt, we have crossed over Jordan into the Promised Land.

But wait a moment! What is that walled City we see off there in the distance? It is none other than modern Jericho, that walled City of sin — the preventive, the impediment, the first great obstacle to the founding of Zion. Take a look at those high towers — economic towers, financial towers, social towers, political towers, religious towers; every one of which represents a concept that has come down to us through ancient Babylonia, Media - Persia, Greece and Rome.

Down with those walls!

Down with those towers!

But how bring them down?

Joshua had the correct formula. On the seventh day he commanded the priests to compass the city seven times, which indicates to us that, to bring down today's great wall of sin, the Gospel must be preached with seven times more power than we now possess.

But, you ask, how do we get that power? The answer is simple enough. We simply do as we have been told. The Israelites did as they were told. The results were fantastic. After they had been told to sanctify themselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you. Joshua commanded them: "Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice,

neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout."

Back in the 1860's a revelation came to The Church which is identical in substance to the foregoing:

Be ye still, oh my people, for I have chosen you out of the world; and be ye faithful and unshaken, for my promises are to you; and wait with patience and you shall see the mighty hand of God".

Have we heeded the commandment to be still? Or have we pounded futilely at the wall of sin until our hands are bruised and bleeding? Perhaps we should take note of these words from the pen of Ruskin:

"Is not the evidence of EASE on the very front of all the greatest works in existence? Do they not say plainly to us, not 'there has been a great effort here', but 'there has been a great POWER here'? It is not the weariness of mortality but the strength of divinity, which we have to recognize in all mighty things; and that is just what we now never recognize, but think that we are to do great things by help of iron bars and perspiration; alas! we shall do nothing that way, but lose some pounds of our own weight."

Consider with what EASE the Israelites felled the walls of Jericho. It is not excessive labor on Israel's part but mighty POWER on God's part that felled those walls. The Israelites were, of course, instruments of the Divine. They obeyed the command to be silent until the signal was given to shout. They preserved the right attitude. They held themselves in correct position. Their obedience paid mighty dividends. By the simple expedient of shouting, they brought down Jericho's walls.

When the signal is given, we, who are under the commandment to be still, will shout the Gospel of Jesus Christ from the House tops, and the thunderous crash of modern Jericho's walls will reverberate until the end of time.

The commandment to "be still" is an appeal for growth, for the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, for spiritual maturity. "It is God which worketh in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Let us beware of brushing the Creative Hand aside.

Note — Material for this article was taken from an experience given to Sister Gertrude Little of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch.

A Parable

"Now it came to pass on a day at noon that the Editor was a guest of a certain rich man. And the lunch was enjoyed at a popular restaurant. And the waiters were very efficient. And the food was good.

"Now when the end of the meal was at hand, the waiter brought unto the host the check. And the host examined it, frowned, but made no comment.

"But as we arose to depart, I observed he laid some coins under the edge of his plate. I know not what denominations the coins were; howbeit, the waiter who stood nearby smiled happily, which being interpreted, means the tip was satisfactory.

"Now this parable entereth not into merits or demerits of tipping. But as I meditate on the coins that become tips throughout nation, I begin to think of tips and tithes. For the proverbial tip should be at least a tithe, lest the waiter turn against you.

"And as I continued to think on these things, it came unto me that few people who go to church treat their God as well as their waiter. For they give unto the waiter a tithe but unto God they give whatever they think will get them by.

"Verily, doth man fear the waiter more than he feareth God? And doth he love God less than he loves the waiter? Or doth the waiter do more for him than his God?"

—Author unknown

More About The Sidney Rigdon Organization

By THURMAN S. FURNIER

With reference to the article copied from the One Hundredth Anniversary Edition, Section 11: History of the Echo-Pilot.

FIRST PUBLISHERS OF THE PILOT MEMBERS OF MORMON COLONY

Referring to that part of the article which reads: "No more authentic source of information as to the Mormon enterprise exists than a letter dated Davis City, Iowa, April 24, 1886, written by Ebenezer Robinson himself in reply to a letter addressed to him by J. Fraise Richards Esq., of Chambersburg, Pa. This letter, published in the Franklin County School Annual in 1930." We have purchased a copy of the School Annual referred to above. Part of the article contains a duplication of what we already have published in the Gospel News.

THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS IN FULL THREE DREAM TOWNS OF ANTRIM. THE NEW JERUSALEM

After the killing of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum, June 27, 1844 Sidney Rigdon desired to succeed to the leadership of the Mormons, but Brigham Young was chosen instead. When Rigdon and his friends continued their opposition they were promptly excommunicated. They then came east to Pittsburg and started a paper. On account of the local sentiment against the movement this project failed and they decided to go to a rural neighborhood. I. H. McCauley says, "In September 1845, the city of Nauvoo was cannonaded for three days by the forces of the State of Illinois, its inhabitants driven out at the point of the bayonet and the city, with its magnificent temple and public buildings wholly destroyed. About the same time two of Rigdons emissaries came through the southern part of our county, on the turnpike leading from Mercersburg to Greencastle. Stopping upon the bridge spanning the Conococheague Creek, about a mile and a quarter west of Greencastle, they looked over the farm of Andrew G. McLanahan, Esq., which lay spread out just north of them and said that "there was the place the Lord had shown them in visions was to be the site of the city of the New Jerusalem". In a short time afterwards Mr. Peter Boyer a wealthy farmer of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, came on and contacted Mr. McLanahan for his farm of four hundred acres at the price of fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars. Six hundred dollars were paid in cash, and on the 3rd of April, 1846, Mr. McLanahan received five thousand four hundred dollars additional, gave a deed, and took a judgment for the balance of the purchase money, eight thousand seven hundred dollars, payable April 1st, 1847. The purchaser at once took possession and in a short time Sidney Rigdon, Elders Hyde and Heber, Judge Richards, William E. McLellan, Hatch, Hinkle, Body, Grimes, Ringer and others joined them. The band numbered from one to two hundred all told. The most of them went upon the farm, where they said that they intended to lay out a great city, build a magnificent temple and other needed public edifices. Quite a number of them located in the town of Greencastle, where they established a weekly newspaper called the Conococheague Herald under the editorship of Mr. E. Robinson, the church printer. Among them were professional men, mechanics and farmers and one or two who had been heavy capitalists in Pittsburg when they joined the band, but their riches had been squandered subsequently. Sidney Rigdon was their prophet and High Priest. Every Sunday they held services in the barn on the farm, Rigdon generally doing the preaching;

occasionally one of the elders held forth. Their meetings were largely attended by the people of the neighborhood, more from curiosity to hear what would be said than from any similarity of thought or feeling with them. They made a few converts amongst our people, not perhaps over half a dozen in the whole county. They talked largely about what they intended to do about laying out avenues and streets, building glass works, cotton mills, etc. But most of them lived in idleness the while and all their plans soon came to naught. Their money was soon spent; death swung its scythe amongst them and cut down quite a number of them; others became discouraged and left; they could not meet their indebtedness due Mr. McLanahan on the 1st of April, 1847 and the farm was sold at sheriffs sale and bought in by Mr. McLanahan in August of that year, who again obtained possession of it in November following. After this death-blow to their hopes and prospects all discipline and organization were at an end and the band dissolved. A majority of them went to Salt Lake while others joined the Gentiles and started life anew. In the pines on the farm, a number of them lie buried and the spot is known as the Mormon Grave Yard.

We give below two letters dealing with the Mormon Settlement in our county. They are from a scrap book of Mr. Charles Martin a former teacher of Antrim and were printed in Public Opinion forty four years ago.

Mr. Editor — The following letter by the Church printer of the Mormons in Franklin County will be interesting to your readers. It presents some matters not usually understood, and speaks with the authority of one who knows. Many of your readers, doubtless, remember Ebenezer Robinson. He was, it seems, a conspicuous and I presume, quite a worthy man among the Latter Day Saints of the Conococheague. Very Truly, J. Fraise Richard

Davis City, Iowa, April 24, 1886. J. Fraise Richard, Esq., Chambersburg, Pa. Dear Sir:—Your letter of recent date is at hand (having been forwarded from Pleasanton) in which you submit certain questions with regard to the Mormon settlement made on the McLanahan farm near Greencastle, Pa., in 1846, with the request that "they be answered as fully as possible."

1. Did you as printer for the institution ever publish a paper on the farm? If so, what was its name?

Answer: No. Not on the farm. Published a few numbers of the Messenger and Advocate of the Church of Christ, Monthly, in the summer and fall of 1846, in the borough of Greencastle.

2. Did you publish any tracts for distribution amongst the people? If so, can you send me a copy of paper issued?

Answer: No. In publishing the Messenger and Advocate we printed 2000 copies of each issue, which was greatly in excess of our subscribers. A large number of the extra copies were distributed among the people. I have not preserved a copy of any of those printed in Greencastle. Have a copy of each of the first 22 numbers printed in Pittsburg, before we moved to Greencastle, bound in a book.

3. Did Sidney Rigdon advocate polygamy while connected with the enterprise?

Answer: No, he did not. He was a firm believer in the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, which positively forbids it.

4. Who were the leaders of the organization and what has become of them?

Answer: Among the prominent members of the organization who moved to Franklin County, I will name Sidney Rigdon, Samuel James, William Richards, Dr. George M. Hinkle, Jeremiah Hutch, Jr., Edward

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Editorial Viewpoint

"SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY"

BY THOMAS ROSS

The above title was taken from the first line of Samuel Francis Smith's inspiring and time-honored anthem, AMERICA. This beautiful and stirring verse seems to come to our minds spontaneously at this time of the year that marks the anniversary of the adoption and signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

POET TRULY INSPIRED

Pastor and poet Smith was truly inspired in composing this beloved and patriotic hymn in the year 1832 at age 25 while he was a ministerial student. His simple and yet lovely reference to our beloved America as a "sweet land of liberty" is a testimony of his love of country as well as gratitude to God, the Author of liberty.

I am reminded of others who wrote prophetically of our nation as "a land of liberty" centuries before the founding and rise of our government and before the poet Smith penned those beautiful lines.

In the Book of Mormon, I Nephi 1:7 the Prophet Lehi writes, "Wherefore, this land (America) is consecrated unto Him whom He shall bring. And if it so be that they shall serve Him according to the commandments which He hath given, it shall be "a land of liberty" unto them .."

THIS LAND FORTIFIED

Jacob, the son of the Prophet Lehi also recorded a similar prediction as found in II Nephi 10:11, 12, "And this land shall be "a land of liberty" unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. And I will fortify this land against all other nations."

Thank God for His sure word of prophecy, our land is still the "land of liberty" and no kings have risen up to usurp power.

We also read in Mosiah 29:32, "And now I (Mosiah) desire that this inequality (rule of kings) should be no more in this land, especially among my people; but I desire that this land be "a land of liberty," and every man may enjoy his rights and privileges alike, so long as any of our posterity remains upon the face of the land."

A MIGHTY NATION

Nephi, another son of the Prophet Lehi also predicted the rise of our nation as recorded in I Nephi, 22:7, "... the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation (America) among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land ..."

Finally, our Lord Jesus Christ who visited His people on this land shortly after His resurrection, foretold the founding of our nation. In III Nephi, 21:4, our Lord declared: "For it is wisdom in the Father that they (American Colonists) should be established in this land, (America) and be set up as a "free" people ..."

Therefore, on this anniversary of American Independence we can truly rejoice. And as we sing the poet Smith's hymn anew, we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for this "sweet land of liberty."

Let us not be forgetful of those who bore the burden of battle, many of whom laid down their lives in devotion to the cause of liberty and to whom we are also indebted for the freedom we enjoy.

LAND IS CONSECRATED

Let us be mindful of the words of the Prophet Lehi that this land is consecrated to all those whom God shall bring to these shores, "And if it so be that they shall serve Him according to the commandments which He hath given, it shall be "a land of liberty unto them."

Father, whose mighty power
Shields us through life's short hour,

To Thee we pray: Bless us and keep us free;

All that is past forgive;

Teach us, henceforth, to live

That, through our country, we may honor Thee;

And, when this mortal life shall cease,

Take thou, at least, our souls to Thine eternal peace.

Francis Marion Crawford



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

A foolish Rich Man

Dear Girls and Boys,

Many times Jesus tried to impress the people with stories relating to the importance of the riches of His Father's Kingdom. He said the things of His Kingdom were more important than anything on earth. They were told to store their treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust could spoil them and here they would be safe from thieves. They were not to love their riches because riches lead people away from God. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

There are people who are contented with enough food to eat and clothes to wear. They do not seek great wealth. The Heavenly Father knows every need. Jesus said the birds do not sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns and the Father feeds them. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Jesus told an interesting parable about seeking security. The one in this story was a very rich man. He owned several farms. At harvest time his crops were very large. Year after year, as he sold the grain, he purchased more land and built larger and larger barns.

His land produced bountifully. When he saw all this grain, he thought "What am I going to do? I haven't any place to store my crops." His barns could not hold it all. He said, "I know what I'll do; I'll tear down my barns and build larger ones. I will then be able to store all my fruit. I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have plenty of goods laid up for many years, take it easy, eat, drink and be merry'".

God heard the man and said, "Fool, this night your soul is required of thee. Who will then have all the things you have saved up?" So is anyone who stores up treasures for himself and does not give to God. God is forgotten. How tragic for this man.

How foolish the person is who thinks his life is in his own power and can plan and control it. Life depends upon God and is a gift of God. He not only gives life but He takes it away. This rich man had been so busy filling his barns and building larger ones that he neglected to serve God. The Lord had been good to him. He had blessed him with an abundance of grain. The foolish rich man trusted only in his riches. What lesson could you learn from this story?

Do you think treasures are always money?
What things could come between you and God?

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

Michigan-Ontario District Evangelists Hold Conference

On June 4, 1972 the Evangelists of the Michigan-Ontario District hosted a Conference at Melvindale High School.

Brother Peter Capone, President of the District

Evangelists, welcomed the Brothers, Sisters and friends present. There were also visiting Brothers and Sisters from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Pine Top, Arizona.

This Land Preserved

Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio introduced the service by singing hymn No. 182, "America The Beautiful" which set the mood for our Brother's theme: "The Title of Liberty." Brother Calabrese used as his text 'Alma' 46:12-26. He pointed out that God preserved this land after the flood for those nations that would serve Him. The rights and privileges have been restored upon this land of America in the Latter Days for those who will covenant with God as Moroni when he rent his coat and wrote upon it, "In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives and our children." Brother Calabrese further pointed out that man can only achieve peace and freedom when he devotes his life to keeping the commandments of God. Our Brother offered the challenge to us to take the stand as Moroni and let the world know of the peace and freedom God has given unto us as a Church even though those of this world have not found it.

Liberty Preserved

Brother Dominic Moraco followed by characterizing Moroni as a man possessing a clean heart, who stood alone without the support of the people and took action to preserve their liberty. Brother Moraco likened William Bickerton to Moroni because he, too, stood alone to preserve the freedom we enjoy as a Church.

Brother Joseph Milantoni elaborated briefly, that there is at stake today the need of mankind to be liberated.

Brother Peter Capone concluded that the world thinks that a religious man is weak, fanatical, or a nobody, but according to the Scriptures he is a strong man that has strength, backbone and character, such as Moroni.

After the service we ate our box lunches and fellow-shipped together until 3:00 p.m.

It was certainly felt by all that the Spirit of God was present with us throughout the day.

Nephi DeMercurio
District Editor
Michigan-Ontario District

Quotes Worth Remembering

- 1) There are two parts to the Gospel—Believing it and behaving it!
- 2) None are more hopelessly lost than those who falsely believe they have not gone astray.
- 3) Happiness is like potato salad; simply share it with others and it becomes a picnic.

Quotes Worth Memorizing

- 1) To know God's will is man's greatest treasure; to do that will is life's greatest privilege.
- 2) Where no wood is, **THERE** the fire goeth out: so where **THERE IS** no talebearer, the strife ceaseth...-Proverbs 26: 20.

Glassport, Pennsylvania Adds Two New Converts

The Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch was recently blessed when two more souls gave their lives to serve Christ. Brother Thomas Richard Lindy was baptized on May 7, 1972 by Brother Alma Nolfi and confirmed by Brother John Ali. Sister Pamela Reiland was baptized by Brother Alma Nolfi and confirmed by Brother John Ali.

The baptisms surely proved to be a blessing to all the Saints at Glassport. We trust that God will bless our new converts and give them His richest blessing.

M. B. A. Highlights

GMBA Conference Report

By JAMES D. GIBSON

The semi-annual GMBA Conference met Saturday, May 20, 1972, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania in The General Church Auditorium. There was a good representation from all Areas of the MBA.

The Conference convened at 10:30 A.M. The first report was given by the Lesson Plans Committee, reporting that no further progress was made during the past six months. GMBA President August D'Orazio commented on the value the finished lesson plans have been to MBA and Sunday School classes.

The GMBA Campout registrations have reportedly been slow. Information notices were printed by Sister Lydia Link of Bronx, New York and distributed to the delegates for their respective locals. The notices encourage people to submit their completed registration forms to the Campout Registration Committee as quickly as possible.

A report on the Lay Mission Work disclosed there is a temporary delay in the San Carlos work at this time. Brother Joseph Milantoni, GMBA Chaplain, stated there is an opportunity at the Muncey Reserve for those interested in lay mission work in that area. The same procedure is to be followed in filing an application for the work there as in San Carlos. Brother Joe encouraged those interested to apply as there is much need of assistance in that work. Other denominations are working there and making inroads among the people on the Muncey Indian Reserve.

The Bronx - Brooklyn local proposal on the By-Law and Proposal Committee was discussed. Originally, the GMBA Recording Secretary was not to be included with the President, Vice President and Chaplain. A motion was passed that the Secretary be included with all six Area MBA Presidents, making a total of ten committee members. This committee shall have power only to **recommend** an acceptance or rejection on any proposal submitted to the GMBA and also provide a continuing report to the Conference.

Due to a poor response again from Locals on the Popular Vote issue, it was decided by the Conference to table this proposal. It will be tabled pending the results of The General Church on the same type of issue. The Secretary was instructed to send a special report to the California Area pertaining to this matter, since they submitted the proposal.

At this time, business was set aside to allow time for anointings and prayers for the sick.

During lunch, the GMBA Activities Committee met and discussed various issues. It was disclosed that there will be no songbook for the forthcoming GMBA Campout. Those planning to attend the Campout are advised to bring their Saints Hymnal for singing.

Also discussed was the need of donating money to all mission fields. A letter which was sent to all Branches was read citing the need of financial support to The General Church.

The officers gave their reports during the afternoon meeting. The Editor stated he has tried to maintain a stable flow of news. This is consistent with amount of news items received. The Librarian reported that all supplies are kept at the Auditorium and when possible, can be picked up there.

The following GMBA Organizers gave their reports:
Domenic Rose — Bronx, New York
Bert Sheffler — Florida
Richard Lawson — New Jersey
Vince Gibson — Cleveland, Ohio

Paul D'Amico — Lockport, New York
Jack Rosemeier — Imperial, Pennsylvania
Robert Nicklow — Glassport, Pennsylvania
They all reported their endeavors to visit and encourage locals in their districts.

Brother Richard Pandone was appointed to temporarily fill the post of Organizer Anthony Santilli of Youngstown, Ohio, who is ill.

Financial Secretary Brother James Link and Treasurer Brother Mark Landrey gave acceptable reports on the finances of the GMBA.

Brother D'Orazio remarked that some Locals have not submitted a full one third of their six month collections. This is not consistent with the By-Laws of the GMBA.

Auditor Jon Gennaro reported that all books were found in good financial order.

Visiting delegates gave their reports pointing out the various methods Locals have of initiating enlightening and interesting meetings. This provides other Locals an array of possible projects, meetings and, activities they could implement in their locals.

Area M.B.A. Presidents reported as follows:

Florida (Brother Bert Sheffler) They gather once a month, have held a picnic and plan a campout on the Labor Day week-end.

Ohio (Brother Bob Quinn) They have had projects such as the Cleveland Area Indian work, compiled a directory with the proceeds being donated to the Auditorium and also organized an Area Choir.

Pennsylvania (Brother Chet Nolfi) Hosted the November GMBA, held two scheduled evening meetings, organized two sectional Area choirs, plan a seminar day in June at Monongahela, Pa. and sponsoring an area campout the last week of August.

Michigan-Ontario (Brother Alex Gentile) The attendance of their young people at all area functions is commendable, at Christmas time they raised money for 60 food baskets for Muncey and Six Nations Reserves, sang carols at childrens hospital, young people held a week-end retreat, produced a cloth calendar for sale and are collecting books for the Nigerian Technical Secondary School.

California (Brother Ronnie Brutz) The Chinle project was very successful, they are installing a recreational center at San Carlos and the Side-by-Side project was a tremendous success with wonderful experiences during this project.

Atlantic Coast (Brother Richard Lawson) An Area choir was organized, a seminar day was held with a good response, an Area picnic is being planned and the GMBA campout will be held within their Area.

At this time more prayers were offered for those not well and suffering afflictions. After supper, the evening meeting began at 7:30 p.m. It was reported the food bill totaled \$504.00. Of this \$272.00 was defrayed by the sale of food tickets under the "Food Day" plan. The remaining \$232.00 was defrayed by the GMBA treasury.

Proposal now will be sent to Locals on a written form with provisions for the Locals answer to be returned to the GMBA.

A motion was passed that each Local attempt to raise \$200.00 during the next six month period to help The General Church budget.

Locals are to decide and report their feelings on the hosting of GMBA Conferences Where? How? etc.

One thousand dollars was donated to The General Church budget and \$1,000.00 to The General Church Auditorium.

A few songs were sung at this time, including a composition by Sister Esther Dyer of Erie, Pa., entitled "God Made A Plan." The remaining time was spent in testimony and song to close out a day well spent.

"The Peaceful Reign"

By JOSEPH BITTINGER

"The Peaceful Reign," which shall precede the "Millennial" or "Thousand Years" with Christ.

This period of time is sometimes referred to as the "Pre-Millennial", "Zion", "Ancient of Days", "Stone Kingdom", and other names.

It is during this period of time that The Church, the Bride of Christ is perfected, made ready for His glorious return to earth; to receive Her:

"And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and I will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and shall sleep in the woods.

"And I will make them and places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the showers to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessings.

"And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them." (Ezek. 34:25-27).

"... The Mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the Mountains and nations shall flow unto it; and an highway shall be there and no ravenous beast shall walk thereon, but the redeemed shall walk thereon; and they shall come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy shall be on their heads and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

This is the hope the restored Gospel has brought to man in obedience to the same, while all nations of man have failed and all that are will fail. They have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. That little stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands will roll till a nation shall be born in a day and a kingdom at once, where in it shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Then the words of Christ shall be fulfilled and the meek shall inherit the earth (in the land of Zion). They will not say, "knowest thou the Lord" but they shall all know Him from the least to the greatest, and the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached to all nations. Then the end shall come; but the world shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, till the end comes.

What great hopes are held out to the Saints by the revealed word of God that He declared not one jot or tittle shall pass till all be fulfilled: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away. Moses said, "The things that are secret belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and our children."

This may seem strange to man now, but remember, John Wesley also taught these things when he had the spirit of foresight of the coming of the latter day glory. This glory of the latter days is what The Church of Jesus Christ is holding out to man as a hope against the time of trouble that is soon to come on this evil and corrupt world. As the fig tree putteth forth its buds, ye know that summer is nigh; so ye likewise, when ye see all these things, know that it is near even at the doors. Nation shall rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom. There shall be pestilence and famine, earthquakes in divers places. These are the beginning of sorrows but the end is not yet. "As the lightening shineth out of one part of heaven to the other, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be". "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of Man is revealed." He is to come to Mt. Zion, to His Temple, or as Daniel says, to the

"Ancient of Days." (The Seventh Day of Rest by A. B. Cadman, page 14-15).

"Here is a Kingdom, then, that we are looking for; the Kingdom of Christ; "The Ancient of Days", which will fulfill the covenants made to Israel; prepare the way for the permanent coming of the Messiah, who shall eventually come to the Ancient of Days; introduce immortality and assume everlasting dominion". (Religious Experiences and Expectations, by Wm. Cadman, page 18).

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." (Isaiah 51:3).

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting Kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be." (I Nephi 13:37).

"And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God."

"Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion, both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female, shall perish . . . ; for they who are not for me are against, saith our God.

For I will fulfil my promises which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh." (II Nephi 10:13. 16 17)

You Should Know . . .

The total estimated cost for the construction and operation of the Nigerian Technical Secondary School is presently 72,075 pounds in Nigerian currency or \$222,000.00 in U. S. currency. The original cost a few years ago was 72,075 pounds or \$202,000.00 The Parent Church in the U.S. is still responsible for its original commitment in Nigerian money of 72,075 pounds. But, in U. S. currency, an increase of \$20,000.00 has resulted due to the recent devaluation of the American dollar in the World Monetary System. This total is tentatively programmed over a 5 year span from 1972 to 1976 inclusive. The Parent Church in the U. S. A. is committed for defraying only 20 per cent, 14,415 pounds or \$44,000.00 of the entire cost of the school. The remaining 80 per cent, 57,660 pounds or \$177,600.00 is to be paid by the Nigerian Church from their own funds and tuition fees received from the school. Thus the ratio of financial support by the Nigerian Church as compared to that of the Parent Church is—4 to 1.

You should know...

That all intoxicating liquors are banned from our parties or weddings and also that our people be discouraged from using intoxicating liquors in their homes and elsewhere.

You should know....

There is a ban on Sunday funeral services according to The Church regulations. Exceptions are when a missionary must, by necessity, perform a funeral on Sunday, or if a Minister is asked to conduct a funeral service for another denomination, or if an emergency exists.

When writing the name The Church of Jesus Christ, you should always start the word "The" with a capital T (The Church of Jesus Christ). When referring to our Church in writing you use the capital T as well in the word "the" (The Church).

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B. Tomlinson and your correspondent.

Sidney Rigdon was the first president of the church and leader of the organization. He moved from Pittsburgh to the McLanahan farm in May, 1846, and left there April, 1849 and settled in Friendship, Allegheny County, New York where he died some years since. He had two counsellors in the organization.

Samuel James moved from Illinois to Greencastle, in 1846 and left there in the spring of 1847. The last I heard, he was living some place in Southern Missouri. He was one of Mr. Rigdon's counselors.

William Richards moved to Greencastle, in May, 1846 and left there in 1847 and settled in or near Mt. Holly, N.J. where he formerly resided. He was Bishop of the church. He died a few years since.

Dr. George M. Hinkle moved to Greencastle in 1846 and remained there two or more years, when he moved back to Illinois from whence he came. He was a widower and married in Greencastle a widow lady by the name of Hartman. He finally settled in New Buda, Decatur County, Iowa, where he died some years since.

Jeremiah Hatch Jr., moved to Greencastle in 1846, married one of Elder Rigdon's daughters, Lucy Ann and moved from the McLanahan farm to Friendship, New York in August or September, 1847. He attained considerable notoriety as a temperance lecturer and organizer of Good Templar Lodges in New York and Ohio. Held a responsible position under the Canal Commission of New York. When war broke out he was commissioned and served as captain in the Union Army. Died soon after his return home from the war.

Edward B. Wingate came to Greencastle in 1846. He also married one of Elder Rigdon's daughters, Sarah and moved from the McLanahan farm to Friendship, New York in company with Mr. Hatch. The last I heard he was foreman of the bridge carpenters on the New York and Erie Railroad.

Joseph H. Newton moved to Greencastle and left there in the fall of 1847 and settled in Philadelphia where he formerly resided. He died a few years since.

Leonard Soby moved to Greencastle in 1846 and left there in 1847 and went to Philadelphia. He now resided in Beverly, New Jersey.

Amos B. Tomlinson moved to Greencastle from Pittsburg in 1846 and in 1847 or 1848 settled upon the east side of North Mountain about 8 miles northwest of Chambersburg where he lived nearly thirty years, when he moved to Kendall County, Illinois, where he died some years since (Note: Mr. Tomlinson was a Yankee. His home was in the gap now called Yankee Gap.)

The six last named were all members of the Grand Council of the organization. Your correspondent, E. Robinson, was one of Elder Rigdon's counselors, and moved to Greencastle (with the exception of a few months in 1847 that he lived on the McLanahan farm) until April, 1855 when he moved to Iowa and settled on a farm near Pleasanton, Decatur County, where he resided until 1883, when he moved to Davis City, Decatur County, his present place of residence.

While in Greencastle he compiled and printed several editions of a small work entitled, "Legal Forms For the Transaction of Business and a set of Tax and Interest Tables together with a Short System of Book-keeping" of which some 40,000 copies were sold, Also a "Modern Letter Writer" and a "Child's Book" a primer, also some 13 numbers of a Conococheague Herald, a weekly Newspaper.

Respectfully yours,
EBENEZER ROBINSON

Brief News Of Interest

The "Monks"

Two monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be—
Said one to the other—Now listen you
There's a certain rumor that can't be true!
That man descended from our noble race
The very idea ! ! ! It's a dire disgrace ! ! !
No monkey ever deserted his wife
Starved her baby and ruined her life.
And you've never known a Mother Monk
To leave her baby with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Til they hardly know who is their mother.
And another thing you will never see
Is a monk build a fence round a coconut tree!
And let the coconuts go to waste.
Why if I put a fence around this tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Here's another thing a monk won't do
Go out at night and get on a stew.
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes — descended — the ornerly cuss
But brother — he didn't descend from us ! ! !

Submitted by Brother Joseph Ross

Ninety Years Young

On April 6th. Brother Marco Piersante became ninety years young. Friday evening following our M.B.A. meeting, Brother Marco's daughter invited all the Brothers and Sisters of Branch No. 3 to a surprise gathering in his honor.

When Brother Marco made his appearance in the group you could just see the surprised, pleased, smile break over his countenance. He then proceeded to greet each one present individually, with a hand shake, and a few remarks.

Brother Piersante had long been an untiring ambassador for Christ. He was baptised on June 24, 1934 in the city of Detroit and has been a member of Branch No. 3 all these years. He has served the Saints in the offices of Deacon and Teacher.

The young of The Church especially love to hear of his many experiences and complete trust in God. The testimony Brother Marco has given to men and women thru the years has been the route to God for many.

He received many cards and greetings among them one from President Richard Nixon and one from Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs.

Brother Marco had six children. His wife and three children have passed away leaving one daughter and two sons, eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Submitted by Sister Hene Coppa

We wish to thank all our Brothers and Sisters from the various branches and missions for the wonderful cards and best wishes on our 55th wedding anniversary. We pray God will bless and grant you all the same as He has granted us. With all our love again, we thank you.

Brother Dominic and Sister
Marietta Giovannone.

Branch & Mission News

Teacher And Deacon Ordained At Edison, New Jersey Branch

On Sunday, May 28, two new Branch officers were ordained. The ordinations were as follows:

TEACHER: Brother Frank Cervone's feet were washed by Brother Salvatore Azzinaro, who was visiting from the Lockport, New York Branch. Brother Samuel Dell then ordained Brother Cervone to the office of Teacher.

DEACON: Brother H. Connors' feet were washed by Brother Arthur Searcy, after which Brother Nathan Peterkin ordained Brother Connors to the office of Deacon.

These newly-ordained officers will serve in the Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania Mission where Brother Samuel Dell serves as the Presiding Elder.

May The Lord bless Brothers Cervone and Connors in the activities of their respective offices of serving the Brothers and Sisters as well as assisting Presiding Elder Samuel Dell.

Revival Meetings At Metuchen And Edison New Jersey Branches

Revival meetings were held in the Metuchen, New Jersey Branch on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 4th and 5th. District President, Brother August D'Orazio presided over the meetings and we were happy to see Elders from the Bronx, Brooklyn, New Brunswick, Edison, Hopelawn and Metuchen Branches in attendance.

General Church First Counselor, Brother Dominic Thomas, was our surprise visitor. In the Friday evening service he spoke on how he was called into the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother Thomas also visited the Edison Branch on Sunday, May 7th. Many Brothers and Sisters from the surrounding Branches were also in attendance.

The Scriptural text was taken from the **Book of Mormon, Mosiah, Chapter 8** and the theme was **Love**. The words were sweet to our souls. What a blessing was felt by one and all!

Metuchen Branch Editor,
Paul Risola

Another Baptism At Perry, Ohio Branch

The Perry, Ohio Branch experienced another wonderful day in the service of God on Sunday, June 4.

Another soul was added to the growing Branch as David Wayne Miller entered the waters of baptism. Brother Anthony Picciuto baptized Brother Miller and Brother Elmer Santilli confirmed him.

Branch Editor, Brother Robert Quinn reports that it was, "a wonderful, sunshiny day. The elements enhanced the glorious feeling of seeing another soul under obedience to God."

May The Lord continue to harvest in many souls to His great Kingdom.

Lockport And Rochester Branches Meet

On June 4, 1972, Lockport met at Rochester with a good representation from both Branches. Also present in our midst was Brother A. A. Corrado and his family from Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother Corrado read from the **Acts** of the Apostles concerning the calling of the seven Deacons in the days of the twelve apostles, stressing the desire of the apostles to spend more time in prayer and administration of The Gospel to the children of men. Brother Corrado related several experiences where the power of prayer was manifested and many have been healed through their faith in God.

Brother Paul D'Amico followed, speaking briefly in English and Italian, continuing Brother Corrado's topic and emphasizing that even the Restoration of The Gospel came about through the humble prayer of Joseph Smith. He also related a number of encouraging experiences.

A number of Brothers and Sisters were anointed for their affliction; also several handkerchiefs were anointed for the sick.

Brother Henry Berardi expressed himself briefly also.

In conclusion Brother Ansel D'Amico, Presiding Elder at Rochester, gave a few encouraging remarks and related a wonderful personal experience brought about through the means of prayer.

A luncheon was served following the services. The Lord truly blessed us; it was a day well spent.

Visitors, Reinstatement At Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch

The Brothers and Sisters of Roscoe Branch are very thankful for the many visiting Evangelists and Elders in the past several months who have visited our Branch from Aliquippa, Fredonia, McKees Rocks, Imperial, Glassport, Monongahela, West Elizabeth, Greensburg and Vanderbilt.

On April 30th we had a wonderful day with Brother Harry Robinson and Brother James Moore. Brother Robinson, using the theme Repentance, spoke in the morning service on how the Holy Ghost leads and guides us when we enter The Church of Jesus Christ. He also told of his missionary work in Omaha, Nebraska. God's spirit was felt throughout the service and enjoyed by all.

In our afternoon meeting Brother Moore gave an inspiring talk, speaking on determination, and encouraging us to serve God. He also told many wonderful experiences he has had since belonging to The Church. There were several Brothers and Sisters anointed and Sister Josephine Zanardelli was reinstated into The Church which caused our hearts to rejoice. At the close of the service we could say it was surely good to be there and our cups ran over as we were blessed with God's Holy Spirit.

We would like to add that we have many visitors in our Branch who are unbaptized, but attend regularly and with whom God is working. Remember us in your prayers that we may continue to grow in Roscoe. Again, we are thankful for our many visitors, for their efforts in visiting us, and the wonderful words of life they have spoken to us. May God bless them all.

Warren, Ohio Branch News

Saturday, April 29, 1972, Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, the President of The Church, and John Ross, President of the Pennsylvania District, visited the Warren Branch to show slides and give a report on their recent trip to Nigeria. A large representation from the Ohio District assembled to hear their report.

Brother Ross showed slides taken in 1960 when he and Sister Ross and Brother Swanson were in Nigeria. These slides were very informative to the Saints. Brother Ross made us acquainted with the various things that were done for the Brothers and Sisters in Africa:

1. Translated 70 hymns in their own language.
2. Translated the Law and Order of The Church of Jesus Christ.
3. Translated Origin of The Church.
4. Published marriage certificates.

We were also able to hear the Saints singing on the tapes that Brother Gorie played and were shown several hand made gifts that were presented to our Brothers.

Our Brothers remained at the Warren Branch for the Sunday service, and we were privileged to have many other visiting Elders and Brothers and Sisters. A good spirit prevailed throughout the day.

Brother Travis Perry introduced the service with the hymn "Our Church", and took his text from the 31st Chapter of Jeremiah, and spoke concerning the promise to the House of Israel. Brother Ross followed with the thought that the responsibility rests upon The Church of Jesus Christ to do all we can to preach the gospel so the kingdom of God will be established upon the face of the earth.

Brother Bob Ciarrochi continued on the subject saying we should ask ourselves this question: Are we different from the world, or are we conforming to the world? The Spirit of God was prevalent in the fellowship service which followed. Many of the saints uplifted each other by their beautiful testimonies.

We thank God for His blessings for these two days and for what He does for us every day. May God continue to abide with all the saints.

Branch Editor
Sister Vera Edwards

A Meeting To Remember

The afternoon meeting of Sunday May 7, 1972 will long be remembered by the Brothers and Sisters of Detroit Branch No. 3.

Brother Silver Criscuolo opened the service speaking on "You Must Open the Door" and told of the goodness of God to him and his family. The meeting was left open for testimony, several expressed themselves, 2 brothers and 2 sisters asked to be anointed and 1 young sister asked to return to fellowship with the Saints. The 4 Elders present all knelt and asked God to be with them in these anointings. As they came down to anoint them a sister saw a basket of pure white roses presented and as each one was anointed they were given one of these beautiful roses. After the 5 were anointed, 7 more asked one by one. The sweet blessings of God just flowed from one to another everyone present felt God's presence among us. The Presiding Elder tried to close the meeting but he just couldn't. We usually get out at 3 P.M. and it was 4:10 and no one felt we had gone over the time because with God's spirit among us there is no time limit. Surely all present will testify to this. (Wanted to share this special meeting with all of you.)

Submitted by Branch Editor
Mary Criscuolo

Wonderful Experience During Ordination At Freehold, New Jersey Mission

The Saints of the Freehold Mission joined with the New Brunswick Branch for the ordination of Brother Willie Lee Brown on April 30, 1972.

Brother Rocco Ensana, just back from Florida spoke at the morning service. In the afternoon service, Brother James Howard as well as Brother Matthew Rogolino continued in the same concept, Unity and more Love for one another. They also referred to the Conference and the spiritual togetherness that was felt. Surely in a small measure it was felt in our service. Brother Rocco Ensana always brings up experiences and testimonies that happened in the past. To a fairly new Sister like myself they are very enlightening.

The ordination of Brother Willie Lee Brown was as follows: His feet were washed by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr. after which Brother Rocco Ensana ordained Brother Brown to the office of Elder. Brother Brown was baptized into The Church on November 16, 1969. He was ordained a Teacher on March 28, 1971.

I am enclosing a copy of a vision seen at the afternoon service by Sister Theresa Berg.

"While sitting in our congregation witnessing the ordinance of feetwashing being performed on our soon - to - be ordained young Elder Brother, I felt a blessing and was thankful to be in the House of the Lord.

As my Elder Brethren each got up in turn to speak after the Sacred Ordination, I noticed a beautiful shining star shooting around the rostrum.

It was while our Presiding Elder, Brother Carmen Sgro spoke that I had a strange and most touching experience. Over the head of my Brother, on the back wall of the rostrum, I saw the most beautiful scenery such as in Israel. I could see a man walking. He resembled a Disciple in Jesus's time. He wore a white cloak and sandals. He seemed to be on a journey and preaching the Gospel. He was greatly blessed with great power and authority from on high.

I was made to understand that the authority he was blessed with is a replica of the same authority given to our new young Elder as well as all the Priesthood of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, Sister Theresa Berg
Submitted by Branch Editor
Sister Louise Micale

Brother Dominic Thomas Visits Atlantic Coast

The Edison Branch was visited by Brother Dominic Thomas from Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 2, along with visiting Saints from the Bronx, New Brunswick and Hopelawn Branches. The Metuchen Branch also had decided to spend the day with us, and we truly felt the Spirit of God.

Prayers were offered for the sick and the young children; the gift of tongues was spoken during the opening prayer. A special prayer was offered by Brother Thomas for Brother Anthony Vadasz who was very ill at home. A little later in the meeting, Brother Vadasz came in.

We surely knew God was with us; tears of joy flowed from the eyes of the Brothers and Sisters. What a blessing we all received! This was a meeting that will long be remembered.

One Brother expressed himself in this manner, "It was like 'apples of gold in pictures of silver.'" Proverbs 25:11.

Erie Mission News

On Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, our M.B.A. had a garage sale to raise funds for our building fund; the project was a success. We were happy to have the help of Brothers John and Jim Genaro from Niles, Ohio.

Upon arriving at our church building on Sunday morning, we were wonderfully surprised to see Brother and Sister Richard Pandone and a group of young people from Niles, Ohio who had come to spend the day in worship with us. Their testimonies were greatly enjoyed.

Following the services, all the young adults gathered at the home of Sister Kovacic for lunch and fellowship. Many hours were spent singing hymns and enjoying one another's company. The day was ended with prayer.

How thankful we are for this wonderful Restored Gospel and the great love these young people have for one another.

An Experience

One Friday night upon returning from M.B.A. we found that our house had been broken into. They entered our home by breaking the glass on the side door. The next day I proceeded to repair the door. I loaded the door into my car and took it to a glass shop to be repaired.

When they finished repairing the door and I was loading it into the station wagon my finger got caught between the seat. The pain was so bad after driving home that I decided to consult a doctor. Because it was so late in the evening he told me to soak it in warm water and return Monday for X-rays and a setting.

That night I could not straighten my finger because of the great pain, so my wife put a small splint on it. The next day, which was Sunday, I attended the morning service, but because of the pain and throbbing I decided not to attend the afternoon meeting. While driving home from the morning service a voice told me to attend the afternoon service.

Upon returning to the afternoon service I had the opportunity of testifying of the events of the weekend, and at this time asked to be anointed. After being anointed and leaving the building I noticed the pain had lessened. Later that night my wife removed the splint to find my finger had straightened and the pain was gone. At this time truly I can say that I felt the Lord's blessing.

Louis Colver
Detroit, Branch No. 2

Wedding

HILL-GREEN

Mr. Timothy Andrew Hill and Miss Annie Christine Green were united in holy matrimony at Six Nations Indian Reserve, Canada. They were united at the Six Nations Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Norman Campitelle officiated at the ceremony. Brothers Anthony Lovalvo and Spencer Everett sang a duet, accompanied by Sister Sadie Jamieson.

The couple will reside on the Six Nations Reserve.

New Arrivals

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

Willy Petty III to Willy and Ann John of Lorain, Ohio;

Steven, Jr. to Steven H. and Jeannie Yahr of Edison, New Jersey;

Philip Alan to George and Laverne Siddall of Branch No. 2 Detroit, Michigan; and

Paulette Sue to Carl H. and Esther Rimel of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

Obituaries

OLIVE PHELPS

Sister Olive Phelps, a member of the Perry, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed from this life on May 8, 1972. She was born on January 25, 1910, and was baptized on July 17, 1955.

She is survived by her son, two daughters and her mother.

Brother Anthony Picciuto officiated at the funeral services.

Sister Olive's suffering was eliminated by her death, but she will be missed by her family and the Brothers and Sisters of The Church.

ETHEL SOMERVILLE

Mrs. Ethel Somerville of Detroit, Michigan departed from this life on April 6, 1972. She lived at the Northingale Nursing Home in Sterling Heights, Michigan. She was born on January 15, 1896.

Survivors are one son, three daughters and many grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Paul Whitton and Brother Silverio Criscuolo assisted.

Mrs. Somerville became a very dear friend of The Church people she met while they held services at the nursing home. Her face will be missed at the nursing home by her family and loved ones.

1972 Church Calendar

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(*) Denotes meetings will be held in the General Church Auditorium.

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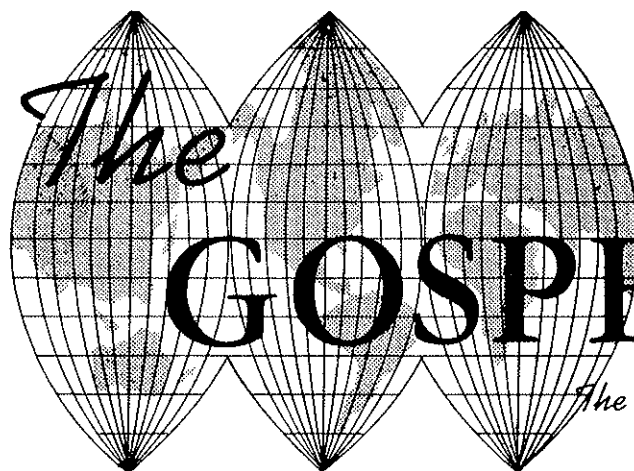
(*) 8—General Ladies Circle.

29 to August 5—G.M.B.A. Campout at Deer Park in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

AUGUST

31 to September 4—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Campout at Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

All Church organizations are invited to send in dates of their events for publication in the Gospel News Church Calendar. Send to: Joseph Ross, No. 2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001.



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**I LOVE THE LORD, BECAUSE HE
HATH HEARD MY VOICE
AND MY SUPPLICATIONS.
Psalm 116:1**

General Church Spiritual Gathering At Greensburg, Pennsylvania

The General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania was the gathering place for the Spiritual Gathering that convened Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2.

Many Brothers and Sisters, families and friends were in attendance at the opening service Saturday morning. Following a season of congregational singing, Brother A. A. Corrado offered the prayer of invocation.

General Church President, Brother Gorie Ciaravino happily welcomed everyone present, noting that this was the first Spiritual Gathering to convene at our new Auditorium. He also commented that the congregation represented a goodly cross section of the Branches and Missions of The Church. In his brief remarks, Brother Ciaravino also stressed the important truth that, "Man changes, but God does not change."

Brother George Tims followed, expressing himself briefly on The Lord's "pruning of the vineyard."

Our next speaker was Brother Isaac Smith, of the Pinetop, Arizona Indian Mission. His theme was that our spiritual strength comes from God.

Brother Robert Collison of Windsor, Ontario, Canada recounted several healing experiences.

After closing remarks by First Counselor, Brother Dominic Thomas, the prayer of benediction was offered by Brother Charles Smith.

An appetizing lunch was then served.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The prayer of invocation for the afternoon service was offered by Brother Joseph Calabrese; Brother Samuel Kirschner was our first speaker, and he noted that "when the Word of God comes into our lives, we become new men."

Following a solo by Brother David Majoros, the congregation sang a number of stirring Restoration hymns.

As "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was being sung, the Elders formed a circle in front of the rostrum and Brother Joseph Milantoni led them in prayer in behalf of the afflicted and the weak in spirit.

Brother A. A. Corrado was then prompted to speak in the Spirit, "I will consecrate this Priesthood."

At this point, Brother Dominic Moraco offered

a prayer after which the Elders anointed and prayed for those who were afflicted.

Many small children were also called to stand within the circle of Elders. A special prayer was offered, asking God to protect them as they walk through life; that God would walk with them; that they would know His love.

Brother Henry Border offered the prayer of benediction and then dinner was served.

SATURDAY EVENING

Following a period of group singing led by the young people, Brother Nicholas Persico offered the prayer of invocation.

Since the evening service was dedicated to the Quorum of Seventy Evangelists, Brother Dominic Moraco, Quorum President, gave the opening address. He recognized the efforts of those Evangelists who have labored in the Missionary fields of The Church.

Sister Bonnie Smith expressed herself briefly in regard to the Missionary work that is so important to the spreading of the Gospel.

Brother Isaac Smith's remarks included a comment on the sincerity of the Indian people concerning the Gospel.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino reported on the Nigerian work and progress of the Secondary School Project.

Brother Joseph Milantoni briefly reported on the Muncey, Ontario, Canada Mission.

In his closing remarks, Brother Moraco urged our continued support of the Missionary programs of The Church.

The prayer of benediction was offered by Brother Domenick Rose.

SUNDAY MORNING

After a season of singing by the congregation and young people, the prayer of invocation was offered by Brother Rocco Biscotti.

Brother A. A. Corrado was our first speaker, using for his text **Psalm 116**. In his stirring address he noted that man cannot measure the mercy of God.

Brothers Dominic Moraco and Nicholas Persico eloquently followed Brother Corrado.

Brother Russell Cadman commented on the passing of his father and extended thanks to The Church and everyone who had loved him and shown him kindness.

Brother T. D. Bucci spoke briefly, referring to the great men of The Church who have passed away, as being "Pillars of The Church."

After this, Brother William Genaro was encircled by several of his Brother Apostles and was anointed and prayed over for his affliction.

Closing remarks were voiced by Brother Dominic Thomas and the prayer of benediction was offered by Brother James Curry.

Apostasy And Restoration

By James Curry

Hello Young People:

Can you prove the authenticity of our religion from the Scriptures? It is said that when confronted by members of other Churches you are sometimes at a loss to explain how and why our Church came into existence.

It is my belief that a thorough understanding of the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation will do much toward solving your problem. To begin, I think we should study the chapter verse by verse. So open your Bible to Rev. 12; verse 1, which reads: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Every Bible student will agree that the woman is in this case the Church as established by Christ, and it might be well to mention that Christ and the Church are the male and female of the spiritual species.

Has it occurred to you young people that Christ appeals to the feminine in us? He expects the woman, the Church, to develop what we call the feminine virtues. In the feminine role the Church is expected to be passive. She should abide in the attitude of overcoming evil with good, of turning the other cheek, of loving her enemies, etc.

The sun is a representation of the light of Christ, and the moon, being the lesser light, is a representation of the reign of law, which the Church had transcended, or risen above. The twelve stars of the crown represent the twelve apostles.

In the 2nd verse we see that the Church was pregnant and was pained to be delivered. The 5th verse tells us that she gave birth to a male child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. The male child is a representation of the Ministry or Priesthood. He was born on the day of Pentecost. The iron rod with which he was to rule was the Word of God.

In the 3rd verse John saw the devil enter the picture in the guise of a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns.

There is an old saying that "To the victor belong the spoils." Satan won his first victory and received his first crown when he caused the fall of Adam and Eve. Up until the time that John wrote the book of Revelation, Satan had won five victories and had received five crowns upon his five heads. The five heads were five organizations through which he had worked his devious schemes. The elapsed time, from the fall of our first parents until the formation of the sixth head, or the establishment of the abomination of desolation, was roughly a period of forty five hundred years. The Roman Church is the sixth head, and the ten horns represent the ten European nations over which the Roman Church would one day have dominion. After the fall of the Roman Church, Satan will create another organization to be known as Gog and Magog, which will be the seventh head. Satan's seventh organization will continue until the end of the world and will carry over into the second resurrection where it will become the eighth head. See Rev. 17: 10, 11.

In connection with the fourth verse, someone has said: "If men cannot get rid of a new idea any other way they will render it harmless by combining it with something that already exists." Satan used that method to corrupt and destroy the Priesthood. By combining Christianity with paganism, the cause of Christ was rendered not only harmless but advantageous to Satan. Satan had won another victory and had received a crown on his sixth head.

The Priesthood, no longer qualified to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, must now relinquish its claim to authority. As we are told in verse 5: "...and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." (The authority was taken back to God.) Dispossessed of the life-giving, life-sustaining authority, the Church was left desolate and spiritually naked. She must now wander off into that wilderness which came to be known as the Dark Ages. Since the life of Christ had departed from her, there was nothing left but a dead body, a dead form.

Verse six says that she would be fed in the wilderness for a period of 1260 days. The 1260 days are 1260 years. During this period many attempts had been made to reform the Church, but none was successful until Martin Luther appeared on the scene. Beginning with Luther, the Reformation lasted about three hundred years. It reached its zenith in the works of John and Charles Wesley who were the founders of Methodism. The Reformation produced a people capable of receiving the Book of Mormon and of rendering that high type of service which God demands of His people.

There are some ancient histories which assert that the gifts and blessings of the Gospel had ceased by the year 558. Two years later, in the year 560, the Romans sent an army into Ethiopia where they wiped out the last remnant of the true Church. This fulfilled the prophecy found in Daniel 11:31.

"And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."

Also in Isaiah 24:5.

"The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

Adding 1260 years to the year 560 brings us up to the year 1820. This was the year Joseph Smith received his first revelation which led to the restoration of authority.

We infer from verses 7 to 10 that before Christ's ascension mankind had no advocate in heaven. He did, however, have a mocker and an accuser. We don't know what part of the universe he was in, but Satan, the five headed dragon, gleefully mocked and accused fallen mankind before God day and night. We can imagine his imps shouting: "Hail to the Chief whose five glorious victories assure us of everlasting dominion."

In a great war with Michael and his angels, Satan fought desperately to retain his position, but in vain. He was thrust out of the role of mocker and accuser when Christ ascended to assume the position of man's advocate. This last statement is comprehended from verse 11.

Verse 12 indicates that henceforth Satan's activities shall be confined to the earth and its peoples.

In verse 13 we see that Satan persecuted those who sought to reform the Church and, at a later time, sought to destroy the Churches of the Reformation.

The time, times, and half a time mentioned in verse 14 is a reference to the 1260 day, or 1260 year period. The Israelites computed time on the basis of 360 days to the year. Just how this relates to there being 360 degrees to a circle (or cycle) I don't know. My knowledge of mathematics is extremely limited. We do know, however, that in answer to Elijah's prayer there was no rain on the earth for three years and a half. A time, or one year of 360 days, a times, or two years of 720 days, and a half time, or a half year of 180 days make up the full complement of 1260 days. The rainless 1260 day period in Elijah's day was a type which foreshadowed that spiritually rainless period known as the Dark Ages. You will understand, of

Three Cheers For The Standard Of Truth

by
Paul D'Amico

(Written from Mount View Hospital, Lockport, N.Y.)

Many years ago, while Brother Matthew Miller (now deceased) was teaching our Sunday School class in the city of Detroit, he taught us that the Gospel was the truth and that the truth was the Gospel preached in power without money and without price.

The Saviour commissioned the Twelve and the Seventy to go out and preach His Gospel.

We proclaim to the world that we have the Pure and Unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ which came by way of Restoration in 1827. This Restoration eventually will lead to the Restoration of the House of Israel in these the latter days. The servants of God today are teaching and preaching this to the Church and to the world. I have often compared the Church as little David, the shepherd boy, and the world to be the huge giant Goliath.

Yet in God's mysterious way, and when he sees fit, this Gospel of the kingdom, as little David, shall go forth to challenge the world (Goliath) and in the strength and power of God shall convince all nations of the "TRUTH" which has been restored in our day and time.

My mind goes back to the hymn recorded in the Saints Hymnal:

"When the Angel Moroni came to Joseph
To reveal unto him the great plan
That the Gentiles must shortly be gathered
Somewhere on Joseph's promised land,"
And then the chorus which reads thus:

"Three cheers for the Standard of Truth
That in these the last days will be unfurled,
Three cheers for the Standard of Jesus
That shall stand for a sign to the world."

There is no doubt that these words were inspired of God, for they unfold the glorious events that shall transpire in the not too distant future. Are we united in one accord? Are we possessed with the pure love of God, and is The Lord working among us? The answer is "YES" to each of these questions. We saw the mighty hand of God move in our April Conference of 1972 and we felt many blessings among us. This, in my opinion, is evidence that God still loves us and is working with us as a people.

Let us therefore continue to cultivate this spirit and love among us and let The Church of Jesus Christ rise to mountain tops in these the latter days and all together let us sing and repeat over and over again the glorious chorus:

"Three cheers for the Standard of Truth,
That in these last days shall be unfurled
Three cheers for the Standard of Jesus
That shall stand for a sign to the world."

NOTICE

TO ALL READERS OF THE GOSPEL NEWS: I wish to acquaint you with the fact that the Subscription List to our paper has fallen very low. So many of our members are ignoring the expiration notice our members are ignoring the expiration notice of which we stamp on the paper! It is possible that some articles printed may not have pleased you, but that is to be expected of any paper. I am endeavoring to be just and fair, and am spending much time for the success of the paper, but without your support, too much cannot be expected.

The Editor.

Apostasy And Restoration

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course, that time, times, and a half time refers to any number divided accordingly. When applied as above they accurately prove the length of that sterile period aptly named the Dark Ages.

Verse 15 indicates that Satan cast out a flood of persecution after the woman, that she might be carried away of the flood. This is where Columbus and the discovery of America entered the picture. The persecuted peoples of Europe fled to America whose geographic location provided a safe haven from the designs of Satan and the European mother Churches.

The last verse of this chapter says that "the dragon was wroth (very angry) with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

This last verse, I believe, refers to our own Church of Jesus Christ. Who else keeps the commandments of God? Who else has the testimony of Jesus Christ?

Satan was wroth with the Church in Joseph Smith's day. Evidence of that wrath is strewn around the states of New York, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Utah. We thank God that He raised up William Bickerton to rescue our Church from the wreckage caused by that almost fatal, hate - inspired anger.

You Should Know . . .

That only the King James version of the Bible be used in our Church services, Sunday School, Missionary Benevolent Association and Ladies Circle.
You should know . . .

Facts about the American Indian:

1) Many Indians live on land reserved by the United States government specifically for Indian use. These land areas are called "Reservations." There are approximately 320 separate reserves occupied by Indian groups that range in size from a few acres to 25,000 square miles. Other Indians live in cities and towns all over the United States.

2) The United States has approximately 800,000 Indians, Canada has about 300,000 and there are 3,000,000 Indians in Central America. There are over 13,000,000 in Old Mexico with 1/4 of them still holding to their tribal language and customs.

You should know . . .

That each Branch or Mission gives its membership a voice and vote in electing a Presiding Teacher, a Presiding Deacon and a Presiding Deaconess from the Branch's list of such ordained offices.

You should know . . .

The West Elizabeth Branch is the oldest Branch in the Church. It was organized before 1857 according to the Church History Book.

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AUGUST

31 to September 4—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Campout at Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

SEPTEMBER

September 3 - 9 — California Area M.B.A. Campout at Emerald Cove Camp, Fresno, California.

Atlantic Coast Holds Revival

Atlantic Coast District Secretary George Benyola
The following is a brief report on the revival meetings held by the Atlantic Coast District on Thursday, May 4th and Friday, May 5th, 1972, at the Metuchen, New Jersey Branch.

Thursday May 4th, 1972

The Thursday evening meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with community singing until 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with hymn No. 265, "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love." Before singing Hymn No. 424, "O Happy Day", Brother Sam Sgro led us in prayer. He was asked by our District President, Brother August D'Orazio, to remember those who are afflicted. He mentioned by name, those who have been recently suffering serious afflictions. They are, Brothers Joseph Perri, Anthony Vadasz, his grandson, Paul Davey, and Sister Mildred Persico of the Metuchen Branch, Sister Betty D'Orazio of Edison and Sister Linda Benyola of Hopelawn.

After the opening prayer, Brother August D'Orazio read a very inspiring experience had by Brother Meadowcroft as recorded in the Church History Book on pages No. 36 and 37. This experience depicts the great power that was given to this wonderful Church of Jesus Christ, and that God has given us the knowledge that someday all the world may know. In this experience God promised that if we would keep His words, He would bend the Heavens and shake the earth for our sakes.

After this experience was read, hymn No. 302, "Faith is the Victory" was sung. Continuing on with the same spirit of Faith that was felt in singing this hymn was Brother Rocco Ensana of the Edison Branch. He referred to the great men of old we read of in the Scriptures such as Peter and John when they displayed the great power of God that was upon them in healing the lame man sitting at the gate beautiful. He also referred to the day of Pentecost when 3,000 souls obeyed the Gospel. He made mention of the earlier days of The Church in New Jersey, that if it were not for the great faith of our Brothers who have laboured diligently for the church, there very well could have been no Church in New Jersey at all today. In his concluding remarks he stated, "without Faith it would be impossible to preach or pray or to accomplish anything good in The Church".

We have all truly enjoyed Brother Rock's exhortation on Faith because the Spirit of God was quite evident and felt by all.

The congregation then sang hymn No. 23, "Unity" found in the SAINT'S FAVORITES.

Brother Sam Sgro, a recently ordained Elder from the New Brunswick Branch followed in speaking. Remaining on the same theme, Faith, he also stressed Unity. The people of God should be united in the Love of Christ and that we are members of the same church that Alma of old established in his day. He also spoke of the four sons of Mosiah and faithful Abraham. In his concluding remarks he related a personal experience of how this love of God has changed his life.

Following the exhortation of Brother Sam, Brother Rocco Ensana presented a handkerchief to be anointed for his daughter, Sister Betty D'Orazio, who has been very afflicted these past weeks.

Brother Dominick Rose of Brooklyn, New York, spoke to us for a few moments, also elaborating on Faith and Unity. He also made mention of the wonderful Spirit that was felt at our last General Conference.

Following Brother Dominick were Brother Gerald Benyola and his wife, Sister Rose, visiting New Jersey from Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan. They have both expressed their sincere desire in keeping their faith in God. It was good to see our Brother and Sister

in our midst for it has been quite some time since we have seen them.

Before dismissing the meeting, there were some who were afflicted that asked to be anointed. A truly wonderful spirit of prayer offered by the Priesthood was felt by all.

Hymn No. 429, "Faith of our Fathers", was used for closing the service. Brother James Howard closed in prayer.

Our meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with community singing as it did on Thursday. Brother Dominick Thomas, an Apostle of The Church, was visiting with us from the Detroit, Michigan area. Everyone was very pleased to have our Brother visiting with us and to be our guest speaker for the evening. Our meeting was opened with hymn No. 169, "He Keeps on Loving us Still". The opening prayer was offered by Brother Anthony Ensana. The second opening hymn was No. 285, "O, For a Heart".

Friday, May 5th, 1972

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Brother Dominick Thomas felt inspired to speak of his early days in The Church, even going back to when he was a young boy. He related many experiences that he and his family had. He referred to the time when he was thinking of going to school and how worried he was that it would interfere with his spiritual life. But he spoke of how he put his complete trust in God and how he put the Church first and when he did this, everything worked out very well. He exhorted the young people on how they must treasure their years in The Church, that when they get older, they will place great value on what they were able to receive in their younger years.

He then made reference to the 18th Chapter of Mosiah, 8th and 9th verses, of the words of Alma at the waters of Mormon, where 204 souls were baptized. "If we were desirous to come unto the fold of God and to be called His people, we must be willing to bear one anothers burdens".

After the concluding remarks of Brother Dominick, Brother Joseph Perri followed, relating his recent illness and stay in the hospital. His testimony was that he was thankful that God spared his life, for he was seriously afflicted and had to spend several days in the intensive care unit. We have all affirmed the fact that a wonderful spirit of sincerity was felt by all. We would like to add that we were all very glad to see Brother Joe well again and back in our midst after his recent and serious illness. Our prayer is that God may continue to bless and strengthen him.

Following Brother Joe were some from the congregation giving their testimony of thanks unto God. There were also some who were not feeling well that were anointed by the Priesthood. A wonderful spirit of prayer was also felt at this juncture as it was on Thursday evening in offering prayer in behalf of those who were afflicted.

Our closing hymn was No. 177, "Our Church", and our closing prayer was offered by Brother Dominick Rose.

On behalf of the Atlantic Coast District we extend our deep appreciation and thanks to Brother Dominick Thomas for his presence at our meeting on Friday evening. We have all enjoyed his speaking very much and feel that what he has expressed will remain in our hearts a long time to come. May God bless our Brother and his family always.

And above all, we extend our thanks unto God for giving us this privilege to attend these meetings and for making these meetings successful. It was our prayer that the evidence of God's holy spirit would be felt by all and we can truly testify that our prayers were answered.

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Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

Some men have few, if any, friends; but it seems to me man, as he goes through life, needs friends, or at least a friend that he can count on to the uttermost.

"Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me." These words were written by Paul to Timothy, as some believe, while in prison.

Many men are put in prison because the peace of the town, or even of the world, demands it. Strange as it may seem, however, Paul was placed in prison because he sought to give mankind peace, as the poet says, "A peace that the world cannot give, neither can it take away."

Some men, while in prison, have recollections of the destruction they may have caused; the sorrow, heartaches and suffering for which they were responsible. On the other hand, Paul had recollections of people that had been blessed by his presence and lifted up by his good deeds and messages. Many men in prison have recollections of the blood they had shed or caused to be shed; the only blood that Paul shed was that which flowed from his own wounds and, we might add, for Christ's sake. Some men seem to have very little love; in fact, it appears as though some individuals do not love anyone. Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "I love nobody, not even my own brothers" and at the end of his life he wondered if there were anyone in the world who loved him. This man, as you may know, laid waste many cities and homes, and caused rivers of blood to flow.

This lack of love in a person's heart may be largely responsible for their imprisonment. Not so with Paul; he loved all men. His heart was like the words expressed in the song, "When your heart has room for everybody, then your heart is full of love; and when your heart is filled to overflowing, then your heart is full of love." Paul told the Galatian Saints in a letter that the fruits of the spirit are love, joy and peace.

Some men have few, if any friends; but it seems to me man, as he goes through life, needs friends, or at least a friend that he can count on to the uttermost. Paul had many such friends. The first of these we need not mention by name, but He would be the friend of every man for He laid down His life for all mankind. It would seem that Luke was one of Paul's close friends for he refers to him as "Luke, the beloved physician" and again, while writing in prison in Rome, "Only Luke is with me." Priscilla and Aquilla must have been true friends of Paul for on one occasion he says, "Greet Priscilla and Aquilla, my helpers in Christ Jesus, who have for my life laid down their own necks;" and he asks the Church on another occasion to salute them.

Sometimes friendship is formed under adverse conditions such as shipwreck or other instances when, stranded or lost with little hope of being rescued, lives are very closely knit. On August 13, 1963, three men were trapped by a rock slide in a coal mine near a little town called Hazelton, Pennsylvania, not far from Pittsburgh. They were entombed three hundred and thirty feet below the earth. After fourteen days, as a result of skill and heroic efforts of many individuals and with the aid of the most modern equipment such as a giant drill that cut through fourteen layers of the earth's surface, two of these men were brought "up from a grave" in a capsule that had been designed to fit the hole cut by the giant drill. These two men were David Fellin and Henry Throne. I am satisfied David and Henry will be the closest of friends for the remainder of their lives because of their experiences together. I believe that when friendship is formed under such conditions as this, the hammer of adversity welds human hearts into an inseparable union.

The scriptures refer to a few incidents where Paul and Silas suffered almost unbearable hardships together, passing through ordeals and suffering of both mind and body. Thus it was with these two; their friendship was hammered out in the midst of adversity.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

MIRIAM AND JOCHEBED

Dear Girls and Boys,

There are many faithful men and women in God's Word. It would take pages and pages to tell of them all. One I want to tell you about is a faithful mother named Jochebed and her daughter Miriam. Others in this family were the father Amram and two sons named Aaron and Moses.

The wicked king, a Pharaoh, was the ruler over the land. He made a decree that all the boy babies under the age of two years must be killed and thrown into the river. When Amram's family heard of this they were troubled. They asked God to help them. Their baby boy was in this age group. Jochebed had great faith in God and did not fear the king's order. She kept her baby hidden until he was three months old. When she could no longer hide him, she made a little ark of bulrushes and put the baby in it. She hid it in the flags by the river's brink. The sister, Miriam, stood near by to watch. Without the help of the baby's sister, the mother may not have been able to protect him.

It was not long until the daughter of Pharaoh came down to the river to bathe. Her maidens were with her. As they walked along by the riverside, the princess saw the little ark. She sent one of the maids to get it. When she opened it, she saw the little baby. The baby cried. This touched the princess and she said, "This is one of the Hebrew's children." She knew her father's orders but she wanted to keep this baby. She could not tell him. But what could she do? God had a plan.

Poor Miriam! She ran to the princess and said, "Shall I go call a nurse of the Hebrew women to care for the baby?" The answer was, "Go." Miriam hurried home to tell her mother about their baby and the princess. Jochebed came to Pharaoh's daughter. It took great faith to do this. The princess said, "Take the child away and nurse it for me and I will give you wages." Jochebed took the baby home and cared for him. How good God was. He had heard their prayers.

The child grew and when old enough went to live with the princess. He became her son. She named him, Moses, because she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Moses is now a man and a great leader of the Israelites. Years passed and we do not read of Miriam again until the Israelites cross the Red Sea. They were very, very happy to be free from the Egyptians and cross the sea on dry ground. Miriam took a timbrel and led the women in song and dance. This was to celebrate the great deliverance. "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea," was her song. Faith in the God of Israel had done all these marvelous things.

Sincerely,
Mabel Bickerton



UR WOMEN TODAY

GENERAL CIRCLE CONFERENCE

The General Ladies' Circle Conference was held in the Auditorium on July 8, 1972. Sisters were represented from Florida, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

The Sisters of the Monongahela and West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania Circles were host. The Scripture was read from **St. Matthew, Chapter 23**. The members of the two Circles related many experiences they have had thus far in the Gospel. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, told us to read and search The Scripture for in them we will have eternal life. Many times through our trials we think that God has forsaken us, but through the Gospel we learn to trust Him, and at the end of our trials, we see that moment by moment He was with us.

The conference matters were then taken up with the officers and delegates' reports. The question, "What is Charity and how long shall it endure?" was found in **The Book of Mormon, Moroni 7:47**. A new question was assigned, "What is the Iron Rod?"

Contributions to the Memorial Fund were made in memory of Deborah D'Antonio and Mr. Zarnpalione.

Donations were made by the General Circle to the General Church Missionary Fund, African Relief Fund, Conference Cook Book Fund and for equipment for the kitchen at the Auditorium.

The newly elected officers are:

President Mabel Bickerton
Vice President Ruth Akerman
Secretary Sara Vancik
Treasures Indian Mission Fund Ethel Crosier
General Fund and Home Mission Fund Irene Griffith
Cook Book Fund Betty Eiler
Memorial Fund Mabel Bickerton
Financial Secretary-Treasurer Ethel Crosier
Gospel News Ladies' Circle Editor Mary Tamburrino
The next General Circle Conference will be held on October 7, 1972 in Detroit, Michigan — Branch No. 3.

A vote of thanks was given to the West Elizabeth and Monongahela Circle Sisters for their hospitality.

"... If I Am Only Sick, I Can Get Well"

"There are those who claim ours is a 'sick' society; that our country is sick, our government is sick; that we are sick. Well, maybe they're right. I submit that I'm sick... and maybe you are, too. I am sick of having policemen ridiculed and called 'pigs' while cop killers are hailed as some kind of folk hero.

I am sick of being told that religion is the opiate of the people, but marijuana should be legalized.

I am sick of commentators and columnists canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries and criminal rapists, but condemning law enforcement when such criminals are brought to justice.

I am sick of being told that pornography is the right of free press, but freedom of the press does not include being able to read the Bible on school grounds.

I am sick of paying more and more taxes to build schools while I see some faculty members encouraging students either to tear them down or burn them.

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I am sick of Supreme Court decisions which turn criminals loose on society — while other decisions try to take away my means of protecting my home and family.

I am sick of pot-smoking entertainers deluging me with their condemnation of my moral standards on late-night television.

I am sick of being told that policemen are mad dogs who should not have guns — but that criminals who use guns to rob, maim and murder should be understood and helped back to society.

I am sick of being told it is wrong to use napa'm to end a war overseas—but if it's a molotov cocktail or a bomb at home, I must understand the provocations.

I am sick of not being able to take my family to a movie unless I want to have them exposed to nudity, homosexuality and the glorification of narcotics.

I am sick of riots, marches, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and the other mob temper tantrums of people intellectually incapable of working within the system.

I am sick of hearing the same phrases, the same slick slogans, the cries of people who must chant the same thing like zombies because they haven't the capacity for verbalizing thought.

I am sick of those who say I owe them this or that because of the sins of my forefathers—when I have looked down both ends of a gun barrel to defend their rights, their liberties and their families.

I am sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism. I am sick of politicians with no backbone.

I am sick of permissiveness.

I am sick of the dirty, the foul-mouthed, the unwashed.

I am sick of the decline of personal honesty, personal integrity and human sincerity.

Most of all, though, I am sick of being told I'm sick. I'm sick of being told my country is sick — when we have the greatest nation that man has ever brought forth on the face of the earth. Fully fifty per cent of the people on earth would willingly trade places with the most deprived, the most underprivileged among us.

Yes, I may be sick, but if I am only sick, I can get well. I can also help my society get well — and help my country get well.

Take note, all of you...you will not find me throwing a rock or a bomb; you will not find me under a placard; you will not see me take to the streets; you will not find me ranting to wild-eyed mobs.

But you will find me at work, paying taxes, serving in the community where I live. You will also find me expressing my anger and indignation to elected Officials.

You will find me speaking out in support of those officials, institutions and personalities who contribute to the elevation of society and not its destruction. You will find me contributing my time, money and personal influence to help churches, hospital, charities and other establishments which have shown the true spirit of this country's determination to ease pain, suffering, eliminate hunger and generate brotherhood.

But, most of all, you'll find me at the polling place. There — if you listen — you can hear the thunder of the common man. There, all of us can cast our vote — for an America where people can walk the streets without fear.

Author Unknown.

Everytime I pass a church I always pay a visit
So when at last I'm carried in the Lord won't say
"Who is it?"

—Unknown....

Flashbacks

by Charles W. Jumper Jr.

25 YEARS AGO

A spiritual gathering was held in Dearborn, Michigan. At the Sunday afternoon service the rostrum was occupied by young people from various Branches and Missions of The Church. After hearing the testimonies of these young, Brother William H. Cadman was made to exclaim in his Gospel News article "Like the Savior when He turned the water into wine, the good was served last."

20 YEARS AGO

Brother Joseph Benyola reports baptizing two converts at Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Our new Brother and Sister are from Puerto Rico.

15 YEARS AGO

The California District held a gathering at San Diego, three young sisters were baptized into the Church, JoAnn Smith, Elaine Watson and Diane Brutz.

The Niles, Ohio Branch was dedicated. Brother A. A. Corrado opened the service. Joan Costarella asked to be baptized.

10 YEARS AGO

The Pennsylvania District MBA held an "out of doors" meeting in Greensburg. Brother Joseph Milantoni was the guest speaker. Brother Dan Cassasanta who just returned from missionary work in Italy and Brother W. H. Cadman also spoke.

Brother Alma B. Cadman is visiting in Lorain, Ohio.

Brother Raymond Cosetti and his wife Sister Mary are visiting Metuchen, New Jersey.

5 YEARS AGO

The G. M. B. A. Field trip at Arlington Kansas witnessed eleven new converts into The Church. Brothers and Sisters from both the East and West Coast of the United States were present during the week long campout.

NOTICE

California Area MBA Campout

PLACE: Emerald Cove Camp (Two blocks from Bass Lake, near Fresno)

DATE: From 2 p.m. September 3rd to the morning of September 9th.

COST	Ages	0 - 2	\$ 5.00
		3 - 5	18.00
		6 - 8	21.00
		9 - 11	28.00
		12 & up	35.00

Three meals daily included in the cost.

SLEEPING FACILITIES: 3 buildings

1. Motel Style — 4 rooms (\$50.00 per person)
2. Family Style — 18 rooms — each room has 4 beds
3. Dorm Style — 8 rooms — each room has 10 beds

Please plan to join us for a week of spiritual growth, companionship and fun in God's Love.

California Area Camp Chairman —

Brother Leonard Loyalvo
Secretary, Sister Rose Loyalvo

M. B. A. Highlights

"SUPPORT YOUR MBA"

by
James D. Gibson
GMBA EDITOR

On different occasions we have made mention of the phrase "Support your M B A." It has been inserted at the end of news items and reports, not only by your Editor but by others as well.

We had received a communication at one time by a young Sister who emphatically used the phrase. She felt, as many others, that it carried a magnitude of meaning as only a simple phrase can.

Your support and yours alone can help to compose a compact and well meaning group. I feel sure that when Brother Alexander Cherry instituted the formulation of the group, he had specific ideas in mind — that it was to be an organization for all, young and old, church members and friends. (These are my own thoughts and expressions to which you may agree or not.)

It is an organization to which a communication can be made through all age groups. A chance to meet together, sing, pray and discuss the things of God.

Who can say that some have not felt God's spirit during what may have seemed a casual weekly meeting. Someone has spoken during a discussion of a personal experience of God's Love in their life or maybe the discussion had leaned heavily to the wonderful and lasting mercy of God toward man from a verse read in the **Book of Mormon** or **Bible**.

How good that such things should fall on young and tender ears and by chance a young (if not an older) heart be pricked by words spoken. Many an MBA meeting has experienced the above related happenings.

If you were present you enjoyed it; if not you may have felt to attend more in the future. Your support makes all things possible for the group. The young people have more of an opportunity to be involved in a Church related function. They can be an integral part of a committee, hold an office and work at a satisfying project.

Your MBA can be only as solid and workable as you, its members, strive to make it. It is a recognized help of The Church and stands under The Church's standard.

In our day and time we have seen Brother William H. Cadman attend many MBA meetings. Brother Will, the late President of The Church supported his MBA. Our President of today, Brother Gorie Ciaravino has also shown his support. So it is that all and any that will can be of a help to our group.

Many projects have been undertaken in the past and completed. Projects that brought a visible help and aid to the parent Church.

We have heard of some that felt attendance at their MBA meetings tended to stir up a desire to learn more of The Church and its teachings. Sunday School meetings and Sunday services are to be mentioned as of the utmost importance in drawing close to the things of God also.

All in all we can only say "Make all of The Church part of your life. Within it lies the greatest fortune of all. The holy teachings of Christ and His Gospel and these lead to eternal life."

In closing we would again state that your support is needed and wanted to your Church and its related groups.

"SUPPORT YOUR M B A"

The Poetical And Wisdom Books

By DONALD ROSS

The books classed as poetical are **Job**, **Psalms**, **Proverbs**, **Ecclesiastes**, **Song of Solomon**, and **Lamentations**, although poetical passages are found elsewhere in the **Old Testament** (cp. Ex. 15:1-21; Jud. 5; and extensive portions of the prophetic writings). Because these books portray the experiences of the people of God, their range is as wide as that of life itself. In them inspiration clothes human experience with a universal quality that has brought comfort, strength, and guidance, to countless believers down through the ages.

Intention of Divine Providence

Job is the first of the Wisdom Books in the **Old Testament** canon, the others being **Proverbs** and **Ecclesiastes**. Wisdom literature, of which the **Epistle of James** is the **New Testament** example, deals with the broad realm of human experience, and is set forth in short, pithy sayings (proverbs), essays, monologues, and, as in **Job**, in drama. The entire book is a discussion of that great problem of human life: what is the intention of Divine Providence in allowing the good to suffer? (cp Mt. 5:45)

Although the book does not name its author, **Ezek. 14:14, 20** and **Jas. 5:11** refer to **Job** as an historical person. That he may have lived in the patriarchal period is inferred from his great age, various geographical references in the book, and the absence of mention of the law and the Tabernacle or Temple. The presence in this book of lofty Biblical concepts of God, man, Satan, righteousness, redemption, and resurrection may show, in view of its probable early date, the wide extent of revelation even before the writing of Scripture.

The subject of **Job** is that age-old problem of the suffering of a righteous man. To this problem, neither **Job** who justified himself, nor his three counselors who charged him with sin, had the solution. **Elihu**, who explained **Job's** suffering as God's chastening with a view towards reaching higher ground, also fell short of the answer. It was not until God revealed Himself in His majesty and power (**Chs. 38-41**) that **Job**, "perfect and upright" though he was, turned from his own goodness and confessed: "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (42:6). Then it was that, having seen himself to be worse than anything he had ever done, **Job** emerged from suffering into blessing and restoration. **Chapter 28** contains a beautiful discussion of wisdom, and **Chs. 38-41** are surpassingly great poetry. **The Book of Job** is not only one of the most remarkable in the **Bible**, but in literature. As was said of Goliath's sword, "There is none like it;" none in ancient or in modern literature. - Kitto. "A book which will one day, perhaps, be seen towering up alone far above all the poetry of the world." - J.A. Froude.

Book Of Praises

The Book of Psalms is a collection of sacred poems. **Psalms** is a title derived from the Greek psalmos, denoting a poem sung to the accompaniment of musical instruments. This word occurs in the Greek **New Testament** in **1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16**. The Hebrew title for the book was **Sepher Tehillim**, meaning Book of Praises. Seventy - three **Psalms** are assigned to David, twelve to Asaph (**50; 73-83**) two to Solomon (**72:127**), one to Moses (**90**), one to Ethan (**89**), and twelve to the sons of Korah, a family of Levitical singers (**42 - 49; 84; 85; 87; 88**). These **Psalms** arise from a consideration of what God has done in the past, what He will do in the future, and

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Brief News Of Interest

Brother Walter John Laird has left our presence to serve his term of duty in the U.S. Air Force. He left on February 12, 1972 and was stationed at the Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, for his six weeks basic training.

He returned home for a very short period of time after completing his basic training. He then went to Utah where he is to finish out his term of duty.

His presence is missed by all who were accustomed to seeing him at all our various church activities. He has said in recent letters that he misses seeing all his Brothers and Sisters and also their fellowship at all the activities. Anyone wishing to correspond with him may write to this address:

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Pa. Area MBA Holds Seminar

A Seminar Day sponsored by the Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. on June 24 proved to be a success. The group I attended discussed many items that should be of concern to us as Church members; how — as such members — we should conduct ourselves in behavior, mode of dress and anything that would be a reflection of our lives to others — even our attendance at Church meetings and functions.

After an enjoyable potluck supper, a panel consisting of three people representing three age groups — teenagers, the "middle" agers (who also was an Elder) and the "older" agers was formed. Questions were directed to them pertaining to many items. The general consensus of the Panel, and of all attending, was that everything must be done with love, unity and prayer. Also, along the same line, the question was brought up, "Do you know enough about your Church?" This is a subject worth thinking about and if your answer is "no", do something about it.

God blessed us in our discussions, as He does in anything done for improvement before Him. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all — by popular vote another will be scheduled for later this year.

Ruth Laird
Pa. Area MBA Editor

"Pay The Lord"

You pay the state for the water you use
They can't make water.

Pay the Lord. He makes it rain.

You pay the electric company for your lights.

Pay the Lord. He made the moon, the stars, and the sun.

You pay the government for the land you live on.

Pay the Lord. He made the earth and the air you breathe.

You pay the grocer for the food you eat.

Pay the Lord. He made the fish, the birds and the mammals.

Pay the Lord for the things He gave you.

Not with money, but with love.

Your reward will be a much better one.

Gelsa Zinzi

Much Food For Thought

First Cor. 13th chapter. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not CHARITY, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." - I take from these words that it is possible for a man to be very shrewd and smooth with his tongue, and yet be void of the Love of God in his soul.

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not CHARITY, I am nothing." - I gather from this, that it is possible to perform the greatest of MIRACLES and yet be void of God's love.

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not CHARITY, it profiteth me nothing." - we must conclude from this, that it is possible to sacrifice our life and yet be void of the Saving Grace of God in our souls.

In speaking of charity, in verse 6 it says: "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." If then, the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ can rejoice in the evil things of this world, such as the many things we see with our eyes, the many things we may hear with our ears, and of which the world is so full of today; I say, that the souls who rejoice in the evil things of today, are just a little too far-away from God. In view of what is written by Holy men of God, may I ask, or should I ask, as to what manner of men and women should we be in this sinful world? I have heard it said: "That it is not the water that is around the boat that sinks it, but the water that gets inside the boat that causes the disaster."

The above is a reprint of Brother W. H. Cadman's article in the August 1962 Gospel News.

God Is Everywhere

by Darlene Large

God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24.

One Sunday morning, my neighbor was taking her four year old daughter to Sunday School. On the way, she scolded her for having sprayed a can of shaving cream on the walls and mirror of her grandmother's bedroom the day before. "Now, when you get to Sunday School, I want you to tell Jesus you are sorry." After the lesson was over, the mother went to the Sunday School room to get her little daughter. "Well, Marcy, did you ask Jesus to forgive you?" "No, Mama; I looked all over the room and I could not find him."

Many of us are like little Marcy and we seek the Lord, only in church or Sunday School. We forget that He is a Spirit and He is everywhere.

Some years ago Bruce and I were living in Venezuela. One night I went out on my balcony, looked up at the heavens and began to sob. I felt we were so alone. God is not here I thought, He is back in Glassport, Pennsylvania in my church. I was frantic. When my husband saw my loneliness and sadness he began to talk to me. "How can you ever feel God has left us alone? He came with us, in our hearts. God is everywhere. Wherever we go, God goes with us."

Branch & Mission News

Brooklyn, N. Y. Branch News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

I would like to tell of a wonderful meeting we had Sunday, May 28, 1972 in North Edgecomb, Maine.

Brother Dominick Rose, Brother Frank Zaher and Sister Belle Rose of Brooklyn, N.Y. Branch were present at the meeting which was held in the home of Brother John Onorato. (Brother Frank Zaher has been doing Missionary work in Maine since April of 1971 - The membership is seven members.)

Sunday School was opened with Hymn No. 289 "Make Me A Blessing." Brother Eddie Onorato offered the prayer. The lesson was from **Second Nephi - chapter eleven**. Donald Perrillo dismissed with prayer.

The Sunday Service was opened with Hymn No. 344 "My Jesus, I Love Thee", prayer offered by Brother Frank Zaher. Brother Dominick Rose read from **Helaman - chapter five**. After the preaching meeting Sister Belle Rose washed the feet of Sister Elizabeth Onorato and Brother Rose ordained her to the office of Deaconess. Brothers Rose and Zaher then washed Brothers Eddie Onorato and Richard Onorato's feet. Brother Zaher ordained them both to the office of Teacher. God was called upon to bless those anointed with the Holy Spirit and knowledge, love and understanding to fulfill their offices.

During the testimony meeting we all rejoiced in one another's experiences; then communion was passed. Surely God's presence was felt and all present received a great blessing. We are thankful to God for His mercy and goodness towards us. May God bless all of His Saints continually in our prayer in Jesus' name.

Your Sister in Christ
Sister Mary Onorato

Windsor, Ontario, Canada Branch Welcomes Young Convert

The Windsor, Ontario Branch happily welcomed a new young member to the fold. Dianne Dorothy Maude Tompkins was baptized by Brother Donald Collison and confirmed by Brother Allen Henderson. The Branch Editor comments beautifully as follows: "Our new Sister is a convert and we are all happy that the Lord has given the increase here in Windsor. Sister Dianne is fifteen years of age and it is good to see young people remembering their Creator in the days of their youth."

The annual Vacation Bible School was held at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch from June 19 to 23 with twenty-two children attending. The Theme was "COME UNTO ME". Sister Mary Tamburrino was in charge. Teachers were Sister Joan Gibson and Sister Betty Eiler, junior class; Sister Josephine Ross and Sister Ruth Jumper, intermediate class; Sister Victoria D'Antonio and Sister Sabina D'Antonio, nursery class.

During the week the children read the lessons, learned the songs and made the handcrafts prepared by Sister Mabel Bickerton. A program and refreshments was served at the end of the week.

A Stranger In Our Midst

As Told by Brother Joseph Saeli

The Greensburg Branch enjoyed a wonderful weekend on May 13 and 14, 1972 with visiting Apostles, Brother Rocco Biscotti, Brother Frank Calabrese and Brother Russell Cadman. The Saturday evening meeting was devoted to questions and answers about Church doctrine and problems confronting members.

On Sunday, Brother Frank Calabrese gave an inspiring talk on the Restoration and he discussed the work that he and Brother Robinson are doing in the Omaha Prison. Brother Frank stressed the point that the women prisoners are hungry for the Gospel.

During the morning meeting, a stranger was noticed in our midst. After the completion of the service, many of the brothers and sisters greeted the stranger. The stranger related the following experience which was an uplift to the branch.

The stranger was from Virginia and he and his wife were visiting his wife's mother on Mother's Day. He mentioned that he was just recently released from prison and was currently serving a three year parole. While in prison, the man became interested in the Gospel by reading the Bible. This particular Sunday, he had gone to his mother-in-law's church with the family but did not feel satisfied. After taking his family back to his mother-in-law's home, he prayed to God to show him where he could be spiritually fed. Driving toward Greensburg, he continually prayed asking God to lead him to His (God's) church. He drove past many churches in Greensburg, asking, "Is this the one?", but there was no answer. He was directed toward the Auditorium, which is outside Greensburg via country roads. As he came near the vicinity of the Auditorium, he was directed to proceed up the driveway to the Auditorium. (Note: Remember that our Auditorium has no sign or symbol indicating a church; furthermore, it is obscured from the highway, and finally, it is difficult to find without directions.)

While talking with the stranger, Brother Rocco Biscotti had the desire to embrace him, but was reluctant since the stranger was not familiar with our ways. However, the stranger feeling the same love, and being led by the Spirit, did embrace Brother Rocco. All present truly felt the Spirit of God.

An additional blessing came during the testimony meeting when a sister testified that God revealed to her several days before that on this particular Sunday, the Greensburg Branch would be fed manna from Heaven. And that experience was certainly fulfilled.

The Brothers and Sisters have feasted on this day's blessings and will continue to do so for a long time.

Vanderbilt Branch Holds Vacation Bible School

The Vanderbilt Branch, Vanderbilt, Pa. held their Vacation Bible School June 5 through June 9, 1972. The attendance was very good and the classes included all ages. Every day found the Church full of children as they came to learn about Jesus Christ. Many Brothers and Sisters worked very hard to make this year's school a success, for which we are grateful. Special thanks are in order for the various instructors who did a splendid job. To climax this successful endeavor, a lovely program was presented at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 11. The School came to a close with all who attended feeling that God had truly blessed his people.

Warren, Ohio Branch News

The first anniversary of the dedication of the Warren Branch church building was held on Sunday June 18, with a good representation of Brothers and Sisters from many branches throughout the Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York areas. Brother Paul D'Amico from Lockport, New York was the guest speaker and he used for his text, the scripture about the prodigal son. Since it was Father's Day, he also dwelt on this subject and brought forth many wonderful thoughts about his earthly father as well as our Heavenly Father. Although he spoke briefly, he covered many wonderful thoughts. Several visiting elders followed expressing themselves on Father's Day and our Heavenly Father.

A light lunch was served, after which we reconvened for our afternoon testimony service. The Spirit of God really had free course all day and I am sure that all who were there enjoyed the wonderful blessings. A young girl, visiting our church for the first time gave her testimony and said that she had never experienced anything like this before nor had she ever seen such love displayed. It was wonderful to hear how God (our heavenly father) had worked wonders in the lives of many who had expressed themselves. The singing of our young people and the Brothers and Sisters made us feel that "Sweet Sweet Spirit" present. It was another Sabbath day well spent in the service of God.

Monongahela Branch News

A program on Thursday evening, June 15th, marked the close of another Vacation Bible School in Monongahela. This year's theme was "Elijah and Elisha" and the lessons and music were written by Sister Mabel Bickerton. The theme was presented by all of the age groups in songs, Scripture readings, memory verses, and hand-crafts.

An average attendance of about 85 included many visitors from other churches. Everyone was very enthusiastic in relating something that was learned about these two prophets of God.

A missionary collection of \$25 was given for the work in Guadeloupe, Arizona. Baby blankets were made by some classes that will be taken and distributed to the Indians in Arizona. A large quilt portraying the carrying away of Elijah in the flaming chariot was made by the senior high school class. Each year, the class chooses someone connected with the missionary work of The Church to receive the quilt as a gift. This year, they chose Brother Mark Landrey for his efforts in working among the Indians in Arizona. He reluctantly, but graciously accepted the quilt, expressing his complete surprise at being chosen.

Brother George Johnson concluded the program with appropriate remarks concerning the value of learning about the men and women of the Scriptures.

All of the Sisters who helped with the Bible School should consider it a job well done.

Baptism At Greensburg

In addition to the wonderful Spirit of God felt at the General Conference on April 16, 1972 Karen Santone asked for her baptism. She was baptized after General Conference at the close of the Sunday meeting. Brother Alvin Swanson baptized her, and she was confirmed by Brother Paul Gehly at the General Church auditorium. Sister Karen is Brother Alvin Swanson's niece. We pray that God bless Sister Karen in all she endeavors to do in life.

Elder Ordained

On Sunday, June 4, 1972 the Phoenix, Arizona branch experienced a day of rejoicing and blessing as Brother Steve Saffron was ordained into the Priesthood. There was a special blessing shared when Brother Chris Phillips, one of our Indian Elders from San Carlos Indian Reservation washed Brother Steve's feet. Brother Thurman Furnier, an Apostle in the Church, ordained him into the office of Elder. Brother Steve gave a humble testimony, relating how God has blessed him in his young life and told of his experiences since coming into The Church and of God's wonderful direction in his life.

May the Lord continue to bless him with wisdom and dedication in performing his duties that pertain to the office of Elder.

NUPTIALS

Gorinski - Palermo

Mr. Paul Edward Gorinski and Miss Sharon Lynn Palermo were joined in holy marriage in The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1. Brother John Buffa officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Brothers Eugene Amormino and Ralph Frammolin.

The newlyweds will reside in Warren, Michigan.

BUFFA - TISLAR

Mr. Ronald Buffa and Miss Shirley Ann Tislar were united in holy matrimony in The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1. Brother John Buffa officiated at the ceremony.

The young couple will reside in Warren, Michigan.

Bolen - Jasmin

Mr. Carey Spencer Bolen and Miss Susan Jane Jasmin were joined in holy wedlock in the Lake Worth, Florida Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Michael Radd officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Marryanne Ensana.

The newlywedded couple will reside in Lake Worth, Florida.

A Parable

"Now it came to pass on a day at noon that the Editor was a guest of a certain rich man. And the lunch was enjoyed at a popular restaurant. And the waiters were very efficient. And the food was good.

"Now when the end of the meal was at hand, the waiter brought unto the host the check. And the host examined it, frowned, but made no comment.

"But as we arose to depart, I observed he laid some coins under the edge of his plate. I know not what denominations the coins were; howbeit, the waiter who stood nearby smiled happily, which being interpreted, means the tip was satisfactory.

"Now this parable entereth not into merits or demerits of tipping. But as I meditate on the coins that become tops throughout nation, I begin to think of tips and tithes. For the proverbial tip should be at least a tithe, lest the waiter turn against you.

"And as I continued to think on these things, it came unto me that few people who go to church treat their God as well as their waiter. For they give unto the waiter a tithe but unto God they give whatever they think will get them by.

"Verily, doth man fear the waiter more than he feareth God? And doth he love God less than he loves the waiter? Or doth the waiter do more for him than his God?"

—Author unknown

NOTICE

**PENNSYLVANIA AREA MBA TO
HOLD ANNUAL CAMPOUT**

This year the Area Campout will be held at Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, Pennsylvania from August 31 thru September 4.

Prices are as follows:

Under 5 years — No daily fee; No food charge
Ages 6, 7, and 8 — \$1.00 fee (includes insurance);
\$4.50 daily food charge
9 years and older — \$1.00 fee (includes insurance);
\$5.00 daily food charge

Information regarding the campout may be obtained by contacting Camp Director, Brother Robert Nicklow, 502 Gill Hall Road, Clairton, Pa. 15025, (Tel. 412-655-9463) or Brother Joseph Ross, 2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001, (Tel. 412-375-1648).

We look forward to seeing you at this Campout.
Please attend. All are welcome.

Ruth Laird
Pa. Area MBA Editor

New Arrivals

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

Shannon Michelle to Anthony and Sharon Mazzeo of Lake Worth, Florida;

James Joseph to Joe and Erma Draskovich of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

Patrick Lee to Leo and Carol Monaghan of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania;

*Lisa Annette to Chester and Phyllis Nolfi of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

*This child was adopted by Brother Chester and Sister Phyllis Nolfi on Friday, June 23, 1972.

Obituaries

GIUSEPPE (JOSEPH) CASASANTA

Brother Giuseppe (Joseph) Casasanta, a member of the McKees Rocks Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on Thursday, June 15, 1972. He was born on March 20, 1882. He was baptized in 1923.

Surviving him are two daughters and three sons. Also surviving are his thirteen grandchildren and his sixteen great-grandchildren.

Brother Chester Nolfi, of McKees Rocks, conducted the funeral services assisted by Brother Anthony Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio.

Funeral was Monday, June 19, 1972. Organist and soloist was Sister Nina DeCenzo of McKees Rocks. Brother Anthony Ross offered prayer at the cemetery, after reading a portion of Scripture.

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the need for God in the immediate present, with a recognition of His sovereignty and goodness.

Whereas a number of **Psalms** celebrate the creation and other historical events, one particular section is historical throughout: **Psalms 104 - 106**, which begin with the creation and end with the captivity. In the historical group should also be included the **Psalms** which relate exclusively to the glory of the city of Jerusalem and its Temple, past and future (especially 48; 84; 122; 132). Seven of the **Psalms** are called - **Penitential Psalms** (6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143); fifteen are known as **Pilgrim Psalms** (120 - 134). The familiar **Psalm** of Thanksgiving is **Ps. 136**, the great **Psalm** on the Word of God is **Ps. 119**, and the **Hallelujah Psalms**, sometimes called **Hallel**, are **Ps. 111 - 113**, and **115 - 117**, **Psalm 92** was to be used on the Sabbath **Psalm 30** at the Feast of the Dedication and **Psalm 100** on the occasion of offering thankoffering. Man's frailty and God's glory are contrasted in **Ps. 90**; God's protecting care is set forth in **Ps. 91**.

The **Psalms** include a vast body of Messianic prophecy: relative to Christ's suffering (22; 69), Christ as king (2; 21; 45; 72), in His second advent (50; 97; 98), and, fundamentally, the brief **110th Psalm**, depicting Christ as the Son of God and Priest after the order of Melchizedek, a **Psalm** more frequently quoted in the **New Testament** than any other one chapter of the **Old Testament**. There are 186 quotations from the **Psalter** in the **New Testament** writings.

Probably no book of the **Old Testament** has exercised a more profound and extensive influence over succeeding ages than the **Psalms**. Among the Jews, indeed the Law has received a more persistent and greater attention. But, the place of the **Psalms** in the history of The Church and in Saintly experience is typified by the frequency with which they are quoted in the **New Testament**. To trace this influence or to illustrate it as R. E. Prothero did so excellently in **The Psalms of Human Life** (1904), falls outside the scope of this article.

Important Truths Set Forth

Proverbs is a collection of pithy sayings in which, by comparison or contrast, some important truth is set forth. Proverbs were common to all nations of the ancient world. The title of this book in Hebrew is taken from its first word, mashal, which originally meant "a comparison." The book is ascribed to Solomon in accordance with the Hebrew custom which derived all Law from Moses, all sacred songs from David, and all Wisdom from Israel's wisest king. But that the book consists of separate collections from different authors and various periods is clearly indicated by the fact that different authors and sources are mentioned throughout the book (30:1; 31:1). The collection was made for the most part by Solomon who in **1 Kings 4:32**, is said to have uttered three thousand proverbs.

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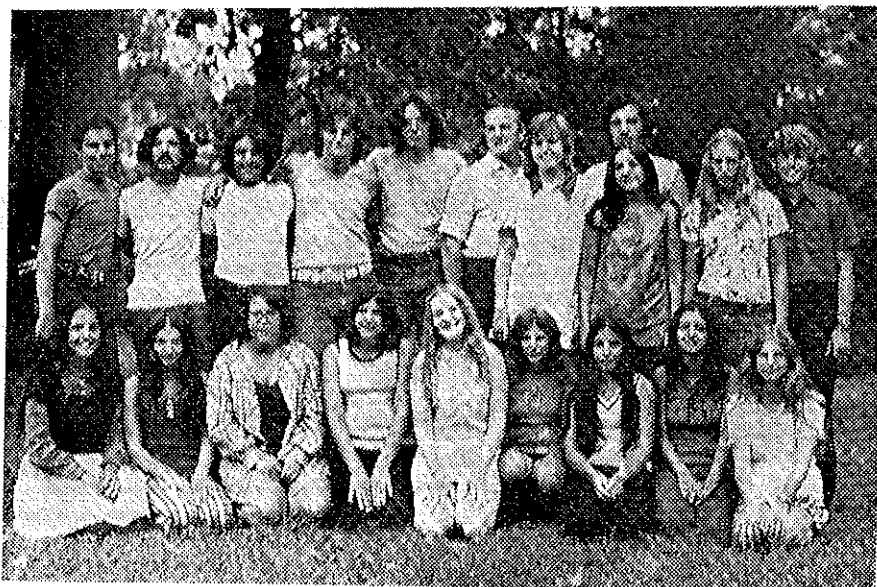
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Baptized at GMBA Campout 1972

Front Row, L. to R. Florence Risola, Sherry D'Orazio, Joyceann Jumper, Laureen Ciarrochi, Joyce Wandless, Sally Laessig, Tammy Valenti, Marlene

Vultaggio, Linda Micale. Standing, L. to R. Jerry Valenti, James Genaro, Perry Vitto, Ronnie Dyer, Anthony La Civita, Bob Dyer, Debbie Schroeder, Wayne Martorano, Vicki DiMelis, Patti Wright, Keith White.

By James D. Gibson, GMBA Editor

Deer Park, New Hope, Pennsylvania was the site of the recent GMBA Campout held from July 30 to August 5.

The camp was located in the beautiful green hills of Pennsylvania, a few miles from the Delaware River and the New Jersey state line. There is also a very busy resort area nearby. Of course, the Delaware River is the body of water that George Washington first brought into national prominence.

A Good Start

The camp got off to a good start on Sunday morning with the inspired speaking of several of the Elders in attendance. What a fitting way to start a week's events — to come together on the Sabbath morning in a relatively strange place and give due service to God.

The daily events of the week included chapel services and seminars during the morning, recreation and crafts in the afternoon, and meetings and campfires in the evening. Of course, the schedule could always be deviated from in order to allow time for any unexpected events!

One of the fastest and surest ways to speed up activity within a camp is to announce impending baptisms. Following the Monday evening service, there

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were three new converts who asked to be baptized; Joyceann Jumper of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania; Robert and Ronnie Dyer, father and son, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Everyone travelled by car to the river's shore for the baptisms. The baptisms were performed on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River — this was the first time any of our people were baptized in this river at this particular site. A local newspaper covered the event in picture form in their weekly edition and many of the campers were able to acquire these publications to keep as souvenirs.

Fasting and Prayer

The normally scheduled daily events were followed on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday morning, some of the younger seminar groups met jointly in the meeting hall for a session of fasting and prayer. During this meeting fourteen more souls asked for baptism.

After lunch, the candidates met again to reaffirm their desire for baptism, and it was decided that the event would take place following chapel on Friday morning. Three additional people asked for baptism at the river's shore.

A grand total of twenty people came unto The Lord during the week. To all of them we wish the best of God's blessings.

One of the other outstanding events that occurred during the week was as follows: On Thursday morning as the three seminar groups had gathered for prayer, the word of The Lord was given. Brother Joe Milantoni, GMBA Chaplain, was offering prayer over a young Sister. As he spoke, his voice seemed to separate from his prayer and the following words were heard. "I have sent My beloved Son for the sins of the world. All that trust Him and obey My commandments shall dwell in Zion forever."

Brother John D'Orazio of Florida had the preceding experience, and a few others stated they also had heard the words spoken. How wonderful that God reveals Himself to us from time to time!

Appreciation and Recognition

Appreciation was given to Brother Don Ross, Camp Director for the grand job he did in the organization and direction of the weekly camp schedule of events. The young people must also be recognized for their assistance to Brother Don and the others.

We must also compliment the young people on their cooperation in observing the rules established by the Campout Committee. The young bear the standard of The Church as its future leaders and membership. Hold firm; be bold and true as Moroni of old.

Following is a list of the twenty new converts who were baptized at the campout.

Joyceann Jumper — Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

Robert Dyer — Erie, Pennsylvania

Ron Dyer — Erie, Pennsylvania

Florence Risola — Menlo Park, New Jersey

Linda Micale — Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Sally Laessig — Dumont, New Jersey

Sherry D'Orazio — Edison, New Jersey

Tammy Valenti — Jamaica, New York

Laureen Ciarrochi — Warren, Ohio

Wayne Martorano — Niles, Ohio

Debbie Schroeder — Clairton, Pennsylvania

Joyce Wandless — Erie, Pennsylvania

Patti Wright — Windsor, Ontario

Vicki Di Melis — Lincoln Park, Michigan

Anthony La Civita — Livonia, Michigan

Perry Vitto — Detroit, Michigan

Jerry Valenti — Jamaica, New York

Keith White — Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

James Genaro — Niles, Ohio

Marlene Vultaggio — Detroit, Michigan

An Impression

By SISTER DARLENE LARGE

As we closed our last service at camp, we formed a gigantic circle around the church auditorium. Brother Dominic Moroco stood in the center of this circle praying, and as he did so, I looked down at my feet. There I saw a tiny ant. He crossed the floor rapidly going through patterns of sunlight and shadow. He reminded me of man on earth, so tiny, so alone, but always encircled by God's love — just as the ant was encircled by us. Brother Joe Calabrese reminded me that an ant is a hard worker too, just as we must be workers for The Lord. As we work for The Lord, there will be shadows in our lifetime and happy sun - filled moments too. Through all these moments God's circle of love will surround us.

A Circle Of Love

by Sister Darlene Large

One afternoon I was reading a book called **Purple Violet Squish** by David Wilkerson. He is a minister who was led by the Holy Spirit to hippies and drug addicts. Mr. Wilkerson has had much success in bringing the message of Christ to them and in getting young people off drugs and into a life lived for Christ.

Mr. Wilkerson says that many hippies and young people say to him, "Man, God is groovy, or Jesus is cool."

A thought came to me as I read these words. It was this. "COME INTO THE WARM AND KNOW JESUS CHRIST. He'll encircle you with His love, fill you with a warm secure feeling that nothing on this earth can ever replace."

Recently I attended a Christian writer's conference. As I walked across a lonely campus one evening, I thought of this circle of God's love; how it comforts us and protects us too. I thought of the strength we have when we stand together in this circle of love. I thought of all the precious wonderful memories that I had to remember, memories built within the circle of God's love. Memories of meetings in our home, of fellowship with the Brothers and Sisters, memories of campouts, and of conferences.

I thought too of the gifts we all have. Each is unique and different and necessary in building God's Kingdom. I thought of His gift of grace to us, of His kindness and compassion given to us from His circle of love.

What a beautiful and awe-inspiring sight for me when I came to the July 2 spiritual gathering at the auditorium and walked into the meeting and saw all of the Elders joining their hands in a circle of love. It was so perfect for me. Then they called the small children forward and they too formed a circle within the larger one. It was another precious memory to add to my growing collection.

Isn't God wonderful to let us come into the warm with Him — into the circle of His love?

Prayer

Prayer makes the darkest cloud withdraw,
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

Restraining prayer we cease to fight,
Prayer makes the Saint's armour bright,
And Satan trembles when he sees,
The weakest Saint upon his knees.

Ravia De Carlucci

Ye Who Are Called

by V. James Lovalvo

The question of whether men are CALLED of God to administer in the Holy Ministry of The Lord is one of great importance and relevance, for it involves many things which shall be pointed out in this article.

"CALLED OF GOD" . . .

"And this is the manner after which they were ordained; being called and prepared from the foundation of the world according to the foreknowledge of God, on account of their exceeding FAITH and GOOD WORKS, . . ." Alma 13:4.

"And thus they have been CALLED to this holy calling on account of their FAITH . . ." Alma 13:4.

"And it was on account of their exceeding FAITH and repentance, and their righteousness before God . . . therefore, they were CALLED after this holy order and were sanctified, and their garments were washed white through the blood of the Lamb" Alma 13:11.

"And thus being CALLED by this holy calling, and ordained unto the high priesthood of the Holy Order of God, to teach His commandments unto the children of men, that they also might enter into His rest — this high priesthood being after the Order of His Son which order was from the foundation of the world; or in other words, being without beginning of days or end of years, being prepared from eternity to all eternity, according to His foreknowledge of all things." Alma 13:6,7.

Paul, the Apostle in his epistle to the Hebrews says, "And no man taketh this honor upon himself, but he that is CALLED of God, as was Aaron." - Hebrews 5:4.

"Who hath saved us, and CALLED us with an holy calling . . ." Timothy 11, 1:19.

The Scriptures are abundant in their references to the fact that a man must be first CALLED of God into His Ministry (Priesthood) in order to function properly in that office. No one else can do so without endangering himself and the salvation of others. Those who have been truly called of God will fulfill the characteristics and works required of that calling. Their hearts must be PURE and SPOTLESS; they must possess great faith and courage; they must be sanctified by the Holy Spirit, as it is written, "Now they, after being sanctified by the Holy Ghost, having their garments made white, being pure and spotless before God, could not look upon sin save it were with abhorrence." Alma 13:12.

Also, those who are CALLED of God must act and respond according to His holy calling, as it is written, "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a Bishop, (this applies also to any Minister) he desireth a good work. A Bishop then must be BLAMELESS, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to WINE, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the HOUSE of God?) not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must have a GOOD REPORT of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." Timothy 1, 3:1-7.

A man who is called of God must have KNOWLEDGE of the word and mysteries of God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Timothy II, 2:15.

Knowledge only comes about by study and application; and, above all, by fasting and praying. Speaking of the sons of Mosiah, the **Book of Mormon** says, ". . . and they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth; for they were men of sound understanding, and they had SEARCHED the Scriptures diligently, that they might know the word of God." Alma 17:2. The Lord Jesus emphatically spoke to His disciples and said, "And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search (study) these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently. . . ." Nephi III, 23:1.

How can a man speak on something he knows nothing about? How can a man teach others when he knows so little of the word of God? On the other hand, a man who has knowledge of God's word can speak with authority, teach without fear of contradiction, and preach with the power of inspiration.

Knowledge is gained by prayer and fasting, for though one studies night and day, understanding must come from God. He works by His Holy Spirit only in the heart of the humble and lowly. "Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and PRAYETH continually without ceasing; unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed . . ." Alma 26:22. Again speaking of the sons of Mosiah, "But this is not all; they had given themselves to much prayer and fasting; therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority of God." Alma 17:3.

A man who is called of God must have power and authority. "And Nephi did minister with power and authority. And it came to pass that they were angry with him even because he had greater power than they." III Nephi 7:17,18. No one can truly function as a man of God without power and authority, "and they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." Luke 4:36. "Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases." Luke 9:1. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over ALL the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19.

Please read of the power and authority God gave His prophets and ministers as recorded in the Bible and the **Book of Mormon**. Read of Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal and his subsequent victory over them through the power of God, **I KINGS 18:21-38**; read of Peter and John raising the lame man at the gate of the Temple, **ACTS 3:1-7**; read of the power of God on Paul the Apostle who not only healed the sick in the name of Jesus, but because of the power that was in him, when he prayed on the handkerchiefs and aprons that were brought to him, the diseases left the bodies of the victims, **Acts 19:6-12**.

Read of the power of God upon Alma when he confounded Korihor and struck him dumb, **Alma 30**.

"Behold, thou art Nephi, and I am God. Behold, I declare it unto thee in the presence of mine angels, that ye shall have power over this people, and shall smite the earth with famine, and with pestilence, and destruction according to the wickedness of this people. Behold, I give unto you POWER, that whatsoever ye shall seal on earth shall be sealed in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven; and thus shall ye have power among this people." Helaman 10:6,7.

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It is written that Christ gave power and authority to His Apostles in Jerusalem and to His Disciples in America. He gave them power to cast out devils, heal the sick, raise the dead, and preach the Gospel with authority. Yet, these gifts to a minister who is CALLED of God — knowledge, wisdom, understanding, power, and authority — will only be given to the humble man who seeks them of The Lord in study, fasting and prayer, and application. Still greater, these gifts will remain in him, providing they are continually garnished with LOVE. Without love, these gifts will be of little or no value. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all KNOWLEDGE; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Charity (love) I am NOTHING." **I Corinthians 13:2.** The love of God in a man will increase knowledge and understanding in him. Without love, the power and authority of ministering God's word and works will be taken from him. Without love, a minister cannot truly function in the great Gospel work that shall some day cover the earth as the waters cover the seas.

Again, a man may possess a lot of knowledge, but if he does not have INSPIRATION which comes from the Holy Spirit, he is as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Inspiration in the speaker is the key that unlocks the hearts of the listeners, and motivates them to seek God. The humble man of God will prayerfully seek inspiration, which is the ability to function with power and authority.

Next, a man who is CALLED of God must live a holy life, dedicating himself completely to the cause he has embraced; by his example, he must be able to persuade others to live a Godly life also. He who has been called into the Ministry after the order of the Son of God, must exemplify his profession by "Living for Jesus a life that is true."

A man who has taken upon himself the Ministry must know for a surety that he has been cleansed by the Holy Ghost and that his garments have been made white, being pure and spotless before God. He who is called after this Holy Order must live in this sanctification and in this washing through the blood of Christ, or else he becomes unworthy of his calling.

In conclusion, let the unknown poet speak of the qualifications and duties of a man who has taken upon himself the Ministry after the Order of the Son of God:

"Ye who are called to labor and minister for God,
Blessed with the Royal Priesthood and called by
His word

To preach among the nations the news of Gospel
grace,

And publish on the mountains salvation, truth
and peace.

O let no vain ambition or worldly glory stain
Your minds so pure and holy, but acquit yourselves
like men;

While lifting up your voices, like trumpets long
and loud,

Say to the trembling nations, "Prepare to meet
your God."

Then cease from all light speeches, light-
mindedness and pride.

Pray always without ceasing, and in the Truth
abide.

The Comforter will teach you, His richest blessings
send,

Your Saviour will be with you, always unto the
end.

Rich blessings do await you, and God will give you
faith;

You shall be crowned with Glory, and triumph
over death;

And soon you'll come to Zion bearing your many

sheaves,

No more to taste of sorrow, but glorious crowns
receive.

Awake, America, God Is Calling Us!

by Paul D'Amico

(At Mount View Hospital, Lockport, N.Y.)

This land of America known by The Church as the Land of Promise, has been blessed immensely by the Almighty God.

The Jaredites, the Nephites, the Gentiles, along with many other nations, have been privileged to come to this land where there are both natural and spiritual blessings.

Unfortunately many have sought the natural instead of the spiritual.

The natural blessings that we enjoy are great. Since the Restoration of the Gospel there have been wonderful inventions and conveniences discovered for the benefit of the people upon our blessed land of America. Many things that were not possible or available in our childhood, about forty years ago or so, are now very common and available to all families. All the modern conveniences in our home, our automobiles, our places of work, and even our church buildings are none other but the Divine Providence of the Almighty God.

In spite of all this, have we as a nation of people expressed our full gratitude to God for all these wonderful gifts and blessings? It appears that America has a great obligation to God.

Yet as we look about us, we find none other but strife and confusion among young and old. Division of minds, misunderstandings, lack of respect toward one another, and most of all, lack of respect to God. Too many in this land, the service of God and the worshipping of our Creator has become a secondary thing. In other words, if people have some time left, they may devote it for their spiritual life, but if they have no time, then all other things in this life are first.

The Saints of the most high God who have been born again of water and of spirit have changed this course of life. Our God, our Church, our religion, and our spiritual freedom come first and, we find all other necessities of life are bestowed upon us. This is indirect compliance with the teachings of Christ.

I am proud to be an American. I love the country in which I was born, and I feel thankful for God's blessings, but I am wondering whether God is pleased with our nation (the land of America) when He sees the much corruption and sin that abounds in the land.

Oh, America, awaken from your slumber, and turn unto God before the day of His coming approaches — the day when He shall come with swift destruction to destroy the wicked while the righteous shall be preserved by His mighty word and power. Let us all remember that the righteous shall be saved, while the wicked must perish. The Lord who controls all things hath declared this through the mouths of His holy prophets. Therefore along with our nation's poet, I feel to exclaim.

"Long may our land be bright
With freedom's Holy Light;
Protect us by Thy might
Great God our King."

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Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

If these so-called peacemakers that assemble at the United Nations (and I am sure they all consider themselves as such) were to discover the real meaning in Christ's great words, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God," they would have the formula for a lasting peace among nations.

Our world has a severe case of jitters, and why not? The world is torn with strife; the cold war could burst into a hot one overnight. We wonder sometimes just how long the nations can go on astride this sharp precipice between cold and hot war. United States and Russia, as well as some smaller nations, are glaring at each other from behind their stockpiles of nuclear weapons. Just how long will this last, or can peace be achieved and maintained with weapons of war?

A PARABLE

Not too many years ago I remember reading in my newspaper an article telling a little story which could be referred to as a parable, in which all the animals in the zoo met in conference to decide the matter of disarming. The rhinoceros said that the use of teeth in war should be strictly prohibited but the use of horns should be allowed because they were mostly defensive weapons. All the other animals that had horns voted with the rhinoceros. However, the lion and tiger took a different view; they thought that teeth should be used. Then the bear spoke up; he proposed that teeth and horns be banned, suggesting that if you have a quarrel with any other animal just give him a good hug. He contended that this would be a great step toward peace. One might think that all the animals would have agreed; in other words don't hurt the enemy, just give him a good hug. But this brought the conference to a panic.

The reason man has failed to establish an enduring peace in the world is because he is not going about it in the right way. Mighty missiles are not the answer to the problems that confront the nations today. History has taught us this truth. Sometime after the close of World War I, a cartoonist pictured world leaders seated at a conference table. Each had his portfolio. Also seated at this table was Christ with His Portfolio, the Bible; but the leaders of these nations would not let Him speak.

CHRIST—THE GREATEST NEED

The greatest need at the United Nations is the seating of Christ, for He alone has the plans for peace. If these so-called peacemakers that assemble at the United Nations (and I am sure they all consider themselves as such) were to discover the real meaning in Christ's great words, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God," they would have the formula for a lasting peace among nations. The peacemaker of whom Jesus was speaking does a constructive work; he is obedient to the divine law and will of God, and his life bears the fruits of the Spirit. The individual or nation who possesses the fruits of the Spirit will find the forces of hate, enmity, and war destroyed. The Spirit of Christ puts love rather than hate into a person's heart.

WAR DIVIDES, PEACE UNITES

The real peacemakers are those who are at peace with God themselves, who love peace as God loves peace, and are endeavoring to project this peace into various areas of life. Peace means molding into one. War divides individuals and nations whereas peace restores them to the state of unity — all for each and each for all — and so the world is in great need of peacemakers. The world needs more peacemakers because strife, envy, and hate are so costly. I am sure you will all agree hate is the most expensive thing in all the world. Think of its cost to those who hate and to those who are hated. There could be nothing more harmful. Hate between nations causes war; it is the

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most deadly foe of mankind: it kills bodies and destroys souls.

Do we realize peace will not come of its own accord? Peace must be made. Therefore it takes peacemakers to bring it about, and how are we to become peacemakers? We must bring ourselves into the right relationship with Christ Who is the Supreme Peacemaker, and as Isaiah says, is the Prince of Peace. Not until man catches up with the real meaning of Jesus' words, "Blessed are the peacemakers," can peace be experienced in our world.

The Poetical And Wisdom Books

By DONALD ROSS

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Among the virtues commended in this book are the pursuit of wisdom, filial piety, liberality, domestic faithfulness, and honesty in business relationships. Among the vices condemned are intemperance in eating and drinking, licentiousness, falsehood, sloth, contentiousness, and the keeping of bad company. The Proverbs collected by Solomon are difficult to classify; most come from the 10th century B.C.; some were copied from his other writings later. **The Proverbs** are frequently quoted or alluded to in the **New Testament**, and the canonicity of the book thereby confirmed.

Solomon Reasons About Life

Ecclesiastes, the title, is taken from the Septuagint translation of the **Old Testament** and is a rendition of the Hebrew word *koheleth* and implies that the author is a teacher or preacher. The book belongs to the third group in the Hebrew Bible - the *Kethubhim* or "Writings" - which were the latest to receive recognition as canonical Scripture. After long controversy between the Palestinian school of Shammai and the less stringent Babylonian school of Hillel, it was finally accepted by A.D.100. In Judaism it is read on the third day of the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles).

In good part autobiographical, **Ecclesiastes** reflects those experiences of Solomon, "the Preacher ... king in Jerusalem" (1:1), which corroborate his theme, "Vanity of vanities ... all is vanity" (1:2). **Ecclesiastes** is the book of man "under the sun" reasoning about life. The philosophy it sets forth, which makes no claim to revelation but which inspiration records for our instruction, represents the world - wide view of one of the wisest of men, who knew that there is a holy God and that He will bring everything into judgment. Key expressions are "under the sun," "I perceived," "I said in my heart." The mood of the book is generally one of sadness: "labor," occurs 23 times; "evil," 22 times; "vexation of spirit," 9 times; and such words as "oppression," "grief," and "mourning" are prominent. The concluding chapter rises to the level of the fear of the Lord and obedience to His commandments.

Canticles (Song of Songs), is entitled **The Song of Solomon** in the Authorized Version. It was probably authored by Solomon about 1012 B.C. Grave doubts were long entertained by the Rabbis regarding the canonicity of **Canticles**. The Synod of Jamnia (A.D.

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

"THE VINEYARD"

Dear Girls and Boys,

I have a very interesting story to tell you about a vineyard. Since the people in Jesus' day were familiar with vineyards and almost every family in and around Palestine owned one, it was natural for Jesus to use this for a parable. Grapes were valuable, so the owners protected their vineyards against wild animals or thieves by a wall or a hedge around them. Some had towers built inside the wall so a watchman could see anyone who came to take the grapes. The grapes were dried in the sun or made into juice. They were eaten all the year round. Here is Jesus' story.

Once there was a landlord who planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it. He dug a winepress and built a tower there too. Since he was leaving for another country he rented it to husbandmen or tenants. When the fruit was ripe he sent his servants to the husbandmen to get his fruit. They took the servants, beat one, killed one and stoned the other. Again he sent other servants and they too, were mistreated and returned without the fruit. The owner tried to give the tenants one more chance. He said, "I will send my beloved son, maybe they will reverence him." But when the husbandmen saw the son they said, "This is the heir, come let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours." They took the son out of his own father's vineyard and killed him.

Jesus asked the people who were listening to His parable this question, "When the owner or the Lord of the vineyard comes what will he do with these husbandmen?" Jesus knew the chief priests and scribes listening had mistreated God's people and rejected the prophets. Their answer was, "He will destroy the wicked men by a miserable death, and rent his vineyard to other husbandmen who will give him his seasonal fruit."

As Jesus looked at the people he said, "What is this that is written, 'The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder!'" The chief priests and scribes were angry and wanted to lay hands on Jesus but they feared the people. They knew he had spoken this against them. You can read this parable in **Matthew 21:33, 41, Mark 12: 1, 12, and Luke 20 : 9, 19.**

Along with this story read **Isaiah 5:1, 7**. This relates to the parable. The **Book of Mormon** also tells us how God sent His son and he was rejected and killed. God has been merciful and there is still hope for Israel, God's chosen people.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

When young persons of questionable age or maturity request baptism, the following steps are to be taken;

- 1) The parents of the candidate are consulted.
- 2) The Elders of that Branch consult each other before performing the baptism.

Brief News Of Interest

I would like to take this privilege to thank all my Brothers and Sisters for remembering me during my recent surgery. I was to be in the hospital for about five days, but praise God, because He had other plans, I entered the hospital on a Friday evening and Saturday morning I was in surgery. By Monday afternoon I was discharged and went home to be with my wife and family.

I know without a shadow of doubt that God answered all the prayers of The Saints in my behalf. I am now fully recovered and will be going back to work within a few days. Again, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Your Brother in Christ,
John Azzinaro, San Fernando Valley Branch

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have written recently that we have had several visitors in our branch at Roscoe who are very interested in The Church of Jesus Christ and have expressed the desire of some day being baptized.

I asked one of our visitors who has had several experiences since attending The Church, to write one of these experiences and share it with the readers of the *Gospel News*. This young woman is very faithful in attending our branch with her two young children. This poem was given to her as she wrote the experience which follows it.

FIVE LITTLE WORDS

A little child with heart so pure
In thee, Dear Lord, has found a cure
Just five little words spoken with such delight
Don't worry Mommy — "Jesus will make it alright."
The experience—

"My daughter Lisa was blessed in The Church of Jesus Christ shortly after I was first introduced to The Church. Ever since then, she has been blessed many times.

When she was about a year old, she began having nose bleeds. Everyone I talked to, even doctors, told me not to be too concerned and that she would eventually outgrow them. But as time passed, the bleeding only seemed to get worse and occur more frequently. Unaware of my lack of faith, Lisa was anointed only to be relieved of the nose bleeding for about a month. Again she was anointed, but to no avail, for still her nose bled.

One night quite late, Lisa cried, "Mommy, my nose." I ran upstairs and held the cold towel to her nose and put her in my bed. A few minutes later she said, "Mummy, listen to the rain." I told her there was no rain. She then said, "Yes, Mommy, Jesus is making the rain drops. Jesus will make it alright."

Brother Moore from Imperial Branch was visiting our branch the next day, and after the service stopped at a nearby Sister's home. I took Lisa to her home and asked Brother Moore to anoint Lisa. I told him how she had been anointed twice before. He told me not to lack faith. Even though it was a sunny afternoon, just as Brother Moore began to anoint Lisa, it poured down rain. Lisa has not been tormented with those terrible nose bleeds since.

Two healings were brought forth from this experience — a physical healing for Lisa, and the beginning of a spiritual healing for me, her mother. I wanted to share this small testimony with all of you and ask you to remember just as this small child of yours would say, "Don't worry, Jesus will make it alright."

God bless you all and please remember us in your prayers.

A Friend of The Church of Jesus Christ

The Poetical And Wisdom Books

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90-100) after some discussion, decided in favor of its reception. Rabbi Akiba (A.D. 135) lent to this conclusion the weight of his great influence: "All the Hagiographa (Writings) are holy, but the *Song of Songs* is the most holy, and the whole world is not of such importance as the day on which it was given." It may be called a drama, as it contains the dramatic evolution of a simple love story. The schools of interpretation are divided into three groups: (1) as a vivid unfolding of Solomon's love for a Shulmanite girl; (2) as a figurative revelation of God's love for His covenant people, Israel; (3) as an allegory of Christ's love for His bride, The Church.

Nowhere in Scripture does the unspiritual mind tread upon ground so mysterious and incomprehensible as in this book whereas Sainly men and women throughout the ages have found it a source of pure and exquisite delight. The book is the expression of pure marital love as ordained by God in creation, and the vindication of that love as against both asceticism and lust - the two profanations of the holiness of marriage. The songs do not tell a connected story; the narrative may be discovered by piecing together details from the various conversations and incidents in the book. In this short writing, which contains at least fifteen geographical references, there are many exquisite expressions that describe the loveliness of womanhood and the beauty of nature.

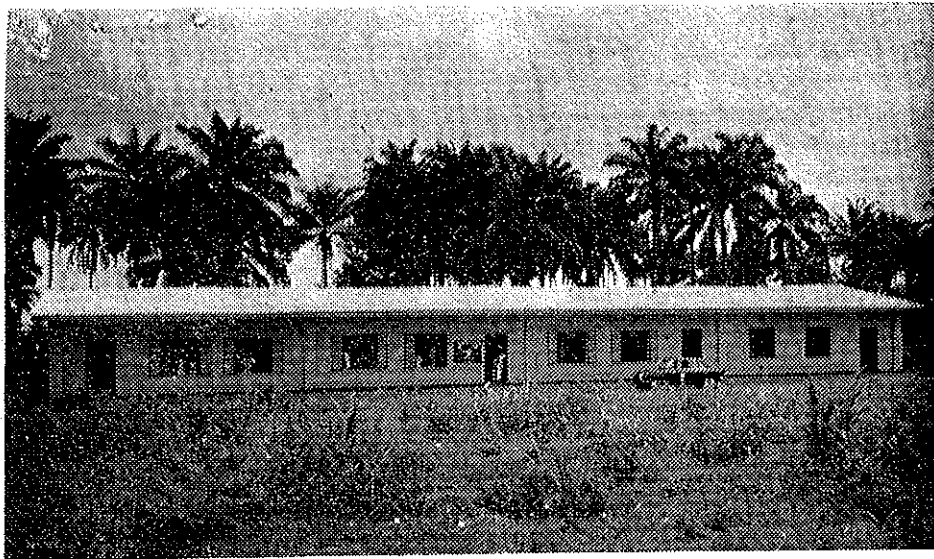
Vividness and Intensity

Lamentations is composed of five elegies lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem. The Hebrew title of this book is Ekhah (How!), the first word of the book. The poems included in this collection are in the Hebrew canon with no name attached to them. But Jeremiah has been almost universally regarded as their author. The book belongs unmistakably to the last days of the kingdom, or the beginning of the exile, 586 B.C. It is written by one who speaks, with the vividness and intensity of an eye-witness, of the misery he bewails.

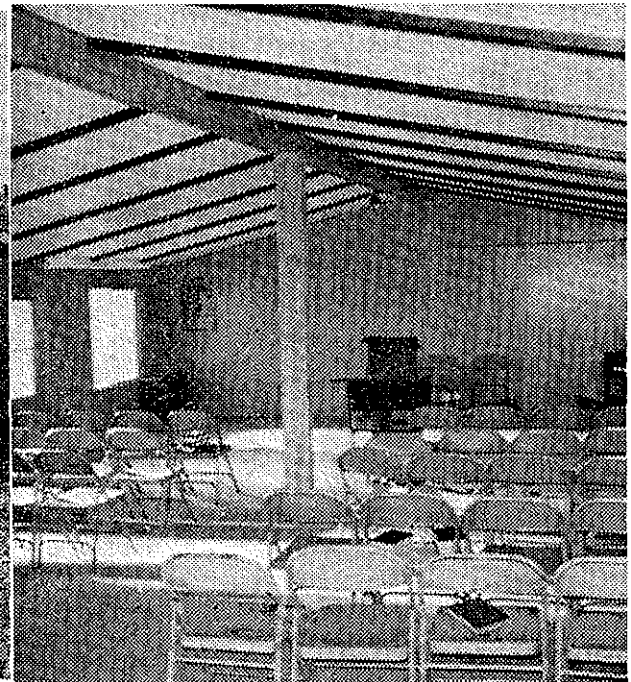
A complicated alphabetic structure pervades the entire book. (1) *Chapters 1, 2 and 4* contain twenty - two verses each, arranged in alphabetic order, each verse falling into three nearly balanced clauses. (2) In *Chapter 3* there are sixty - six verses, arranged in twenty - two groups of three verses, each of which in succession begins with a new letter. The fifth chapter, contains twenty-two verses in a plaintive meter which - the second half of each verse being shorter than the first - conveys a somber effect of *diminuendo*. It is not alphabetical. Jeremiah was not merely a patriot - poet, weeping over the ruin of his country; he was a prophet who had seen all of this coming and had foretold it as inevitable. The significance of *Lamentations* lies in the fact that Jeremiah's intense burden of sympathy for Jerusalem discloses the love and sorrow of the Lord for the very people whom He is chastening, a burden similar to that which the Lord expressed in His lament over Jerusalem (*Mt. 23:37 - 39*).

The basis of Hebrew poetry is parallelism of thought. Rhythm is not achieved by similarity of sound, as in rhymed verse, or by metrical accent, as in blank verse (although Hebrew poetry is not entirely without accent), but chiefly by the repetition, contrast, and elaboration of ideas.

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The Church of Jesus Christ Technical Secondary School located at Atai Otoro Abak, S. E. State, Nigeria. The school is a standard type classroom with a seating capacity of 120 students. The building is 131x34 feet with four individual blocks. Cost for this building is £3540 or approximately \$10,900. Classes have been held in the building since June 1972.



News From Whiteriver

We have been working here with the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the Whiteriver area for more than three years now. We have been blessed with physical strength and stamina, along with the most essential spiritual perseverance. Our faith has been sustained from above and reassured by watching the pure and complete faith of God's chosen people. Many healings have been manifested because of their faith. Through The Church we have witnessed complete

changes in life. Where once sin controlled, love now dwells.

This past spring we were able to purchase our church building. It is a mobile unit which will be easily moved onto the reservation as soon as property is made available from the tribe.

We are most grateful for the many prayers offered in our behalf and for the many who have helped in monetary and physical needs as well. Without your help, our labor here would be very limited. God bless all with the desire to help others.

Love,

Brother Ike and Sister Bonnie Smith and Family

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Thus, when the thoughts are essentially the same, the parallelism is called synonymous; e.g.

Show me thy ways, O Lord;
Teach me thy paths (Ps. 25:4)

When the thoughts are contrasting, the parallelism is called antithetic; e.g.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous;
But the way of ungodly shall perish (Ps. 1:6)

When the primary thought is developed and enriched, the parallelism is called synthetic; e.g.

And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;
Yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety (Job 11:18)

By no means, however, does all of Hebrew poetry fit precisely into these three categories. The Hebrew vocabulary is powerfully vivid, and Old Testament poetry is studded with figures of speech like personification, hyperbole, metaphor, simile, and alliteration. Hebrew poetry may be classed under the broader heads of lyric, dramatic, and didactic expression.

Everyday Living Reflected

Three of the poetical books - Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes - together with certain Psalms, such as Ps. 1, 10, 14, 37, 90, stand among the foremost examples of wisdom literature. By this term is meant the form of Hebrew literature that struggles not only with practical problems of life as in Proverbs, but also with great moral and spiritual questions like the prosperity of the wicked (Ps. 37), materialism fatalism, and pessimism (cp. Eccl.), and the suffering of the righteous (cp. Job). In their clear-sighted practicality the Wisdom Books are far removed from speculative philosophy. Reflecting everyday living, they at the same time look up to the one true God. Their emphasis upon God's wisdom (e.g. Prov. 8:22) helped prepare for the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, "who is made unto us wisdom" (1 Cor. 1:30), "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3), and who said of Himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (Jn. 14:6).

Niles Branch Enjoy's More Blessings

On Sunday July 9 the Niles Branch had the pleasure of having some of our young Brothers, Sisters and friends visiting from Detroit Mich., Windsor, Canada, Glassport, Pa., Pine Top, Arizona, Lorain, Kinsman Youngstown, Ohio. We can truly say we felt the spirit of God in our midst. Many were anointed for affliction and hands layed on for strength. We know that the young and old need each other to uplift us from time to time.

Then on Sunday July 16 we again had the pleasure of visitors as we enjoyed the fellowship of Brother Frank Genero and his family from California. There were other visitors from Lorain, Pine Top, Arizona, and Youngstown.

We again felt the manifestation of God's Spirit.

We ask that you might continue to pray for us in Niles as we strive to do God's will

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There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill behoves any of us
To find fault with the rest of us.

Anonymous

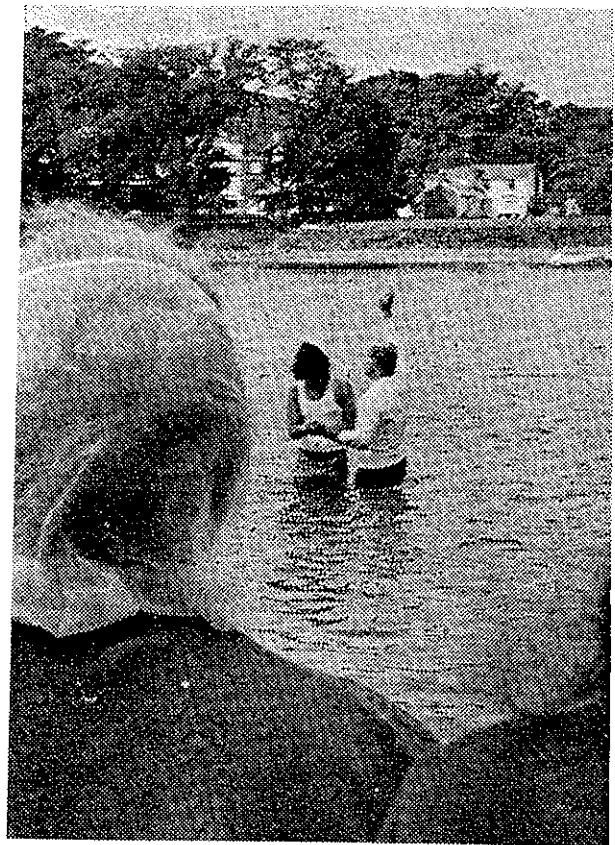
We Have A Right To Be Proud

by Darlene Large

"Mom, quick, come and see. The stars are popping out all over like flowers blooming in high gear." My son, Dirk, called this to me one evening. I saw the stars, for the first time, that night. It was one of those spring nights when you expect fireflies to twinkle, and grandma swinging on her squeaky porch swing.

We discussed many things that night; school problems, and friends, feelings and thoughts of life, but mostly we discussed God and the universe. I did most of the listening that night and peeked into the heart of my nearly grown son. It was a rewarding sight for me. I realized that we mothers are so busy making peanut butter sandwiches and kool-aid, doing laundry and marketing, that we forget to stop and listen and learn. I saw him growing on the outside, but that night, I saw how well he was growing on the inside.

Thank you God.



BAPTISM RITE BY IMMERSION
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PSALM 33

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Branch & Mission News

Reinstatement, Baptism And Apostles' Visit Enjoyed At Roscoe, Pa. Branch

Sunday, July 30 was a good day for the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch. Brother David Thompson was reinstated to membership in The Church of Jesus Christ by the laying-on-of-hands; Brother George Johnson officiated.

Brother Thompson related an experience in which God directed him to return to The Church. After being out of touch with The Church and Saints for many years he was blessed with a visit by a Brother. We are happy to have Brother Thompson back with us.

The following Sunday, August 6, we were additionally blessed with the presence of our visiting Apostles, Brother Samuel Kirschner of nearby West Elizabeth Branch and Brother Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland, Ohio Branch.

Another blessing was enjoyed at the beginning of the service when Harriet Kennedy asked for her baptism. She had been attending our meetings faithfully for two years and felt that this was her day. Our new Sister was baptized by Brother George Johnson and confirmed by Brother Gasper Karelli.

Brother Rocco Biscotti was our first speaker, reading from **The Book of Mormon, Alma, Chapter 37**. He recounted how the Ball or Director was instrumental in directing the people of God to the promised land. By comparison, he brought out that we must look to Christ, giving heed to His words in order to progress spiritually in a straight course.

He also referred to the safety of Noah's ark during the flood and how we must find the ark of safety in Christ.

Brother Kirschner followed Brother Biscotti, inspiring continuing the theme of safety. We had a wonderful day and may God bless Brothers Kirschner and Biscotti in their labors and travels.

Submitted by Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky
Branch Editor

Detroit, Michigan

Branch No. 2 Welcomes Three New Converts

Sunday, July 9 will long be remembered by the Saints of Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan. The outstanding event of the day was the baptisms of the following candidates:

JO ANN RENAUD; baptized by Brother Joseph Milantoni and confirmed by Brother Alex Gentile.

EMERALD SNAY; baptized by Brother Joseph Milantoni and confirmed by Brother Paul Francione.

ELIA SNAY; baptized by Brother Joseph Milantoni and confirmed by Brother Frank Morle.

Sister JoAnn is a "walk-in." She was raised in another religion. After attending church and related activities for three months, she knew the right step to take and called for her baptism.

Brother Emerald and his wife, Sister Elia, felt that the time was right for them to come into The Church and so they followed Sister JoAnn Renaud.

An added bonus or extra blessing for the day was experienced as two former members were reinstated to membership, namely — Brother George Harvey and Sister Antoinette Straccia, the mother of our new Sister Elia Snay.

Edison, New Jersey

Branch Welcomes New Convert

The Edison, New Jersey Branch experienced a wonderful day in the service of God on Sunday, July 23. The baptism of George Lawrence Funkhouser III was the highlight of the day for the Edison Saints.

Brother Funkhouser was baptized by Brother Nathan Peterkin and confirmed by his grandfather, Brother Rocco Ensana.

May God's blessings follow our new young Brother as he enters the fold. Too, may he also prove to be another worker in the Branch and for The Lord.

SUNDAY JUNE 18th, 1972

AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

The Saints of New Brunswick Branch were particularly pleased to see Brother Carmen Sgro at New Brunswick, New Jersey after more than two weeks spent in the hospital with internal bleeding.

Looking weak and sick he opened the meeting and while a hymn was being sung he called Brother Edward Pastore, Teacher and Brother Frank Mazzeo up on the dais to help as the other Elders were absent. Brother Sgro later testified that he thought he would ask Brother Mazzeo to pray for he was very afflicted. Before he could ask him, Brother Mazzeo Mazzeo up on the dais to help as the other Elders were asked if he could offer a prayer. He did so and almost immediately Brother Carmen felt relief. When he started the meeting he did not know if he would last but as the meeting went on his strength returned and he also attended the afternoon meeting.

Brother Carmen has been sorely afflicted all his life. When he recently lost his son in a tragic accident he has always served God and testified of his goodness. Our hearts go out to him and his family.

He used the **3rd Chapter of John** as the Scripture. The presence of God was felt in our midst this day.

We have witnessed time and again afflicted Saints praising Him for the wonderful feeling and healing they have received after coming in His House.

New Brunswick Has Three Ordinations

On Sunday, June 25, 1972, the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch observed the ordinance of feet washing and included in the days proceedings were the ordination of the following brothers;

1) Brother Salvatore Sgro was ordained a Teacher by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr. His feet were washed by Brother Carmen Sgro.

2) Brother Frank Mazzeo was ordained a Teacher by Brother Matthew Rogolino. His feet were washed by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr.

3) Brother Vincent Sgro was ordained a Deacon by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr. His feet were washed by Brother Matthew Rogolino. We collectively pray that God will lead these brothers in their respective called offices.

We also had several visitors in our midst, namely; Sister Angeline Abruzzese of the Bell Branch in California, Sister Rose Rogolino of the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch and Brother Donald Ross of Yonkers, New York.

It was a gratifying day and all the Saints were uplifted as there was much joy and happiness during these meetings.

Branch No. 4, Detroit, Michigan Cheered By Addition Of New Convert

The Saints of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4 enjoyed a wonderful day of God's blessings on Sunday, May 21. Antonio Viecei was baptized by Brother Tullio La Civita and confirmed by Brother Leonard Lovalvo.

Brother Carlo Saragosa had visited Brother Viecei in a convalescent home over a period of time, telling of the Gospel of Christ. Even though Brother Viecei is up in years, it shows us that God works with the older folks as well as the young.

May The Lord tenderly watch over him and make him a blessing to others around him in the convalescent home.

Husband And Wife Baptized At Six Nations Reserve, Ontario, Canada

The Saints of the Six Nations Reserve Mission were blessed and uplifted on Sunday, July 2. Marvin Green and his wife Sharon expressed their desires to be baptized into The Church.

Brother Anthony Lovalvo baptized Brother and Sister Green. Brother Green was confirmed by Brother Norman Campitelle and Sister Green was confirmed by Brother Allen Henderson.

The spirit of repentance was evident in their request to serve God. They truly brought forth "fruit meet for repentance."

Brother and Sister Green have witnessed the wonderful love and power of God during the past several months during which time God healed their child of spinal meningitis.

Certainly, this was a day of rejoicing for the Saints at Six Nations.

Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch Welcomes New Convert To The Fold

SUNDAY, April 9 proved to be a joyful day to the Saints of Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch. On Sunday, Susan Lynn Kowalczyk was baptized by Brother George Benyola and confirmed by Brother James Benyola.

The baptism of young Sister Susan was surely uplifting and edifying to The Branch. The entry of new converts to The Gospel is also cheering and encouraging to The Church everywhere.

Another Addition To San Fernando Valley Branch

The San Fernando Valley, California Branch happily welcomed a new member to their fold recently. Ralph James King was moved to ask for his baptism during the "Side By Side" project week of activities on the Navajo Indian Reservation at Chinle, Arizona. He was baptized on Saturday, April 29 by Brother Dwayne Jordan and confirmed by Brother Leonard

Lovalvo. A young man from San Diego was also baptized at that time.

Brother King, at age fifteen, is the youngest Brother in the San Fernando Valley Branch.

Two Teachers Ordained At Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3

The Saints of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 shared the blessings of God during their services on Sunday, April 9, 1972. Michigan-Ontario District President Brother Reno Bologna, who was visiting for the day, addressed them in the morning service. He spoke concerning the greatness of God in comparison to the insignificance and weakness of man.

The afternoon meeting included the feet washing ordinance and a very humble and beautiful spirit prevailed among the Saints.

Truly, the Spirit of God was also felt during the ordinations of the new teachers.

Brother Joseph Furnari's feet were washed by Brother Kenneth Brown, and Brother Nephi DeMercurio ordained Brother Furnari to the office of Teacher. This is the second ordination for him. Brother Furnari was ordained to the office of Deacon on October 24, 1971.

Brother Attilio Trovarelli's feet were washed by Brother Mario Coppa, and Brother Peter H. Capone ordained Brother Trovarelli to the office of Teacher. This is also the second ordination for him. Brother Trovarelli was ordained to the office of Deacon on April 5, 1970. We trust that The Lord will bless our Brothers in their new offices.

Blessings At Windsor

On Sunday, June 11, 1972, the Saints of the Windsor, Ontario Branch enjoyed the blessings of God and rejoiced in another baptism. Dianne Tompkins was taken into the waters of baptism by Brother Don Colli-son and later confirmed by Brother Allen Henderson. All who witnessed this baptism were impressed with the sweet spirit surrounding our new Sister.

This very special day was highlighted by a visit from the Michigan-Ontario District Choir. The beautiful concert directed by Brother Frank Conti, will long be remembered by the Windsor Branch.

Niles, Ohio Branch Adds Another Convert To Membership

The Niles, Ohio Branch Saints hosted visitors from Youngstown, Ohio and two Pennsylvania Branches, Glassport and Vanderbilt, on Sunday, April 30, 1972.

In the afternoon fellowship meeting, Barbara Jean Nuzzi asked to be baptized. Brother David Koon then arose and told of the experience he had about her during the morning meeting.

Sister Nuzzi was baptized by her uncle, Brother Joseph Genaro and confirmed by Brother Russel Martorano.

The Branch Editor states, "I can truly say that we all felt the presence of The Lord. We want to thank God for all of His many favors and blessings as we continue to grow."

Weddings

McCANN - CIAROLLA

Mr. Steven Warren McCann and Sister Cheryl Jean Ciarolla were married on February 19, 1972 in The Church of Jesus Christ at Modesto, California. Brother Frank Genaro officiated at the ceremony.

Sister Rose Lovalvo, the vocal soloist, was accompanied by Brother Joseph Parravano.

The newlyweds will reside in Oakdale, California.

CLAXTON - MOLINATTO

Mr. Terry Michael Claxton and Miss Deborah Molinatto were united in holy wedlock in North Carolina.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Elder Peter Molinatto of Warren, Ohio, the bride's grandfather and by Stanley Bennett of Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Soloists were Deborah Gaddy and Mark Claxton, accompanied by Ivan Gibby at the organ.

The newlyweds are residing in Maryland.

O'CONNELL - RASPANTI

Mr. Daniel O'Connell and Miss Antoinette Raspanti were joined in holy marriage at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Louis Vitto officiated at the ceremony. Musical selections were by Sister Kathy Scolaro.

The newlyweds are residing in Ferndale, Michigan.

BUFFA - POWERS

Mr. John Buffa and Miss Karen Powers were united in holy matrimony at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother John Buffa, the groom's father, officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were by Brother Eugene and Sister Donna Amormino.

The newlywedded couple is residing in Rodchester, Michigan.

Obituaries

HENRY H. JOHNSON

Brother Henry H. Johnson, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch, departed from this life on April 29, 1972. He was born February 22, 1891 and was baptized February 28, 1926.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, nine stepchildren, twenty-four step grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Brother Joseph Shazer conducted the funeral services.

Brother Johnson's presence will be missed by loved ones and Saints at Vanderbilt and at Roscoe where he maintained his membership for many years before transferring to Vanderbilt. His activity as an Evangelist and Minister in the work of The Lord will long be remembered.

ANTHONY LACIVITA

Brother Anthony LaCivita, a member of Detroit Michigan Branch No. 4 passed on to his eternal reward on March 26, 1972. He was born July 24, 1889 and was baptized February 24, 1929.

Survivors are two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

The funeral services were conducted in Youngstown, Ohio where Brother LaCivita maintained his membership in The Church for many years before transferring to Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4. Brother A. A. Corrado officiated and was assisted by Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Ralph Berardino.

Brother LaCivita held the office of Teacher and was faithful in his service to God. His presence will be missed by loved ones and friends.

New Arrivals

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

Mark David to Frank and Lydia Mazzeo of New Brunswick, New Jersey;

David George to William and Marian Chepanoske of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Bethanie Ann to James and Susan Gavaghan of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Jason Todd to Fred and Charlotte Olexa of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Diana May to Gerald and Lydia Foster of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 4;

Becky Lynn to Dean and Lynn Longrie of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 4;

Tara Marie to Donald and Lorraine Morano of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 4; Jennifer Lynn to Leonard and Loretta Lovalvo of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 4;

Linda Marie to John and Rosemary Ali of Glassport, Pennsylvania.

1972 CHURCH CALENDAR

Following is a list of 1972 events of general and regional interests (*) denotes meetings will be held in the General Church Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

SEPTEMBER

9, 10 - Florida District Conference at Fort Pierce Florida;

9, 10 - Pennsylvania District Conference at Monongahela Pennsylvania;

16, 17 - California District Conference at San Fernando Valley California;

16, 17 - Ohio District Conference at Youngstown Ohio.

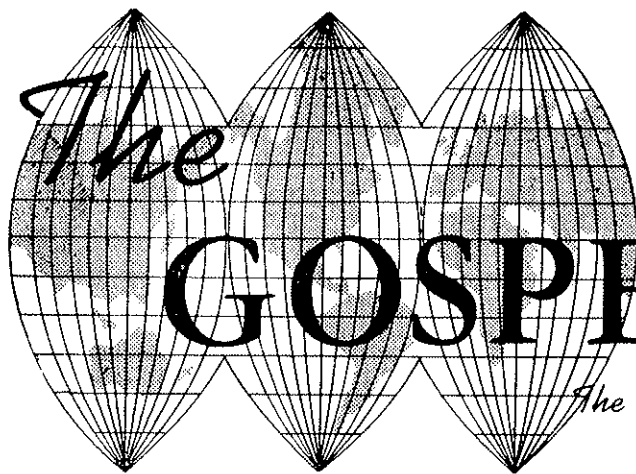
OCTOBER

7 - General Ladies Circle at Branch No. 3 in Detroit Michigan;

*12, 13, 14 - General Church Conference.

NOVEMBER

*11 - General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.



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Apostle Marks His 73rd. Birthday

Brother William Gennaro marked his 73rd. birthday last month. He is the son of the late Brother Frank and Sister Mary Gennaro, who came to the United States in 1895, from Italy.

He was born on September 18, 1899, on a farm in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania, into a family of five children; three boys and two girls. His early years were spent at Leetsdale, until they moved to Glassport, Pennsylvania, and Youngstown, Ohio. From there the family moved to Warren, Ohio where they lived for many years.

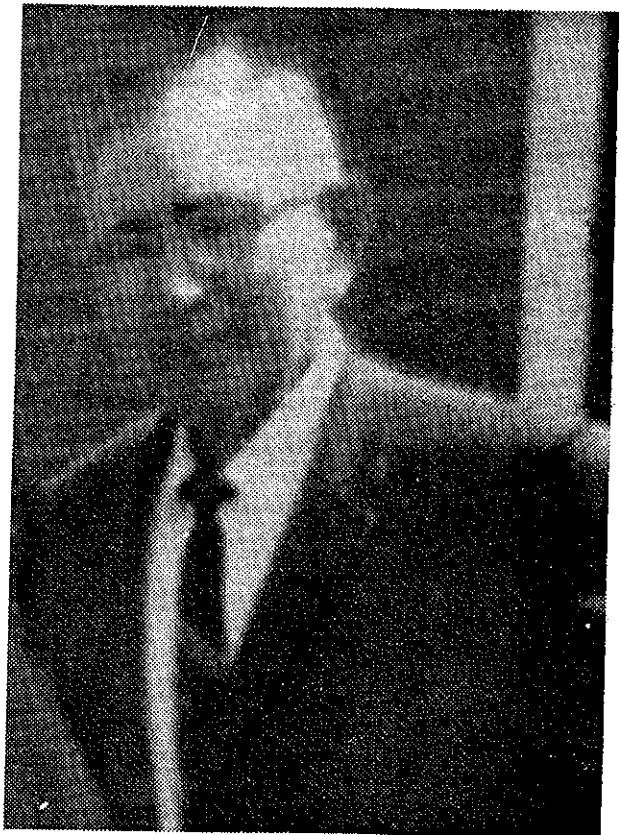
Brother Gennaro was baptized on July 13, 1924, at the age of 25, in Niles, Ohio, by Brother Frank Nastasi. In his testimony, he tells of how he was so ill, the brothers carried him to the waters of baptism, and through the mercy of God, he fully recovered. In 1925, Brother Gennaro was ordained a teacher, and two years later, in 1927, was called into the ministry. In 1932, he was called into the quorum of 70, in Warren, Ohio, and then in April 1956, was ordained an apostle in The Church.

He married the former Theresa Blank, of Lorain, Ohio, in September of 1925, and they made their home in Warren, Ohio. Two children, Betty Jane and Bill Jr. were born and have given Brother Bill and Sister Theresa seven grandchildren and one great - grandchild.

In December of 1965, Brother Gennaro retired from active work as a foreman with the Copperweld Steel Co. of Warren, Ohio. He was then able to devote more time to the General Church, the Warren, Ohio, Branch, and also missionary work, especially in Kent, and Perry, Ohio. He served as Presiding Elder of the Warren Branch for 10 years during the period from 1930 to 1967, and has many memories of the Brothers and Sisters, and the growth of The Church during those years.

In his active years as an Elder, he was called upon to perform many duties, including blessings, baptisms, marriages, and funerals. He remembers marrying at least 14 couples.

Brother and Sister Gennaro have made Youngstown, Ohio their home for the last five years, and are members of the Youngstown Branch. In recent years he has been afflicted with Parkinson's Disease, and has not been able to devote as much time to The Church as he would like. Brother Bill still enjoys visiting with the Brothers and Sisters, and recalling the many experiences and blessings of past years.



Apostle William Gennaro

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The Father And Son As Per The Word Of God

EDITORS NOTE:

In answer to many requests, the following article by our late Brother William H. Cadman is being reprinted from the February 1956 issue of *The Gospel News*. This is the first in a series of three articles.

THE FATHER & SON AS PER THE WORD OF GOD

The status of God and His Son Jesus Christ is causing much controversy among Christian people today - I will quote the scripture as it is written, on the matter, both in the Bible and Book of Mormon. The Saviour is referred to very much by Old Testament Prophets, but no where is He spoken of by them by the name "Jesus Christ," which name was given Him when He was born of the Virgin Mary, as is recorded in the scriptures.

To all believers in the Book of Mormon:—"Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another (We must remember that the Bible is the testimony of one nation, the Jewish People, and the Book of Mormon is the testimony of the Seed of Joseph, another nation of people.) "And when the two nations shall run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also." I have quoted from the Second Book of Nephi 29th Chapter, and the 8th verse. The Book of Mormon has been revealed in these last days, and along with the Bible are to become one in the hands of God in confounding false doctrine etc. It is my object to bring out of both Bible and Book of Mormon the testimony or the word as it is written and if there should be any comment on my part I want it understood that the word of God as given in both Books must be taken in preference to my own personal views. I expect the same attitude from all others who profess to believe the word of God. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

The personages of the Father and of the Son or God and Jesus Christ as referred to in both books seems to be confusing to many. In the first place the Book of Genesis tells us that God created this world and all things therein. In this instance the Creator is called God. In John first chapter we are told in the "beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Verse 1.

In the 14th verse the Word was made flesh meaning Jesus Christ and in verse 3 "All things were made by Him (the Word which was Christ; and without Him was not anything made that was made."

In Colossians 1:15, 16, 17, referring to Jesus Christ, it says that all things were created by Him and for Him. In Heb. 1-2 "by whom (meaning Christ) also he made the worlds."

Now, the sum of this matter is, that He that is spoken of in the creation of the world as God, is later known as Jesus Christ. And Jesus prays in John 17:5. "And Now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." And in John 6:62, "What and if ye shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was before?" If language means what it says, we MUST conclude that Jesus Christ was WITH the Father before He was born of the Virgin Mary.

Now let us bring in the testimony of the other people, the testimony of the Nephites as recorded in the Book of Mormon. To the readers of the Book of Mormon, it is well known that the Saviour was named Jesus Christ by prophets there in, long before He was born into the world.

During the destruction that befell the Nephite people, I refer you to Third Nephi 9:15, "Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God, I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father is in me; and in me hath the Father glorified His name." You must remember that this occurred during the three days of darkness while Jesus was in the tomb.

Now turn to Third Nephi 11:10, 11, He says:—"Behold I am Jesus Christ whom the prophets testified shall come into the world," and in verse 11 He says "I have suffered the will of the Father in all things FROM the beginning." In verse 14 He bids them to feel the prints of the nails in His hands and in His feet—"That ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth." (In this instance Jesus applies the term "God" to Himself).

Now, according to the testimony of the two nations which have run together as recorded in the Bible and Book of Mormon: Jesus Christ was with the Father in the beginning, and He Christ, created all things.

As to the titles used in referring to Christ by prophets before. He was born in the flesh, I refer you to Isaiah 9:6, "And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace:

The Psalmist says, "The Lord is my Shepherd," and Thomas called Him "My Lord and my God." in Rev. 1:8 He says: "I am Alpha, and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." He also says in John 17:24 "for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world."

In the Book of Mormon Third Nephi, 8:15 and before the darkness had dispersed I read: "Behold I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning, I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified His name. Those were the words of Jesus during the darkness that prevailed on this land while He was in the tomb. And according to His own words, He created the heavens and the earth, and says: "I was with the Father FROM the beginning." May I ask. Who can gain-say it?

I now refer you to Genesis 1: 1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In that case then, Creator is called God, and the preponderance of the evidence is, that Jesus Christ created all things.

In Third Nephi 15:5, Jesus says: "Behold, I am He that gave the law, and I am He who covenanted with my people Israel." This is a plain statement on the part of the Saviour that He gave the law to Moses, and remember that Moses lived long before Jesus was born. Turn to Exodus 20th chapter, verses 1, 2, It says: "And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." I have already quoted from Third Nephi, where Jesus says that it was He that gave the law—therefore, In Exodus 20th chapter, He is known as the Lord thy God. He gave the law and also it was He that brought Israel out of Egypt. The scripture is so plain in that matter, that is, if language means what it says.

In our Bible we read so much of the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob and the Holy one of Israel etc. Now let us turn to the Book of Mormon and learn what the other witness has to say, Turn to First Nephi 19:10, it was the "God of Abraham and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob who yieldeth Himself into the hands of wicked men, and was crucified, buried in a sepulchre," etc. Therefore the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is later known by the name of Jesus Christ — it was He that was

nailed to the cross. Yea, the God of Israel, later known as Jesus Christ was nailed to Calvary's Cross, and while on the cross, He cries to His father in heaven—"Father forgive them, they know not what they do." To me this makes plain the saying of Abinadi in Mosiah 15: 1, wherein he says: "I would that ye should understand that God Himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem His people." Jesus Christ is the Redeemer, and in Third Nephi 11:14, "He says 'I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth,'"—He was the Creator of the earth, therefore He is the God of the earth. Isaiah says: "Come let us reason together."

In Mosiah 15:3, 4, I read that He is the Son because of the flesh, thus becoming the Father and the Son, and 'they' which is plural, are one God. Christ is spoken of so much as the Holy One of Israel, and in the Book of Omni, verse 25, the Holy One of Israel is referred to as God.

Let us note again the saying of the Saviour in John 17:5, He says: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." We are taught very plainly, that He (Jesus Christ) created this world, are we not? He surely then was with the Father before the world was.

In John 6:62, He says: "What and if ye shall see the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) ascend up where He was before? And in verse 38 of the same chapter, He says: "For I (Jesus Christ) came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of Him (His Father) that sent me." — If I understand aright, the New Testament was translated from the Greek, May I ask, are the Saviour's sayings plain to us, are they still Greek? In Colossians 1:17 Paul says: "And He (Jesus Christ) is before all things and by Him (Jesus Christ) all things consist." In the same chapter verse 15 in speaking of Christ, Paul says: "He is the image of the invisible God." I might add that the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was not always invisible, for according to the testimony of the scripture. He was seen by many of His servants. In Exodus 24th chapter, He was seen on that occasion by 74 persons. I am quoting that which is written.

Now turn to the other witness again (Book of Mormon) and see what is recorded. In Third Nephi 26:5, I read of the holiness which is in Christ, who was before the world began. May I ask, if Christ did not exist before the world was: How could He have been the Creator of the world? Where is the reason of men? Remember that in the Third Book of Nephi 9:15 He says: "I created the heaven and the earth, and all things that in them are," Please: I have quoted the Saviour's words as they are written, and bear in mind all of you who profess faith in the Book of Mormon, that The Church of Jesus Christ teaches that Joseph translated from the plates, by the gift and power of God.

In the Book of Helaman 14:12, the prophet speaks of Jesus Christ, as "the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning." My readers, How can we say that He was not with the Father in the beginning? Are we as men, yea mortals, going to allow ourselves to become dictators to the word of God? Surely not. In the Book of Mormon 9:11, it teaches us of the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and of Jacob etc. — And it is the same God who created the heavens and the earth and all things that in them are." Again I ask you to remember the Bible and Book of Mormon informs us that Jesus Christ was the Creator.

In First Nephi 19:10. It is plainly stated that the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob would yield Himself into the hands of wicked men

and be crucified. In verse 13 of this same chapter, it says: "they shall be scourged because they crucify the God of Israel." I have quoted as it is written. Yea, Him that was hung upon the cross was named Jesus Christ, but with the prophets He was known as the God of Israel, etc. And we must not forget the fact, that while He suffered on the cross, He calls to His Father in heaven — "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? Likewise, did He while on earth pray very much to His Father as recorded by both witnesses — Bible and Book of Mormon.

There is a wonderful instance recorded in Second Nephi 31:14, 15. It reads as follows: "But, behold, my beloved brethren, thus came the voice of the Son unto me, (Nephi) saying: "After ye have repented of your sins, and witnessed unto the Father that ye are willing to keep my commandments, by the baptism of water, and have received the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, and can speak with a new tongue, yea, even with the tongue of angels, and after this should deny me, it would have been better for you that ye had not known me."

"And I heard a voice from the Father saying: Yea, the words of my Beloved (Son) are true and faithful. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." Readers, take note of this scripture. In this instance Nephi hears the voice of the Son and also hears the voice of the Father—This was before the Son was born into the world. Remember readers Jesus says He was with the Father before the world was — and both the Book of Mormon and Bible declares that the world and all things were created by Jesus Christ, and by Him all things consist—this was all before the virgin birth takes place. Nephi hears the Voice of the personage of the Father, and likewise hears the Voice of the personage of the Son, and these two persons including the Holy Spirit are one God, or as Paul uses the term, the Godhead. To be continued. P.S. In my further writings, I will continue to affirm the position taken by The Church of Jesus Christ, on the status of Father and Son as is recorded in No. 1 Doctrinal Pamphlet on page 5. President Cadman.

To Be Continued

You Should Know . . .

You should know. . .

The General Church property regulations require that all Branches and Missions shall carry adequate insurance at all times. This includes insurance on buildings under construction as well as existing buildings. (The minimum type of coverage should be an 80 per cent Co-Insurance Policy including fire, hazard and extended coverage insurance).

You should know. . .

That when young persons of questionable age or maturity request baptism, the following procedure is used: 1) The parents are consulted and 2) The Elders of that Branch consult each other before performing the baptism.

You should know. . .

That The Church will not ordain anyone into the Ministry who uses tobacco in any form. Further, Branches and Missions shall not ordain anyone to an ordained office who uses tobacco.

You should know. . .

That the showing of slides and films of ancient ruins and other historical material in our places of worship is to be left to the discretion of the Branch Priesthood.

Testimony Of Thurman S. Furnier

In order for me to relate how I became acquainted with the Gospel, it will be necessary for me to give you a brief history of my life, the communities where I was reared, etc., before God in His tender mercy moved upon me to obey the Gospel.

I was born at Allenport, Pa., April 21, 1888. I was reared by a Protestant father and mother and attended the Methodist Sunday School and Church of Allenport, Pa., for years; but never affiliated myself with any Church, until I joined The Church of Jesus Christ, August 23, 1914.

When I was one year old, my parents moved to Vesta No. 1, Pa. In my sixteenth year I left Allenport, Pa., and boarded with my brother at Smock, Pa. It was there that I became acquainted with my wife, whose maiden name was Birdie Mae Rikken.

When in my twentieth year I again returned to Allenport, Pa. We were united in marriage, December 24, 1907, and made our home at Allenport, Pa. We resided there until the spring of 1913, when we purchased a home at the forks of the road by the reservoir (now owned by the H. C. Frick Coke Co.) back of Smock, Pa.

You will note that I spent approximately twenty-one years of my early life in the Monongahela Valley. At that time there were branches of The Church at Lucyville, Pa., Little Red Stone, Pa., and Belle Vernon, Pa. These towns are within a few miles of Allenport, Pa., where I visited frequently. Accompanied by other young men, I would go out to the Gillespie Hollow, where the Little Red Stone Branch was located, and to Lucyville, Pa., to play baseball. On many occasions when going to these places my attention was called to singing and Church Services being held in people's homes. I remember well of thinking, these people surely must be a poor class of people, they cannot afford to have a Church building to meet in.

I also remember well of hearing my parents conversing about certain acquaintances of our family, who lived in that vicinity, namely: The Ashtons, the Meadowcrofts, etc., whom they referred to as "Mormons."

Since obeying the Gospel I have reason to suppose that the services referred to as "Mormons" were either members of The Church of Jesus Christ or some other part of the Restoration movement.

One time a man, whom we became acquainted with later, whose name was David Kennedy, a member of the Lucyville, Pa., Branch, stopped at our home in Allenport, Pa., and expounded the Gospel to my wife. He told her about The Church having purchased land in the State of Kansas, which he called Colony Land. He explained the object and purpose, why the land had been purchased, etc. When I came home from work that evening, my wife acquainted me with this man's visit and conversation.

I have mentioned these facts, to show how God moves in wisdom. None of these things had any effect upon me at that time. The Gospel was being preached, and had been preached in that community for years, but left no impression with me, other than what I have mentioned.

As I have stated before, we purchased a home near Smock, Pa., in the spring of 1913. We lived there until the fall of the same year, when I lost my position. We sold our home and moved to West Brownsville Jct., Pa.

While living there, Dr. Hamilton, an Evangelist was holding tabernacle meetings in Brownsville, Pa.

My wife and I attended services a number of times. Invitations were given nightly for people to "hit the sawdust trail" as it was called. My wife and I went forward, as was their custom, and shook hands with Dr. Hamilton. Personal workers then took our names and addresses and asked us what Church we wanted to belong to. We told them the "Methodist." The Methodist minister in that vicinity was to visit us, and we were to join the Church he was in charge of. Well, he never showed up, therefore we did not join any Church.

I had long been taught by my parents to live an honorable and moral life, therefore I was not the worst of sinners. A spirit of reformation was given me, but I was very much disappointed, for I had supposed that I would receive a greater change of heart than I did.

In the spring of 1914 we again purchased and moved back to the same property which we had sold during the fall of 1913. While living there we became acquainted with, and obeyed the Gospel. Apparently God had designated that particular spot for the purpose.

During all this time, I was desirous of joining some Church, but none appealed to me.

One day during the summer of 1914, my mother-in-law, Mrs. Rosalie Rikken, attended a Sheriff's Sale at Smock, Pa. While there she became acquainted with Mary Ann King, the wife of Martin King. They conversed about a number of things, finally their conversation drifted to Religion. Mrs. Rikken expressed herself freely "that she did not know of any Church, that was built upon the plan as laid down by Jesus Christ." Mrs. King replied, "You would be satisfied with the Church I belong to; it is The Church of Jesus Christ, and my husband is an Elder in The Church." Mrs. Rikken acquainted my wife (her daughter) about these things. My wife went immediately to the home of Martin King and arrangements were made for a meeting to be held at our house.

A number of our neighbors attended the meeting, including a Baptist Minister. Martin King was the only Elder present. He preached the Gospel as we had never heard it preached before. Mr. King had moved from Hawkeye, Pa. (near Mt. Pleasant, Pa.) to Smock, Pa., but had not held any meetings, until the aforementioned one at our house. After that he began to hold meetings regularly in the vicinity of Smock, Pa., in peoples' homes, whenever the invitation was given him.

Elders Nephi Federer, Chas. Ashton, Wm. Bailey, Amzi Lynn, Sr., Alexander Federer, Herman Kennedy and possibly others came from other branches of The Church and assisted in the meetings. I attended as many of the meetings as I possibly could, and became deeply interested. I found myself in prayer almost continually; when not in words, I had a prayer in my heart. My prayer was that God would make me a fit subject for baptism. One morning while kneeling at my bedside in prayer, the power of God's Spirit rested upon me, and as I arose, I was satisfied that I was ready for baptism. A number of others had expressed their desire to be baptized also.

On Sunday, August 23, 1914, my wife and I with five others of my wife's family were baptized by Martin King, in the reservoir near my home. Within a short time my wife, her father, mother, two brothers, three sisters and their husbands and myself (12 in all) had obeyed the Gospel.

Other baptisms followed from time to time. A mission and later a branch of The Church was organized at Smock, Pa.

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Editorial Viewpoint

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

by

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As we near election day, November 7, we cannot help but think of the important part and responsibility that millions of American citizens share in casting their ballots for the candidates of their choice. The voice of the people is essential in the election of qualified and dedicated people to public office at all levels of government; community, county, state, and national.

To vote is not only a privilege, but a civic duty. What is more, voting is also considered by many to be a religious obligation. The welfare of our citizens will largely be affected by the conduct and function of our government. In recent years, in fact, the spiritual welfare of our nation has been adversely affected because of what the government does or fails to do.

INTERESTING ACCOUNT

With regard to the importance of the voice of the people in government, there is an interesting account in the Book of Mormon that is both enlightening and informative. In the Book of Mosiah, Chapter 29, we read of a good king, Mosiah, whose reign began at the age of thirty. As he approached his sixty-third year and after a goodly reign of nearly thirty-three years, he was ready to relinquish his throne.

However, in a written message to his people, he wisely suggested that they consider a change in government. In Verse 10 he wrote, "And now let us be wise and look forward to these things, and do that which will make for the peace of this people. Verse 11, "Therefore, I will be your king the remainder of my days; nevertheless, let us appoint judges, to judge this people according to our law; and we will newly arrange the affairs of this people, for we will appoint wise men to be judges, that will judge this people according to the commandments of God."

He pursued the matter in Verse 25, "Therefore, choose you by the voice of this people, judges, that ye may be judged according to the laws which have been given you by our fathers, which are correct, and which were given them by the hand of The Lord." Verse 26, "Now it is not common that the voice of the people desireth anything contrary to that which is right; but it is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right; therefore this shall ye observe and make it your law—to do your business by the voice of the people."

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

King Mosiah then added a commentary in Verse 27, "And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you with great destruction even as he hath hitherto visited this land." Finally, in Verse 32, King Mosiah concluded his message to his people, "... but I desire that this be a land of liberty, and every man may enjoy his rights and privileges alike, so long as The Lord seeth fit that we may live and inherit the land, yea, even as long as any of our posterity remains upon the face of the land."

Mosiah's people willingly and gladly accepted his proposal and Verse 39 reads, "... they assembled themselves together in bodies throughout the land, to cast in their voices concerning who should be their judges, to judge them according to the law which had been given them; and they were exceedingly rejoiced because of the liberty which had been granted unto them."

GRATITUDE TO GOD

Thus we behold that, the people who inhabited this continent centuries before the founding of our American nation and its constitutional government, enjoyed the same rights and privileges that we enjoy. We rejoice in our "land of liberty" even as they were privileged to enjoy it. Let us praise God that we too as a nation can "observe and make it our law—to do our business by the voice of the people."

Let us be prayerful to God for guidance as we go to the polls that we may choose wise and goodly public officials who will promote the general welfare, and as King Mosiah desired, "do that which will make for the peace of this people."

TESTIMONY OF THURMAN S. FURNIER

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I shall never forget the first conference we attended at Hawkeye, Pa., in October 1914. The power of God rested upon those assembled. Bro. John Grimes expressed himself in these words, "I expected an Angel of God to appear, on account of the blessings of God being so great."

Shortly after I obeyed the Gospel, a number of brothers and sisters from other branches attended Sunday services at Smock, Pa. Bro. Nephi Federer preached a wonderful sermon in the morning. Our hearts were prepared for the afternoon testimony service.

I retired to a woods nearby, in fasting and prayer. I sincerely asked God to baptize me with "fire and the Holy Ghost." I returned to the place of meeting. During the course of the meeting, Sister Drucilla Gollick arose and spoke in the gift of tongues. The Spirit of God rested upon me, and I arose to bear my testimony. I remember well I was expressing my thankfulness to God for calling me (the only one of my father's family) into the Gospel, when suddenly the power of God rested upon me and with uplifted hands, I cried out in a loud voice, "I have got it, I have got it." It was the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost. The Power of God was resting on me so greatly I felt as though I could have lifted brick houses on my right and left hands. The room was crowded, but the spirit carried me to my brother-in-law, Richard Lowther. I took him by the hand and invited him to obey the Gospel. After embracing others, the power of God left me and my normal strength returned. What a contrast between the power of God and the strength of man! This can only be understood by those who have had the experience.

Shortly after the October 1914 Conference, my wife and I were bedfast with typhoid fever. We sent for the Elders of The Church. They ministered to us, anointing us with oil, laying hands on us and praying for us. (See St. James 5:14, 15.)

Dr. Hopwood was consulted. He left medicine with us. We told him our trust was not in Medical Science, but that we trusted in God, that He would heal us. He refused to come back. Complaints were made against us by some of our friends (who were not members of The Church). Whereupon we consulted Dr. Hopwood's nephew, who was also a Doctor. He came to see us from time to time, and tested the fever. We explained to him our faith, as we had previously explained it to his uncle. He did not contrary us in the least. Both of us were very sick, we had hemorrhage of the bowels. But by the tender mercies of God we recovered without the aid of one drop of medicine.

I recovered before my wife. Though weak in body I was able to attend the January 1915 Conference, held at McKeesport, Pa. My wife expressed her desire to attend also. She was unable to walk as yet. I told her there would be some way provided for her to go.

She was so determined to attend Conference, we arranged for her to go. The fever had settled in her feet and legs, they were swollen twice their normal size. She was rolled in wool blankets and carried, in arms like an infant, and placed in a buggy. She was then taken to the railroad station, and was carried into the railroad coach. Upon arrival at McKeesport, Pa., she was again placed in a buggy and taken to the hall where Conference was being held, and was carried to the second floor.

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The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

The Kingdom Of Heaven

Dear Girls and Boys,

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Do you believe this? It is a great promise. The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is as a precious jewel. Jesus told several parables to help us understand this. As Jesus told the people parables, he was fulfilling prophecy (Psalms 78: 2, 3), "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Mustard seeds grew in the land where Jesus lived. In the rich warm soil, these plants grew quite large. Although it was the smallest of seeds it often grew to the size of a tree and birds sat in its branches. The man in the parable planted good mustard seed in his field and it grew and grew until it was a big tree. It was the greatest among herbs. This seed was compared to the kingdom of heaven. Although it may seem small, it would grow and grow until it would include the earth. (Matthew 13: 31, 32)

Another interesting parable about the kingdom is compared to a treasure. Everyone likes treasures. In Jesus' time people did not have banks nor safety boxes to keep their valuables safe so they bought a field and hid their treasures in the ground. If a man knew of a treasure buried in a certain field he hurried to sell all he had to buy the field. How happy he was to purchase it and find treasures hidden in it. There is a good lesson in this story for us. We should be happy to give up everything of this world's treasures to obtain a place in the kingdom of God. (Matt. 13: 44)

The other parable is about a precious pearl. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking precious pearls. Who having found one pearl of great price sells all that he has and bought it." In those days pearls cost more than any other jewel. Just like the man in buying the field, he too, sold all he had to purchase something very precious. To us this "precious pearl", is The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us also lay up our treasures in heaven. (Matthew 13: 45, 46)

Jesus ended the stories with the parable of The Great Supper. He said, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Many people are called to serve God or to partake of the Great Feast but many excuses are given. Jesus will not turn anyone away who desires to serve Him and will not force anyone either. Just as everyone was welcome to the wedding supper so is everyone welcome to His Kingdom. The Jews were the first to hear, but they rejected Jesus. His words about this were, "The first shall be last and the last first." (Matthew 22: 1, 14)

Let us heed the words of the Master, "Have ye understood all these things?" And may the answer be, "Yea Lord." (Matthew 13: 51)

Sincerely, Mabel Bickerton

Shall We Meet Again

Amid the conflict of our day, the temptation, heart-aches, ungodliness — we ought to think seriously of eternity and the brighter things there.

Shall we meet again after this life? Many question this fact in word and deed, but God says we shall. This is made possible by the resurrection of Christ.

If we shall meet again, in what form? It is assumed true that flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God (**I Corinthians 15:51, 52**). Nothing fleshy nor earthly will enter. If then a spiritual body, will we recognize one another? Yes!, for Moses and Elijah were recognized. Jesus was known to those who cared. Those in hell will recognize the saved . . . **Be reminded** of this story that follows:

There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried and being in torment in hell, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy upon me and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame."

Abraham said, "Son, remember that you in your lifetime received good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted and you are in anguish."

Having seen that we shall meet again after this life — **WHAT THEN?** We should not as Christians despise the poor and regard the rich. We should love our neighbors as ourselves. Selfishness and segregation should not be seen in our daily life.

May God help you.

Brother George Ekpo
Claflin College, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Flashbacks

by
Charles Jumper, Jr.
25 Years Ago

A number of Brothers and Sisters from Detroit and Brother Rocco Biscotti of Cleveland held a meeting in Pontiac, Michigan.

The Saints at Warren, Ohio held the first meeting in their new building. Brother Gorie Ciaravino and Brother William Cadman spoke in the morning service.

20 Years Ago

October Conference was held in Warren, Ohio. Brother Rocco Biscotti and Sister Biscotti are in Italy visiting and doing some missionary work in that Country.

Brother Joseph Bittinger, Brother William Cadman and their wives visited among the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.

15 Years Ago

October Conference was held in Edison, New Jersey. Brothers Dominic Thomas and James Lovalvo spoke on the Restored Gospel and giving one's life purpose and direction.

Fredonia Mission reports three baptisms. Brother Russell Cadman is in charge of the missions in northern Pennsylvania.

The new church building in Youngstown, Ohio was dedicated. Brother Anthony Corrado, the Presiding Elder, gave a brief resume of how the Gospel was brought to Youngstown. The morning service was opened by Brother Domenic Thomas of Detroit, Michigan.

Scientists Find Answers To Space Mystery In The Bible

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what had been called a myth in the - **BIBLE IS TRUE?** Recently Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and a consultant in the space program, related the following:

"I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Md. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and planets out in space where they would be 100 or 1000 years from now. We have to know this so we do not send a satellite up and have it bump into something later on in its orbits. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the life of the satellite. They ran the computer measurements back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red light which meant that there was something wrong with either the information it had been fed or the results as compared to a given standard. The service department ran a check and found nothing was wrong with either, but the computer showed that there was **ONE DAY MISSING IN ELAPSED TIME IN SPACE!** They could find no answer for it.

"One religious fellow on the team recalled that the **Bible** mentioned a time in the **Old Testament** in which the sun stood still for nearly a day. They got a **Bible** and found in **Joshua** a pretty ridiculous statement for anybody who had common sense to believe. However, there it was in **Joshua 10:13**. The computers hummed as they retraced their steps to the time of **Joshua**, and added the time the scriptures said the sun stood still. It was close, but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in **Joshua's** day was 23 hours and 20 minutes . . . not a whole day. The **Bible** had said "about (approximately) a whole day."

"These little words in the **Bible** are important. They were still in trouble. If you cannot account for 40 minutes, you will be in deep trouble 1,000 years from now. The time had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits of the planets. The fellow who had started the scripture hunt remembered that the **Bible** also spoke about a time when the sun went backward. The spacemen told him he must be out of his mind, but they got the book and read **II Kings 20**. There **Isaiah**, as proof of a prophecy made to **Hezekiah** asked the Lord to turn back the sun 10 degrees. Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes. Therefore, 23 hours and 20 minutes in **Joshua** plus 40 minutes in **II Kings** make up the 24 missing hours that the space travelers would have to log in the log-book as being the missing day in the universe." Once again God is proving His divine **TRUTH** as - **REVEALED** in the **Bible, GOD'S WORD!**

(Adapted from the *Lakeview Messenger* — Copied from the *Illuminator*, edited by Robert K. Stewart).

10 Years Ago

Brother John Ross and Sister Mary Ross left for Nigeria, West Africa. This is the first trip to Africa for Sister Mary; Brother John is making his second journey, having gone to Nigeria in 1960.

Brother Joseph Milantoni and Brother Mark Randy spoke at an area gathering of the Missionary Benevolent Association of Branch No. 3, Detroit, Michigan.

Sterling Heights Mission

We are happy to announce that the Michigan - Ontario District has opened a new Mission in the Warren and Sterling Heights area. This Mission was organized on June 28, 1972, after a series of meetings were held. These meetings were well attended by Brothers and Sisters and a number of non-members. There is a lot of enthusiasm among our people in this area to help in this work, much of this enthusiasm was created from the many spiritual experiences which were had since this mission started.

The Brothers and Sisters, both young and old, are working together to help in spreading the gospel in this area. The feeling of the Brothers and Sisters of The Sterling Heights Mission is a sincere one. Their interest is in seeing The Church of Jesus Christ grow and there is a wonderful spirit of unity felt by all.

We are happy to have the following Brothers of the Priesthood visit with us since we started having our meetings. Brothers Sam Sgro, Carmen Sgro, Paul D'Amico, Dominic Thomas, Dominic Moraco and Spencer Everett. These visits were appreciated by all and proved very uplifting to all.

May God continue to bless our Brothers to preach this Gospel. We would like to acknowledge Brother Reno Bologna our District President for the wonderful help that he has been to the Sterling Heights Mission. His work is deeply appreciated by all. Sister Isabel Bologna is also a great help and inspiration to all. Brother and Sister Bologna drive many miles every week to be with us, may God continue to bless them.

We would also like to acknowledge the following of our Sterling Heights Priesthood, for the fine job they are doing: Paul Whitton, John Buffa, Louis Vitto, Carl Frammolin, and Anthony Gerace.

We ask that God would bless each and everyone of our Brothers and Sisters and friends in The Church and we of the new Sterling Heights Mission extend an invitation to all to come and visit with us. God bless you all.

Editor of Sterling Heights Mission
Brother Louie Visconti

Work Day At The General Church Auditorium

On August 12, 1972, the Pa. District Trustees scheduled a work day at the General Church Auditorium. The purpose was to get done some work concerning maintenance of the interior and exterior of the building. Five branches out of the nine in the Penna. area were represented totaling 15 hard-working people to accomplish the following projects:

1. air vents on the roof to be painted
2. utility shed to be assembled at the rear of the building
3. concrete patio floor for the utility shed laid (patio slabs).
4. paint chain and post at driveway entrance
5. rake and prepare parking island for mowing
6. change all furnace filters
7. clean up all debris over church grounds
8. repair washout at the driveway entrance
9. cut tall grass and brush along road side that obstructs the view of the auditorium
10. replace all burnt out light bulbs (exterior)
11. wash all windows both interior and exterior
12. vaccum all the pew seat cushions
13. install gate at garbage area
14. weed killer to be sprayed in parking lot
15. install screen door for the kitchen
16. mowing the banks along the roadside

Atlantic Coast Branches Uplifted By Visit Of Brother And Sister Bittinger

The Atlantic Coast District was honored with the presence of Brother Joseph and Sister Edna Bittinger from July 16th thru 26th, 1972. During these ten days, we have had the privilege of spending quite a bit of time with our Brother and Sister through special meetings at the various Branches in New Jersey and New York, at the M.B.A. and at social gatherings at different homes of the Saints.

There were services held in Edison, New Brunswick, Hopelawn, Metuchen and Freehold, New Jersey and in Bronx, New York. Brother Joseph spoke on many different subjects, such as the Love of God, Faith, Restoration, and of Jesus the Solid Rock, the sure foundation of The Church of Jesus Christ. He emphasized how the Saints of God should be as the potter's clay, that we would be molded into a vessel that is pleasing unto God.

Children Encouraged

On Tuesday evening, July 18th, Brother Joseph and Sister Edna attended a program given by the New Jersey Vacation Bible School children. This program was the conclusion of a very successful week. Brother Joseph spoke some very encouraging words to the children, bringing out the fact that "what you have learned this past week will remain with you all the days of your lives and someday we may see many of you being used for the work of the Gospel."

Elders Admonished

On Thursday evening, July 20th, a District Elders meeting was held at the New Brunswick Branch. After discussing various points of business, the remaining time was given to Brother Joseph to speak to us. He admonished the Elders that Satan is trying desperately to destroy The Church and that, "You should get busy and do what you can for The Church now, while many of you are still young. There is much work to be done. in these latter days. Let us not wait for a better time because there will never be a better time than right now." All the Elders present enjoyed his words very much and can testify to the fact that he was surely led by the Spirit in speaking to us.

Another very interesting part of their visit was when Brother Joseph showed many slides of his visits to Arizona, South Dakota and Africa. It was truly a blessing to all to view the many pictures he had of the Saints of God in the Mission Fields.

Thank You

It is impossible to put in writing everything that has been said and done throughout these past two weeks, so in conclusion, on behalf of the Atlantic Coast District, we thank you Brother Joseph and Sister Edna, for thinking of us here in New Jersey and for sharing with us that wonderful feeling of Love that we have in the Gospel. Our sincere prayer is that God may bless our Brother and Sister, that He may prolong their lives that they may continue to help in promulgating the Gospel upon this earth.

District Secretary,
Brother George Benyola.

About 75 per cent of the projects were accomplished with the exception of the last four items on the list. It was a wonderful day to work and each person that was assigned to his job, did it with great enthusiasm and love toward The Church. A good meal was served for added pleasure. May we extend our sincere thanks to all who gave of their time and energy to OUR CHURCH.

Sincerely,
The Pa. Board of Trustees

Brief News Of Interest

Golden Anniversary

Brother Joseph Capone and Sister Concetta Capone of Bell Branch, California, were guests of honor at a Golden Anniversary party given by their children, Sister Mary Scalise, Brother Tony Capone, Brother Peter Capone, Sister Catherine Vitto, and John Capone. The Party was held in a park building in South Gate, California. Many friends, relatives, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ gathered from all over to be with Brother and Sister Capone to help commemorate this happy occasion.

Their son, Brother Peter Capone and their daughter, Sister Catherine Vitto, both from Detroit Michigan came here to be with their parents at this time. Sister Capone's brother Antonio Meo traveled here from Florence, Italy. Brother Peter Capone of Branch No. 4 of Detroit, Michigan; who is Brother Capone's brother, was also present. Their granddaughter, Toni Billings and her three children from White Lake, Mich. were here also.

Brother and Sister Capone have five children, 18 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. They have spent 35 of their 50 years together as members of The Church of Jesus Christ serving God together.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Brother Paul and Sister Grace D'Amico of Lockport, New York celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 6, 1972. May God bless them and give them many more years together.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity via the *The Gospel News* to thank all my Brothers and Sisters for remembering my husband, Tony in his hour of need.

May God Bless all with His abiding love. Prayers are still requested and we acknowledge humbly the Great I Am as our All in All.

Sincerely-in-Christ

Sister Mary Santilli

The Holy Bible And The Book Of Mormon

Submitted by T. D. Bucci

These books contain: — The mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character.

Here, heaven is opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our God its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

Author Unknown

One Baptism At Pa. Area MBA Campout

By RUTH LAIRD, Area Editor

September 4th brought to a close a beautiful and peaceful Pennsylvania Area MBA Campout. Saints and friends met at the Pine Springs Camp in Jennerstown, Pa. on Thursday, August 31 — approximately 185 were registered by Saturday with a total of 250 attending the Sunday Service.

We gathered each morning for a chapel service to begin our day in praise to God. "Standing on the Promises", the theme of the Seminars, showed God's promises to us as being wonderful, and we should strive to be worthy of them. As stressed in our meetings, this can be done by growing in the Gospel, not staying at the water's edge following baptism.

An inspiring and beautiful song entitled "For Those Tears" seemed to be our camp song. In part, it reads: And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by My side,

I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied,
I felt every teardrop, when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died"

This reminds us of the fact that Jesus cares for each of us, and is giving each of us the invitation to come to Him.

During an evening service, the older group — 35 and up — were asked to sing. The younger group enjoyed this, and also benefited from their testimonies. We know that the older ones give us much-needed encouragement and their wisdom helps to keep us going in the right direction.

The climax of the camp came when Sister Iva Fedorka, who has been attending the Glassport Branch, asked for her baptism. There was no service scheduled for Sunday afternoon, but by a few people gathering around the piano to sing and by God's drawing spirit, many were attracted, and finally almost the entire camp was gathered in a meeting in which each of us felt God's presence. Sister Iva testified to the fact of repaying God for what he has done for her by being obedient and following Him.

Five areas of The Church were represented: Pennsylvania, Arizona, Michigan - Ontario, Ohio and the Atlantic Coast. We were privileged to have Bro. Gorie Ciaravino, the Church President, and his wife with us.

A general synopsis of our few days together, whether in chapel, seminars, meetings or ball games was that it was uplifting being together and enjoying God's Spirit and blessings. If you were there, you know that God was also; if you weren't, we invite you to see for yourself at future campouts.

News From Niles

We enjoyed a beautiful day at Niles, Ohio, on August 7, 1972 as Dorothy Fortunato was taken to the waters of baptism by Brother Joseph Genaro. She was confirmed by Brother Donald Pandone.

We had visitors from Arizona, California and Youngstown, Ohio.

Sister Sandra Cardillo from Youngstown, Ohio, sang "Lovest Thou Me", which truly was beautiful.

Those that went to the G.M.B.A. Campout brought back the spirit that was felt at the campout because our branch had 3 new converts baptized that week. They were Wayne Martorano, James Genaro, Lorene Ciarrochi. We at the Niles branch thank God for all He has done for us. We ask that you might continue to pray for our branch that we may stay strong and we will pray for each of you.

Sister Wanda Pandone

Branch & Mission News

News From San Diego, California

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

Have you heard the hymn "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul?" Our San Diego quartet sings it from time to time, and it well describes how our Branch has been feeling for some time now. The Lord has made His presence felt in our meetings so much that time is forgotten — no one wants the service to end.

We are all desirous, old and young, to be together and not miss any services for fear we will miss a great blessing. The Lord has greatly blessed the young people here, bestowing upon them a portion of His Love and Spirit which is so wonderful. Their enthusiasm is "catching" to all of us. Our young people have been working along with Brothers William DeFranco and Lou Ciccati on the Viejas Indian Reservation here, and God blesses them in so many ways.

From the wonderful day (Sunday, March 5) that Sister Jane Leiker arose and asked to be renewed in The Church, until the present time, we have witnessed the baptisms of nine young people in our beautiful San Diego Bay. Most of them are friends of our young people who brought them to Church.

We are humbly grateful to God for all His love and mercy towards us. He has answered many of our prayers for the afflicted and helped us in our projects. Our Presiding Elder, Brother Thomas Liberto, and the rest of our Ministry here endeavor to exhort and help us all they can, stressing the importance of fasting and praying. We are grateful for this and pray that God will continue to bless them as well as His blessed Ministry everywhere. We pray that our Church, the beautiful Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, will all be united in His love, old and young — no "generation gap."

Oh, that the whole world might know the love and peace we have found through our Saviour in these latter days! Sincerely we request your prayers, as we pray for all of you, that together we may all endure until the end as we journey on this beautiful pathway. May God help all of His people everywhere. We thank God again and again for all His love and blessings.

The nine new converts are as follow:

Gary Joe Anderson — Baptized by James Tucker, confirmed by Thomas Liberto

Tina Marie Tucker — Baptized by James Tucker, confirmed by William DeFranco

Lynn Marisa Liberto — Baptized by Thomas Liberto, confirmed by Benjamin Ciccati

Robert Edward Womack — Baptized by Domenic Castelli, confirmed by James Tucker

Sharon Grace Smith — Baptized by Thomas Liberto confirmed by Benjamin Ciccati

Donna Hayward — Baptized by James Tucker, confirmed by Domenic Castelli

Teri Lou McGregor — Baptized by James Tucker confirmed by Frank Genaro

Mavis Marie Hayward — Baptized by Benjamin Ciccati, confirmed by William DeFranco

God Bless you all.

Your Sister in Christ,

Lena Liberto, San Diego, California

Branch Editor

New Brunswick Branch-July

The New Brunswick Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ has been very blessed in the month of July. We had many visitors from all over the country. The Spirit of God prevailed and was felt in the Saints Testimonies.

July 16th was the most poignant meeting, Brother Joe Perri and his family visited as well as Sister Margaret Benyola.

Brother Eugene Perri, Sr. opened the meeting with the **15th Chapter of Mosiah**. His son Brother Joe Perri continued expounding and talking. Brother Eugene said it would probably be the last time he would speak in our Branch. He has been a pillar of our Branch as well as of The Church. Serving his God as best he knew how. He will be missed by all The Saints here but as he said the Saints in Florida were glad he was going there. He has served our Branch for 46 years and was instrumental in building the Church here.

The Holy Spirit prevailed in the afternoon meeting. We had many wonderful testimonies and speaking of tongues.

Among the many visitors to our Branch this month were: Sister Angelina Abruzzese of California; Sister Rose Rogolino of Fort Pierce, Florida; Sister Nancy Moroni and son John of Arizona; Brother Roger Mazzeo and wife Anne Marie and son of Arizona; Sister Millie Maffio and Sister Carmella Mazzeo both of Lake Worth, Florida.

Brother Joseph Bittinger spoke on the Restoration at another of our meetings. We are glad and rejoice when we can fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters.

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Louise Micale

Glassport Receives New Sister From Pennsylvania Area Campout

The spirit of repentance fell upon our new Sister in Christ, Iva Fedorka while attending the Pennsylvania Area Campout at Pine Springs Camp, at Jenners-town, Pa., on Sunday September 3, 1972.

Sister Iva has been attending our services in Glassport since May of this year, after being introduced to The Church by Brother Ken Staley. A few weeks prior to her baptism she had requested prayers stating that she desired to be a follower, and witness for Jesus Christ.

Many were a witness to her baptism including our General Church President Brother Gorie Ciaravino.

After her baptism by Brother Carl McCartney she was confirmed by Brother Joseph Bittinger.

Sister Iva had to leave the campout that evening because she had to prepare to leave for her first year at college at the Johnstown Campus of the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to her leaving home for college, Brother Alma Nolfi, along with a few Brothers and Sisters met in his home and received our new sister. Since just being baptized and not receiving Holy Communion Brother Alma Nolfi administered Sacrament to her and those in attendance.

The blessing of God was felt by all. Again we all wish our new Sister God's richest blessings and may her days be long, and fruitful in The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

New Brunswick Branch-Aug.: Visitors, Baptism And Ordination

The Spirit of God has been manifested in the meetings that were held in our Branch for the month of August.

The Saints enjoyed a visit from Brother Dominic Moraco and his family from Detroit, Michigan. His talk on the **3rd chapter of Mosiah** was very inspiring. When he spoke of his mother many of our members were reminded of happy memories.

Brother James Howard visited from Freehold speaking on **Matthew 16 verses 25, 26**. The brother was inspired and awoke a spirit that continued throughout the day. Even causing the very young to participate in calling a hymn and testifying.

Our Branch was blessed to hear a young girl ask for her Baptism on August 27th. Linda Diane Coppa, sixteen, was baptized by Brother Salvatore Sgro in Perth Amboy. She was confirmed by Brother Carmen Sgro. We delight in this young sister dedicating her life to God particularly since none of the members of her family attend our meetings. We pray she will be an inspiration to them.

Sister Louise Micale was ordained a Deaconess. Her feet were washed by Sister Geneva Renda and she was ordained by Brother Carmen Sgro on August 27, 1972.

We are sorry to say we lost one of our members. Sister Francesca Motto has gone to her reward. She was born on December 27, 1882. She would have reached her 90th birthday in December. Sister Motto was baptized on November 7, 1926 by Brother Rocco Biscotti and confirmed by Brother Eugene Perri, Sr.

This Sister was a meek, humble and loving Sister. I remember her always being the first to give her testimony. As Brother Salvatore Sgro said, we couldn't always understand because she gave her testimony in Italian yet you knew by the tone of her voice she was praising and glorifying her Lord.

GLASSPORT RECEIVES NEW SISTER FROM Pennsylvania area campout

Warren, Ohio Announces Five Baptisms, One Ordination

Everett R. Kenney Sr. — Baptized by Bro. Jerry Giovannone, August 6, 1972. Confirmed by Brother A. A. Corrado

Emma Keeney — Baptized by Bro. Jerry Giovannone, August 6, 1972. Confirmed by Brother Richard Santilli

Theresa A. Corso—Baptized by Brother Jerry Giovannone, August 6, 1972. Confirmed by Brother Ralph Berardino

Bell Brown — Baptized by Brother Elmer Santilli, August 13, 1972. Confirmed by Brother Harry Robinson

Albert Brown — Baptized by Brother Harry Robinson, August 13, 1972. Confirmed by Brother Jerry Giovannone

One Ordination —
August 20, 1972 — Brother Mitchell Edwards was ordained a teacher. Feet Washed by Brother Jerry Giovannone. Ordained by Brother Frank Giovannone

A Dream Fulfilled

The power of God truly was manifested in the calling of three souls into His Church on Sunday, August 6, at the Warren, Ohio Branch. During the morning service, Everett R. Keeney Sr., who has been attending church services for a few weeks asked to be baptized. While our Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown was speaking during the confirmation service at 7:00 p.m., Theresa A. Corso got up and stated that she wanted to be baptized. This young sister has been attending church for sixteen months and many prayers have been answered in her behalf.

While preparing for her baptism at the water site, Emma Keeney, the wife of Brother Everett asked to be baptized also. After confirming our two sisters, Brother Jerry Giovannone related a dream which he had the night of August 3, 1972. Brother Jerry stated that the Elders had asked the branch this past week to make special prayers in behalf of those who had been attending for some time, that God might call them into The Church. He went on to say that on Wednesday, August 2, 1972, he was inspired to contact someone with a backhoe to dig a place in the creek to perform baptisms. The next day the man came to clear the creek.

That night Brother Jerry had a dream that he was standing in the water with a garden hoe in his hand preparing the place of baptism for Brother and Sister Keeney while many of the Brothers and Sisters were standing on the bank watching him. He then saw Theresa Corso step forward from the group of Brothers and Sisters and ask; "Brother Jerry, are you going to baptize?" Brother Jerry stated that he answered; "I have the authority to baptize." Then he awoke. While Brother Jerry related this dream, which was fulfilled this day, it truly confirmed the manifestation of God's power.

The following Sunday, August 13, the Warren Branch was visited by Brothers Rocco V. Biscotti, Harry Robinson and Elmer Santilli and on this day the same spirit of repentance prevailed and Bell Brown and his sister Alberta asked for their baptism. May God bless our five new converts as they walk in the newness of life. Brother Mitchell Edwards was ordained into the office of Teacher on August 20, 1972. We pray that he will be inspired by the Lord to fulfill his duties in this office. May God Bless everyone and greetings from the Warren, Ohio branch.

Baptism At Windsor, Canada

"Speak My Lord" was the theme of the day as Norman Seneca was converted into The Church. While he was away on vacation the Lord spoke to our Brother that he should "Repent and be Baptized". He left his vacation and returned to be baptized in Windsor, Canada.

Brother Seneca was baptized on August 13, 1972, by Brother Allen Henderson and confirmed by Brother Tony Gerace, who was visiting with the Saints in Windsor.

The Spirit of God was felt by all in attendance and we were made to exclaim O Israel! O Israel! In all your abidings, Prepare for Your Lord, when you hear the glad tidings.

Brother Bob Stanek

Nuptials

Fragole - Allen

Mr. John Fragol and Miss Barbara Allen were joined in holy marriage in the Colgate Divinity Chapel at Rochester, New York. Brother Paul D'Amico officiated at the ceremony.

The newlyweds will reside in Greece, New York.

Azzinaro - Sharrow

Mr. Timothy Azzinaro and Miss Anna L. Sharrow were joined in holy wedlock in the home of the groom's parents at Lockport, New York. Brother Paul D'Amico, uncle of the groom, officiated at the ceremony.

The newlyweds will reside in Lockport, New York.

Risola - Zinzi

Brother Dominic Risola, son of Brother Sam and Sister Rose Risola, and Sister Gelsa Zinzi, daughter of Brother Nicholas and Sister Pearl Zinzi, were united in holy matrimony on September 2, 1972 at the Bronx, New York Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother James R. Link officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Linda Gomes.

The newlyweds will reside in Bronx, New York.

Obituaries

Kenneth Leopoldo

Mr. Kenneth Leopoldo, son of Anthony and Sophie Leopoldo, passed from this life on August 12, 1972. He was born on April 9, 1951, and he attended The Church of Jesus Christ in Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1.

He was buried at the White Chapel Cemetery where Brother Louis Vitto and Brother Carl Frammolin conducted the funeral services on August 16, 1972.

Surviving him are his parents, Anthony and Sophie, two brothers, one sister, one grandmother, and his fiancée, Nancy.

Kenneth will be missed by all who knew him, and our prayers are that God will bless and comfort the family and his loved ones.

Francesca Motto

Sister Francesca Motto, a member of the New Brunswick Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on Tuesday, August 29, 1972. She was born on December 27, 1882. She was baptized November 7, 1926.

She is survived by three sons, two daughters, twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren.

Brother Carmen Sgro of New Brunswick conducted the funeral services. Sister Francesca was a meek, humble and loving Sister who loved and served God all her life. She will be greatly 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:

Jeremy David to David and Donna Ciccati of San Diego, California;

Robert Spencer to Carey and Susan Jane Bolen of Lake Worth, Florida;

Meditations

PSALM I

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.

Quotes worth remembering

1) An idol may be defined as any person or thing that has usurped in the heart - the place of pre-eminence that belongs to the Lord.
Arthur Wallis.

2) Love means to love that which is unlovable, or it is no virtue at all; forgiving means to pardon that which is unpardonable, or it is no virtue at all; And to hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is not virtue at all. G. K. Chesterton

1972 Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1972 events of General Church and regional interest:

Denotes meeting will be held in The General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

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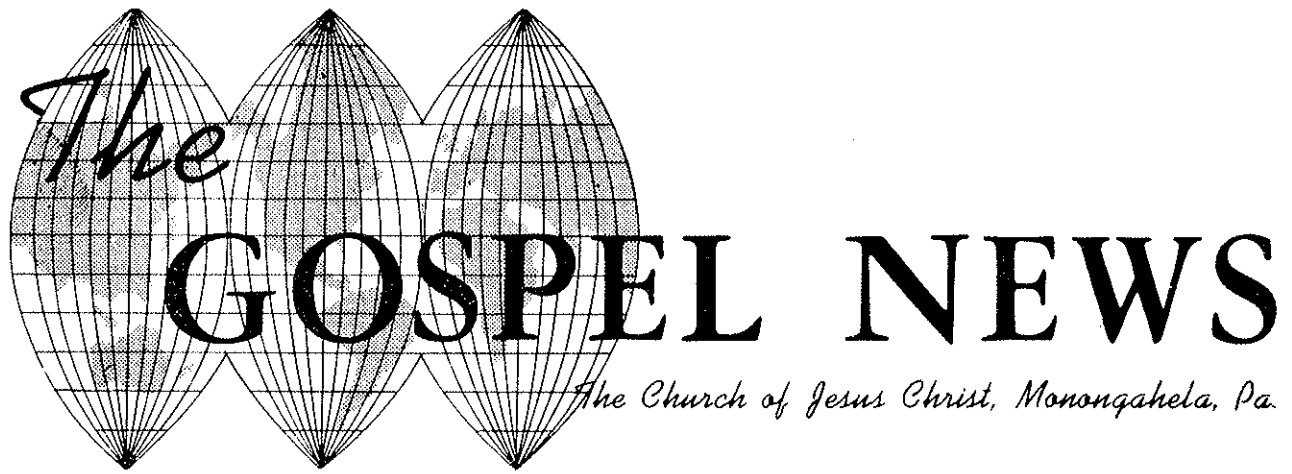
7 - General Ladies Uplift Circle in Detroit Branch
No. 3.

19, 20, 21 and 22 - General Church Conference.

November

11 - General Missionary Benevolent Association Conference.

All Church organizations are invited to send in dates of their coming events for publication in your Gospel News Church Calendar. . . . Send to: Joseph Ross, No. 2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001.



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Thanksgiving Hymn

(Air—"America")

O thou, whose eye of love
Looks on us from above
 Low at thy throne
We come to thee and pray
That, gleaning day by day,
Our grateful hearts always
 Thy hand may own.

Thine are the waving fields,
Thy hand the harvest yields;
 And unto thee
To whom for rain and dew,
And skies of sunny blue,
Our love and praise are due,
 We bend the knee.

And when beneath the trees
In fairer fields than these
 Our glad feet roam,
There where the bright harps ring,
May we our gleanings bring,
And in thy presence sing
 Our harvest home.

Anon.

Testimony Of Thurman S. Furnier

(Continued from last issue)

She sat through an all-day meeting on Saturday, and the Sunday morning services. The afternoon service was underway, when she bore her testimony, while sitting, on account of not being able to stand. She requested to be anointed. She was carried from her seat to the front of our meeting house and was ministered to. She immediately received healing, arose to her feet and walked back to her seat. The next morning we boarded a train for Smock, Pa., and she walked from there to our home in the country, a distance of two miles. The swelling had all left her feet and legs. She continued from that time on to do her own work, and has been in good health from that time to the present.

Shortly after obeying the Gospel, the **Book of Mormon** was presented to me. I did not know what it was, but supposed it to be a Bible story or something of the kind. I was then reading the **New Testament**, which I was very much interested in, and made reply to my wife (for the **Book of Mormon** was left with her, and it was she who presented it to me) that I had no time for other books at the present. I read the **New Testament** through twice, to satisfy myself of the things I was hearing preached from time to time by our Elders, etc. After finishing reading the **New Testament** the second time, I inquired of my wife, where is that book that The Church has and believes in? Upon receiving it and finding that it was supposed to have been given to a man (Joseph Smith, Jr.), by an Angel of the Lord, I became very sincere, because I was afraid of being led away by false spirits. I went to a hill across the river from West Brownsville Jct., (crossing over the railroad bridge, for I was at that time employed at W. J. Tower, as a telegrapher, for the Pennsylvania R.R. Co.), and knelt down and petitioned the Lord to direct me. I knew that I had done God's will thus far, but I was afraid to trust in the arm of flesh. By some of my Brothers or Sisters telling me an Angel gave this book to Joseph Smith did not satisfy me.

I made it plain in my prayer to God, that I was afraid of being led away by false spirits, and also asked him to manifest himself to me, relative to the truthfulness of the **Book of Mormon**. Upon reading more of the book, I was caused to have so much joy, that the power of God came down on me from time to time, and I would tell the Train Dispatcher and others what wonderful truths I had found. I guess they thought me crazy or mad.

Upon further investigation, I read that God would manifest the truth of the things written in the **Book of Mormon** by the gift of the Holy Ghost, if asked of the truthfulness of them in the name of Jesus Christ. This satisfied me. I can testify that God by His Holy Spirit, has shown me that the **Book of Mormon** is the work of God, and worthy of any person's investigation.

Some time after I was ordained into the Priesthood, I was given an experience that showed me I would be used to preach the Gospel, but that I would be moved from place to place in doing so. During the year of 1916, I was rather mysteriously moved upon to resign my position with the Pennsylvania R.R. Company and move to Sunshine, Pa., near Martin, Pa. My wife's folks had previously moved there.

At that time, my wife's brother Wade Riggen, was a young man, about seventeen years of age. He was a Teacher in The Church. He, with other members of the family, had a number of people in that vicinity

interested in the Gospel. We obtained permission to hold services in an abandoned school building, which previously had been used from time to time for holding "Union Church" meetings.

Brother Nephi Federer and others came to visit us and conducted the Sunday Services. We baptized a number of people, and within a short time, a branch of The Church was organized there. During the time I served as Presiding Elder at that place, I witnessed the power of God made manifest in diverse ways, the sick were healed, the gift of tongues was spoken from time to time; I saw devils cast out by the power of God. Many received the pure testimony of Jesus Christ. There was a general manifestation of the gift and power of God. Yes, we were very happy people.

Sunshine, Pennsylvania, was a coal mining town. The members finally became scattered, and the spiritual work ceased. Some found work in other localities, some joined other branches of The Church and some were lost to our knowledge.

Since that time I have been a member of the following branches: Lucyville (later known as Roscoe, Pa.); Little Red Stone, Pa.; Dunlevy, Pa., and Detroit, Michigan.

During the fall of 1926 I was directed to seek work in Detroit, Michigan. I had no difficulty obtaining a position. I moved my family to Detroit in November 1926. I assisted in helping the spiritual work along. The membership increased steadily, until there are now four branches of The Church in Detroit, having a membership of approximately five hundred.

I also assisted in the preaching of the Gospel, and organizing of The Church at Windsor, and Muncey, Ontario, Canada.

I could write page after page of experiences that were God-given. I thank God for all of His goodness, and am determined by His grace to serve Him the remainder of my days. I will be fifty-four years old the twenty-first day of this month, which is the month of April, 1942.

May the God of Heaven aid those that may read this, my humble testimony, and the testimony of others, to believe and obey the Gospel, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Editorial Viewpoint

LET US GIVE THANKS

Sing unto The Lord with thanksgiving; sing
praise upon the harp unto our God.
Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who
prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh
grass to grow on the mountains.
He giveth to the beast his food, and
to the young ravens which cry.
... Praise ye The Lord.

Psalm 147:7, 8, 9, 20.

The psalmist's beautiful and stirring exhortation to return thanks and praise God for his blessings and providence are surely most fitting and timely during this autumnal and harvest season.

We are reminded here of the memorable Proclamation for Thanksgiving by President Abraham Lincoln dated October 3, 1863. He, too, like the psalmist, was moved to invite the people of his day to give thanks and praise to God, The Proclamation, in part, reads eloquently:

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God. . . . the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore.

GRACIOUS GIFTS

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to a beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

President Lincoln's grateful attitude toward God was remarkably and notably reflected in his invitation to all Americans to join him in a national day of thanksgiving and praise to the most high God. During a time of heavy burdens imposed by the office of President and despite the fact, as he wrote, that they were "in the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity," we are awed by his forthright readiness to count the nation's blessings and gratefully acknowledge the generous providence of an Almighty God.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

I am sure that we, too, can count our blessings that have been so liberally showered upon us by the Hand of Providence during the year that is so swiftly rolling on to its close.

Our fields continue to be fruitful and our industry continues to be productive. Freedom and liberty continue to be our precious bounties from the God and Author of Liberty.

However, during this Thanksgiving season, we are burdened and pained because of the continuance of the war in Vietnam that has taken many lives and wounded so many people, including many Americans.

May we feel moved, in this case, as President Lincoln was moved in his Thanksgiving proclamation when he recommended that the people "fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand . . . to restore it (America), as soon as may be consistent with Divine purpose, to the full enjoyment of peace . . ."

May God bring peace to the divided and desolate little country of Vietnam, for their good as well as ours.

Psalm 100:4 Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Holds Annual Conference

We were thankful for a beautiful, sunny day, Saturday, September 16 when the Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. held their conference. More than 100 members and friends from eight Pennsylvania locals attended the outdoor meeting at Brother Chuck and Sister Newanna King's "Ranch".

Various committee chairmen gave reports of the activities held over the past year: a Seminar Day, 2 Area meetings, an Outing, the collection of clothes for Six Nations and our Campout.

We all look forward to these activities during the coming year along with new projects to fulfill the M.B.A. purpose — to help those in the mission fields.

Following the afternoon session, we had a potluck supper and business was reconvened. We were privileged to have with us two of the General Church Apostles, Brother Joseph Bittinger and Brother Russell Cadman. We enjoyed the advice and comments they extended to us during the course of the meeting.

Officers for the coming year will be:

President	Bob Nicklow
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Following the business, a weiner roast got underway, along with hayrides for all ages — the youngest, about 4 years old, all the way to the oldest — about 73 years old!

We are thankful for everyone's attendance and especially the attendance of the Elders. All of the Elders are encouraged to attend — your support is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Brother Paul Palmieri, the Area Chaplain, made a comment worth much thought — "Life here is for one object — to prepare for eternity". I'm sure to make Heaven your home is everyone's objective.

We pray that our officers will guide the Area during the coming year, as in the past; and that we, as a united group, will do God's will in doing some good for others. Remember, **your** attendance at Area and Local meetings and functions will help.

Sister Ruth Laird
Pa. Area M.B.A. Editor

Flashbacks

by Charles Jumper, Jr.

25 Years Ago

Thanksgiving morning two (2) carloads of Brothers and Sisters from Monongahela Branch attended services at Glassport, Pa.

20 Years Ago

The Youngstown Ladies Circle held its seventh anniversary. Sister Josephine Dell, the Circle president, read the Circle's history.

15 Years Ago

The General Missionary Benevolent Association met in Rostraver Junior High School. Brother Patsy Marinetti, Rochester, New York; Brothers Fred D'Amico and Domenic Cotellesse of Detroit, Michigan; and Brother Otto Henderson of Windsor, Canada were the speakers at the Sunday morning service. The Monongahela local was the host of the semi-annual conference.



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

THE POTTER

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

October 1972

Dear Girls and Boys,

Did you ever wonder as you read God's Word about the different occupations in Bible times? How many can you name? The one I think interesting is the work of the potter. Where did the people get their many pots, jars and earthen vessels? Pottery making is one of the earliest arts of man. It is said that in Egypt 3400 B.C. the potter's wheel was used. In the land of Palestine we also read of skilled men using the wheel. Ancient pieces of pottery have been dug out of the long-buried cities of Palestine and are in museums. The people of Canaan had crude, handmade dishes. The Phoenicians made other kinds of pottery. Today we find the Indians still make beautiful pottery with colorful designs.

The potter sat on the ground with his wet clay on a wheel. He turned the wheel with his foot while his skillful fingers and hands shaped the clay. The whirling wheel made the clay easier to mold in an even pattern and shape. Then the wet jars were put in a furnace or baking kiln to bake and be glazed. These jars were very important to the people in that day. Many were sold or traded in the market-place.

Long ago the prophet Jeremiah wrote about the potter and the clay. While he watched the potter at work, he found a way to tell the people something about God. The Lord said, "Arise and go down to the potter's house and there I will cause thee to hear my words." Jeremiah saw the vessel which the potter had made at first was marred in his hands. But the potter took the same clay and shaped it again into a vessel that seemed good to him. Then God's word came again to Jeremiah, "Oh house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel." We too can be as the clay in the potter's hand. Great is the power of the potter to make and mold us as He would see fit.

The prophet Isaiah said, "O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay and thou our potter and we are all the work of thy hand."

You can read these scriptures in **Jeremiah 18: 1, 8 and Isaiah 64: 8.**

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel

FLASHBACKS (Continued)

10 Years Ago

The General Missionary Benevolent Association met in the East Detroit High School. Brothers Anthony Di Battista, James Campbell and Frank Giovannone spoke at the Sunday morning service.

5 Years Ago

Brother James Lovalvo of California, Brother Rocco Biscotti of Ohio and Brother Nick Pietrangelo of Michigan spoke at the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch. A special meeting was held for all the members in Florida.

A Message For Our Youth

by
Brother John Ross

We read in **Ecclesiastes, Chapter 12, Verse 1**, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

This advice was given to us by Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived. In this verse of scripture, he is telling us that the time for us to become truly related to God is in the days of youth. If we do so, our whole life will be regulated by His Divine Will and we will be found worthy of Divine favor. God becomes the great ruling factor in our lives, and the will of our God becomes our most important consideration. Our conduct is determined by our relationship to this Divine order, from which we will never depart as we grow old.

Evil days will come, for we learn that "there must be an opposition in all things;" but sheltered in the ship of knowledge of all the Godly ways, we learn from our youth. We shall be able to successfully battle against and resist the waves of evil that we encounter, and we will say within ourselves, "I have no pleasure in them."

Thus being definitely related to God in the keeping of His Divine laws, life takes on a new significance. Our training in God's Divine Will and His laws will result in our conscience's sensitivity to the acknowledgement of right and wrong.

Thus we become reasonable thinking men and women, for it is reason that makes us men. Reason comes to us only by our relationship to God's laws.

When mankind fails to regulate their lives according to the Divine laws, they become unreasonable. By loss of reason we can almost be considered as animals, for we will act as such to a certain degree. On the other hand, by reason that is God-given, we become good men and good women for "out of the good treasure of our hearts we will bring forth good things." — good things for the benefit of our fellowmen as well as for ourselves. When we are in the service of our fellowmen, we are only in the service of our God, and by our keeping His Commandments, He will bless and prosper us. Furthermore, we will love our neighbors as ourselves, and we will do unto others as we would that others would do unto us. Therefore, our relationship with the Divine order will result in our nature becoming what God intended it to be, — Godlike or love, for God is love.

As children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, our faith in His promises to us becomes a reality. We experience that His word is "yea," inasmuch as we keep His Commandments. We can exclaim to all, "We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation unto those that believe."

To believe signifies to take God at His word in all things He has promised to us. We know for a surety that He never promises anything in vain and that we will not be disappointed, as others before us were not disappointed in His promises to them.

There will come upon us seasons when our faith will be tried that we will become discouraged when our requests and supplications remain unanswered. We will begin to feel that God's promises towards us are "nay."

When this happens, we must get hold of ourselves and take inventory of ourselves by proceeding as follows—

First, search ourselves to find if we have offended God! Second, are we living righteously, according to His Word? Third, we must remind ourselves that at

times God proves man to see what is in his heart.

If we are found wanting in the first and second phases of our investigation, then we must assume that God is chastising us for our failures in doing His will. What can we do at a time like this? It is required of us to make amends by repenting and asking God's forgiveness. Surely our God will not refuse to grant us forgiveness or refuse to remove our doubts and fears as we approach Him humbly and meekly in mighty prayer. On the other hand, if we are not guilty of having offended God, we must look well into the matter that God is proving us to see what is in our hearts. This is the time we will prove to Him that we love him. We will not give ground, but we will stand firm and steadfast. We will ask and seek more, and we will knock harder. We will remind ourselves that God never does anything to harm us, but that all things work together for good to them that love and serve Him.

If we do so, we have passed the test; we have been found faithful by the firmness of our faith, our relationship with God is established more firmly to the extent that His will is our will — and our will is His. Yea, we will become strong men and women if we are found faithful in doing His will, especially in time of trial.

Wisdom and knowledge increase as the Holy Spirit leads and guides us in all truths and shows us things to come. We will have strength to resist the Devil who seeks to destroy all that is good; we will know the devil's ways, we will not yield to him who is a liar and murderer from the beginning.

All temporal or material things shall become secondary to the Will of our God. Our God, our Keeper, is able to supply all our needs. In Him we live and breathe.

We will not be too concerned, as some are, of becoming great in temporal affairs. If our God wishes to make us great in these things — His Will be done.

To be rich, great in worldly affairs, or educated are not wrong, providing we use all for the honor and glory of God and for the good of our fellowmen. We should remind ourselves that these temporal blessings are God-given and can be used to help those who have less. The greater our wealth, the more we are expected to give to those that have not. The greater we become in worldly affairs, the more we must use our position to help others. The more learned we are, the more we are expected to help the unlearned. Our Brother in the **Book of Mormon** states, "But to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God."

We should never think or feel within ourselves that it has been our own might or mental greatness that has made us rich and wise; rather, we should feel and say, "God gave us what we possess and made us what we are."

How wonderful are the words of our Brother Alma to his son, "O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God. Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever. 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."

In conclusion of this message to our youth, the words uttered by Solomon are very fitting—"... the

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A Message For Our Youth

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conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." Fear Him, did he say? Fear Him, for what reason?

We should fear Him lest we displease Him by our disobedience to His commandments. We are to live by every word that has proceeded out of His mouth, for His Word is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."

Furthermore, remember that God is our Heavenly Father and He cares for us, for we are His own; He created all things and has all power; He has promised to lead and guide us unto all truths by His Holy Spirit, which is the greatest Teacher we can have for our profit and learning unto all truths.

All good we possess is God-given, and we should give thanks to Him. Remember that we represent the true Church restored in these latter days for the salvation of mankind. This Restored Gospel must be preached to all nations, kindred, tongues and peoples. Remember that the harvest is great and the laborers are few and that God needs many laborers to accomplish this great harvest.

We are The Church of today, and many of our youths will become leaders of The Church.

Remember that we have an opposition against all that is good; this opposition is the Devil.

Therefore, the writer of this message says to you, our youth, "Be strong, be faithful, be courageous! Do not give ground in defending the faith once delivered to the Saints. Do with your might what your hands find to do. As the first verse of one of our hymns reads, Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin; each victory will help you, some other to win. Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue. Look ever to Jesus — He will carry you through.

May God grant you all the good things He has reserved for the faithful, and may the peace of God which passeth all understanding abide with you now and forevermore. Amen.

Pennsylvania District Conference

The Pennsylvania District held its Semi-annual September Conference at the Monongahela branch building on Saturday, September 9th, 1972.

A very inspiring conference was held both for the natural needs, and most of all for The Church's spiritual growth.

Brother Jesse Carr of the Greensburg branch was elected to replace Brother Melvin Mountain, who has moved to Arizona, on the Pennsylvania District Board of Trustees.

We wish to express our thanks to Brother Mel for all the labors that he has put forth in this area of The Church. Surely he will be missed here but we know that he will be an asset to the Arizona locality.

The Sunday services were held at the General Church Auditorium with all the Pennsylvania District branches in attendance.

A very inspiring and spirit filled meeting was given unto us by God which was enjoyed by all.

Brother Bob Nicklow
Pa. District Editor



UR WOMEN TODAY General Circle

By Mary Tamburrino

The General Ladies' Circle Conference was held in Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, October 7, 1972. Sisters from the Michigan-Ontario District, Ohio and a busload from the Pennsylvania area were in attendance.

The Sisters of Branch No. 3 of Detroit, Michigan were host. They sang, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus," "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me". "I Will Pilot Thee" was sung by a duet, and the Circle Sisters of The Michigan-Ontario District sang "Jesus Saviour Me." A poem "Talk with God," was read. A special prayer was had in behalf of Brother Salvatore Azzinaro of Lockport, New York. Sister Arlene Whitton related a dream she had of her father, the late Brother Fred D'Amico. In her dream, being concerned about the coming General Circle, she was told by her father, "You will be blessed as I have been blessed since I left you." Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, opened the meeting with her testimony. She is satisfied when The Lord speaks to us and she was truly blessed in seeing the Sisters from various Circles present. In addition, she encourages those that have children to take them to Church. We were especially thankful to hear the testimony of the older Sisters that ordinarily do not have the opportunity to meet at the General Circle Meetings.

Official matters were next taken up. Some of the activities that the local Circle had done since the last General Circle Meeting were as follows: visiting a home for the aged; making children's dresses; helping the local needy families, sending sweaters to Pine Top, Arizona; purchasing a crib mattress for a needy family in Muncy, Canada; sending a layette to Sister Evelyn Purdue for the mission in Mexico. Monies were donated to the General Fund, Missionary Fund, African Relief, and Auditorium. The Sisters meet either in Homes or church buildings. The Scripture is read from *The Bible*, *The Book of Mormon* or Church literature.

The answer to the question, "What is The Iron Rod?", was found in *The Book of Mormon*, 1 *Nephi*, Chapter 11 Verses 24, 25. A new question was assigned, "What is the gift of God to those who diligently seek him?"

A motion was made to reprint two thousand cook-books. Contribution to the Memorial fund were made in memory of James Cerone and Tom Benyola.

A vote of thanks was given to the Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 Circle. The next General Circle will be held on March 3, 1973 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

The conference day was ended by forming a circle by all those in attendance — Hopefully a Circle of Love.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever?

How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God:

Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;

And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

People Are Inquiring

Mr. Philip E. Murphy
1455 E. Gentile
Layton, Utah 84041
Dear Mr. Murphy:

Recently you wrote our headquarters requesting some of our literature or publications. By now you should have received them. I trust that they will serve your purpose in learning about our group.

You ask, could you explain the basic governmental set up of our organization? Basically, along with the literature on this question, I might add the following:

We have a Quorum of Twelve Apostles. We also have a Quorum of Three, that is, President, First Counselor and Second Counselor, which are **strictly administrative and part of the Quorum of Twelve.**

We have a Quorum of 70 (Evangelist). This Quorum has a President, Vice President and Secretary. There is **not** more than **one** group of this Quorum.

We have, of course, Elders. There is no limit to this office. All of the above can also be classified as the same.

We also have Teachers, Deacons, and Deaconesses - no limit.

We have only one Priesthood. The Priesthood, which is after the order of the Son of God, commonly known as the Melchisedic. The Apostles, Evangelists and Elders are the only ones that are part of that order. Teachers, Deacons, and Deaconesses are considered as helps to the Church.

We have an executive secretary with several assistants.

We have a General Church finance committee.

We have a General Church Board of Trustees.

We have a General Church Missionary Board.

We have a General Church Special Affairs Committee.

We have a General Church Historian.

We have a General Church Librarian.

We have General Church Auditors.

We have an Editor-in-Chief for our monthly publication, "The Gospel News".

We are also divided into Districts, Branches and Missions, subject to the General Church.

We also have auxiliary units known as Sunday School, Ladies Circle, and Missionary Benevolent Association (M.B.A.), all subject to the General Church.

This outline is then, basically, our organizational set up. Our Branches and Missions, of course, are staffed similarly and are patterned after the General Church.

Thank you for your interest in us. If I can be of any further help to you, please feel free to write to me personally. All literature is still to be ordered from our headquarters in Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph Calabrese

My Calling

Monday evening it began when the young people were singing, which I usually didn't take part of, but did that night. As we were singing I felt a hand on my shoulder, I turned and looked, no one was beside me. Usually I would leave the meeting if anything started to influence my way of thinking, but his hand seemed to prevent me from leaving. As the meeting continued I was confused by what had happened and tried to find reason for it. The meeting was closed as the congregation held hands, as Bro. M. Cottelesse prayed I began to cry, but didn't understand why.

I ran from the chapel ashamed of my tears, and afraid and confused of what was happening to me. I figured once away from the building everything would pass but the reverse happened, and the torment grew. This is when I realized it wasn't just emotions. As I cried, I grew more and more confused because I didn't feel worthy, because of the kind of life I have lived. While sitting completely alone I heard footsteps all about me, but I still fought with myself. Then it happened, a vision of a dream I had when I was a young boy. This dream became so clear which I never understood before. When I looked towards the chapel the vision showed me crawling up golden steps which led upwards toward the chapel. I didn't understand why I was crawling, then all of a sudden the feeling in my body was gone. I touched my hands together and I could not feel, and my legs were like rubber. I knew I had to climb these steps. I started to walk and half way I stopped and asked someone to find Bro. J. Milantoni as I wanted someone to advise me. After speaking to him and going in the chapel for prayer I still saw many steps I had to climb, and I knew I had to do it alone. Leaving the building and sitting outside I became afraid that I might never have the courage to make myself right before God and ask for baptism. A few moments later the confusion and torment left me, and everything became peaceful and quiet, and I saw the last few steps I had to climb leading into the chapel. The way I felt at that moment, it seemed as God was saying "Take your choice, it's either now or never". I'll never regret taking those last few steps.

I have reached the mountain top of peace, and pray God will give me the strength to remain firm and steadfast.

Brother Ronnie Dyer

Love Story

The first campout I ever attended was the Atlantic Coast one at Camp Bernie in New Jersey. The campout took place on the 4th of July weekend and more than just fireworks went off for me. It was there that I met my future companion, Domenick Risola.

After enjoying the first campout immensely, Dom, my brother Dave and I decided to attend the campout in Nauvoo, Ill. That campout was even better, because during the course of that week on July 20, Dom and I were baptized into The Church.

Not long after that Dom and I became engaged and were married the following year on September 2, 1972. Brother James Link performed the ceremony at the Bronx Branch. The ceremony was beautiful and with Sister Linda Gomes as soloist and Sister Florence Risola on the harp and piano made it even more lovely than one could imagine. We were attended by four bridesmaids, four ushers, and a flowergirl. My best man was my brother David Zinzi and my maid of honor was my cousin Maryann Ciarletto.

Dom and I are truly happy now and we know that the Lord brought us together. We hope that with His guidance we will be good and faithful members of The Church of Jesus Christ for the remainder of our days.

Our message to all those single brothers and sisters out there is that not only can the love of God come from a campout but also the love of a future companion!!!!

Your Brother and Sister in Christ
Domenick and Gelsa Risola

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
thou hast set me at large when I was in distress;
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory
into shame?

Branch & Mission News

News From Detroit

Branch No. 3

Vacation Bible School was conducted for 2 weeks and it was very successful. Sister Kathleen Furdano was in charge and several sisters and young girls from the branch helped in teaching the classes and also the arts and crafts. The last night they had a program in which each class participated and then they had a social hour. Our Vacation Bible School attracts many of the neighborhood children.

On August 27, 1972 Brother and Sister Silver Criscuolo, Brother and Sister Ray Andruccioli and Sister Lydia Lombardo of Branch No. 3 went to visit Brother and Sister Bart Batalucca in Tecumseh, Michigan. They were joined there by a carload from Branch No. 2, Brother and Sister Alex Gentile and children, Brother and Sister Bill Buffa. Brother and Sister Batalucca are members of Branch No. 2 but are unable to travel to church because of their age and physical condition. A meeting was held in their home in which scripture was read, hymns were sung and both our Brother and Sister expressed themselves to the goodness of God. A nice time was enjoyed by all present.

Four Ordinations

At Youngstown

Sunday afternoon, October 1, 1972, the Youngstown, Ohio branch observed the ordinance of feet washing. The highlight of the meeting was four ordinations in the Branch.

Brother Anthony Scarcella was ordained into the office of a Teacher by Brother Richard Santilli. His feet were washed by Brother Timothy D. Bucci.

Brother Henry Cardillo was ordained a Deacon by Brother San Costarella, and his feet were washed by Brother Ralph Berardino.

Sister Betty Gennaro was ordained into the office of Deaconess by Brother Donald Pandone. Sister Theresa Gennaro washed her feet.

Sister Annabel Santilli was ordained into the office of Deaconess by Brother Elmer Santilli. Her feet were washed by Sister Jean Pusateri.

Visitors at the Branch that day were Brother and Sister Elmer Santilli, Brother and Sister David Miller of the Perry, Ohio branch. Their visit was enjoyed by the Youngstown branch.

Many beautiful testimonies were given and God's Holy Spirit prevailed during the ordinations. May God bless them in their respective offices in serving God, and the Brothers and Sisters of the Youngstown branch.

Another wonderful day in the service of the Lord.

Baptism At Hopelawn

The wonderful spirit of the previous New Hope, Pennsylvania Campout continued in the Atlantic Coast area as Brother John Huttenberger was prompted to call for his baptism.

Brother John Carl Huttenberger was baptized on August 20, 1972, by Brother Nick Persico. He was confirmed by Brother George Benyola. He will be attending the Hopelawn, New Jersey branch on the Atlantic Coast.

At present our new Brother is attending Pennsylvania State University at State College, Pennsylvania. May God bless and direct our new member in the service of our Lord.

Ordination At

San Fernando Valley

Brother Larry Robert Watson was ordained a Teacher in the San Fernando Valley, California branch on October 1, 1972. Brother Larry was ordained by his father, Brother Robert A. Watson. His feet were washed by Brother Frank Verardo.

The ordination of Brother Larry continued the office of Teacher in the Watson family. Brother Larry is the third generation to be ordained in the family.

We pray that God will bless our Brother in his new office of responsibility.

News From The

Vanderbilt Branch

RENEWAL

On August 18, 1972, while visiting Brother Emil J. Silman in the Brownsville Hospital, Brother Silman made it known to Brother Joseph Shazer that he wanted to make his peace with God. Complying with Brother Silman's request, Brother Joseph Shazer laid his hands upon him and reinstated him into The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Emil J. Silman passed from this life on September 1, 1972, knowing that he had made his peace with God.

BAPTISMS

During our testimony meeting on Sunday, August 13, 1972, the spirit of repentance fell upon Sister Elva B. Keller and Sister Angeline Gibson. The new sisters were baptized in Anna Marie Lake near Vanderbilt by Brother Joseph Shazer.

Sister Keller was confirmed by Brother John R. Thomas, and Sister Gibson was confirmed into The Church by Brother Idris Martin of the Monongahela Branch. Sister Gibson is the wife of Brother Charles Gibson.

It was a day full of blessings long to be remembered by those in attendance.

ORDINATION

Sister Susanna King was ordained into the office of a Deaconess in The Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday September 17, 1972, by Brother Joseph Shazer. Sister Susan, companion in life of Brother Lawrence King and the mother of four children, has been an active and faithful sister in the Church since her baptism.

May God continue to bless Sister Susan all the days of her life and enable her to perform her duties.

News From Lorain, Ohio

On Saturday, September 24, the General Church Mission Board met in Lorain, Ohio. Brothers Bittinger, Campbell, Cadman and Thomas and their wives remained for our Sunday services. Brother Bittinger opened the meeting, using for his text, **John 10:7 thru 16, and Isaiah 40:11**. These Scriptures illustrate the role of the good shepherd as he guards his flock from wolves. Brother Bittinger depicted the peaceful nature and traits of sheep and how they know the voice of their master and follow him. Likewise, we who have rendered obedience to Christ, should know His voice and follow Him. A true shepherd does not drive his sheep - rather he leads them. Years ago, he noted, there were no fences and sheep from different flocks intermingled, but when it came time to move on the shepherd merely called and his sheep immediately began to follow. So we, today many times allow our natural duties or activities to take up our time and we tend to forget or lose our direction. We must be careful we do not intermingle with the world to the extent that we do not hear the Master's voice as He beckons us to follow Him.

Brother Campbell was impressed with the way sheep know their shepherd and will follow him. We should know the voice of Christ, the will of God and the Spirit of God in order that we may not be led astray. Jesus has shown us the greatest love and we in turn must show love for one another and especially our children, so that they may follow in our footsteps.

Brother Russell Cadman noted that we entered the flock at our baptism; Jesus calling us and making us one of His children. We hear Christ's voice and obey by attending church, following His commandments and at the end of our life we shall hear His voice. We look forward to the glory of **that day**, where there will be no more sorrow or tears: What a perfect day! We shall dwell with Christ for eternity.

Brother Thomas added the finishing touches to the scriptures brought forth. He stated that he had never had any experience with sheep but in his childhood dealt with goats. What a contrast in comparison to sheep! The world today displays the traits of goats; rebelling, rioting, demonstrating rather than working in a peaceful manner. Brother Thomas quoted the scripture: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold," and reminded us we are a part of the restoration and will be used to bring in the "other sheep."

A good feeling prevailed in our testimony meeting which followed and it was another one of those days well spent in the service of God.

Youngstown, Ohio News

On Sunday, Sept. 10, the Youngstown, Ohio Branch enjoyed the visit of many Saints from Perry, and Niles, Ohio. A large group of young people sang several beautiful hymns at the beginning of the service.

Brother Anthony Picciuto opened the service, reading from the 6th Chapter of St. Matthew. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He spoke concerning all who search for peace in this time, and referred to the words of our Lord in this chapter. He appealed to our young members to continue to search the Word of God, that they may grow in righteousness, so that others may see the love of Christ.

Brother A. A. Corrado followed, exhorting all to work more for Jesus, that we may be found worthy to meet the Lord.

Brother and Sister Martin Klein, Sr. were anointed for their illness. A good spirit prevailed throughout the prayers.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Bob Ciarrochi, who spoke inspiringly on how much the Lord has given us; even His life. He then asked, "How much have we given the Lord?" Many beautiful testimonies followed, as our young people sang another hymn, and gave praise to our Lord. God's Holy Spirit flowed from one to another. It was a day well spent in the service of our Lord.

Brief News Of Interest

"Surprise Birthday Greetings"

A Surprise Birthday Party was held at the home of Brother Milford Eutsey for Brother Joseph Bittinger observing his 70th birthday.

A large number of Brothers and Sisters along with their children were present. They presented Brother Bittinger with a number of gifts, plus a lot of food.

Sister Margaret Johnson, of Monongahela presented him a large sheet cake resembling a bible.

Brother and Sister Bittinger were overjoyed and expressed their thanks for the goodness of all in attendance.

Hymns led by Brother Jimmy King were sung. Brother Joe spoke about his 40 years of service to God and The Church, and made the statement that he did not want to sit at home and get rusty. He said that he wanted to leave this life with his boots on, meaning that he always wanted to be somewhere doing something for the Lord.

Again he expressed his thanks and ask God's blessing upon all for being so good to him.

May God continue to bless Brother and Sister Bittinger, and hold them in the palm of His hand forever and a day.

55th Wedding Anniversary

Brother and Sister Giovannone of Vero Beach, Florida marked their 55th wedding anniversary May 26. A card shower was held in their honor to celebrate the occasion and they received many cards from various parts of the United States and Canada.

Saturday May 27 a dinner was given by their niece, Sister Libby Pandone after which a surprise reception was held by the Vero Beach Sisters. Hosting were Sisters Libby Pandone, Jenny DeNapoli, Ilene Smith and Elsie Ensana. Many Brothers and Sisters and friends honored the couple with congratulations and gifts.

Brother Louis Pandone read "This is your life, Brother and Sister Giovannone", after which the honored couple gave their testimony. A buffet lunch was then served the attending guests. Brother and Sister Giovannone wish to express their gratitude to all who helped make this a most happy and memorable anniversary.

Blessed Event

In an additional note from Brother Pandone, he reports that Sunday morning, the day following the above anniversary, proved to be a day of rejoicing and upliftment to the Vero Beach Saints as they gathered in their place of worship.

Brother Charles Smith opened the service reading from Genesis and enlarging on the account of Joseph's reunion with his brethren and father Jacob, pointing out that God had a purpose in it all.

Brother Anthony Ensana followed and carried out the theme that the story of Joseph was a type and shadow of things to come in the latter days upon this Western Hemisphere.

Brother Vincent J. Lovalvo was the final speaker and eloquently enlarged upon Jacob's prophecy as recorded in Genesis 49: 22-26 where he likens his son Joseph to "a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches (posterity or descendants) run over the wall (the ocean)... unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills (America)..."

Reference was also made to the coming of Joseph, the Choice Seer and the building of the New Jerusalem on this land.

Brother Pandone adds that during his discourse, Brother Lovalvo's voice was ringing from the walls. After the benediction by Brother Domenick Giovannone all went home rejoicing in the Spirit of God.

O Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth,

Who hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies,

That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

My Prayer

I come to thee, Dear God
 Upon my bended knees,
 To thank you for my life
 And for those around me.
 I ask you to protect and guide,
 Our lives as they should be;
 And take us safely to and fro
 To all our destinies.
 Watch over those who have not as we
 And those who have much more
 Forgive us of our guilt and shame
 And help us Lord, to praise thy name.
 Take us into thy tender keeping
 For we should have no reasons for weeping.
 Through Jesus Christ; please hear my plea,
 And thank you Lord, for allowing me.

amen.

PSALM XVI

PRESERVE Me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust.
 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art
 my Lord; I have no good beyond thee.
 As for the saints that are in the earth, they are the
 excellent, in whom is all my delight.
 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after
 another god: their drink offerings of blood will I
 not offer, nor take their names upon my lips.
 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of
 my cup:
 Thou maintainest my lot.
 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
 Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel;
 My heart also instructeth me in the night seasons.
 I have set the Lord always before me;
 Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth;
 My flesh also shall dwell in safety,
 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;

Jesus Is Loving And True

By Sister EVELYN MAPES

You may be true
 You don't have to be blue
 For Jesus is loving and true
 For The Gospel is true
 And Jesus is the head of us all.
 We may be poor
 But Jesus is for all
 That comes to The Gospel of truth
 The Church of Jesus Christ
 Was founded in our time
 For The Gospel to go out to all.
 The time will come
 When The Gospel is resounded
 And the truth will go out to all
 For all who receive Him
 Should never reject Him
 For He is the one that is true
 For He is the one that is near.

Brooklyn, New York Branch

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 Aaron to Steve and Yvonne Saffron of the White River Indian Reservation, Arizona;

Anthony John to John and Joy Azzinaro of San Fernando Valley, California;

Peter George to George and Eileen Katsaras of Miami, Florida;

Lisa Marie to Richard John and Jan Elizabeth Ann Elzby of Windsor, Ontario, Canada;

Anita Kay to Raymond and Betty Beeman of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Andrew Wayne to George Jr. and Judy Johnson of Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Wedding

PERKINS - SCOLARO

Mr. Lawrence Perkins and Sister Kathleen Scolaro were united in Holy matrimony on August 12, 1972, at The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1.

Brother John Griffith of Monongahela, Pennsylvania officiated at the wedding ceremony.

The newlyweds will reside in Redford Township, Michigan.

Obituary

EMIL J. SILMAN

Brother Emil J. Silman, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch, born October 13, 1894 at Unity, Pennsylvania, passed from this life on September 1, 1972. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, three sisters, and three grandchildren.

THANKSGIVING

Jeanie Rogers Sherman

Dear Lord, on this day thy day of days
 Forgive me, if to thee,
 In place of songs replete with praise,
 This prayer alone my heart essays
 "Work thou thy will in me."
 I cannot thank thee for the pain
 With which I wait to hear
 Familiar footsteps, or again
 Listen for songs whose blithe refrain
 Made glad our hearts last year.
 I cannot praise. Beneath thy cross
 I bow, and silently,
 With eyes washed clear of much of dross,
 I strive to see, above my loss,
 The joy of those with thee.

Change Of Address

The new address of the Atlantic Coast Area Editor of The Gospel News is as follows:

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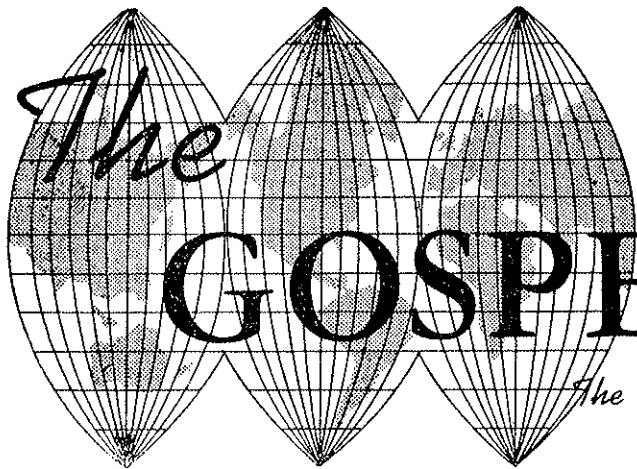
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"No Room . . . No Room"

By JOSEPH A. SMITH

There was a knock at the front door — a man's voice from inside — "Oh, **now** what?" Just a minute! What's the big idea disturbing someone in the middle of the night?" The door opens. There is some discussion — the man continues, ". . . when I say there's no room I **mean** there's no room! Now quit bothering me and get away from my door!" He begins to close out the two chilled travellers who are seeking refuge, then, as an afterthought (and seeing the woman's delicate condition) he said, "Well, if you must have a place . . . if you promise not to disturb the animals, you leave the place just as you find it, and leave as soon as you're able, you can stay back in the stables. But, remember, any eggs you may find lying in the hay are from **my** chickens — they're **my** eggs. And I'd better find all my stable blankets out there after you leave. I know your types. You'll probably rob me blind as I sleep." As he grumbled on under his breath he turned and closed the door. The warm light rays from the house were cut and again the chill and darkness gripped the two travellers as they groped their way to the manger with the man's words still ringing in their ears — "no room . . . no room!"

For years this story has been repeated millions of times. The main characters have changed and have numbered into the billions, the set has been altered and in many cases mere feelings take the place of words and props and the entire event occurs again only in the heart of a single individual — No room . . . no room.

It seems that if you had to summarize Christ's efforts with men you must surely include the fact that he was continually looking for "room in the inn," a place to abide, to feel acceptance and to offer friendship and counsel . . . He told those of His time that He stands at the door and knocks. On occasion He found a resting place and could enjoy the companionship of brotherly love with His disciples. But, far more often He was regarded as a stranger even among those for whom He held salvation. When the knock came to the door of their hearts the reply was "No room . . . No room!"

Christ is still among us today and He still knocks at the doors of our hearts. He no longer comes as an infant in swaddling clothes in a manger, or as a carpenter's son or as an enemy of the Pharisees and Sadducees, but He comes as the Savior of all the world. Yet, many still shut Him out. He is still offered a place in the manger rather than the warmth of the inn.

Despite the promise He brings and the Spirit which has confirmed His reality and greatness to each of us, we continue to shut Him out and offer Him only

those portions of our lives which put Him "out back in the stables" of our conscience and life. When He comes to you again to seek refuge, to offer friendship and counsel will you find room in the inn of your heart for your Saviour or will you turn Him away and say, "No room . . . No room."

EDITORIAL FROM THE SAN DIEGO NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER, 1971 ISSUE

Wise Men Still Go To Bethlehem

By DARLENE LARGE

Recently, as I drove along one of our Pennsylvania highways, I saw a car in front of me with a bumper sticker that said, "WISE MEN STILL GO TO BETHLEHEM". I've thought about this many times since then.

What kind of men were the wise men who took gifts to our Lord? They were certainly men of courage, physically strong, and men with perseverance and endurance. They came many miles and some history books say it took them two years to make this journey.

Do you suppose they allowed themselves to look down and become discouraged? Were they patient with one another? Were they kind to those they met along the way? Did they leave families behind? If so were their wives understanding about this need to follow a distant star?

How does this apply to us today? Do you have a star that you want to follow in life?

At the October Conference, Brother Tom Liberto of California spoke of our goal in life. He asked us if we had a purpose on this earth and if we knew why we were born?

If your purpose has not been revealed to you take a moment and think of the words from a favorite hymn: "Jesus use me, and oh Lord don't refuse me, for surely there's a work that I can do. And even though it's humble, help my will to crumble, though the cost be great, I'll work for you."

Many times God gives us a job to do in life but because it doesn't suit our aims and purposes, our schedules, or perhaps because we consider it beneath our talents we choose not to hear God's voice. We decide that we'll wait for a more important job. How would scripture read today had the wise men of old decided not to hear God's voice? How would it read if the shepherds had decided not to hear the angels' voices? Who would have taken gifts to the Christ Child?

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A Promise Fulfilled In 600 Years

During the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, many prophets came prophesying unto the people to repent or the great city of Jerusalem must be destroyed. Among these prophets was a man whose name was Lehi. The Jews did not receive these prophets but mocked them — some were stoned — some were slain, but Lehi was warned by God in a dream to take his family and depart into the wilderness. This family consisted of Lehi, his wife Sariah, and their four sons, Laman, Lemuel, Nephi and Sam. They left Jerusalem and departed into the wilderness leaving all their wealth behind. God revealed to Lehi that in 600 years from the time they left Jerusalem that a Messiah would raise up among the Jews. (1 Nephi 10-4) Lehi's son, Nephi, had the same vision as his father, his vision is recorded in 1 Nephi 11-13 thru 21. In his writings, Nephi also prophesies that signs will be given his people on the land of America concerning the birth of Christ in Palestine.

These people who left Jerusalem at this time were led thru the wilderness, traveling south and southeast until they came to the great waters which we know today as the Indian Ocean. Here Nephi built a ship according to instructions given him by God. When the ship was finished, they set sail taking with them the family of Ishmael at the command of the Lord and crossed the great waters (known to us as the Pacific Ocean) and landed upon the western coast of South America — a land God had promised to them. A land — choice above all others. They began to reckon their time now according to this promise given to Lehi and Nephi that in 600 years Christ would be born.

This people grew into a mighty nation and wickedness soon crept in dividing the people into two groups — the Nephites who were the more righteous and the Lamanites who refused to cling to the God given promises. From one generation to another, this promise of a Messiah was handed down by the Nephites. They looked forward in great faith for this Messiah to be born. After 200 years had passed away, the people were still being taught to look forward for the Messiah.

About 270 years later (making in all about 470 years since Lehi left Jerusalem), we read about a good King whose name was Benjamin. An angel appeared to him and revealed the name of the Virgin who would become the Mother of this Messiah and also named Him. (Mosiah 3-8).

As the time came closer, others were given revelations concerning His birth. To Alma it was revealed thus: "And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem, which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God."

During the life of Alma, Judges were set up to rule the people — Alma being the first chief judge and head of the Church too. Wickedness became so great that Alma felt to give up the office of Chief Judge and devote all his time to preaching the Gospel. His office was filled by another good man whose name was Nephihah. Many judges ruled the land, some good and some evil and as the time approached for the great event to happen as prophesied so many years before, wickedness became greater. In the 86th Year of the reign of the Judges, there was a prophet,

Samuel the Lamanite, sent among the people to preach to them. It was now about 594 years since Lehi left Jerusalem. Samuel prophesied many things which made the people angry and they sought to take his life. One of these prophesies stand out above all others — the one concerning the sign of the birth of Christ. He told them that after five years more cometh, then Christ would be born. And as a sign of his coming, there would be great lights in heaven. The night before his coming into the world, there would be no darkness. He says, "Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night;" also "behold there shall a new star arise, such as none as ye never have beheld;" yea "And behold this is not all, there shall be many signs and wonders in heaven." (Helaman 14 - 1 thru 8)

This was five years before the birth of Christ and from that time on the people began to look forward for that sign — the great star in the heavens and the time when the sun would go down yet there would be no night. In the 90th. year of the reign of the judges, the worlds of the prophets began to be fulfilled. (Helaman 16, 13 thru 16)

Satan was getting great hold upon the hearts of the people, filling their minds with doubts and fears.

When the 91st. year of the reign of the Judges had passed away, the prophesies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully for there began to be greater signs and greater miracles wrought among the people. But there were some who began to say that the time was past for the sign which was spoken of by Samuel the Lamanite, and the true believers became very sorrowful for fear these things would not come to pass.

Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers that all those who believed in these traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet. This caused great sorrow among the people of God and especially to Nephi, their spiritual leader. Nephi made this a matter of prayer. He went out and bowed himself down upon the earth and cried mightily unto the Lord all the day. Behold the voice of the Lord came to him in answer to prayer: "Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets . . . And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given."

Behold, these words were literally fulfilled, for at the going down of the sun, there was no darkness in all that night — it was light, as though it were mid-day. And it came to pass, that the sun did rise in the morning according to its proper order and they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born. The new star appeared, just as it was prophesied.

Thus the 92nd. year of the reign of the judges had brought with it the fulfillment of a promise, made to the ancestors of our American Indians, some 600 years before the birth of Christ — "Yea, even six hundred years from the time that my father (meaning Lehi) left Jerusalem, a prophet would the Lord God raise up among the Jews — even a Messiah, or, in other words, a Saviour of the world." (1 Nephi 10-4)

What joy and peace His birth brought to all the world!

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

By Sister Sara Vancik

In Honor Of Brother T. S. Furnier

On April 14, 1972, Brother Thurman S. Furnier made a special request to the Quorum of Twelve Apostles. He asked to be relieved of the responsibility of taking an active part in the business of the Quorum of Twelve.

After listening to this wonderful brother, who has been a father, Brother, and Counsellor to us, the Apostles unanimously passed a resolution making Brother Furnier an Honorary Apostle with all the privileges attending this office except taking any active part in the business transactions of the Quorum.

Brother Furnier was born in Allenport, Pennsylvania on April 21, 1888, thus making him 84 years of age at this date. He was raised by Christian parents, and while he was a boy, he attended Sunday school at the Methodist Church. However, he did not affiliate himself with it or any other church. At the age of 26 years he was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ (April 23, 1914). His experience of meeting The Church and his subsequent conversion, is recorded in **The Church History Book**, pp. 134-142.

He has been ordained a Deacon, Teacher, Elder, Evangelist, and Apostle. His ascendancy to these offices has been truly phenomenal. For example, he was ordained an Elder on January 3, 1915, only less than five months from his baptism. After one year as an Elder, he was ordained an Evangelist. (January 3, 1916) And again, on October 7, 1917 after one year and nine months he was ordained an Apostle, the highest office in The Church.

The Lord has blessed Brother Furnier immensely in his Ministry, in that the Holy Ghost has often spoken through him, and also operated in him by healings and divine manifestations.

He has also been elected to every administrative office in the General Church. He became assistant Secretary of the General Church on July 1st, 1916. He was elected Secretary on October 6, 1917. On July 5, 1946, he asked to be relieved of that office, which request was granted. He was elected second Counsellor of the General Church on April 1, 1950. Six years later, on April 5, 1956, he was elected First Counsellor. After the death of Brother Wm. H. Cadman, our late President, Brother Furnier was elected President of The Church, which position he held until April 1, 1965. He was elected First Counsellor (the second time) on April 1, 1965, and retained that office until June 26, 1971.

Brother Furnier has presided over several Branches and Missions of The Church of Jesus Christ, which included Martin, Pa., Lucyville, Pa., Dunlevy, Pa., and Detroit, Michigan. In all of these places he conducted himself with honor and integrity, establishing an example of high standards in his Ministerial and Administrative life.

He has also taken an active part in preaching the Gospel among the American Indians (the Seed of Joseph), in Muncey, Ont., Canada, Six Nations, Ont., Canada, and Wakpala, South Dakota. The Church has also used Brother Furnier as a spiritual Emissary, and has sent him as an Ambassador of peace to Provo, Utah, Sopris, Colorado, St. John, Kansas, Wichita, Kansas, and many other places.

Brother Furnier has been blessed of God with many spiritual gifts. He has sung in the Spirit, prophesied by the gift of the Holy Spirit, cast out devils in the Name of Jesus Christ, and has been given power to heal also. One of the outstanding gifts of this Brother is the meticulous care and attention he gives to the Word of God. He is diligent in the study of the Scriptures, to the end that God has given him an open mind

to understand His word in depth. His knowledge of the Bible and the Book of Mormon is truly phenomenal. God has blessed him with a retentive mind and an eloquence of delivering His word. He is a speaker of great excellence for, often, the hearts of the Saints have been stirred to the praising of the Almighty, and, many times, the sinners have been moved to obey the Gospel. It has been the testimony of some, that, at times, while preaching the gospel under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, his face became illuminated with a heavenly glow, and his words were like "apples of gold in baskets of silver".

In the estimation of many, Brother Furnier is one of the most learned men, relative to the history of the Restoration of the Gospel. It is believed that few men can equal his knowledge of the "Apostasy and Restoration". Some of us Apostles have had the privilege of being tutored by Brother Furnier in our younger days. We sat at his feet at the Apostle Paul sat as the feet of Gamaliel, and we absorbed much of his wisdom and knowledge. We thank the Lord for giving The Church a man like this Brother.

The Quorum of Twelve Apostles wishes to pay a high and well-deserved tribute to Brother Furnier for his undying devotion to The Church, for his dedication to his Ministry, and for his example to us all. And whenever it will be the good will of God to call this Brother to the Mansions of glory, we know that heaven will rejoice, and the Lord will welcome him home. As for us, we will long remember in kindness and with pride, the name and memory of Brother Thurman S. Furnier. God bless you.

With deep affection,
The Quorum of Twelve Apostles



UR WOMEN TODAY

By Mary Tamburrino

MICHIGAN-ONTARIO AREA CIRCLE MEETING

The Michigan - Ontario Area Ladies' Circle meeting met in Detroit at Branch No. 2 on June 19, 1972. The Sisters were represented from Branches No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, as well as Windsor, Canada.

The Circle Sisters of Branch No. 2 presented a program entitled, "JOY." They sang songs and read recitations portraying the meaning of JOY, the feeling of JOY when we know The Lord, and expressing JOY when we tell it to others. The meeting was then open for testimonies. Those expressing themselves continued with the theme of the evening on what a JOY it is to serve The Lord.

The Sisters from Branch No. 2 served refreshments after the meeting. The next Area Circle meeting will be held on November 18, 1972, again at Detroit, Branch No. 2.

A new Ladies' Circle was organized October 13 at Warren - Sterling Heights, Michigan Branch No. 5. Sister Mary Criscuolo, District President, was in charge. The following officers were elected:

President — Arlene Whitton
Vice President — Sarah DiFalco
Secretary — Grace Visconti
Asst. Secretary — Alberta DiBattista
Teacher — Elizabeth Gerace
Treasurers — Nicholetta Lombardo and Alberta DiBattista
Word Giver — Mary Giansante
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This poem was written over 30 years ago by Brother John Ross of Aliquippa, Pa. It describes the prophecy and fulfillment of the birth of Jesus Christ according to the **Book of Mormon - Helaman 14 Chapter and III Nephi Chapter 1.**

1
The people of this land
being here by God's command,
Were in darkness and in woe
about twenty centuries ago.

2
The reason we can see
was because of a prophecy,
Given by Samuel a Lamanite
that five years hence would be no light.

3
The fifth year came about
and yet appeared no light,
When night would be nay
previous to the Christmas Day.

4
The wicked and deceivers
began to scoff the believers,
Said they, your faith is vain
the nights are all the same.

5
All believers were to die
when a certain day came by,
If darkness filled the skies
and the new star fail to arise.

6
Believers in sorrow and pain
hoped their faith was not in vain,
So they trusted and they prayed
that their lives would be saved.

7
Nephi, being the head
of his faithful comrades,
Bowed to earth all day
and unceasingly did pray.

8
At last! A voice was heard
for to lift up his head
And of good cheer to be,
'tis the Lord who speaks to thee.

9
The time now is near
for Me to soon appear,
On this night appears the sign
on the morrow so will I.

10
Fulfilling all my words
that my prophets have declared,
All the things to them revealed
from the foundation of the world.

11
Nephi comforted by his Lord
knowing His word is never void,
Waited for the day to end
to bring salvation to his friends.

12
At the setting of the sun
when the day was done,
No darkness could they see
for the sign came to be.

13
Great lights appeared on high
that illuminated the sky,
And with wonder in their eyes
behe'd the new star arise.

14
The wicked of that age
fell to earth as if dead,
When these wonders they beheld
for their plans came to an end.

15
See! The righteous they were spared
by the God who never fails,
Of all His promises to fulfill
unto those that do His will.

Joseph Smith Was Chosen Of God

By PAUL D'AMICO

We are all acquainted with the Restoration Story and how God used Joseph Smith to restore the Gospel upon the face of the earth.

His childhood and youth proved that God found favor with him, although he was human like everyone else.

The glorious visitations, the translation of the Nephite Record or The Book of Mormon, and the establishment of the Church came by way of Revelation of God. However, we have recorded in our saints hymnal the inspired words of our beloved and faithful Brothers of the Church which he wrote many years ago:

"The Lord did raise up Joseph Smith,
And through him did reveal the truth,
The Church raise up its power made known,
O'er many lands its glory shone.
The priesthood was to him restored,
That priesthood did the gifts afford,
The callings too he did renew,
These words are faithful, just and true.
But now we sorrow and lament,
Because the truth which God hath sent,
Are trampled down by wicked men,
Since that beloved man was slain.
'Tis true we find that many men,
Have tried to raise the Church again,
But still their avarice and pride,
Has led them all from truth aside.
But now we do and will rejoice,
That God has made another choice,
His word revealed so sweet and clear,
And called a prophet and a seer.
The Church is now built up again,
After the ancient pattern plain,
The gifts and callings now are given,
To lead the Church on earth to heaven.
And now let all the saints be pure,
And let them serve the Lord and fear,
Lest they likewise be turned aside,
Through greediness or lust or pride."

In addition to a history of what took place, I gather that the latter part of this hymn contains a great admonishment for our time. We who represent the Kingdom of Christ today must be humble. We must serve the Lord and have His fear with us at all times, for the minute we should become exalted with pride and greediness, the Lord would become displeased with us, and we may find ourselves in an unfavorable condition before Him. Pride has destroyed nations, peoples, groups and individuals.

God is constantly pleading that we as a Church remain humble and obedient to His Commandments. By so doing, many of us will be privileged to see the fulfillment of the Latter Day Work, the Restoration of the House of Israel, and the coming forth to the sound of the trumpet in the morning of the First Resurrection.

"What a joy will be there
In the great resurrection
As the saints meet in the air,
In their robes of perfection."
God bless you all is my prayer.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT THE NATIVITY

It is the season again to commemorate our Lord's holy birth. It is the season to renew our humble devotions to the God and Father of us all and to look up with grateful hearts for His greatest of gifts to the human family, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

The generosity of our Heavenly Father in sending forth His Beloved Son to redeem the human family is best and simply summed up in the eloquence of our Lord Jesus Himself as He taught Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life

(John 3:16.)

PLAN OF REDEMPTION

Thus, very early in His ministry, our Lord made it very plain and so easy to be understood that He was sent into the world to fulfill the plan of redemption as conceived in the mind of His Father. His mission was to bring the lost and fallen people of the world to a saving knowledge of their loving Heavenly Father and God.

The beautiful and ennobling lines penned by Haldor Lillenas and titled "The Mystery of Grace" are most stirring and fitting here:

Deep within the heart of God before the dawn of time,
Formed a mighty plan, a wondrous mystery sublime;
Long before foundations of the universe were laid,
Long before the earth and they that dwell therein were made
We may never know the length and breadth of such a plan,
But we know it brought redemption unto man.

We may not unravel all the mystery of grace
That would cause the Son of God to leave His holy place,
Coming unto earth to suffer death with all its loss,
Laying down His regal crown to bear the shameful cross,
We may never know the length and breadth of such a plan,
But we know it brought redemption unto man.

Oh, the sacred mystery of grace. Can we all its wonders fully trace?
Grace that justice satisfies, Grace that all our need supplies,
Grace divine that can for sin atone;
Grace, God's grace thru which we may draw near
Unto God to serve Him without fear, Thru this holy mystery
We from guilt have been set free, And the sons of God are we
Because of grace alone!

PROPHETIC ACCURACY

Even the beloved Apostle John made note of the fact that in the mind of God, long before the earth stood, The Lord Jesus Christ was to be the Saviour of the human family. In recording his remarkable experiences and visions while an exile on the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ, he refers to our Lord as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Revelations 13:8)

We have reason to praise God for unfolding His plans and purposes to His holy prophets down through the ages concerning the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

We marvel at the beauty and simplicity of the Prophet Isaiah's remarkable experience and vision of the Lord's birth, hundreds of years before it occurred, "... Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, ..."

(Isaiah 7:14)

We thrill at the prophetic accuracy of the Prophet Micah in naming little Bethlehem as the location and birth place of the Holy Child, Jesus.

(Micah 5:2)

Finally, we stand in awe of the great Love of God for the human family:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

Atlantic Coast District Conference Sunday Meeting

The Atlantic Coast District Conference Sunday meeting assembled at 10:00 A.M. on September 17 in the Pine Grove Manor School in Franklin Township.

Brother August D'Orazio, District President, welcomed everyone. He prepared us for an ordination to the office of Teacher by explaining the procedure and reading from **Ephesians, Chapter 4**. Brother August also read the duties of a Teacher in The Church and stressed the seriousness and sacredness of the office.

TEACHER ORDAINED

Brother Paul Calabro washed the feet of Brother Joseph Faragasso. Brother Samuel Risola then offered prayer in behalf of the ordination after which Brother Rocco Ensana ordained Brother Faragasso to the office of Teacher. Hymn No. 401, "Ready" was appropriately sung following the ordination.

Thanks were extended to the Hopelawn Branch for giving many the opportunity to share in the blessing of witnessing this solemn event. May God bless Brother Faragasso in his holy office of serving The Church.

ELOQUENT EXHORTATIONS

Brother Paul Benyola was the first speaker, using as his text the words of Solomon found in **Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3**, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." He mentioned that there is a time we are born and a time we die, and that it is what we do during this time that plans our destiny. He continued that no matter what material gains we accumulate in this world, they are of temporal value, but our service to God counts for receiving Eternal Life.

Brother Carmen Sgro spoke next, continuing the same topic. He added that, regardless of how people change or what changes may take place in the latter days, God and His Word remain changeless and eternal.

Hymn No. 318, "Pass Me Not" was sung after which Samuel Samaro was anointed; he is to undergo heart surgery. A child, Steven Yahr, was also anointed.

In his closing remarks, Brother D'Orazio urged everyone to be active in taking part, in order to have a united and progressive Church.

Atlantic Coast District Editor
Donald Ross

Thanks Extended

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to take this opportunity, through the **Gospel News** to thank all the Saints for your prayers and beautiful encouraging and comforting get well cards. It helped us immensely when Brother Alfred lay in the hospital in awful pain, to know that there were so many prayers with us during those dark hours. He is now at home recuperating. Thank God he has carried us through thus far. He had an Operation on his spine and will have to take it easy for a good while yet.

May God bless each one of you with a special blessing and enrich your lives a hundred fold. We truly appreciated your prayers and feel that God was with us through out the surgery.

Your Sister in Christ,
Josephine Dominico
and Brother Alfred Dominico
Lorain, Ohio



The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

The Message Of The Angels

Dear Girls and Boys,

I have a lovely story for you this month. It is almost two thousand years old. It is a story about angels. Angels are messengers of God.

An angel named Gabriel came to a maiden named Mary with a message from the Lord. The Lord had promised to send His Son into the world and a virgin was to be chosen to be the mother of the baby. Mary was the one. The angel said she had found favor with God. How happy she was! What a great honor! The baby was to be named Jesus and be known as the Son of God. Mary sang a song of praise to God.

In Nazareth, there lived a carpenter named Joseph. An angel appeared to this good man and told him about Mary. The angel said to care for Mary and name the baby Jesus. Joseph did as the angel said. He took Mary for his wife and loved her. They lived in Nazareth a little city in Galilee.

One day the ruler of the land commanded that everyone should go to the city of their fathers to be taxed. Joseph was a descendant of King David, so they were required to go to a small town called Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph, along with others, started on their journey. Many people belonged to Bethlehem, so by the time Mary and Joseph reached the town it was over-crowded. They went from one place to the other but everywhere was filled. Night was coming on and they could not find shelter. At last an innkeeper gave them a place in a stable. If he had only known what God's great plan was for this night he no doubt would have given them the best he had.

That night, Mary gave birth to her son who had been promised by the angel. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and put him in a manger bed. She named the babe Jesus. The people on earth did not know of this baby but the angels knew and sang for joy.

Near Bethlehem there were shepherds in the fields watching their flocks of sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. A glorious light shone from heaven and they were afraid. The angel said, "Fear not, for behold I bring good tidings of great joy. 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, lying in a manger." 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."

After the angels returned into heaven, the shepherds said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing the Lord hath made known unto us." They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. Looking in the manger they saw the baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, just as the angel had said. Then out they went, praising the Lord. Out they went to

tell the wonderful news of the little one, God's Own Son, Jesus, the son of Mary. Those who heard it wondered what the meaning of it all could be. But Mary, remembering the message of the angel, pondered all these things in her heart.

Have a nice holiday and don't forget whose birthday we are remembering.

Sincerely,
Sister Mabel.

M. B. A. Highlights

BENEVOLENT

By JAMES D. GIBSON
GMBA Editor

In the past we have tried to report the success of projects of Locals and Areas of the MBA. Through the **MBA Bulletin** and the **MBA Highlights** columns items of interest along this line have been printed out. Also, as in the past, the importance of these endeavors **cannot be sufficiently stressed**. They have helped the MBA as an organization and also groups indirectly related.

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

In California a very successful "Chinle Project" was instituted. Great results were had in this effort to aid the Indian people in that Area. No one can deny the work and dedication involved to obtain the end results. We would point out here the efforts of the younger set in their being able to participate and finalize such projects.

In the Ohio Area, they have in progress a "can good" drive for the Indian people in their section of the country. Some might be surprised to know that thousands of Indians reside within that vicinity, but our people found out and decided to help them. Here again great effort was needed to start the project and once started to keep it moving.

First the Lamanite people there had to be convinced (as they have had to be in other places) of the sincerity of our people. Once this is done then the work begins where all the others interested in the project can begin to move. Through the past months tons of canned goods and considerable sums of money have been collected and used in this project.

The Pennsylvania Area completed a project to purchase "motor bikes" for The Church in Nigeria, Africa. Some of the Elders there had to travel great distances to fulfill their office. As you know automobiles are a very scarce item there. The next best thing to do then was to attempt to supply them with a cheaper but sufficient means of transportation. Hence the "motor bike project" was started and completed. Three of them were bought and turned over to the priesthood in that area.

The Michigan - Ontario Area has done much work (which involved projects) with the Indian people on reservations in Canada. This has been going on for quite some time and has involved not only the priesthood but interested individuals as well. They have supplied clothes and food on an almost steady basis and the rewards have been great. Even now that Area is involved in collecting books to be read and used in Nigeria. Here again effort must be put forth. The books have to be collected, cleaned, catalogued and stored prior to shipping.

TEAM EFFORT AND SUPPORT

Throughout all these projects we have mentioned, and I am sure that there are other projects also, it has required team effort and support. First the idea must be had. It must be feasible and reasonably work-

able. Then comes the hard part of setting the wheels in motion and having sufficient help to see it to a successful end.

To all those that now have projects going on or hope to start some in the future we would say "great"! For now we show the fulfilling of the word "benevolent" which we can so proudly use in the name of the group. The Missionary Benevolent Association becomes not only a name or a group of words but a symbol of action by young and old alike.

"Support Your M B A"

Footnote: A complete and comprehensive report on the GMBA of November, 1972 will follow in next issue.

Flashbacks

By CHARLES JUMPER, JR.

20 YEARS AGO

Brother Domenic Thomas and Brother Joseph Milantoni took Brother William Cadman for a visit to The Church at Muncey, Canada. They traveled in the station wagon purchased for use in servicing the reservation mission work.

Ladies Circle General meeting was held in Monongahela, Pennsylvania at the home of Brother and Sister Cadman. The Sisters heard a report on the recent trip of Brothers William Cadman and Joseph Bickinger with their wives to the Indian reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina.

15 YEARS AGO

A group of young men from Detroit presented a program for the children on the Muncey reservation. The Windsor Ladies Circle distributed over 180 packages and gifts to the Indian children and adults.

10 YEARS AGO

Brother and Sister Perdue reported wonderful meetings and a good holiday season. Brother and Sister Perdue purchased 110 pounds of candy to distribute to the children for Christmas.

5 YEARS AGO

Brother Thurman S. and Sister Birdie M. Furnier celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married December 24, 1907 in Cumberland, Maryland. Both were baptized by Brother Martin King August 23, 1914 near Smock, Pennsylvania.

By AJMES D. GIBSON

'Man Cannot Live Alone'

A preacher in a rural community heard that a man in his parish had announced that he would no longer attend church services because he had decided he could commune with God just as easily in his fields and garden and among his trees.

One autumn evening the preacher called on his reluctant parishioner, and for a while the two men sat before the blazing fireplace saying little or nothing, and not a word about church attendance. The man waited uneasily for the preacher to broach the subject. The preacher was aware that he would be expected to rebuke the man.

Finally the preacher picked up the tongs, lifted a single glowing coal from the fire and set it down on the hearth, and silently waited until the coal quickly ceased burning while the other coals in the fire continued to burn brightly. "You see what happens," said the preacher, "You need say no more," replied the man. "Man cannot live alone. I'll be at church next Sunday."

From the PERRY NEWSLETTER

Weekend In Muncey

Over the Labor Day weekend, Brothers, Sisters and friends from the Ohio Area M.B.A. traveled to the Muncey Indian Reservation in Canada to labor among God's covenant people. The Michigan - Ontario Area M.B.A. was represented by 37 people that joined the Ohio group on their field trip.

On Friday, September 1st, the combined group arrived at the Mt. Elgin Day School which served as the place of residence for the weekend. Upon arriving, the first task was to gather wood for the evening campfire. The local Indian Chief supplied us with all the necessary wood. Supper was prepared and all were fed. A volley ball game was played in the school gym until curfew at 12:30 A.M. All retired for the night, the men slept on the gym floor and the women in the classroom.

Early Saturday morning, the Sisters prepared a delicious breakfast which encouraged everybody to go out and put in a hard days work. Following a brief orientation period outlining the goals of the day, every person was placed in a work group, each group had a team leader and assigned a task that included cutting grass, painting, varnishing, clearing brush, chopping down trees and landscaping around the Church Building.

Objectives Accomplished

Neighbors saw the mass of people working and were astonished at the work force that was present. Mr. Cobbins, a local farmer, graciously came to our aid by loaning us the use of his two tractors. Needless to say, without the tractors we could not have accomplished our objectives. In addition, Mr. Cobbins donated 15 dozen ears of corn for our consumption. We thank God for touching this gentleman's heart as he claimed he had never helped his own church.

During the afternoon, a group of young people travelled throughout the Reservation notifying the Indians of our proposed Saturday Evening Singspiration and Services on Sunday. We gathered at supper and everyone enjoyed a hearty meal.

The Singspiration was held in the school gym. It opened with prayer, followed by a few selections from the Ohio Area M.B.A. Choir. Brother Joseph Milantoni made a few comments followed by inspiring words spoken by Brother Russ Martorano. Then Brother Frank and Sister Mada Elliot sang some beautiful selections accompanied by their daughters, Cathy and Chris. A Testimony Meeting followed in which a wonderful spirit prevailed. After many wonderful testimonies, Cathy Elliot and Nancy Maher asked for their Baptisms. In addition, numerous Brothers and Sisters were anointed for strength and afflictions. After the close of this meeting, we gathered for a corn roast, compliments of Mr. Cobbins.

Two Baptisms

The Sunday Service was attended by approximately 160 persons. Brother Vince Gibson opened by speaking on Jacob's vision which was accompanied by a good spirit. Concluding the service, we gathered at the river for the Baptisms of our two Sisters, Cathy and Nancy.

Following a fine lunch, an afternoon "Rap Session" was held under the direction of Brothers Vince Gibson and Russ Martorano.

During the Sunday Evening Service, all The Saints from Niles, Detroit, Windsor and Muncey sang with their respective Branches. This was enjoyed by all.

We had a short period of cleaning up the area on Monday morning. Then we all gathered on the school lawn joining hands, forming a huge circle and Brother Jon Genaro dismissed a beautiful weekend with prayer.

Brother Jon Genaro, Ohio Area M.B.A. President extends his thanks to all that participated. Every individual contributed to make the project a success.

Ron Genaro

The Potter And The Clay

The Potter stands before his flat disk, or wheel, and as it spins he places a lump of clay upon it. As it turns, he takes his hands and begins to shape it. Sometimes the clay has too many impurities in it to be shaped, so it may crumble or resist being shaped. The clay is then put back in the mill to be ground over. Again it is put on the wheel, and perhaps this time it will become passive, or submissive to the potter's touch and will be shaped into a beautiful and useful vessel. Now it will be coated with a preservative, usually a mixture of glass and clay, or ceramic and put in a crucible. There it will go through the fire and emerge a lasting vessel.

The Great Potter

Was the potter trying to imitate someone? Yes, he was trying to imitate God who is the Great Potter. Vessels are made for storage purposes, and as we have need for earthly vessels, so it is necessary to have spiritual vessels. Our Creator designed our natural life so that every good thing we should do would imitate the spiritual life. Now consider this Great Potter we call God, looking down at His disk, or wheel, as it spins. This wheel, or Earth as we call it, holds the lumps of clay, you and me as we are placed upon it; or as Job stated, we live in a house of clay. As we go spinning every moment of our lives on this disk the Master entreats us to become submissive unto His touch. He would shape us into useful and beautiful vessels. As we resist, it is necessary to be put into the mill again and ground again, thus we have one sad experience after another. When we become submissive to His touch, only then can we be shaped to His design.

Charity - The Love Of God

As it is with earthen vessels, so spiritual vessels also need a preservative. This preservative is charity, or the Love of God.

The POTTER AND THE CLAY

It is the only ingredient that will keep us through eternity. The crucible we pass through is the fiery trials we have in this life. God told Jeremiah to go to the potter's house where he could observe what was taking place.

(Please read Jeremiah 18: 1-6.) -

There he saw clay that could not be shaped, then God declared He would shape it a second time. He was referring to the House of Israel as the clay.

Wise Men

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It is not for us to decide what is important or what is not important as a gift for the Lord. It is only for us to do God's bidding.

It's the end of an old year, and the beginning of a new one, 1973. This is a most appropriate time to ask God for the purpose He has in mind for each of us and as the wise men of old, we should turn towards Bethlehem and its star.

Brief News Of Interest

A TRIP TO ENGLAND

I was recently given a free trip to London, England by one of the electrical supply houses in New Jersey. My wife accompanied me there and we had a very nice time. We spent a week there and stayed at the Royal Lancaster Hotel next to Hyde Park. While there we did much sightseeing which had all previously been arranged for us and we enjoyed ourselves very much. We found the English people to be very gracious, honest and conscientiously law abiding. The city itself was clean and pretty. Most everywhere you went flowers were plentiful and adorned the windows of buildings. Our only regret was that on the one Sunday we were there we could not fellowship with the saints. We missed this very much.

On the whole, the trip was well worth while and I am grateful to the people who made it possible for me to go and thankful to God for a safe trip.

ANTHONY ENSANA

Change Of Address

I have recently transferred my membership to Florida as I expect to spend most of my time in that location. I want to point out, however, that I am still maintaining my business office in New Jersey and to avoid confusion as to where to send mail when I happen to go back and forth and visit other places, I would like you to continue sending all mail to the old address as follows:

Anthony Ensana
P.O. Box 209
Edison, N.J. 08817

Since my office will always know where I am, my mail will be forwarded and taken care of accordingly. Therefore, all auditorium donations, Mutual Protection Fund premiums and General Church Trustee correspondence for the Treasurer should be sent to that address.

At this time I would also like to remind the branches and missions who participate in the Mutual Protection Fund that the annual premium for 1973 will be due in January. There are still several who have not sent in their premiums for 1972. If possible, I should like to receive these before the end of the year to bring my records up to date. There has been no change in the rates and your premium will be the same as last year.

If there are any questions on this matter please feel free to contact me.

ANTHONY ENSANA

An Experience

By PAUL D'AMICO

A few years ago, I was returning to Lockport after having spent the day with the Rochester saints. I said to my wife as we were driving along, "Tomorrow morning, without fail, I must visit Sister Nancy Ditto in the hospital at Ransomville, New York." She was a sister of our Branch. Early Monday morning at 5:00 A.M. I was awakened by the sound of the voice of the spirit which was saying to me, "She is dead, she is dead." I answered the voice and said, "Who is dead?" The voice of the spirit answered and said, "Sister Nancy Ditto is dead." Please take note that none of this Sister's family belonged to The Church

of Jesus Christ, except her husband, who was also a patient in the same hospital. We would have never been notified of this, but the Lord revealed himself unto me. I went to the hospital that morning, and when I inquired concerning this Sister, I was told she passed away at 5:00 A.M., which was the same hour the voice of the spirit awoke me. Blessed be the name of God for He truly reveals himself unto His servants as He did in days of old.

Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As the October 1972 conference was approaching, I was prepared to come to the meetings of the Quorum of Twelve beginning on Wednesday, October 18th. I was prepared to drive, and if my doctor said "no" that I could not drive, I also had reservations by plane to fly to Pittsburgh. However, on Monday evening, October 16th, I saw my doctor and because of high blood pressure and diabetes (both high) and because of some blood vessels beginning to clog up in my left leg and ankle, he ordered me into the hospital.

My trust is in the Lord. My sorrow for being absent from the conference is great. May the Lord bless all those who could attend.

Please pray for me for I am in need of your prayers. If the Lord spares me, I know there is still some work for me to do at home and abroad. Also remember Bro. Sal Azzinaro Sr. of our branch. His condition remains serious in the Lockport Memorial Hospital, while I am a patient in our other hospital known as the Mount View Hospital — Guillemont Building.

God bless you all is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ, Paul D'Amico

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 John to John Vincent and Joy T. Azzinaro of San Fernando Valley, California;

Jamie to Rocko and Rosemary Paternoster of Detroit Michigan, Branch No. 1.

Nuptials

KING - ARENA

Mr. Patrick Joseph King and Bernadette R. Arena were joined in holy marriage on August 26, 1972 in San Diego, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Joe Dulisse officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Donna Cicotti and Dennis Calabrese.

The newlyweds will reside in Northridge, California.

PATTON - RICH

Mr. Gerald Patton and Linda Sue Rich were united in marriage on October 29, 1972 at the Phoenix, Arizona Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

The couple will reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

McMULLAN - McGUIRE

William McMullan and Sister Nancy McGuire were united in holy wedlock at the Lake Worth Branch in Florida on October 21, 1972. Brother Joseph Perri officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Florence Perri.

Branch & Mission News

Teacher, Deacon Ordained At San Fernando Valley, California Branch

The San Fernando Valley Branch experienced a special blessing on Sunday, October 1. The Valley Saints were privileged to witness the ordinations of two young Brothers to the following offices:

TEACHER: Brother Dennis Calabrese; his feet were washed by Brother John Azzinaro and Brother Dwayne Jordan ordained Brother Calabrese to the office of Teacher. This is the second ordination for Brother Dennis. He was previously ordained as a Deacon in August of 1968.

DEACON: Brother Daniel Peter Azzinaro; his feet were washed by Brother Emmett Hood and Brother Frank Genaro ordained Brother Azzinaro to the office of Deacon.

On learning of his recommendation, Brother Azzinaro fasted and prayed. In a dream he found himself shoulder to shoulder with Brother Dwayne Jordan in front of a new car. Brother Jordan gave Brother Azzinaro a set of keys saying, "Take these and you will be able to use it in good works for The Church."

Blessings At Youngstown, Ohio Branch

The Saints of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch experienced a day of blessings on Sunday, October 8. After being away for about twenty-five years, Brother Joseph Pandone asked to be accepted back into The Church. We all rejoiced when he expressed his desire to "Come back home, into The Church of Jesus Christ."

We are happy to welcome Brother John LaBuda into our Branch. He was baptized October 8, in Niles by Brother Donald Pandone and confirmed by Brother Rocco Biscotti.

The following Sunday, October 15, we were given an inspiring talk on Abraham and Sarah by Brother Travis Perry. Visiting us were Sister Marlea Frantz of New Orleans, Louisiana, Sister Phyllis Kovacic and her son, Brother Mark of Erie, Pennsylvania. Many humble testimonies of thanks to God were given for His love and kindness towards us.

Two Deaconesses Ordained At Freehold, N.J. Mission

The Saints of the Freehold, New Jersey Mission enjoyed a wonderful day of God's blessings on Sunday, September 3.

The Mission was privileged to witness two ordinations as follows:

DEACONESS: Sister Carrie Belle Crudup; her feet were washed by Sister Josephine Hicks and Brother Matthew Rogolino ordained Sister Crudup to the office of Deaconess.

DEACONESS: Sister Constance Smith; her feet were washed by Sister Bessie Burke and Brother Matthew Rogolino ordained Sister Smith to the office of Deaconess.

May our Sisters be blessed with all that is needed to serve The Church in whatever activities their new offices require.

News From Rochester, New York

On October 15, 1972 the Rochester Mission was honored to have Evangelist Brother Vincent Gibson and family from Cleveland, Ohio visit us.

He opened with the Hymn "I Saw A Mighty Angel Fly." We then were led in prayer by Brother Patsy Marinetti.

Brother Gibson chose the text from **First Nephi, Chapter 11**, "The Tree of Life" and dwelt on the revelations of God, pointing out that we are a people with spiritual vision. That one day the Choice Seer would come forth and bring the purposes and designs of God about in these the last days. He exhorted all those who obeyed the Gospel to hold fast to the rod of iron, emphasizing and stressing there will be a Peaceful Reign for all those who will be converted unto the Lord. He also invited those who haven't obeyed to come and obey the word of God.

"I Would Be True" was then sung. Brother Patsy Marinetti elaborated on the same topic referring that Nephi, Daniel and many others followed God believing in the Living God. Whereas many chose darkness rather than light.

Brother Ansel D'Amico, the presiding elder continued on the same subject that man does not live by bread alone, but by the word of God. He told of the enjoyable years spent in the service of God and said to hold fast to the rod of iron.

The meeting was then opened for testimonies. Many wonderful experiences and inspired singing was heard and God's blessings were felt by all.

After singing Hymn "God Be With You Until We Meet Again". Brother Ansel D'Amico said the closing prayer.

Two Teachers, Deacon Ordained At Niles, Ohio Branch

Sunday, October 8 turned out to be a day of upliftment and joy to the Niles, Ohio Branch. Brother Rocco Biscotti, visiting from nearby Cleveland, introduced the morning service. He had a message for the young, encouraging them to be obedient and to grow strong in The Church.

The highlight of the day was the ordinations of three Brethren to the following offices:

TEACHER: Brother Ronald Joseph Genaro; his feet were washed by Brother Russell Marlorano. Ronald's father, Brother Joseph Genaro, then ordained his son to the office of Teacher.

TEACHER: Brother Richard Allan Pandone; his feet were washed by Brother Peter Molinaro and Brother Robert Ciarrochi ordained Brother Pandone to the office of Teacher.

DEACON: Brother Ralph George Cartino; his feet were washed by Brother Samuel Costarella and Brother Daniel Corrado ordained Brother Cartino to the office of Deacon.

May God grant these Brethren wisdom and strength to fulfill the duties of their holy offices.

Another wonderful event of the day was the baptism of Brother John LaBuda as reported in the Youngstown Branch news story on this page. The Niles Saints "thank God for the growth of our Branch in the last two years."

"The cross of Christ is man's only glory or it is his final stumblingblock."

—Samuel M. Zwemer

New Branch Organized— Warren-Sterling, Michigan Branch No. 5

The Michigan - Ontario District Conference of September 13, 14, authorized the organization of a new Branch to be known as the Warren-Sterling, Michigan Branch No. 5.

The following week, on Wednesday evening, September 20, the Warren — Sterling Branch was formally organized. The election of the Presiding Elder and his Counselors was as follows:

PRESIDING ELDER Brother Carl Frammolin

FIRST COUNSELOR Brother Louis Vitto

SECOND COUNSELOR Brother Paul Whitton

We would like to mention here that God has truly blessed us and our desire and zeal are still the same — to help in the growth of The Church of Jesus Christ — not only in this area, but wherever possible.

Warren-Sterling, Michigan Branch No. 5 Cheered By Visiting Elders

The Warren-Sterling Saints were honored recently to have Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio and Brothers Dominic Thomas and Frank Vitto of our District visit with us.

Brother Calabrese introduced the service and exhorted us to be concerned about the salvation of our souls and to employ our talents in the building up of The Church. He noted the zeal of the early apostles and their diligence that resulted in the growth of The Church.

Brother Frank Vitto continued the theme, urging us to put all things aside that would be harmful to our spiritual life. He also encouraged the Brothers and Sisters of our new Branch to grow in love for one another, that this might be one of the tools in helping The Church grow.

Brother Dominic Thomas followed and mentioned some experiences that applied to this service.

We of the Warren - Sterling Branch would like to thank our Brothers for their visit and words of inspiration and encouragement. May God bless our Brothers as they go about doing this wonderful work.

Branch Editor,
Brother Louis Visconti

Baptism At Aliquippa, Pa.

On Sunday, October 29, 1972, Brothers, Sisters and friends from the Aliquippa, Imperial and McKees Rocks Branches witnessed the baptism of Bonnie Kunkel. Sister Bonnie became acquainted with The Church of Jesus Christ by her marriage to William Kunkel. She had been attending service years prior to her baptism. Foreknowledge of her baptism had set the tone of the day's services this particular Sunday. A wonderful day of singing, preaching and hope preceded the event.

A fair sized crowd gathered on the banks of Raccoon Creek in Aliquippa to witness the beautiful ordinance of baptism administered to the new convert by Brother Anthony Ross. In the Church later, Brother Thomas Ross offered the prayer that preceded the confirmation. Then Brother Anthony Palmieri confirmed Sister Bonnie Kunkel.

In expressing herself, our new Sister thanked all the Saints for the love shown her. She thanked God for His many blessings and concluded by voicing a desire to become a strong servant of Jesus Christ.

Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1

The feelings of all who were present at Branch No. 1 on Sunday, October 29, 1972 could never be expressed in words. To say the Spirit of The Lord was with us would not be saying enough. I saw God's children in perfect peace with one another. I watched them share that pure love which comes only from our Father on High. My heart was full.

The occasion was to ordain four of our Brothers. We had visiting Brothers and Sisters from far and near to share our joy. Before the ordinations began we at Branch No. 1 had the ordinance of feet washing. All visiting Brothers and Sisters were invited to partake in that which Jesus Christ in His wisdom gave unto man.

The ordinations were as follows:

Brother Gerald Benyola's feet were washed by Brother Jack Pontillo and he was ordained to the office of Elder by Brother Gorie Ciaravino.

Brother Peter Scolaro's feet were washed by Brother Nick Pietrangelo, and he was ordained to the office of Teacher by Brother Spencer Everett.

Brother Vincent Mulla was ordained a Deacon. His feet were washed by Brother Antonio Pietrangelo, and he was ordained by Brother Concetto Alessandro.

Brother Roy DePerno was also ordained a Deacon. His feet were washed by Brother Louis Vitto, and he was ordained by Brother Carl Frammolin.

Later that evening, open house was held at the Branch for our newly ordained Brothers. It was truly a day well spent in The Lord's service.

Now my thoughts and prayers go out to those Brothers who have been chosen to do work for our Lord. May God bless and guide them all the days of their lives.

Sister Diana Thompson

News From The Lake Worth, Florida Branch

Greetings from the Brothers and Sisters of the Lake Worth Branch. We are happy to relate to you that we are enjoying God's blessings and the branch is also increasing in membership. In the past few months we have had several transfers from New Jersey, namely, Brother Joseph and Sister Mary Perri and family, Sister Nancy DiFede and her husband Jerry along with their family — all from the Metuchen Branch. Transfers from the New Brunswick Branch were Brother Eugene and Sister Betty Perri, Sr., and Brother Sal Machio and Sister Angie Machio, along with their family. Sister Peggy Benyola transferred from the Hopelawn Branch.

We also have had visitors from different parts of The Church from time to time, and we are always happy to see them.

Receive our love from the Brothers and Sisters of the Lake Worth Branch!

VISITORS CHEER CLEVELAND, OHIO BRANCH NO. 1

On Sunday, October 29, 1972, the Cleveland, Ohio Branch No. 1 enjoyed the visits of Brothers Joseph Calabrese and Emmett Dale. Both Brothers had the privilege of speaking and were quite inspiring.

Many testimonies followed as well as anointings and prayers for illness and strength. Sister Roberta Hufnagle sang a hymn, the words of which were written by her husband, Brother Bill; the music was written by Sister Sevilla Gibson. This inspiring hymn has not been titled as yet.

Baptism At Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1

Branch No. 1 in Detroit, Michigan was blessed with a new soul who turned her heart to Christ. Sister Pat Soetibeer was baptized by Brother Michael LaSalla and confirmed by Brother Concetto Alessandro.

Two visions were given by God to verify her baptism. One vision was given to Sister Florence Tona-chella and the other to Sister Grace D'Angelo.

We thank God for our new Sister and hope all her days may be filled with His mercy and love.

Detroit, Mich. Branch No. 1

On Sunday, November 5th, our afternoon meeting was led by Brother Gerry Benyola. It was his first sermon as a newly ordained elder. Our brother spoke in humbleness and beauty. He made me think of how useless we are to God, if we are unable to obtain that one very important quality. I know that the Spirit of the Lord was with him. For while Brother Benyola was preaching, I felt the Lord smile upon him.

After his sermon and the ordinance of sacrament the meeting was opened to testimony. Many beautiful testimonies were given. But the one that stands out in my mind, was the one given by Brother Benyola's 7 year old daughter. Before she gave her testimony she asked her mother, Sister Rose, if it was alright. Sister Rose was afraid to discourage her and yet afraid of what she might say. Nevertheless she told her to go ahead.

Michel tried four times to get up. But because she was just a little girl the Brothers and Sisters couldn't see her standing. They always began their testimonies before she could get started. Finally Brother Paul Vitto felt to close the meeting. But Michel was determined to give her testimony. Her testimony was very short but said it all. She said, "I want to thank God for letting me be here today."

Brother Paul Vitto said, "Out of the mouths of babes". How true.

Her determination and her spoken thought should be a lesson to all of us. How blessed we are to have a place where we may meet, and perhaps even for just a moment, be visited by the presence of the Lord. The determination of our lives should be to never let the devil defeat us. The battle is a constant uphill climb. However, always try to keep in mind that the reward is eternal life, in the presence and in the glory of God.

May God's truth stand before you, and his love surround you.

Sister Diana Thompson

Another Convert Added To The Perry, Ohio Branch

The Saints of the Perry, Ohio Branch enjoyed a wonderful day in the service of God on Sunday, October 29. It was a beautiful meeting for all in attendance. The joyous event of the day was the baptism

of Garnet Mae Kuhn. Sister Kuhn was baptized by Brother Elmer Santilli and confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto. May The Lord bless Sister Kuhn according to His will as she begins her new journey on the straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life.

Obituaries

Katherine Henshaw

Sister Katherine Henshaw, a member of the Miami, Florida mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her eternal reward on October 16, 1972 in Hollywood, Florida.

She was born on September 5, 1896 and she was baptized into The Church in October of 1947 in Bronx, New York.

She is survived by her husband Norman.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother James Sheffler.

Sister Henshaw was a faithful member of The Church for over twenty-five years. She held the office of Deaconess for the past eight years. Her presence will be missed by the Brothers and Sisters of the Miami Mission.

Domenic Gagliardi

Brother Domenic Gagliardi of the Lockport, New York Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to his reward on October —, 1972. He was born in Girard, Ohio in 1907.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Paul D'Amico. Brother Ansel D'Amico assisted. Brother Gagliardi passed away from this life a faithful member of The Church at the age of 65.

Josephine Nardoizzi

Mrs. Josephine Nardoizzi, the daughter of Brother and Sister Lupo, passed from this life on September 5, 1972. She was born on April 25, 1918, and attended The Church of Jesus Christ in Brooklyn, New York.

She was buried in the Beechwoods Cemetery in New Rochelle, New York where funeral services were conducted by Brother Domenick Rose on September 8, 1972.

Surviving are her husband, three sons, her parents, one brother and two sisters.

Though Josephine was not baptized, her parents belonged to The Church for many years and still attend services in Florida. In her illness she had requested Brother Domenick Rose to visit with her; it was at this time that she made her wishes known that she would like to be baptized in The Church if time allowed.

You should know. . .

Mexico City is built on the ruins of a great Aztec city that was larger than London when Cortez first saw it. The Spanish described it as more beautiful than Venice before it was destroyed in 1521. (More authenticity of the writings as found in the Book of Mormon).